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It Takes a Village: the WLLO Village



<https://wllovillage.org>

**Saturday, October 10, 2020
10:00 via ZOOM**

Joan Nelson of West Linn Lake Oswego (WLLO) Village will discuss the Village movement, an approach that “allows people to stay in their homes while easing the burden on their family caregivers.” The concept began twenty years ago in Boston and in June 2019, WLLO Village began providing volunteer help. The primary focus of the organization is to support people who choose to age in their own homes by creating a network of trained volunteers, offering social events, and providing access to local resources.

Please join us for this virtual presentation to learn more about the services and volunteer opportunities of WLLO Village.

On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira



We have lived through a harrowing month, but we can be grateful that Lake Oswego and surrounding areas were spared from the fires, and that we have all survived with our homes intact. I am also grateful for the continued work and support of our Board and many others of you who allow us to continue to enjoy each's other company. And I am grateful that Zoom allows us to still have great discussions and to share ideas and thoughts.

One of the things that I have been asking members as I encounter them in our online meetings is this: how are you spending your time? Most, if not all, of us are avid readers; some of us paint or write, make music and listen to music, sew and quilt; several enjoy puzzles and word games.

A number of our members are using the time to learn new things, to enjoy cultural discussions and to "travel." For those of you who would like to make more use of online resources, I thought that I would share with you some of those that have been shared with me.

Would you like to **go to school**? Try Osher Lifelong Learning: Northwest Oregon

https://osher.uoregon.edu/northwest_or_ogon/. Organized by the University of Oregon, the Osher program offers you as many courses as you wish for \$110 for six months, or \$200 for a full year.

The Senior Studies Institute (SSI) <https://www.ssipdx.org/>. For only \$40 per year, SSI offers a wide variety of topics. For example, some of the October 2020 classes are Travelling Toward Peace with Iran, Poetry Reading Fun, The Rise of Tin Pan Alley, and the Secret Life of Birds.

Great Courses

<https://www.thegreatcoursesplus.com/> offers hundreds of courses, available on demand, which can be viewed on television as well as on your computer. You may subscribe for \$150/year, \$45/quarter or \$20/month. There is also a free trial period.

Viking TV <https://viking.tv> provides free-to-watch short documentaries and interviews, lectures, classical music concerts, readings lists, filmographies and more.

Would you like to know more about **local culture and events**? Oregon Humanities offers Consider This <http://oregonhumanities.org>, which features conversations with writers, civic

leaders, activists and artists in Portland and around Oregon. This program began in 2009 under the name “Think and Drink”. Archived programs are also available. Access is free.

Or would you prefer a world view?

Google Arts and Culture

[\[https://artsandculture.google.com\]](https://artsandculture.google.com) has a large number of interactive photo tours of the world’s greatest museums, art and monuments.

I know that many of you have had to cancel trips this year. So, **let’s go travelling:**

Rick Steves

[\[https://www.ricksteves.com\]](https://www.ricksteves.com) is well known to many of you from PBS. You can travel with him on some of his tours as he discusses history and culture.

The Hidden Worlds of the National Parks

[\[https://artsandculture.google.com/project/national-park-service\]](https://artsandculture.google.com/project/national-park-service) offers 360-degree video and interactive photos of national parks narrated by park rangers.

Air Pano [\[https://www.airpano.com\]](https://www.airpano.com)

offers 360-degree photos and videos of iconic cities, parks and historic monuments around the world.

Perhaps you are more interested in some **quirky science**. Try Geobeats [\[http://www.geobeats.com\]](http://www.geobeats.com). You will find stories and video about “Wasp turns zombie caterpillar into its bodyguard,” and “The Plant that can Count,” or the “Cyborg locust sniffs out bombs.”

These are just some of the many offerings available to help us through these challenging months. What are

you doing? Would you like to share something with our members?

Nominating Committee

Mary Pat Silveira

Would you or someone you know like to join the leadership of the Lake Oswego AAUW? The Branch is seeking candidates for three offices -- President, Program Vice-President and Secretary - who will serve from July 2021 to July 2023.

Please contact Nominations Committee members Pat Squire, Marty Maharg or Jeanne Lemieux with your suggestions before the end of October.

“The Hour has Come” is Now on Video

The Lake Oswego Library has uploaded a recording of AAUW Lake Oswego’s reading of the history of the suffrage movement entitled, “The Hour Has Come.” It is available on the Library’s YouTube page, at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GVskcrSMDs>

the proper amount of sage for 2020



And the Winner Is...

Stephanie Wagner



Mia Cremona, a senior at Lake Oswego High School, is the proud winner of the Women Get The Vote - 100th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt. Mia is working with State Senator Rob Wagner to have the quilt put on display at the state capital. More details on the exact location will be posted on the loauw.org website. Many thanks again to Carol Cooper, Mary Pat Silveira, Connie Irwin and Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis for their amazing contribution in designing and producing this wonderful piece of art. It will serve as a reminder to women in future generations of the struggle for the equality of women. Mia will treasure it always.

New Member Profile

Andrea Salinas
Pat Squire



A long-time advocate for women and children, Andrea is a member of the House of Representatives in the Oregon State Legislature, representing District 38, which includes Lake Oswego and part of Southwest Portland. Her public service career started with an internship to Senator Dianne Feinstein of California.

Rep. Salinas later became a legislative staffer to U.S. Senator Harry Reid, served as an advisor to Congressman Pete Stark, and then in Oregon as a district aide to Congresswoman Darlene Hooley. She served as vice president of consulting firm Strategies 360, where she advocated for numerous causes that benefit families, working people, seniors and the environment. With this background, in 2017 she was appointed

to fill the remainder of the term of Representative Anne Leining (several times a guest at our branch meetings) who was appointed as a judge. Elected to the legislative seat in 2018, she now serves in several leadership positions.

Andrea, who grew up in Northern California, has a BA in Psychology from University of California, Berkeley. She and her husband Chris enjoy hiking, discovering new Oregon wines and the company of their daughter Amelia and labradoodle dog Cooper. As a working mom, she is very conscious of the needs of families.

Andrea joined the Lake Oswego Branch as part of AAUW's "Shape the Future" campaign, and while we know she is busy, she has already joined our September online branch meeting.

**In Honor of
Ruth Bader Ginsburg**
Mary Pat Silveira

AAUW CEO Kim Churches has reminded us that "Americans lost one of our most beloved role models..., a pioneering jurist and iconic feminist who blazed new trails, not only in her own life, but in the lives of the countless women she championed – and inspired."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a warrior for equal treatment of all genders. After founding the ACLU's Women's Right Project in 1972, she participated in nearly 300 sex discrimination cases, six of which went to the US Supreme Court.



<https://www.tnz.com/2020/09/18>

During her 27-year tenure on the Supreme Court, she continued to fight for gender equality. Even when she was in the minority, her eloquent dissents influenced Congressional legislation, such the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009.

If you get equal preference in estate disputes, if you are protected against pay discrimination, if your military spousal or Social Security benefits are gender equal, if you have equal access to education, if you can keep your job when you are pregnant, if you have a credit card or buy a house in your own name, if you are able to marry the person whom you love regardless of gender, you can thank Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

As expressed by Kim Churches, we join our voices with all of the other members of AAUW in extending "our condolences to her family, her colleagues and to every American whose lives and hearts she touched. The nation owes it to her – and to all women- to honor her final wishes and refrain from naming a replacement until after a new president is inaugurated."

Clackamas Children's Safety Levy

Stephanie Wagner

In honor of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the board held a special meeting and voted to donate \$1000 to the national AAUW Fund. We are asking all members collectively to match this amount with whatever they can afford to give.

We realize that many members have recently been extremely generous with their donations to the quilt raffle and that we all have other obligations. However, we would appreciate any and all donations.

All donations are and will be confidential. If you are able to give, please complete your donation within the next two weeks in commemoration of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and to support the continuation of her legacy to enforcing equal rights for all.

Donations can be made by: credit card on the AAUW website (<https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/>) or by check, payable to AAUW Fund and sent to Susan Shea, along with the form on the last page of this newsletter. For more details, see the recent email from the board.



The Lake Oswego Branch of AAUW has partnered with Clackamas Women's Services (CWS) for a number of years. CWS is part of the Safe Kids Coalition of Clackamas County which is sponsoring an initiative to provide funding for nonprofit organizations involved in direct support of women and children who are the victims of neglect, domestic violence, child abuse and trauma, sex trafficking and sexual assault.

Clackamas Children's Safety Levy: Measure 3-564 will provide tax dollars to fund a five year grant program that will allow Clackamas County providers to double their capacity to provide direct services to abused and neglected children and support programs that work to support education, mentoring and violence prevention programming to reduce the incidents of violence in the community . Please take a careful look at this important initiative at <https://yesforclackamaskids.org/> and be sure to vote!

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 4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: October 27
Book: *The Plague* by Albert Camus

For more information, contact Lynda Bigler, libigler@icloud.com

Murder by the Book 2nd Wednesday at 12:00pm

Date: October 14
Book: *Edinburgh Twilight* by Carole Lawrence

For more information, contact Jane Taft, taft.jane@gmail.com or Stephanie Carter, secarter1@gmail.com

Interpretive Books 3rd Thursday at 9:30am

Date: October 15
Book: *How it All Began* by Penelope Lively

For more information, contact Connie Irwin, irwinconnie44@gmail.com

Thursday Evening Books 4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: October 22
Book: *Dreaming of the Bones* by Debra Crombie

For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis, smkaveckis@icloud.com

Non-Fiction Books 2nd Monday at 11:00am

Date: October 12
Book: *Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art* by James Nestor

For more information, contact Mary Pat Silveira, mpsilveira@usa.net

Friday Books 4th Friday at 10:00am

For more information, contact Joan Waldron, spirit.waldron@gmail.com



Lunch Bunch 3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: October 20

Members of the Lunch Bunch are enjoying each other's company via Zoom. We'll happily return to meeting in person as soon as everyone is ready to do so.

For more information contact, Terry Hyland, twh20eagle@comcast.net or Marge Ransom, wrandmr68@yahoo.com.

Delightful Dining

Date: October 17
Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Virtual Happy Hour

For more information, contact Jane Taft, taft.jane@gmail.com



Advocacy Interest Group 2nd Friday at 11:00am

Date: October 9

The Advocacy Group is working on a number of policy issues, most immediate of which is at this time is a get-out-the-vote campaign.

For more information, contact Sharron Noone, smnrrooe@aol.com



Story Telling 3rd Monday at 3:00pm

Date: October 19

For more information, contact Mary Pat Silveira, mpsilveira@usa.net

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9 Advocacy	10 Branch Meeting
11	12 Non-Fiction Books	13	14 Murder by the Book	15 Interpretive Books	16	17 Delightful Dining
18	19 Story Telling	20 Lunch Bunch	21	22 Thursday Evening Books	23 Friday Books	24
25	26	27 Tuesday Books	28	29	30	31 

November 2020

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LO AAUW FUND 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 FUND**

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 _____

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