

A Spring Celebration

Saturday, May 13, 2023
11:30AM – 2:30PM

Oswego Heritage House
 398 10th Street



Before we break for the summer, please join your friends as we install the 2023-2024 officers, announce this year's Named Honorees and celebrate Spring with a social gathering.

The Board will provide an array of cold salads, desserts, iced tea and lemonade for you to enjoy.

Please note the later meeting time, **11:30AM - 2:30PM**
 Looking forward to seeing you there.



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

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Catharine Hojem (541) 240-1291

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Diana Ricks (503) 858-7481

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Jane Taft (503) 709-3185

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Catharine Hojem



Recently I returned from the State AAUW Annual Meeting in Ashland. Marty Maharg, Mary Pat Silveira, Jane Taft, Susan Hornung, Judy Silverforb, and Sharron Noone also attended. Friday and Saturday were beautiful spring days and it was so enjoyable to meet in person with other members which previously had been only virtual.

The presenters and breakout sessions offered useful perspectives and several meaningful “takeaways” for branches as we move forward in our shared post-Covid world. The Friday enrichment activities provided some enjoyable activities such as a variety of tours and even a Cosmic Muffin School of Cookery cooking class.

Voters at the Annual Meeting passed the by-laws amendment affirming that voting will be based on the members attending instead of the previous delegate system. Also, the Board decided that beginning next year, Annual Meetings will be staggered, alternating in-person with virtual.

Congratulations and thank you to Mary Pat Silveira who was elected for a second term as our North Central District Director. Thank you also to Pat Squire who has served two terms as state Program VP.

It's Been a Great Gig!

After five years as your newsletter editors, unforeseen circumstances have compelled us to reluctantly step down.

A huge thank you is due to our eagle-eyed proof readers, Catharine Hojem, Mary Pat Silveira, Pat Squire, and Jane Taft who read hundreds of drafts. You were a tremendous help. Thank you also to the LOAAUW Branch members. Your “atta girls” comments were a delight to receive.

We now request that one, or two, of you **please volunteer** to be the newsletter editor(s). If you have questions, please send an email; we will be happy to respond.

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Scholarship and Education Committee

Diana Ricks

The Scholarship/Education committee is pleased to announce that they have entered into an agreement with Portland Community College to provide an annual scholarship named the Lake Oswego AAUW Scholarship. The Board approved this agreement at the April 4th meeting.

The committee also decided that the scholarship should go to an individual who is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. The committee researched and discussed many options but decided on Early Childhood Education for three reasons.

- First, there is a dearth of qualified persons in this field throughout the United States. If women are to return to work after childbirth, they need to know that their children will be spending time in an environment that promotes learning.
- Second, the average starting wage for Early Childhood Educators in Clackamas County is \$39,340. The average monthly payment for \$20,000 in student loans (10 years at 5%) is \$212. The financial burden may lead some students to decide on another field.
- Third, while we cannot stipulate that the scholarship go to a female student, we have chosen a field in which the preponderance of students identify as female.

The initial scholarship will be for \$5,000 and will be awarded for the 2023-24 academic year. Due to three very generous donations we can meet this amount. In future years the scholarship must be a minimum of \$1,000. We can alter the criteria for the scholarship on an annual basis. We hope the membership is as excited as we are to begin this scholarship. Hopefully, we can continue this relationship with PCC for many years to come.

Thank you, Scholarship Committee, Sharon Brabenac, Catharine Hojem, Jeanne Lemieux, and Diana Ricks for their diligent work.

Inclusion & Equity

Marty Maharg

Please note the upcoming Inclusion and Equity opportunities for May:

The West Linn Alliance and the West Linn Library will sponsor "Understanding Urban/Rural Divides," at 2:00PM Saturday May 6, 2023.

You may attend at the West Linn Library or livestream via ZOOM. For more information, please see West Linn Alliance, westlinalliance.org

May 21, 2023 is the UNESCO World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. Cultural Diversity matters. "Three-quarters of the world's major conflicts have a cultural dimension. Bridging the gap between cultures is **urgent and necessary** for peace, stability and development." <https://www.un.org/en/observances/cultural-diversity-day>

AAUW Fund

molly divine

Greetings dear members. As the program year draws to an end, I would like to thank those of you who have contributed to the AAUW Fund. AAUW is excited to announce \$6.3 million in funding to nearly 285 fellows and grantees for the 2023-24 award year. These exceptional recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls. Your contributions have helped to fund this level of support.

AAUW National has eliminated the word Gift from the Named Gift Honorees award. Going forward, Branch and State honorees will be "Named Honorees."

This year our two Lake Oswego Branch Named Honorees will be announced at the Spring Social, Saturday, May 13.



On April 7th, Lennon Smith, Catharine Hojem, Marty Maharg, Lynn Rothert, Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis and Diane Smith volunteered their time at With Love, helping to select donated clothing for future use in foster families with young children.

There will be volunteer group sessions open to us at With Love on May 12th and 26th from 10:00-12:00. Come join us for two hours of productive fun with one another. If interested, please contact hojem2@gmail.com



Give a Shout-Out

To Lennon Smith who is the Director for the Northwest Senior Theatre's Spring Gala presentation. *A Century of Broadway from Vaudeville to Wicked*. Please see the following flyer for further information. Enjoy!



Vaudeville

You're a Grand Old Flag
By The Light of the Silver Moon
Bill Bailey

The 1920's

Test Toot Tootsie
Life Upon The Wicked Stage
Over There

**Northwest Senior Theatre
is excited to announce**

1930's

You're The Top

1940's - 50's

Beautiful Morning
Kansas City

Our 2023 Spring Gala:

A Century of Broadway

from Vaudeville to 'Wicked'

June is Busting Out
If I Loved You

I'm Gonna Wash That Man
Some Enchanted Evening

Wed., Fri., Sat., May 17th, 19th & 20th - 2:00 p.m.

"King and I"

"My Fair Lady"

At Rise Church, Tigard

10445 SW Canterbury Ln, Tigard OR 97224

(between 99W south of Gaarde St./McDonald St. & 103rd)

"Music Man"
Lida Rose

1960's - 70's
The Sound of Music/Edelweiss

Tickets: \$10 at the door (cash or check only) or at

<https://nwseniortheatre.ticketspice.com/a-century-of-broadway-from-vaudeville-to-wicked>

For more information: 503/251-4332

nwseniortheatre@gmail.com

'Like' us on Facebook (Northwest Senior Theatre)

Interest Group Happenings

Lunch Bunch

3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

On Tuesday, May 16th, at 11:30 a.m., we'll be lunching at Abella Italian Kitchen in Wilsonville. Abella is a family-owned restaurant that has been serving Wilsonville for over 13 years, featuring authentic Italian cuisine with a modern approach. Located just off I-5 Exit 183, it should be an easy drive for any of our members.

RSVP is required to ensure seating. Please contact Charlene Vojtilla (charjoy8@gmail.com) or Marge Ransom (wrandmr68@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend.

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30am

Date: May 18
Book: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

Contact Connie Irwin
irwinconnie44@gmail.com

Murder by the Book

2nd Wednesday at noon

Date: May 10
Book: *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara
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: May 8
Book: *The Last Slave Ship* by Ben Raines

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

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: May 25
Book: Choose any book on the National Parks

Contact Suzanne Kaveckis,
smkaveckis@icloud.com

Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: May 23
Book: *The Silence of Scheherazade* by Defne Suman
Location: Szechuan Kitchen

Contact Lynda Bigler
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Public Policy

3rd Friday at 11:00am

Meeting to be held on Zoom

Date: May 19
Contact Catharine Hojem
hojem2@gmail.com

May 2023

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June 2023

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