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**American Association of University Women Lake Oswego Presents**

**Kristin Schlotterbeck on Violence Prevention**

AAUW Lake Oswego warmly invites the public to hear Kristin Schlotterbeck, Community Education Program Manager for Clackamas Women's Services (CWS) on "Violence Prevention: A Program for Middle and High School Students.

Ms. Schlotterbeck will discuss the curriculum CWS uses to teach middle and high school students to recognize dating and sexual violence and how to intervene when violence of this nature is being perpetrated.

Working in the movement to end gender-based violence for 13 years, Ms. Schlotterbeck's experience includes sexual violence response through crisis lines, hospital advocacy, and psycho-educational groups for women. She has served on Clackamas County Student Threat Assessment Level 2 Team and on the Clackamas County Sexual Assault Response Team. As the CWS Community Education Program Manager, Ms. Schlotterbeck oversees all of the CWS-provided training and primary prevention work, which includes working with over 6,000 middle and high school students who will eventually grow up to change the world. Her degree is from the University of Oregon.

## Squire's Scriblings

Pat Squire, President

Our October 13th branch meeting was fantastic. Our friends from League of Women Voters, our own Robi Ingram-Rich and Farol Kahle, were wonderful impartial presenters on the ballot measures – as is their role. Mary Pat Silveira followed up by describing AAUW Oregon's voting recommendations for the ballot measures. The overflow crowd of sixty five, which included members of the Tigard branch as well as many community members, was riveted; I saw many people taking notes. Thanks to all who participated.



Pat Squire and speakers Farol Kahle (center) and Robbie Ingram-Rich (right)

What does it take to say yes to an opportunity? When should we say no? Opportunities, volunteer "jobs," events to attend, donations to give, people to support - how do we decide? We are faced with these decisions, one-way or another, if not daily, then at least often.

Our branch is fortunate to have a fantastic group of volunteers. Of our board members in attendance at our highly successful October meeting, every single one of them played an active role. I think that is both admirable, and fantastic! We are lucky! (If you don't know who all of the volunteer board members are, look at the Newsletter front page - and don't forget to thank them next time you see them.)

Lately I've been in the position of recruiting volunteers for three different activities, two of them having to do with AAUW. One is for Lake Oswego Reads. My most successful recruit so far is a busy student. He probably is over-worked and I know he is not paid for his volunteer work, but he readily said yes to my request. (More on that in December.)

We all have reasons for our responses to "asks". A political donation? "I already gave what I felt appropriate." A new volunteer opportunity/responsibility? "Am I over-committed already?" "How much time will it realistically take?" "Do I have the energy to give more?" For me, sometimes the answer is this: is someone else willing and able to do the job? If I can identify someone else that might find this interesting and fulfilling, I want them to take it on. If it looks like no one else is going to step up, I feel I should. There are many reasons not to do things: personal or family health issues, stress level, time commitment, already too busy, I'm getting ready to move....you name it; all are valid reasons. But, if it engages your passion, if you think you can do it without too much stress, or if you feel good about helping where you are needed, I say go for it! You just have to know your limitations, and we all should by now. But in the end, volunteering is so rewarding, the satisfaction of a job well done is very worth your time and effort.

**AAUW of Oregon: Vote no on  
Measures 103, 104, 105 and 106**

Mary Pat Silveira  
Member AAUW  
Oregon Public Policy Committee

AAUW is a non-partisan organization, and it does not support candidates or political parties. It does, however, speak out on policies that impact women and families and that could either advance or undermine AAUW's public policy priorities. This year in Oregon, we will be voting on six separate Ballot measures.

The AAUW Public Policy Committee of Oregon works closely with the national AAUW office to analyze these Ballot Measures as part of its mandate to advance equity for Oregon's women and girls through advocacy and legislative participation. Of the six Measures on the ballot for November, it has determined that four of them may or will have a negative impact on women, as follows:

Measures 103, 104 and 106 all call for Constitutional amendments. In general, Oregon AAUW believes that the state Constitution should not be changed without a compelling reason. None of these Measures meets that standard.

In addition:

Measure 103 is not really about groceries. It is so broadly written that there is already confusion about what can and cannot be taxed were it to pass. For example, it would exempt or impact a wide range of corporate taxes and transactions. The state could not even collect fuel taxes from grocers' truck

fleets. It would also remove the flexibility of local governments to tax any groceries, including sugary drinks. Overall it would embed certain special interests within the constitution and remove a potential source of revenue for programs that support the economic and social well-being of all.

Vote NO on Measure 103

Measure 104 would require a 3/5 majority vote in both the House and Senate in order to enact tax exemptions, credits and deductions. This would make it virtually impossible to raise fees for, e.g., license fees, and it would lock in existing tax breaks. The result would be less revenue and therefore reduced funding for healthcare, education, and other important social, economic services for all.

Vote NO on Measure 104

Measure 105 repeals the current law limiting the use of state and local law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration laws. This Measure could open the door to racial profiling, support separation of families and increase fear among immigrants, including those who are legally documented. Women are particularly vulnerable, since crimes, including rape and other sexual assault, may go unreported. The Measure is unnecessary, since current law does not prevent federal authorities from apprehending undocumented persons.

Vote NO on Measure 105

Measure 106 would prohibit the use of any public funds, either directly or indirectly, for abortion. This would include removing coverage of abortion from the Oregon Health Plan as well as from all public employees. It sets a dangerous precedent by allowing special interests to decide which medical procedures insurance can or cannot

cover, permanently removing coverage to reproductive health care to hundreds of thousands of vulnerable Oregonians. AAUW supports quality, affordable and accessible health care for all, including reproductive health care.

Note NO on Measure 106

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### Tax Deductible Donations

Stephanie Wagner

AAUW Lake Oswego recently has established a tax-deductible fund through AAUW Oregon Special Projects, the 501(c)(3) arm of the state organization. The name of our fund is the LOAAUW Education and Scholarship fund. Donations to this fund support scholarships for Clackamas Community College students and education projects promoting equality for women. The branch currently is supporting education toward understanding Oregon's new Equal Pay statute and Title IX implementation in K-12 education.

Contributions to this fund are tax deductible under current federal and state law. To make a contribution **make checks out to LOAAUW E&S Fund. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036.**

Thank you for supporting women in Oregon! Keep watching the newsletter for updates on our education projects and scholarships.

AAUW has provided more than **\$115 MILLION** to more than **13,000 WOMEN** and projects

From all 50 states

And more than 145 countries

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In 2018-19, AAUW is awarding **\$3.9 million** to 250 scholars and projects to improve the lives of women and girls.

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## Advocacy for Title IX

Advancing Title IX support in Oregon schools is a major focus of the LOAAUW Advocacy Group. Eight members of the group attended a special session on Title IX and gender discrimination in Oregon schools on September 21<sup>st</sup> in Portland. The talk was sponsored by the Oregon Women's Equity Coalition (OWEC) and organized by Trish Garner, AAUW State Public Policy Director.

Jackie Sandmeyer, a Title IX expert, was the keynote speaker and spoke at last year's Lobby Day in Salem. Sandmeyer has extensive experience in the subject and has been a member of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force and has done numerous trainings to provide best practices and provide technical assistance. She is founder and principal of TIX Educational Specialists, LLC, focusing on sexual harassment and gender discrimination in schools. She clearly outlined some of the problems and the incidence of reported sexual harassment and bullying.

The meeting, well attended by OWEC and others, focused on future legislation to provide two full-time people (more than the current ¼ time person) in the Oregon Department of Education devoted to Title IX. State Representative Andrea Salinas attended and will be proposing the legislation during the 2019 legislative session, heavily supported by AAUW (Garner has written a statement) partnering with OWEC and others.



Front row: Jackie Sandmeyer, Marty Maharg, Andrea Salinas (LO State Representative)  
Back row: Cathy Croghan Alzner, Kris Schultz, Mary Pat Silveira, Pat Squire, Jeanne Lemieux, Diana Ricks, Stephanie Wagner

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### Take the Pledge to Protect Title IX

Title IX is essential to ensuring that our schools are free from discrimination, including sexual harassment and violence. But recently, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos [took action](#) to roll back protections for survivors of sexual assault.

Later this year, the Department of Education is expected to change Title IX's regulations, which could have [significant implications](#) for students' civil rights and federal enforcement of the law. With progress under threat, we all must be ready to make our voices heard.

**Help fight back against attacks on Title IX by pledging to take part in AAUW's upcoming campaign to protect Title IX.**

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist>,

Once you submit this form,

it will provide you with timely reminders, tools, talking points, and resources to help you maximize your impact once the Department of Education kicks off the regulatory process. Together AAUW can make a difference.

## New Member Profile Stella Pirrung

Karen Rottink



Stella, whose father immigrated from the Philippines in the 1930s, grew up in Santa Cruz County, California and later moved to Lake Oswego. Earning her bachelor's degree in Business Management from San Francisco State University, Stella began her career in San Francisco working for a small brokerage firm. Currently, Stella works at Wells Fargo Bank as an analyst dealing with home equity portfolios.

Stella and her husband Dan have two children, daughter Ashley and son Ryan both of whom attend Lake Oswego Junior High School. Stella and Dan have a passion for architecture and art, recently travelling to Los Angeles to see Vincent Van Gogh's painting, The Mulberry Tree. As a family, Dan, Stella and their children have traveled extensively, particularly throughout Europe. Civic engagement is important to Stella. She has participated in Spirit Day to promote awareness of bullying in schools, the Cascade Aids Project, Meals on Wheels and has volunteered at the Youth Diabetic Center in Tigard. Since 2013 she has been a Toastmaster with Lake Oswego Toastmasters. AAUW flyers posted at Lake Oswego Starbucks caught Stella's attention,

enticing her to join our branch. She noted that the Advocacy Group looks especially interesting. Daily exercise and walks with her family help Stella maintain her goal: to keep her life in balance.

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On October 8, at its regular school Board Meeting, the West Linn/Wilsonville School District and Board of Directors recognized the West Linn Alliance for Inclusive Community for their work with the schools and the City of West Linn to create a community that honors all of its members. The WLAIC School's Committee, of which Marty Maharg is a member, was commended for its role in promoting diversity and inclusion in the West Linn schools, collaborating with students, advocating at the district level and offering parent workshops on School Equity Teams.





AAUW LAKE OSWEGO WINTER FUNDRAISER

**HOLIDAY GALA**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 3:30-6:30pm**

HOSTED BY STEPHANIE AND RICK WAGNER

14494 UPLANDS DRIVE, LAKE OSWEGO

Spouses and Friends are welcome

Cost is \$20 per person to support local scholarship



All donations support Clackamas Community College scholarships  
and local community education.

Donations above \$20.00 are tax deductible.

Please send your checks made out to  
**LOAAUW Education and Scholarship Fund**  
to Holiday Gala, PO Box 416, Marylhurst, Oregon 97036

Questions? Contact Susan Shea [susashea@gmail.com](mailto:susashea@gmail.com)

## Interest Group Activities

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

Date: November 27  
Book: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng  
Leader: Donna Needham  
Location: Szechuan Kitchen, Lake Oswego

For more information, contact Lynda Bigler,  
(503) 522-6709  
libigler@icloud.com.

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

Date: November 14  
Book: *The Coroner's Lunch* by Colin Cotterill  
Leader: Laura Eyer  
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 or  
secarter1@gmail.com.

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

Date: November 15  
Book: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann  
Leader: Carol Cooper  
Hostesses: TBD

For more information, contact Ann Keddie,  
rlkavk50@centurytel.net or Linda Watkins,  
(503)694-2334,  
l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com.

### Thursday Evening Books 5th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.\*

Date: November 29  
Book: *Canada* by Richard Ford  
Leader: Barbara McDonald  
Hostess: TBD  
**\*This group meets the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday due to Thanksgiving**

For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641  
smkaveckis@icloud.com.

### Friday Books 3rd Friday at 10:00 a.m.\*\*

Date: November 16  
Book: *Canada* by Richard Ford  
Leader: Barbara McDonald  
Location: West Linn Library  
**\*\*This group meets the third Friday due to Thanksgiving.**

For more information, contact Joan Waldron,  
(503) 746-3995  
spirit.waldron@gmail.com.

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

Date: November 12  
Book: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Leader: Susan Shea

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: November 12

Location: Home of Bettirae Willis

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.

**Delightful Dining  
6:00PM**

Date: December 1

Location: Home of Martha Schrader,  
147 Fifth St Lake Oswego

Join us for a delightful Italian Christmas Feast dinner. Please RSVP to Jane Taft no later than November 21. If you are interested in this group, please contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, taft.jane@gmail.com

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

Date: November 20

Place: Hunan Pearl Restaurant  
15160 Bangy Rd, Lake Oswego  
area.

Reservations are required. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Diana Ricks at dmricks472@gmail.com or (503)858.7481 or (503) 636-1222.

Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering of LOAAUW branch members to chat and experience enjoyable restaurants in the

**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](mailto:barberbc@yahoo.com).

**Advocacy Interest Group**

Date Varies

Date: Friday November 16 at 1:00PM

Location: Catharine Hojem  
16313 Oaktree Terrace Oregon City

Newly formed in 2018, this group is currently working on a program to share information about Oregon's Equal Pay Law. For more information, contact Jeanne Lemieux at [jeanne.e.lemieux@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.e.lemieux@gmail.com) (503) 816.7488

**Is there a special interest group that you don't see among the ones listed but would like to suggest? If so, please contact Marty Maharg at [martymaharg@hotmail.com](mailto:martymaharg@hotmail.com)**



## NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Board Meeting  Vote – Ballots due today!	7	8	9	<b>10</b> Branch Meeting
11	12 Non-Fiction Books  Laffalot Bridge	13	14 Murder by the Book	15 Interpretive Books	16 Friday books  Advocacy Group	17
18	19	20 Lunch Bunch	21	22  	23	24
25	26	27 Fourth Tuesday books	28	29 Thursday Evening Books	30	<b>December 1</b> Delightful Dining



## DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Delightful Dining
2	3 	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8 Branch Meeting
9	10 Non-Fiction Books  Laffalot Bridge	11	12 Murder by the Book	13	14 Advocacy Group	15
16 Holiday Gala Fundraiser	17	18 Lunch Bunch	19	20 Interpretive Books	21	22
23	24	25 	26 	27 Thursday Evening Books	28 Friday books	29
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**LO AAUW FUNDS DONATION FORM**

National AAUW has a family of over 20 funds that promote AAUW's mission. While all of the funds appear on the donation page of their website, several of the larger funds are listed below. A donor designates which fund she wants at the time of her donation. National prefers donations to the General Foundation Support (#9110) which allows allocation to where funds are most needed but, of course, all donations are most welcome. All donations are tax-deductible.

**DONATING BY CREDIT CARD**

1. Go to AAUW.org and sign-in
2. Click on "DONATE" square on top of the Home Page
3. Complete the Donation Page on the website – Nothing further needs to be done

**DONATING BY CHECK**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount – Write check to AAUW FUNDS

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
- ( ) Please see National Website for additional funds – there are over 20 Funds

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

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Acknowledgement should be sent to:

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Address

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**Please send this form and check to LO AAUW, PO Box 416, Marylhurst, Oregon 97036**



## Photo Album

The **Lunch Bunch** gathered at Stone Cliff Inn in Oregon City



Karen Rottink and Marlene Orchard

Stephanie Carter and Judy Hale traveled to Egypt in September



Judy



Clockwise: Marlene Orchard, Marty Maharg, Mary Pat Silveira, Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis, Karen Rottink, Diana Ricks, Marge Ransom



Stephanie at Egyptian Museum