



Salem Branch

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November 2018

No branch meetings are currently scheduled, but we will host the state AAUW Convention in April and will need your help then. Please answer the call!

Invitation to Learn about Gerrymandering and Redistricting

Please join the League of Women Voters (LWV) as we tackle a big issue: gerrymandering. Following the 2020 U.S. census will be the 2021 redistricting process. On Wednesday, November 7, at 6:30 two people from the LWV of Oregon will explain Oregon's current redistricting process, how it impacts our elections, and what reform could look like. There will be a time for questions & answers as well.

We'll talk about how we can move forward in advocating for fair representation, competitive districts, and a system that prevents abuse. The League has taken on this project because we believe that voters should choose their representatives, not representatives choose their voters.

The November 7 event will be held in Louck's Auditorium at Salem Library, 585 Liberty St. SE.



The speakers will be Norman Turrill, president of the League of Women Voters of Oregon, and Candalynn Johnson, LWVOR coordinator of the Redistricting Educational Project.

Mr. Turrill, pictured at left, has long worked on issues related to campaign finance, government ethics and redistricting. He is "mostly retired" and self-employed as a consultant, computer analyst/software engineer.

Ms. Johnson, pictured at right, was active in student government at Portland State University and then advocated for youth voters in both Salem and Washington D.C. and educated the public on how to communicate with their representatives and navigate the Oregon legislative process.



AAUW members are especially invited to this event sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties in conjunction with the LWV of Oregon.

Busy that night? We would still like to hear from you and answer any questions. Please contact the League of Women Voters of Oregon's Campaign Coordinator Candalynn Johnson at candalynn@lwvor.org for more information.

A Message from Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Dello Stritto



Greetings Members,

First, I want to acknowledge the efforts two of our members, Evelyn Lorence and Carol Neiger, who hosted the Eleanor Roosevelt Birthday Party Fundraiser in October. They raised over \$1000 for AAUW funds!

During October the branch focus was on Public Policy. We continued our long tradition of co-programming with the League of Women Voters. It was a pleasure to co-host a Ballot Measure Forum on October 17th at Loucks Auditorium. I was impressed with how much research that League members put into their presentation on the statewide ballot measures in Oregon. Thank you to our public policy co-chairs Laura Buhl and Joyce Zook for all their work in organizing and publicizing this event! And thanks to all the members that came out to support us at this event. Our friends at CCTV recorded the Ballot Measure Forum, so you can watch the recording here: <https://youtu.be/RUNj7dme25Q>. I have also posted the link to this video on our Facebook page and the branch website: <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/>. Please share widely!

Remember to vote and encourage your relatives, friends and neighbors to vote!

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Interest Groups

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

Books

We need a book discussion group.
If interested, please contact Dolores Mlynarczyk.
She will help put a new group together.



Food

Creative Cooking – Wed., Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Host: Diane Black

Cooks: Diane and Gloria Martin

More info: Call Ruth Edsall

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

Restaurant: Momiji, 1211 Edgewater St., NW

Host: Donna Briney

Please join us!

Chair: Judy Coyle



Other

Great Decisions - First Monday, Capital Manor

Attendees discuss foreign policy issues based on the briefing book for 2019 by the nonprofit Foreign Policy Association. The briefing book can be purchased online at fpa.org.

For more information about this group call Marian Churchill.

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

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

For this month's restaurant type into your search bar: [Salem Women, Words and Wine](#)

More info: Micki Varney



Eleanor Roosevelt Birthday Party

Photos and article from Carol Neiger

Fourteen AAUW members celebrated Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday on October 10th at Capital Manor in the 10th Floor Lounge.



Claudia Gray (center)
with party organizers
Carol Neiger and Evelyn Smith Lorence

Claudia Gray, past AAUW Oregon president and AAUW Funds Committee and Legacy Circle Task Force member, gave an update on the AAUW Foundation works, including AAUW Funds, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and the Legacy Circle, as well as information about Eleanor Roosevelt's life.

The group sang Happy Birthday and everyone enjoyed the big chocolate cake.

\$1,025 was donated to AAUW Funds.



Gloria Holland with cake



Elaine Walker and
Joyce Zook visiting

**AAUW Awards a Scholarship to Chemeketa's Outstanding Graduate Woman.
The following letter is from this year's recipient of that award.**

Dear Outstanding Graduate Women's Award Donor,

Thanks you very much for helping me further my education through this scholarship. My academic goal is to complete my associates degree in Computer Electronics.

Many of the hobbies I enjoy require a computer with the appropriate software. In order to play games with friends and keep in touch with them, we need computers, the internet, and other networks. I have always been curious about how computers and all the pieces work together. In my last two years of high school, I took a class robotics class. My classmates were all beginners and we learned a lot from veteran students in the class. This experience helped to push me towards a degree in computer electronics.



When it came time to decide if I wanted to go to college, I couldn't decide where I wanted to go or what exactly to do. Even now I still have many fields I want to study, but electronics has always been the main focus for me. I chose Chemeketa because of the location and affordability. A couple of my close friends also picked Chemeketa and enjoyed the classes. I just completed my first year at Chemeketa and I do not regret my decision. My teachers and classmates are extremely helpful and informative, as well as kind and supportive.

With the help of this scholarship, I hope to lighten the financial load on my family. In addition, I will use this scholarship as motivation to keep working hard towards my end goal. Thank you again for supporting me as a donor and helping to make my dreams come true.

Sincerely,

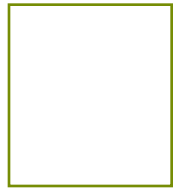
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