



Salem Branch

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December 2018

Salem Speaks Up!—“Stand Up for Human Rights”

Monday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.
MICAH Building, 680 State Street NE

Salem Speak Up! is an annual open-microphone forum and is intended as an opportunity to speak and hear about discrimination in Salem. Individuals are encouraged to share their experiences.



This year’s theme is “Stand Up for Human Rights.” *Salem Speaks Up!* celebrates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which is 70 years old this year. More information is available at <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>.

Salem First United Methodist Church is the host. AAUW, the League of Women Voters, and the UN Association in Salem are the planning groups, as they have been since the beginning of the event. Joyce Zook is AAUW’s representative on the planning committee.

← Heraldine Schwartz posed with proclamations, including from the Governor and the Mayor of Salem at *Salem Speaks Up!* in 2012.

AAUW members are asked to bring finger foods for refreshments at *Salem Speaks Up!* Suggested finger foods are grapes, cheese & crackers, or cookies.

Contact Joyce Zook December 4 - 6 to let her know you are bringing an item. You can take it when you go to *Salem Speaks Up!* or drop it off at the MICAH Building at 5:45 or a bit later.



A Message from Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Dello Stritto



This fall we have two sub-committees who are working on our branch projects:

The Oral History project goals are:

- 1) To record the lives of our long-time members.
- 2) To document contributions of AAUW members to the significant achievements for women and girls in our community/state.



This committee is planning to audio and/or video record interviews with our members.

We need AAUW members who are interested in being interviewers as well as interviewees. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of this project.

We are also in the planning stages of the Speech Trek—a speech contest for high school girls. The Speech Trek will be held at Chemeketa Community College in March 2019. The committee has chosen the following topics choices for the speeches:

- 1) Why does pay equity matter?
- 2) Who is the most influential woman leader since 1900?
- 3) How have women been portrayed in the media in the past and how should that change?

Please contact me if you are interested in being part of this project.

We now have a Secretary—Claudia Carmichael—who is doing a great job! Thank you, Claudia.



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Interest Groups

[New members are invited to join a group.](#)

Books

Random Readings—Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m.

Home of Jean Messick

Chair: Jean Messick

The group will rotate at the homes of those in the group or we can arrange another location.

We'll choose a few books at the beginning of the year and sign up to be host so that each person is in charge of one meeting. Following the discussion of the book, we will have a light refreshment.

How does it sound to you? If it sounds good, then I would like to invite potentially interested persons to my home to discuss the plan, which is very flexible. Bring your ideas and a book suggestion to vote on.

Our first meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday—January 8 at 7 p.m.

Please RSVP to me if you're interested.

I look forward to discussions on random readings.



Food

Creative Cooking – Wed., Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Home of Gloria Martin

More info: Call Ruth Edsall

Out to Lunch Bunch – Fri., Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m.

Restaurant: Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr. NE

Host: Marjorie Reuling

Chair: Judy Coyle



Other

Great Decisions - First Monday, Capital Manor

For more information about this group call Marian Churchill.

Women, Words and Wine – Thurs., Dec. 20, 5:45 p.m.

Santiam Wine and Bistro, 1555 12th St SE

We discuss what matters to women and encourage new branch members.

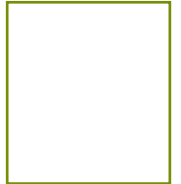
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