

**Lake Oswego Branch Officers  
2018-2019  
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**Member Brunch  
Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m.**

**Introduction of New Members  
Installation of Officers  
Awards and Recognitions  
Named Gift Honorees**

**Oswego Heritage House  
A Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lake Oswego**



**Irene Romero, Stephanie Carter, Susan Hornung  
and Ruth Gillaspie**

Come celebrate our branch and its members, and honor those who devote many hours to keep it running. The Brunch is a gift from the Board to the Branch. The festive meal includes breakfast casseroles, fruit salad and muffins, coffee, tea, and juice.

While there is no charge for the brunch, we do need to know how many people will be there. Please reserve your place by responding to the e-mailed invitation or contacting Jane Taft ([taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com) or 503-709-3185) by Tuesday, May 14.

## Squire's Scribblings



Pat Squire, Jeanne Lemieux, Teresa Schader  
and State Senator Rob Wagner

As I am preparing to go to Lobby Day and our State AAUW Convention, I am excited about the future of our organization, and particularly our branch.

- Our branch will be offering what we believe to be the state's first WorkSmart program on May 16 at Clackamas Community College (CCC). Under the leadership of Catharine Hojem and Diana Ricks, the class will include some 25 students completing the online WorkSmart program. Outstanding!
- Jackie Sandmeyer of TIX of Portland, gave a fantastic presentation about the importance of Title IX at our April branch meeting. It invigorated everyone in the room to push for more support for this program.

- More of our members are becoming involved in advocating for AAUW issues, including support for two full-time Title IX staff people in the State Department of Education (instead of the ¼ time person we currently have).
- More members are emerging as branch leaders! (Some branches have a hard time filling positions) We do have a wealth of talent in our branch
- .Welcome to so many interesting new members! Watch out for Gretchen Amann, Lynn Bliss, Cyndie Glazer, Jennifer Gladwell, Cheryl Levie, Teresa Schader, Cynthia Sloan, Diane Smith, Stella Pirrung and Sandra Spatz-Wiszneaukas. I hope to see you all at the membership brunch on May 18!

Once again, thanks to all of you for pitching in, and as they said during WWII in London, "doing your bit". With a strong volunteer ethic and great people involved, our branch will thrive!

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**Please submit any events which need to be included on the June/July/August calendars by May 15.**



**Lynn Bliss**

### **New Member Profile** **By Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis**

New member Lynn Bliss is a relative newcomer to Lake Oswego, having moved here last year to be nearer to her sister and her family. Lynn's long career in teaching and practice in speech pathology began with an experience in high school, when she could not communicate with a young woman with cerebral palsy who had difficulty speaking. Guided by that desire to communicate and help, she sought an undergraduate degree at Boston University and the University of Wisconsin, and then a Master's degree in Speech pathology at Teacher's College, Columbia University in New York. After several years of work in New York, she was accepted into the PhD program at the University of Michigan. Upon completion of her PhD, her path as a professor and administrator in higher education took her to Pennsylvania (Penn State) and Michigan (Wayne State), and then Texas (University of Houston).

She has traveled in Europe, and received a Fulbright grant for a four-month professional experience in Cyprus.

Lynn is a docent at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Holocaust Memorial, and will host an upcoming visit planned by our "Exploring the Northwest" interest group. She was a docent at the Houston Art Museum, and is exploring similar opportunities at the [Portland Art Museum](https://www.portlandartmuseum.org/). To relax and unwind, Lynn enjoys needlepoint. Many thanks to Pam Berg for encouraging Lynn to join AAUW Lake Oswego.



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/>



### Exploring Our Northwest Update:

Co-chairs Nancy Dunis and Sue Kingzett have revitalized this interest group which will include a number of historical and diverse sites.

They have made arrangements with LO Branch member Lynn Bliss, docent, who will lead the group on a tour of **Oregon Jewish Museum and Holocaust Center**.

Core exhibits will include:

- Discrimination and Resistance, An Oregon Primer: History of discrimination In Oregon.
- Oregon Jewish Stories: Oregon's Jewish community from its beginnings during the Gold Rush through today.
- The Holocaust, An Oregon Perspective: stories of Holocaust survivors.

Admission is \$5.00

Carpools will leave at 10:00AM and lunch will follow the tour.

The **date** has yet to be determined but will be either **Tuesday June 11th** or **Thursday June 20th**. Please email your date preference and RSVP to Nancy Dunis [n.dunis65@gmail.com](mailto:n.dunis65@gmail.com).

Please, no phone calls.  
Please watch the newsletter Interest Groups page for specific details regarding date, lunch site, and carpools.

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### Celebrating 130 Years of AAUW American Fellowships

The American Fellowship program is the oldest and largest of AAUW's fellowship and grants programs. It was founded in 1888, a time when women were discouraged from pursuing higher education. Now one of the largest sources of funding for graduate education for women, the program has supported more than 5,000 women scholars who are completing dissertations, taking research leave from their colleges or universities, or finalizing Research for publication – three critical points in a woman's academic career.



One such recipient was Nettie Stevens (1908-1909). She was one of the first women in the field of genetics; she is co-credited with the discovery of sex chromosomes. The pair of sex chromosomes that she studied subsequently became known as the X and Y chromosomes.

## Interest Group Activities

### **Tuesday Books** **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 11:00am**

Date: May 28  
Book: *Varina* by Charles Frazier  
Presenter: Colleen Geckler

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

### **Murder by the Book** **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00pm**

Date: May 8  
Book: *As Death Draws Near* by Anna Lee Huber  
Leader: Cackie Kyle  
Location: 4949 Meadows Rd, Suite 200  
Lake Oswego.

For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com) or Stephanie Carter (971) 285-5882, [secarter1@gmail.com](mailto:secarter1@gmail.com)

### **Interpretive Books** **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:30 am**

Date: May 16  
Book: *Educated* by Tara Westover  
Leader: Ann Keddie  
Hostess: Laura Eyer

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

### **Thursday Evening Books** **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm**

Date: May 23  
Book: *The Little Paris Bistro* by Nina George  
Leader: Vicki Clark  
Hostess: Vicki Clark

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

### **Friday Books** **4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10:00am**

Date: May 24  
Book: *The Road to Unfreedom* by Timothy Snyder  
Presenter: Ann Meyer

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

### **Non-Fiction Books** **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10:00am**

Date: May 13  
Book: *The Children of Willesden Lane: Beyond the Kindertransport* by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen  
Leader: Marty Maharg

Location: Cortona Room at Nicoletta's Table. For more information, contact Mary Pat Silveira at [mpsilveira@usa.net](mailto:mpsilveira@usa.net) or (503) 344-4947



**Laffalot Bridge  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bewillis@easystreet.net)

**Lunch Bunch  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11:30am**

Date: May 21  
Location: Chart House  
5700 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland

The ladies of the Lunch Bunch warmly invite you to join them for good food, fellowship and fun. **Reservations are required.**

Please RSVP to Terry Hyland at [tw20eagle@comcast.net](mailto:tw20eagle@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](mailto:barberbc@yahoo.com) for packages and pricing. Please visit [pcs.org](http://pcs.org) for descriptions of the upcoming shows.

**Advocacy Interest Group  
Date varies**

Date: May 17  
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](mailto:Jeanne.e.lemieux@gmail.com)

**Exploring our Northwest**

Event: Docent tour by AAUW member Lynn Bliss

Date:  
Location: Jewish History Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. 724 NW Davis St, Portland

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



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