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# A Conversation with West Linn High School Robotics Students

Saturday, November 9, 2019
9:30 Social Time
10:00 Program
Oswego Heritage House
"A" Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lake Oswego



Members of West Linn High School's 2BDetermined Robotics team will discuss their experience of competing in the Girls Generation competition and participating in STEM day camps. The robotics teams are co-ed; however, in the Girls Generation tournament, only the female students are allowed on the floor to compete. The October 2019 tournament focused on "increasing opportunities for young women in Oregon to practice and demonstrate their skills in a day of competition," as they maneuvered the robots they created through a series of intricate maneuvers.

https://pamplinmedia.com/wlt/109-education/440634-353558-robotics-tourney-puts-girls-in-drivers-seat

#### On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira

On October 25, astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir became the first women to take part in an all-female spacewalk. This was not the first time that a woman had participated in a spacewalk, but it was the first time that the team was all female. Women were not even admitted into the American astronaut program until 1978 and the first American woman did not fly into space until Sally Ride did so in 1983.

American society needed to change for Koch and Meir to have this opportunity. One change was to encourage more women to acquire an advanced education, particularly in STEM. Dr. Jessica Meir has a master's degree from the International Space University and a doctorate in marine biology. Christina Koch holds a master's degree in electrical engineering.

Education matters. We know that. One of the most important things that we do every year is award a scholarship to a non-traditional female student. By facilitating the education of these women, we are helping them to lead a determined life.

Our Holiday Party is only weeks away. This is a fun event where we all have an opportunity to enjoy each other's company. It also is a serious event. This is the primary fundraiser for our Education and Scholarship (E&S) fund in which we combine individual contributions to help a student obtain a college degree, empowering her to make career choices. Who knows? Perhaps one of them will be an astronaut!

Please sign up today to participate in the Holiday Party. If you cannot attend, your donation to the E&S Fund would be greatly appreciated.

> AAUW BRANCH NAMED GIFT HONOREE

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AAUW annually allows each branch to recognize one member as a Named Gift Honoree for every \$500 in branch contributions to AAUW Funds. In recent years we have chosen just to recognize one or two women who have demonstrated exceptional service. The nominee(s) may have taken on one very large or several smaller tasks that promote AAUW's mission, which in turn helps makes our branch warm, vibrant and inviting. If you would like to nominate a member for this award. please send her name and why she should be considered to Susan Shea before January 15, 2020.

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Mother Teresa

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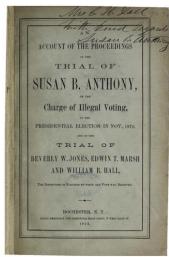
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### **Portland Women in Technology**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 10:00 a.m. The Portland Plaza, 1500 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Portland AAUW branch members invite the Lake Oswego branch to join them as they unravel with Portland Women in Technology (PDXWIT) what inhibits women from pursuing and securing employment in tech fields. PDXWIT is committed to advancing inclusion in Portland's technology industry and supports those who identify as women, non-binary and underrepresented in tech fields. The organization empowers individuals within the Portland-area tech industry by offering skill-building events, mentorship, and access to jobs and opportunities. Shaunna Levy will guide us through PDXWIT's process of advancing inclusion in Portland's technology industry. Please let me know if you plan to attend at dmricks472@gmail.com or (503)858-7481 by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Suffrage Note of the Month**



https://cdm.bostonathenaeum.org/digital/collection/p 15482coll3/id/4505/

Susan B. Anthony tirelessly campaigned for the woman suffrage amendment. Although she died fourteen years before the amendment was ratified in 1920, Anthony had the satisfaction of voting in her hometown of Rochester, New York.

Anthony's act of civil disobedience was well planned. She resolved "for three years to vote at the first election when I had been home for thirty days before," arguing that the Fourteenth Amendment which stated "all persons born and naturalized in the United States... are citizens" granted her the right to vote. Leading a group consisting of her three sisters and fifty suffragists Anthony demanded the Rochester election inspectors register them to vote. Rebuffed, Anthony persisted saying she would sue in Criminal Court charging them with denying the women their rights as citizens. Debating for an hour, the registrars ultimately conceded.

On November 5, 1872 Anthony and several other women voted. Delighted, she wrote the following letter to Elizabeth Cady Stanton:

#### "Dear Mrs Stanton

Well I have been & gone & done it!!--positively voted the Republican ticket--strait this a.m. at 7 Oclock--& swore my vote in at that--was registered on Friday....then on Sunday others some 20 or thirty other women tried to register, but all save two were refused....Amy Post was rejected & she will immediately bring action for that....& Hon Henry R. Selden will be our Counsel--he has read up the law & all of our arguments & is satisfied that we our right & ditto the Old Judge Selden--his elder brother... If only now--all the women suffrage women would work to this end of enforcing the existing constitution--supremacy of national law over state law--what strides we might make this winter--But I'm awful tired--for five days I have been on the constant run--but to splendid purpose--So all right--I hope you voted too.

Affectionately, Susan B. Anthony"

Arrested for unlawfully voting, Anthony was tried and convicted. She refused to pay the one hundred dollar fine and skillfully used the event to promote woman suffrage to an increasing audience.

http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/anthony/sbaaccount.html

### **LO Branch Facebook Page**

Karen Rottink, AAUW LO Public Information
Board Member

Our branch now has an additional way to communicate information to you on its Facebook Page and to provide an opportunity for you to share your thoughts about AAUW activities. To access the Facebook page, follow the appropriate instructions below.

If you **do not** have a Facebook account:

- 1. Choose a search engine such as Google or Safari and type Facebook into the search bar. Click enter.
- 2. Click the Facebook or Welcome to Facebook link.
- 3. To create your account, fill in the corresponding boxes:

First and last name

Email address

**Password** 

Sex/gender

Birthday (For security reasons do not enter birth year)

4. Click the green Sign Up button. Now you have a FREE Facebook Account!

If you **do** have a Facebook account:

- 1. Log onto Facebook. type aauwlakeoswegobranch into the search line. Hit enter. You now are on our Facebook page.
- 2. Or you can go directly to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/aauwlakeosw">https://www.facebook.com/aauwlakeosw</a> eqobranch to view our AAUW LO page.

Our Facebook page will be updated as new information becomes available. We hope you enjoy visiting it and sharing your comments often. We look forward to hearing from you. Please "Like" our Facebook Page to help promote it.

### **Interest Group Activities**



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

Date: November 26

Book: Map of the Salt and Stars by Jennifer

Zeynab Joukhadar Presenter: Dixie Kroupa

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00pm

Date: November 13

Book: *The Dry* by Jane Harper

Leader: Pat Squire

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

For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, <a href="mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com">taft.jane@gmail.com</a> or Stephanie Carter (971) 285-5882, secarter1@gmail.com

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

Date: November 21

Book: The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin

Leader: Laura Eyer Hostess: Connie Irwin For more information, contact Ann Keddie, <a href="mailto:rlkavk50@centurytel.net">rlkavk50@centurytel.net</a> or Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334, <a href="mailto:land.m.watkins@gmail.com">l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com</a>

### Thursday Evening Books 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm No meeting in November

Date: December 5

Book: *There There* by Tommy Orange Hostess and leader: Judy Hale

For more information, contact Suzanne

Kaveckis, (503) 678-1641, smkaveckis@icloud.com

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

Date: November 22 Book: *Moment of Lift* By Melinda Gates

For more information, contact Joan Waldron, (503) 746-3995, <a href="mailto:spirit.waldron@gmail.com">spirit.waldron@gmail.com</a>

### Non-Fiction Books 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 11:00am

Date: November 11

Book: Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World and Why Things are Better Than You Think By Hans Rosling with Olga Rosling and Anna Rosling Ronnlund

Leader: Karen Rottink

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



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

Date: November 19 Location: Chart House 5700 SW Terwilliger Blvd

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Terry Hyland at twh20eagle@comcast.net or

Marge Ransom (503) 941-9591

# Delightful Dining December 7 at 6pm

Delightful diners will prepare and enjoy a meal a la Jamie Oliver, noted British chef and restauranteur at the home of Martha Schrader. To reserve a space and receive a recipe, RSVP to Jane Taft at <a href="mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com">taft.jane@gmail.com</a>, or (503)709-3185 by November 30. Spouses/guests welcome.



## 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 <a href="mailto:barberbc@yahoo.com">barberbc@yahoo.com</a> for packages and pricing. Please visit <a href="mailto:pcs.org">pcs.org</a> for descriptions of the upcoming shows.



Advocacy Interest Group
Date: November 15
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 spiritu)

When: November 6

Where: Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. Register with Nancy Dunis, n.dunis65@gmail.com.

Registration limited.

Meet to carpool at Crown Plaza at 10 am sharp. Tour will begin at 11:15. Cost is \$5.00--cash only accepted. Lunch afterwards if desired.

# AAUW LAKE OSWEGO WINTER FUNDRAISER HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2:00-4:00pm

HOSTED BY KAREN AND BRUCE ROTTINK

14 TOUCHSTONE, LAKE OSWEGO

Spouses and Friends are welcome

Cost is \$20 per person to support local scholarship.

Please pay in advance. RSVP by Wednesday, December 4.



All donations support Clackamas Community College scholarships and local community education. Donations above \$20.00 are tax deductible. Even if you cannot attend, scholarship donations are always welcome.

Please send your checks made out to

LOAAUW Education and Scholarship Fund

to Holiday Party Fundraiser PO Box 416, Marylhurst, Oregon 97036

Or

Pay online <a href="https://lakeoswego-or.aauw.net/branch-special-activities-fund/">https://lakeoswego-or.aauw.net/branch-special-activities-fund/</a>

## November 2019

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| 10        | Non-Fiction<br>Books | 12                              | Murder by<br>the Book | 14                          | 15     | 16                     |
| 17        | 18                   | 19<br>Lunch Bunch               | 20                    | 21<br>Interpretive<br>Books | 22     | 23                     |
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#### December 2019 Wednesday Monday Tuesday Friday Sunday Thursday Saturday 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Delightful **Board Thursday** Meeting **Evening** Dining **Books** 10 11 12 13 14 **Holiday Party Non-Fiction Murder by Fundraiser Books** the Book 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 **Advocacy Lunch Bunch** Interpretive **Books** 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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