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# Women Get the Vote!

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE QUILT

The AAUW Lake Oswego Quilt celebrates 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment and women's suffrage



The **Suffrage Celebration** and **quilt raffle drawing** will take place at 4:00 pm on August 26, 2020. We are *hoping* the COVID-19 restrictions will allow us to include this as part of a celebration of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote.

If all goes well, that will be at [Millennium Plaza Park in Lake Oswego](#). Please check later for updates!

Please visit [www.loaaauw.org](http://www.loaaauw.org) for more information about the figures on the quilt, women's right to vote and how the raffle proceeds support educational opportunities for women.

## On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira



I expect that you and I have pretty much the same things on our minds – when will it be safe to venture out and socialize with our friends; when will we be able to see our kids and hug our grandkids; when will our lives return to normal. This is a very difficult, very stressful time for all of us. Please stay in frequent touch with your friends and family, and please avail yourselves of the many opportunities your Lake Oswego AAUW is offering to continue with your Interest Groups. It may not be perfect, but it gives us all some sense of normalcy, and it is fun.

At this point it is still impossible for the Board to make any decisions about when we will all be able to reconvene in person for a Branch meeting or event. We will not plan anything until you feel that it is safe for us to do so. You have recently received a short survey in

which you were asked for your thoughts on the best way for us to proceed with programming in the foreseeable future. Our programming for the near future will be guided by your views.

And, now I would like to share with you a column that was published on June 13 in the *New York Times*. Written by Nicolas Kristof, the title is “*What the Pandemic Reveals About the Male Ego*”. Kristof has compiled death rates from the coronavirus for 21 countries around the world, 13 led by men and 8 by women. The male-led countries suffered an average of **214** coronavirus-related deaths per million inhabitants in contrast to **36** per million in female-led countries. He acknowledges that there are some male leaders who have also done well, but the only countries that have done especially poorly are led by men, and mostly by men who are “authoritarian, vainglorious and blustering.”

Kristof and others whom he cites largely attribute the success of the female leaders to women’s leadership and management styles. Those leaders who handled the virus best were those who consulted public health experts and acted quickly. They did not presume that they were themselves the experts, they were not self-promotional, and they have mastered “the art of communicating effectively in a low-key way – just what’s needed in a pandemic.”



## Statement from AAUW CEO

Kimberly Churches

June 1, 2020

AAUW joins the country in mourning the losses of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless other people of color who have been unjustly killed across our nation. Our country needs healing. But healing will only come with justice. As an organization we condemn racism.

Systemic racism is firmly rooted in the U.S. and today's injustices mirror our shameful history — from police brutality to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. There can be no justice or equality when Black and Brown communities are seen as less deserving of basic human and civil rights.

On behalf of our 170,000 members and supporters, we commit to fighting for justice, long-term and lasting change, and we stand in solidarity against racism. We also acknowledge that as an organization we have our own work to do.

And, as a member of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, we will work to advance the policies and systemic changes identified in the [New Era of Public Safety: A Guide to Fair,](#)

[Safe, and Effective Community Policing](#) and [Vision for Justice](#) platform.

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## AAUW Oregon Summer Skills Camp Coming in August

Pat Squire



AAUW Oregon heard loud and clear from our members that they did not want an on-site, in-person program at Western Oregon University in August. So we're taking summer camp online!

Starting in early August (exact dates to be announced) we will host some 10+ zoom and other format sessions over some days. We also heard that many members thought the Oregon annual meeting was too long, so our workshops will be an hour, with a second workshop on the same topic, if required/desired.

Our state co-presidents Sue Klumph and Pat Lehman have spoken with branch leaders around the state to discover the most desired topics. From their conversations and what we have heard previously, sessions will include topics such as:

- Suffrage Centennial
- Civics in schools
- Grooming future leaders and leadership transitions

- How to have a good meeting
- Membership: a fresh perspective
- What do state and national AAUW do for us?
- Respond to racism
- Special branch programs
- Social media and advocacy

These workshops will be part presentation, with lots of time for questions and interaction. For some sessions we will send questions and discussion items to participants ahead of time. These sessions will be free and open to any member who wishes to join in!

Watch for state email/addendum to state news, and more information from the branch.

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## **New Member Shannon Sullivan Silveira**

Mary Pat Silveira



Shannon Sullivan Silveira grew up in the Northwest, in Lacey, Washington and lived there until she left for college in New York, at Long Island University on a softball scholarship. She received her B.S. in Business and Finance in 2005 and then remained in New York for three years while she began her professional career.

In 2008 she returned to Lacey to help her parents while her dad recovered from surgery. She decided to stay on the West Coast and moved down to Portland. She is currently Director of Administration at Davis Wright Tremaine Law Firm.

In 2013 Shannon married Daniel Silveira. Their first daughter, Camille Rose, was born in 2015, and their second, Alice Juliet, in 2017. In other words, Shannon is a very, very busy working mom of two young – and very, very busy -- children. When I asked her about hobbies, she responded that the only one she has time for is trying to keep her house plants alive!

Shannon has participated in both the Hood to Coast and the Portland to Coast relays, and she plays softball in the Portland Lawyers Softball League. She has been on the Board and is a current member of the Oregon Chapter of Legal Administrators, and she is on the membership committee of the national organization. She also served as a mentor in Minds Matter Portland from 2010-2012.

Shannon is both ambitious and competitive in her professional life, but her emphasis is on finding a good work/home balance. She is a terrific role model for her daughters.

**New Member Profile**  
**Emma Burke**  
 Pat Squire



New member Emma Burke is passionate about public service. She completed the highly regarded Leadership Lake Oswego program in 2019, and, in 2020, was a leader of the program where she awarded the latest class their certificates of graduation. Emma also serves on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board for the Lake Oswego School District and on the City of Lake Oswego's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force, charged with making recommendations to the City. She is also on the boards of directors for Clackamas Women's Services and the League of Women Voters and is interested in all things related to public policy. She was a candidate for Lake Oswego City Council in 2018 and is currently running again.

Emma grew up in Central Washington and moved to Oregon in 1999. She also spent some time in Florida as a paid

college intern at Disney World and while working full time, earned a B.S. degree in Professional Management at Nova Southeastern University. She recently studied in the Executive Master's in Public Administration program at Portland State, where she took the program's trip to Washington, DC to meet with members of Congress.

Emma has her own business as a massage therapist and has been scheduling clients with Phase 1 re-opening guidelines at Seluna Dawn Massage in the Keahi Health Center on Carmen Drive in Lake Oswego.

Emma has two daughters, aged 8 and 10, and she has instilled public service in both of them. They are musicians, participate in gymnastics and girl scouts, and are young activists.

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**The Vote**

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/vote/>

July 6, 2020



[Watch Trailer](#)

*“The Vote brings to life the unsung leaders of the movement and the deep controversies over gender roles and race that divided Americans then — and continue to dominate political discourse today.”*

**Due to COVID 19, groups are meeting using the web-based conferencing program, Zoom. Check with your interest group chair for more information.**

## Interest Group Activities



### Tuesday Books

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

Date: July 28

Book: *A Bend in the Stars* by Rachel Barenboim

Presenter: Lynda Bigler

Date: August 25

Festival of books at the home of Lynda Bigler

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: July 8

Book: *The Woman in the Water* by Charles Finch

Leader: Laura Eyer

Date: August 12

Book: To Be Determined

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 9:30**

Date: July 16

Book: *The Wedding* by Dorothy West

Leader: Carol Zinsli

Zoom Moderator: Diana Gough

Date: August 20 at **10:00 am**

Annual book selection at the home of Stephanie Wagner

For more information, contact Connie Irwin, (503) 459-3070, [irwinconnie44@gmail.com](mailto:irwinconnie44@gmail.com)

### Thursday Evening Books

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm**

Date: July 23

Book: *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujana Massey

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

### Non-Fiction Books

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 11:00am**

Date: July 13

Book: *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything About the World* by Tim Marshall

Leader: Diane Harris

Date: August 10

We will be meeting to choose the books for the upcoming year

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

**No meetings in July or August**



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

Date: July 21

Date: August 18

We hope Lunch Bunch will be meeting in person, starting in July. Virtual has been fun, but no substitute for the real world!

Please RSVP to Terry Hyland at [tw20eagle@comcast.net](mailto:tw20eagle@comcast.net) or Marge Ransom at [wrandmr68@yahoo.com](mailto:wrandmr68@yahoo.com) (503) 941-9591

**Delightful Dining**

Date: July 11  
 Time: 6:00pm  
 Theme: Barbeque

Date: August 30  
 Time: 3:00pm  
 Theme: Outdoor Tea

Stay tuned for updates on outdoor activities

For more information contact Jane Taft  
[taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com)



**Advocacy Interest Group**  
**2nd Friday at 11:00am**

Date: July 10

Date: August 14

The Advocacy Group will be deciding on its main areas for action in the July meeting.

For more information contact Sharron Noone at [smnrrooe@aol.com](mailto:smnrrooe@aol.com)

**Story Telling**  
**3rd Monday at 3:00pm**

Date: July 20  
 Time: 3:00pm

Date: August 17  
 Time: 3:00pm

Please RSVP to Mary Pat Silveira [mpsilveira@usa.net](mailto:mpsilveira@usa.net) if you would like to attend.

# July 2020

Unless otherwise notified, activities will be conducted virtually via Zoom

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8 Murder by the Book	9	10 Advocacy	11 Delightful Dining
12	13 Non-Fiction Books	14	15	16 Interpretive Books	17	18
19	20 Story Telling	21 Lunch Bunch	22	23 Thursday Evening Books	24	25
26	27	28 Tuesday Books	29	30	31	



# August 2020

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16	17 Story Telling	18 Lunch Bunch	19	20 Interpretive Books annual book selection and luncheon	21	22
23	24	25 Tuesday Festival of Books	26 Suffrage Event and Quilt Raffle	27	28	29
30 Delightful Dining	31					