

Lake Oswego Branch Officers  
2021-2022  
Elected Officers

**President**

Catharine Hojem (541) 240-1291

**Program Coordinator**

Marge Ransom (503) 530-9810

**Membership Vice President**

Marty Maharg (503) 908-1984

**Secretary**

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**Finance Co-Vice Presidents**

Susan Hornung (503) 635-4893  
Stephanie Wagner (503) 803-7708

**Immediate Past President**

Mary Pat Silveira (615) 804-6253

**Appointed Officers**

**AAUW Fund**

Molly Divine (503) 460-7103

**Communications/Governance**

Jane Taft (503) 709-3185

**Diversity Officer**

Marty Maharg (503) 908-1984

**Education**

Diana Ricks (503) 858-7481)

**Hospitality**

Penny Hansen (503) 636-7255

**Inter-Branch Council**

Marty Maharg (503) 908-1984

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## “Home Coming” Celebration and Officer Installation

Saturday, May 14, 2022

**2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Oswego Heritage House  
Avenue A & 10th Street

After two years of virtual contact, the Board decided we need an in-person celebration. Please join Branch friends for an outdoor\* event at the Heritage House on **May 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00**. Light appetizers and festive beverages will be served. During this time, newly elected officers Diana Ricks, Finance Vice President and Stephanie Wagner, Membership Vice President will be installed.

\*A request for a warm dry day has been made, but don't let the weather prevent you from attending. In the case of inclement weather, alternate arrangements for an indoor event have been made.



## Connections

Catharine Hojem



### Spring Successes!!

It's very easy to feel disheartened over disturbing global events, our weather, and the lack of contact with others. However, looking back on the last couple of months, we've had several notable successes worth celebrating!

#### **A New Supreme Court Justice**

On April 7, in a bipartisan U.S. Senate vote, Ketanji Browne Jackson became the first black, female Supreme Court Justice. In addition to her jurisprudence expertise, as a Black woman she will bring her perspectives and life experiences to the bench.

#### **Breaking Barriers Award**

At the Oregon AAUW Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony, Lisa Palermo, Development Director of Oregon Tradeswomen, received the Breaking Barriers Award. In her acceptance speech, Lisa noted the similarities between the AAUW mission and that of Oregon Tradeswomen. She emphasized that the award is not so much about her but about every woman who faces

discriminatory challenges every day in their jobs. She thanked our Public Policy coordinator, Sharron Noone, for the Branch's ongoing support.

#### **Annual Meeting**

Kudos to Pat Squire. Thanks to Pat and her diligent committee, the third and hopefully last, virtual annual State AAUW Meeting was a resounding success. They selected a wide range of presenters that made for a varied and very interesting online program. Thank you Pat!!!

#### **April Program with Lake Oswego Reads**

Lake Oswego AAUW Branch and Lake Oswego Reads collaborated for the April program. Dr. Mark Browne, Archivist for the Heritage Council, described the history and the legacy of Chinese immigrants in this country, particularly in Oregon and early Oswego. His engaging presentation dovetailed with the LO Reads book *How Much of These Hills Is Gold* by C Pam Zhang. While our efforts to offer a Zoom option had a couple "hiccups," the Heritage House was filled to capacity with Branch and community members.

#### **Mary Pat Silveira**

If you'd like to acknowledge Mary Pat with an award, then you'll need to get in line! During the Annual Meeting, Mary Pat was a Named Gift Honoree for both the Portland branch and AAUW Oregon for her unflagging commitment to our organization.

Mary Pat is the North Central District director (Gresham, Hillsboro-Forest Grove, Lake Oswego, On-Line, Portland and Tigard area) and frequently attends each Branch's meetings. Again, she

was the Credentials Chair for the 2022 Annual Meeting and participated on the State Public Policy Committee. Mary Pat is the L.O. Non-Fiction Book Group leader and as the immediate past president, she consults with me often on procedural matters. Big thanks to Mary Pat!

### **Lake Oswego Branch Fund Donations**

Lake Oswego ranked in the top ten (8<sup>th</sup>) in the state for Funds contributions. Thank you, donors.

### **Earth Day 2022**

A Finnish university first of its kind study has outlined how global carbon emissions can be reduced to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2050. It cites an international strategy of renewable energy sources like solar, wind, hydropower, and bioenergy that can serve world needs in a more cost-effective manner.

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## **The Library of Things**

Charlene Vojtilla

Do you know that the Clackamas County and Washington County libraries have a “Library of Things located on the library home page?” In addition to all the books, DVDs, and CD’s this library feature allows you to check out a multitude of useful household items. If you have relocated to a smaller living space, this may provide a way for you to enjoy activities related to items that no longer fit into your new home. Perhaps your grandchild wants a dinosaur themed birthday cake, or you have

music cassettes you’d like to convert to a digital format, you might find what you need at the library. The Library of Things also may be used as a “try before you buy” option if you are considering a purchase.

Whatever your project, you might find what you need available in the following categories:

- Arts and Crafts
- Education and Early Learning
- Events and Party
- Games and Toys
- Home and Garden
- Kitchenware
- Musical Instruments
- Outdoor Recreation
- Technology
- Tools

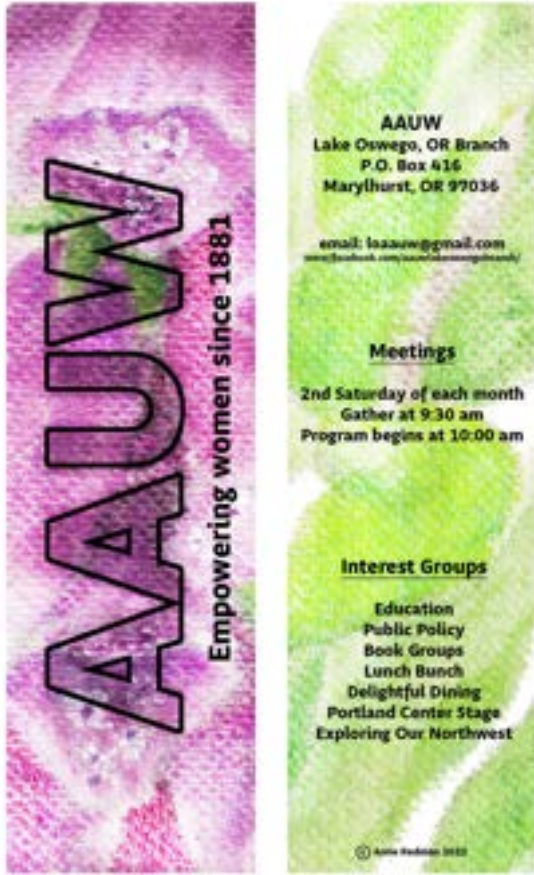
Please note, items cannot be shipped from library to library like books, so you must go to the library where the item is housed for pickup and return. This is noted in the description of each item on the library website. Or, if you prefer, just inquire at your local Clackamas or Washington County library.

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## **Bookmark Debut**

Marty Maharg

The Lake Oswego Branch bookmark designed by member Anne Redman, made its debut at the April 9 Lake Oswego Reads Branch meeting. It contains information about Branch activities as well as contact information. The bookmarks will be available to potential new members at Branch meetings and events.



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Happy May Birthday to

Cathy Croghan Alzner  
 JoAnn Frost  
 Diane Harris  
 Connie Irwin

If you would like to have your name included in the monthly birthday list, please email Marty Maharg at [martymaharg@hotmail.com](mailto:martymaharg@hotmail.com)

## Oregon Tradeswomen Meet President Biden!



President Biden with OTW Executive Director Kelly Kupcak, OTW Graduate and UA Local 290 member Leslie Cotton, and OTW Graduate and Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers Organizer Anjanet Banuelos-Bolanos

During his April 21, 2022 visit to Portland, President Biden “spoke about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that will rebuild bridges, roads, and rail lines!” Among the beneficiaries of these investments will be tradeswomen.

[info@oregontradeswomen.org](mailto:info@oregontradeswomen.org)

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“I firmly believe nature brings solace in all troubles.” Anne Frank

Every day should be Earth Day.

## Interest Group Happenings

Please confirm with group leader how  
your group is meeting

### Interpretive Books

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:30am

Date: May 19

Book: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Contact Connie Irwin,

[irwinconnie44@gmail.com](mailto:irwinconnie44@gmail.com)

### Murder by the Book

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00pm

Date: May 11

Book: *The Survivors* by Jane Harper

Contact Jane Taft, [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com),

Stephanie Carter, [secarter1@gmail.com](mailto:secarter1@gmail.com)

### Non-Fiction Books

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 11:00am

Date: May 9

Book: *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Issacson

Where: Stephanie Wagner's home  
outside

14494 Uplands Dr, Lake Oswego

Contact Mary Pat Silveira,

[mpsilveira@usa.net](mailto:mpsilveira@usa.net)

### Tuesday Books

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: May 24

Book: *The Vanishing Half* by Britt  
Bennett

Szechuan Kitchen

15450 SW Boones Ferry Road

Lake Oswego

Contact Lynda Bigler,

[libigler@easystreet.net](mailto:libigler@easystreet.net)

### Thursday Evening Books

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: May 26

Book: *Travels with Charlie* by John  
Steinbeck

Contact Suzanne Kaveckis,

[smkaveckis@icloud.com](mailto:smkaveckis@icloud.com)

### Public Policy

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 11:00am

Date: May 20

Contact Sharron Noone

[smnrrooe@aol.com](mailto:smnrrooe@aol.com)

### Lunch Bunch

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: May 17

Place: Nicoletta's Table, Lake Oswego

Contact Marge Ransom at

[wrandmr68@yahoo.com](mailto:wrandmr68@yahoo.com) or Charlene

Vojtilla at [charjoy8@gmail.com](mailto:charjoy8@gmail.com)

### Delightful Dining

Date: June 11

Time: 6pm

Theme: Greek meal at the home of  
Stephanie Carter

For more information, contact Jane Taft

[taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com)

# May 2022

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

# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8 <b>Murder by the Book</b>	9	10	11 <b>Delightful Dining</b>  <b>Board Planning Meeting</b>
12	13 <b>Non-Fiction Books</b>	14 	15	16 <b>Interpretive Books</b>	17 <b>Public Policy</b>	18
19	20	21 <b>Lunch Bunch</b>	22	23 <b>Thursday Evening Books</b>	24	25
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