



Salem Branch

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March 2019

Join us for Speech Trek 2019

Saturday, March 16th

9:30 a.m.

Chemeketa Community College, Building 2

Refreshments will be available.



AAUW's 2019 Speech Trek contest theme is **Positive Change for Women**. Students will present a 5-6 minute persuasive speech focusing on one of the following topics:

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

Directions: Drive north on Lancaster Dr.
Go 2 long blocks past Silverton Road.
Turn right (east) onto Campus Drive.
Turn left at intersection by Green Lot.
Park in the Blue Lot next to Building 2.
No parking permit needed.

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A Message from Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Dello Stritto



Back in December, the Salem Branch was contacted by an MBA student at Willamette University. She was interested in organizing a program on salary negotiation for women students. Salem Branch answered the call. Dolores Mlynarczyk (our Membership VP) and I prepared a presentation for the MBA and undergrad Economics students called *Pay Equity and Salary Negotiation* and presented it on February 7th at Willamette University. The presentation was well received by a group of about 25 women. They enthusiastically embraced the role-play activity in which they practiced negotiation skills. We encouraged all of them to continue by participating in the free online course called *Work Smart* which can be found at <https://salary.aauw.org/work-smart/>.

March is Women's History Month, and we are gearing up for our women's history event—Speech Trek, a speech contest for 10th and 11th grade girls. Please mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, March 16th, at 9:30 a.m. at Chemeketa Community College. Bring a friend and cheer on these young women! We also need volunteers to bring refreshments. If you can help out, please contact me.

Finally, the AAUW Convention and Lobby Day are coming in April. Remember to register by April 1st. Information is in the January *Oregon News* and online at <https://aauw-or.aauw.net>. And we need one more delegate to attend the convention to represent Salem Branch. Please contact me if you are willing to do that.

Women's History Month Event—Film: *Iron Jawed Angels*

Help us celebrate Women's History Month at Gaiety Hollow! On Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. we will screen **Iron Jawed Angels**, a movie about the suffrage movement and how these women risked their lives to help American women win the right to vote. You can view the trailer at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGyB3tV9kU0>

The evening will also include a short informative presentation, snacks, beverages and great company!

Location: Gaiety Hollow is the former home of Lord and Schryver, two women who were pioneer landscape architects in Salem. The address is 545 Mission St. SE. There is parking on Church Street.

There is limited seating so please let me know if you plan to attend by Sunday, March 17.

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Interest Groups

Join us! These small groups are a great way to get acquainted.

Books

Random Readings—Tue., March 12, 7 p.m.

Home of Jean Messick

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

Bring a book suggestion for a future meeting.

Soup will be available for those who don't have time for dinner.

Please email that you are coming.

Chair: Jean Messick



Food

Creative Cooking – Wed., March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Host: Lark Abrahamson

More info: Call Ruth Edsall

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

Restaurant: Santiam Wine Company at 1555 12th Street SE.

Parking is ample and access is easy.

Please call Claire Tierney at 503-385-1536 to RSVP.

Chair: Judy Coyle



Other

Great Decisions - First Monday, Capital Manor

For more information about this group call Marian Churchill, 503-362-8653.

Women, Words and Wine – 3rd Thurs., 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



Documentary film: *The Devil We Know. The Chemistry of a Cover-Up*

Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m., Salem's Grand Theatre, 191 High Street NE

The Devil We Know is a story of how one synthetic chemical, used to make Teflon products, contaminated a West Virginia community. But new research hints at a much broader problem: nearly all Americans are affected by exposure to non-stick chemicals in food, drinking water, and consumer products. With very little oversight on the chemical industry in this country, we invite you to learn more about the problem and how you can protect yourself and your family. The documentary will be followed by guest speakers and an audience discussion.

Meet Our New Members

Claudia Carmichael—I am new to Salem, but not new to Oregon as I moved to Eugene thirty years ago. I found out about AAUW from my sister-in-law in San Marcos, CA, who was the president of her branch. I liked the idea of joining with other women to make the path a little bit easier for younger women.

I was raised in New Orleans, and learned at an early age that my mother didn't have a lot of choices when it came to whether she would stay with my stepfather or not. She would stay—she hadn't worked in many, many years and couldn't drive. There was no other choice. I decided then I would go to college and I would have a driver's license. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies, Secondary Education, from the University of New Orleans. And like many of us, was the first in the family to graduate from college. I wanted to teach students who needed a little more help, and taught GED, ESL, social studies and writing classes at vocational high schools and community colleges in Washington and Oregon.

My first husband passed away while I was pregnant with our second child, but I made it through as a single mother and eight years later met my current husband who was also a teacher and coach. We both worked at high schools in Eugene, and after many years we retired to Arizona in search of sun. I joined AAUW in Prescott and was excited to find a program called Sister-to-Sister that helped mentor female first-generation community college students. Later as sun and politics began to wear on us, we became snowbirds, and I co-joined the Green Valley branch (south of Tucson) along with the Salem Branch. Last year we moved back to Salem full time. I have been pleased to find at each branch of AAUW a welcoming group of intelligent women who care about making the world a better place. Together we can make a difference!



Editor's note: Claudia is serving as our board secretary.

Deb Patterson—Deborah Patterson is ordained clergy in the Congregational Church, currently serving a 128-year old rural congregation near Canby. Prior to her return to active ministry, she served twenty years as a healthcare advocate, including a decade as the director of an international health organization, the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, now called The Westberg Institute. Earlier, she was founding vice president of a children's health foundation (Deaconess Foundation) and served on the senior management team of a multi-hospital system in St. Louis. She has served on numerous boards and committees of non-profit and governmental organizations, primarily related to health and human services.

Deb earned a B.Music from Yankton College, (SD), M.Music from the University of South Dakota, MHA from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and an M.Div. and D.Min. from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. She is married to Stephen Patterson, who holds the George A. Atkinson Chair in Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University, and they have two children, a young adult daughter with special needs and a son who is a senior at Willamette.



News of a former member: Former long-time member Virginia DeLoretto died in December. Her daughter said that Virginia was very fond of the Potpourri group.



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in Salem Branch
through June 2019**

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