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# Newsletter

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**September 2024**

**In a world of disinformation, fake news, and AI-generated ads, WHO DO YOU TRUST?**

**September 14th**

**Oswego Heritage House**

**398 10th Street**

**Lake Oswego**

**9:30 am - Social Time, 9:50 am - Program**



**Marge Easley**

**Marge Easley** from the League of Women Voters (LWV) will address this issue as one of the LWV's aims this year is to advise (older) voters who don't use social media a lot or at

all how to talk about what's real to others who are misguided by what they hear.

Marge has held many leadership positions with the LWV over the last thirty-plus years, including state president, Clackamas County co-president, and Action Chair. She is also a member of the state League Action Committee and has advocated at the Legislature on gun violence prevention, National Popular Vote, rights of incarcerated people, and land use issues. During election season, you can often find her moderating candidate forums and interviewing candidates on cable television. Marge, a retired teacher and Pennsylvania native spends her spare time editing her husband's mystery series and walking their dog, Archie. She and Warren recently moved from the Stafford area to a 1905 home in the historic town of Aurora.

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## Prez Sez



As the weather cools, September is upon us! Truly the BEST month to live in Oregon in our book ... especially since we celebrate our September birthdays!!

We hope you've enjoyed the summer and are ready to join us for a fantastic year. We've met with each member of our wonderful board over the Summer, and we are one lucky branch. Women dedicated to fulfill their jobs to make the branch the best experience for each and every one of you. Of special note, our Scholarship Chair, Sharon Brabenac, was awarded the Excellence in Adjunct Teaching Award at Portland State 23-24 in which they highlighted her commitment to DEI. We also honored Karen Rottnick in June as a Board Member Emeritus for her dedicated service to the branch for 27 years.



Did you know that we are part of a community of more than 170,000 people standing strong for gender equity? A force to be reckoned with! Are you signed up for the Two Minute Activist? (see AAUW website) It is an easy way to make each of our voices heard in unison on so many issues.

So, **what's ahead for the year?**

- Our **Fall Branch Meetings** (at Heritage House) are shaping up to be very exciting.

September – League of Women Voters – Mis and Disinformation

October – Lake Oswego Library – Banned Books 2.0

November – Portland Art Museum – Revitalizing Downtown Portland

December – Holiday Celebration

- **New Member Coffee Gatherings** at Elephant's to welcome new members AND provide moments of fellowship with other members of the branch.
- **Interest Groups** are gearing up for the year. Look for a special Branch Buzz coming to share all the book club selections for the year.
- The Oregon Legislature has a long session this year. **Lobby Day** will be back! For those unable to attend can meet with their legislators via Zoom
- **In-person State Conference** this year.

What brought you to join LOAAUW? What keeps you maintaining your involvement with LOAAUW? We will be asking a number of you throughout the year to share YOUR experience. Willing to share the experience with others? This year, we would like to

challenge all of you to **bring a neighbor or a friend** to a branch meeting, Coffee Gathering, or Book Club this year and introduce them to the branch!  
**Jeanne Lemieux & Diana Ricks**

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## Membership

Karen Rottink has had another fall. She is currently recuperating at a facility in Lake Oswego. Karen would appreciate hearing from her AAUW friends. You can send cards to her at the following address. The Pearl at Kruse Way, 4550 Carman Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

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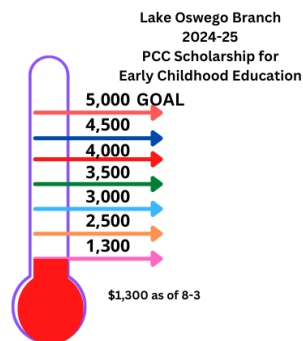
## Scholarship

### Art Fundraiser

A festive art event at Pam Berg's home on August 3rd was not just about enjoyment, but also about learning. Pam's impressive art collection provided insights, while the brunch added a delightful touch.

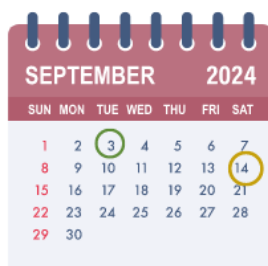
Our gratitude extends to the attendees who joined us, not just for enjoyment, but also made generous contributions to the scholarship. Special thanks to Susan Shea and Charlene Vojtilla for coordinating the delightful brunch. Randa Blanding made sure that our communications looked good and sent them out. And, this event was only possible because Pam Berg graciously opened her home and gave an informative and interesting talk about her art collection.

The event was a success, raising \$1,300 for the LO AAUW PCC scholarship.



We are still working towards our goal of \$5,000 for two student scholarships at PCC. Please consider making a gift online on the LO AAUW website, [www.lakeoswego-or-aauw.net](http://www.lakeoswego-or-aauw.net).

Submitted by Sharon Brabenac, Scholarship Chair and Susan Shea



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## INTEREST GROUP HAPPENINGS – September 2024

If you are interested in joining any of our Interest Groups, please reach out to the contact listed for each group.

**Lunch Bunch**, 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am, Contact: Charlene Vojtilla, [charjoy8@gmail.com](mailto:charjoy8@gmail.com)

Date: September 17th, Location: Jefe Restaurant, Lake Oswego

RSVP to the invitation email is required to ensure seating.

**Delightful Dining**, Contact: Jane Taft, [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com) The next Delightful Dining meeting will be held in October. Please contact Jane Taft if you want to receive an invitation.

**Interpretive Books**, 3rd Thursday at 9:30 am, Contact: Laura Eyer, [eyerlaura@gmail.com](mailto:eyerlaura@gmail.com)  
Date: September 19th, Book: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

**Murder by the Book**, 2nd Wednesday at noon, Contact: Jane Taft [taft.jane@gmail.com](mailto:taft.jane@gmail.com)  
Date: September 11th, Book: *Secret Lives* by Mark de Castrique

**Non-Fiction Books**, 2nd Monday at 11:00 am, Contacts: Diana Ricks, [dmricks472@gmail.com](mailto:dmricks472@gmail.com) and Cathy Croghan Alzner, [c.croghan.alzner@att.net](mailto:c.croghan.alzner@att.net)  
Date: September 9th, Book: *The Women Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone

**Thursday Evening Books**, 4th Thursday at 4:30 pm (note the start time is early allowing for book selection), Contact: Suzanne Kaveckis, [smkaveckis@icloud.com](mailto:smkaveckis@icloud.com)  
Date: September 26th, Book: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

**4th Tuesday Books**, 4th Tuesday at 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Contact: Lynda Bigler, [libigler@easystreet.net](mailto:libigler@easystreet.net)  
Date: September 24th, Book: *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

#### **MORE ON INTEREST GROUPS TO COME...**

In future newsletters, we will be featuring more details about each of our various interest groups. We hope it will encourage more of our members to join these groups, which provide friendship, socializing, and common interests. Look forward to these features coming soon!

**Submitted by Charlene Vojtilla**

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## **Important Information Regarding the October Meeting**

In an effort to keep awareness alive over the continued practice of banning books, Lake Oswego Public Library (LOPL) is providing copies of the second most banned book in America; *All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir-Manifesto*.

Our October program will feature the staff of LOPL leading a discussion about this book as well as the current status of this oppressive practice being used today in our country.

Come join us on October 19th for this important discussion.

Stakes are still high



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Say Yes To Books

## Why Intergeneration Month is Important!



The Intergenerational Foundation launched Intergeneration Month, held each September, to connect generations and to prompt people from varying age groups to make connections and friendships and to learn from each other. The American Library Association and the American Association of Museums have

endorsed Intergeneration Month. When we talk to each other, we learn from each other. Conversations can lead to a better understanding of history — as well as the challenges that may separate one generation from the next. Intergenerational conversations can help shatter assumptions and bring people of different ages together. Older generations have a wealth of experience and wisdom to share, while younger generations bring fresh perspectives and new skills. These connections can provide emotional support and reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation for both older and younger individuals. Conversations and storytelling help preserve traditions and family histories, ensuring that valuable stories and practices are passed down. Interacting with people of different ages fosters mutual respect and understanding, breaking down stereotypes. Communities grow stronger with support from everyone interacting in various ways. Our empathy towards others grows as we learn from each other. The more you know someone, the more ways you might discover to connect with them. Beneficial relationships are often based on shared interests. During this month, various activities and events are organized to bring together younger and older individuals, promoting understanding. Some ideas are listed below:

- Storytelling and reading together
- Sharing time in the kitchen using a favorite family recipe
- Youth offering to teach seniors about computers
- Seniors sharing their craft abilities/knowledge with youth
- Use icebreakers in group settings

- Reach out to someone and try a shared interest. This often leads to other fun activities.

Have you had any meaningful intergenerational experiences yourself? I hope you try out some of these ideas in the coming month.

**Submitted by Sharon Brabenac**

## 2024-2025 Branch Officers



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