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Newsletter

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***GATHER:MAKE:SHELTER (GMS):
Turning Surviving into Thriving,
a Unique Community Project***
Saturday, November 11th
Oswego Heritage House
398 10th St., Lake Oswego
9:30 - Social Time 10:00 - Program



Dana Lynn Louis - Artist as Activist

When Dana returned to Portland in late 2016 from an Artist Residency Program in rural Senegal where she had collaborated with a group of women ceramicists, she experienced something that she found disturbing... an angry and divided vibe in her hometown. It seemed everybody was on edge and the number of those in the houseless community was only growing.

She had made many trips to West Africa in the past which made her reflect how it was that people there were united, happy, and optimistic.

On a bike ride from home to her studio along the river, there was a critical chance encounter with tent camp members which turned into the genesis of an idea. Dana thought about how she could make a difference in the houseless and poverty crisis in PDX. With all the resources available here, surely something could be done.

Dana prides herself on thinking outside the box. The seed had been planted and positive interaction was the key. "Healthy and productive relationships find common paths towards a shared goal."

Dana will tell us how, with this vision in mind, she went from tutoring a few unhoused people in workshops in her own studio (with one paid assistant five hours a week) to what GMS has grown to be today, five years later.

How her art of community building and the knowledge that her determination would eventually attract both funders and volunteers would lead to success as the positive results became known.

Dana Lynn Louis is one in a million. Her creativity is as boundless as her tenacity.

Prez Sez



Jeanne Lemieux & Diana Ricks

November has several holidays and events. Nov. 7th is election day; a day to exercise our civic duty to maintain our democracy. Nov. 11th is Veterans Day when we honor all those who have served our country in the armed services. Nov. 26th is Thanksgiving, when we reflect and give thanks for our family, community, and the kindnesses we have received. Then there is

always Black Friday, which is either a bonanza or a curse.

November is also National Scholarship Month. It is "a time to raise awareness of scholarship opportunities for current and future college students."

In the US 58% of families rely on scholarships to help fund college education. Over 1.7 million scholarships are awarded each year. The average scholarship for a two-year institution is \$6,010 and for a four-year college is \$14,890 annually. The US Department of Education awards an estimated \$46 billion in scholarship money annually and private sources award over \$7.4 billion annually.

While the data is staggering, it is important to view the Lake Oswego AAUW scholarship at Portland Community College {PCC} as part of a larger endeavor. In May our branch donated \$5,000 to the PCC Foundation toward scholarships for students studying Early Childhood Education (ECE). The scholarships went to two students.

There were three reasons the committee chose ECE as the field of study.

First, the demand for childcare far exceeds the number of certified early childhood educators.

Second, the burden of student loans is significant based on the average starting salary for ECE graduates.

Third, 92% of early childhood educators are women.

Again, this year our scholarship funds will go for students pursuing degrees in ECE. Currently, we have no plans for a fundraising project. We ask that each member consider making a scholarship contribution. Consider it an investment in two women's futures, the

woman who can go to work because childcare is available and the woman who is providing that childcare.

We will have donation envelopes available on the table next to the name tags at every meeting. The envelopes contain instructions on how to donate on the [AAUW state website](#). There are also instructions on the [LO AAUW website](#) under the scholarship tab. Or you can send checks payable to LO PCC scholarship Special Project to our PO Box at PO Box 2078, Lake Grove, OR 97035.

Thanks for your participation in our branch scholarship work!



INTEREST GROUP HAPPENINGS

Lunch Bunch, (this month only) 3rd Friday at 11:30 am,
Contact: Charlene Vojtilla, charjoy8@gmail.com

Date: **Friday, November 17th**, Location: Stockpot Broiler,
Beaverton.

RSVP is required to ensure seating if you would like to attend.

Delightful Dining, Next meeting is December 2nd. Contact:

Jane Taft, taft.jane@gmail.com

Please contact Jane if you would like to join this group.

Interpretive Books, 3rd Thursday at 9:30 am, Contact Laura Eyer, eyerlaura@gmail.com

Date: November 16th, Book: *The Phone Book at the Edge of the World* by Laura Imai Messina

Murder by the Book, 2nd Wednesday at noon, Contact Jane Taft taft.jane@gmail.com

Date: November 8th, Book: *The Golden Spoon* by Jessa Maxwell

Non-Fiction Books, 2nd Monday at 11:15 am, Contact: Mary Pat Silveira
mpsilveira@usa.net

Date: November 13th, Book: *Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir* by Marie Yovanovitch

Thursday Evening Books, **please note 5th Thursday** at 7:00 pm, Contact Suzanne Kaveckis, smkaveckis@icloud.com

Date: November 30th, Theme: Exploration

4th Tuesday Books, 4th Tuesday at 11:00, am Contact Lynda Bigler
libigler@easystreet.net

Date: November 28th, Book: *Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Eagan

LO Branch 2023-2024 Membership Directory

We are trying to avoid the cost of mailing them. If you have not already done so, please try to pick yours up at our November branch meeting or at an interest group meeting. In order to have it at an interest group meeting, be sure to let your leader know you will be attending and I will work with her to get it there. Thank you.

Submitted by Susan Shea, who has the 2023-2024 Membership Directories.

A Request From the Portland Branch

Every year at this time, branches encourage members to donate to AAUW Funds. Whether it is through sales, luncheons, auctions, or other creative means, the purpose is to help a broader community of women gain access to educational and economic opportunities.

This year, Portland Branch offers you a Virtual Silent Auction with bidding from wherever you may be. All members of our sister branches in the greater Metro Area--Gresham, Hillsboro-Forest Grove, Lake Oswego, Hudson's Bay, and Vancouver--are invited to bid on these items as well. The proceeds will go to AAUW Funds. Please bid early, often and generously, and have some fun doing it!



The auction runs from 6 a.m. on Saturday, November 4th, until noon on Monday, November 13th. For a sneak peek at the items available for bid, go to <https://www.32auctions.com/pdxaauw2023auction> or access through the QR code..

Submitted by Illga Ross.



LAKE OSWEGO AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 10, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
At the home of Pam Berg

- \$25 AAUW Members
- \$15 for Spouses/Partners/Guests
- 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

NCCWSL

The Oregon Online Branch and the California Online Branch held a joint meeting that included seven young women who attended a National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, (NCCWSL–nick-whistle). These conferences are held yearly and run by AAUW.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video of the wonderful presentation and learn more about NCCWSL.

2023-2024 Branch Officers



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