



## Salem Branch

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March 2018


The background of the event poster is a classic illustration of Rosie the Riveter. She is shown from the chest up, wearing a blue denim work shirt with a circular patch on the left breast pocket that features a woman's face and the words 'FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'. She is wearing a red hard hat with a white headlamp. Her right arm is raised, with her fist clenched in a powerful gesture. The background is a bright yellow.

AAUW of Salem  
Women's History Month Event

# **Rosie the Riveter: Stories from Women Who Were There**

**March 3, 2018**  
**10:30am**

Africa Room  
Broadway Coffeehouse  
1300 Broadway Street  
Salem, OR



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**See Page 4 for more details.**

# A Message from Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Dello Stritto



Greetings members,

I really enjoyed visiting Willamette University for our February meeting and hearing from two Webber Scholars.



One of them, Otilia Ni, is a young scientist who spoke about her experience as a Physics major and her enthusiasm for working with local 5<sup>th</sup> graders on science projects through the Webber program. She was an inspiration to me and my 9-year-old daughter, who was also in the audience.

Thank you to our very own Dolores Mlynarczyk, Coordinator of the Webber Program for organizing this event for our branch.

← Dolores Mlynarczyk  
with Webber Scholars  
Otilia Ni and Anna Ayala.

Please plan to attend our March 3<sup>rd</sup> *Rosie the Riveter* event and annual meeting. This meeting to celebrate Women's History Month should be outstanding. Invite friends and relatives to come, too.

We'll also elect next year's board members, so it is very important that we have at least a quorum of our branch members in attendance!

## Calling for Nominations

It is the time of year when we call for nominations from the membership for next year's board. Nominations are welcome for all board positions, but we have vacancies in Secretary, Public Policy and Newsletter Editor. Contact Mary Ellen for more information or to self-nominate or nominate someone else at [dr.dellostritto@gmail.com](mailto:dr.dellostritto@gmail.com).

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# Interest Groups

## New Members Welcome!

### Books

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

Capital Manor Dining Room, 1955 Dallas Hwy. (Hwy. 22)

Book: *Marten Martin* by Brian Doyle

Discussion Leader: Erin Hanni

Leader: Ann Trombley



### Food

#### **Creative Cooking – Wed., March 14, 6:30 p.m.**

Host: Diane Black

More info: Call Ruth Edsall



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

Capital Manor in private dining room.

Price is \$8.80. Please bring exact change.

Host: Meredie Sheehy

Group Leader: Marjorie Rueling

### Other

#### **Great Decisions** - First Monday, Capitol Manor

For more information about this group call Marian Churchill.

#### **Women, Words and Wine – Thurs., March 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



## March Branch Meeting: **Rosie the Riveter**

In honor of March Women's History Month, AAUW Salem takes a trip to the past in honor of the women who helped on the home front to win World War II, reaffirming democracy in the world. Our speaker will be **Dr. Yvonne Fasold**, past president of the American Rosie the Riveter Assoc.

Yvonne grew up on a dairy farm in Cottage Grove, graduated from Cottage Grove High School and completed three degrees at the U of O before going to work as a Reading Specialist at Sheldon High School. Yvonne's mother was a welder during WWII, making Yvonne a "Rosebud". Yvonne hopes to be accompanied by one or more Rosies, depending on health concerns and physical conditions the day of our meeting.

The term "Rosie the Riveter" has come to be a generic term for all working women of WWII. A Rosie did what was traditionally men's work, while millions of men were serving in the military. These are women who answered the call: AMERICA NEEDS YOU. The work included such jobs as working at a factory, a shipyard, an aircraft assembly plant, a parachute factory, a munitions plant, or a farm, lumber mill, or railroad. A woman may have been a driver, a secretary in a defense agency, a nurse, a pilot, a plane spotter or a USO or Canteen volunteer.

Most of these women had never worked outside the home before, and many returned to the home once the war ended and the men returned home. In taking these non-traditional jobs, however, they showed that women can do any type of job, changing the perception of women for future generations.

The American Rosie the Riveter Association was founded December 7, 1998, to honor the working women of World War II, including volunteer women. Members are Rosies and their descendants, both women and men.



Micki Varney, Jane Aiken, Dolores Mlynarczyk, Betsy Cowan, Judy Coyle, Janis Stovin, Laura Buhl

## **New Members' Get-together**

Three new members and one prospective member met at the home of Joyce Zook in February to get acquainted and learn more about AAUW and Salem Branch.

Prospective member **Jane Aiken** announced that she is running for re-election as Salem Municipal Court Judge. New member **Betsy Cowan** lives in Monmouth; she shared some interesting history: her grandfather met President and Eleanor Roosevelt! Transfer member **Janis Stovin** recently moved to McMinnville from St. Paul, Minnesota, where she was active in an AAUW branch that owned and operated a mansion. **Laura Buhl** lives in Salem and works for the State Land and Conservation Department. She described a

comprehensive "salary survey" which is a result of the new "Fair Pay Act" passed in the 2017 legislative session. AAUW Oregon Public Policy Committee played a role in providing information that convinced legislators to pass this bill. Our very newest member, **Kricia Ruano Espinoza**, was unable to attend because she was preparing for a debate tournament in Hawaii.

**Half-year dues for new members through June 2018 is available until March 15. Full-year membership through June 2019 begins on March 16.**



(Check one) I want to \_\_\_\_\_ join AAUW as new member. \_\_\_\_\_ renew my membership in AAUW.

If you are joining AAUW for the first time, please fill out the whole form.

If you are renewing your membership, please fill out your name and any new contact information.

If you are a Life member, you must pay the \$15 Salem Branch dues (plus \$15 if you want to have the newsletter printed and mailed to you).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW members must hold at least an Associate's Degree (or equivalent, e.g. RN).

<u>College/University attended</u>	<u>City &amp; State</u>	<u>Degree/Major</u>	<u>Year</u>
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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	<u>Half-year</u> \$40
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**or** Life member dues to Salem Branch only = \$15 —

To receive paper copies of the Salem Branch newsletter via regular mail + \$15 \$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)

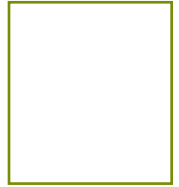
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### **From the AAUW National Board of Directors:**

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the AAUW website, the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.