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Photos: 2017 remembered -- Donna Needham and Barbara Buckley, at left, chat as they move through the breakfast buffet line and, above, an emotional moment as Pat Squire presents Carol Cooper with the Named Gift Honoree award.

## SPRING BRUNCH

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.  
(Time change because of Lake Run)

**Awards and Recognitions**  
**Named Gift Honorees**  
**Introduction of New Members**  
**Installation of Officers**

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

Join fellow branch members to celebrate ourselves! There's no charge for this festive event, which will offer breakfast casseroles, fruit and muffins.

Our volunteer cooks need a head count, so please reserve your seat at the table no later than **Tuesday, May 8** by sending an email to Margaret Ricks at [margaretbowmanricks@comcast.net](mailto:margaretbowmanricks@comcast.net).



Photo: At convention, we received third in the state for new membership growth!

## Squire's Scribblings

by Pat Squire, President

### What we learned on our convention weekend:

Ten branch members, equaling 10% of our membership, attended all or part of the AAUW State Convention in Hillsboro the weekend of April 20-22. It was a great experience for all of us. Our contingent ranged from long-time members to relatively new members. Conventions are held around the state and this is the first one in the Portland area in four years.

First, congratulations to Judy Hale, our past president and our state Program Co-Chair, for the great job with programs for this convention. The sessions were the best I've attended in five conventions. Judy, thanks and congratulations!

- Our College/University Partner Melody Rose, President of Marylhurst University, gave the keynote address Friday night and set the tone for the weekend. She talked about what it will take to get women elected, and specifically elected to high national office. Her talk was enlightening, encouraging in many respects, and cautionary in others.

- Susan Shea, attending her first convention, enjoyed the panel of women legislators, and appreciated their variety of backgrounds and ages. She is glad to know there are such impressive women acting on our behalf in Salem. (Oregon legislators panel moderated by Trish Garner.)

- "I particularly enjoyed the enthusiasm of Amy James Neel, who spoke about the Oregon Tradeswomen's groundbreaking program to prepare women for apprenticeships," says Jane Taft. (Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., by Amy James Neel.)

- Susan Hornung appreciated the four young women representing different organizations which encourage and train women to run for office and also train women to staff and direct campaigns. (Mentoring the Next Generation for Public Office, moderated by Micki Varney, Salem branch.)

- Karen Rottink also enjoyed the same session as Susan. She was surprised that there are four separate organizations available in Oregon to assist women who want to run for public office. She also was impressed by the four legislators and their dedication, along with their many other obligations.

- Mary Pat Silveira, also a newcomer to convention, was impressed with the entire program. She liked the emphasis on advocacy of different issues, including sometimes overlooked stakeholders such as women veterans and tradeswomen.

- Marty Maharg, another first-timer, felt she learned a lot about AAUW and now has a better understanding of some of the organization's efforts. She (along with Mary Pat) was especially interested in the Saturday dinner speaker, Paul Thein, plaintiff in a Title IX case. He was a whistleblower at a junior college and was fired in retaliation. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) supported him in his ten+ year effort to win his case against the state of California. (He did finally win.)

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## Member Profile: Kris Schultz

by Pat Squire



Photo: Kris with her two grandsons, James and William.

New member Kris Schultz is really looking forward to getting more involved with our branch — as soon as she retires in June! Kris has been working in the Office of Finance and Administration at Portland State University (PSU), where she oversees the University's procurement card program.

"I didn't study to work in business," says Kris, who has an anthropology degree with minors in psychology and sociology from University of Indiana. She knew she didn't want to teach and, after she graduated, she ended up getting a job in banking. She's from a small town in Indiana and ended up moving around quite a bit because of her husband, a pastor.

She spent 20 years in Ashland, where she worked in the business office at Southern Oregon University. After her divorce 12 years ago, Kris moved to Portland to be near her son and daughter-in-law (who ironically just moved to Medford!) She landed the job at PSU because of her connections at SOU. She plans to retire from PSU in June.

Kris recently went to the movie *Black Panther* with a group organized by Jackie Magner. "That's the kind of thing I love doing and am looking forward to," she says. "So far I've just been able to go to Saturday meetings." She's also looking forward to long walks with her dog, spending more time at the gym, joining a book group, and visiting her two young grandsons.

## Member Profile: Elizabeth McCarney

by Dixie Kroupa



Like her fellow new member (at left), Elizabeth McCarney moved to the Portland area to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren. Her daughter is the principal at the Stafford elementary school. She also has a son in Atlanta who works for the NBA.

Elizabeth grew up in Saskatchewan, Canada. She attended the University of North Dakota, graduating with a degree in education. She then went on to get her masters in curriculum instruction and taught for 20 years.

She met her husband while in college and they moved often while he was in the military. She and her husband retired in Rapid City where she was active in AAUW.

Elizabeth enjoys traveling, hiking and doing volunteer work. She has been on multiple mission trips, including Peru, Lithuania, Nicaragua and Palestine. She is getting ready to go to Kenya. Elizabeth has joined the Fourth Tuesday Book Group.



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Photo: Our delegates at the convention: Marty Maharg, Mary Pat Silveira, Nancy Dunis, Susan Shea.

• “By all accounts Convention 2018 was a success,” says Nancy Dunis, another first-timer. “Interesting speakers, great meals, good company and conversation. Highlights for me included meeting Barbara Spencer, who chairs the Oregon Commission on Women and will be our speaker in September; attending the Elizabeth Estabrooks’ talk about honoring female veterans; and hearing Trish Garner’s engaging presentation about Title IX and her thoughts as a panel moderator for women legislators. Glad I attended.”

I hope you will take the opportunity to talk with these members about their experiences and what they learned. It was a great weekend! The convention in 2019 is right down the road in Salem . . . .

I hope to see you at the membership/awards brunch on May 12 to celebrate our year and each other. Thanks to all of you, and don’t forget to vote in the national election!

## National AAUW Election

by Pat Squire

Your Vote Counts! National AAUW Election is Important to all of us!!!

AAUW is conducting a national election with three proposed bylaw amendments. The voting will be open from April 25-June 9, so there is plenty of time to educate yourself about the issues and cast your vote. You can vote electronically, after you receive the spring issue (again, electronically) of *Outlook Magazine*, complete with your own pin number, or you may request a paper ballot and cast your vote through the mail. By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have received an email from National about the bylaws.

Two of the amendments concern the national board make-up. One is with regard to staggered terms, which makes sense so that there is continuity on the board. The other is seeking to add potentially one-third of the board members who are not members of AAUW. This is proposed supposedly in order to seek expertise that may be outside of current AAUW board member candidates. This is a bit controversial, but it is a practice with some organizations. Perhaps the board recruitment group could look a little harder at national members who may also have the talents they seek.

The third amendment is one that has been raised often over the years. It is to eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. Simply stated, anyone could join. This same bylaw amendment was voted on in 2017 and defeated 60% to 40%, but the board says the vote again this year is to “clarify” that vote. The argument for this, is (1) that AAUW is a mission-based organization promoting equity for all women and girls; therefore, all should be able to be members, and (2) when seeking corporate and foundation gifts, the degree requirement will be seen as exclusionary.

On the other hand, AAUW has a strong reputation with elected officials because its membership is educated and informed. There are many other organizations with open memberships promoting women’s causes, such as NOW, YWCA, and Planned

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**NATIONAL BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

**VOTE 2018**

**VOTE NOW**

Parenthood. Many of our members joined because it is a women's organization for women who have a two-year associates degree or a college degree. And while it is important to seek diversity in funding from corporations and foundations, currently 70+% of revenue comes from member-related activity.

So, I know we all have strong feelings about this, and we heard many of those feelings expressed at the convention. Shannon Wolfe, the Managing Director of AAUW, who started at the organization in December 2017, stated that there is currently no plan to change the name of AAUW. She said if the bylaw changes pass, they will take effect on July 1 of this year.

There is a good case for both sides of this question. I urge you to talk in your interest groups, at our brunch in May, and with individuals in our branch that you want to seek out for discussion. The board, as listed on the front page of this newsletter, is willing and eager to talk with you about this. However, in the end, it is always your decision how you want to vote. I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE ON THESE BYLAWS!

Thanks for being a valued member of the Lake Oswego Branch.

Frequently asked questions:

When and how can I vote?

- All voting will take place online in spring 2018 unless a member sends a specific request to AAUW for a paper ballot.
- Vote online: Online voting is encouraged because it is fast, easy, secure – and green! Online voting is open at 9 a.m. ET, April 25, 2018, and available through 9 p.m. ET, June 9, 2018. To vote online, you must use your member number and a PIN number. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL ON APRIL 25 ENTITLED AAUW ELECTION. IT INCLUDES YOUR MEMBER NUMBER AND THE PIN THAT IS REQUIRED TO VOTE.
- Paper ballot: Paper ballots must be requested from AAUW between April 16 and May 7, 2018. No ballot will be issued if the request is received after May 7, 2018. All paper ballots mailed to AAUW

must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m., May 21, 2018, the deadline for the ballots to be scanned and counted. Paper ballots submitted after that date will not be counted. To request a paper ballot, email your name, address, and member number to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or call 800.326.2289.

**May 7, 2018:**

Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot.

**May 21, 2018:**

Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballot must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. ET to be counted.

**June 9, 2018:**

Online voting ends at 9 p.m. ET.

**June 10, 2018:**

Vote results announced online.

The national voter guide for the three amendments to the AAUW national bylaws can be viewed here: [https://www.aauw.org/aauw\\_check/pdf\\_download/show\\_pdf.php?file=aauw\\_election\\_voter\\_guide](https://www.aauw.org/aauw_check/pdf_download/show_pdf.php?file=aauw_election_voter_guide)

## Dues are due!

by Margaret Ricks

Within a day or two, you should receive an email from our national organization. Please open it as it will be your invoice for 2017-2018 dues. The amount for the upcoming year is \$92. This includes \$59 for National, \$16 for Oregon State, and \$17 for our Lake Oswego Branch. \$56 of the total is tax deductible.

The easiest way to renew is to use a credit card. Go to <https://www.aauw.org/membership/> and follow the simple prompts. The total will be divided and deposited into the appropriate accounts. Paying in this way saves you and all involved, time, money and, best of all, eliminates the possibility of human errors. Of course, we still accept checks! In fact, you may write your check at the May 12 brunch.

Remember dues are due by June 30!

## Interest Group Activities

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

Date: May 22  
Book: *Shoe Dog* by Phil Knight  
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: May 9  
Book: *Semester of Our Discontent* by Cynthia Kuhn  
Leader: Lynn Rothert  
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: May 17  
Book: *Ladder of Years* by Ann Tyler  
Leader: Donna Saffir  
Hostess: Sue Kingzett  
For more information, contact Ann Keddie, 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: April 26  
Book: *Magpie Murders* by Reif Larsen  
Leader: Suzanne Kaveckis  
Hostess: Barbara McDonald  
For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641, smkaveckis@icloud.com

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

Date: May 24  
Book: *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari  
Leader: Marie Ryan  
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: May 14  
Book: *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance  
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.**

Date: May 14  
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

### **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 May. 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

### **Delightful Dining** **Date Varies**

Date: June 3 at 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Home of Susan and Ken Hornung  
Kalispera! Say good evening to Greece with a hearty Greek meal.  
Please RSVP to Stephanie Carter, (971) 285-5882, secarter1@gmail.com. If you are interested in this group, please contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, taft.jane@gmail.com

# May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5
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13	14 Non-Fiction Books Laffalot Bridge	15 Lunch Bunch	16	17 Interpretive Books	18	19
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**Lunch Bunch**  
**3rd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.**

Date: May 15

Location: Manzana - 305 First Street, Lake Oswego

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 [twh20eagle@comcast.net](mailto:twh20eagle@comcast.net). For more information contact Diana Ricks at [dmricks472@gmail.com](mailto:dmricks472@gmail.com) or (503) 858-7481.



## Fourth Tuesday Book Group

On April 24, the Fourth Tuesday Book Group had a lively discussion of *Our Souls at Night*, by Kent Haruf. From far left around the table: Colleen Gekler, Elizabeth McCarney, Marty Maharg (discussion leader), Donna Needham, Karen Rottink, Kathleen Erskine, Pat Filip, JoAnn Frost, Mary Pat Silveira, Diana Ricks, and Cheryl Smith. (Taking the photo, Pat Squire).



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