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**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 at:
<https://lakeoswego-or.aauw.net/branch-special-activities-fund/>
In the donate form please indicate number of guests
where it reads "Write A Note (optional)".

On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira

As I write, more than 6000 world leaders from 179 countries are meeting in Nairobi for the Nairobi Summit, which calls for action to end maternal deaths, stop gender-based violence and meet demand for family planning.

Every day, more than 800 women die from preventable causes during pregnancy and childbirth, and 33,000 girls are forced into marriage. Every year, more than 4 million girls are subjected to female genital mutilation. An estimated 232 million women around the world want to prevent pregnancy but do not have access to modern contraception, and a countless number of girls are sexually abused, hurt and traumatized.

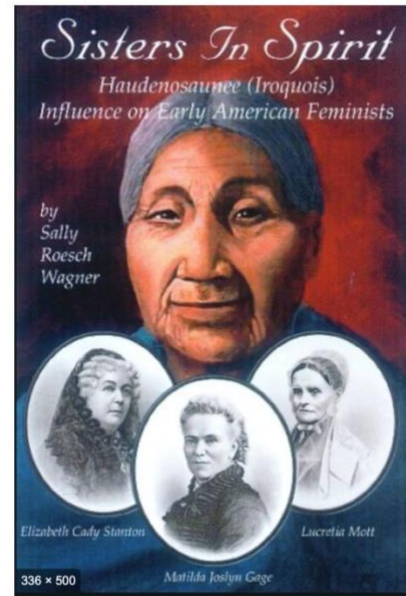
The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) supports activities to address these problems. However, contributions to the Fund are voluntary. In 2017, the US Administration stopped all funding to UNFPA on the basis that it “supports, or participates in the management of, a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization”.

UNFPA denies this. On the contrary, it gives the highest priority to universal access to voluntary family planning, which helps prevent abortions from occurring. Above all, UNFPA’s mission is “to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.”

Here in the United States we have seen

the same war waged against Planned Parenthood. We all need to lobby hard to ensure that the US Administration restores funding for both Planned Parenthood and for UNFPA.

Suffrage Note of the Month



Do we women owe the claiming of our rights to our native peoples, the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee)? Among their six tribes, only women had the authority to nominate the male chiefs, and women, as life-givers, had a veto over going to war. Woman had the power to end a marriage at any time should a husband or lover fail in his responsibilities. Family lineage was matriarchal, and the concept of “bastard” did not exist. Rape was unknown.

Many of the suffragists had friends and acquaintances among the Iroquois, including Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who wrote in 1992: “In the councils of the Iroquois every adult male or female had a voice upon all questions brought

before it.” Clan mothers could depose a chief and “send him back to the ranks of the warriors.”

In 1848, Lucretia Mott spent a month among the Seneca people at a time when they were debating reorganizing their government. Women were a part of that decision-making process.

Matilda Joslyn Gage wrote a series of articles on the subject, and, in her book *Woman, Church and State*, she stated that the Iroquois provided the modern world’s “first conception of inherent rights, natural equality of condition, and the establishment of a civilized government upon this basis.... Never was justice more perfect, nor civilization higher.”

Ultimately, this growing awareness of Iroquois women’s status provided proof for the early American suffragists that, in contrast to what they had been taught, women’s disenfranchisement was neither natural nor inevitable. And it influenced their worldview in ways that went far beyond the vote. The “Declaration of Sentiments” that Stanton and Mott put forth at the Seneca Falls Convention, for instance, included resolutions on property, divorce, child custody, and work — all arenas in which they’d seen Iroquois women’s unquestioned authority.



Welcome to the new, monthly newsletter section for Public Policy and Advocacy where AAUW national, state and branch public policy topics and calls to action will be highlighted. This is your opportunity to be informed, take action and/or join our Advocacy Interest Group.

Ongoing monitoring and activities:

Equal Pay - In October we had a table at the Clackamas Community College (CCC) Expo event where we provided Oregon AAUW developed resources related to the 2017 OR Equal Pay Act. We are evaluating hosting a future event with the goal of more broadly communicating where to find resources. For more information see <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/oregon-equal-pay-tool-kit/>.

Childcare - In September, the *Oregon’s Unmet Childcare Needs* report was released by Family Forward of Oregon. This will be a long term, ongoing effort we are monitoring. Stay tuned. For more information see <http://www.familyforwardoregon.org/site/wp-content/uploads/FFO-Child-Care-Report-2019.pdf>.

Student Success - With the passing of the Student Success Act in the 2019 legislative session, Oregon school districts are busy planning. We are monitoring the local school districts activities and are looking for opportunities to engage. Watch this column for future actions. For more information see

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/StudentSuccess/Pages/default.aspx>.

Student Engagement - With our relationship with CCC, and so many other Oregon Colleges and Universities being AAUW members, we see a real opportunity for more engagement with students. We are evaluating things like the Oregon Online AAUW Chapter and 2-Minute Advocate at the state level to engage with students.

LOBBY DAY Monday, February 24th—MARK YOUR CALENDARS. 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.

Join us at the next Advocacy Group meeting on Friday, December 13 at 1pm at the West Linn Library. For information call Jeanne Lemieux at 503-816-7488.



Score a victory for U.S. Women's Soccer team



Nov 8 (Reuters) –On Friday, November 8, a California court ruled that the members of the U.S. women's national soccer team who sued the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) in March over allegations of gender discrimination can pursue their claims as a class action.

“This is a historic step forward in the struggle to achieve equal pay,” Molly Levinson, a spokeswoman for the players, said in a statement. “We are so pleased that the Court has recognized USSF’s ongoing discrimination against women players –rejecting USSF’s tired arguments that women must work twice as hard and accept lesser working conditions to get paid the same as men.”

In granting class status, the judge essentially rejected U.S. Soccer’s claim that many of the women named in the lawsuit had earned more than their top-earning male counterparts over the same period.

According the judge’s written ruling, agreeing with USSF’s argument could yield an ‘absurd result,’ in which a woman could be paid half as much as a man as long as she negated the disparity by working twice as many hours.

The players, including stars Megan Rapinoe, Carli Lloyd and Alex Morgan, said they have been consistently paid less money than their male counterparts even though their performance has been superior to the men’s team. Their suit was filed just three months before the successful defense of their World Cup title in France this year.

Melinda Gates pledges 1 Billion



Philanthropist Melinda Gates, founder of Pivotal Ventures, plans to put \$1 billion toward expanding women’s power and influence in the United States over the next decade, saying at a conference in October that she loses sleep over fears the nation will stop caring about inequality and diversity.

“Too many people - women and men - have worked too hard to get us this far,” she wrote. “There are too many possible solutions we haven’t tried yet.”

Pivotal Ventures, an investment and incubation company, will fund partners who pursue innovative approaches to expanding women’s power and influence. Goals include dismantling barriers to women’s job advancement such as care-giving obligations and sexual harassment and fast-tracking women in influential job sectors such as technology, media and public office.

The effort also aims to encourage shareholders, consumers and

employees to pressure companies to reform.

“Here’s what keeps me up at night: I imagine waking up one morning to find that the country has moved on,” Gates wrote. “That the media has stopped reporting on systemic inequalities. “That diversity remains something companies talk about instead of prioritizing. That all of this energy and attention has amounted to a temporary swell, instead of a sea change.”

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If you would like to send our scholarship recipient holiday well wishes, please send to Courtney Rubio at 13647 Gaffney Lane, Oregon City, OR 97045.

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Interest Group Activities



Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

No meeting in December

Date: January 28, 2020

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: December 11

Book: *Absolution of Murder* by Peter
Tremayne

Leader: Ann Redman

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 10:00*

(*note time change)

Date: December 19

Book: *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer

Leader: Diana Gough

For more information, contact Ann
Keddie, rkavk50@centurytel.net or
Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334,
L.and.m.watkins@gmail.com

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Note date change

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

No meeting in December

Date: January 24, 2020

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: December 9

Book: *Educated* by Tara Westover
Leader: Garlene Logan

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



Lunch Bunch
3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: December 17
 Location: Five Spice
 315 1st St Suite 201
 Lake Oswego

Reservations are required. Please
 RSVP to Terry Hyland
 at tw20eagle@comcast.net or Marge
 Ransom at wrandmr68@yahoo.com
 (503) 941-9591

Delightful Dining
December 14 at 6pm

Delightful diners will prepare and enjoy
 a meal a la Jamie Oliver, noted British
 chef and restaurateur at the home of
 Martha Schrader.

To reserve a space and receive a
 recipe, RSVP to Jane Taft at
taft.jane@gmail.com, or (503)709-3185
 by December 2. Spouses/guests
 welcome.



Advocacy Interest Group

Date: December 13
 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

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5 Thursday Evening Books	6	7
8 Holiday Party Fundraiser	9 Non-Fiction Books	10	11 Murder by the Book	12	13	14 Delightful Dining
15	16	17 Lunch Bunch	18	19 Interpretive Books	20 Advocacy Group	21
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January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7 Board Meeting	8 Murder By The Book	9	10	11 Branch Meeting
12	13 Non-Fiction Books	14	15	16 Interpretive Books	17 Advocacy Group	18
19	20	21 Lunch Bunch	22	23 Thursday Evening Books	24 Friday Books	25
26	27	28 Tuesday Books	29	30	31 	

LO AAUW FUNDS DONATION FORM

National AAUW has 5 fund choices which support the pillars of the Strategic Plan

DONATING BY CREDIT CARD

1. Go to AAUW.org and sign-in
2. Click on "DONATE" square on top of the Home Page
3. Complete the Donation Page on the website – For gifts \$25 or higher to be a memorial or tribute, please send that information to Susan Shea

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NAME _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

\$_____ Donation Amount – Write check to AAUW FUNDS

Giving unrestricted gifts to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (#9110) allows the most flexibility to respond to new challenges.

- #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
- #4451 Governance and Sustainability Fund – Ensures viability of AAUW into the future by implementing best practices in organization functioning and inclusion
- _____ Insert Fund Number _____ Fund Name

Gifts of \$100-\$174 confer membership in the Oregon Century Club

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Gifts of \$25 or more may be designated to honor a friend or loved one.

This gift is a memorial (deceased) to _____

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Acknowledgement should be sent to:

Name _____

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