

Summer Skills Camp via Zoom in Early August

Watch for details to come via Oregon News addendum and email.

Summer Skills Camp, what is that? It is our new, updated version of what was formerly called the AAUW Oregon Summer Retreat/Leadership Conference. After much discussion, the Board leadership decided to hold this program electronically over several days, so you can participate in all or part of the training, still see your friends from around the state, and learn from peers.

Watch for things like:

- A Suffrage kick-off session with Kimberly Jensen (right) of Western Oregon University and the Oregon Women's History Consortium (our Breaking Barriers recipients)
- Skills sessions which will include important topics such as:
 - o Reducing the intimidation of leadership
 - o How to run a meeting
 - Robert's Rules made easy for today's leaders
 - How to use minutes to inform your members and what they should include
 - o Expectations, problems and solutions/Your Way
 - o How to use networks and advisors
 - o Best Practices, AAUW and others
 - o What's working for you and your branch; what isn't
 - o How to groom future leaders in your branch
 - o Fun as part of branch building
 - o How to use the State Strategic Plan for your branch
 - o Membership is everyone's job



- Hands-on training:
 - How to use Google Drive/Google Docs to improve your communications.
 - Engaging new audiences with Social Media: Kelli Matthews (left).
 - Projects – examples of branches with exemplary projects that you can use.
- Advocacy – Civics in schools, a public policy priority: what can we do?

Additional details to come via an addendum to Oregon News and by email. We look forward to welcoming you to this all-new format!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ~ *Georgia Applegate*

As my term of office draws to a close, I reflect upon all the wonderful experiences I have had as President of AAUW of Oregon. I have met so many intelligent, dynamic, committed people as I traveled throughout Oregon visiting branches and meeting members. Fourteen branches hosted me along with other board members over the past two years from Baker City in northeast Oregon to Astoria on the north coast to Medford in southern Oregon. I have assisted with a Leadership workshop in the NE District, volunteered for Girls Rock! and the Kitchen Tour in Grants Pass, saw a fantastic Women's Suffrage program in Albany. I was delighted to be invited to visit and speak to members all over the state and am willing to continue to do so.



Communication and authenticity are the keys in whatever position you find yourself. It's not so much talking and telling as it is listening and asking. I hear that branches are having difficulty finding members willing to step up and lead, step up to the Presidency. Leadership can sometimes be daunting to someone considering it. A guide for Board members laying out expectations of them is helpful. Claudia Gray and Elena Rae consulted with sitting officers and have completed the first stage of writing a "Board Member Handbook". This consists of a complete update of all 17 Board positions descriptions. They are consistent with those of AAUW. The next stage will consist of a general year calendar of WHEN tasks are done and PROCESS, tips on HOW they are done. This is not just for the state board. This handbook, when completed, may be used as a template for all branches to use if they wish. They will be available in electronic form. There is help for any member considering stepping up to leadership. Just ask. We are here for you!

88 delegates from 20 of the 25 Oregon branches attended the 2020 AAUW Oregon State Meeting on April 19th via Zoom, a history-making event and experience for AAUW of Oregon. The evaluations (67) overall were quite positive for both the content and the experience. Many excellent comments were shared which will be used by the Board in planning future State Meetings.

AAUW of Oregon thanks the following people who have served us for either one or two terms: **Marguerite Damewood** (Communications VP),) and **Lucy Hutchens** (Northeast District Director). However, **Marguerite Damewood** has agreed to continue in her role as Webmaster and serve on our state Technology Committee. Many thanks to them for their willingness to serve and the outreach they provided to branches! I hope they found their service rewarding and hope they will continue to enjoy the personal/professional relationships they developed well into the future.

Re-elected were **Gini Dideum** (Membership VP), **Susan Wahlke** (Northwest District Director) and **Elena Rae** (Central District Director). Their experiences will benefit their districts and our state. New to the leadership team beginning July 1 will be **Karen King** as Northeast District Director and **Ilga Ross** as the new Communications VP. **Pat Lehman** & **Sue Klumph** take over as Co-Presidents for 2020-2022 on July 1st.

The nominations committee for 2020-2021 elected at the State Meeting:

Georgia Applegate – Past President - Grants Pass, Online and Portland
Joan Rycraft - Medford
Lucy Hutchens – Baker City
Arlene Lemieux, continuing member – Gresham Area
Theresa Johnson, alternate – Albany
Kathy Gervasi— Tillamook

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As a state organization we have made significant progress in our use of technology to communicate to members via email blasts and to do state business via Zoom and Google Drive as well as with email. We have a state Technology Committee that is available to help branches and board members with their technology questions and needs especially around the use of social media, Google Drive, communication and digital marketing. Our state website gets better and better thanks to our webmaster Marguerite Damewood (Grants Pass) <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/>. Betty Foster(Tillamook) is now the main poster on our state Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aauworegon/>. Nancy Brown (Online) aauw.or.events@gmail.com is our authority on all things Zoom. I post to our state Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/aauw_of_oregon/. Suzanne Wicklin (Grants Pass) is our go-to Person for Apple products. We are always looking for a few more good people to join the Technology Committee. Please contact Nancy Brown if you would like to join.

We stand on the shoulders of the those who came before us, strong and powerful women all! We never forget the debt of gratitude that we owe to them. This is especially true in this 100th anniversary year of suffrage for women nation-wide.

Thank you for your hospitality when I came to visit with you, for helping me grow as a leader and a person over the past couple of years. Thank you for being part of AAUW and doing all you can to make our organization strong and viable in its efforts to empower women and girls in the 21st century. Thank you for being Who. You. Are.

GOVERNANCE REPORT

Prior to the AAUW of Oregon Annual Meeting on April 19, the state public policy committee reviewed all of the state policies as they applied to public policy. They were particularly concerned about the state's policies on candidates and political endorsements, in light of current AAUW national policy and current Oregon state laws. The AAUW of Oregon board of directors adopted the proposed changes.

The proposed changes were presented to the annual meeting delegates, and all were approved. However, a question was raised about Section G. Speeches by Elected Officials Running for Office, which was proposed to be left unchanged. During the annual meeting discussion, there were some questions as to what was permissible for a branch with a 501(c)(3) status as compared to a branch with a 501(c)(4) status.

After some discussion, AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Chair Trish Garner agreed to check into the differences and report back to the state board at the meeting on August 7th. The membership will be notified of any state policy changes adopted at that meeting. The updated state policies will be posted on the state's Google Drive.

Claudia Gray
Betsy McDowell
AAUW of Oregon Governance Co-chairs
May 2020

MINUTES SUMMARY FOR NEWSLETTER

In Spring 2020, AAUW Oregon made history by hosting the Executive Committee, the full Board Meeting, and the Annual Business Meeting online via Zoom™. The efforts were successful and were rated “well done” and “useful” by attendees, with some thoughtful suggestions for improvements. Special thanks go to Nancy Brown, AAUW Oregon Events Coordinator (and technology wizard), for not only setting the state up on Zoom, but also for hosting several training sessions for those new to Zoom. The mark of her success is shown by AAUW Oregon successfully hosting 88 delegates in the business session. Pat Squire was applauded for her excellent organization of the OR / WA Convention in Vancouver, WA, which was cancelled due to pandemic restrictions.

Prior to the business meeting, the board agreed upon an agenda to make the online effort run smoothly. A script was prepared to guide presenters. Key topics:

- State membership is down substantially, so branches should contact Gini Dideum for tactics and inspiration.
- Branches are urged to read the *Strategic Plan 2020* and to incorporate useful ideas into their own work.
- *Bylaws* have also been updated, so branches should cross-check with their own to ensure agreement.
- An issue regarding 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations is under further study by the Public Policy Review Committee. A response will be forthcoming at a future board meeting.
- New officers were elected for 2020-21.
- Phase I of a *State Handbook* is complete. It consists of detailed descriptions of officers' duties. Phase II will include a calendar of work for each job. Phase III will add: “This is how I accomplished the work” for each office. Branches are urged to consult it regarding application to local officers' duties AND to make suggestions to the state for changes and improvement.
- Many recognitions and appreciation for work done were shared.
- Tentatively, depending upon progress of COVID-19 pandemic conditions, a Summer Conference is still in planned for August 7 – 9, 2020, possibly at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.



Many congratulations to Cathy Meyer, member of Eugene-Lane Branch. Her beautiful artwork entitled “Summer Grace” was a winner of the national AAUW 2020 Art Contest – bravo!

AAUW of Oregon will miss long-time member, Ann Evensen.



Ann passed away on Valentine's Day this past February in Bend after spending the evening with friends. She had been struggling the last few years with breathing problems, but she refused to let it stop her from doing the things that she loved, including rafting with her family, attending various library programs, researching her genealogy, and attending OSU athletic events.

Ann joined AAUW in 1968 and began a 50-year commitment to local, state and national AAUW issues. Being an operating room nurse, she was one of our original STEM members. In the early 1970s, she was one of the first President's Representatives on the AAUW of Oregon board. She became a little less involved for a few years as she raised three strong, independent daughters, some who are active in AAUW today. During those years she served as a school board member, on the library foundation board and many other community activities.

Since that time, Ann has been very involved at the state level of AAUW. Ann preferred working in the background rather than being the face of AAUW. She was the dues treasurer & data manager for several years. Then she was elected Communications VP.

After helping with registration at several conferences, she became AAUW of Oregon's "official" registrar. No matter what city or region was in charge, she handled all the paperwork from her home in Bend. That is a talent we will miss most.

Ann and I spent many hours together driving to AAUW events and even traveling to the other side of the world, so I was privileged to hear many of the stories of her life. Her support of AAUW and women was always in the forefront. Ann was a Legacy Club member, so I know her commitment to AAUW will continue into the future.

The password to get into the site's member center is:
oregonaauw
(pg. 14 web address)

Public Policy

When I write these articles, I'm usually conveying information to you about ideas for future legislation or giving you an update about how our priority bills are faring in the legislature. Given the circumstances in which we find ourselves, it is a bit early to launch into the "legislation to come" category.

The reason for this article is to bring you in on an emerging project that is being undertaken by the State Public Policy Committee. We hope you will not only endorse it, but also join with us in doing some research about it.

In Oregon, as you may or may not be aware, while civics is generally referred to in K - 12 "standards," there is no official curriculum that students are required to take. Your State Public Policy Committee views this as unfortunate at best. In order to remedy the situation, we have in the past supported legislation that would require students to have some element of civics in their classes. These efforts have not been successful, and frankly, there is a good reason for this outcome. Civics is not on "the test" so teachers are not incentivized to teach it. Let us not cast blame on teachers, however, as they don't mandate curriculum and they already face an almost impossible agenda of must-do assignments.

Did I mention that Oregon is one of the only 14 states where no civics or government coursework is required?

The Committee has already embarked on some research into this issue, but it would be helpful for us to give a broad look into what other states are doing in this area. It would also be important to determine what Oregon school districts are doing in this area.

So -- would you be interested in joining with the State Public Policy Committee and doing some research about the state of civics education in the US? We aren't looking for an exhaustive level of research, but more than a reasonable sprinkling would be helpful. It's also not an ASAP project, but it surely is one that deserves our serious attention.

Join us !! Let me know --

Trish Garner, State Public Policy Chair, garner37@mac.com

Special Projects Fund Leadership Opportunity

The AAUW of Oregon Special Projects Fund has an opening for a Board member from the North Central District. The Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides AAUW of Oregon branches with a way to receive tax-deductible contributions for the mission based special projects they provide for the women and girls in their communities. The term of office is two years – July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. The Board meets quarterly. The Fund is a separate entity from AAUW of Oregon.

So, if you live in the North Central District, are a member of a branch in the North Central District, are interested in learning about 501(c)(3)s and in excellent projects, please contact Penney Hoodenpyle, Special Projects Fund Board Chair at leehoody@gmail.com.

District Reports

Theme – Fundraising

The theme this time is "**Fundraisers**" that branches hold throughout the year. In light of current events and cancellations, the activities branches are doing (or considering doing) to adapt to the new normal (like virtual fundraisers and Zoom meetings) could be helpful information for all.

Central District Elena Rae, District Director

All of our branches, save Corvallis – which is still struggling to complete the disbanding paperwork – reported in; though not all had something to add to the fundraising discussion. I think that it is important to have a use in mind for desired funds before engaging in the activity. It helps to invigorate the effort, and makes contacting/soliciting people much easier if one can also generate enthusiasm for that specific goal. We in the Eugene area have a step up in being able to reference the Legal Advocacy Fund and the support it is giving to local hero Jennifer Freyd to start to answer the question, "What does your organization do?" (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/legal/laf/current-cases/freyd-v-university-of-oregon/>)

Albany Branch

Albany branch decided to change its fundraising project from one that we had used for the past ten years. Members had grown tired of selling Willamette Valley Pies, and we knew that we needed to change. Our Fundraising Committee decided to challenge our members to make individual donations of \$100.00 or more to support our mission-based projects. Of course, we assured them that we would welcome smaller donations too. We set a one month deadline, to mid-October 2019, and we sent weekly updates of how far along we were in reaching our goal of \$3,000. Our weekly updates included how many members had donated, what the cash total was, and what percentage of our goal that constituted. At our deadline, we had raised \$3,137; which was more than a thousand dollars more than we usually raised selling pies. So, we considered our fundraiser to be a success, and we were able to fund our three projects with a bit over \$1,000 each. Our committee will meet this summer to decide if we want to continue this kind of fundraising.

Bend Branch

Because our Branch elected to cut back activities for a year while we looked at regrouping our branch, we did not have a formal fundraiser. There were some articles in our newsletter, *The Focus*, that reminded members to continue supporting AAUW Funds. As it turned out, just by using this method, Bend Branch was in the top 10 per capita in giving. Sometimes members would just like to sit down and write a check rather than going through the work and planning of a fundraiser.

Eugene-Lane Branch

On February 29, our branch had one final field trip, attending the Siuslaw Education Expo in Florence with our 19th Amendment Centennial display. While the event wasn't a direct fundraiser, we hope it leads to future possibilities for members and money as part of our greater Lane County outreach.

Siuslaw Expo Left to right: Eugene-Lane County branch members Sheila Ramerman, Charleen Hauser-Mahardy, Cathy Meyer, and Cindy Parker}



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Moving forward, among our most promising initiatives is a collaboration between our CHiPS (Civics, History and Political Science) program and the digital story-telling organization, *Girls' Voices Matter* (<https://digitalstorytellingpnw.com/>). We plan to invite Lane County girls to create and submit a CHiPS-themed video in a CHiPS-sponsored contest. *Girls' Voices Matter* will help us spread the word among area schools, and coach interested girls on video production. We will judge the entries, award modest prizes, and invite participants to attend a branch meeting to celebrate. If the program is a hit, it should (1) generate fundraising opportunities for CHiPS, (2) nurture future AAUW members when these girls become eligible, and (3) allow us to share our process with other branches interested in building similar programs in their own communities.

Salem Branch

Salem Branch has a long history of programming that promotes educational opportunities for girls and women. Our third *Speech Trek Event* was a speech contest for 10th and 11th graders from high schools in Salem and surrounding communities. This year's *Speech Trek* was a part of *Salem Reads 2020*. The Salem community selected *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson for the fourth season of Salem Reads: One Book, One Community (<http://www.splfoundation.org/salem-reads---off-season.html>). The contest



theme was Race, Equity and Opportunity based on the book. We had seven different high schools represented this year. The winning speech by Jasmin Carlin from Silverton High School included a reference to the need for STEM education. The speeches were recorded by the local radio station KMUZ and were aired at the end of March. Listen to the speeches on the KMUZ website here ->

<https://kmuz.org/the-forum-03-27-2020-speech-trek-2020-eight-salem-area-high-school-girls-have-something-to-say/>

Salem Branch, Speech Trek Contestants 2020, February 22nd.

Yamhill County

Yamhill County has, sadly, and sorry to say, nothing to report. No fundraisers, yet, for this branch. It's been discussed but nothing is solid. The current status of life as we knew it has not helped. In general, planned activities for spring were, of course, canceled. We have had one Zoom gathering, strictly to connect and enjoy seeing each other. We hope to have another this month. We could have a chance to gather with less than 25 people after this week, so it might be possible to have a meeting in-person. We are hopeful, but realistic, that that may not happen very soon. The one thing we all want to do is to offer a voter registration opportunity to the public. That will be dictated by how, and when, it is determined that we can safely participate in a gathering. The target date is October 13, the deadline to register for voting in the November general election. Time will tell. In the meantime, we all remain safe and healthy.

North Central District Nancy Dunis, District Director

Gresham Branch Holds Women's Suffrage Event - Arlene Lemieux

Although the Gresham Area Branch has canceled every event scheduled in the last two months, we did manage to have our *Women's Suffrage* event in February, celebrating the 100-year anniversary of women earning the right to vote. There was a display in the library with short biographies of major suffragettes along with pictures, timeline of the suffrage movement and presentations from several elected officials. Wonderful weather permitted us to have two parades through downtown Gresham. The State of Oregon Elections Division partnered with us for this event. They staffed a table at parade headquarters to promote voting. Our local newspaper, *The Gresham Outlook*, featured our event on the front page with an article and pictures.

Continuing our focus on Women's Suffrage, Mardy Stevens has been submitting articles about little-known suffragettes to our branch newsletter every month. We will display different parts of our suffragette event at our branch meetings when we can meet together again.

The Gresham Area AAUW scholarship at Mt. Hood Community College is now endowed. We are attempting to raise our account to get to a level where we do not have to worry about raising additional funds to maintain our scholarship yearly.

Although not fundraising related, the Gresham branch is pleased to announce that we have two new co-presidents: Bonnie Jepsen and Peggy Taylor. We held our annual officer elections through Survey Monkey. We now have a full board of directors. Although enrichment group gatherings were canceled, the book group members are sharing book titles they are reading through email.

Hillsboro-Forest Grove Branch - Claire Berger, President

The Hillsboro-ForestGrove Branch 2019-20 Fundraising Schedule included events that supported various activities and projects. Specific events included selling poinsettias during the holidays, selling nursery plants in the spring, and running a silent auction during our annual Holiday Brunch. Proceeds from these events went to general operating funds and our Teens Today program we co-sponsor with Pacific University's Center for Gender Equity. Our Winesome event in the spring offers wine-tasting at a local winery and our Holiday Brunch in December offers an opportunity to donate funding to our two projects: Non-Traditional Student Scholarship and NCCWSL Leadership Award. In the course of the year, we also have informal fundraising through book sales and bottle returns.

In terms of fundraising in the age of social distancing, the board appointed a committee to explore ways to sponsor fundraising activities that are not face to face. A report will be given to the board later in the month of May.

Lake Oswego Fundraiser Celebrates 100-year Anniversary of Women's Suffrage - Mary Pat Silveira

At its last Board meeting, the Lake Oswego branch formed a committee to develop a strategy to host fundraisers during this period of quarantine. Our current fundraiser is a raffle for a quilt created by four members of the Branch to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the 19th Amendment. We had planned to hold the raffle at a large public event in August. This can no longer happen.

The challenge now is to design a way to reach out to people to sell the raffle tickets. The committee has already set up a special website for this purpose. It now plans to further enhance the website with biographies of each of the suffragists pictured on the quilt: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, unknown Iroquios Indian woman, Alice Paul, Matilda Joselyn Gage, Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, and Abigail Scott Duniway. Next to each of the quilted images is a hand-calligraphed aphorism representing the suffragette.



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In addition to the quilt raffle, we are also planning a participatory celebration using social media asking women throughout the community to share a picture of how they are honoring the occasion. This might be dressing up as your favorite suffragist; participating in a social-distanced parade in your neighborhood; or sharing a post about what it means to vote. We invite all of you to purchase one or more \$5.00 raffle tickets and participate in the virtual celebration event. The website is <https://www.loaauw.org>. Proceeds go to our tax-exempt Education and Scholarship Fund.

Portland Branch - ZOOMS In - Sue Thomas, President

We have moved into ZOOM! Our annual Branch meeting was cancelled due to the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus, so we are having our annual meeting on May 21, 2020 via ZOOM to hold our election. We have been having our Board meetings since April that way. Our monthly programs have also been online. In April, Linda Loftin, our VP of Programs presented "A Look back at the History of the Census" which was well attended, remarkably interesting and educational. We will continue to have online meetings throughout even after we begin to meet face to face. In June we plan to host a program with Trish Garner, AAUW State Public chair who will discuss policy issues post May 19, 2020 election. Some of our interest groups are also meeting online.

While these are challenging times, we continue to learn new things and develop new skills.

Tigard Area Branch - Marsha Brockmeyer – Co-chair Contactless Creative Covid-19 Fundraisers

Although we were excited to write our check to the PCC Foundation to fund our branch scholarship, we realized that life has changed and we may need to adjust how we manage our future fundraising logistics. We began to evaluate whether our current fundraisers were going to be possible going forward. After two successful fundraisers—one with limited contact and the other with no contact, we knew we could do it again.



Our "Clean Closets for College" fund raiser (where we collected 2718 lbs of things like sheets, blankets, and rugs) raised close to \$1000. Many of our members dropped off their donations to Linda Liebenstein's storage locker in downtown Tigard or left bags in her driveway or on the front porch. Marsha Brockmeyer did driveway or front porch pick-ups that were also pre-arranged. This year we are starting sooner since so many of us have recently been cleaning and organizing our homes, closets, and garages while we have self-quarantined. We recently heard that other non-profits are in the process of opening back up to receive donations and we are optimistic that ours will follow.

Clothes for College volunteers (L to R) Madison Yoshioka, Allyson Sweckert, Cheri Frederickson, Linda Liebenstein, Marsha Brockmeyer

Our other fundraiser "Change for College" is sans contact. We challenged our members to take a 10" jar or vase (or larger) and fill it with change they have found in their house, pockets, or car for a full year. We have several members whose jars are already full. Each jar is approximately \$100. Our goal is to raise at \$500.00 in our first year. The plan is to fully fund the scholarship through these contact-less fundraisers in the future. However, we are also grateful to our loyal members for their personal contributions to ensure we maintain the \$1500 scholarship.

North West District Susan Wahlke, District Director

Astoria Branch - Liz Bartell, President

Earlier this spring, because of particular circumstances (unrelated to Covid-19) we did not have a scholarship fundraiser. Instead we did a direct mailing to our membership and said that it was an, "Invitation to a Non-Event." There was a fun little poem about the things that one would not have to do, and an explanation that this was being sent out in lieu of our annual scholarship fundraiser. Typically, we have done a dessert readers' theater event on a weekend. One of our talented members produces and directs the play. The production usually occurs twice in one weekend. As it turned out, we raised a substantial amount of money from the direct mailing, equivalent to the amount raised by the weekend readers' theater productions. The community did not get the benefit of the high-quality entertainment customarily offered but this year, it just wasn't possible.

Tillamook Branch – Susan Pierce, President

AAUW of Tillamook remains ready to step forward when we can safely do so. Many of our members are community leaders. The history of fundraising in Tillamook has mainly revolved around education for women and girls. A number of years ago, we decided to limit our fundraising to one a year for the operation of the branch, usually a rummage sale, and one a year for college scholarships. Our local college, Tillamook Bay Community College, has been the recipient of many volunteer hours, planting and selling trees. Of the twenty-one trees in the college landscape, there is only one left to be named for a \$1,000 donation. The branch also donated hundreds of trees for planting in watersheds and parks in Tillamook. These can be named for \$100 each. Even though the Wine and Chocolate was canceled this year, over \$5,000 has been received for virtual tickets and donations, which will be awarded as scholarships.

South District Joan Rycraft, District Director

The five branches (Ashland, Grants Pass, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg) of the South District participate in a variety of fundraising events periodically and throughout the year. The events often are community based and typically targeted for the funding of scholarships for women and girls to attend the local community college and/or Southern Oregon University. With the recent restrictions placed statewide on social gatherings, many fundraising events have been cancelled. It is hopeful that by next year the restrictions will have been lifted and our activities will be resumed.

Ashland Branch Bessie Azari, Funds and fundraising chair

Ashland Branch has one signature fundraiser, an "Upscale Sale". We stage the event every other year at the local Ashland grange. In 2019 we raised \$13,000 selling gently used and new upscale sale items donated by our 178 members. We have held 5 sales over 10 years and the community comes back each time. We create a clothing boutique, wine raffle, soup and baked goods sale and other enticements within the wider sale. New members and veteran members take positions on the steering committee and as bakers and section leaders. Others work shifts. We build relationships and have fun.

Grants Pass Branch

Due to the Covid-19 Shelter-in-Place restrictions, the Grants Pass Branch will not be able to hold their primary fundraiser this year which is our annual Kitchen Tour. We are considering holding a Virtual Kitchen Tour, phantom event (Phantom Tea Party), or branch yard sale if the sheltering restrictions are released before October.

Lakeview Branch Debbie Watts, Lakeview Branch President

The Lakeview Branch is going ahead with our local \$500 scholarship for a local female graduate or a woman who is pursuing a college degree or wishes to take college courses or attend a trade school. We are receiving applications online-including a written essay and letter of recommendation from a teacher or community member.

Before the shelter in place order, we held several successful fundraising events. At each branch meeting, we hold monthly raffles of flower arrangements, books, candy etc., and the money is all donated to the scholarship fund. Our major fundraiser is a Silent Auction during our December meeting. We enjoy an evening of appetizers while we good-naturedly try to out-bid each other over handmade items, Christmas ornaments, baked goods, and a weekend get-away in Bend. This past December, we raised over \$400 during this event.

When things get back to “normal”, we are also planning a home tour of about 7-8 exceptional houses and gardens around Lakeview and the surrounding area. Traditionally, we have used this as a major fundraiser for our branch. We sell tickets around town, have members lead tours of each home, and provide refreshments at one of the places. In the past, we have sponsored this event every three to five years during the first weekend of hunting season. The proceeds are used for our general operating funds, and other projects (like the Lake County Food Share) that our branch donates to in the community.

We had to cancel our primary election candidates’ forum this year, which was to be held in April, but we are hoping to have a forum in the fall before the November election, even if it has to be in a modified version.

Meanwhile, we have been keeping up with each other via email, and may even try to host a Zoom meeting next month.

Medford Branch Bonnie Goldfein, Branch President

Tour Chair Marlene Olson regrettably announced the cancellation of the 2020 Garden Tour, out of an abundance of caution for our members and the public. We have rescheduled this fundraiser for scholarships for June 12, 2021. The wonderful news is that the garden owners (including three of our members: Yvette McCulley, Trudy Bridgers & Carolyn Chamberlin) have agreed to display their gardens in 2021. We thank the members of the committee for their work this year, as well as for their anticipated work on the rescheduled Garden Tour. We also thank the committee who produced the Hoe Down last September. The Garden Tour and Hoe Down raised a total of \$16,800 for local scholarships in 2019.

One branch fundraiser that is completely virus-proof is our annual Phantom Tea Party, held this year from January 1 through March 31. Branch members receive a teabag in the mail with delightful directions to “Enjoy a cup of tea,” at their leisure, after which they can tuck their donations for scholarships into the enclosed bright yellow envelopes. While the Party’s traditional celebratory high tea had to be cancelled this year, the Party itself raised \$7,995

Janet welcoming visitors at one of the lovely gardens in Medford at the 2019 Garden Tour.



Roseburg Branch Betty Mack

Roseburg Branch relies on member contributions. Look forward to seeing you on a Zoom call in the Fall.

AAUW Funds

Ilgia Ross and Jill Heffner, Co-chairs

As you know, we were unable to hold the AAUW Funds Banquet this year. It is an evening of celebration, awards and honors to recognize successful fundraising by our Oregon members in support of AAUW's Mission. We want to thank everyone for your generous donations in the calendar year 2019 that totaled \$83,641.32, an average of \$69.93 per member.

The forty Branch Named Gift Honorees chosen by their individual branches are listed in the State Annual Meeting program. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for your outstanding AAUW work that has earned you recognition by members of your branch. We also thank the Major Donors and their honorees, whose most generous gifts sustain our organization. The State Named Gift Honorees, the highest honor awarded by AAUW of Oregon, will be announced at the Summer Meeting.

The top three branches in 2019 who led the AAUW Funds categories were announced. Portland topped total contributions to the AAUW Fund with \$13,790, followed by Gresham Area at \$11,865 and Medford at \$10,680. Highest per capita were Gresham Area with an astounding \$205 per member, Portland at \$141, and Tigard Area at \$133. The top ten branches for each category and their donation amounts are listed in the Annual Meeting program, as are the Century Club members (those who donate \$100.00 or more annually to AAUW Funds). Copies of the State Annual Meeting program are available online at the state website.

Elected Officers 2019-2020		
President (2018)	Georgia Applegate	Grants Pass
Communications VP (2018)	Marguerite Damewood	Grants Pass
Finance VP (2017)	Sarah Elmer	Bend
Membership VP (2017)	Gini (Virginia) Dideum	Seaside
Program VP (2018)	Pat Squire	Lake Oswego
Secretary (2019)	Marie Mueller	Salem
Presidents Elect (2019)	Sue Klumph	Grants Pass
	Pat Lehman	Wallowa County Astoria/Online
District Directors		
NE District Director <u>Branches</u> – Baker City, Ontario, Pendleton, Wallowa Co. (2016)	Lucy Hutchens	Ontario-Baker
NW District Director <u>Branches</u> – Astoria, Lincoln City, Seaside, Tillamook (2017)	Susan Wahlke	Lincoln City
N Central Dist. Director <u>Branches</u> —Gresham Area, Hillsboro-Forest Grove, Lake Oswego, Portland, Tigard Area, (2019)	Nancy Dunis	Lake Oswego
Central District Director <u>Branches</u> – Albany, Bend, Corvallis, Salem, Eugene/Lane, Yamhill Co. (2019)	Elena Rae	Eugene/Lane
South District Director <u>Branches</u> – Ashland, Grants Pass, Medford, Roseburg, Lakeview, (2019)	Joan Rycraft	Medford

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Vision

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, 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.

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