

**Lake Oswego Branch Officers
2022-2023
Elected Officers**

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Appointed Officers

AAUW Fund

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Communications/Governance

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Diversity Officer

Marty Maharg (503) 908-1984

Education Committee

Diana Ricks (503) 858-7481

Hospitality

Charlene Vojtilla (503) 720-0904

Inter-Branch Council

Marty Maharg (503) 908-1984

Interest Group Coordinator

Charlene Vojtilla (503) 720-0904

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Public Information

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Public Policy

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Sustainability and Climate Action Through the Lens of One Community

Saturday, November 12, 2022

9:30 AM Social Time

10:00 AM Program

Oswego Heritage House
Avenue A & 10th Street



There are numerous examples of human development that negatively affect our planet. Many of us are concerned about the changes in our local climate and are shocked by climate change events worldwide. Stephanie Wagner will describe the steps the City of Lake Oswego and the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network (LOSN) are taking to protect the environment and develop resilient communities.

Stephanie is a board member of LOSN, president of the Oswego Lake Watershed Council and a member of the Lake Oswego School District Sustainability Advisory Board. She has been involved in teaching Sustainability for nearly thirty years through her former position with the Portland State University Center for Science Education and as Executive Director of the Friends of Tryon Creek State Park.

Individual actions do make a difference! Please join us to learn how you can become part of the solution.

Connections

Catharine Hojem



Listening to Representative Rachel Prusak at the October 8th meeting was exactly what we hoped to hear from our politicians, candid personal assessments about issues we are facing and suggestions about how to address them. Her 9to5pac/coalition can use some branch assistance from us. Please, stay tuned for further updates.



As promised, here is the second portion of the list identifying appointed Board members:

Diversity Officer: Marty Maharg sees to it that our branch is kept informed about issues related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from both National and State AAUW offices.

Scholarship and Education: Diana Ricks provides information about educational providers and scholarship applicants we may want to sponsor, as well as giving the donations to the recipients. She has established and maintained a relationship with the Oregon Tradeswomen administrators furthering our connection with them.

Communications and Governance: Jane Taft provides oversight of the newsletter, membership emails, public relations and social media. She also annually reviews branch by-laws to determine whether they conform to national and state requirements and current branch procedures.

Hospitality: Charlene Vojtilla is responsible for organizing refreshments and the meeting space at Heritage House for programs and/or fundraising events.

Interest Group: Charlene Vojtilla also holds this position which provides a link between the branch's various interest groups and the Board.

Newsletter Editor: Cathy Croghan Alzner and Kris Schultz are the co-editors for the monthly newsletter. We are grateful for their ongoing commitment to this important effort.

IBC: Inter-branch Council

Representative: Marty Maharg attends IBC meetings and keeps our Board updated on relevant information from

other branches.

Public Information: Karen Rottink is responsible for promoting our branch activities through the wide range of available media options (local newspapers, website, Facebook). She also creates flyers for the monthly programs which Board members distribute in the community.

Public Policy: Sharron Noone is responsible for informing members about legislation relevant to AAUW mission at the national, state and local levels.

Highlights From the October Board Meeting

Catharine Hojem

Please mark your calendars **December 11th, from 2:00-4:30 at Heritage House** for the **Christmas Gala**. This year it will include live music (yay!), provided by a saxophone quartet that includes Marty Maharg's husband. She "bought" this group at an auction for our branch festivities! Thank you, Marty!

Diana conveyed a request from Lisa Palermo, Oregon Tradeswomen's director, for additional support. We raised \$145.00 last month in a Board donation for a student who is experiencing houselessness. Thank you, Diana!

We plan to streamline our communications practices. Stephanie Wagner will provide training for more effective use of Google tools. Thank you, Stephanie

Charlene Vojtilla graciously offered to teach a cooking class, creating holiday treats for ourselves and for gifting. The class (8 participants) is full but she volunteered to host a chocolate truffles class in February.

Thank you, Charlene

Diana Ricks volunteered to take on the Treasurer's role in addition to being the Finance VP and the Scholarship and Education chair.

Thank you, Diana

As a Board, we will look more closely at how sustainable we are during monthly Branch meetings. When possible, we will shift from paper and plastic to glass.

Our scheduled November program presenter withdrew, so Marge Ransom, Program VP scrambled to replace her. Stephanie Wagner volunteered to discuss local sustainability efforts. Thank you, Marge and Stephanie

And a big thank you to this Board who continues to step up on behalf of our branch.

January: A Day of Service

Charlene Vojtilla

The January 2023 meeting will take a different approach. In honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, prior to the meeting we will provide opportunities for members to serve the community. Throughout the month Branch members can volunteer to help organizations that benefit our community. The actual meeting will be held via Zoom during

which time we invite members to discuss their experiences.

The Board still is arranging this project, so we would love your input. If you know an organization that can use our help, please contact Charlene Vojtilla (charjoy8@gmail.com or 503-720-0904) with recommendations. Thank you.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Marty Maharg

November 24 is Thanksgiving. It is a time to give thanks for all we have and to help those less fortunate to feel cared for and included.

Although Indigenous Peoples' Day was October 11, this is a good time to remind ourselves that the Thanksgiving story we grew up with is a myth. The reality is that white Euro-Americans unjustly took indigenous peoples' land, their livelihoods and denied them rights.

The Fifteenth Amendment (1870) granted voting rights to all citizens. While some American Indians were given citizenship (Dawes Act 1887), it was not until the 1924 Snyder Act that granted full citizenship to all Native Americans. Unfortunately, it took another forty years and the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act to affirm enfranchisement in every state! Nevertheless, impediments to voting still exist. <https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/elections/right-to-vote/voting-rights-for-native-americans/>

American Indians have not had equal access to education, making it very difficult for them to succeed

professionally and financially. Recently, Oregon announced the Oregon Tribal Student Grant which provides financial assistance to students who are attending eligible Oregon public and private colleges, universities and community colleges during the 2022-2023 academic year. This is good news and one step toward promoting equity to Oregon's indigenous people. Hopefully, the Oregon State Legislature will this continue to fund this endeavor.

LO AAUW Fund

molly divine

As a member of AAUW you will frequently hear of the AAUW Fund. Here is a short reminder about how some of the money contributed to the national fund is distributed. It is indeed impressive in its outreach.

More than 260 recipients received nearly \$5 million in AAUW fellowships and grants for the 2021–22 academic year. The funding aims to advance educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and countries around the globe.

AAUW is one of the world's leading supporters of graduate women's education. Since 1888, it has awarded more than \$130 million in fellowships, grants and awards to 13,000 recipients from 145 countries. Candidates are selected on the basis of scholarly excellence, quality and originality of project design and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions or fields of research.

I am personally proud that Lake Oswego AAUW supports these important national objectives as well as supporting our own chosen local scholarship projects. We continue to do good work in meeting the objectives of our mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Thank you for your continuing support.



Happy November Birthdays

Marty Maharg
Sandra Spatz-Wizneauks
Marge Ransom

“Never worry about failure. It’s gonna happen. But that’s OK: Go ahead, take chances ... and you might just find that what feels like failure isn’t failure at all, it’s what inspires you to dream even bigger”

Kermit the Frog

Interest Group Happenings

Lunch Bunch Third Tuesday at 11:30

Date: November 15
Location: Oswego Grill, Wilsonville

On Tuesday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m., Lunch Bunch will meet at **Oswego Grill in Wilsonville**. Oswego Grill prides itself on delivering meals made from scratch using fresh, local and seasonal ingredients. They make extensive use of the wood-fired grill at the heart of the restaurant. If weather permits, we can dine outside on the covered, heated patio; otherwise, we’ll move inside for more comfort.

This event is RSVP only via an invitation email that will be sent out in advance of each meeting. If you are not already on the group member listing, please contact Marge Ransom (wrandmr68@yahoo.com) or Charlene Vojtilla (charjoy8@gmail.com).

Interpretive Books 3rd Thursday at 9:30am

Date: November 17
Book: *Radio Girls* by Sara Jane Stratford

This book group is actively seeking new members, if you are interested and would like more information, please contact Connie Irwin irwinconnie44@gmail.com

Murder by the Book
2nd Wednesday at noon

Date: November 10
 Book: *Various Haunts of Men* by Susan Hill
 Location: Home of Stephanie Carter

Contact Jane Taft taft.jane@gmail.com
 or Stephanie Carter
secarter1@gmail.com

Non-Fiction Books
2nd Monday at 11:00am

Date: November 14
 Book: *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin* by Jill Lapore
 Location: Home of Stephanie Wagner

Contact Mary Pat Silveira
mpsilveira@usa.net

Tuesday Books
4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: November 22
 Book: *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan
 Location: Szechuan Kitchen
 15450 SW Boones Ferry Road

Contact Lynda Bigler
libigler@easystreet.net

Thursday Evening Books
4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: December 1
 Book theme: Read any "banned book"
 Location: Home of Molly Divine

Contact Suzanne Kaveckis,
smkaveckis@icloud.com

Public Policy
3rd Friday at 11:00am

Date: November 18
 Location: TBD

Contact Sharron Noone
smnrrooe@aol.com

Mark your calendar!

LAKE OSWEGO AAUW HOLIDAY GALA

Sunday, December 11, 2022

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Lake Oswego Heritage House

- \$25 AAUW Members
- \$15 for Spouses/Partners/Guests
- Sax quartet providing live music
- Food, wine and non-alcoholic punch provided by LO AAUW Board
- Bring any other beverages you want to enjoy
- Look for an email to buy tickets in early December

November 2022

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

December 2022

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