

Oregon Foster Youth Connection

Saturday, October 12, 2019

9:30 Social Time

10:00 Program

Oswego Heritage House

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



American Association of University Women Lake Oswego presents a discussion on issues faced by young adults aging out of foster care. Two members of the Oregon Foster Youth Connection will lead the discussion. Members are former foster youth who want to improve the system. The organization's mission is to improve the foster care system through advocacy, activism and leadership. For example, they advocated for Senate Bill 745 which called for an additional \$8.5 million for the Child Welfare Independent Living Program as well as for improving the quality of both foster homes and providers, among other issues. Oregon Foster Youth Connection is a Children First for Oregon Program.

AAUW Portland also supports this program and has invited all of its membership to attend.

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On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira

What a fantastic program we had on September 14! We all owe a special thanks to Diana Ricks and Cathy Croghan Alzner for adapting a play originally intended for children into *The Hour Has Come* – a play that educated, entertained and inspired all of us adults at the meeting. Thanks also to our readers, Diana Ricks, Nancy Dunis, Diane Smith, Sharon Noone and Lynn Bliss. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, the play took us through the fight for ratification and underlined the power of women working together.

Now we need to use that power to achieve ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. We tend to think of the ERA as relatively modern, but in fact, it was first introduced by Alice Paul at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1923.

In the early 1940s there was bipartisan support for the ERA, but it was opposed by both social conservatives and the labor movement which feared that it would weaken workplace laws that helped to protect women. As a result, the impetus for passage floundered.

Interest revived in the 1960s during the civil rights movement. Organized labor and others joined the call for the ERA, and in 1972 the Equal Rights Amendment passed both the US Senate and the House of Representatives and was sent to the states for ratification.

Three-quarters (38) of the states must ratify an Amendment for it to become law. By 1977 the legislatures of 35 states had approved the amendment. In

1978 Congress voted to extend the original 1979 deadline to 1982. However, no additional states voted yes before that date, and the ERA fell three states short of ratification.

As the fight for women's rights, specifically equal pay for equal work and freedom from sexual harassment, gained momentum in the 2000s, work for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment was revived. In March of 2017 Nevada became the 36th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, and in 2018 Illinois became the 37th.

So, we are close. We are women united across the United States through AAUW. We must stand together and strong and join the fight to pass the Equal Rights Amendment.



Readers for *The Hour Has Come*
Diana Ricks, Nancy Dunis, Diane Smith,
Sharon Noone, Lynn Bliss.

You Did It! AAUW Delivers on Negotiation-Training Goal

AAUW Newsletter



With a lot of help from our members, AAUW hit a major milestone in our partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation to teach women everywhere to negotiate effectively. As of August 23, we've trained 102,656 women to ask for the salary they deserve, either through [Work Smart Online](#) or in-person workshops.

We knew our goal of reaching 100,000 women through Work Smart in less than a year would be ambitious. But we also knew our members would deliver — and you did (and then some). To further expand the program, we're entering into strategic partnerships with [women.nyc](#), Starbucks Global Academy, the city of Wichita, and many others. Through your support, we've engaged 500 professional organizations and state and local commissions through our outreach. The first New-York-based workshop will take place [next week](#).

A huge thank-you to all who helped us spread the word about Work Smart Online. For those who haven't, we still need you! Please continue to share [Work Smart Online](#) with your networks, including alumni groups and other online communities, and help us [promote women's economic security](#).

AAUW Scholarship Recipient: Cortney Rubio

Catharine Hojem

Cortney Rubio, a second year student at Clackamas Community College and single mother of two daughters, is the recipient of AAUW LO 2019 scholarship.

In 2012, Cortney was the supervisor at Round Table restaurant but wanted to pursue further education. She enrolled, but with the additional challenge of a new baby, she found working, parenting, and attending classes too demanding so she took online classes. A class in Early Childhood Education really captured her interest and she knew she wanted to help children.

Cortney especially is interested in the effects of trauma and neglect on children, and the development of resiliency. She attends workshops at OHSU on these subjects, and this further motivates her to continue pursuing her goal. Her plan is to complete her Associate's degree this year, and then to transfer to Portland State to get her Bachelor's and MA in Psychology. She has a specific interest in forensic interviewing and is considering possible future employment with the department of Homeland Security or the CIA.

Cortney demonstrates remarkable resiliency. Born in Chicago into a family with addiction issues, she and her sister while quite young were brought to Oregon to live with their grandparents. Her grandparents were a very positive influence, guiding her to believe that she could accomplish whatever she chose to do. Unfortunately, Cortney's grandmother died when she was

fourteen, forcing her to become quite independent. When fifteen, she worked at a fast-food job, giving all her income to her grandfather, who struggled to care for his five year old granddaughter, as well.

Cortney rightfully is proud of her 3.5 GPA and the message it's giving her daughters. Her seven-year old is very enthusiastic about her mother attending classes so they can "Do homework together!!!" Cortney knows achieving her goals will take time but she is confident she **will** succeed.



Dear AAUW Scholarship,

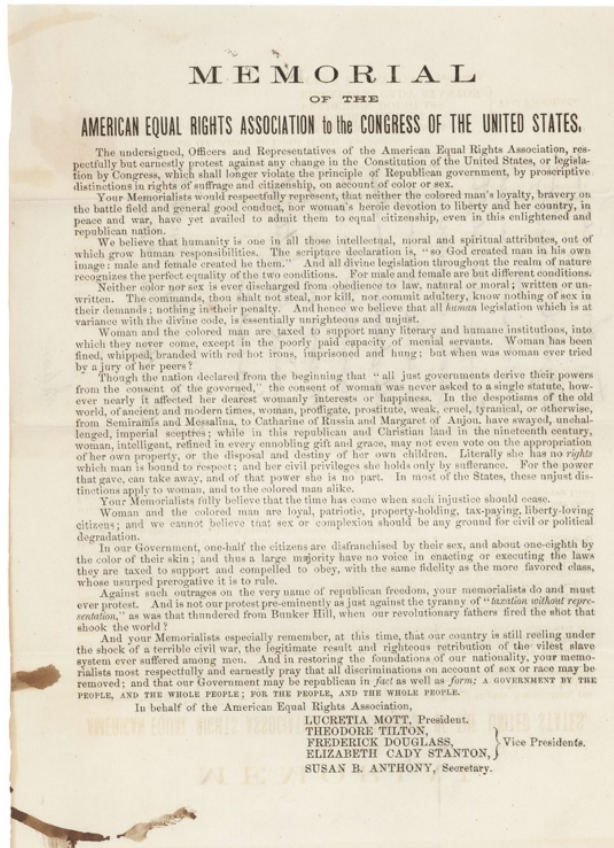
I would like to take this time to thank you for this scholarship and opportunity to continue with my schooling. I am very grateful for the American Association of University Women scholarship. The help I am getting, along with the support, is amazing.

I'm 27 years old and have two beautiful daughters. My oldest is 7, and my youngest is 3. They are my whole world and the motivation I needed to go back to school. My oldest daughter and I have really been able to bond over doing our homework together and going to the library for books. Receiving this kind of help, really helps make my goals possible and contributes greatly to a better life for me and my children.

I am currently in my second year at Clackamas Community College, where I will receive my Associates, then continue to Portland State University for my bachelor's in psychology. My end goal is to have my master's in psychology and get into Forensic Interviewing. I want to help others, especially children. My schooling is something I take very seriously and have great determination in accomplishing all my goals. Thank you again for believing in me and supporting me on my journey.

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."
Shirley Chisholm

Suffrage Note of the Month



<https://www.docsteach.org/documents/document/aera-memorial>

Suffragists thought women's help during the Civil War would result in universal suffrage for black men and all women. Unfortunately, the post-war racial and political climate was in turmoil. The Thirteenth Amendment freed slaves, the Fourteenth granted citizenship with rights thereof, and discussions of "male citizen" suffrage were occurring. Outraged that women would be left out, Susan B. Anthony declared to Frederick Douglass, "I will cut off this right arm of mine before I will ever work for or demand the ballot for the Negro and not for the woman."

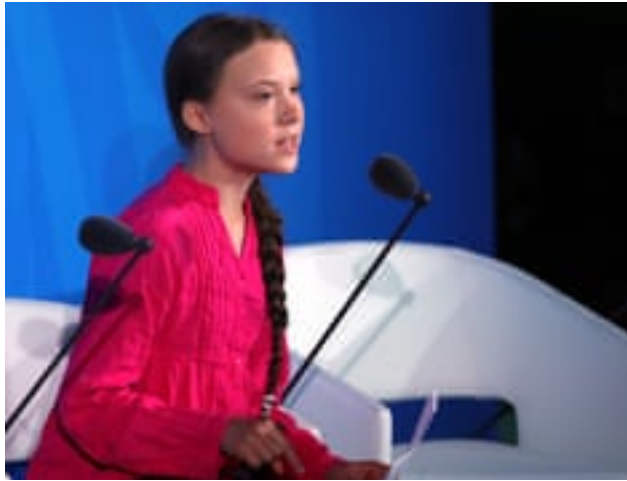
On May 10, 1866, Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, William Lloyd Garrison,

Frederick Douglass, Lucy Stone, and Lucretia Mott formed the American Equal Rights Association (AERA) whose purpose was "to secure Equal Rights to all American citizens, especially the Right of Suffrage, irrespective of race, color, or sex." The key feature of this unique statement was that **all adult American citizens** shared the same rights, a first for the nation.

Stanton and Anthony's ire soared with passage of the Fifteenth Amendment granting black men suffrage. In response they "descended into depths of vile racist rhetoric" (Weiss, *The Woman's Hour*, p.135) causing a split of the AERA and "bad blood" within the suffrage movement. In 1869 Stanton, Anthony, and their supporters created the all-female National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) that also addressed social issues of equal pay for an eight-hour day, and equitable marriage and divorce laws. The more moderate suffragists, including Lucy Stone, her husband Henry Blackwell, and Julia Ward Howe, formed the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA).

Twenty-one years later the NWSA and AWSA converged to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) to push for woman suffrage. Unfortunately, Anthony still tried to marginalize black women. Attempting to appeal to Southern white women, Anthony asked Frederick Douglass not to attend the 1895 NAWSA convention and in 1903 endorsed the NAWSA position allowing states to develop their own suffrage platforms which was the equivalent of "endorsing white supremacy in most states." (Spruill Wheeler, *One Woman One Vote*, p. 148)

Greta Thunberg “The Climate Heroine We Need”



<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/sep/25/greta-thunberg->

Sixteen-year old Greta Thunberg of Sweden turned a “personal school strike for climate awareness into a [global event](#) with over 4 million participants in the course of one year.” On September 23, 2019 she took on the world in New York City at the United Nations Climate Summit by passionately chastising world leaders for “stealing the future” of their children by allowing ecosystems to collapse and people to die while all they “can talk about is money, and fairy tales of eternal economic growth.

”<https://www.thecut.com/2019/09/un-climate-summit-greta-thunberg-gives-her-best-speech-yet.html>

At the age of eleven, Thunberg was dying of starvation associated with severe depression complicated by serious anxiety and nightmares about global warming. With parental and professional help, Thunberg was diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome and channeled her anxiety into activism resulting in a world-wide movement.

This amazing young woman not only is battling climate change deniers and those who are not interested in the environment, but also critics, so far all men, who have included misogynistic elements as well as shaming her for her Asperger’s.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/greta-thunberg-is-the-climate-heroine-we-need>

Her 495-word statement to the United Nations Climate Summit concluded with, “We will not let you get away with this. Right here, right now is where we draw the line. The world is waking up. And change is coming, whether you like it or not.”

<https://www.npr.org/2019/09/23/763452863/transcript-greta-thunbergs-speech-at-the-u-n-climate-action-summit>

Watch her speech:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/video/2019/sep/23/greta-thunberg-to-world-leaders-how-dare-you-you-have-stolen-my-dreams-and-my-childhood-video>

Interest Group Activities



Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: October 22

Book: *Catching the Sun* by Paula McLain

Presenter: Pat Filip

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: October 9

Book: *Desert Heat* by J.A. Jance

Leader: Suzanne Kaveckis

Location: Symposium Coffee 12345 SW Main St. Tigard, OR

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 9:30am

Date: October 17

Book: *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama

Leader: Carol Cooper

Hostess: Susan Hornung

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: October 24

Book: Any book by Toni Morrison

Leader: Susan Hornung

Hostess: Suzanne Kaveckis

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

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00am

Date: October 25

Book: *Grant* by Ron Chernow

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

Non-Fiction Books

2nd Monday at 11:00am

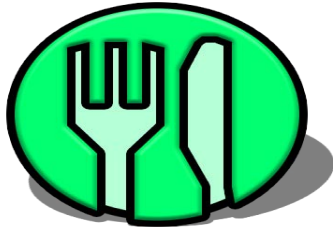
Date: October 14

Book: *Growing a Revolution* by

David R. Montgomery

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



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

Date: October 15
Location: Walter Mitty's
11830 Kerr Parkway. Lake Oswego

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

**Delightful Dining
October 12 at 6pm**

Breakfast for Dinner at the home of
Penny Hansen.
RSVP to Jane Taft by October 6 at
taft.jane@gmail.com



**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: October 18
Location: West Linn Library
Time: 1:00pm

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



**Exploring the Northwest
Leonard Bernstein Comes to
Portland (in spirit)**

On Wednesday, November 6 the group
will meet for a tour and lecture about the
life and activism of Leonard Bernstein.
AAUW member, Lynn Bliss, will lead the
tour at the Oregon Jewish Museum and
Center for Holocaust Education.

Register with Nancy Dunis,
n.dunis65@gmail.com. No texts or
phone calls please. Registration is
limited.

More details in the November
newsletter.

It is not just about lunch!!

The lunch bunch had the special treat of visiting Marlene Orchard and her marvelous mules and horses. They were treated to a history lesson by Marlene and her husband, Dr. Del Orchard, on the role of mules and horses in the West.



Lunch Bunch attendees: Marge Ransom, Marlene Orchard, Ruby, Terry Hyland and Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis.



Cricket is a seventeen- year old Molly mule. Molly mules have a horse for a mother and a donkey for a father.



Here is Marlene, putting Titan through his paces. Titan is a two-year old gelding being raised as a performance horse.



Ruby is a twenty-seven-year old Molly mule. She loves having her ears rubbed.

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		1 Board Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Murder by the Book	10	11	12 Branch Meeting Delightful Dining
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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
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- ☐ _____ Insert Fund Number _____ Fund Name

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