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February 2019

A Conversation with a "Dreamer" Part of Lake Oswego Reads The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henriquez

Saturday, February 9, 2019

9:30 a.m. — Social Time 10:30 a.m. — Program

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



Luis Balderas-Villagrana, student body president at Portland State University and a "Dreamer", will be the guest speaker. Luis, who qualifies under the Federal "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" (DACA) program, came to the United States with his family when he was seven years old to escape the violence of the drug cartels in Mexico. He grew up as an immigrant in a small town in Eastern Oregon, where he quickly learned English and often translated for his family. He learned important leadership skills, and as an honors student at Portland State, was elected student body president. Luis will have several friends with him, and they will talk about their personal stories, and their hopes and dreams for the future.

Squire's Scribblings



Pat serving up paella in her Flamenco theme apron

I have missed the past two branch meetings because I had bad colds.

But I really <u>missed</u> those meetings: seeing all of my AAUW pals, missing the great speakers, and just the collegial and warm feeling I get from being around smart women who care.

Sitting home made me reflect on some of the things I really enjoy about AAUW:

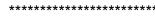
 The mission. As someone once said, "it's a no brainer." Advancing equity for women and girls. We've come a long way baby, but we still have work to do, and I'm happy to say that we are doing it!

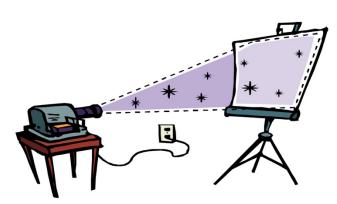
- The friendships. I have met people I probably wouldn't know if it hadn't been for AAUW, and they are friends I will always treasure.
- The interest groups. While I have always been a reader (my dad ran the U of O Bookstore when I was growing up so most of my presents were books), I have learned of so many new authors and I love it! (If you're a reader and aren't in a book group, take a look at them and try them out to see your fit – they're all very different!)
- The speakers. For the past two years, Nancy Dunis has been our program chair, and our two chairs before that were great, too. Our speakers address the concerns of women today with a special focus on AAUW's top issues. Bravo! They've all been interesting, informative and stimulating.
- All of our members. We always hope that our members will find something of interest and many of our members go out of their way to get new people engaged. If you don't feel the love, take initiative -- I urge you to get involved in your own way so you can truly enjoy this group.
- Our many volunteers. I've been involved with many volunteer organizations in the past and I've never met so many strong women who do their volunteer jobs so well. Thanks for that dedication to our organization and each other.

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And now, calling all readers and/or those interested in immigration. The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henriquez, is the 2019 Lake Oswego Reads book. (You don't have to live in Lake Oswego to be a part of this February celebration!) This contemporary novel about immigrants tells stories of bravery, commitment, family ties, and love. Our speaker for February, Luis Balderas-Villagrana, personifies these themes. Luis is a "Dreamer," and when you meet him, you will see that this characterization literally is true. As a "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" -DACA recipient, Luis is making the most of his opportunities – he's an honors student at Portland State University and was elected Student Body President. I urge you to come and meet this remarkable young man and hear his story.

See you in February!





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Wanted—Portable Riser

36"HX12"WX12"L on which a projector can sit. If you have something that is suitable, or is an actual riser you would like to donate, contact Program Chair Nancy Dunis at n.dunis65@gmail.com

Thank You

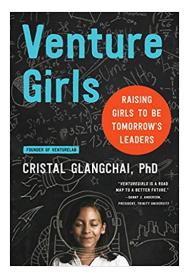
Many thanks to the thirty-five members who contributed to the Lake Oswego AAUW 2018 Education and Scholarship Fund from October 1st through December 31st. Their combined efforts raised a total of \$2,030. These funds will be used to support our Clackamas Community College scholarship as well as education programs to enhance understanding of the new Oregon equal pay legislation and Title IX. Look for updates on our actions in future newsletters!

Donors include:

Betty Barber, Pamela Berg, Stephanie Carter, Carol Cooper Cathy Croghan Alzner, Jo Ann Frost Judy Hale, Penny Hansen, Sharon Hawley Terry Hyland, Catharine Hojem Ann Keddie, Susan Kingzett Jeanne Lemieux, Cheryl Levie Jackie Magner, Marty Maharg, Donna Needham. Marlene Orchard Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis Stella Pirrung, Diana Ricks Cathi Rooth, Lynn Rothert Karen Rottink, Teresa Schrader Kris Schultz, Susan Shea Mary Pat Silveira, Pat Squire Jane Taft, Stephanie Wagner Joan Waldron, Shirley Ward Bettirae Willis

Thank you to Ann Keddie for her additional donation in memory of Peggy Lineweaver.

Book Blurb



Nancy Dunis recommends Cristal Glangchai's Venture Girls – Raising Girls to Be Tomorrow's Leaders

Dr. Glangchai, a scientist, entrepreneur, business owner and mentor, is the founder and CEO of VentureLabs, a nonprofit organization that empowers girls to become entrepreneurs and leaders. Additionally, she is the founding director of Blackstone LaunchPad; the director of the Texas Entrepreneurship Exchange at the University of Texas in Austin; and founder of a nanotechnology drug delivery company. Much of the book's content is based on Dr. Glangchai's own personal experiences.

"Venture Girls argues that a key part of raising strong, confident young women is giving them the tools of entrepreneurship to engage in STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related activities "to feel that they can make a positive impact." <u>https://www.amazon.com/VentureGirls-Raising-Girls-Tomorrows-Leaders</u>

The Quilt Tradition Continues....

This antique quilt will be raffled at the March 9th Friendship Tea.

It is a blue and white applique quilt in a variation of the Whig Rose pattern and has very fine quilting and a scalloped border. It is 72" x 72" and is in excellent condition. The quilt will be on display at the February and March meetings, and raffle tickets will be \$5 each (cash or check). All proceeds will go to the AAUW Education and Scholarship Fund.

You do not need to be present to win.





Tell Your Member of Congress: Cosponsor and Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act

The economic well-being of women and families was a central issue in the election of the historically diverse 116th Congress. Now, our legislators have come to Washington with a charge to stand up for women's economic security — and there is no more fitting way to begin than by making real progress toward ensuring all women receive fair pay.

The Paycheck Fairness Act will soon be introduced in Congress — and you can be a critical part of the work to pass it by urging your members of Congress to become original cosponsors and to call for its swift passage.

Urge your members of Congress to affirm their commitment to pay equity by cosponsoring the Paycheck Fairness Act today!

The Paycheck Fairness Act would take meaningful steps to help close the gender pay gap. AAUW advocates have made sure Congress knows pay equity is a priority for women and families. Now, the Paycheck Fairness Act must be a priority in the 116th Congress. Our lawmakers must make good on their promises to make progress for gender equity. Urge your members of Congress to cosponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act to help close the gender pay gap.

Become a two-minute activist, an easy way to advocate for this bill and others AAUW supports. Go to:

https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/publicpolicy/two-minute-activist/

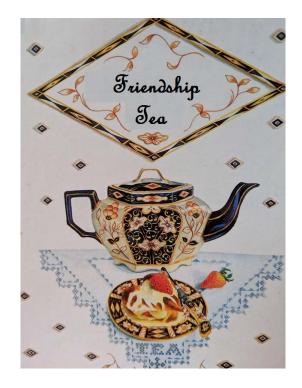


April Branch Meeting Date Change

The regular monthly branch meeting in April has been changed to **April 6**.

Due to the State Convention being held from April 12 thought the 14th, the meeting has been rescheduled to the Saturday before which is April 6. Please be sure to update your calendars.

More information will be coming in the March Newsletter.



FRIENDSHIP TEA and QUILT RAFFLE INVITATION Saturday, March 9, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

Oswego Heritage House "A" Avenue and 10th Street, Lake Oswego

Cost: Tea \$20 per person (RSVP and pay by March 1, 2019) Raffle tickets for the beautiful Quilt are \$5 each

Invite your friends to join you for a most enjoyable traditional tea with finger sandwiches, scones, sweets, and delectables at our Branch's most important fundraiser.

Please make your reservation and pay for the tea <u>online</u>, send checks payable to LO AAUW E&S FUND to: LOAAUW Friendship Tea P.O. Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036 by March 1, 2019 or pay at the February meeting. Please include the names of your guests. When paying online add guest names in the special instructions section.

Donations over \$20 are tax deductible. All proceeds support education programs and scholarships. You can purchase raffle ticket for a gorgeous quilt in advance or at the tea. You do not need to be present to win! Contact Stephanie Wagner (<u>stephanie@natureed.org</u>) to purchase tickets.

To volunteer to bring food for the tea, please call Jane Taft at 503-709-3185. To volunteer to set up, serve, or clean up, please call Marge Ransom 503-941-9591

AAUW FUNDS

National has new fundraising priorities and has revamped AAUW Funds to support the pillars of the Strategic Plan. Instead of over twenty funds, there are now five.

- #9110 The AAUW GREASTEST NEEDS FUND – Gives AAUW the mobility to rapidly respond to new and emerging challenges or opportunities facing women and girls. National would like members to prioritize this fund.
- #4449 ECONOMIC SECURITY FUND – Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.
- #4450 EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND – Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

4. #4452 LEADERSHIP FUND -

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

#4451 GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY FUND – Ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future by implementing best practices in organizational functioning and inclusion and by diversifying revenue.

Donations may be made by credit card online at AAUW.org or by check using the form included in our newsletter.

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.

LO AAUW FUNDS DONATION FORM

National AAUW has 5 fund choices which support the pillars of the Strategic Plan.

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 For gifts \$25 or higher to be a memorial or tribute, please send that information to Susan Shea

DONATING BY CHECK

NAME	
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- () #4449 Economic Security Fund support pay equity, retirement security, training in salary negotiation and quality of life
- () #4450 Education and Training Fund addresses equal access to education and ensuring education is free from sex discrimination
- () #4552 Leadership Fund-Supports effort to close gender gap in leadership opportunities
- () #4451 Governance and Sustainability Fund Ensures viability of AAUW into the future by implementing best practices in organization functioning and inclusion

Gifts of \$100-\$174 confer membership in the Oregon Century Club Gifts of \$175 and above confer membership in the Oregon Century Club Plus

Gifts of \$25 or more 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

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

Interest Group Activities

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

Date: February 26 Book: *The Children of Willesden Lane* By Mona Golabek Leader: Marty Maharg 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: February 13 Book: *Singularity* by Kathryn Casey Leader: Sue Kingzett Location: 4949 Meadows Rd., 2nd 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: February 21 Book: *The Actual* by Saul Bellow Leader: Laura Eyer Hostess: Ann Keddie

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: February 28 Books: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* By Gail Honeyman Leader: Jackie Magner Hostess: Jackie Magner

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

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

Date: February 22 Book: *The Second Coming of the K.K.K.* By Linda Gordon Presenter: Janice Biggerstaff

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

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

Date: February 11 Book: *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer Leader: Stephanie Wagner

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: February 11 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

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

Date: February 19 Location: Jefe (Mexican) 16360 Lower Boones Ferry Rd Lake Oswego

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 or (503) 858-7481

Delightful Dining

Date: February 9 at 6:00pm Location: Susan and Ken Hornung 27 Tanglewood Dr, Lake Oswego RSVP by Februrary 2 to either secarter2@gmail.com or vlark9359@gmail.com For more information, contact Jane Taft at 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.

Advocacy Interest Group 2nd Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Date: February 15 Location: West Linn Library, 1595 Burns St.

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 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

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