

**Lake Oswego Branch Officers
2019-2020
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Introduction of New Members Installation of Officers Awards and Recognitions Named Gift Honorees



Installation of Officers

Diana Ricks (Program Vice-President) Donna Needham (Secretary), Mary Pat Silveira (President) and Betsy McDowell (past State President, Board member Salem branch) Not pictured, Susan Hornung (Finance Co-Vice President)

Thank you to all members, worker-bees and attendees, who helped make this event so successful. It was delightful and inspiring. Outgoing officers, thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Branch. Incoming officers, welcome. With your leadership, we look forward to another great year.

Squire's Scriblings

Pat Squire

This is my last column, and I'm sure many of you will be relieved. I have a feeling Mary Pat, your new president, will take a different approach, and it's about time, don't you think?

So, in conclusion, all I can really say is thank you to all of you who have made my time as president so delightful, rewarding, and easy. I think together we've accomplished quite a bit for our branch, and for our mission, and had a great time along the way.

So thank you for the privilege, and thank you for naming me a "Named Gift Honoree", a high honor indeed. And congratulations to Marty Maharg as well – she works hard and truly deserves the recognition.

See you soon!
Pat

On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira

We are all familiar with the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, whether we have personally witnessed it or not. It is smooth and precise, without disruption or error. Picture it, and then please give me a little slack! You are aware that I am taking over from Pat Squire, who has served as an incredible Branch president and who has overseen growth in both the size of the Branch and in the breadth of our undertakings. I can only promise that I will do my best to live up to your expectations. To do this, I will need your help.

I invite each and every one of you to share with me your ideas, your suggestions and your constructive criticisms, and I invite each and every one of you to participate fully in the life of the Branch and to step up when volunteers are needed.

AAUW gives us the wonderful opportunity to make friends, discuss books, lunch and dine together, play bridge, travel and explore. I believe that most of us joined for one or more of those reasons. I know that I did.

However, we also need to remember the seriousness of our mission. We want to support equal access to education at all levels and in all fields for women, and we want to ensure that women and girls can study without sexual harassment or sexual violence. We want health care, equal pay and equal opportunity for women in the workplace, also without being prey to sexual harassment or violence; we want women to be able to have control over their own bodies and reproduction; and we want to stop human trafficking.

I invite each and every one of you to take an active role in the struggle for full equality and safety for women – under the law – in the workplace, at school and university, and at home.

I invite each and every one of you to sign up for the [AAUW Action Network and Two-Minute Activist Tool](#). It really does allow you to make a significant input to national policy-making in, well, two minutes!

I invite each and every one of you to register for [Work Smart](#) on line now, and to share it with men, women, girls and

boys alike. This free negotiation course is supported by a significant grant from Coca-Cola. **If we do not get a large number of people to register by mid-August, AAUW may forfeit its ability to attract similar grants in the future.** Besides, AAUW of Oregon has challenged AAUW of Washington to see who gets the most registrations. Help us out: Go Oregon!

I look forward to working with you all over the coming months, and I thank all of you wonderful, strong and good women for participating in this important organization.



Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox.

Join the AAUW Action Network today!

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

Branch Recognizes Board Members and Leaders

Pat Squire

Branch board members and other leaders gained kudos at the Branch

Brunch on May 18, the final branch meeting of the year.

Recognized were Mary Pat Silveira and Stephanie Wagner, co finance vice presidents, for their streamlining the membership dues process, and for gaining an account with the State AAUW 501-c-3, enabling members to make tax deductible contributions. Nancy Dunis received kudos (in absentia) for a fine slate of branch programs during the year, and Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis gained credit for a strong membership committee which helped recruit, introduce and engage our new members. Thanks went to Diana Ricks for keeping us up to date with good meeting minutes, and for partnering with Catharine Hojem to do our first Work Smart program at Clackamas Community College.

Robi Ingram-Rich keeps us abreast of AAUW's national initiatives in public policy, and Susan Shea keeps track of our donations to AAUW Funds, and the sometimes complex process for crediting them.

On the communications front, Karen Rottink keeps us in the public eye with her great publicity campaigns; Cathy Croghan Alzner and Kris Schultz get credit for doing an eye-catching and very readable monthly newsletter; and thanks to Jane Taft for keeping our electronic communications accurate and timely. Stephanie Carter continues to work behind the scenes on keeping our website up-to-date.

Big thanks went to Marty Maharg, who coordinates our 12 interest groups and helps get new members plugged in quickly, and to Donna Needham, who

orchestrated our branch meetings with set-up and refreshments.

A special thanks in absentia to Carol Cooper, who spent years as our Marylhurst liaison and got a new scholarship program started with Clackamas Community College (CCC) last summer. And special recognition went to Catharine Hojem, who took over the CCC relationship and has developed wonderful relationships on campus (and see WorkSmart above!). And finally, a big thanks to Jeanne Lemieux, who stepped in to chair the new Advocacy Group and is moving their agenda along nicely.

Great job everyone, and thanks for your excellent volunteer service.



Your editors will be taking a break for the summer, returning in September. We plan to have the September newsletter out the last week of August so would you kindly send us all **September submissions by August 1**. Thank you.

We wish you a relaxing, enjoyable, and safe summer. See y'all in September.
Cathy and Kris

Named Gift Honorees



Marty Maharg

Mary Pat Silveira

Marty is special in so many ways. Within a year after joining the Lake Oswego Branch in 2014, she had stepped up to help Carol Cooper co-chair the Membership Committee. Marty's leadership skills were so apparent that, in 2016, she was tasked with becoming Interest Group Chair. Under her direction, the Interest Groups have grown in both number and in participation, and they have served as a major draw for new members. Marty provides organization, backstopping, and communication. She also listens. When members suggest ideas for new interest groups, Marty responds immediately.

These are Marty's formal roles within the Branch, but, in fact, Marty is always a willing volunteer, whether it is to bring food, or set up tables and chairs, or staff a table at a public information event. Her giving attitude and openness makes her a joy to work with within AAUW.

Marty is equally giving outside of the Branch as well. She is a volunteer mentor with ASPIRE student mentoring at the Canby high school, and she is a founding member of the West Linn Alliance for Inclusive Community (WLAIC), where she serves on both the Outreach and the Schools Committees. Her work on the Schools Committee, in particular, led her to be honored by the School Board and School Administration for her contributions to furthering inclusiveness in the West Linn Schools.



Pat Squire
Karen Rottink

Pat definitely deserves this honor. After joining the Lake Oswego Branch in 2012, she served two years as Program Vice President, and now has completed four years as President. During her tenure, Pat worked to promote AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

As Program Vice President, she provided diverse, informative, and interesting monthly programs that led to an increased branch membership. For example, one program focused on African American Women in Portland, and another powerful program was about Sex Trafficking of Minors in Oregon. The latter made such an impact upon branch members that several hundred dollars were collected at the meeting to help police support the programs.

During her presidency, Pat initiated the Advocacy Committee, to promote AAUW's mission with state and Federal legislators. In addition to her presidential responsibilities, Pat promoted Lake Oswego Reads programs, including Reader's Theatre, and organized and/or participated in a variety of subcommittees, branch and AAUW State activities.

Not only is Pat an innovative leader, she is a good friend and willing participant. We wish her the best in her new endeavor: AAUW State Programs Chair

Exploring Our Northwest

Lynn Bliss, LO Branch member and docent at Oregon Jewish Museum and Holocaust Center, will lead us on a tour June 11. We will meet at the Crown Plaza (off I-5 near Stanford's) at 10:15 to carpool. Please park in the area facing Stanford's.

OJM only accepts one transaction for payment so please bring \$5 in cash which will be collected at the carpooling.

New Members' Profiles



Sharron Noone
Mary Pat Silveira

As a dual member and Recording Secretary of the Gresham Branch of AAUW, Sharron is already an active participant in the Oregon State Public Policy Group and assisted in organizing Lobby Day this year.

Sharron has had an interesting and varied career. After completing her BA degree in sociology, she began as a caseworker for the State of Oregon in one of President Johnson's "Great Society" Programs, focusing on assisting the poorer populations of Portland. She later became a Probation Officer for the City of Portland, a Juvenile Parole Officer in NE Portland, and an Investigator and Compliance Officer in the Civil Rights Division for the State of Oregon. From there she was recruited to be Assistant Corporate Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Manager at Georgia Pacific, and, later, Corporate EEO Manager at Evans Products.

In 1984 she returned to university, earning a Masters' Degree in Public Administration at Lewis and Clark University, and a Ph.D. in Workplace Adult Education and Design at Oregon State University. She decided to leave the corporate world and began a thirty-year career teaching at Portland State and Marylhurst Universities. She also taught and consulted for the League of Oregon Cities where she gave workshops on both Leadership in Turbulent Times and Supervision in the Public Sector to public sector managers from all over Oregon.



Sharon Brabenac
Mary Pat Silveira

"Advocating for causes that fundamentally change people's lives" – that is Sharon Brabenac's passion, and it is well reflected in her work. She is the current Executive Director of Africa Bridge, an organization that assists vulnerable children in Tanzania and is helping Tanzanian villages break the cycle of poverty.

She also has her own consulting business which focuses on fundraising, community outreach, strategic planning, training and marketing. Prior to that,

Sharon worked as Regional Major Gifts Officer for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Director of Major Gifts and Director of Resources Development for the YMCA of Columbia Willamette, Development Director of the YMCA of Greater Portland, and Director of Development at Self-Enhancement, Inc.

Sharon holds a BS and an MBA from Portland State University, where she also taught a Leadership Seminar for graduate and undergraduate credit in both the School of Education and the School of Business, and she helped to build the Advisory Student Services in the Business School.

Sharon enjoys travelling, especially international bike tours. She also takes pleasure in gardening and landscaping and has been an avid stamp collector since she was a child. As a teenager, Sharon put together a large display of elephant stamps from around the world that were on exhibition at the Portland Zoo for 15 years and used to help raise funds for the Elephant Museum at the zoo.

Sharon currently serves on the Boards of the Lake Oswego Women's Coalition, where she is Membership Chair, and of the City Club of Portland, where she has been an active member since 1993. She has also served as President and on the Advisory Board for the YMCA of Greater Portland, and she created a non-profit called Access to Opportunity to raise funds for students in Belize.



Sandra Spatz-Wiszneuckas

Karen Rottink

Inspired by two branch meetings, Elizabeth Estabrooks's presentation about women veterans and Senator Rob Wagner's presentation, Sandra Spatz-Wiszneuckas joined the AAUW Lake Oswego Branch. Estabrooks's presentation particularly resonated with Sandra who served in the Marine Corps (1966-1969) and remains active in the Women's Marine Corps Association. Sandra co-founded the Chapter 641 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Springs, Maryland that helps maintain Vietnam Memorial Wall and promotes legislation beneficial to veterans.

Sandra earned an Associate of Arts degree from Mira Costa College and an Associate Degree in Nursing from College of Lake County.

Born in Pennsylvania and having lived in various parts of the United States, in 2011, Sandra and husband Dave, settled in Lake Oswego to be closer to family. She enjoys reading, but her favorite activity is being Nana to her eight-year-old grandson.

Interest Group Activities

Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: June 25

Book: *Eagle and Crane* by Suzanne Rendell

Presenter: Pat Squire

Date: July 23

Event: Book choosing festival at the home of Lynda Bigler.

To RSVP contact Lynda Bigler, (503) 522-6709, libigler@icloud.com

Murder by the Book

2nd Wednesday at 12:00pm

Date: June 12

Book: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

Leader: Kris Schultz

Location: 4949 Meadows Rd, Suite 200
Lake Oswego.

Date: June 15

Event: Annual book selection at the home of Cackie Kyle

Date: July 10

Book: *Extraordinary People* by Peter May

Leader: Cathi Rooth

Date: August 14

Book and leader: TBD

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 am

Date: June 20

Book: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Leader: Carol Zinski

Hostess: Carol Cooper

Date: July 18

Book: *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

Leader: Betsy Dixon

Hostess: Sandy Hackney

Date: August 15

Time: 10:00am

Event: Annual book selection at the home of Stephanie Wagner

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 7:00pm

Date: June 27

Book: *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan

Leader and Hostess: Stephanie Carter

Date: July 25

Book: *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape and the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard

Leader: Suzanne Kaveckis

Hostess: Barbara McDonald

Date: August 17

Event: Annual book selection at home of Susan Hornung

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

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00am

Date: June 28

Book: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*

By David Grann

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

Non-Fiction Books

2nd Monday at 11:00am

Date: June 10
 Book: *This House of Sky* by Ivan Doig
 Leader: Catharine Hojem

Date: July 8
 Book: *Who Cooked Adam Smith's Dinner* by Katrine Marcel
 Leader: Garlene Logan

Date: August 12
 Book: *How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence* by Michael Pollan
 Leader: Sharon Callen

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 1:00pm

Date: May 13
 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 or bewillis@easystreet.net

Lunch Bunch **3rd Tuesday at 11:30am**

Date: June 18
 Location: Oswego Grill
 30080 SW Boones Ferry Rd.
 Wilsonville, OR

Date: July 16
 Location: Stone Cliff Inn
 17900 S Clackamas River Rd.
 Oregon City, OR

Date: August 20
 Location: Oswego Grill
 7 Centerpointe Dr., Lake Oswego, OR

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Terry Hyland at twh20eagle@comcast.net or call Diana Ricks at (503) 858-7481

Portland Center Stage **2019-20 Season**

If you are interested in joining the Thursday noon theatre group at Portland Center Stage for the 2019-20 season, please contact Betty Barber at barberbc@yahoo.com for packages and pricing. Please visit pcs.org for descriptions of the upcoming shows.

Advocacy Interest Group

Date: June 21
 Location: West Linn Library
 Time: 1:00 p.m.

Formed in 2018, this group is currently working on a program to share information about Oregon's Equal Pay Law, Title IX and AAUW's WorkSmart. For more information, contact Jeanne Lemieux at (503) 816-7488 or Jeanne.e.lemieux@gmail.com

June 2019

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Membership Brunch



Betsy McDowell, Robi Ingram-Rich,
Claudia Gray



Pam Berg, Cathy Croghan Alzner,
Lynn Bliss, Donna Needham,
Jane Taft



Cyndie Glazer



Shannon Silveira



Diane Smith



Mary Pat Silveira

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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

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ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

\$_____ Donation Amount – Write check to AAUW FUNDS

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- #9110 AAUW Greatest Needs Fund – Allocated where most needed
- #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
- _____ Insert Fund Number _____ Fund Name

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