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2018-2019  
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**FRIENDSHIP TEA and QUILT RAFFLE**

Saturday, March 9, 2019  
11:30 a.m.

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



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.

Tea \$20 per person  
Quilt raffle tickets \$5 each

Please make your reservation and pay for the tea online or send checks payable to LO AAUW E&S FUND to: LOAAUW Friendship Tea P.O. Box 416, Marylhurst, OR. 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 ([stephanie@natureed.org](mailto:stephanie@natureed.org)) to purchase tickets.

## Squire's Scriblings



"Dreamer" Luis Balderas-Villagrana and Pat

Isn't Luis Balderas Villagrana an amazing young man? He was so articulate talking about what it means to be a Dreamer, and in fact, what he's doing to make his own dreams come true. He was truly a wonderful Lake Oswego Reads speaker at our re-scheduled February 24 meeting.



Luis and his sister Brenda

AAUW has always been an organization that attracts intelligent women who love our cause and want to be involved. Over the last several years we have gained and retained many bright and talented members who have become very engaged in our activities. Some of those members are now officers in our branch, leaders who will shape the future (as AAUW says) for years to come. Yes, AAUW has a campaign called "Shape the Future" which is geared to attracting new members who join at a public event and allowing them to pay ½ price of the national dues. Many members over the past few years have joined in that way, and continued to stay involved.

And we have shaped the future. Seven of those new members were actors/musician in the **Reader's Theatre** we did in 2017 for the LO Reads book "Rise of the Rocket Girls". And we may have another Reader's Theatre in our future. Some of those new members latched on to the idea of a **non-fiction book group**, started in 2017. And we attracted members who want to get to know each other with the "**Lunch Bunch**", women who get together to socialize and discuss current affairs. Last year we started the **Advocacy Group**, which is focused on advocating for issues near and dear to the hearts of AAUW members. The blend of long-time members who are active and familiar with AAUW, and new members with new ideas and energy, is a wonderful combination that is keeping our branch vital.

Thanks to our thoughtful nominating committee of Marty Maharg, Jane Taft and Donna Needham, we have a strong list of candidates for board positions for the next two years. Once again, the group is a wonderful combination of newer members

and long-time members so that our leaders will have a sense of continuity and new ideas that will be an asset to our branch.

If you are a member who wants to be more involved but aren't sure how to do it, I urge you to contact Marty Maharg, our Interest Group Leader ([martymaharg@hotmail.com](mailto:martymaharg@hotmail.com)) or Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis our Membership Chair ([jeannemarietp82@gmail.com](mailto:jeannemarietp82@gmail.com)) to find out how to get more engaged.

I look forward to seeing you at our Friendship Tea on March 9, always a highlight of our year.

### **The Quilt Tradition Continues....**

This beautiful antique quilt will be raffled at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Friendship Tea.

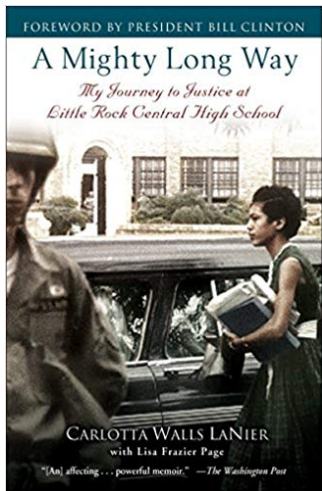
It is a blue and white applique quilt in a variation of the Whig Rose pattern and has very fine quilting and a scalloped border. It is 72" x 72" and is in excellent condition. The quilt will be on display at the March Friendship Tea.

Raffle tickets may be purchased online or by check. Please make the checks to LO AAUW E&S Fund and send to Friendship Tea P.O. Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036. Whether you purchase online or by check, please be sure to include your name and contact information. Tickets also may be purchased the morning of the Friendship Tea.

The winner will be announced March 9, 2019. You need not be present to win. Act now for opportunities to win this wonderful prize and help further the work of AAUW's Education and Scholarship Fund. Someone will win - it could be you!



## Book Blurb



*A Mighty Long Way* is a tribute Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March).

Fourteen year old Carlotta Walls began her historical journey on September 25, 1957, as she and eight other African American students walked up the stairs of Little Rock Central High School. That day, the "Little Rock Nine" just wanted to go to school. The door they opened and the trials they endured "challenged prevailing attitudes, broke down barriers, and forever changed the landscape of America."

In 1958 the NAACP awarded LaNier the prestigious Spingarn Medal and her activism continued beyond high school. She "has been a member of the Colorado Aids Project, Jack and Jill of America, the Urban League and the NAACP and the president of the Little Rock Nine Foundation, a scholarship organization dedicated to ensuring equal access to education for African Americans. She has also served as a trustee for the Iliff School of Theology. In 1999, President Clinton bestowed the nation's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, to the members

of the Little Rock Nine."

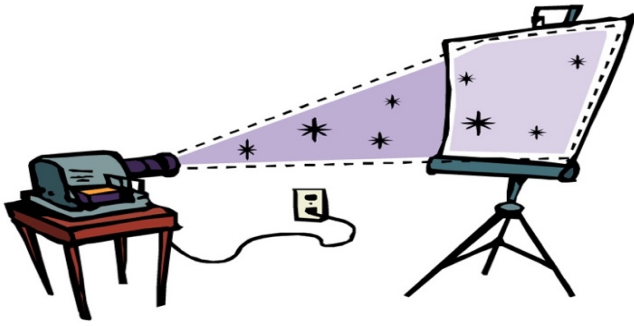
<https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/carlotta-walls-lanier-39>

"Sharing her story for the first time, Carlotta Walls has written an engrossing memoir that is a testament not only to the power of a single person to make a difference but also to the sacrifices made by families and communities that found themselves a part of history." <https://www.amazon.com/Mighty-Long-Way-Journey-Justice/>

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## Celebrate International Women's Day with Oregon Women's Health Network

LO Branch member Jo Ann Siebe is a board member of the Oregon Women's Health Network (OWHN), an education and training network advancing women's health. OWHN provides a supportive community that serves women's physical and emotional health needs, allowing them to thrive. Jo Ann invites you and your friends to **OWHN's Second Annual Celebration of International Women's Day on March 8** at the Lagunitas Community Room from 6:00-9:00 pm in downtown Portland. The ultimate outcome is for local women of diverse backgrounds, interests and all walks of life to come together and celebrate women worldwide. Please visit [oregonwomenshealthnetwork.com](http://oregonwomenshealthnetwork.com) for further details or contact Jo Ann Siebe at [Joann11@mac.com](mailto:Joann11@mac.com) for more information.



### 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](mailto:n.dunis65@gmail.com)



### Exploring the Northwest Update:

Nancy Dunis has joined Sue Kingzett as co-chair. She will be adding an historical aspect to some of the NW explorations. Nancy and Sue will be planning two traditional exploration events and two historically focused events per year. The upcoming event will be a docent conducted tour of the Jewish History Museum and Center for Holocaust Education by one of our new branch members, Lynn Bliss. More details will be coming soon.

If you would like to join this group, please contact Nancy Dunis with your name and contact information at: [n.dunis65@gmail.com](mailto:n.dunis65@gmail.com).

Come join the fun!  
Marty Maharg  
Interest Group Chair

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Jennifer Gladwell promised herself she would meet new people, have fun, and learn “19 (things) in 19.” She joined our branch in November and is well on her way to making new friends.

Jennifer graduated from PSU with a degree in Communications and has worked at Kaiser Permanente for the past sixteen years. As a Senior Communications Consultant, she writes stories about staff members that describe best practices (methods) to share with Kaiser Permanente employees nationwide. She also develops videos and teaches communication classes to front line staff. “The best part about my job is telling stories about the amazing

people who take care of patients.”

Jennifer had a busy fall helping her twins, seniors at Lakeridge High School, with their college applications. She also has a twenty-four year old daughter who teaches preschool and two energetic Labradors who “keep everyone on their toes!”

She recently took up knitting, a skill she’s finding a bit challenging but hugely rewarding. So far, she can knit and purl. Her list of “19 in 19” list also includes travelling and learning Spanish.

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## AAUW Fighting Gender Pay Gap

The gender pay gap is the result of many factors including occupational segregation, bias against working mothers, and direct pay discrimination. To close the gap we need action on all fronts – advocates, employers, and policymakers. Now AAUW has a new tool for individuals to fight the pay gap: Work Smart online.

Work Smart Online is a free online salary negotiation workshop, designed to empower women with the skills and tools they need to negotiate fair pay. Participants learn how to research competitive salaries; articulate their skills, qualifications, ask for, and get the pay they deserve.

Whether negotiating your own salary or learning more about negotiation skills to share with the community, Work Smart Online is for you or for anyone who wants to step up their salary negotiation skills.

Sign up today, then share this free course with your community! Take action and register now.

<https://courses.aauw.org/learn/register>

Advocacy begins with you.

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## 2019-2021 Board Nominees

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Marty Maharg, Donna Needham, and Jane Taft, has presented the following slate of officers for 2019-2021.

President: *Mary Pat Silveira*. Mary Pat currently is co-VP of Finance and serves on the State Public Policy Committee. She also chairs Non-Fiction Books and is very active with the Advocacy Interest Group.

Vice President of Program: *Diana Ricks*. Diana, formerly a long-time member of the Beaverton branch, stepped up this year to fill a one-year board vacancy as Secretary. She currently co-chairs the Lunch Bunch.

Secretary: *Donna Needham*. Donna currently is Hospitality Chair and previously served as Program VP.

Co-Vice President of Finance: *Susan Hornung*. A long-time branch member, Susan has served as President, VP of Membership, Treasurer, Interest Group Chair, and Newsletter Editor, as well as other positions. She will fill the one-year vacancy left when Mary Pat assumes the presidency.

Election of officers will take place at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Branch Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time. Written consent is required from any floor nominee

## Donate to the Education and Scholarship Fund

### Tax Deductible Donations

Lake Oswego AAUW has recently 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 is currently supporting education toward understanding Oregon's new equal pay statute and Title IX implementation in K-12 education.

To learn more about our scholarship, go to <https://lakeoswego-or.aauw.net/scholarship/>.

Contributions to this fund are tax deductible under current federal and state law.

#### To make a contribution by check:

Make checks payable to LOAAUW E&S Fund. Mail checks to PO Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036.

#### To make a contribution online: [Click Here](#)

Click the Donate Button at the bottom of the page. This will take you to our PayPal site. Fill in the amount you wish to contribute and how you want to pay. On the line that says Add special instructions to the seller: write E&S Fund. Fill in the rest of the required information and press the submit button.

Please email Stephanie Wagner at [stephanie@natureed.org](mailto:stephanie@natureed.org) or call (503) 803-7708 if you have questions.

Thank you for considering a contribution to our local Education and Scholarship Fund.



### 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 through the 14<sup>th</sup>, the meeting has been rescheduled to the Saturday before which is April 6. Please be sure to update your calendar

### 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.

## Interest Group Activities

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

Date: March 26  
Book: *At the Edge of the Orchard*  
By Tracy Chevalier  
Leader: Diane Harris  
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: March 13  
Book: *The ZigZag Girl* by Elly Griffin  
Leader: Suzanne Kaveckis  
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: March 21  
Book: *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell  
You She is Sorry* by Fredrik Backman  
Leader: Connie Irwin  
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: March 28  
Books: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and  
Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson  
Leader: Robi Ingram-Rich  
Hostess: Jane Taft

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

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

Date: March 22  
Book: *Educated* by Tara Westover  
Presenter: Irene Romero

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

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

Date: March 11  
Book: *The Warmth of Other Suns* by  
Isabel Wilkerson  
Leader: Cathy Croghan Alzner

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: March 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](mailto:bewillis@easystreet.net)

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

Date: March 19  
Location: Dar Esslam (Moroccan)  
29585 Park Pl, Wilsonville

The ladies of Lunch Bunch will meet March 19 at 11 :30am. Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Terry Hyland at [tw20eagle@comcast.net](mailto:tw20eagle@comcast.net) or call Diana Ricks at (503) 858-7481

**Exploring our Northwest  
Date to be determined**

Event: Docent tour by AAUW member Lynn Bliss  
Location: Jewish History Museum and Center for Holocaust Education

If interested, please contact Nancy Dunis at [n.dunis65@gmail.com](mailto:n.dunis65@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: March 8  
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](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)**

## March 2019

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

# April 2019

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	1  <b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	2 <b>Board Meeting</b>	3	4	5	6 <b>Branch Meeting</b>
7	8 <b>Non-Fiction Books</b> <b>Laffalot Bridge</b>	9	10 <b>Murder by the Book</b>	11 <b>Lobby Day</b>	12 <b>State Convention</b>	13 <b>State Convention</b>
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