

Science: A World of Opportunities and Challenges for Women

Saturday, February 11, 2023
9:30 am — Social Time
10:00 am — Program

Oswego Heritage House
Avenue A & 10th Street

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2022-2023
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Allison D. Fryer is the epitome of a woman who has established her place in the worlds of Science and Medicine. She currently holds several prestigious positions with the School of Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University, including Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of Medicine. She is also nationally and internationally recognized as a renowned biomedical scientist, expert authority on inflammation and neuronal control of the lung, and acclaimed author for the leading journals in her field.

Hers is an exemplary success story, all the more so because its backdrop is a world that is both extremely demanding and decidedly male-dominated. Dr. Fryer will chronicle her personal and professional journey, discussing where it has led her today. She will also share her thoughts and perspectives on the issue of “Women in Science,” noting the opportunities, as well as the challenges, for those who choose this path.

Connections

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In an effort to provide transparency, last month I shared some of the gloomier possibilities facing not just LOAAUW, but many other branches as well. It might have sounded like “Tough Love,” so this month, I would like to honor Valentine’s Day by sharing the love and the gratitude which comes from being in community with the remarkable members of this AAUW branch.

Our Board took the concerns mentioned last month seriously, and has scheduled an extended, in-person meeting at the West Linn Library to thoroughly consider our challenges and the options we have in going forward. We will keep you posted.

Several members of the Public Policy committee will meet to brainstorm ideas for providing a variety of community service options. Information regarding the current legislative session may be provided by Diana Ricks, Mary Pat Silveira, and/or Sharron Noone, the

three branch members who also are on the state Public Policy committee.

We have a very active Nominating Committee. A huge thanks to Pamela Berg, Jane Taft, Kris Schultz and Cathy Croghan Alzner. Also, a huge thank you to those who have accepted nominations to be Branch officers.

Thank you to Branch members Karen and Bruce Rottink and Sharon and Doug Hawley who made very generous donations which will provide some welcome “breathing room” for us this year!!!

The many interest groups continue to thrive. I hear about a wide range of books and dining experiences. It’s clear that the connections formed in these groups have provided not just enjoyment but increased friendship and emotional support over the last few years of Covid isolation.

In March, instead of the regular scheduled program, we will meet at the usual time (9:30-11:30 on March 11th) for the annual meeting. This will permit open discussion as well as Question and Answer time. Also, special guest Linda Lybecker, Oregon State AAUW President, will attend. She has agreed to share information that other state branches have used to maintain and recruit members. I hope to see you all there. Please remember, your ideas and feedback are very important!!! Thank you.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging

Marty Maharg

The *Washington Post* series “Race in America” is a set of interesting conversations with notable members of the BIPOC community who examine the individuals and the forces that shape race in America from past to present. Two of the conversations are with Ada Limon, the twenty-fourth Poet Laureate of the United States, and actor Wendell Pierce.

Limon is the author of six books of poetry, including *The Carrying*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry, and she was the host of the critically-acclaimed poetry podcast, *The Slowdown*. *The Hurting Kind* is her latest book of poetry.

Pierce currently plays Willie Loman in the revival of Arthur Miller’s play, *Death of a Salesman*. He is the first black man to play Loman on Broadway. While the powerful dialogue remains unchanged, Pierce “...puts Miller’s words into a whole new light” as he talks to his white boss.

To access this informative series, use the following link:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/washington-post-live/race-in-america/>

In celebration of Black History Month at Portland Community College, the 33rd Annual Cascade Festival of African Films will be held February 3 to March 4. The films depict Africa through African lenses “rather than a vision of Africa packaged for Western viewers,” and celebrate “Africa’s achievements,

expose it’s failures, and reveal the possibilities for a hopeful future.” The hybrid virtual and in-person festival is free and open to the public. For more information and a list of the films, please see

<https://2023.africanfilmfestival.org/>

Lastly, do not forget that the Women’s BIPOC Series continues on February 9 and March 23. February’s speaker will be attorney and Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal. For more information check the websites for West Linn Public Library, Lake Oswego Public Library or the West Linn Alliance, Respond to Racism.

Named Gift Honorees Nominations, Please

molly divine

Each year we acknowledge the contributions of one or more members who have made a major contribution to our branch, or who have a history of participation that deserves recognition. I am seeking nominations for Named Gift Honoree for the 2022-2023 program year.

The member(s) will be recognized at our Annual meeting in March. Please email me at mollydivine@gmail.com, or our president Catharine Hojem at hojem2@gmail.com, with your suggestions and the reasons you are nominating this member. All nominations must be received by February 20, 2023.

I look forward to hearing about achievements that deserve to be

acknowledged. Our branch only exists because of the combined volunteer efforts. Thank you.

In Memoriam Margaret Ricks

Diana Ricks

Margaret Bowman Ricks passed away peacefully on December 2, 2022 after a long fight with cancer. Margaret was born in Oakland, California and grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was a graduate of Purdue University, and an active member in Kappa Alpha Theta throughout her life. She was a long time Montessori educator. In 1995 Margaret founded the Bowman School in Palo Alto, where she was the director until her retirement in 2008.

Margaret joined the Lake Oswego branch of AAUW shortly after moving to the area in 2013. She was active in the branch, holding numerous offices including Vice President of Programs & Finance, and Inter Branch Council representative. Margaret was part of the Delightful Dining and Theater groups.

Margaret is survived by her husband Ted, three children, Mary Beth, David, and Jim and her six grandchildren, Megan, Madison, Joseph, Kasara, Katherine, and Michael.

Calling all Chocolate Lovers!



All proceeds donated to the LOAAUW
Scholarship Fund
\$50 per person

Saturday, February 4, 2023
11:00 – 3:00 PM

There still are some spaces available in Charlene Vojtilla's Truffle-making class. The chocolate confections are divine treats as a Valentine gift, a dessert, - or for yourself!

Please join your friends at Charlene's house in Newberg for a hands-on class where you will learn the steps and a timeline to easily make several dozen mouth-watering truffles. You also will enjoy a light lunch, wine, dessert, and a comparative chocolate tasting.

You will take home a dozen truffles you made yourself in a handsome box. To enroll contact Charlene at: charjoy8@gmail.com

Photo Album

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

A number of branch members honored Dr. King during January by volunteering for local organizations. Thank you to those volunteers and to all of you who volunteer your time throughout the year.



Molly divine and Charlene Vojtilla cooking a meal at the Ronald McDonald House



The With Love crew: Diana Ricks, Marge Ransom, Kris Schultz, Mary Pat Silveira, Judy Silverforb, Mary Maharg, Carol Brenneman, Jean-Marie Pierrelouis



Marty, (background) Kris and Carol

Interest Group Happenings

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30am

Date: February 16

Book: *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson

Contact Connie Irwin

irwinconnie44@gmail.com

Lunch Bunch

3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: February 21

Location: Gubanc's Restaurant
16008 Boones Ferry Rd

This event is RSVP only via an invitation email that will be sent out in advance of each meeting. Contact Marge Ransom wrandmr68@yahoo.com or Charlene Vojtilla charjoy8@gmail.com

Murder by the Book

2nd Wednesday at noon

Date: February 8

Book: *Cracked Spine* by Paige Shelton
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: February 13

Book: *Autism in Heels, a Memoir* by Jennifer O'Toole

Meeting on Zoom

Contact Mary Pat Silveira for more information mpsilveira@usa.net

Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: February 28

Book: *This is How it Always is* by Laurie Frankel

Location: Szechuan Kitchen
15450 SW Boones Ferry Road

Contact Lynda Bigler

libigler@easystreet.net

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: February 23

Book: *The Mountains Wild* by Sarah Stewart Taylor

Meeting on Zoom

Contact Suzanne Kaveckis,

smkaveckis@icloud.com

Public Policy

3rd Friday at 11:00am

Meeting to be held on Zoom

Date: February 17

Contact Catharine Hojem

hojem2@gmail.com

Delightful Dining

Date: February 18 6:00 pm

Location: Home of Penny Hansen
featuring Cozy Winter Soups.
Spouses are welcome!

For more information, contact Jane Taft

taft.jane@gmail.com

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March 2023

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