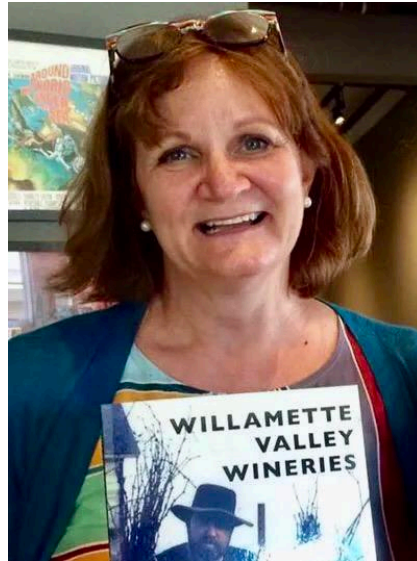


## Women in the Oregon Winemaking Industry

Saturday, September 10, 2022  
12:30-2:30 PM

Oswego Heritage House  
Avenue A & 10th Street



Barbara Smith Randall

We will kick off our new year with a program that celebrates both the Oregon wine industry and the burgeoning role of women in that field. Part presentation, part fun activity, the September meeting is one you won't want to miss!

Guest speaker Barbara Smith Randall is the well-known Community Editor of the *Lake Oswego Review* and *West Linn Tidings* and the author of everyone's favorite column on food and drink: "Lifting the Fork."

Barb wrote *Willamette Valley Wineries* so no one is better able to describe the development of the local wine industry and to address the challenges, rewards, and sheer excitement that render winemaking the passionate endeavor it is. She will cap off her presentation with a directed wine tasting that complements our women-in-wine theme.

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2022-2023  
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## Connections

Catharine Hojem



I just reviewed my column from June and saw that the news worth celebrating, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX, has passed. That worthy acknowledgement of equity for women changed countless lives and unfortunately has been overshadowed by a stunning loss of our personal freedom, when on June 22<sup>th</sup> the Supreme Court overturned a ruling that had *also* been law for fifty years.

As we cope with shifting cultural, environmental and epidemiological aspects of our shared lives, kindness and listening to one another are more important now than ever.

I want to briefly update our Branch plans for this year. Meeting dates are scheduled every month through the year at Heritage House. The programs, which Marge Ransom has arranged, all look wonderful and we are optimistic that meeting in person will be possible. If not, we will receive a refund for our down payment and will use ZOOM for the presentations.

## AAUW National Statement on the Dobbs Decision

On June 23, 2022, Gloria L. Blackwell, AAUW CEO made the following press release stating AAUW's position:

“The American Association of University Women (AAUW) strongly condemns the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. The decision overturns the landmark *Roe v. Wade* ruling that established abortion as a constitutionally protected right nearly 50 years ago and ignores the will of the American people, 80% of whom support legal abortion. AAUW believes everyone has the right to make decisions about their own reproductive lives without government interference. Abortion access is vital to women’s ability to control their lives, bodies and futures. Without reproductive freedom, there can be no equity. Being able to choose whether and when to become a parent improves women’s well-being and fosters economic security—a crucial component of AAUW’s mission. This is particularly important in a country that lacks accessible maternal health care, paid caregiving leave and workplace protections for pregnant workers. The Court’s decision hurts all of us, but it will do the most harm to low-income people, women of color, immigrants, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ people, because these groups already face substantial barriers to accessing reproductive services and health care. While the Court’s decision is a major setback for all Americans, AAUW remains steadfast in our commitment to protecting reproductive rights, a vital component of gender equity.”

## Kudos!

Mary Pat Silveira

### Diana Ricks Presents Scholarship Award



Lisa Palermo and Diana Ricks

The Gresham Area Branch held its Installation Banquet on May 23 and invited Lisa Palermo of Oregon Tradeswomen. Diana Ricks, our Financial Vice-President and chair of the Education Committee, took advantage of Palermo's presence to present her with this year's AAUW Lake Oswego's Scholarship Award.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others."

Mahatma Ghandi

### Sharron Noone: Woman of Service



Cynthia Rauscher installs the new co-presidents of the Gresham Area Branch: Arlene Lemieux and Sharron Noone.

We all know Sharron Noone. She has been a member of LO AAUW for many years and Chair of the branch Public Policy Committee, as well as a member of the AAUW Oregon Public Policy Committee. She is also a triple branch member, sharing her time with branches in both Lincoln City and Gresham Area (GAB). That would keep most of us quite busy, but, as of July 1 of this year, she also became co-president of GAB. Sharron, thank you for your service and your dedication to the advancement of women.

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### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Marty Maharg

Oregon has a long-standing history of racism, but did you know that during the 1920s, the KKK spread rapidly? In fact, there were active Klaverns in several communities including Portland, Eugene, Medford and Pendleton. As noted in the Oregon Encyclopedia, by 1923, there were an estimated 35,000 Klan members in more than sixty local

chapters and provisional Klans in Oregon alone. There also were groups for women and youth.

[https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/ku\\_klux\\_klan/#.YvaS8\\_HMJH0](https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/ku_klux_klan/#.YvaS8_HMJH0)

While African-Americans were the favored target, the KKK in Oregon focused its vile "Protestantism, and "One-Hundred Per Cent Americanism" on Catholics and Jews.

Below are two interesting and informative articles about the Klan from the Pamplin Media Group published July and August 2022.

<https://pamplinmedia.com/pt/9-news/553033-441351-oregons-history-with-the-kkk-runs-deep->

<https://pamplinmedia.com/pt/9-news/553690-443129-timeline-the-ku-klux-klan-dominates-oregon-politics>

Pacific Northwest historian Eckard Toy, noted for his research on the KKK has an article in the online Oregon Encyclopedia.

[https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/ku\\_klux\\_klan/#.YvaS8\\_HMJH0](https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/ku_klux_klan/#.YvaS8_HMJH0)

### **Future events include:**

Clackamas County Equity Coalition:

- Aric Clark will discuss the History of Policing on September 15, 2022 at 4:30 via Zoom. RSVP to: [clackcoequityco@gmail.com](mailto:clackcoequityco@gmail.com) to receive link
- Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15th-October15th! For information: <https://sites.google.com/view/clac>

[kamacountyequitycoalition/home](https://kamacountyequitycoalition/home)

West Linn Alliance:

On September 22 the filmmakers of *It Takes a Village* will discuss the documentary of their caravan from Mexico to the US. This movie has been submitted to the Portland Film Festival.

Contact West Linn Alliance website, [westlinnalliance.org](https://westlinnalliance.org) or the West Linn Library's website. Registration required.

Response to Racism:

September 6th program, "Books Unite Us, Censorship Divides Us".

Details and registration: [websitesrespondtoracism.org](https://websitesrespondtoracism.org)

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## **AAUW Fund**

Molly Divine

Greetings dear LO AAUW members. It is hard to believe summer is drawing to a close, especially with the late rainy spring. Schools prepare to resume classes and we look forward to the 2022-2023 program year.

As we come together for local branch meetings or enjoy favorite interest groups, please keep in mind that *we do so as part of a larger picture*. Over the past 140 years, AAUW has evolved to become the leading voice in advancing gender equity in education and workplaces everywhere. Through research, education and advocacy,

we're committed to ensuring that everyone gets the same opportunity to learn, earn and lead.

In future newsletter issues, I intend to highlight at least one item regarding the AAUW Fund. In this issue I want to introduce you to AAUW member Representative Edith Green (D-OR), who served in Congress from 1955 until 1974. Green "gained a national reputation for her leadership in shaping federal education policy and her advocacy for equal rights for women. She was known for her independence, tenacity, and ability."

[https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/green\\_edith\\_starrett\\_1910\\_1987/#.YvbzMvHMJH1](https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/green_edith_starrett_1910_1987/#.YvbzMvHMJH1)

In 1955 Green proposed the Equal Pay Act. With AAUW Member Representative Patsy Mink (D-HI), the duo persisted until the EPA passed in 1963!

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### **It's time to renew your Lake Oswego AAUW membership.**

Stephanie Wagner

You can renew two ways. Pick the method that is most convenient for you.

#### **Online:**

1. Click here to get to the AAUW login page:  
[https://my.aauw.org/NC\\_Login](https://my.aauw.org/NC_Login)
2. Follow the directions to login to your account on their new website.
3. When you get to the Personal Snapshot page scroll to the bottom and click on "Renew."
4. Verify and update your information. This will take you

through several pages, just keep clicking "Next."

5. You will get to the Online Membership - select your membership type and click "Next."
6. Click "Yes" to add state and branch dues.
7. Scroll down the very long list and click OR9045-Lake Oswego Branch Dues. Then scroll to the bottom and click "Next."
8. It asks if you want to pay dues to a second branch. If you don't scroll to the bottom and click "Next."
9. It will ask if you want to make an additional donation. Your choice! Click Next and you will go to the checkout page. **Your dues for National (\$67) Branch (\$17) and State (\$16) totals \$100.** (To be an active member all three need to be paid.)

#### **By Mail:**

Send a check for \$100 to our Treasurer (Diana Ricks) with a note that you are renewing your membership. If your contact information has changed be sure to let her know.

Make your check payable to LOAAUW and mail to:

Diana Ricks, 15655 SW Alderbrook Dr., Tigard, OR 97224

Thanks so much for renewing your membership! We look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns  
Stephanie Wagner, Membership VP  
503-803-77098

[stephanie@natureed.org](mailto:stephanie@natureed.org)



**Public Policy**  
Diana Ricks

**Rise Up! Program Evaluation**

In January several members of the LO branch Public Policy committee agreed to assist Oregon Tradeswomen in evaluating the RISE UP program. RISE UP provides industry best practice consulting and training to help contractors and sub-contractors create an environment of productivity, safety, and equity in construction management and on work sites. OTW currently has nine active contracts to provide training to area companies, including the Port of Portland, Portland Clean Energy fund, the Electricians Union, Kiewit, and others.

The branch members completed a review of the RISE UP program in May. This was the initial phase of the project. They submitted a preliminary report outlining the deficiencies and areas of concern in June. The next step is to provide recommendations for training program improvements. In the future OTW plans to form an advisory council. LO branch project members have agreed to be part of that council.

**All AAUW Oregon Videos Available**

Mary Pat Silveira

Did you miss one of the terrific programs that AAUW Oregon offered online during the pandemic? Is there one that you would really like to see again? How about “Aging Gracefully”, or “Tasting and Learning with Wine”? All of the videos are now available on AAUW Oregon’s YouTube channel, and they are organized thematically for easy accessibility. Are you interested in the past three Annual Meetings, including the special guest speakers? The videos are there. How about public policy, technology, anti-racism, continuing education, and Summer Skills Camp, among others? There are almost sixty different videos from which to choose. Please have a look. The cost is free, but the content is priceless. Go to: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJOB-EcZjf55EiP\\_r8upeYQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJOB-EcZjf55EiP_r8upeYQ)

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Happy September Birthday to

Catharine Hojem  
Jeanne Lemieux  
Anne Redman  
Diana Ricks  
Jane Taft

**Member Profile**  
**Sue Moore**



I have two sons, Ryan (Washington D.C.) and Austin (Portland), daughter Sally (Seattle) and four grandchildren. Moving to Lake Oswego in 2021 brought me geographically closer to family. I'm excited to live in Lake Oswego and am looking forward to being involved in community efforts to promote education, leadership values, and women's equity. I enjoy bridge and other card games, walking, reading, cooking, coffee, traveling and wine tasting.

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Hello AAUW Friends! I joined Lake Oswego AAUW this past spring and am looking forward to meeting you!

I grew up in Dexter, Missouri in a loving family and supportive community. During high school, I was involved in community initiatives, especially the development of a new hospital in the region. I attended Missouri State University, earning degrees in Sociology and Psychology. Following graduation, I married, and completed my master's degree in Education Curriculum and Instruction. While working at a local community college, I earned my doctoral degree in Educational Administration and Policy Analysis.

My career as an administrator in community college education and development was very rewarding. I saw the community college grow, providing access to higher education to many deserving students. In 2012, after a rewarding twenty-five years, I retired as Dean of Extended Campuses and College Outreach.

**Do you have an interest you would like to share?**

Although Lake Oswego AAUW has many interest groups, there's always room for more! If you have a passion or pastime you'd like to share with other members (bridge, mah jongg, quilting, water colors??), it's easy to start a group and only requires three members to do so.

Just contact Charlene Vojtilla, Interest Group Coordinator ([charjoy8@gmail.com](mailto:charjoy8@gmail.com)) and she'll get the information posted in an upcoming newsletter.

## Interest Group Happenings

**Book Groups:** Most of the groups are having their book selection meetings for 2022-2023 after the deadline for this newsletter, so please look for more updates in the October newsletter. However, **Murder by the Book** will meet on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at Stephanie Carter's home. Kris Schultz will lead a discussion of *The Deep End* by Julie Mulhern.

**Lunch Bunch:** On Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., Lunch Bunch will meet at Twill Cellars in West Linn. This was a popular venue in 2021, so we have decided to return. Molly Roby of Twill Cellars will have wines for us to taste and purchase. Please bring your own lunch and, if desired, any non-alcoholic beverages you wish to drink.

Contact Marge Ransom at [wrandmr68@yahoo.com](mailto:wrandmr68@yahoo.com) or Charlene Vojtilla at [charjoy8@gmail.com](mailto:charjoy8@gmail.com)

**Delightful Dining:** The July event has been rescheduled to Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Martha Schrader's. The theme is a Retro barbeque/picnic. Contact Jane Taft if you wish to attend or need more details.

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

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

Date: September 15  
Book: *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu

This book group is actively seeking new members, if you are interested and would like more information, please

contact Connie Irwin,  
[irwinconnie44@gmail.com](mailto:irwinconnie44@gmail.com)

### Non-Fiction Books 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 11:00am

Date: September 12  
Book: *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore

Contact Mary Pat Silveira,  
[mpsilveira@usa.net](mailto:mpsilveira@usa.net)

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

Date: September 27  
Book: *The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel* by Lati Martin

Szechuan Kitchen  
15450 SW Boones Ferry Road

Contact Lynda Bigler,  
[libigler@easystreet.net](mailto:libigler@easystreet.net)

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

Date: September 15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)  
Book: *Two Old Women* by Verna Wallis  
Meet at the home of Stephanie Carter

Contact Suzanne Kaveckis,  
[smkaveckis@icloud.com](mailto:smkaveckis@icloud.com)

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

Date: September 16  
West Linn Library

Contact Sharron Noone  
[smnrrooe@aol.com](mailto:smnrrooe@aol.com)



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