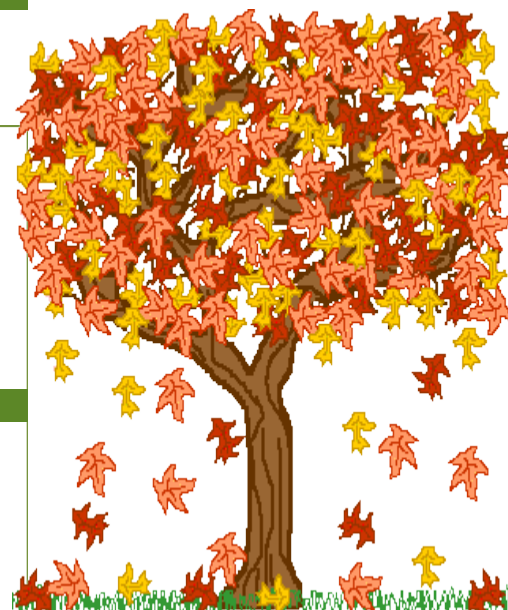


# The Advocate:

Albany, Oregon, Branch AAUW



Hello All:

This is our first newsletter of the 2019-2020 year.

We hope that you had a great summer and that you are looking forward to a new AAUW year with new challenges and changes.

One of the big changes is how we generate branch funds this year. You should have received a letter in the mail by now explaining the new process.

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

This year is going to be an election year for Albany Branch Officers. Please consider nominating yourself or letting others know that you are interested in any and all positions.

Your Co-Presidents:  
Barb and Vickie

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

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday, September 26,  
6:30pm-8:30pm, Program  
and Business Meeting,  
Albany Library**

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

**Saturday, November 23,  
9:00 am, Volunteer Op-  
portunity and Lunch, Linn  
-Benton Community Col-  
lege**



## SEPTEMBER 26TH MEETING

**CAROL WOOD, STEM COMMITTEE CHAIR**

For our first AAUW program of the year the STEM Committee invites everyone to an evening of science fun spent with our own Makers Club leader April Spisak who will present an adult Makers Club night. Come join us at the Albany Public Library Thursday, September 26th at 6:30 and see what we can blow up! Cookies will be provided, we ask everyone to please bring your own beverage. A business meeting will follow.

See you the 26th.



## 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 Hillary 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.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

### KAY BURT, HISTORIAN

I joined AAUW in the midst of the Second-Wave movement in the 1970s when women had increasing options in helping shape their destinies. Then, as now, our organization has been a consistent and necessary presence in the effort to attain equality in all sectors of our society.

I recall just like it was yesterday, branch member and roommate Kathy Butler assisting with the newly competitive West Albany girls' track team, then later admiring fellow teacher Marilyn Peterson

leaving the profession to pursue a new career in the fledgling STEM field of computer programming. I, however, was mostly concerned about what my journalism students would think the first day I wore a pantsuit! But I digress...

I've enjoyed my membership in AAUW, and like many members, have been intensely active, and then not so much--as time and circumstance have dictated. Over the years I have served as newsletter editor, program chair, president, and historian.

Memorable events have included attending the 1983 AAUW national convention in San Francisco with friend and delegate Jan Braat, in the mid-2000s helping create a library system at Oak Creek Correctional for incarcerated girls, and a few years ago serving as branch co-president with Linda Webb-Bowen. All are fond memories.

I love history and anything vintage, so when I am called upon to function in that realm, it is a lot of fun!



#### **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.



## 2019-2020 YEAR PROGRAM CALENDAR

**KARLENE MCDOWELL, SECRETARY**

**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!*

If you did not receive (or have lost the email or whatever) the calendar for our Branch programs for 2019-2020, just send me an email at genjiddk@msn.com. I will be happy to send one to you!

Also, at our September 26th meeting you will receive your copy of our Membership Directory for 2019-2020, thanks to Heather Morijah's hard work!



### **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).

Friday, September 20th, 1:30

Hostess: Gail Gerdemann, 6294 Nelson Pl. SW, 541-926-3436

Topic: Opioid Epidemic, Tanya Morgenstern is discussion leader

At the Sept. 20th meeting we will chose dates/hostesses/topics/leaders for the October and November meetings. The meetings are likely to continue to be Thursdays at 1:30. Please contact Gail Gerdemann after Sept. 20th for details.

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.



## THANK YOU FROM THE TREASURER

### LINDA WEBB-BOWEN, TREASURER

I wish to thank you for paying your dues before State and National deadlines! We now have 34 paid members, and many of you used the MPP. This was very helpful.

I also wish to thank Lyn McGuire who performed our audit of the finances for this last year. For your peace of mind, she noted that (1) all receipts were deposited in a timely manner, (2) all signed checks had supporting documents, and (3) account reconciliations balanced with no outstanding checks cashed after 6 months. In addition, she noted that (4) the checking account balanced to the bank statements, (5) the debit card was used only for dues payments, and (6) Form 990-N was submitted to National on April 27, 2019.

The budget will be presented at the September 26th meeting. It was approved by the Board.

#### **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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## NEW CENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

ELENA RAE

### 2019 AAUW National Election

**Submit your application for the Election to the AAUW National Board of Directors.**

**For application and more information:**

[https://  
www.aauw.org/  
resource/board-  
appointment-  
application/](https://www.aauw.org/resource/board-appointment-application/)



I am 68 years old, was born in Los Angeles, and have lived on both coasts, Montana, Japan, and Hawaii. I came to Eugene 10 years ago with divorce. I looked at a map and found a progressive city with lots of water, that wasn't in the mountains, and to which the ex-husband had no desire to be in.

I was a Navy wife from Vietnam to Gulf War the First, including Panama, and Granada. I sometimes had as many as 3 jobs, sequentially, at each change of station, as I tried to find the right fit. Once I had to take a job as a technical writer, and morph it into a programming job, as I finished the user manual. That small company was very determined that no "girls" were going to get to work any of the engineering jobs. But they wanted the text processor that I wrote ...

My college career was interrupted just a little by marriage, but I got my Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree in 1974. Ours was the first graduating class in the new discipline at Washington State University, go Cougs. I also put in time at the University of Washington, the University of Maryland (overseas), Napa Community College, Montana State University, and I taught for Central Texas College (computer programming) on Misawa Air Base in northern Japan.

I only had 20 years in my career as a Software Developer, Systems Analyst, and Site Manager, as I contracted Lyme Disease in 1990. I got rid of it in 2000, but was never able to regain enough of my mental abilities, particularly speed and working memory, to resume a full-fledged career. Nowadays, I don't do any programming - I just use programs that other people have written.

From 1991- 2009 I had a horse ranch in Bozeman, Montana. I bred, raised, and trained large ponies for riding and driving, and horses for riding. I still love horses, but that itch has been scratched, and I never need to own another one; they tend to self-destruct, given the least chance. I particularly don't need to deal with another stallion. They are very opinionated. The mares insist on telling them how wonderful they are.

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My hobbies are learning Spanish and traveling to Spanish-speaking countries, and playing banjo and singing along with my one octave range. I love walking with my dog, and playing in my garden, joints permitting.

I'm looking forward to working with you, and am hopeful that I'll get to know you and your Branches a little better in the coming year -

## BOOK CLUB

### GAIL GERDEMANN

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

***If We Had Known*** by Elaine Jusk (314p) One afternoon, as single mother Maggie Daley prepares to send her only child off to college, their world is shattered by news of a mass shooting at the local mall in rural Maine. Maggie, an English professor, is further stunned to learn that the gunman had been a student of hers. Nathan Dugan was an awkward, complicated young man whose quiet presence in her classroom had faded from her memory-but not, it seems, the memories of his classmates. When a viral blog post hints at the existence of a dark, violence-tinged essay Nathan had written during Maggie's freshman comp seminar, Maggie soon finds herself at the center of a heated national controversy. Could the overlooked essay have offered critical red flags that might have warned of, or even prevented, the murders to come? As the media storm grows around her, Maggie makes a series of choices that threaten to destroy the life she's worked so hard to build, but-more important-the happiness and safety of her sensitive daughter, Anna.

Thursday, October 3rd, 1:00pm

Hostess: Judy Scott, 3414 Takena St. SW, 541- 928-3571

Discussion led by Judy Scott

***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

