

Recycling 1.0

Have Questions? Catharine and Kris have answers.

Saturday, April 10
Social Time 9:30 a.m.
10:00. Program
Zoom

- Lake Oswego Branch Officers
2020-2021
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Catharine Hojem



Kris Schultz

Graduates of the Master Recycling course, certified Master Recyclers and Lake Oswego Branch members, Catharine and Kris volunteer in the community as environmental advocates. The mission of the program is to help communities learn about and support practices that promote environmental sustainability and advance the four Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle. They will help us understand both the myths about recycling and answer the question, “Can I recycle this?,” and they will provide information about toxic products and how to properly dispose of them.



On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira



What fun we had at our Annual Meeting and Tea in March! We couldn't gather together, but we could still share stories. With support from Penny Hansen and Jane Taft, Charlene Vojtilla told us all about the different kinds of tea, what differentiates them, how they are grown and processed, the difference between high tea and low, and so many other interesting things about tea. She offered to supply recipes for those wonderful sandwiches and pastries that we usually serve with tea, and she and other members entertained us with stories of Portland's Tea Rooms. Now, when we are all able to enjoy our Tea in person next year, we will be far more knowledgeable. My thanks to all those who gave us such a wonderful program and to those who participated.

Since this was our Annual Meeting, we also held elections for president, vice-president for program coordination and

secretary. Congratulations to Catharine Hojem who replaces me, to Marge Ransom, who will replace Diana Ricks, and to Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis, who will continue as secretary. I can assure you that the Lake Oswego branch is in excellent hands with its new board.

Diana Ricks has done a tremendous job these past two years as program vice-president. She has arranged for us to have a series of excellent speakers who have both informed us and provoked us to think. This past year has been a particular challenge, as she tried – successfully – to find presenters who would do well on Zoom. I wish to thank her for all that she has done for the branch, and I look forward to her continuing participation in the Advocacy Committee and other interest groups.

The meeting also announced this year's Named Gift Honorees. Who better to honor than our newsletter editors, Cathy Croghan Alzner and Kris Schultz? They have worked so hard to bring us a monthly newsletter that is both informative and pleasing to the eye and which has helped so much to keep us all connected this year. Congratulations and thank you, Cathy and Kris.

I was also honored. Thank you for your trust in having chosen me to be your president these past two years and for the opportunity to get to know all of you better. Thanks to the Board which has supported me, and thanks to all of you for remaining a part of this wonderful community of women.

Finally, I must thank Susan Shea. As AAUW Funds chair for the Branch, she not only organizes these awards each year, but she also buys the flowers and,

for the last two award ceremonies, drives all around the area delivering the bouquets. It is such a kind and thoughtful gesture.

Named Gift Honorees

Mary Pat Silveira

Marty Maharg



Mary Pat Silveira is the current President, and a wonderful asset to the Branch. A graduate of UC Berkeley with a Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations, she worked for the United Nations with assignments in Mozambique, Kosovo, Geneva and New York City.

Her passions are government and the political process. She is a member of the AAUW State Public Policy Committee. In 2020 she chaired the Delegate Credentials Committee for the State Convention and will do so again this year. Currently she serves as

Oregon District Director for the North Central District and has been nominated for the 2021-2023 term.

Mary Pat was Branch Co-Treasurer in 2018-19 and in 2019 was elected President. This past year she has very successfully navigated the Branch through the Covid lockdown, maintaining meetings and activities via Zoom.

Mary Pat is a member of the Lunch Bunch, the Tuesday book group, and chair of the Non-Fiction book group. She also initiated the popular Story Telling interest group, and has hosted the Holiday Gala at her home.

An accomplished quilter, Mary Pat, along with Connie Irwin, Carol Cooper and Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis, designed and created the beautiful Suffragists quilt for the Branch's centennial celebration of the Nineteenth Amendment.

Cathy Croghan Alzner

and

Kris Schultz

Jane Taft

Many people put a lot of work into keeping the branch running smoothly. We are all aware of some of them, the ones who run branch meetings, lead the interest groups we belong to, or organize special events. But there are many others who are less visible: the ones who, when we meet in the real world, set up the meeting room and provide refreshments; the ones who serve on State committees and lobby the legislature to support our goals. One of the biggest of these jobs involves a

steep learning curve, a keen eye for detail, a lot of patience, and an ongoing, year-round commitment. It's a big enough job that it currently is being done by two people. I am happy to present joint Named Gift Honorees, our newsletter editors, Cathy Croghan Alzner and Kris Schultz. Cathy and Kris are good friends. They joined the branch at the same time, in early 2018, and both belong to the Nonfiction and Mystery book groups.



Cathy, a native of Portland, a former Registered Nurse turned historian, was an instructor of US History, Women's History and Women's Studies at Portland Community College, retiring in 2015. She also helped establish the Portland State University Archives. Her daughters and grand children live in Seattle and in the Monterrey Bay area so she makes frequent visits when possible. Cathy is a knitter who enjoys making children's hats for charities, and is an activist for women's issues. She also loves to travel.



Kris is a Midwesterner, growing up in a small town in Indiana. She studied anthropology, psychology and sociology at Indiana University, but started her career in banking. She lived in Ashland for twenty years, working at Southern Oregon University but moved to Portland fifteen years ago, to be near her son and his family. Ironically, that family has now moved to Medford. She retired in 2018 from Portland State, where she worked in the office of Finance and Administration. She is very involved in environmental causes and earned her Master Recycling Certificate in 2021.



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Advocacy and Public Policy

Sharron Noone

The State Legislature is working full time on numerous bills. Below is an update of two AAUW Oregon is watching closely.

AAUW Oregon Bill of Interest – HB 3110 – in Rules Committee. Requires board of directors of publicly traded corporations to have specified proportion of female directors and directors who are members of underrepresented communities. AAUW Oregon wrote and is lobbying for this bill.

The hearing held March 11, 2021 can be accessed at

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021031210>

AARP/AAUW-Oregon Bill of Interest – HB 2938 – in House Committee on Business and Labor. This bill establishes a task force on age discrimination in the work place. It passed House Committee votes and was referred to Ways and Means.

For more information on either bill, contact Trish Garner (garner37@mac.com) or OLIS (Oregon Legislature Information Service) <https://olis.leg.state.or.us>

AAUW of Oregon Annual Meeting

Celebrating Our Resilience and Commitment

**Keynote and Business Meeting
Sunday, April 18 at 1p.m.**



Keynote Speaker

Jessica Vega Pederson
Multnomah County Commissioner

She will speak on her ground breaking report “Preschool for All.”

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMocO2rqD4jEtcqw-p8OiRuGmiL3OWYHO7U>

**Awards Celebration
Tuesday, April 20 at 7p.m.**



Awards Speaker

Alexandra Vargas Quinones
AAUW International Fellow

She will speak on climate change adaptation and sustainability at Portland State University.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlcuyggzssGNU6_87cGoC-w8xeaE-kfwt

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: April 27
Book: *A Woman of No Importance*
By Sonia Purnell

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

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

Date: April 14
Book: *Death in the Vines* by M.L. Longwood

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

Interpretive Books 3rd Thursday at 9:30am

Date: April 15
Book: *The Guest Book* by Sara Blake

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

Thursday Evening Books 4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: April 22
Book: *The Giver of Stars*
By Jojo Moyes

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

Non-Fiction Books 2nd Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Date: April 13
Book: *Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

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

Friday Books 4th Friday at 10:00am

Date: April 23
Book: *Gelhorn: A Twentieth-Century Life* by Caroline Moorehead

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



Lunch Bunch 3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: April 20

All members are cordially invited to join us for Lunch Bunch, a casual get-together that is perfect for sharing thoughts and ideas, as well as laughs. We are not meeting in person for now, but we are enjoying each other's company the same as always. For further information, please contact Terry Hyland, twh20eagle@comcast.net or Marge Ransom, wrandmr68@yahoo.com.

Delightful Dining

Date: **Stay tuned for a date in May**
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: April 9

The Advocacy Group is working on a number of policy issues, most immediate of which is the impact of the pandemic on the employment of women, as well as following many bills that are currently being worked on by the State Legislature.

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



Story Telling 3rd Monday at 3:00pm

Date: April 19

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

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