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2019 - 2020 Kick-off Meeting Celebrating the 100th Anniversary Of Women's Suffrage



The flag of the National Woman's Party (NWP) 1913-1920 became the flag of the American suffrage movement

Saturday, September 14, 2019

9:30 Social Time

10:00 Program

Oswego Heritage House

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

Our celebration of women's suffrage begins with a reader's theater presented by some of our members. *The Hour Has Come*, adapted from playwright Rosemary Knower's *Failure is Impossible*, highlights some of the the history, debate, and voices surrounding the 1848-1920 suffrage movement. Historical source data include the Congressional Record, newspapers, personal letters, diaries, and memoirs.

The second half of the meeting will be a discussion of the direction and goals of our branch for the coming year. We are interested in hearing from you, the members, as we look forward to the new year. This is your branch.

On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira

Welcome back to a new year of programs, advocacy, and fellowship. I hope that you all have enjoyed your summer.

This has been a wonderful few months of women helping women.

Here in Oregon, Pat Squire and Nancy Brown put together a fabulous Summer Leadership Conference. This is discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, but I would here like to thank Pat and Nancy for their hard work and a successful set of panels, presentations, leadership, and counterpart sessions.

At the national level, three important bills have recently passed the House of Representatives. The Even Playing Field Act calls for equal pay, investment and working conditions for US national team athletes, coaches, and other personnel. The Paycheck Fairness Act closes loop holes in the Federal Equal Pay Act of 1963. And, most recently, on July 23, the Building Blocks of STEM Act calls on the National Science Foundation (NSF) to allocate funding for research more equitably and to look into the factors that discourage or encourage girls to engage in STEM activities. These bills have been introduced into the Senate, but no action has yet has been taken. However, what does stand out is that all three of these bills were introduced onto the floor of the House or Senate by women.

At the international level, we heard the sound of broken glass as two women were recognized for their talents, skills, and character. Ursula von der Leyen of

Germany, a gynecologist and mother of seven, was the first woman elected to lead the European Commission and its 32,000 member staff. Christine Lagarde of France, just now completing eight years as Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, was appointed the first woman president of the European Central Bank.

Both women have been champions of gender equality and female empowerment throughout their careers. I was struck, in particular, by a statement that Christine Lagarde made recently. She said that she tries to do something to help women every day. Now that is a philosophy that we could all adopt, especially as we begin our celebration of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution.

The Oregon Legislature and Campaign Finance Reform

Trish Garner, State Public Policy Chair

Representative Dan A. Rayfield, 16th District, with election policy experts and other legislative campaign finance reform leaders, will present a statewide forum tour in September. Forums will feature a history of Oregon campaign finance reform, discussion of the 2019 legislature's accomplishments, and a community discussion about campaign finance reform.

These forums will take place across the state. In our area, the closest will be in Hillsboro September 9th at Shute Park; in Milwaukie on September 10th at Clackamas Community College, Harmony Community Room; and in

Portland on September 11th at the Midland Library.

AAUW members are encouraged to attend and identify themselves as such, as appropriate.

LO Branch Rocks at State Leadership Conference

Pat Squire



Sue Klumph, AAUW Oregon Co-president elect, Grants Pass; Linda Liebenstein, Membership Chair, Tigard; Marty Maharg, Interest Group Chair, Lake Oswego; and Ellen Dello Stritto, President, Salem.

Our branch had the largest attendance at the AAUW Summer Leadership Conference July 12-14 at Western Oregon University.

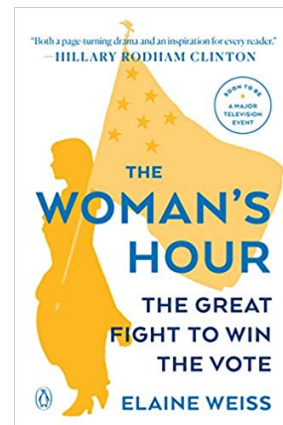
Marty Maharg was outstanding on a panel titled "Building and Strengthening your Branch." Two other highly rated sessions were led by Kelli Matthews, a social media specialist, and Mary Mertens James, a district court judge from Salem.

Other LO attendees were Catharine Hojem, Donna Needham, Diana Ricks, Kris Schultz, Jane Taft, and Branch President Mary Pat Silveira.

Pat Squire was an organizer of the event in her role as State Program VP and Nancy Dunis led a district meeting in her role as North Central District Director.

Book Blog

Diana Ricks



By July, 1920, the 72 year battle for woman suffrage had come down to one final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment. Success or failure depended upon Tennessee.

This book describes not only the strong women who led the battles but also bitter divisions within the suffrage movement. "Weiss details the tribalism within the women's movement as personified by Carrie Catt and the more militant and provocative Alice Paul, who led the National Woman's Party." Issues of the proper role for women, socialism, communism, and governmental tyranny over states' rights also stoked the most terrible fight in the suffrage battle.

Weiss has "a superb sense of detail, and it's the deliciousness of her details that suggests certain individuals warrant entire novels of their own.

“Everything the Cause had accomplished — every state won, every piece of legislation, every change of heart and shift in policy — was once considered utterly impossible,” Weiss writes. “Until it wasn’t.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/18/books/revIEWS/womans-hour-elaine-weiss.html>



"At Last"

The Suffragist, Saturday, June 21, 1919, Bryn Mawr College Library

Help Wanted - Social Media

Do you tweet like a teenager? Are you ingenious with Instagram? The Lake Oswego branch would like to expand its presence on various social media and is seeking a member who can develop and maintain branch accounts. If you are interested, please contact Mary Pat Silveira, mpsilveira@usa.net, (615) 804-6253 or Jane Taft, taft.jane@gmail.com (503)709-3185.

New Member Profile



Cyndie Glazer
Marge Ransom

Cyndie Glazer is a new member who hardly needs an introduction. People throughout the area already know and love her, thanks to her leadership of the hugely successful Lake Oswego Reads program. Many of our members had the pleasure of meeting her in February 2018, when she shared an up-close-and-personal look at the program that is very much her “baby.”

Cyndie recommended that the community be involved in selecting the book to be read as the surest way to build widespread interest. She succeeded, and this initiated the program’s 2006 debut. Since then it has expanded, growing into one of the most robust community-reads programs in the country. Additionally, Cyndie oversees Volunteer Services for the LO Library.

This portion of her job entails coordinating a cadre of 500 volunteers and the vital work they do.

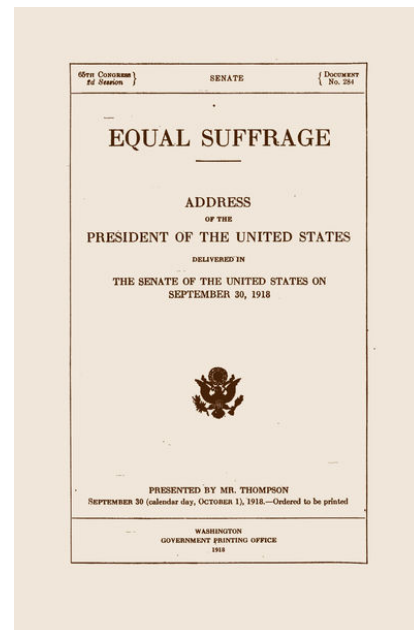
Cyndie grew up in Bellevue, Washington. She graduated from Lewis and Clark College, earning a B.S. in Communications. After several years in the Midwest, Cyndie returned to the Northwest, living in Lake Oswego for the past thirty years. Prior to working at the Library, she planned and implemented major communications efforts, including the annual Portland Creative Conference, which brought a host of “creative types” to our city to share their ideas and experiences.

In her free time, Cyndie is very involved with Lakewood Center for the Arts and has served on the Board for over twenty years. She also enjoys traveling. Cyndie and husband Peter, are looking forward to an upcoming jaunt to Peru, and more trips ahead after they retire. Her biggest thrill, though, is spending time with her four grandchildren, two nearby in West Linn and two near-in-heart in California.



A few of the Non-Fiction Book Group enjoying Happy Hour

Suffrage Note of the Month



Fearing suffragist reprisal if the Senate rejected the suffrage amendment, on September 30, 1918 President Woodrow Wilson “delivered a brief, impassioned speech in the Senate Chamber, pleading with senators to deliver ‘justice to women’.” His speech tried to dissuade the “anti’s” who opposed state(s) enfranchisement “of those women who are not our race,” who believed that women possessed neither the “intellectual nor emotional capacity to make reasoned decisions,” and who did not want to relent to “the demands of the so-called ‘petticoat brigade’.”

<https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/image/WilsonSpeech1918.htm>

Interest Group Activities



Tuesday Books **4th Tuesday at 11:00am**

Date: September 24
Book: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
Presenter: Marty Maharg
Meeting Place: Szechuan Kitchen Restaurant, 15450 Boones Ferry Rd. Lake Oswego

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

Murder by the Book **2nd Wednesday at 12:00pm**

Date: September 11
Book: *Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey
Leader: Kris Schultz
Location: Stephanie Carter's home

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: September 19
Book: *The Sea* by John Banville
Leader: Donna Saffir
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 7:00pm**

Date: September 26
Book: *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes
Leader and Hostess: Pam Berg

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

Friday Books **4th Friday at 10:00am**

Date: September 27
Book: *Presidents of War* by Michael Beschloss

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

Non-Fiction Books **2nd Monday at 11:00am**

Date: September 9
Book: *Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America* by Wil Haygood
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 1:00pm

Date: September 9

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 want more information, contact Bettirae Willis, (503) 891-6232 or bewillis@easystreet.net



Lunch Bunch
3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: September 17

Location: La Provence

16350 Boones Ferry Rd. Lake Oswego

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Terry Hyland at tw20eagle@comcast.net or Marge Ransom (503) 941-9591



Portland Center Stage
2019-20 Season

If you are interested in joining the Thursday matinee 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: September 20

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

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  LABOR DAY	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9 Non-Fiction Books Laffalot Bridge	10	11 Murder by the Book	12	13	14 Branch Meeting
15	16	17 Lunch Bunch	18	19 Interpretive Books	20 Advocacy	21
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October 2019

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Lake Oswego AAUW Education and Scholarship Fund

Many thanks to the 49 members and friends who contributed to the Lake Oswego AAUW Education and Scholarship Fund from October 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019. Their combined efforts raised a total of \$3,080. These funds will be used to support the 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:

Thank you to Ann Keddle for her additional donations in memory of Peggy Lineweaver and Ken Cooper.

Donations to the Education and Scholarship Fund can be made with any credit or debit card through our PayPal account. You now have the possibility not only of making a one-time donation but also of becoming a continuing donor. Your \$5, \$10, or \$20 a month will go a long way to help us expand our education and scholarship program.

Go to our Donor page on our website for full instructions. You can click on this link <https://lakeoswego-or.aauw.net/branch-special-activities-fund/> to go directly to that page.

Donations can also be made by check made out to LOAAUW E&S Fund and mailed to PO Box 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036.

Contact Stephanie Wagner with questions at stephanie@natureed.org or 503-803-7708.

Thanks to everyone for your support!