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2018-2019  
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**Elizabeth Estabrooks**  
**Women Veterans and Intentional**  
**Inclusivity**

Saturday, January 12, 2019

9:30 a.m. — Social Time

10:00 a.m. — Program

Oswego Heritage House

"A" Avenue and 10th St., Lake Oswego

In 2015, Oregon became one of the few states to have established a permanent, full-time women veterans coordinator dedicated to serving the unique needs of women who served our country. Working to improve services for women veterans, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) with Elizabeth Estabrooks as Coordinator, is committed to advocacy and outreach, gathering better data and research, participating in policy relevant to women veterans, and helping to advance the level of care veterans receive in Oregon.

<https://www.oregon.gov/odva>

## Squire's Scribblings



Happy New Year to all! I hope 2019 will bring us good health, happiness, good fellowship, and a sense of optimism and accomplishment.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family, friends and fellow AAUW members. And a big thank you to everyone who contributed so much to our holiday fundraiser that we affectionately call the "gala".

Fred and I spent the holiday season doing fun local things, starting with the Lake Oswego High School Championship football game, and continuing with Lakeridge High's fantastic musical version of "White Christmas", our own AAUW festive "Gala", and on to Lakeridge Associate's wonderful holiday brunch. We also managed to hear

the Bach "Oratorio" and catch a 1940's musical radio show at Broadway Rose. Lots of festive fun.

And now a few New Year's "thoughts" (not resolutions – sounds too definitive!)

- I know our LO AAUW branch will continue with its great programs and high energy volunteerism. Bravo!
- I am looking forward to getting to know all of our new members better and I hope many of you "old-timers" will connect with our "newbies". We all have much to offer each other.
- I wish our Advocacy Committee good luck with its new ventures coming up.
- I hope many of our branch members will participate in Lobby Day -- this year April 11 -- associated with the state convention in Salem. And you might want to schedule that important meeting, too – April 12-14.
- I wish you all well as you go about your personal endeavors and volunteer work, starting with Jeanne-Marie heading off to Guatemala to help students with their English before they enter University on a scholarship.
- As always, thanks for your participation in AAUW and the activities that give you personal satisfaction. We all engage at our own level, and that's what counts.

**Best wishes for 2019!**

## In My Opinion

Jeanne Lemieux  
Advocacy Group Chair



### Education Department's Title IX changes threaten student safety, equity

Our students should be able to go to school without experiencing sexual harassment or violence. That's the promise made over 45 years ago by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination in any educational institution or program that receives federal funding. But current Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has proposed a new set of regulations that would fundamentally weaken Title IX and, in turn, put at risk the promise of safety and equity.

Let's be clear: Title IX is about more than girls playing sports, although that was a recent case in our School District. Title IX protects all students from sex discrimination—both boys and girls, kindergartners and college undergrads alike. That includes instances of sexual harassment and sexual violence which can

occur during a student's education, impeding their safety, comfort, access to education, and ability to participate in school life.

Claiming to promote fairness, Secretary DeVos is seeking to undermine the progress we've made toward preventing and ending discrimination in our schools. By changing the definition of sexual harassment to "unwelcome conduct on the basis of sex that is so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the school's education program or activity," the proposed regulations exclude many students' experiences, limiting what behavior counts. The proposed changes would put in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward. This will make schools fundamentally less safe. Many students already resist reporting incidences of harassment for fear of ridicule or retribution, but these new requirements will make that reporting even more difficult. When students cannot stay in school because they experience sexual harassment and violence, their access to education is fundamentally unequal.

If schools are failing to adequately protect students, it is not reason to weaken Title IX protections—it's evidence that we need to better enforce those protections and equip schools with the resources to do better. In fact, our own state legislature will be working to add staff to help support Title IX in our school districts.

The Department of Education is now accepting **public comments on its proposed changes through January 28, 2019.** We must all stand up for equity in education by voicing our opposition to this attack on Title IX.

**We urge you to comment.** Please use the identification number and address below:

2018-25314  
 Brittany Bull  
 US Dept of Education  
 400 Maryland Ave SW  
 Room 6E310  
 Washington, DC 20202

### New Member Profiles



New member Teresa Schader has jumped right in!

Teresa Schader joined our branch this fall and has already joined the Advocacy Group and the Mystery Book Group. A native of Chicago, Teresa graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in computer science. It was while working on an IT project for an insurance company in New York that she met her husband John, who worked for the client. John later joined Teresa in Chicago where they were married. Together they made the life-altering choice to move to Oregon and settled in Lake Oswego in 1999. Their big risk paid off, as they both got jobs they enjoyed.

Teresa worked at Nike for 14 years, at first on IT projects for new products, and later as an operations chief for the Nike Foundation. One of the Foundation's goals was to support girls in under-developed countries, a mission she endorsed, and as part of her work she was able to travel to Rwanda and Ethiopia.

Teresa retired four years ago and is an activist on environmental and a number of other issues. She has worked with the Lake Oswego 50+ Advisory Board, and is also a member of the Lake Oswego Reads Event Committee. Teresa and John enjoy outdoor activities, especially hiking around the state and near their second home in Bend.

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Cheryl Levie

Avid skier, Cheryl Levie spent most of her life in California, ten years of which were in Lake Tahoe enjoying skiing and winter sports. In 2011, Cheryl and her husband Jimmy moved to Ashland, Oregon, and in 2015 they moved to Lake Oswego. Cheryl and Jimmy enjoy trips to Bend where they can relax and enjoy the vibrant winter scene.

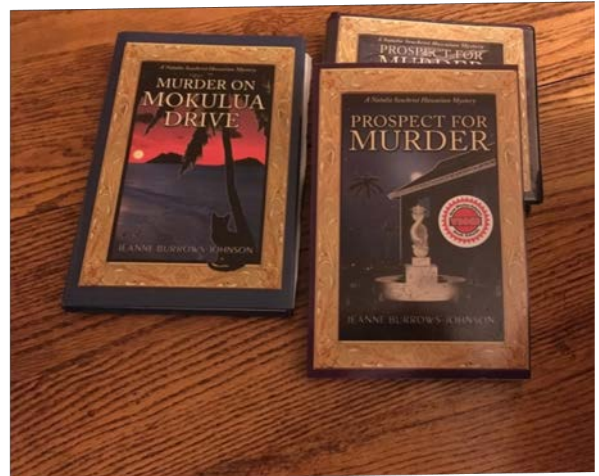


Cheryl earned her BSN in nursing at Dominican University of California and worked 33 years primarily in the Emergency Room before developing a cosmetic laser therapy company. Husband Jimmy is a general contractor in the custom home/remodel business. Every year he enjoys becoming Santa Claus bringing cheer to children in hospitals and the Ronald McDonald House. He delighted those of us attending the Gala when, as Santa, he accompanied Cheryl to the holiday party.

Cheryl and Jimmy's two daughters live in the Portland area. One is a CPA and the other is working on her Master's Degree in art therapy following a successful freelance business in hair and makeup design for movies and weddings.

Cheryl's passions include creating a safe and secure food chain without GMOs (genetically modified organisms) as well as issues concerning social justice. She worked over a year with the Jackson County initiative to ban GMO crops, successfully passing the measure. Monsanto sued but the law was upheld in court. Jackson County now is the only GMO free county in Oregon.

At the January meeting, *Prospect for Murder* (available in paperback and audio) and *Murder on Mokolua Drive* (available in hardcover) will be raffled off, with proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. Thank You to Jeanne Burrows Johnson for her generous donation of these books.



**Save these dates!**

**April 11, 2019-Lobby Day at the State Capitol**

This important yearly event features an update on the status of issues important to AAUW, and visits with our state representatives. Let's show our support and make our voices heard!

**April 12-14, 2019-State Convention/Salem**

This year's convention, "Breaking Barriers to Leadership", is timed to coincide with Lobby Day. Keynote Speaker Val Hoyle is the incoming Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, an important agency working with the State's Equal Pay Act. Other speakers and workshops will be announced in the January state news. The convention will be held at the Salem Convention Center, and The Grand Hotel next door will house attendees who wish to stay overnight. Please consider attending.



Our Holiday Gala was an enormous success. We raised \$1905 for our local scholarship fund! First, a huge thank you to Stephanie and Rick Wagner for so graciously hosting our event. Next, thank you to every member who attended, donated money and/or donated food. All of us working together contributed to so large an amount. We could not have done it without each and everyone's effort. THANK YOU! And a BIG **thank you** to Susan Shea for all her hard work in helping to make this event such a success!!

We were even visited by some special guests!!



## Interest Group Activities

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

Date: January 22  
Book: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee  
Leader: Dixie Kroupa  
Location: Szechuan Kitchen  
15450 Boones Ferry Rd 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: January 9  
Book: *Swiss Vendetta* by Tracee de Hahn  
Leader: Barbara McDonald  
Location: 4949 Meadows Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Conference Room, 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: January 17  
Book: *Gratitude* by Oliver Sacks  
Leader: Candace Newland-Holley  
Hostess: Susan Hornung

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: January 24  
Books: *When Breath Becomes Air*  
By Paul Kalanithi  
*The Bright Hour* by Nina Riggs  
Leader: Pam Berg  
Hostess: Susan Hornung

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

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

Date: January 25  
Book: *War on Peace* by Ronan Farrow  
Leader: Betty Barber

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

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

Date: January 14  
Book: *Blue Highways: A Journey into America* by William Least Heat-Moon  
Leader: Mary Pat Silveira

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: January 14

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](mailto:bewillis@easystreet.net)

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

Date: January 15

Location: Non La Restaurant  
18041 Lower Boones Ferry Rd  
Tigard

Lunch Bunch is an informal gathering of LOAAUW branch members to chat and enjoy restaurants in the area. Reservations are required. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Diana Ricks at [dmricks472@gmail.com](mailto:dmricks472@gmail.com) or (503)858.7481

**Exploring Our Northwest  
Date Varies**

**Delightful Dining**

Delightful Dining does not meet in January. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact Jane Taft at (503)709-3185, [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com)

**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  
2nd Friday at 1:00 p.m.**

Date: January 11

Location: TBD

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



## January 2019

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

## February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8 Advocacy Group	9 Branch Meeting  Delightful Dining
10	11 Non-Fiction Books  Laffalot Bridge	12	13 Murder by the Book	14 	15	16
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**Photo Album**  
Holiday Gala  
December 18, 2018



Stephanie Wagner, Bettirae Willis,  
Susan Shea



Joan Waldron, Bettirae Willis, Judy Hale



Jo Ann Frost and Shirley Ward



Marty Maharg and Cheryl Levie



Martin Sobelman, Marty Maharg,  
Stephanie Carter, Terry Hyland



Pat Squire and Terry Hyland



Mary Pat Silveria, Pam Berg, Judy Hale



Karen Rottink and Shirley Ward





Sharon Hawley, Kris Schultz, Susan Shea



Diana Ricks, Chuck Lemieux,  
Jeanne Lemieux



Claude Pierrelouis, Bruce Rottink,  
Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis



Jo Ann and Larry Frost, Jane Taft