

Reproductive Health and Justice

Saturday, February 9, 2021

9:30 Social Time

10:00 Program

Zoom

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An Do

Interim Executive Director

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon

We are pleased to have An Do, the new Interim Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon (PPAO) speak to us about the current policy landscape of reproductive health and justice. Additionally, she will describe the reproductive health challenges women of color encounter.

Before coming to PPAO, Do directed communications for No Cuts to Care, the campaign that defeated the anti-abortion Ballot Measure 106 and has worked in direct services as a social worker. She also has extensive experience in business development, recruiting and operations.

<https://www.ppaoregon.org/about/staff/>

While February usually features a Lake Oswego Reads speaker, due to COVID the library is using a different approach. We encourage you to consult the library website for scheduled events. Isabel Wilkerson, author of *Caste*, the LO Reads book will speak via Zoom, on February 23rd at 5:30pm

On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira



I am writing this on 11 January. Last week we all watched amazed, shocked, fearful and saddened as thousands of people attacked the US while Congress counted the Electoral College votes. Not in more than a century and a half have we been so aware of the fragility of our democracy.

In response, AAUW of Oregon has adopted the following statement:

“We express our profound shock and disappointment about the events that took place on January 6, 2021, in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere. We also affirm our commitment to our democratic principles. Our country’s democracy is undeniably imperfect, but it represents a worthy ideal. Violence in the

name of a political point of view should not be tolerated.”

The inauguration is in a scant 11 days, and we can only hope that this time will pass in peace and without harm to anyone.

We all need to consider the parts that we must play in protecting and nurturing our democracy. Certainly, taking our place as purveyors of the truth and as standard bearers of equal rights and justice is foremost.

Looking Ahead

Branch Elections and Tea

At our next (February) meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce nominations for officers for 2021-2023. This will include nominations for the offices of President and Program Vice-President. The floor will be open for any additional nominations you may wish to make. Ballots will be sent to all members electronically in February, and we will announce the results at our March meeting. We will also present our Named Gift Honorees at this time. The remainder of the meeting will be our annual Tea, yes via Zoom. More information will be available on this next month.

Creation of Gender Policy Council

On January 19, 2021 Kimberly Churches made the following statement:

“AAUW is thrilled to learn that the Biden-Harris Administration has created a

White House Gender Policy Council, a team charged with implementing a 'government-wide focus on uplifting the rights of girls and women in the United States and around the world, restoring America as champion for women and girls..."

"The task they face is formidable: The pandemic has been devastating for women of color and crushing for women in general. Despite making up the majority of the nation's essential workers, women have disproportionately suffered from our country's inadequate response to the COVID-19 crisis, losing more jobs and taking on family responsibilities that drove many out of the workforce. The road to recovery will be long, but with this Council guiding the way in an intentional, coordinated fashion, we are confident we'll be swiftly traveling in the right direction."

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/aauw-statement-on-creation-of-gender-policy-council>

Advocacy and Public Policy

Sharron Noone



The Advocacy Interest Group is busy planning activities and postings in March in honor of International Women's Day. Part of these plans include information on Women's Equal Pay Day which this year is in late March (sources vary on the exact date). Watch for our postings in social media.

The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap

A recent research report posted on the AAUW National Website, titled "The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap" describes many current public policy challenges for women in 2021. Women working full time in the United States are paid 82 cents to every dollar earned by men – but it doesn't stop there. The consequences of this gap affect women throughout their lives. Though women now out-pace men in higher education, women also hold nearly two-thirds of the outstanding student debt in the United States. Because of the gender pay gap, it is harder for women to repay loans. The pay gap even follows women into retirement. As a result of lower lifetime earnings, they receive less in Social Security and pensions. In terms of overall retirement income, women have only 70% of what men do. Visit the website below for much more data and analysis.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/research/simple-truth/9>



New Email Address for Newsletter Submissions

Cathy Croghan Alzner and Kris Schultz

loaauwnewsletter@gmail.com

Happy 2021 everyone! Please note the above address change. Jane Taft has established a new email address to be used for any and all newsletter submissions. One central location for all submissions will streamline our efforts making it easier for both of us.

Occasionally it has been confusing because only one of us gets the email leaving the other one out of the loop. This new address will ensure we both receive and have access to the same information. Mary Pat and Jane also will be able to access the email if needed.

Going forward we will not be checking our respective emails for any newsletter related information so please be aware that if sent to either one, it may be overlooked.

As a friendly reminder, please submit all **text items as word documents** and all **images in .jpg format**.

Your attention to this is very much appreciated. Thank you.



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AAUW Fund

Susan Shea

In 2020, our branch and its members donated \$4634 to AAUW Fund. Our branch donated \$2000 of that while individual members donated the rest. A big THANK YOU to everyone!

Member Profiles

Sue Kingzett

JoAnn Siebe



Sue Kingzett, a member of our branch since 1998, is one of the artists in our branch's diverse talent pool. She is a treasure trove of information about her techniques, and how she became a juried member of the Watercolor Society of Artists and the Oregon Society of Artists.

Sue always has been interested in art. As a child she spent hours going through her mom's art books and was drawn to watercolors. Although she incorporated this interest in her career as an elementary school teacher, it was only after retirement in 1998 that she was able to fully develop her talent and pursue her dream. She began studying with various artists and taking workshops. Classes consisted of learning different techniques such as using dry versus wet paper or whether to have a cool or warm painting, and

critiques of student's projects, a process she finds especially educational.

Her style is unique. Sue "wants people to know what she's painting without actually painting it."

She currently is a member of the Village Gallery of Arts in NW Portland. It gives her an opportunity to display and sell her work. She devotes six hours monthly volunteering at the gallery. If you are interested in seeing local arts and crafts or attending classes to develop your own skills, please make a visit to this gallery.



Betty Barber
Charlene Vojtilla



Betty has been a member of Lake Oswego AAUW for almost 20 years, joining shortly after moving from Spokane, Washington where she also was an AAUW member. She enjoys the monthly meetings, especially the variety of interesting speakers.

Betty participates in several interest group activities, including Delightful Dining and 4th Friday book group. She led the December book meeting and provided insightful background for *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Prior to the Covid pandemic, she was the liaison for the Portland Center Stage interest group. Members met for lunch and then enjoyed watching a matinee performance. She stated that the productions, ranging from drama to musicals, were “quite elaborate.” Often times groups of high school students were in the audience and Betty

enjoyed observing their reactions and perspectives of the performances.

Betty enjoys playing golf and participates in a walking group, both of which provide fun, exercise, and the pleasure of being outdoors—all good things for one’s mental health these days!

She is looking forward to resuming in-person Branch meetings so she again can fully enjoy all the benefits that AAUW membership provides.



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: February 23
Book: *A Long Petal of the Sea*
by Isabel Allende

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

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

Date: February 10
Book: *Her Royal Spyness* by Rhys Bowen

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

Interpretive Books **3rd Thursday at 9:30am**

Date: February 18
Book: *The Dutch House* by
Ann Patchett

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

Thursday Evening Books **4th Thursday at 7:00pm**

Date: February 25
Book: *Washington Black* by Esi Edugya

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

Non-Fiction Books **2nd Tuesday at 3:30pm (note new day and time)**

Date: February 9
Book: *Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot and the Battle for the American Dream* by
Joshua Davis

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

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

Date: February 26
Book: *The Only Woman in the Room* by
Marie Benedict

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

A yellow sticky note is pinned to a corkboard with a red pushpin. The note has the text "WHAT'S YOUR STORY?" written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters, arranged in three lines. The corkboard has a natural, textured brown surface.

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

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	1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Non-Fiction Books (new day)	10 Murder by the Book	11	12 Advocacy Group	13 Branch Meeting
14 	15 Story Telling	16 Lunch Bunch	17	18 Interpretive Books	19	20
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March 2021

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	1 	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
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