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2021-2022
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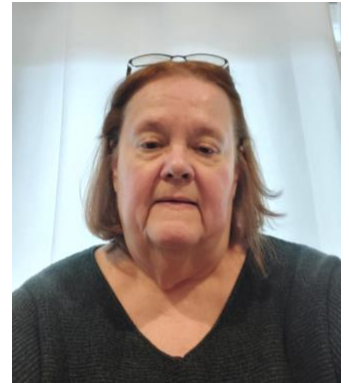
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2022-2024 Branch Officers Installed



Stephanie Wagner
Membership Vice President



Diana Ricks
Finance Vice President

The May end of Branch Year meeting was a special event. Not only did Pat Squire, AAUW Oregon Program Vice-President and two term (past) Branch President, install two new officers, Stephanie Wagner and Diana Ricks, but we also celebrated with a Homecoming event in which we met at Heritage House. While it kept us together, meeting via Zoom the past two years was challenging. So, despite the less than sunny outdoor Portland Spring weather, it was wonderful to see everyone in person.

Hopefully we all can look forward to the continuation of meeting face-to face beginning in September. Catharine and Program Coordinator Marge Ransom already have planned some very interesting Fall meetings - check out page three of the newsletter. Also, please be on the lookout for email updates. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Connections

Catharine Hojem



As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX this month, I find myself recalling some of the memorable experiences that occurred for me in its aftermath.

During the mid-1970's, I was a first year High School English teacher in Tenino, a small, rural logging town in western Washington, reportedly so named because of a lone boxcar with the number 10-9-0 on it. As was the tradition for any new incoming teacher I was handed multiple extra duties for which I was unprepared; they included being the typing teacher, as well as cheerleading, skiing, and junior high girls' basketball coach. I had no experience with any of these except for skiing, and checked out library books for basic practice skills. "Never let them see you type, dribble, or do a cheer" was my motto.

I was following the female Health teacher as coach, who was a PE major and technically very good at sports, but who had reportedly driven the girls' basketball teams pretty hard and for unclear reasons left the position.

I was up-front with the girls about my complete lack of experience, expecting them or their parents to complain to the district. I wasn't alarmed; I knew I was unqualified and looked forward to having to step down. Instead, these spunky little twelve to fourteen-year-olds said, "No problem. We got this".

The girls had all been together since the primary grades, loved all sports, and played many of them outside of school, often with the boys. When Title IX came, both Junior High and Senior High Girls Basketball teams were formed. The girls were ecstatic.

Even though Title IX now was law, it hadn't yet acquired the "hearts and minds" of the male coaches, or administration, and they made it difficult for us since the boys now had to share the gym and other resources. Schedules were altered without my knowledge, radios blared, the coach's sweats were torn in an area where decency would've required coverage, and worse, was their laughter. I gave them an A for creativity in their attempts at intimidation. Nevertheless, we persisted.

There isn't room here to relate the countless details about how insightful, compassionate and clever the girls were in making me seem credible. They coached me on what to say, when to say it, how to huddle and eventually, how to win. The Junior High Girl's' team won every game that season and it wasn't hard for me to say, when asked about my "secret," that "this extraordinarily talented group of girls truly coached themselves. *

Programs

Marge Ransom

Save These Dates

Yes, we're just heading into summer, but it's not too soon to mark your calendar for meetings and events that will come up after the start of our new branch year in September. Planning is well under way for the next several months. We'll provide more details later; for now, please make sure **you save the following dates.**

September 10

We'll kick off our new year with a program starring women who have successfully made their way in the Oregon wine industry. Our speakers will represent the growing number of women who are taking increasingly significant roles as winemakers, winery owners, and managers. This will be our salute to women in wine, the strides they've made, and the changes they're effecting in their industry. (There may also be wine-tasting to cap things off!)

October 8

Moving into the political arena, we'll hear from State Representative Rachel Prusak, who recently announced the formation of the "9to5" Political Action Committee. The new PAC is more important and more relevant than ever, given its goals: to support women in their efforts to run for office and to reform and modernize the Oregon legislature. Representative Prusak will provide the definitive, insider's look at the issues her PAC seeks to remedy.

November 12

This month, we'll welcome Tracy Prince, Historian and Research Professor at

Portland State University. Her book *Notable Women of Portland* has garnered high praise for the wide range of women it recognizes, from Native American women and pioneers, to local suffragists, to more modern-day women from all walks of life. Dr. Prince's current research centers on Oregon Native American Art and History and adds to the *notable* insights she can share with for us.

December 11 (Sunday)

Join us for our annual Holiday Gala. This year's event will surely be a special one, as we return to celebrating the season together, in-person.



Celebrating Title IX

Marty Maharg

June 23, 2022, is the 50th anniversary of Title IX. It "arguably is one of the most significant laws for gender equality in America's history."

<https://girlsinc.org/app/uploads/2022/04/Girls-Inc.-Week-Partner-Packet.pdf>

"Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity) discrimination in any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/sex-discrimination/title-ix-education-amendments/index.html>

In 1972, Girls Inc., then known as the Girls Clubs of America, along with other national organizations thought the law should also apply to agencies outside the educational system. Unfortunately, the proposal was rejected. However, US Senator Birch Bayh, the author of Title IX, acknowledged Girls, Inc. for the work it did in supporting the passage of Title IX and serving girls.

Title IX:

- Has opened doors and removed barriers giving girls and women equal opportunity to participate in sports programs at the high school and college levels.
- Has given girls and women equal opportunities to pursue the STEM fields. Because of Title IX, interest in STEM programs and careers is at an all-time high among high school girls. Let's hear it for girls' robotic teams!
- Requires federally funded schools to help individuals who have experienced sexual or gender- based harassment and to prevent discrimination from happening again.
<https://girlsinc.org/app/uploads/2022/04/Girls-Inc.-Week-Partner-Packet.pdf>
- Prohibits denying admission of a person into an educational or training program on the basis of sex
- "Prohibits sex-based harassment including sexual harassment, when such harassment is sufficiently serious as to limit the ability to participate in and benefit from a program or activity."
<https://girlsinc.org/app/uploads/2022/04/Girls-Inc.-Week-Partner-Packet.pdf>

AAUW fervently concurs with Girls Inc. All girls have the right to an education

and associated activities free from sex-based discrimination and harassment.

AAUW Fund

Molly Divine

Title IX 50th Anniversary Challenge!

Claudia Gray, Oregon state AAUW Fund Co-Chair, challenges all Oregon members to donate at least \$50 to the AAUW Fund **by June 23rd** to honor Title IX's historic anniversary!

Make your contribution to AAUW Greatest Needs - #9110. Note on the check memo line "Title IX 50 yrs." You may send your check to Molly Divine, branch Fund chair, **or** you can send it to Claudia at the address below. Please be sure to tell her that you met the challenge, noting whether the check was mailed directly to her or through your branch Fund chair or president. She will keep a list of those who donate and at the end of June will send special certificates to those on her list.

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Public Policy Juneteenth

Although the Emancipation Proclamation, January 1863, abolished slavery in *“those states in rebellion against the Union”* * the abolition of slavery in the United States did not Constitutionally end until the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified on December 6, 1865, <https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/13th-amendment>

Juneteenth, June 19, 1865, marks the date when Federal troops marched into Galveston, Texas, taking control and freeing enslaved people.
<https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth>

Commemorating this day Lake Oswego, as well as other cities and community organizations in the area, will host Juneteenth Celebrations.

To show our support and to celebrate Juneteenth, members of our Branch Advocacy committee plan to attend the Juneteenth Event sponsored by Response to Racism, Lake Oswego Love, and the City of Lake Oswego.

**Millennium Plaza Park Sunday
June 19 2:00-4:00PM**

We invite all members, their families and friends to join us.

For additional information and details, please contact:

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smnrrooe@aol.com

*The Emancipation Proclamation **did not end slavery in the nation** since it only applied to areas of the Confederacy.

In Memoriam Joan Waldron

Betty Barber



Our Branch community sadly has lost a long-time active member. On May 17th, surrounded by her four children, Joan Waldron passed away after suffering a stroke.

During the 1990s Joan was a Branch student member and recipient of one of the Branch college scholarships. She completed her education and continued her membership. Jane Taft recalls that Joan was very pleased to finally be paying her full membership dues. Joan participated in several Interest Groups including book groups, theater group, bridge group, and Delightful Dining. When I moved to Lake Oswego in 2001 and joined AAUW, I participated in many of the same activities and cherished Joan's friendship. It didn't take long to discover that we lived in New Jersey during our early years. We enjoyed comparing notes about experiences at the Jersey Shore and early adventures into New York City.

Joan Waldron did not limit her activities

to AAUW. For many years, one of her favorite endeavors was writing columns for the monthly “Jottings” group of the Lake Oswego Review. As a member of our walking group, Joan consulted us with her ideas for upcoming articles. We always looked forward to reading the final product in the newspaper. Several years ago, she began to compile them into a possible book.

Joan always will be remembered for her warm and welcoming personality, her affable smile, her sparkly blue eyes and her stylish outfits. She will be missed by all who knew her.

A Note from your Editors

Your editors are taking a summer break. This newsletter contains Interest Groups information and calendars for June, July and August. Please watch your email for activity updates and /or contact specific Interest Group coordinators.

Since the September newsletter tends to be quite “newsy” we kindly request that you submit any articles you would like included by **August 5, 2022** to the newsletter’s Gmail address: loaauwnewsletter@gmail.com

Our best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer. We’ll see you in September.

Cathy and Kris



Happy Summer Birthdays to

June

Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis

July

Terry Hyland

Kris Schultz

Linda Watkins

August

Jackie Magner

Mary Pat Silveira

Pat Squire

Interest Group Happenings

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30am

Date: June 16

Book: *Peace Like a Rover* by Leif Enger

Date: July 21

Book: *Something Worth Doing* by Jane Kirkpatrick

Date: August 18

Annual book selection luncheon

Contact Connie Irwin,

irwinconnie44@gmail.com

Murder by the Book

2nd Wednesday at 12:00pm

Date: June 8

Book: *The Hearse You Came in On* by Tim Cockey

Date: July 13

Book: *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacy Abrams

Date: June 18

Annual book selection luncheon

Contact Jane Taft, taft.jane@gmail.com,

Stephanie Carter, secarter1@gmail.com

Non-Fiction Books

2nd Monday at 11:00am

Date: June 13

Book: *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors and the Collision of Two Cultures* by Anne Fadiman

Date: July 11

Book: *The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman, Her Incredible Fight for Freedom and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear* by Kate Moore

Date: August 8

Annual book selection

Contact Mary Pat Silveira,

mpsilveira@usa.net

Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: June 28

Book: *The Survivors* by Jane Harper

Date: July 26

Book: *The Women of Copper Country* by Maria Doris Russell

Date: August 23

Annual book selection

Szechuan Kitchen

15450 SW Boones Ferry Road
Lake Oswego

Contact Lynda Bigler,

libigler@easystreet.net

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: June 23

Book: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Date: July 28

Book: *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate

Contact Suzanne Kaveckis,

smkaveckis@icloud.com

Public Policy
3rd Friday at 11:00am

Date: June 17

Contact Sharron Noone
smnrrooe@aol.com

Lunch Bunch
3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: June 21
 Place: Nicoletta's Table
 Lake Oswego

Date: July 19
 Place: Stickmen's Lakeside
 Lake Oswego

Date: August 16
 Place: Oswego Grill
 Wilsonville

Contact Marge Ransom at
wrandmr68@yahoo.com or Charlene
 Vojtilla at charjoy8@gmail.com

Delightful Dining

Date: June 11
 Time: 6pm
 Theme: Greek meal at the home of
 Stephanie Carter

Date: July 30
 Time: 6pm
 Theme: Retro 50's BBQ
 Home of Martha Schrader

For more information, contact Jane Taft
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June 2022

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5	6	7	8 Murder by the Book	9	10	11 Board Planning meeting Delightful Dining
12	13 Non-Fiction Books	14 Lunch Bunch 	15	16 Interpretive Books	17 Public Policy	18 Murder by the Book Annual Book Selection
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