



Salem Branch

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February 2019

There is no branch meeting in February.
New members will meet on February 13. Details on Page 2.



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD...

SPEECH TREK 2019

Compete to win prizes of \$500, \$300, & \$200

Speech Trek is a public speaking competition for girls in grades 10 & 11 brought to you by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Salem

March 16, 2019

From: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**Chemeketa
Community College
(Bldg. 2)**

Register by:

Feb. 22, 2019

at

salem-or.aauw.net

Please put the
March 16
branch meeting
on your calendar
and
plan to come hear
our Speech Trek
contestants.

The March newsletter
will include
a map of the
Chemeketa campus.

A Message from Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Dello Stritto

January was a busy month for the Salem Branch! First I would like to acknowledge the Speech Trek committee for launching the Speech Trek project in January. The members of this committee are Kristin Mauro, Joyce Zook, Gloria Holland, Joan Scherf, Celinda Adair and me! This group is currently working to publicize the event and confirm judges.



On Saturday January 19th the branch participated in the Women's March—Salem. Thanks to new member Sharon Krimmel for helping us to get a table at the event this year. Thanks to the board members who enthusiastically staffed the table. Our table was a huge success. We talked with many people in our community who were interested in learning more about what we do. It was a fantastic outreach opportunity. In fact, we had 59 people signed up to get more information. In that list are high school and college students who are interested in volunteering, prospective new members, and community partners. After the march we had a great branch gathering at Taproot Cafe!

We are also gearing up for Lobby Day and the State Convention in April. We need volunteers to help! See the information on Page ___.

New Member Meet 'N Greet Event

When: February 13, 2019, 6:30 pm

Where: Home of Joyce Zook

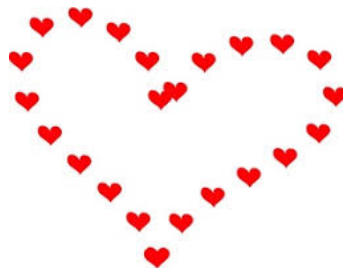
Who is invited to attend?

- Members who have joined within the past year or so;
- Branch leaders
- Anyone who wishes to meet the new members and have some fun (must RSVP)

Why? Getting to know each other is a primary goal; we will also learn about branch plans for the Spring, 2019. Celebrate VALENTINE's Day and come to the gathering!

Welcome to our new members!

Celinda Adair
Claudia Carmichael
Sharon Krimmel
Deb Patterson
Karen Sims
Kathleen Terman
Karol Wagner
Jean Messick, Jeanne Dalton and
Roberta Robinson
are unable to attend.



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State Convention In Salem: Dinner Out on The Town

Betsy McDowell and Kristin Mauro, AAUW Local Arrangements Co-chairs

The AAUW State convention will be in Salem this year at the Salem Conference Center April 11-14. Guests will be staying at the Grand Hotel, and on Thursday night we will escort small groups to local restaurants for "Dinner Out On the Town." These no-host dinners will be a way for small groups to chat and (in some cases) review what went on during AAUW Lobby Day held at the Capitol that day.

Groups will need escorts to Bentleys, China's, Gamberetti's, Rafns', India Palace, Marco Polo, Sushi, Thai Orchid, TapRoot and other restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. If you are able to help, please contact Betsy McDowell.

Thank you for your help!

AAUW Lobby Day Before Convention

AAUW of Oregon's Lobby Day will be Thursday, April 11, the day before the state convention in Salem. Lobby Day will be from 12:30 - 5:30 at the Department of Education Building (255 Capitol St.NE) across the street from the Capitol.

The theme of the 2019 Lobby Day will be *Student Success*. We are still finalizing our kick-off speaker and the participants in the Student Success panel, but we anticipate hearing from a senior official at the Oregon Department of Education, an advocate on behalf of the Oregon Education Association and a representative from the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators. You'll be able to ask them some great questions!

There will be a great "spread of appetizers" and beverages supplied at 12 noon before the program starts. The registration form for Lobby Day will be available on the state AAUW website soon and details of the convention will be in the next issue of *Oregon News*, which will be emailed soon.

Public Policy News

The 2019 Legislature is in full swing! The priority bills for AAUW of Oregon are:

- Funding (2 FTEs) for the Title IX Coordinators at the Oregon Dept. of Education
- Age discrimination bill - unlawful if age is a factor in any way of a hiring decision
- High School Students must be able to demonstrate proficiency in civics
- Provides incarcerated women with feminine hygiene products free of charge
- Defines marriage as a civil contract entered into by persons at least 18 yo
- Ban non-disclosure and no rehire provisions in sexual harassment/assault
- Firearm safety (one ... (there are many) will be supported, based upon wording
- There are other education bills that are being evaluated as well.

Kappy Eaton, long-time member of AAUW and champion for women and girls will be remembered at the Capitol on Thursday, April 25th, by House Concurrent Resolution presented to the full House. This Resolution recognizes, at least in part, Kappy's significant contributions to our community. Stay tuned for details on the timing of this recognition.

Interest Groups

New members are invited to join a group.

Books

Random Readings—Tue., Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

Home of Jean Messick

Book: *Eleanor Olphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

Chair: Jean Messick



Food

Creative Cooking – No meeting in February

due to the New Member Meet and Greet on Feb. 13.

More info: Call Ruth Edsall

Out to Lunch Bunch – Fri., Feb. 8, 11:30 a.m.

Restaurant: Table 508 at 508 State Street
on the corner of State and High Street
in the same block as the Elsinore Theater

Restaurant website is tablefive08.com
in case you want to check out the menu.

Chair: Judy Coyle



Other

Great Decisions - First Monday, Capital Manor

For more information about this group call Marian Churchill.

Women, Words and Wine – 3rd Thurs., Feb. 21, 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



MEMBER NEWS: Charlotte Holmes, an AAUW Life Member, moved to Seattle several years ago. She died January 6 at age 99, and her obituary was in the January 13 *Statesman Journal*.

A New AAUW Branch in Yamhill County

The first official event of the new Yamhill County Branch of AAUW on February 2 will feature Salem Branch's former president Micki Varney, who will discuss her career in becoming a biologist, educator, civic and community leader who is supportive of other women.

AAUW Participated in Salem Women's March 2019



Betsy McDowell at AAUW table



Mary Ellen Dello Stritto and her daughter Elena



Dolores Mlynarczyk and Joyce Zook talk to a Woman's March participant.

Photos from Mary Ellen Dello Stritto



Membership in Salem Branch through June 2019

OPTIONS:

Join or renew your membership online: Click on aauw.org

Click on **Join** at top of page.

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The next page contains the form to fill out to renew your membership.

To join or renew as a new member by check:

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 _____

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 \$59 (\$56 is tax deductible) + Oregon \$16 + Salem \$15 = \$90

or Life member dues to Salem Branch only = \$15

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

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

For more information contact Membership Chair Dolores Mlynarczyk at dmlynarc@Willamette.edu

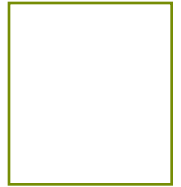
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