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## Friendship Tea: The Fundraiser

Saturday, March 10 at  
11:15 a.m.

Oswego Heritage House  
"A" Avenue and 10th St.  
Lake Oswego

**Cost: \$20.00**  
**(RSVP and pre-pay)**

It's time to send in your reservations for our branch's biggest fundraiser -- our annual tea/luncheon. Please RSVP by March 7. Bring your friends and family members to enjoy our signature brew of tea as well as an assortment of savories, scones, and sweet treats.

Proceeds go to support our local scholarship. Send checks payable to Lake Oswego AAUW to Margaret Ricks, P.O. Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036. Please include names of guests.

Member and skilled quilter Carol Cooper has donated this beautiful handmade quilt for a raffle.

Raffle tickets will be available for \$5 at the tea. Judy Hale was the proud winner of a quilt donated by a different quilter last year.





Photo: Pat in Plaza de la Virgen, Valencia, Spain, where she and Fred will experience Las Fallas (Festival of Fire), a two-week celebration of spring.

## Squire's Scribblings

by Pat Squire, President

What do you say about AAUW?

Remember the elevator speech? You're supposed to be able to get out a brief summary statement about something in the time it takes for the elevator to get to your floor. This comes up frequently when people ask us about AAUW. Some people think it's a union group, others think an automobile association, but many just have no idea.

What do you say when people ask you about AAUW? "It's a wonderful organization of women working for women's rights," or "It's a fun group of women who belong to book groups." Both of those answers are in a way, correct.

The official AAUW mission statement is a little awkward to just toss out there: "We are dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research." I like the additional statement: "Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions

on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political."

We accomplish AAUW's mission in many ways. And with all of our great efforts, there is always room for improvement.

**Advocacy:** We held a first meeting to discuss issues for advocacy efforts, both with other groups, and in our community, and will be moving forward on those charges. Six of our members attended Lobby Day at the State Capitol. Many of us are "Two-minute Activists". There is still work to be done with our advocacy efforts.

**Education:** Our branch meetings offer education on the issues we believe in such as equal pay and Title IX. Some of our book groups read books on related topics. We support scholarships locally and nationally. Give us your ideas for educating our members and the public!

**Philanthropy:** Each year we raise funds to donate to our scholarship at Marylhurst University, and to provide funding for the "AAUW Funds" program nationally. You can go to <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/> to see the kinds of programs, scholars, and legal support AAUW Funds supports. Consider donating!

**Research:** AAUW does research on a variety of different issues that the organization uses for education. Our first speaker of the year presented material from the AAUW report, "Deeper in Debt," a study on how student loan indebtedness affects women. See <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/research/> for more research projects.

Please send me a copy of your personal elevator speech at [pfsquire@gmail.com](mailto:pfsquire@gmail.com). I'd love to see your statement on AAUW. See you at the tea in March!



Photo: The last night of Las Fallas festival all of the larger-than-life effigies are burned. Each neighbourhood of the city has an organised group of people, the Casal faller, that works all year long holding fundraising parties and dinners to raise funds to construct the Fallas.



## Farewell and Best Wishes to Betty Hittle

by Stephanie Carter

Long-time LOAAUW member Betty Hittle and her husband, Larry, are moving to Bend. The move will allow them to live closer to their daughter Vanessa Jordan-Foster and their granddaughter, who both live in the area.

Vanessa has already checked out the Bend AAUW group on Betty's behalf. Betty would love to hear from you at her new address: 19800 SW Touchmark Way, CL#298, Bend, OR 97702.

On February 23, Penny Hansen hosted a luncheon to bid Betty farewell. Members of Betty's Friday Books and Third Wednesday Bridge groups attended as well as several other branch members.



Photo from left to right: Penny offers words of farewell, Judy Hale, Carolyn Wilson, Betty Hittle, Joan Waldron



Photo from left to right: Jane Taft and Ann Meyer



Photo above, from left to right: Barbara McDonald and Irene Romero; below from left: Judy Hale, Annie Arkebauer



Photo: Betty Hittle

## Member Profile: Gabriella Lu

by Karen Rottink



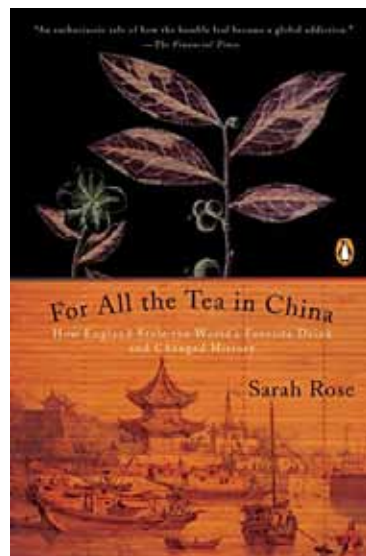
Gabriella Lu is a friendly new LOAAU member. Originally from central Minnesota farm country, Gabriella earned a business degree from the University of Minnesota. She has a special affinity for economics. Later in life, she obtained a degree in interior design from Bellevue College. Her life's focus is on her spiritual path.

As an artist, Gabriella creates beautiful jewelry and wire sculpture. Gardening, reading and yoga are also interests she enjoys. Gabriella and her husband Kevin love to hike, bike, kayak and travel together. Welcome to AAUW Gabriella!



As we look forward to our Friendship Tea, a little light reading, Sarah Rose's *For All the Tea in China*.

In 1848, the British East India Company, having lost its monopoly on the tea trade, engaged Robert Fortune, a Scottish gardener, botanist, and plant hunter, to make a clandestine trip into the interior of China—territory forbidden to foreigners—to steal the closely guarded secrets of tea horticulture and manufacturing.



## Member Profile: Catherine Hojem

by Marty Maharg



Catherine was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington. She graduated from Western Washington State University with a BA in Education in 1973. Catherine earned her MSW from Walla Walla University in 1991. She and husband, Doug, raised their sons, John and Tom, in Pendleton, Oregon, where they lived for 34 years. They moved to Oregon City about one year ago, following Doug's retirement, to be closer to their married sons.

While Catherine had friends in Pendleton who were AAUW members she was unable to join due to work constraints. She did purchase the oranges and grapefruits they sold every year for their fundraiser. Upon meeting Pat Squire while volunteering at the Clackamas Women's Services Holiday Store, she decided to join our Lake Oswego Branch.

Catherine taught high school English in Washington for one year and then worked for Lutheran Care Services. Her work at LCS led her to pursue an MSW and a career as a school counselor. She worked as a school district counselor for 5 years and then for the ESD in the Pendleton area.

Currently, Catherine is taking the Clackamas Women's Services classes on Domestic Violence and is planning to volunteer there. Member Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis happens to be taking the classes as well and has provided considerable information about our branch activities. Catherine's other interests include: golf, cooking, reading and fly fishing. She is also taking painting lessons and likes to work in oils and acrylics.

## 2018 LO AAUW Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION:**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount – Write check to **Lake Oswego AAUW**  
PLEASE NOTE: THIS DONATION IS NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

**NATIONAL AAUW FUNDS DONATION:**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount – Write check to **AAUW Funds**

ALL NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Giving unrestricted gifts to AAUW FUNDS (#9110) provides support where needed most, but you can choose a specific fund:

- ☐ **#9110 General Foundation Support – Allocated where most needed**
- ☐ **#9170 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund – Supports AAUW research studies**
- ☐ **#4337 Public Policy Fund – Supports advocacy for laws fair to women**
- ☐ **#3999 Legal Advocacy Fund – Supports legal rights for those facing discrimination**
- ☐ **#4339 Leadership Programs Fund – Supports programs like NCCWSL**
- ☐ **AAUW National Tech Trek Program**

Gifts of \$100-\$174 confer membership in the Oregon Century Club

Gifts of \$175 or above confer membership in the Oregon Century Club Plus

Gifts of \$25 or more to either local scholarship or AAUW Funds may be designated to honor a friend or loved one.

This gift is a memorial (deceased) to \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is a tribute (living) to \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement should be sent to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and check to: LO AAUW, PO Box 416, Marylhurst, Oregon 97036





## AAUW of Oregon 2018 Convention Registration

### April 20-22, 2018 Tanasbourne Embassy Suites, Hillsboro, Oregon

Lodging reservations must be made directly with Embassy Suites by March 30

There is a link to the online reservation page in the Convention Highlights Article or Call 503-718-0007

Name as wanted on nametag Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch/Student Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Student? \_\_Yes\_\_No  
 Branch Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 AAUW of Oregon Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 AAUW National Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Friday Enrichment Activity 12:00-4:30pm Select one

- ☐1 McMenamin's Grand Lodge      ☐3 Jackson Bottoms Wetlands Tour(\$10 fee) limit to 15  
☐2 Sake Brewery Tour      ☐4 Intro to Google Drive 1:30-2:30  
☐5 Intro to Google Drive 3:30-4:30 (repeat)

#### Saturday Workshops

##### 10:30-11:45am Select one

- ☐A I Am Not Invisible      ☐C Title IX Compliance  
☐B Mentoring the Next Generation for Public Office

##### 1:30-2:30pm Select one

- ☐D Oregon Tradeswomen--We've BEEN doing it      ☐F I Am Not Invisible (repeat)  
☐E Amplify Women's Voices      ☐G Title IX Compliance (repeat)

|                          |                                                                | Per Item | Number | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------|
| Registration Fee Regular |                                                                | \$50.00  |        |       |
| Registration Student     |                                                                | \$10.00  |        |       |
| Late Fee after April 1   |                                                                | \$20.00  |        |       |
| Pay with PayPal          | If you register online and pay with PayPal, the additional fee | \$5.00   |        |       |
| Jackson Bottoms Tour     |                                                                | \$10.00  |        |       |
| Friday Dinner            | Rockfish Fillet                                                | \$37.00  |        |       |
|                          | Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast                                | \$38.00  |        |       |
|                          | Seasoned Vegetable Ravioli                                     | \$36.00  |        |       |
| Saturday Lunch           | Northwest Salmon Salad                                         | \$20.00  |        |       |
|                          | Celebration Turkey Sandwich                                    | \$22.00  |        |       |
|                          | Veg-Head Wrap (Vegetarian)                                     | \$22.00  |        |       |
| Saturday Dinner          | Northwest Salmon Fillet                                        | \$45.00  |        |       |
|                          | Grilled New York Steak                                         | \$40.00  |        |       |
|                          | Gnocchi Potato Dumpling Vegetarian                             | \$36.00  |        |       |
|                          | All Meals include drinks, desserts and include gratuity        |          |        |       |
| Total included           |                                                                |          |        | \$    |

Any Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Copy this form for your records. Make out check to AAUW Oregon Convention  
 Mail to Ann Evensen, 1156 NW Redfield Circle, Bend, OR 97703-5444 by 4-1-18 OR  
 register online at <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/>. Click Convention Registration. Pay with PayPal  
 \$20.00 late fee for forms postmarked or posted after that date.

## AAUW Funds

by Susan Shea

The state chair of AAUW Funds is compiling the Funds Dinner Program for the state convention. Any member who made a memorial or tribute donation during 2017 and wants it printed in the program should please send the information to me at [Susashea@gmail.com](mailto:Susashea@gmail.com) before March 26th. Unfortunately, National does not forward this donor information to us. Thank you.

## Nominees for LOAAUW Board Positions

by Karen Rottink

Your Nominating Committee announces the candidates for Board positions and the changes to the Board positions. Due to our increased branch membership and the resulting workload, the Nominating Committee has divided the duties for the Membership Vice President and Finance Vice President positions into two positions each. This will allow your Board to continue to serve you at the high level you presently experience.

**Membership Vice President:** Manages database, coordinates with State and National membership groups, and works closely with the Finance VP to track new members and the earned free memberships for our chapter.



Candidate: Catherine Rooth

Catherine Rooth has career experience and expertise with database management and teaching. She earned an MS in Educational Media at the Oregon College of Education and was the Curriculum and Technology Director for the Monmouth Central School District. She has been involved with the Mystery Book Group.

**Membership Assistant Vice President:** Manages name tags, follows-up with visitors to our meetings, creates membership campaigns to attract new members and encourage current members to pay dues on time.



Candidate: Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis

Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis has career experience managing programs and connecting people with university organizations around the world. She worked for the American Council on Education, a professional association for presidents of universities. She established collaborations between universities in the U.S. and the developing world when she worked for the National Association of International Educators. Jeanne-Marie coordinated our volunteer efforts for the holiday gift donations to Clackamas Women's Services.

**Finance Vice President:** Handles mail/dues payments and submits monthly statements to the Board, communicates with AAUW State and National, pays all taxes and is the primary signatory and liaison with the bank.



Candidate: Mary Pat Silveira

Mary Pat Silveira has thirty years of career experience with the United Nations managing projects such as the rebuilding of regions after the bombing of the Balkans. She helped coordinate the food for the Wine and Roses fundraiser and hosted the Holiday Gala in December.

**Finance Assistant Vice President:** Able to act as a complete back-up to Finance Vice President in her absence, has signatory power including authority to deposit, write checks and pick up mail/dues payments.



Candidate: Stephanie Wagner

Stephanie Wagner has career experience managing programs and people at Tryon Creek State Natural Area and Portland State University. She presented our AAUW program featuring Lu Beck and the establishment of Tryon Creek State Natural Area and is a member of the Lunch Bunch.

All positions are for a two year term beginning July 1, 2018. Members will vote on this slate of nominees at the April 14 branch meeting.

Your Nominating Committee: JoAnn Siebe, Chairperson, Karen Rottink and Carol Cooper.

This one-week summer camp is backed by AAUW's research and designed to make STEM fields exciting and accessible to girls in middle school – the age when girls' participation in these fields statistically drops. For many girls, the weeklong camp sparks their curiosity and places them on a path toward success.



AAUW of California member Marie Wolbach founded Tech Trek in 1998 with the help of an AAUW Community Action Grant. Today AAUW Tech Trek operates at 22 different sites around the nation. A 2013 survey of AAUW Tech Trek alumnae from California demonstrates the program's lasting effects on many levels, including interest and confidence in STEM fields, decision to pursue those fields, and future career plans. The Oregon program is located at the University of Oregon Cascades Campus. To sponsor a girl to attend, go to <https://techtrek-centralor.aauw.net/sponsor-a-girl/>.

AAUW Tech Trek alumnae surpass the national average in most advanced math and science courses:



Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), AAUW Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having nonstop fun.

Girls who completed precalculus in 2009



87%

of respondents had completed algebra II, compared with 78 percent of female students and 73 percent of male students nationally.



## Interest Group Activities

### **Tuesday Books** **4th Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.**

Date: March 27  
Book: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly  
Location: Szechuan Kitchen, Lake Oswego  
For more information, contact Dixie Kroupa,  
(503) 697-8028, dixie.kroupa@comcast.net

### **Murder by the Book** **2nd Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.**

Date: March 14  
Book: *Matters of Doubt* by Warren C. Easley  
Leader: Cathy Broghan Alzner  
Location: 4949 Meadows Rd., Suite 200, Lake Oswego  
For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, taft.jane@gmail.com or Stephanie Carter, (971) 285-5882, secarter1@gmail.com

### **Interpretive Books** **3rd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.**

Date: March 15  
Book: *Secret of Magic* by Deborah Johnson  
Leader: Carol Cooper  
Hostess: Connie Irwin  
For more information, contact Ann Keddle, rlkavk50@centurytel.net or Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334, l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com

### **Thursday Evening Books** **4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.**

Date: March 22  
Book: *The Girl Who Escaped ISIS: This is My Story* by Farida Khalaf and Andrea C. Hoffmann  
Hostess: Vicki Clark  
For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641, smkaveckis@icloud.com

### **Friday Books** **4th Friday at 10:00 a.m.**

Date: March 23  
Book: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi  
Leader: Betty Barber  
Location: West Linn Public Library (Bamboo Room).

For more information, contact Irene Romero,  
(503) 657-6159, ireneromero@mac.com

### **Non-Fiction Books** **2nd Monday at 10:00 a.m.**

Date: March 12  
Book: *Hidden Girl: The True Story of a Modern-Day Slave* by Shyima Hall  
Leader: Eleanor Kurtus  
Location: Cortona Room at Nicoletta's Table.  
For more information, contact Mary Pat Silveira at mpsilveira@usa.net or (503) 344-4947

### **Laffalot Bridge** **2nd Monday at 1:00 p.m.**

We are a fellowship group who play for fun and score using the Chicago method. This group is accepting new members. If you would like to join, be added to the substitute list, or for more information, contact Bettirae Willis, (503) 891-6232 (cell), bewillis@easystreet.net

### **Third Wednesday Bridge** **3rd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**

This group is looking for additional members. If you would like to be added to the substitute list, or for more information, contact Penny Hansen, (503) 636-7255, pennyhansen@comcast.net

### **Portland Center Stage** **Date and Time Vary**

Season ticket holders for the Portland Center Stage's Thursday matinees will enjoy a year of musicals, dramas and comedies. For more information, contact Betty Barber at (503) 675-0594 or barberbc@yahoo.com

### **Exploring the Northwest** **Date Varies**

There is no event scheduled for March. If you are interested in this group, please contact Sue Kingzett at (503) 656-5970 (home), (503) 706-8184 (cell) or email: sezett@msn.com

# March 2018

| Sunday | Monday                                     | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                    | Thursday                 | Friday             | Saturday             |
|--------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|        |                                            |                            |                              | 1                        | 2                  | 3                    |
| 4      | 5                                          | 6                          | 7                            | 8<br>Board Meeting       | 9                  | 10<br>Friendship Tea |
| 11     | 12<br>Non-Fiction Books<br>Laffalot Bridge | 13                         | 14<br>Murder by the Book     | 15<br>Interpretive Books | 16                 | 17                   |
| 18     | 19                                         | 20<br>Lunch Bunch          | 21<br>Third Wednesday Bridge | 22<br>Thursday Books     | 23<br>Friday Books | 24                   |
| 25     | 26                                         | 27<br>Fourth Tuesday Books | 28                           | 29                       | 30                 | 31                   |

**Lunch Bunch**  
3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

**Delightful Dining**  
Date Varies

Date: March 20  
Location: Abella Italian Kitchen, 8309 SW Main St. #200, Wilsonville  
The Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering of LOAAUW branch members to chat and experience restaurants in the area. Reservation are required. If you are interested in joining us, contact Terry Hyland via email at [tw20eagle@comcast.net](mailto:tw20eagle@comcast.net) by Sunday, March 18th. For more information contact Diana Ricks at [dmricks472@gmail.com](mailto:dmricks472@gmail.com) or (503) 858-7481.

Date: April 14 at 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Home of Diana and David Bowers  
Aloha! Get our your grass skirts and floral shirts for a Hawaiian Luau.  
If you are interested in this group, please contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com)

## Dues Update

by Margaret Ricks

Our National organization recently announced a \$10.00 increase in their portion of our annual membership dues. This brings their portion to \$59.00. All but \$3.00 of this amount is tax deductible. Branch and State dues remain at \$17.00 and \$16.00 respectively. This increase means that dues for the 2018-19 year will total \$92.00.

In a few weeks you will receive an email “invoice” from National reflecting this change. The best and most efficient way to pay is by credit card. The instructions are easy to follow. Paying in this way saves our branch money and our Board hours of work. The dues are divided appropriately and electronically deposited in the correct accounts. We strongly encourage you to renew in this way. Of course, we still accept checks!

If you are considering becoming a Life Member this is an ideal time to do so. The current one-time cost is \$980. After March 16th it will increase to \$1,180.

This membership category covers your National dues for your entire lifetime. Branch and State dues continue to be paid annually.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask. I can be reached by email at [founder@bowmanschool.org](mailto:founder@bowmanschool.org) or by phone at (503) 744-0977.



Renew your membership at <https://www.aauw.org/membership/>.



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