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Girls Engage Technology

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Via Zoom:

9:30 Social Time

10:00 Program



Promoting STEM education is an important part of the AAUW mission. Last year we featured four young women from the West Linn High School robotics team. This month our speaker is Barbara Miner, PhD, a representative from Saturday Academy and coordinator for the Girls Engage Technology (GET) program. Saturday Academy, for grades two through twelve, is dedicated to inspiring girls' curiosity in technology and engineering, where women are currently under-represented. They do this through classes and camps designed specifically for girls, especially the Girls Engage Technology (GET) program which provides positive programming and engineering experiences. Girls are exposed to expertise in technology creation, and teens with some experience in programming or engineering, are trained by professional (female) mentors to lead projects for fourth and fifth grade girls who don't yet know they can be successful.

On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira



I began to write this column in early October in perfect autumn weather. As I was out walking, I started to think about front porches. When I was a kid, much of life was spent outside in good weather. Homes were hot and uncomfortable in the summer – no one had air conditioning yet. Every house had a front porch, and, in the evening, after supper, all of the adults congregated there. While the kids ran around catching fireflies, the grown-ups visited. We were a neighborhood and a community.

Once air conditioning and television became prominent, people moved back inside. Those who wanted outdoor space sought the privacy of decks and patios in the back yard. Front porches mostly disappeared, except for aesthetic purposes. We still meet our neighbors outside from time-to-time, but the

meetings are by chance, and the connection is no longer as intimate.

However, what I have noticed on my walks is that people have been sitting in their front yards again. They have backyards, but they are hauling folding chairs out front because they are longing for human interaction. They want to share a few words with the neighbors who are out walking, and they want to be seen and acknowledged.

We all have a need for that connection, and Covid19 has made it extremely difficult. Unfortunately, as the rains began and the temperature drops, it will be even more so. We won't be sitting outside to visit. Even harder is knowing that, for many of us, the holidays will be passed without family or friends sharing a meal or decorating a tree. It is important that we recognize the challenges that we will be facing over the next few months and to develop strategies to meet them head-on. Call or FaceTime often those whom you love. Set up your own free Zoom account and get the whole family together. Technology is only second best, but it is the best available now.

That includes participating in any or all of the LO Branch's great Interest groups we have running on Zoom. Come early to the next Branch Meeting, on 14 November, and have a social half-hour with your friends before the program begins. Do you want more Branch social meetings? Please let me know. The Board is also planning a holiday party on Zoom, on December 12. Who says that we can't have fun this year? Dress up! Bring your own bottle and food and get ready to party. We will be providing more details on this next

month, but please mark the date now.
You are not alone. We are your friends
and your community.

And please be sure to vote!
Be well,
Mary Pat



New Addresses

Jackie Wagner has moved into a new
condo at the same address, but new
number: 205

Freddie Danner has moved to Mary's
Woods: 17555 Gleason Dr. Unit 302
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Sue Kingzett has a new email address
susankingzett@gmail.com.

Financial Review

Susan Shea

A review of the branch's financial
records for the fiscal year of 7/1/2019 –
6/30/2020 has been completed. All
records were found to be in excellent
order. The committee was Susan Shea,
Jane Taft and Stephanie Wagner.

Membership Profiles

Marty Maharg

Did you join LO Branch before 2015?
We would like to profile you in our
upcoming newsletters. In the past five
years, our branch has really grown. The
newer members would like to associate
a name with your smiling face and learn
more about you. We are starting this
month with Anne Redman. If you willing
to be profiled, please email me at:
martymaharg@hotmail.com. Thank
you.

Celebration of Talents

Marty Maharg

We are an exceptional group of women
with expertise and many talents. We
would like to virtually display some of
your work: poetry, prose, fabric art, fiber
art, paintings, ceramics, quilting,
knitting, photography... Are you
Interested in sharing photos of your
work?

We will need a member to curate this
project, a member to set up the online
slide show plus others to help as
needed. Please email me at:
martymaharg@hotmail.com

AAUW Fund Branch Named Gift Honoree

Susan Shea

Each year the AAUW Fund allows our
branch to honor usually one or two
members as Branch Named Gift
Honoree(s) in recognition of their
exceptional service over several years.
The Honoree likely would have taken on
many tasks or one very large one to
promote AAUW's mission or to make
our branch the warm, vibrant and

inviting organization that it is. If you would like to nominate a member for this award, please send your suggestion to Susan Shea along with why she should be considered before January 15, 2021.

AAUW Fund
Ruth Bader Ginsburg Challenge
 Susan Shea

At a special board meeting following the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the board voted to donate \$1000 to AAUW Fund in her honor and they challenged all members to collectively match this amount. I am most happy to report that we not only met that challenge but exceeded it. To date, \$1193 has been sent to AAUW Fund. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Member Profile

Anne Redman
 Marty Maharg



Anne was born in Corpus Christi, Texas; however she did not live there long. She jokes that she left as soon as she could crawl. The child of a career Navy man, Anne frequently moved throughout the country, ultimately settling in Portland where she graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Science and Geology. Because most companies refused to hire women geologists, Anne began working in the computer and programming field as an engineering assistant.

With her brother James, Anne co-owned a specialty engineering company that built customized computer control systems. Ten years ago, following James death Anne retired and closed the company.

Anne enjoys reading and doing a variety of art and craft projects. She paints and has transferred some of her designs onto fabric. Anne also sews, quilts and does embroidery and needlepoint. Currently, she is interested in bead weaving.

Anne joined AAUW in 2010. She is a member of the Mystery Book group and was a member of Exploring the Northwest. She also served as LO Branch Treasurer from 2010 to 2015.

During her last year as Treasurer, Anne researched ways the Branch could have a sustained source of income. She found a branch in California that marketed a cast silver President's AAUW logo pin for outgoing Presidents. Based on some of her own artwork and the AAUW logo, Anne designed two silk scarves, using Spring and Fall colors. Our branch sold them to new members

and gave them as gifts at State conventions and to honored guests at our branch meetings. The scarves (see images below) have been a hit with our members and others who have received them as gifts.





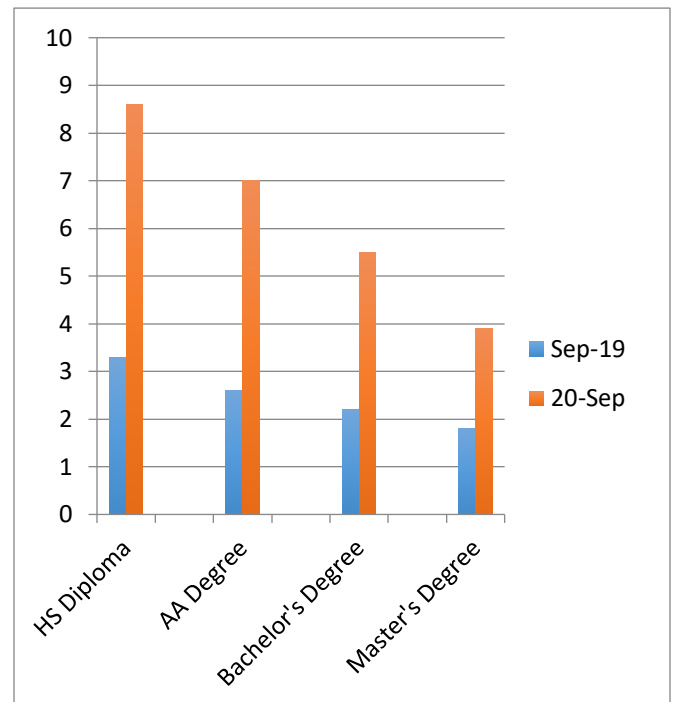
**Advancing equity for women and girls
through advocacy, education, and philanthropy.**

The mission of AAUW has never been more critical. The pandemic has spotlighted many inequities in American systems; disadvantaged groups include all people of color, the elderly, women, and people without education beyond high school.

Oregon's unemployment rate for men was 6.7% last month, compared to 9.6% for women. (*The Oregonian*) Nationally, approximately 865,000 women ages 20

and over, including 324,000 Latinas and 58,000 Black women, dropped out of the workforce in September. (*The Oregonian*. Similar state-level data is not available, according to the Oregon Employment Department.)

Nationally the unemployment rate for workers with a Bachelor's Degree was about 60% that of those with only High School. (<https://fred.stlouisfed.org>)



These statistics indicate that it is especially important that we now support students in any kind of training or school program. Many are houseless or poor, many lack child-care, many are unemployed. As part of our mission we need to support all of these students in order to create economic equity. For more information on sources of data, contact Sharron Noone, smnrrooe@aol.com



Diana Gough shared the following **Zoom** tips:

Zoom meetings have become ubiquitous for many of us and complaining about them is often hilarious, and sometimes unfair, but not often. The screen flattens faces and makes seeing expressions difficult. You can't look anyone in the eye. People talk over one another because they can't see who else wants to speak. The biggest complaint is fatigue and headache during or after a meeting.

To counteract these unfortunate characteristics, I have compiled an extensive list of positive things that Zoom meetings have added to my life.

- I don't have to wear a mask.
- I can wear lipstick which makes a mess of my mask.
- I can eat garlic and onions for lunch and no one will know.
- I can wear perfume if I wish and not offend anyone.
- I can wear the most unsuitable items (a tutu, wet suit, flippers, etc.) from the waist down and no one is the wiser.
- If you turn off your video, you can read while the meeting is in progress. I have not done this, but my daughter-in-law has and says it has saved her from

falling asleep on numerous occasions. The downside is, of course, completely losing the gist of what is being discussed. This tactic is only good for large meetings where no one knows you're there anyway, and you don't care about the topic.

-If you turn your audio off, you can talk to your partner while the meeting is in progress. I have done this.

-It is easier to be on time because you don't have to leave the house.

-Going home after a night meeting means you don't have to drive in the dark.

-When it is pouring (snowing, smoke filled air, etc.) outside, you don't have to go out in it.

-You don't have to clean your house (my favorite) or make sure there are guest towels in the bathroom

-I try to stay positive and sane during this very difficult time.

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: November 24
Book: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

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

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

Date: November 11
Book: *Louisiana Longshot* by Jana DeLeon

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

Interpretive Books 3rd Thursday at 9:30am

Date: November 19
Book: *WAR (Counterparts)* by Winfred Owen

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

Thursday Evening Books 4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: November 19
Book: *Bottle of Lies* by Katherine Eban

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

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

Date: November 9
Book: *White Rage, The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson

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: November 17

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, tw20eagle@comcast.net or Marge Ransom, wrandmr68@yahoo.com.

Delightful Dining

Date: November 21
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: November 13

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: November 16

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

November 2020

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

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Board Meeting	2	3 Thursday Evening Books	4	5
6	7	8	9 Murder by the Book	10	11 	12 Holiday Party Fundraiser
13	14 Non-Fiction Books	15 Lunch Bunch	16	17 Interpretive Books	18 Advocacy	19
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