

Revisit with a Dreamer

Saturday, May 8, 2021
Social Time 9:30 a.m.
Program 10:00 a.m.
Zoom



Luis Balderas-Villagrana

Luis Balderas-Villagrana, a “Dreamer” (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), who first spoke with our branch in March, 2019 as part of the Lake Oswego Reads program, will join us for a brief update on his life, his experiences and his hopes and expectations. To escape violence in Mexico Luis, then age seven, and his family came to in a small town in Eastern Oregon. Luis learned English quickly, so was often a translator for his family. Previously when he spoke, Luis was student body president at Portland State University. Now a Portland State graduate, Luis has an interesting job as Program and Event Coordinator at Oregon Entrepreneurs Network.

Installation of Branch Officers

The program will begin with a brief Branch meeting where Oregon State Co-President Sue Klumpf will install 2021-2023 President Catharine Hojem and Program Coordinator Marge Ransom. Please join us in welcoming Sue Klumpf, celebrating our new officers and thanking outgoing officers Mary Pat Silveira and Diana Ricks for jobs well done.

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On My Mind

Mary Pat Silveira



For those of you who were unable to attend the 2021 AAUW Oregon Annual Meeting, I urge you to watch the full meeting or, at a minimum, to watch and listen to the meeting's keynote speaker, Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Veda Pederson. You can find her talk at <https://youtu.be/l-SnlRUwFgY> and the full Annual Meeting at <https://youtu.be/5HIAWHLDJqg>. All AAUW Oregon videos, including the Summer Skills Camp and fall and winter series, can be found just by searching for "AAUW of Oregon YouTube."

For the first time in AAUW Oregon's history, all 23 of our state-wide branches sent delegates to the meeting. Other delegates included state officers, past presidents and college/university representatives. During the business part of the Annual Meeting, our own Pat

Squire was re-elected as Program Vice-President, and I was elected North Central District Director. In addition, the following new state officers were elected: as President Elect, Lynda Lybecker (Hillsboro-Forest Grove); as Finance VP, Monica Weyhe (Medford); as Secretary, Marie Mueller (Salem); and, as South District Director, Pam Shaw (Ashland).

Pat Squire and Nancy Brown will again present a fun Summer Skills Camp, on Zoom. Information on dates and program to be forthcoming. And – mark your calendars and cross your fingers – we will meet for our 2022 Annual Meeting and Convention in Ashland, April 8 to 10 of next year. I can't tell you how much I am looking forward to that!

Now, back to Commissioner Jessica Veda Pederson, who has been a friend of AAUW in both the state legislature and, more recently, on the Multnomah County Commission where she successfully spearheaded a two-year-long process that led to funding for "Pre-School for All." I was struck by her speech, and I wish to share her ending.

"I am so glad to share the story of Preschool Education with AAUW today. Because as women in this organization, you get how important it is to have policies in place that support and uplift women and to have women in place to create and pass those policies.

We know that there is unique power in the way that women lead. It is why we profess loudly that the future is female, why we marvel at black girl magic, why we cherish the richness of

experience of wise Latina women. It's why we know that nasty women get shit done. And let me tell you, we do. So we work together with passion and grit, to get women into boardrooms, into trading floors, in legislative bodies, on the construction sites, and someday soon, sitting in the Oval Office. We work for this because we know what is possible when we are the ones making decisions that everyone's life depends on. One thing I know for sure, is that who's in charge makes all the difference in what gets done.

I was able to see Justice Sonia Sotomayor was she was in town a few years ago. And she was asked by a young girl, "what advice do you have for a girl that wants to change the world." Her answer: "Make it not about yourself but about what you can do for other people." How amazing is it that the response from a person serving in the highest Court in this nation was about centering on others. It is amazing and yet not surprising, because that is what happens when women lead. Preschool for all is what happens when women lead. And that is exactly what our world needs more of. So, I am here with you today to commit that we will never stop fighting to bring more women leading and creating policies and opportunities that support women and girls in our world. We know that our future depends on it."

Yes!



Annual Dues are Due

Susan Hornung

This is the time of year our branch collects dues for the 2020-2021 year. Although our state and branch dues have remained constant, national raised theirs \$3 so your total is now \$95.

You should have received an email making it easy to charge on your credit card. If your email invoice has been buried or lost, just contact me and I will send you another. You can instead send a check to my home address if you prefer.

I hope that you all will renew. We are aware that this past year has brought on new economic hardships to many. For this reason, your branch has decided to assist any of you with your dues, in full or in part, if needed. This is not charity. Each of you is an important part of our community, and we do not want to lose you. Any request should be made directly to me. It will be confidential.

Let us all hope we can see each other live instead of just on Zoom in the coming year.

Marge Ransom has a new cell phone number: **(503) 530 9810**. Please change in your directory.

Member Profiles

Robi Ingram-Rich

Marty Maharg



A native of San Francisco, California, Robi graduated from the University of California, San Francisco with a BSN (nursing) and an MS in Genetic Counseling and Maternal Child Health from the University of California, Berkeley. Robi also has a certificate in Bioethics from Portland State University. In 1986 she moved to the Portland area to work at the Hemophilia Center at Oregon Health Science University as a nurse and genetic counselor. Robi retired in 2016 but continued to work until June 2020 at OHSU as an adjunct professor.

Inspired by her Aunt Dorothy Ingram (born 1912), a lifelong AAUW member,

who began in the segregated AAUW for African American women, Robi has been an AAUW member since 1977, first in Davis, California and now in Lake Oswego. She has been on the boards of both branches in elected and appointed positions. She was LO Branch president in 1999-2001 and in 2002, was a Named Gift Honoree.

Concerned with public health, equity and equality, Robi is on the board of the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County, participates in Response to Racism Lake Oswego, and is Vice President of her church congregation. She is a member of the OHSU Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue Advisory Committee which examines the relationship of guns, fear and crime as a public health issue. An avid knitter and crocheter, Robi makes baby blankets for homeless patients of the prenatal clinic at San Francisco General Hospital. Additionally, Robi and husband Tim participate in Cornell University's Project Feeder Watch for which they count the number of birds that come to their bird feeders.

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The Advocacy group is identifying future activities to support the mission and values of National, State and Lake Oswego AAUW.

We will be considering ways to:

--Advance gender equality through research, education and advocacy.

--Promote advocacy by taking action to empower women and girls

--Connecting National AAUW to branch members.

--Fashioning our branch response to systemic racism, especially as it effects people of color.



National Public Policy

We are in the last critical battle to add the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution. Many hurdles have been overcome, but one last one remains; Thirty-eight states have ratified the ERA, but the last state did so after the deadline. The US House of Representatives has voted to remove the deadline and is now awaiting action in the Senate

State AAUW Public Policy Bills

--Corporate Board Diversity HB 3110 has been passed by the House. It now moves to the Senate.

--Age Discrimination Task Force HB 2938 is now in the Ways and Means Committee.

--Civics SB 513 which requires 1 semester of Civics has passed the Senate Education Committee. It is currently in the House Education Committee awaiting a scheduled public hearing.

Enjoy the Spring



Spring is here and with it comes warmer, sunnier weather. With the Covid restrictions becoming less stringent, we can enjoy some of the wonderful things in our area.

Drive the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, stopping to admire the dozens of waterfalls and beautiful scenery, and sample the variety of wines and handcrafted beers.

Look for interesting birds on Haystack Rock and sea life in tide pools.

Admire the stunning wildflowers at Rowena Plateau, Tom McCall Nature Preserve, and Tryon Creek State Park.

Browse local farmers markets and purchase locally grown produce.

Stop to smell the roses while strolling through the renown Portland International Rose Test Garden.

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: May 25
Book: *Oil and Marble*
By Stephanie Storey

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

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

Date: May 12
Book: *Ice Blue* by Emma Jameson

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

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

Date: May 20
Book: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

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

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

Date: May 27
Book: *The Happiness Advantage*
By Shawn Achor

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

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

Date: May 11
Book: *The Cloudspotters Guide: The Science, History and Culture of Clouds*
by Gavin Protor-Phinney

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

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

Date: May 28
Book: *All the Devils are Here*
by Louise Penny

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



Lunch Bunch **3rd Tuesday at 11:30am**

Date: May 18

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

Delightful Dining

Date: May 22
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: May 14

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, smnrroe@aol.com



Story Telling **4th Thursday at 4:15pm**

Date: May 27

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

May 2021

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2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8 Branch Meeting
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June 2021

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National AAUW has 5 fund choices which support the pillars of the Strategic Plan

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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

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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
- #4452 Leadership Fund-Supports effort to close gender gap in leadership opportunities
- _____ Insert Fund Number _____ Fund Name

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