

# The Advocate:

Albany, Oregon, Branch AAUW

Hello All:

Well, 2019 is almost over and it has been a busy one for many of us. The holidays are upon us and we hope you have wonderful and enjoyable plans.

We had a very successful volunteer opportunity helping LBCC with their annual Thanksgiving Food box preparation. Thank you for helping a worthwhile cause.

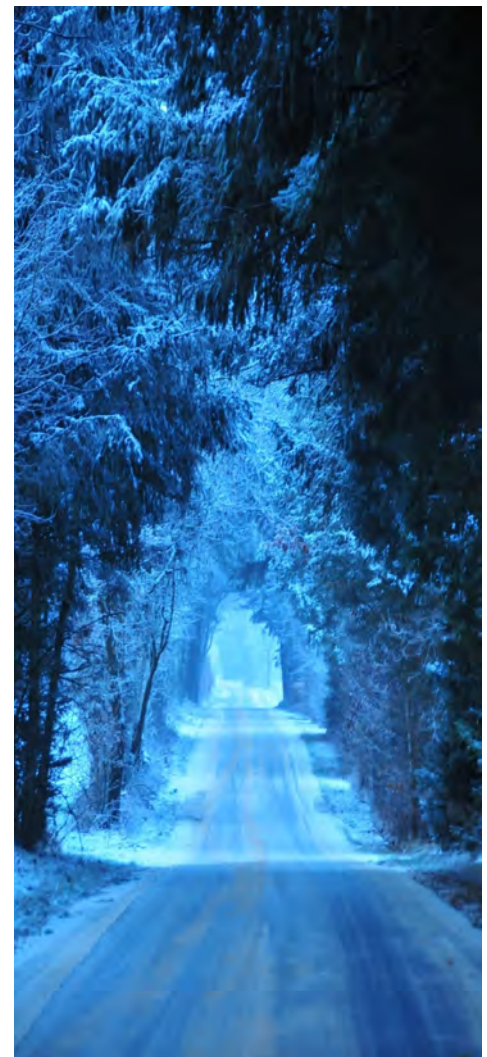
Please join us at Christine Webb's for our Holiday Social and Fund Raiser the evening of December 11th, this is her last time hosting in her beautiful home. What are we going to do in the future?

Save the Date on page 3 is all about our upcoming January event and Page 5 details our February Meeting.

Hope to see you all soon—and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your Co-Presidents:  
Barb and Vickie

Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



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## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 pm, Holiday Social, Christine Webb's home

Saturday, February 8, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the meeting room at Albany Public Library on 14th Street

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 am—2pm, First Presbyterian Church—Program and Business Meeting

## HOLIDAY SOCIAL

CHRISTINE WEBB, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

**Wednesday, December 11— 7PM**

December's "meeting" will be a Holiday Social at Christine Webb's home. Bring a few dozen cookies to trade and a little extra cash to contribute to our outreach efforts. There will be "heavy hors d'oeuvres" so don't feel like you need to eat dinner first. Just come and relax and have fun!

(Dishes will be provided).

1150 Park Place SW, Albany

503-544-8319 (Christine)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP!**

**CHRISTINE WEBB, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR**

Saturday, January 11 at 2PM we will be participating in the 100th anniversary celebration of the passage of the 19th amendment in Oregon. There will be speakers (Fay Stetson-Water, Mayor Sharon Konopa and Professor Kimberly Jensen) local musicians, drama and snacks. After the informative and inspiring celebration there will be an opportunity to join in the Linn County Women's annual downtown march.

If you would like to be a part of helping with this event please contact Christine Webb at [retromom@gmail.com](mailto:retromom@gmail.com) or at 503-544-8319.

Location: First Christian Church meeting room, Albany.

## **Woman Suffrage Centennial Web Exhibit**

### **Origins of the Woman Suffrage Movement in Oregon**

**<https://sos.oregon.gov/blue-book/Pages/explore/exhibits/woman-intro.aspx>**



#### **Vision**

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

#### **Mission**

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

#### **Value Promise**

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

#### **Diversity**

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.





## NOVEMBER PROGRAM RECAP

### HEATHER MORIJAH, C/U REPRESENTATIVE

**LEGISLATORS WANT TO  
HEAR WHAT IS IM-  
PORTANT TO YOU AND  
HOW YOU VOTE.**

**PLEASE WRITE OR EMAIL  
YOUR LEGISLATORS  
WHEN THERE IS SOME-  
THING THAT IS  
IMPORTANT TO YOU.**

**THEY ALSO LIKE TO  
HEAR WHEN THEY DID  
SOMETHING THAT YOU  
LIKED TOO.**



*Everyone needs some  
sunshine from time to  
time! Please remember  
that Sue Stein has volun-  
teered to coordinate  
our sending of sunshine  
cards to those members  
in need of some kind  
words because they are  
ill, hurt, or grieving.  
Please contact Sue at  
541.791.7144 if you are  
aware of a need. Also,  
if you have extra cards,  
please consider giving  
them to Sue!*

Our branch showed up in force at LBCC on November 23 to help pack 155 Thanksgiving food boxes for LBCC families—both students and staff—in need. This translates into more than 600 people who were able to have a holiday meal last week. Thank you so much to our ten members who helped pack boxes: it was my first year volunteering, and it was a lot of fun!

For more than 25 years, LBCC's Chapter of American Association of Women in Community Colleges and the LBCC Independent Association of Classified Employees have co-sponsored the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year, more than \$7200 was raised to purchase 30 WinCo carts of food, earning 42 free turkeys. LBCC's recently-axed Horticulture Department donated copious amounts of butternut squash and recipes for getting the best and most out of these prolific veggies.

Lena Spencer, of LBCC's Information Services Department, organized a challenge among departments in the Calapooia Center, which brought in over \$1300! To motivate teams and make it fun, the IS team provided baked goods to the department with the highest donations. The Student Leadership Council supported the food drive with a generous donation of \$1600. LBCC's Health Occupations Center, Lebanon Center and Sweet Home Center donated 1,862 items of food and cash.

Thank you all again for your generous donations of time, money and food!



## FEBRUARY MEETING

### KARLENE MCDOWELL, SECRETARY

Albany AAUW is sponsoring a panel discussion on “Women in OR Prisons: Past, Present, and Future.” This grew out of a study on prison reform that our Great Discussions group worked on in 2019, and the Great Discussions group has put together this panel. Panel members include Julia Yoshimoto, Project Director, Women’s Justice Center, Portland; Rosa Howard-Mumford from Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility, Albany, OR; and Jessica Kampfe from Shelly’s House in Salem, OR, which offers transitional housing for women offenders. This panel discussion will take place on Saturday, February 8, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the meeting room at Albany Public Library on 14th Street. It is open to the public. We hope our members will publicize this to members of other groups that they attend, and we will have an article in the Albany paper in mid-January. This panel will help us understand a group of women whom most of us rarely think about.

#### **Access Policy:**

*It is the policy of AAUW to provide reasonable accommodations for members with disabilities. For assistance, contact:*

*Vickie 541-995-7740. A forty-eight hours notice is requested.*

The State AAUW newsletter, *Oregon News*, is sent via email to all members. Vickie Staffelbach receives the newsletter and forwards the *Oregon News* to all branch members via email. If you do not use email, you will receive a copy of the newsletter by US mail.



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## GREAT DISCUSSIONS

GAIL GERDEMANN

### WHAT WE DO:

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minute-activist/](https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/)

**Take action on  
issues impacting  
women and girls  
by joining  
AAUW's Action  
Network.**

**Also read about  
what AAUW is  
doing.**



The group is currently doing a survey of 2020 political issues, one issue per meeting. Please contact Gail Gerdemann 541-926-3436 if you are not already a member of the group to make arrangements to get materials. This group usually meets Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm (specific dates below).

Friday, January 24th, 1:30

Hostess: Jan Heaton, 2706 SE Columbus, 541-926-4356 or 541-979-8283

Topic: Taxes and the 2020 election, Jan is discussion leader

Friday, February 21st, 1:30

Hostess: Lee Reeves, 1225 NE Lafayette St., 541-924-9089

Topic: Immigration and the 2020 election, Karlene is discussion leader

We have posted, on our Facebook page, a list of all the legislation we are currently supporting and opposing in this legislative session: [AAUW Albany Oregon](#). Check there for updates. They will be posted as we receive them.



## BOOK CLUB

### GAIL GERDEMANN

This group usually meets the first Thursday of each month at 1pm.

**Less: a novel** by Andrew Sean Greer.(263p) Who says you can't run away from your problems? You are a failed novelist about to turn fifty. A wedding invitation arrives in the mail: your boyfriend of the past nine years is engaged to someone else. You can't say yes--it would be too awkward--and you can't say no--it would look like defeat. On your desk are a series of invitations to half-baked literary events around the world. QUESTION: How do you arrange to skip town? ANSWER: You accept them all. What would possibly go wrong? Arthur Less will almost fall in love in Paris, almost fall to his death in Berlin, barely escape to a Moroccan ski chalet from a Saharan sandstorm, accidentally book himself as the (only) writer-in-residence at a Christian Retreat Center in Southern India, and encounter, on a desert island in the Arabian Sea, the last person on Earth he wants to face.

- Thursday, January 9th, 1:00pm
- Hostess: Edie Orner, 2054 54th Ave. S.E., 541-926-5989  
Please carpool as there is limited parking.
- Discussion led by Linda Allen

**Washington Black: a novel** by Esi Edugyan (333p) Eleven-year-old George Washington Black—or Wash—a field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation, is initially terrified when he is chosen as the manservant of his master's brother. To his surprise, however, the eccentric Christopher Wilde turns out to be a naturalist, explorer, inventor, and abolitionist. Soon Wash is initiated into a world where a flying machine can carry a man across the sky, where even a boy born in chains may embrace a life of dignity and meaning, and where two people, separated by an impossible divide, can begin to see each other as human. But when a man is killed and a bounty is placed on Wash's head, they must abandon everything and flee together. Over the course of their travels, what brings Wash and Christopher together will tear them apart, propelling Wash ever farther across the globe in search of his true self. Spanning the Caribbean to the frozen Far North, London to Morocco,.

- Thursday, February 6th, 1:00pm
- Hostess: Diane White, 3220 Liberty St. SW, 541-928-7802
- Discussion led by Karlene McDowell

