

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

On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira

The holiday season is now in full swing. Whether we celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or the winter solstice, our attention is largely focused on ways to share the holidays with family, friends, and our communities.

Within our Lake Oswego AAUW community, we began the season with our annual holiday party on December 8th. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Karen Rottink for hosting the party, Susan Shea for helping to organize it, and Stephanie Wagner for handling the finances. I also thank all of you who supported the party through your presence and your contributions of money, food and drink. This event allows us not simply to raise money, but, more importantly, to raise up women. With the proceeds from this party, we will be able to give another single mom a chance to go to college, to improve her life in multiple ways and to serve as an example of courage, strength and persistence to her children. What a gift!

As the year ends, we are passing into a new decade. This is a time when we generally look forward, with New Year's resolutions that try to correct the mistakes and indulgences of the year we are leaving behind! Before the year ends, though, I would like to look back at the few months that I have served as your president and express my gratitude to everyone on the Board for all of the tremendous work that they have done to support our Branch. Every meeting, every activity, every event unfolds seamlessly because of the dedication and willingness of our Board and other

Branch members to volunteer their time and talents.

To all of you and yours, I wish you a joyous, meaningful and peaceful New Year.

Suffrage Note of the Month



<https://sites.psu.edu/civcm/2018/09/09/the-distance->

Initiating a division within the movement, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Parker Pillsbury published the first edition of *The Revolution* on January 8, 1868. With the motto "Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less!" it became the suffragists' radical voice.

The Revolution was suspended after three years but with time, the radical spirit resurfaced on January 2, 1913, when Alice Paul and Lucy Burns formed the National Woman's Party (NWP) whose sole purpose was the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. Both Paul and Burns had honed their skills in the British suffrage movement working with Emmaline Pankhurst. Unlike Pankhurst, Paul, a pacifist Quaker, eschewed breaking office and shop windows,

planting bombs in postboxes, and setting fire to government buildings. (Elaine Weis, *Woman's Hour*, 62) She demanded dignity and decorum, never militancy or violence, but her “fighting spirit” to achieve the suffrage goal was resolute.

To the horror of Carrie Chapman Catt and the NAWSA, Paul and Burns had no qualms challenging federal government officials, notably President Woodrow Wilson, for their anti-suffrage and pro-WWI positions.

Following the 1918 Armistice, the NWP increased their anti-Wilson suffrage efforts. On January 1, 1919, in honor of Joan of Arc, suffragists lit an urn in front of the White House and fed the fire with speeches. They said Joan’s history is that “of women and government throughout the ages of the world” who “offer sacrifice and service and are humiliated and denied.” Additionally, they unfurled banners with messages such as “President Wilson is Deceiving the World When He Appears as the Prophet of Democracy.” Despite efforts from military personnel to extinguish the fire and police arrests, suffragists persevered.

https://depts.washington.edu/moves/NWP_project_ch4.shtml



NWP watchfires burn outside White House, January 1919 (Library of Congress)



Tune in here for AAUW national, state and branch public policy topics and calls to action by your branch public policy chair and Advocacy group leader. This is your opportunity to be informed on AAUW priorities and take action.

Lobby Day Monday, February 24th.

We will plan carpooling for those interested in attending. If you’d like a ride or would be open to driving others, please contact Teresa Schader 503-367-0231.

Title IX - Related issues and changes being proposed by the current administration continue to make news. Here is a recent informative video. <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/knowing-your-rights-in-the-title-ix-process>

Oregon Citizens Redistricting Committee - A key initiative to address gerrymandering will be on the ballot in Nov 2020. The timing is crucial because Oregon may receive a sixth congressional member after the 2020 census. This additional seat will change the shape of our existing five congressional districts. Please click the link below and review “The proposal”, “How it works” and “Why now?” to understand this timely issue. <https://www.commoncause.org/oregon/our-work/gerrymandering-and-representation/people-not-politicians> Next Advocacy Group meeting is Friday, January 17 at 1pm, at the West Linn Public Library.

New Member: Carol Brennerman

Mary Pat Silveira



What a holiday gift it was to have an opportunity to get to know Carol Brennerman. Carol is a new member of Lake Oswego AAUW, but she has been a long-time member (twenty years plus) of the Seaside Branch, where she twice served as president and held other offices as well. She retains her membership and continues to be on Seaside's scholarship foundation board.

Carol is a native of Seaside. She received her Bachelor's degree from what is now Western Oregon University (then Oregon College of Education) and her Master's in Education Counseling from Portland State University. Most of her professional life was spent as a school counsellor in both middle and high schools in and around Hillsboro.

During the last eight years of teaching, Carol commuted from Seaside, where she and her husband had moved and opened the Country Bungalow gift store. They ran the store together for thirty years and only recently closed it when they decided to move back to the Portland area. She first joined the Tigard AAUW Branch and then, preferring daytime activities, the Lake

Oswego Branch, making her a triple AAUW member! The mother of six children and grandmother of ten, Carol now has the time to enjoy both old and new pleasures, including theater, line dancing and travel. Shortly after Thanksgiving she and her husband returned from a cruise through the Panama Canal. Carol also volunteers through her church, where she teaches ESL.

Carol is a six-year survivor of breast cancer, having had a bilateral mastectomy. As such, she expresses a great appreciation of our time here and what we are doing. Participating in AAUW and its mission is important because it is making a difference in the lives of girls and women everywhere.

In Memory of Barbara McDonald

Jane Taft

We are sad to report that long-time branch member Barbara McDonald has passed away. Barbara was very active in the branch, serving on the board in several capacities including secretary, IBC delegate, and Public Policy Chair. Barbara was a member of three book groups, Thursday Evening, Friday, and Murder by the Book. She always commented incisively, and had a preference for long and serious books. She was a speech therapist by vocation and a lifelong actress by avocation.

Barbara was an enthusiastic gardener at the home she and husband Dick shared in Charbonneau. She had a son, daughter and several grandchildren. She was especially proud of her daughter, the first woman District Attorney in Lane County.

Interest Group Activities



Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: January 28

Book: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

Presenter: Diane Harris

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: January 8

Book: *A Dream of Death* by Connie Berry

Leader: Jane Taft

Location: Home of Stephanie Carter

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 10:00

Date: January 16

Book: *Counterparts - Gender* by Ruskin/Friedan

Leader: Bettirae Willis

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: January 23

Book: *Prisoners of Geography* by Tim Marshall

Hostess: Susan Hornung

Intro: Jane Taft

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

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00am

Date: January 24

Book: *The Pioneers* by David McCullough

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

Non-Fiction Books

2nd Monday at 11:00am

Date: January 13

Book: *Sisters-in-Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World* by Linda Hirshman

Leader: Cathy Alzner

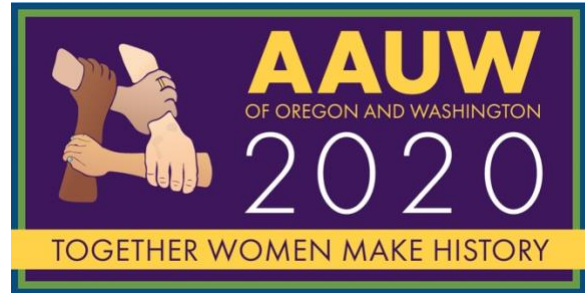
Location: Cortona Room at Nicoletta's Table. For more information, contact Mary Pat Silveira at mpsilveira@usa.net or (503) 344-4947



Lunch Bunch
3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: January 21
 Location: Baird's on B
 485 2nd St
 Lake Oswego

Reservations are required. Please
 RSVP to Terry Hyland
 at twh20eagle@comcast.net or Marge
 Ransom at wrandmr68@yahoo.com
 (503) 941-9591



Save the Date
 "Together Women Make History"
 A Suffrage Celebration

Combined Oregon/Washington
 AAUW Convention April 17-19,
 2020
 Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA



Advocacy Interest Group

Date: January 17
 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

Sunshine Cards

Do you know a Lake Oswego branch
 member who is ill, is having surgery,
 has recently lost a close family member,
 or is celebrating a special occasion such
 as a major anniversary or milestone
 AAUW membership?

Penny Hansen, our Hospitality
 Chairperson, invites you to inform her of
 a member who might appreciate a
 celebratory or supportive card from our
 branch. Please contact
 at pennyhansen@comcast.net. Thank
 you.

Holiday Party Photos



Doug and Sharon Hawley



Bruce Rottink, Jim and Cheryl Levie



Sandra and David Spatz-Wiszneuckas,
Karen Rottink



Jane Taft, Judy Hale and Shirley Ward