

The Advocate:

Albany, Oregon, Branch AAUW

Hello All:

We hope that your Fall is going well, and that you are happy and healthy as we go into the holidays.

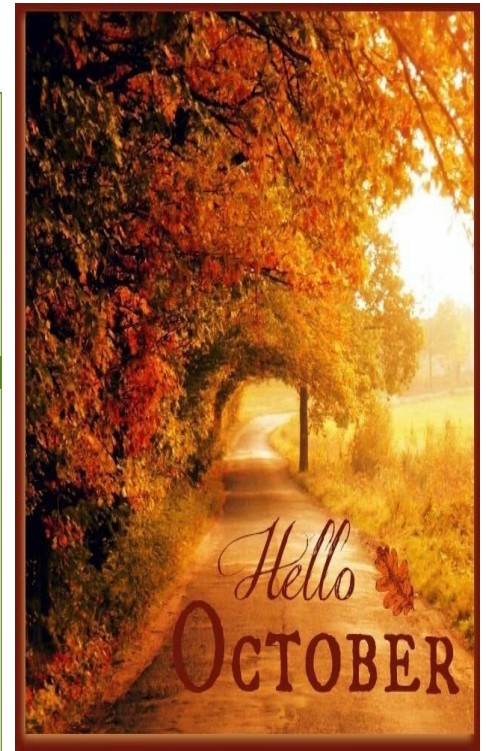
Hopefully you have been receiving the email updates from Karlene regarding our new fund raising efforts. As we go to press—we are very close to our goal.

Our Program Committee has prepared some wonderful activities, movies and speakers for upcoming meetings. Both educational and fun things are planned.

A reminder that this year is going to be an election year for Albany Branch Officers, and we have some people who are leaving our branch. Please consider nominating yourself or letting others know that you are interested in any and all positions.

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

**Saturday, October 26,
9:30 am, Program and
Business Meeting, First
Christian Church**

**Saturday, November 23,
9:00 am, Volunteer
Opportunity and Lunch,
Linn-Benton Community
College—Luckiamute
Building**

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

OCTOBER 26TH MEETING

CHRISTINE WEBB, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

October gathering: Saturday, October 26. 9:30 AM

Film, potluck and business meeting

432 SW Ferry St., Albany

Join us at First Christian Church to watch “Iron-Jawed Angels” as we kick off our exploration and celebration of the 100th anniversary of Oregon’s passage of the 19th amendment. This film, starring Hilary Swank and Anjelica Huston, follows the passionate suffragette, feminist and activist Alice Paul as she helps lead the battle, even suffering imprisonment, for passage of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote.

We will have a potluck lunch and business meeting following the film which will begin promptly at 9:30 AM.

Food and \$\$ donations for LBCC’s Lunch Box food pantry are gratefully accepted.

Questions? Christine Webb. 503-544-8319



JANUARY 11TH MEETING

CHRISTINE WEBB, PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR

Save the date for January’s meeting which will be a collaborative program celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment in Oregon. It will be co-hosted by the Linn County

Women’s Rally, the League of Women Voters and AAUW. This event is scheduled for 2PM, January 11th in Albany. More details will be available in next month’s newsletter but we could use some help in the planning process. Please contact Christine Webb (503-544-8319) if you have a few hours to spare for this important and exciting event.

**THINK
PINK**
OCTOBER **BREAST
CANCER**
AWARENESS MONTH



OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

KANDACE GALVAN

Hi Everyone!

I am excited to learn about AAUW this year and to get to know all of you. I have just retired from teaching at Liberty Elementary here in Albany. I taught for 24 years. I enjoyed teaching and being a life-long learner with my students. I miss the interactions with the



kids and my colleagues. I especially loved reading children's literature and studying science, and discovering the world together with them. I'm used to quite a bit of commotion and liveliness and am still adjusting to my new, calmer lifestyle.

My husband and I have a boat and we enjoy spending time swimming and picnicking at the lake during the summer. We also like swing dancing, whale watching and walking

on the beach, and playing cards with friends and family. My other hobbies include gardening, reading, and I dabble with crafts and sewing. I also love to sing.

We have one son. He works in music production and engineering. He recently moved back to Oregon from Los Angeles. We are glad to see him more often.

Thank you for being so welcoming to me! See you soon.



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.



REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING

VICKIE STAFFELBACH, CO-PRESIDENT

PHOTOS BY KAY BURT—HISTORIAN

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.

At our first meeting of the year—April Spisak from the
Maker's Club gave us some fun science lessons. As

always, we had a great
time testing out her
teaching tools.



Electricity and magnets.

The miniature Leggo's are so
tiny!



April showing how to make
a clock from a lemon.



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.



*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!*

HOW IS YOUR HEALTHCARE???

EDIE ORNER

Save the Date!!! - On October 23, 2019 at 7 PM, there will be a Public Forum at the Corvallis Library to explore SB770 which was passed in the last Oregon Legislature and signed by the Governor. This bill calls for the formation of a Task Force to develop a plan - AND HOW TO PAY FOR IT - which would provide healthcare to everyone residing in Oregon, and to present that plan to the Oregon Legislature for action in 2021.

It is important that we all keep informed about the progress of the Task Force and use our strength as interested citizens to see that it gets its job done!! Participants in the Town Hall include Senator James I. Manning, the chief sponsor of the bill; Representative Dan Rayfield who will talk about the process going forward, including the funding mechanism; Senator Sara Gelser, whose emphasis will be on how this bill cares for our vulnerable populations; and Charles Gallia, a Health Services Research Consultant with connections to the Oregon Health Authority.

The panelists will make their presentations; then there will be plenty of time for questions and answers. This a critical social issue, one that impacts all of us, women and children included!!!

I'm pretty sure that each and everyone of us knows or has heard of someone who lacks adequate health care. Please plan to attend and learn how you can help see that it becomes available. Health Care for All Oregon!!!

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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WHAT WE DO:

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policy/two-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 food collected at the last member meeting at Albany Public Library has been delivered. LBCC's Student Leadership Council continues to be very appreciative of our branch efforts to help provide food for students in need.

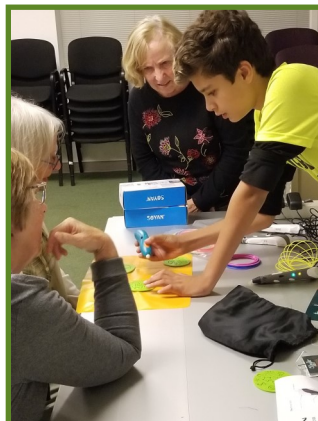
Along those lines, many of you are probably unaware of the big changes taking place at LBCC, not the least of which was the dismantling of the Student Affairs Division. Last spring, the decision was made to do away with Student Affairs--which included Admissions and Registration, Financial Aid, Accessibility Resources, Institutional Equity and Student Engagement and International Programs. (I feel like I'm forgetting a department or two here.) Co-President Barb Horn and I were directly affected by this, and, for the duration of the summer, the status of my position--half within Student Life and Leadership and half in the Diversity Achievement Center--was up in the air. Fortunately, my manager had begun working on a solution involving moving me out of Student Life and Leadership completely to work full-time within (what is now called) Institutional Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. I am pleased to report that I'm now supporting this department full-time program-matically and administratively, and Barb Horn is happily employed by Central Linn School District.

In other news, the 2019-20 branch directories are printed, and by now, most of you should have received your copy from another member, or via snail-mail. If this is not the case, please let me know by emailing beachbettyhlm@gmail.com. You can always view a current copy via our Google Shared Drive.

MORE MAKER'S DEMONSTRATION PHOTOS

AS TAKEN BY VICKIE STAFFELBACH

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Learning to
use a 3-D
Doodle
Pen.



April
brought a
wide
variety of
educational
tools.

BOOK CLUB

GAIL GERDEMANN

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

The Female Persuasion by Meg Wolitzer (456p) Bright and ambitious, Greer Kadetsky, the child of former hippies, attends her fallback school while her high school sweetheart, Cory, an academic powerhouse, enrolls at Yale. During her first weekend in college, she's groped at a frat party by a serial abuser, and she becomes inspired to stand up for herself by a speech given by Faith Frank, a charismatic icon whom Greer later engages in conversation. Greer's burgeoning friendship with a feminist freshman, Zee, also motivates her. After college, Cory sets off to capitalize on his Ivy League degree in international finance, while Greer reaches out to Faith, and both women embark on a new venture, a foundation to empower and support women around the world

Thursday, November 7th, 1:00pm

Hostess: Kathy Butler, 4712 Becker Circle, 541-979-9462

Please carpool as there is limited parking.

Discussion led by Kris McLaughlin

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



GREAT DISCUSSIONS

GAIL GERDEMANN

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).

Thursday, October 24th, 1:30

Hostess: Karlene McDowell, 3266 Fir Oaks Dr. SW, 541-981-2158

Topic: Higher Education: tuition/debt, Genna James is discussion leader

Thursday, November 21st, 1:30

Hostess: Gladys Hardin, 3305 Summerhill Lane, 541-979-3045

Topic: Immigration, Karlene McDowell is discussion leader