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**"We still are having fun!"**



Top: Kris Schultz, Mary Pat Silveira, Karen Rottink, Diana Ricks  
Middle: Catharine Hojem, Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis, Diane Harris,  
Sandra Spatz-Wiszneauckas  
Bottom: Marty Maharg, Garlene Logan, Susan Shea  
Missing from photo: Cathy Croghan Alzner, Sharon Callen,  
Jackie Magner, Jackie Rose, Stephanie Wagner

Covid "Stay at Home" doesn't stop members of the Non-Fiction Book Group from enjoying friendship and sharing insights about the books they read while virtually meeting using Zoom. Other Interest Groups also are meeting, sharing conversations, meals, stories, and literary insights.

## On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira



We are soon to enter summer, and I hope that, by the time you are reading this, the weather will bear me out! I am looking forward to more frequent walks and occasional small gatherings on my deck, while maintaining social distancing. I am not prescribing anything to anyone; I certainly lack the expertise to do so. However, based on current research, I personally feel comfortable being outside with a few people sitting six feet apart.

We are all longing for “normal.” Still, are we not incredibly lucky to be a part of a community of women who care and enjoy each other and that provides us with regular contact? Almost all of our interest groups are continuing to meet by using Zoom. If you are not participating, I urge you to join one or more groups. We are having fun! Really! True, we would all prefer to meet face to face, but here are some of

the distinct advantages of meeting virtually: you can see everyone’s face at the same time; you can easily hear everyone (just turn up the volume if you don’t); only one person can speak at a time; there are no traffic jams on the way and parking is easy! What do you do if you don’t find an interest group that meets your needs? Create one. As long as the purpose of the group is consistent with AAUW rules (e.g., no partisan political groups please), you are free to propose the kind of group you like. We want you to be healthy and happy, and we want you to stay connected.

As soon as both Governor Brown and the medical and scientific experts allow, we would like to resume our public meetings. I hope that many of you participated in the branch-wide planning meeting I called for May 28. If not, I would appreciate hearing from you on the following issues: (1) what criteria have to be met before you would be comfortable in a public AAUW meeting; (2) if we were to hold branch meetings via Zoom, would you participate; and (3) what topics would you like for us to discuss in branch meetings in the coming fiscal year? Your responses to these questions are critical to our planning and moving forward.

Thank you and be well.

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## The People of the Quilt: Part III

Mary Pat Silveira

This is the third and final of a three-part series introducing the suffragists honored on the quilt that members of our branch designed and created to celebrate the centennial of the passage

of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution.

An Iroquois woman, Sojourner Truth and Frederick Douglass were featured in the April issue of the newsletter. We met Lucretia Mott, Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Matilda Gage in May. Now, in June, we will travel west to Oregon with Abigail Scott Duniway, to London with Alice Paul and her introduction to a more militant style of protesting and then to Washington D.C. and across the US with those Silent Sentinels who risked assault and imprisonment for the legal recognition of the right of women to vote.



Abigail Scott Duniway

**Abigail Scott Duniway** (1834-1915) is remembered as Oregon's "Mother of Equal Suffrage" and "the pioneer Woman Suffragist of the Great Northwest." At the age of seventeen, she traveled overland with her family from Illinois to Oregon by ox-drawn wagon. She married soon after arriving and lived as a pioneer farm wife and mother of six until her husband was injured, and she had to support the family. She found that, as a woman, her opportunities were severely limited. She began teaching but found that it paid women only a fraction of what it paid men. She left teaching, established and ran a success millinery business.

In 1871 she turned to publishing a weekly newspaper, the *New Northwest*, devoted to promoting not only suffrage, but also an entire agenda of women's issues, including the liberalization of marriage law and property rights for women. The newspaper's motto was "*Free Speech, Free Press, Free People.*" She came under the mentorship of Susan B. Anthony, who visited the West Coast and traveled through Oregon and Washington with Duniway at this time. In 1873, Duniway helped found the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association, and she worked tirelessly to achieve suffrage victories throughout Idaho, Washington and Oregon. After five elections, she saw the successful passage of the suffrage initiative in Oregon. Duniway was the first woman publisher in Oregon, the first woman to register to vote in Multnomah County, and the first woman to speak before the Oregon Legislature. In addition to her newspaper, Duniway wrote *The Coming Century*, "A Journal of Progress and Reform" (1891-1892); *The Pacific Empire*, a Portland weekly



she edited for three years (1895-1897); and twenty-two novels including *Captains Gray's Company* (1895), the first novel commercially published in Oregon and later revised as *From the West to the West* (1905).



Alice Paul

**Alice Paul** (1885-1977), born after the Civil War and the adoption of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments, focused solely on women's rights. She was perhaps the best educated, earning both a Ph.D. and a law degree. In 1907, Paul went to

London to study social work. While there, she came into contact with and joined the Woman's Social and Political Union (WSPU), where she learned militant tactics and civil disobedience. She was arrested multiple times and served three jail terms in London. During one of those arrests, Paul met **Lucy Burns**, a fellow American activist, at a British police station. The two became fast friends, Paul returned to the US in 1910 to recover from her imprisonments and to develop a plan for suffrage work at home. She completed a Ph.D. and, along with Burns, began participating in rallies organized by the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). However, she soon argued with the NAWSA leadership over strategy, and both Paul and Burns left the organization to form the National Woman's Party (NWP).

Borrowing from their British counterparts, Paul and Burns organized parades and picket lines in support of suffrage. Their first, and largest, was in Washington D.C, on March 3, 1913 where approximately 5,000 women marched down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House. Paul continued to organize demonstrations. One historian estimated that as many as 2,000 Silent Sentinels, women of all classes who risked health, jobs, and reputations, picketed the White House. They endured physical and verbal attacks. Five hundred were arrested of whom 168 were jailed.

After adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Paul and the NWP focused on passing the **Equal Rights Amendment** (which she called the "Lucretia Mott Amendment"). Paul spent the rest of her life advocating for this and other

women's issues. She traveled widely and, in 1938, established the World Woman's Party (WWP), headquartered in Geneva. The WWP worked closely with the League of Nations for the inclusion of gender equality into the United Nations Charter and the establishment of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. In the US, she led a coalition that was successful in adding a sexual discrimination clause to Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.



Silent Sentinels

The “**Silent Sentinels**” were the women who joined Alice Paul and Lucy Burns in the National Woman's Party and used civil disobedience in their demand for the vote. For eighteen months they demonstrated in front of the White House, enduring heckling, harassment and, as months wore on, arrests. At first

the women were released quickly and without penalty, but soon the courts began handing out prison time. The women were not deterred. The courts began giving sentences of sixty-day terms and, in October 1917, Paul was arrested and sentenced to seven months in the Occoquan (VA) Workhouse.

On the night of November 14, 1917, thirty-three more women were brought to Occoquan. They demanded to be treated as political prisoners. Instead, the prison superintendent called on his guards to teach the women a lesson. The women were beaten, kicked, choked, stripped naked, chained to the bars in a workhouse cell, and stabbed with a stick that once held a protest banner. When the women started a hunger strike to protest their treatment, they were force-fed until they became ill. **None gave up or gave in. They persisted!**

The early suffragists were well-known. Their stories were captured in histories of the movement, biographies and autobiographies. The years of their speaking, writing, and organizing across the United State and lobbying decision-makers were critical in paving the way for the Silent Sentinels. It was the latter, however, who finally forced President Woodrow Wilson to announce that he would support the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. With his support the Senate approved an amendment on June 4, 1919. Finally, on August 18, 1920 following states' ratification, the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution was ratified and became law.

Protect your rights by exercising your rights. VOTE!

**Please Support Your Branch,  
Win This Beautiful Quilt and  
Help a Woman Attain Her  
Educational Goal**



Please support our Branch Educational Fund and women's education. Buy your raffle ticket to win this beautiful quilt and support scholarships for women returning to school at Clackamas Community College. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The winning ticket will be drawn at an event on August 18, the date the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified. You can purchase your tickets online at <https://www.loaauw.org/> or by mailing a check made out to LOAAUW PO Box 416, Lake Oswego OR 97036.

**In Memoriam  
Sandra Hoover**  
Jane Taft



Sandra Hoover and her daughter, Janet Lockhart

Sandra Hoover, a member of the Lake Oswego Branch for more than thirty years, passed away on May 4, 2020. After breaking her shoulder this winter, Sandra spent time in rehab at the Pearl and then moved to a continuing care facility in Keizer, near her daughter, Janet Lockhart. She was doing well in the memory care facility, but then contracted an infection and had another fall, from which she did not recover. Janet and her brother were able to visit her.

Many people will have known Sandra as the hospitality chair, as she was cheerfully serving refreshments at virtually every branch meeting. Earlier, she served two terms as Vice President of Programs, one as co-VP with Ann Keddie, and one on her own. She was a long-term and enthusiastic member of Thursday Evening Books, serving for a number of years as co-chair with Suzanne Kaveckis.



Sandra had a passionate commitment to working for equality for women and girls and against sexual harassment and trafficking and spoke out about related AAUW policies. She also loved hiking and nature and was a volunteer at Tryon Creek State Natural Area.

Sandra spent many years teaching in the Lake Oswego area, including her final stint working with emotionally disturbed children at the Christie School. In retirement, she and Jim Scott, her long-time companion, lived for some years at Mary's Woods, during which she took up line dancing for exercise and pleasure. When she moved into Lake Oswego after Jim's death, she was delighted that she was invited to continue with the line dancing group.

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## It's Dues Renewal Time

Dear members of the AAUW Lake Oswego Branch,

I hope this finds you well, and that you have been able to connect with your AAUW interest groups and friends as we cope with COVID-19 and its effects. It is dues renewal time for the AAUW 2020-2021 year. You soon will be receiving an email with a link that allows you to pay on-line to the on the national AAUW website. The dues amount has not changed (AAUW National is \$59, AAUW Oregon is \$16 and AAUW Lake Oswego is \$17 for a total of \$92).

Your membership team, Marty Maharg, incoming Membership VP, Susan Hornung, co-VP for Finance and yours truly, outgoing Membership VP, really appreciate payment on-line so that we

can keep current on everyone and produce the Directory (yes, there will be a Directory this year!) with the greatest accuracy. If you prefer, you can mail a check to our Post Office Box (AAUW-Lake Oswego Branch, P.O. Box 416 Marylhurst, OR 97036).

As we make our way together through this historic time, we will be looking for more ways to connect with each other. Stay tuned for upcoming branch newsletters.

Take good care,  
Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis  
Outgoing Membership VP

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On May 6, Kim Churches, American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) released the following statement in response to the recent US Department of Education final Title IX regulations for schools dealing with sexual misconduct. "Although the nation is facing an unprecedented health emergency that requires singular focus, today the Trump Administration issued a rule that will substantially weaken Title IX, rolling back important protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault.

“The decision by the U.S. Department of Education to move forward with this change follows more than a year of vigorous opposition from survivor advocacy organizations, civil rights groups and educational institutions. The outrageous new rule will make it harder for students who’ve experienced sexual harassment or violence to come forward to get the protections Title IX was created to provide.

“Compounding the outrage is the fact that this rule is being finalized amid a global crisis that is causing confusion and unrest, specifically within the education community. To proceed with a policy change that will require extensive resources for training and implementation while students and schools are already facing unprecedented challenges is positively shameful.

“In the best of times, the rule is ill-advised: It threatens to turn back the clock, reversing policies that were put in place to make it easier for survivors to report sexual misconduct. The rules will stack the deck against survivors, making it too onerous, even traumatic, for many to come forward. In short, the rule is antithetical to the fundamental promise of Title IX, that all students deserve access to an education free from sex discrimination.

“But these are among the worst of times. We urge the Administration to keep its focus on protecting our colleges and universities, minding the shaky economy and on keeping Americans healthy and safe. To deprive American students of badly needed protections right now is just plain wrong.”



**TITLE IX CHANGES**

**THE MERGING OF TITLE IX AND CLERY**

“When addressing allegations of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, institutions are subject to the Clery Act regulations as well as Title IX.”

**EQUITY FOR ACCUSED AND ACCUSERS**

“In fairly assessing the need for a party to receive interim measures, a school may not rely on fixed rules or operating assumptions that favor one party over another, nor may a school make such measures available only to one party.”

**SCHOOLS MAY CHOOSE WHO CAN APPEAL**

“If a school chooses to allow appeals from its decisions regarding responsibility and/or disciplinary sanctions, the school may choose to allow appeal solely by the responding party; or by both parties, in which case any appeal procedures must be equally available to both parties.”

**REMOVING THE PROMPTNESS REQUIREMENT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS**

“There is no fixed time frame under which a school must complete a Title IX investigation. OCR will evaluate a school’s good faith effort to conduct a fair, impartial investigation in a timely manner designed to provide all parties with resolution.”



**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: June 23

Book: *Factfulness* by Hans Rosling

Presenter: Karen Rottink

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: June 10

Come prepared to share your favorite author and/or series whose stories are set in another country other than USA.

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: June 18

Book: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by

Delia Owen

Leader: Laura Eyer

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: June 25

Book: *The Lost City of the Monkey God*

by Douglas Preston

Leader: Stephanie Carter

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: June 26

Book: *Glass House: The 1% Economy and the Shattering of an All-American Town* by Brian Alexander

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

### Non-Fiction Books

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

Date: June 8

Book: *Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age* by Mary Pipher

Leader: Susan Shea

For more information, contact Mary Pat Silveira at [mpsilveira@usa.net](mailto:mpsilveira@usa.net) or (503) 344-4947.

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Please RSVP to Mary Pat Silveira  
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attend.

## June 2020

Unless otherwise notified, activities will be conducted virtually via Zoom

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



# 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	11
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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Non-Fiction Books	11	12 Murder by the Book	13	14	15
16	17 Story Telling	18 Lunch Bunch Suffrage Event and Quilt Raffle	19	20 Interpretive Books annual book selection and luncheon	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Tuesday Evening's Festival of Books	28	29
30	31					