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2019-2020  
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## April Meeting Canceled

In the best interest of our Branch members and our community, Mary Pat has **anceled** the **April branch** meeting.

We wish you all the best. Please take good care of yourselves and keep in touch with others, electronically or via landline, especially those who may not have a strong local support network.

Please check your email for Branch updates.



## On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira

These are challenging times! In an abundance of caution, I, with the support of the Board, postponed our Annual Tea. This is an event that we always enjoy, and it raises funds for our important Education and Scholarship Fund. However, we chose not to take even the smallest chance that the Tea might also pose a health risk.

I would be remiss, however, if I didn't express my many thanks to all those who have been preparing this event. In particular, I wish to express my gratitude to Marge Ransom, who has invested both her creativity and her organization skills in putting all of this together. You will just have to wait to enjoy all of the special touches that she has in store for us. Working with Marge was Jane Taft, who planned and organized the food, Karen Rottink and Jane, who took care of communications and information, Stephanie Wagner who managed the finances, Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis who kept track of the members and participants, and the many of you who had offered to bring food, serve and clean up afterward. It is important to remember that, for each event we organize, there are so many members who have volunteered their time and their talents. This is how we survive and thrive in our Lake Oswego Branch. Thank you so very much.

The Tea will be rescheduled soon, if, as we say down south (and I don't mean California!), "the good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise."

In the meantime, please let me and other Board Members know if you need any help, or if you just want to find a way to stay in touch. We are a community.

At this moment, we have not cancelled or postponed the following events. Please add them to your calendar. We will let you know if we need to cancel them in the future.

- **Saturday, May 16, 9:30-11:30** is our annual Member Brunch.
- **Tuesday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**, is our **2020-2021 Planning Meeting**, at the West Linn Library. **All members** are invited to participate.
- **Tuesday, August 18**, is our quilt raffle and celebration of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. (Details, follow)

**Convention Canceled** 



## Raffle Ticket Sales

Stephanie Wagner

### Women Get the Vote! – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Quilt

The AAUW Lake Oswego Quilt celebrates the passage of the 19th Amendment and woman suffrage. Four of our members have made an amazing quilt to honor the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. Our branch is raffling this beautiful quilt as a fundraiser to support scholarships for women returning to school at Clackamas Community College. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. The winning ticket will be drawn at a special event on August 18, in Millennial Park, Lake Oswego. You do not need to be present to win.

You can purchase your tickets on line at <https://www.loaaauw.org/> or by mailing a check, made out to LOAAUW Raffle, to LOAAUW PO Box 416, Lake Oswego OR 97036. Your raffle tickets will be emailed to you as a PDF, and the actual ticket will go into the raffle hopper. Contact Stephanie Wagner 503-803-7708 or [stephanie@natureed.org](mailto:stephanie@natureed.org) if you have any questions. Please share the branch website link <https://www.loaaauw.org/> with friends who might be interested in the opportunity to acquire this special commemorative quilt.



### THE PEOPLE OF THE QUILT

Mary Pat Silveira

For the past several months, four members of LOAAUW have been designing and making a special quilt to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment and to honor some of the people who made it happen. We chose eleven people in particular, although there were many more who wrote, spoke, organized, demonstrated and went to jail to ensure that we women had our right to vote recognized.

In this and the next two newsletters, we will look at each one of these people. Part I (April) will include a woman of the Iroquois, Sojourner Truth and Frederick Douglas; Part II (May), Lucretia Mott, Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Matilda Joslyn Gage; and Part III (June), Oregon's Abigail Scott Duniway, Alice Paul and "The Silent Sentinel."

Our **Native American woman** stands for the six tribes of the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee). We do not know her name, but we do know that she and her tribal sisters provided a model for several of the early suffragists. The voice of women was equal to men not only in the councils but also in the home. Matilda Joselyn Gage wrote 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...." We honor them for their ways and for the hope they inspired among the suffragists.

Almost all of the early suffragists were in the anti-slavery movement. They worked alongside William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass and others in the late 1830s and 1840s. They were bound together in purpose and in friendship. In fact, the women's movement at the time depended heavily on abolitionist resources, both for funding and for publicity. By the late 1850s, however, some abolitionists began to fear that women's rights would interfere with the campaign against slavery. The Civil War quieted the division, but, after the war, this would change with the fight for the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which stated all men, regardless of color or previous servitude could vote, but not women. The fight became bitter, partisan and, at times, racist. It led to the splitting and demise of some organizations and the birth of others. Over the years, there were further schisms: one focused on whether to work at state or federal levels; another on the use of civil disobedience; and a third on the focus

of the movement: should it be on women's suffrage alone, or should it include a range of issues, including equality in marriage, women's property rights, rights to earnings, and rights to divorce and children. Regardless of the differences, it was the collective struggle of all of these people whom we recognize and honor.

**Sojourner Truth** (1797-1883) was born Isabella Bomfree, a slave, who was bought and sold four times before running away in 1827. In 1828, she moved to New York City and worked for a local minister. Although she remained illiterate until her death, she was a charismatic speaker who, in 1843, declared that the Spirit called on her to preach the truth and renamed herself Sojourner Truth. She joined the abolitionists, who supported a broad reform agenda and set on her career as activist and reformer. Encouraged by **Lucretia Mott**, Truth became involved in the women's rights movements and spoke to large crowds at suffrage meetings the rest of her life. Sojourner Truth spoke on slavery and human rights (including women's rights) at the First National Women's Rights Convention in 1850, in Worcester, Massachusetts. One year later, she delivered an improvised speech at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention that came to be known as "Ain't (or Aren't) I a Woman?" She worked closely with **Frederick Douglass**, but, like many other feminists, split from him when he put suffrage for formerly enslaved men before women's suffrage; she thought both should occur simultaneously. Even in abolitionist circles, some of Truth's opinions were

considered radical. She sought political equality for all women and chastised the abolitionist community for failing to seek civil rights for black women as well as men.

**Frederick Douglass** (1818-1895) was also born a slave, named Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey. He escaped slavery in 1838 and took on his new name. Unlike Truth, he had been able to teach himself to read and write, and he was known as both a brilliant writer and speaker. Douglass joined the abolitionist movement in 1841 and spoke often on behalf of the American Anti-Slavery Society. By 1847, he had moved to Rochester, New York where he published the *North Star*, a weekly abolitionist newspaper. Douglass was invited to attend the First Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York, and was one of only thirty-two men who signed the Declaration of Sentiments. Shortly thereafter, he wrote in the *North Star*, "In respect to political rights, we hold woman to be justly entitled to all we claim for man. We go farther, and express our conviction that all political rights which it is expedient for man to exercise, it is equally so for women...*Our doctrine is, that "Right is of no sex."* In 1866, he joined **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and **Susan B. Anthony** in founding the American Equal Rights Association. These relationships, however, soon were challenged by the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment.



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.

## STATE NEWS

Lobby Day was a success! Thanks to the Ashland branch for organizing. Senator Kathleen Taylor (D) and Representative Cheri Helt (R), before heading into their various sessions, spoke briefly about their journey into the state legislator. A panel discussion was held with Barbara Ross, former OR legislator, Amanda Hess, government relations consultant with NW Political Affairs, and Dave Hunt, former OR legislator, now Senior VP Government Affairs with Strategies 360 regarding challenges women face at the capital, how to get things done in Salem and collaborating with legislators and lobbyists.

During lunch LO Branch Public Policy Chair (BPPC), Teresa Schader, convened a group of other BPPCs and branch leaders focusing on public policy. It was an opportunity to get to know one another, share information about public policy efforts and discuss how support can be given to Trish Garner, State Public Policy Chair, and each other to expand our branches public policy efforts.

Then it was off to our legislators to discuss the 3 bills identified as our AAUW of Oregon top priorities for the short session:

1. HB4076 Establishes a Task Force on Age Discrimination that will identify and evaluate impacts of age discrimination in the workplace and report to the interim legislative Committees relating to business and labor.

2. HB4131 Provides Statutory Authorization and Additional Funding for the Family Preservation Project at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.
3. HB4132 Requires Oregon Health Authority in conjunction with Oregon Department of Education to administer and collect data from student health surveys.

## BRANCH NEWS

As a follow-up to our February branch meeting where Dr. Pollack discussed dealing with climate change anxiety, check out these links to see what you can do to make a difference.



<https://www.activesustainability.com/climate-change/6-actions-to-fight-climate-change/>

<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/sustainability>

<https://globalwarming-facts.info/50-tips/?singlepage=1>



## Open House for New and Prospective New Members

On March 8, International Women's Day, the branch held an open house for new and prospective members, graciously hosted by Karen and Bruce Rottink. There were eight Board members in attendance (Marty Maharg, Donna Needham, Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis, Teresa Schader, Mary Pat Silveira, Pat Squire, Jane Taft and Stephanie Wagner), along with three new members (Sharron Noone, Stella Pirrung and Charlene Vojtilla) and three prospective members (Sandra Goetz, Debbie Crooke and Linda Hartling).

Time was allotted for a good chat in order to get to know each other followed by an informal discussion led by Mary Pat which explored the programs of the branch and the national AAUW organization.

We welcome Sandra Goetz as a new member joining at this meeting. Many thanks to Karen and Bruce for hosting.

## New Member Get Together



Stephanie Wagner, Linda Hartling and Marty Maharg



Marty Maharg and Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis



Mary Pat Silveira, Stella Pirrung and Jane Taft



Charlene Vojtilla and Karen Rottink

**Due to COVID 19, please check  
with your Interest Group chair  
for your activity schedule**

## Interest Group Activities



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



Front Row left to right: Karen Rottink, Mary Pat Silveira, Colleen Gekler, JoAnn Frost, Donna Needham

Back Row left to right: Jacqueline Rose, Pat Filip, Lynda Bigler, Diane Harris, Pat Squire

Date: April 28  
Book: *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey  
Presenter: Cheryl Smith  
Meeting Place: Szechuan Kitchen Restaurant, 15450 Boones Ferry Rd. Lake Oswego

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

### Murder by the Book 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00pm

Date: April 8  
Book: *The Shadow District* by Arnaldur Indridason  
Leader: Sue Kingzett  
Location: Home of Stephanie Carter

For more information, contact Jane Taft, (503) 709-3185, [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com) or Stephanie Carter (971) 285-5882, [secarter1@gmail.com](mailto:secarter1@gmail.com)

### Interpretive Books 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10:00

Date: April 21  
Book: *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje  
Leader: Betsy Dixon  
Hostess: Carol Zinsli  
For more information, contact Ann Keddie, [rlkavk50@centurytel.net](mailto:rlkavk50@centurytel.net) or Linda Watkins, (503) 694-2334, [l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com](mailto:l.and.m.watkins@gmail.com)

### Thursday Evening Books 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: April 23  
Book: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens  
Hostess and Leader: Vicki Clark

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

### Friday Books 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 10:00am

Date: April 24  
Book: *Washington* by Ron Chernow

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



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

Date: April 13

Book: *The Moment of Lift-How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates

Leader: Marty Maharg

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



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

Date: April 21

Location: a Cena Ristorante  
 7742 SE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland (Sellwood)

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



**Delightful Dining/~~CANCELLED~~**

Date: April 4

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Home of Penny Hansen

Hosts: Stephanie Carter and Judy Hale

Theme: Venetian Dinner

RSVP to Stephanie Carter

([secarter1@gmail.com](mailto:secarter1@gmail.com)) or Jane Taft

([taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com)) by March 27



**Advocacy Interest Group**

Date: April 24

Location: At the home of Jeanne Lemieux

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](mailto:Jeanne.e.lemieux@gmail.com)

## April 2020

**Unless otherwise notified all AAUW and Branch activities for April are cancelled**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3	4 Delightful Dining
5	6	7 Board Meeting	8 Murder by the Book 	9	10	11 Annual Meeting
12 	13 Non-Fiction Books	14	15	16 Interpretive Books	17 AAUW State Convention	18 AAUW State Convention
19 AAUW State Convention	20	21 Lunch Bunch	22 	23 Thursday Evening Books	24 Friday Books Advocacy Group	25
26	27	28 Tuesday Books	29	30		

## May 2020

**Status of activities is pending. Please check your email regularly.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 <b>Board Meeting</b>	6	7	8	9
10 	11 <b>Non-Fiction Books</b>	12	13 <b>Murder by the Book</b>	14	15 <b>Advocacy Group</b>	16 <b>Member Brunch</b>
17	18	19 <b>Lunch Bunch</b>	20 <b>Interpretive Books</b>	21	22 <b>Friday Books</b>	23
24	25 	26 <b>Tuesday Books</b>	27	28 <b>Thursday Evening Books</b>	29	30
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