



## Salem Branch

P.O. Box 2144, Salem, OR 97308

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February 2017

### AAUW of Oregon Lobby Day

Friday, February 9—Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.  
Capitol Building, Room 50, in Salem



Leader: Trish Garner, AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Chair

#### LOBBY DAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Opening remarks from Legislators
- A panel of experts discussing Oregon’s Policy on *Sexual Harassment, Bullying and Assault in our Schools: Is it Enough?*

Reservation deadline: February 1.

Reservation form is at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FyjFaPEzrPTOiN-HHYIAg9qa9y4GE-l5dZOjgxfmxh8/edit>

### February Branch Meeting: AAUW Funds

## Philanthropy in Action: AAUW Funds & Webber Scholars

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

Willamette University, Putnam University Center, in the Alumni Lounge

Each February we focus on AAUW funds. This month’s event will feature **Claudia Gray**, from AAUW of Oregon who will talk about the Legacy Circle and how fundraising works for AAUW. She and **Betsy McDowell** (pictured at right) will update members on current AAUW fundraising projects, review how the past years’ funds were allocated, and tell members how they can contribute.



In addition, we will hear from Webber Scholars. The Webber program at Willamette University is a donor-funded STEM enrichment program involving college women who are majoring in the sciences and who work with local 5<sup>th</sup> grade students using hands-on experiments to whet the youngsters’ interest in science. AAUW member **Dolores Mlynarczyk** is the Program Coordinator for the university students who will share their experiences and insights. A photo of Dolores with the Webber Scholars is on Page 6.

Don’t miss this event!

The AAUW Funds contribution form is on Page 6.

# A Message from Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Dello Stritto



Greetings, members. I hope the new year is treating you well.

Looking back, we had a great time honoring our members who joined AAUW 60 years ago or more at our December brunch. Pictured below are Marian Churchill, Rae Everett and Meredith Sheehy wearing ribbons to indicate the year each joined AAUW. They spoke of their college days, first jobs, hobbies, and their various roles and jobs within AAUW over the years.



On January 17<sup>th</sup>, on behalf of our branch and AAUW of Oregon, I gave a presentation titled *Pay Equity in Oregon* to the Salem chapter of the National Association for Women in Construction. It was the very first presentation in Oregon about the new 2017 Equal Pay Act that was passed during the last state legislative session. See our website: [salem-or.aauw.net/](http://salem-or.aauw.net/) for more information. It was great fun to meet this small group of women who work in the field of construction. They were very interested in knowing about AAUW and about the research on the wage gap. I was surprised to learn how few of the women in this audience were familiar with Equal Pay Day. This year we will be working to try to get the word out about equal pay and about the Oregon Equal Pay Act.

The Salem branch needs your help! We are seeking board members for next year. Please contact me if you are interested in getting more involved with our branch.

## Calling for Nominations to the Board

This is the time of year when we call for nominations from the membership for board members. New AAUW members are especially encouraged to come forward.



Nominations are welcome for all board positions, but we have vacancies in Public Policy, Program Vice President, and Newsletter Editor. Contact Mary Ellen for more information, to nominate yourself for a position, or to nominate someone else. Reach Mary Ellen at [dr.dellostritto@gmail.com](mailto:dr.dellostritto@gmail.com).

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# Interest Groups

## Books

### Lunchtime Lit. - Thurs., Feb. 15, 11:45 a.m.

Capital Manor Dining Room, 1955 Dallas Hwy. (Hwy. 22)  
Salem Reads selection – *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John  
with a guest reviewer  
Leader: Ann Trombley



## Food

### Creative Cooking – Wed., Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Taproot Lounge & Cafe, 356 State Street  
More info: Call Ruth Edsall



### Out to Lunch Bunch – Fri., Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.

Konditorei restaurant, 310 Kearney St. SE  
Host: Virginia Judd  
Group Leader: Marjorie Rueling  
New Members Welcome!

## Other

**Great Decisions** - First Monday, Capitol Manor  
For more information about this group call Marian Churchill.

### Women, Words and Wine – Thurs., Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Location TBA  
Premise: Discuss what matters to women and encourage new branch members.  
To check us out type into your search bar: Salem Women, Words and Wine  
More info: Ruth Edsall



## Member News



**New members of AAUW are meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at 6 p.m.**  
at the home of Joyce Zook (pictured at left) for a Meet and Greet.

Former AAUW president and current co-treasurer  
Micki Varney (pictured at right)  
is running for Salem City Council in Ward 8,  
which represents most of West Salem.

Before moving to Salem, she was a city councilor in Dayton, WA.



# Salem Speaks Up!

Joyce Zook

*Salem Speaks Up!* celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of observing the United Nations Human Rights Day on December 10 at the St. Mark Lutheran Church. AAUW's admiration for Eleanor Roosevelt is justified many times over when we recall what an influence Eleanor had in establishing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights!

Approximately 70 community members attended this year's *Salem Speaks Up!* The evening opened with a local musician singing some of his own "peace-oriented" songs and later leading the audience in some popular '60s songs. Mayor Chuck Bennett read the Proclamation from the City of Salem.

Moderator Shelaswau Bushnell Crier called for citizens to "tell their story" about any concern of human rights issues. Our own Dolores Mlynarczyk, very familiar with Willamette University, spoke about campus safety and how important it is to be aware at all times of one's surroundings and to keep keys close.

Several attendees told stories of their experiences with citizens who appeared racist in their actions, and when the police were involved in these cases, the attendees were not satisfied with the follow-up by the local police. Former Mayor Michael Swaim recalled the history of *Salem Speaks Up!* and how valuable it has been to our community. He lauded the current police chief as a person who will do all possible to address human rights issues in Salem.

Thank you to all members of Salem Branch who provided refreshments. Special thanks go to Marcia Kelley, Micki Varney, Kristen Mauro, Dolores Mlynarczyk, and Judy Coyle.



Attendees at Salem Speaks Up!

## Women's March in Salem

Salem AAUW was out in force for the Women's March on Sunday, January 21. They met at the Capitol steps to hear speakers share their experiences seeking equal protection and access to services for all races, gender identities and ages. The marchers braved the rain to peacefully walk with an estimated 1000 other women, men and children supporting equal rights for all.



Betsy McDowell, Mary Bauman, Mary Ellen Dello Stritto and her daughter Elena, Micki Varney, and Dolores Mlynarczyk

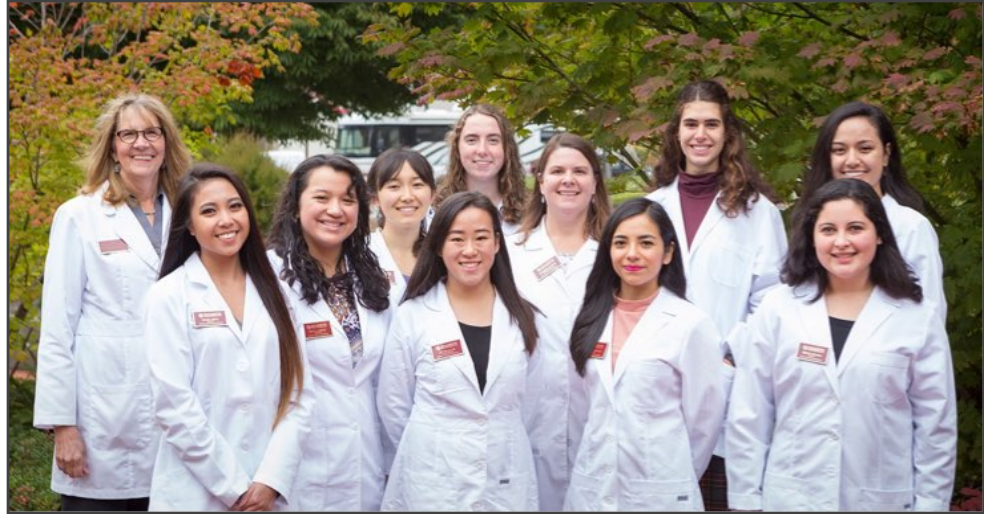


## Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Salem

Micki Varney attended Martin Luther King Day events in Salem. She is pictured at left with the president of the local NAACP Benny C. Williams.

## The Willamette University Science Outreach Program—Webber Program

Twenty-two years ago Mr. Webber established a scholarship program with the stipulation that the recipients must be women science majors and also become actively involved in encouraging school-age children to learn more about science. In Mr. Webber's words: *Young girls are an untapped resource in science, mathematics, and engineering and therefore they need encouragement and positive role-models so that they will continue to pursue their studies in these areas.*



Pictured are (from the left)  
**Dolores Mlynarczyk**,  
Program Coordinator,  
and the  
2017-18 Webber Scholars.

## AAUW FUNDS THE HEART OF AAUW

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Amount \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Gifts of \$25 or more** may be designated to honor a friend or loved one.

This gift is a **memorial** to \_\_\_\_\_ (deceased)

This gift is a **tribute** to \_\_\_\_\_ (living)

Acknowledgment should be sent to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

- Credit my gift to
- #4336 Educational Opportunities Fund (formerly EF)
  - #3999 Legal Advocacy Fund
  - #4337 Public Policy Fund
  - #4339 Leadership Programs Fund
  - #9170 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund
  - #9110 Unrestricted Fund Support - to be used where needed

**Make checks payable to AAUW FUNDS. Mail to AAUW Salem Branch, Attn: AAUW Funds  
P.O. Box 2144, Salem 97308**

You can contribute online at: <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift/>

**Contributions are tax-deductible as charitable contributions for federal and state tax purposes.**



***Half-year Membership for New Members  
in AAUW Salem Branch through June 2018***  
**(Half-year membership is available January through March 15)**

I want to join AAUW as a new member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW members must hold at least an Associate's Degree (or equivalent, e.g. RN).  
College/University attended                      City & State                      Degree/Major                      Year

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Dues cover AAUW programs, operations and state & local AAUW publications sent by email.  
*Outlook*, the quarterly national AAUW magazine, is mailed to each member.

Dues are: National \$49 (\$46 is tax deductible) + Oregon \$16 + Salem \$15 = \$80

**Half-year dues (January through March 15) = \$40**

(\$23 of National 1/2-year dues are tax deductible)

To receive paper copies of the Salem Branch newsletter via regular mail + \$7.50

My check to **AAUW Salem Branch** is for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact Membership Chair Dolores Mlynarczyk at [dmlynarc@Willamette.edu](mailto:dmlynarc@Willamette.edu)

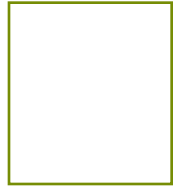
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