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2019-2020
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“Silver & Gold” Friendship Tea

Saturday, March 14, 2020

11:30 a.m.

Oswego Heritage House

“A” Avenue and 10th St., Lake Oswego



Invite your friends to join you for a most enjoyable traditional tea with finger sandwiches, scones, sweets, and delectables at our Branch's most important fundraiser for our Education and Scholarship Fund. Additionally, this year the Tea will have a special feature: the announcement of our 2020 Named Gift Honorees.

Tea \$20 per person

Quilt raffle tickets \$5 each

***Please see the following page for additional details.



“The “Silver & Gold” Friendship Tea

Saturday, March 14, 2020, 11:30 am
Oswego Heritage House, A Ave. & 10th

If you haven't already made your reservation for this year's Tea, you'll want to do so quickly. Paid reservations are **due by March 6**.

As always, the Tea promises to be one of our nicest events of the year, as well as a major fundraiser for our Education and Scholarship Fund. It's an ideal opportunity to treat yourself to a traditional Tea shared with friends old and new, while supporting the educational mission we all hold dear.

This year, the Tea will have a special feature: the announcement of our 2020 Named Gift Honorees. You'll want to be on hand to congratulate and help honor these members who have been outstanding in their service and commitment to our branch.

As in past years, the cost of the Tea is \$20. Please make your reservation and pay online at <https://lakeoswego-or.aauw.net/branch-special-activities-fund/> or via check (payable to LO AAUW E&S FUND and sent to LO AAUW Friendship Tea, P.O. 416, Marylhurst, OR 97036). Please provide the name(s) of your guest(s) and note gluten-free needs, if any. When paying online, use the “write a note” option for this information. Remember, donations over \$20 are tax-deductible.

Another reminder: **raffle tickets** for a truly unique **quilt**, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, will be on sale for \$5 each. Designed and created by talented quilters from our branch, this is **more than a quilt; it is a piece of art — and a slice of history**.

Finally, because the Tea is a fundraiser, organizers depend on members to donate food and/or services.

On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira

As we approach March, let us be mindful of the origins and purpose of both International Women's Day (IWD) and Women's History Month. In 1975, the United Nations declared International Women's Day (IWD) and decided upon 8 March for its annual celebration world-wide. Thirty-six years later, in 2011, President Barack Obama proclaimed that the whole of March should be "Women's History Month," calling on Americans to mark IWD by reflecting on "the extraordinary accomplishments of women" in shaping the country's history.



President Obama proclaiming Women's History Month 2016

These are important milestones, but they are not the beginning of the story. It actually begins in 1909, when the Socialist Party of America took to the streets to honor garment workers who had protested against inhumane working conditions the year before. They called it National Women's Day, and it took place on February 28. The following year, the Social International established Women's Day in

Copenhagen to celebrate those working for women's rights and universal suffrage. In Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland, more than one million people attended rallies focused on suffrage, representation, education, and workers' rights. Over the next few years, more countries in Europe joined in.

International Women's Day now is celebrated throughout the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. Each year, the United Nations chooses a theme for IWD. This year's theme underscores a new multigenerational campaign for pursuing equality, "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights."

The theme in the United States for Women's History Month is "Valiant Women of the Vote". In recognition of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, it honors women from the original suffrage movement as well as 20th and 21st century women who have continued the struggle (fighting against poll taxes, literacy tests, voter roll purges, and other more contemporary forms of voter suppression) to ensure voting rights for all.

Of course, the intent is not to relegate these issues to only one day or one month but to increase awareness and action year-round. The message is fully consistent with the critical issues with which we deal as members of AAUW. Let's celebrate and continue the struggle! Happy International Women's Day and Women's History Month.

Quilt Tradition Continues...

Mary Pat Silveira



Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis experimenting with adding her calligraphy to the unfinished quilt.

The AAUW Lake Oswego Quilt celebrates the passage of the 19th Amendment and the recognition of the right of women to full suffrage. This quilt takes the viewer on a tour of ten of the most influential US suffragists, including: Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Matilda Joselyn Gage, Abigail Scott Duniway and Alice Paul. It also gives homage to the Iroquois women who came into contact with many of the suffragists and gave them a glimpse of a society where women had full and equal rights.

Four women of the AAUW LO Branch – Carol Cooper, Connie Irwin, Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis and Mary Pat Silveira - have created this work of art and history – three who have sewn and quilted and one who has rendered the suffragists' quotes on the quilt in calligraphy.

The quilt is approximately 51 inches wide and 64 inches long. Since it is intended as a wall quilt, it includes a

sleeve on the back to accommodate hardware for hanging.

You do not want to miss an opportunity to win this original quilt. Raffle tickets will go **on sale for \$5.00 each at the Friendship Tea, March 14.**

Suffrage Note of the Month

“For too long, women were formally excluded from full participation in our society and our democracy. Because of the courage of so many bold women who dared to transcend preconceived expectations and prove they were capable of doing all that a man could do and more, advances were made, discoveries were revealed, barriers were broken, and progress triumphed.”

This Day in History: The 1913 Women's Suffrage Parade

Danielle Cohen

<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/blog/2016/03/03/this-day-history-1913-womens-suffrage-parade>

One hundred seven years ago, “thousands of women gathered in Washington, D.C. to call for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. While women had been fighting hard for suffrage for over 60 years, this marked the first major national event for the movement.”

“Alice Paul and the National American Woman Suffrage Association spearheaded a glorious parade. On March 3, 1913, riding atop a white horse, lawyer and activist Inez Milholland led over five thousand suffragettes, over twenty parade floats,

nine bands, and four mounted brigades up Pennsylvania Avenue.”



Women suffragists marching on Pennsylvania Avenue led by Mrs. Richard Coke Burleson (center on horseback); U.S. Capitol in background. (Library of Congress)

“To maximize attention, organizers planned it the day before President-elect Woodrow Wilson’s inauguration. Their tactic worked. Thousands of spectators, in DC for the inauguration, gathered to watch the spectacle. Many marchers were violently attacked while police did little to help. By the end of the day, over 100 women were hospitalized for injuries. The women persevered; they finished the parade. Their experiences led to major news stories and even congressional hearings. Historians have credited the 1913 parade for infusing the suffrage effort with renewed inspiration and purpose.”

“It took another seven years for the Nineteenth Amendment to be ratified on August 18, 1920, but the women who marched accomplished their goal. As the official parade pamphlet read, they gave “expression to the nation-wide demand for an amendment to the United

States Constitution enfranchising women.”

“Alice Paul, Inez Milholland, and the other participants are just some of the women who made a more just and prosperous future possible for all Americans. They paved the way for equality at the ballot box, but the Obama Administration fought every day to increase equality for women and girls. From creating the White House Council on Women and Girls, to appointing two women to the Supreme Court and a strong team of women leaders to his Cabinet and White House staff, President Obama took concrete steps to ensure that women’s voices are heard in government and society.”

April Newsletter Submission Date Change

Your editors will be traveling at the end of March. To get the newsletter out before we leave, would you kindly submit all articles for the April edition no later than **March 5, 2020**.



On 1/28, CEO Kim Churches presented the AAUW 2020 convening series:

“2020 Vision: The Gender Agenda”
[\(https://www.aauw.org/event/2020/01/20-20-vision-the-gender-agenda/\)](https://www.aauw.org/event/2020/01/20-20-vision-the-gender-agenda/)

AAUW continues the focus that **every** voice is heard, **every** vote is counted.

As a non-partisan organization, AAUW does not endorse candidates in partisan elections, but it does have a long history of advocating for policies that advance equality for women in education and the workplace federally and in every state and Congressional district. Among these are...

- ✓ Equal Pay for Equal Work
- ✓ Investing in Education
- ✓ Reducing Student Debt
- ✓ Strengthening Social Security
- ✓ Implementing Paid Leave

By the time you read this, the Oregon short legislative session will be finished. Trish Garner, our AAUW Oregon State Public Policy Chair and our state Public Policy Committee has reviewed, written testimony, testified and monitored dozens of proposed bills related to women and girls ranging from Age Discrimination (HB 4076) to Safe Storage of Fire Arms (HB4005). To review and subscribe to a bill to monitor activity on it, you can go to "How to Find a Bill" on the state website (https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/Find-a-Bill.aspx)



New Member Recognition

The Board of the AAUW Lake Oswego Branch is planning an open house to welcome new and prospective members and to provide information about local and national program activities. We

welcome you to join us. If you know any women who might be interested and would like more information before committing, please bring them with you or just let them know about this event. **Your response is required.**

The meeting will take place at the home of Karen and Bruce Rottink

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

RSVP: Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis

Membership VP

email: jeannemarielp82@gmail.com

Cell: 202.445.4976

New Member Laurie Cremona Wagner

Teresa Schader



Laurie Cremona Wagner, whose smile lights a room, is passionate about her family and her community. Born on the East Coast, at age eight she moved from New Jersey to the Seattle area. After earning a B.A. in Architecture and Urban Design and a M.S. in Civil Engineering from Stanford, she remained in the Bay Area for eighteen years. One reason: she liked the weather! While in Silicon Valley she advanced through a series of interesting jobs: working as an expert in Six Sigma,

process improvement methodology, for GE; Marketing Operations for Sun Microsystems, Oracle, Dell, and BMC Software. Today she is Vice President of Marketing Performance and Insights at SAP (**S**ystems, **A**pplications & **P**roducts in Data Processing).

Returning to the Pacific Northwest in 2006, Laurie moved to Portland and joined a book group where she met Rob Wagner. They married in 2008, blending her son Carlo and daughter Mia with Rob's daughter Alex and son Zack creating a new family. Next year, all four children will be Lake Oswego High School students.

Laurie is a community activist. She co-chairs the Portland Community College Business Advisory Committee and is a member of the Computer Information Services Advisory Committee, where she connects educational institutions with business and industry needs. Governor Kate Brown appointed Laurie to the Oregon School Facilities Task Force, the Artificial Intelligence Task Force, and most recently, to the Oregon Workforce and Talent Development Board. Laurie recently joined the Clackamas Women's Services Board, an organization that is close to her heart.

Carving out some time for herself, Laurie practices yoga, hikes in Tryon Creek State Park and is in two book clubs.

News about AAUW National

BRIDES FOR A CAUSE DONATES \$20,000 to AAUW NATIONAL

Karen Rottink

In January of this year, Brides for a Cause donated \$20,000 to AAUW National. Established in 2012, Brides for a Cause, has donated over \$1,000,000 to support non-profit organizations that help women and girls such as those that:

- Support women with serious health issues, notably cancer and heart disease
- Promote positive self-image and self-esteem for young women
- Support women in the military
- Provide relief for single mothers, abused women and women who are disabled
- Promote opportunities for women's education and women in the workforce

However, Brides' main project is maintaining bridal boutiques, one of which is in Portland, that provide affordable new wedding gowns for low income women.

Please check out their website:
bridesforacause.com

Interest Group Activities



Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: March 24

Book: *The Last Cruise* by Kate Christensen

Presenter: Mary Pat Silveira

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: March 11

Book: *Murder Below Montparnasse* by Cara Black

Leader: Laura Eyer

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: March 19

Book: *The Last Painting of Sara De Vos* by Dominic Smith

Leader: Connie Irwin

Hostess: Sue Kingzett

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: March 26

Book: *Travels with Charley* by

John Steinbeck

Hostess and Leader: Robi Ingram-Rich

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

Friday Books

4th Friday at 10:00am

Date: March 27

Book: *Little Fires Everywhere* by

Celeste Ng

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

Non-Fiction Books

2nd Monday at 11:00am

Date: March 9

Book: *The Trials of Nina McCall: Sex, Surveillance and the Decades-Long Government Plan to Imprison*

"Promiscuous Women" by Scott Stern

Leader: Kris Schultz

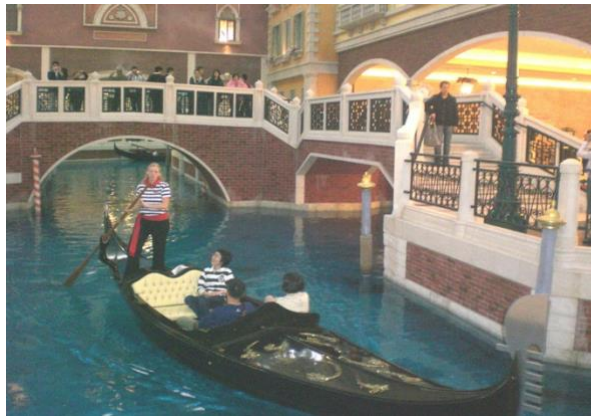
Location: Cortona Room at Nicoletta's Table. For more information, contact Mary Pat Silveira at mpsilveira@usa.net or (503) 344-4947.



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

Date: March 17
Location: Gustav's
10350 SW Greenburg Rd
Tigard

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



Delightful Dining

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) or Jane Taft
(taft.jane@gmail.com) by March 27

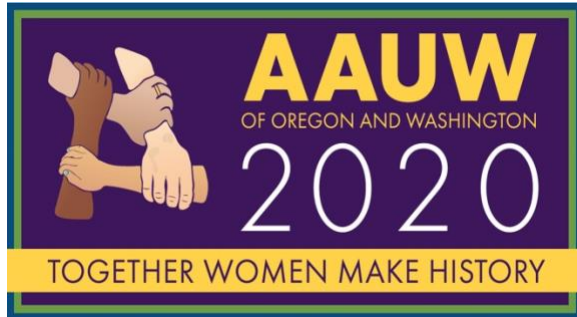


Advocacy Interest Group

Date: March 20
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



**Reserve your place at the
Oregon/Washington Convention
Now!**

“Together Women Make History”
A Suffrage Celebration
April 17-20, 2020
Heathman Lodge, Vancouver WA



You know that you do not want to miss this event. Our own Pat Squire is Oregon Vice-President for Programs, and it is she who has put together this wonderful, celebratory and enriching program.

The full program of this exciting Convention now is available in your Oregon State Newsletter.

<https://aauw-or.aauw.net/files/2020/02/OR-News-Convention-Issue-2020-Final.pdf>

You may register **Online** for the Convention by clicking [here](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egwloegl56d199be&oseq=&c=&ch=):
<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egwloegl56d199be&oseq=&c=&ch=>
or through the AAUW Oregon website.
<https://aauw-or.aauw.net>

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>1</div> 	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5 April Newsletter submission deadline	6	7
<div>8</div> International Women's Day 	9 Non-Fiction Books	10	11 Murder by the Book	12	13	14 Friendship Tea 11:30
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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

DONATING BY CHECK

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

Gifts of \$175 and above confer membership in the Oregon Century Club Plus

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

This gift is a memorial (deceased) to _____

This gift is a tribute (living) to _____

Acknowledgement should be sent to:

Name _____

Address _____

Please send this form and check to LO AAUW, PO Box 416, Marylhurst, Oregon 97036