



Salem Branch

P.O. Box 2144, Salem, OR 97308

<http://salem-or.aauw.net>

May 2019

**There will be no May Branch meeting.
Election of Officers will be conducted electronically.
Members who receive the newsletter by mail will receive a ballot by mail.**

But first a message from our President Mary Ellen:

The Salem branch leadership needs help. Most of the board members have served on the board for three years or more, and some of them are willing to continue for another year if they can work with a new person in the job and all will train their successors. Kristin Mauro and I are willing to be co-presidents, but we need help to be able to maintain the business of the branch and to plan for the future of the branch. Join us!

Here are our needs:

Program Vice President - Assist with planning events such as the annual membership event, Speech Trek, and other events.

Co-Vice President for membership - Dolores Mlynarczyk would like help with her membership duties.

Secretary - We need someone to record the minutes of our board meetings each month (could also be shared by two people alternating months).

Newsletter editor - Sally Hollemon, our current editor, will be happy to train you. She estimates the job takes 3 - 4 hours per month.

Communications team - We need a person to maintain the email list of members and send out announcements from time to time. We also need an individual to put together our directory. Sally can email the current directory to you to use as a starting point for updating.

Co-Finance VP - Mary Bauman will help train you on how we keep our accounts and process membership dues.

Please email or call me if you are willing to take on any of these positions. No experience needed. We will train you. We could have two people sharing each of these duties! The branch will not be sustainable without more help.

Thank you!

➔ **Remember to pay your 2019-2020 dues.** See Page 7 or respond to the email sent recently.



A Message from Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Dello Stritto

It was a treat to have the AAUW State Convention return to Salem this month. It was also great to have Lobby Day the day before convention.

I was very impressed with the passionate speakers at Lobby Day and at convention. The highlight for me was hearing from Kim Churches, AAUW CEO. In her keynote she encouraged all of us to sign up for the Work Smart program, a free online salary negotiation training developed by AAUW. <https://salary.aauw.org/>. AAUW received a grant from the Coca Cola Foundation to develop this training. The goal is to get 100,000 people to sign up by August! Kim encouraged all members to sign up for the training and pass it on to 5 people you know.

So, I encourage everyone to spread the word about this Work Smart training and pass it on. Even if you are no longer working, the negotiation skills in the workshop will be helpful for your everyday life. We all negotiate in many aspects of our life! Also, AAUW of Oregon has challenged Washington State to see if we can get more Oregon individuals registered for the training. I hope you will help us with this challenge!



Equal Pay Day 2019

Joyce Zook

Several Salem Branch members participated in Equal Pay Day at the WOU Student Center on April 2. Dolores Mlynarczyk and Kristin Mauro provided goodies for the bake sale and spent time engaging passers-by in discussion of the pay gap. People drew cards detailing pay discrepancies based on national research statistics to determine what price they would pay for the treats.



Joyce Zook
(center)
with two WOU
students

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Public Forum: Salem-Keizer School Board Candidates

Candidates for the Salem-Keizer School Board will tell why they want to serve on that board and answer questions at a public forum on Thursday, May 2, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Salem Public Library's Anderson Rooms (lower level). The League of Women Voters and Salem City Club are the cosponsors of the forum.

School Board members represent districts (zones) but are elected at large. A candidate forum offers an opportunity for voters to compare the candidates for each zone.

This year's candidates are:

Zone 2: Marty Heyen (incumbent; retired IT professional) and Raul Marquez (Willamette University student)

Zone 4: Satya Chandragiri (psychiatrist) and David Salinas (electrician)

Zone 6: Chuck Lee (incumbent; President of Mountain West Career Technical Institute) and Danielle Bethell (Director of Keizer Chamber of Commerce)

Interest Groups

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

Books

Random Readings—Wed., May 8, 7 p.m.

Home of Mary Bauman

Book: *Where the Crawdads Sing*

Chair: Jean Messick



Food

Creative Cooking – Wed., May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Home of Judy Coyle

Cooks: Judy Coyle and Leslie Zeigen

More info: Call Ruth Edsall



Out to Lunch Bunch – Fri., May 10, 11:30 a.m.

Restaurant: Gilgamesh Brewery, 2065 Madrona Ave.

Chair: Judy Coyle

Other

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



Bequest from Charlotte Holmes

Charlotte Holmes, who died in January, left \$5000 to Salem Branch of AAUW. (See the letter from her daughter below.) Our board decided to use the bequest to support Speech Trek for the next several years.

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Charlotte Holmes

April 5, 2019

AAUW of Oregon, Salem Branch
Attention: Dolores Mlynarczyk
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Dear Ms. Mlynarczyk:

At the request of our late mother, Charlotte V. Holmes, I am sending you a check for five thousand dollars (\$5,000). Our mother wanted this money to be used by the AAUW of Oregon, Salem Branch, in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

As you know, our mother was a lifetime member of the AAUW. A daughter of immigrants, she was the first in her family to receive a college degree. After graduating from Pacific University, she became an AAUW member. She was an active member of the Salem Branch until she moved to Seattle in 2012.

Our mother was a great advocate for education. She made sure all three of her daughters (Christine Holmes Anderson, Ramona Holmes Bekey, and myself) received our college degrees, and she was very proud of Ramona when she received her DMA and me when I received my JD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Holmes', written in a cursive style.

Juanita Holmes

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Meet Our New Member



Roberta Robinson—I am often amazed that I have been in Salem for nearly 25 years! It still feels like we are new here. I grew up in and around Long Beach, CA with a short stint in Saudi Arabia where my father worked for Aramco. I started college at Long Beach State which was just a short walk from my parents' house. I transferred to UC Berkeley where I earned a BA in history. I spent the next few years working odd jobs to fund my passion for rowing. I was never great at it, but I had the chance to coach both high school and college teams. When I decided it was time to grow up, I went to Cal State, Hayward to get a secondary teaching certificate. I met and married my husband during that time. He was a Navy officer and we moved from coast to coast and to Guam. After our third son was born, we transferred to Salem.

Once my youngest son was in school, I taught self-contained middle school classes in private schools. After taking a year off to complete a masters' in education at Western Oregon University, I taught in the Gervais school district until retirement. I now teach English to adults a few hours a week and volunteer at my old school.

AAUW of Oregon Convention in Salem

*Betsy McDowell, Local Arrangements Co-Chair with Kristin Mauro
Dolores Mlynarczyk, AAUW Funds Fundraiser Chair*

At the AAUW of Oregon Convention, which was hosted by Salem Branch, we had 93 attendees from 21 of 24 Oregon branches. The evaluations praised the event as a whole, the Salem Convention Center venue, and especially the local enrichment activities organized by Joyce Zook.

Special appreciation goes to Salem Branch volunteers Dee Iltis, Sharon Krimmel, Kathy Terman, Deb Patterson, Dolores Mlynarczyk, Mary Bauman, Claudia Carmichael, Sally Hollemon, Judy Coyle, Claire Tierney, Mary Ellen Dello Stritto, Kristin Mauro, Joyce Zook, and Roberta Robinson.



AAUW of Oregon Co-Presidents Elect
Pat Lehman, Astoria/Wallowa County, on the left
Sue Klumph, Grants Pass, on the right
with **Kim Churches**, national AAUW CEO, in the center



Speakers:

Pictured at left are LAF plaintiff **Paul Thein** and AAUW CEO **Kim Churches** taking a question at the AAUW Funds banquet Saturday night. We raised \$4850 to donate to AAUW Greatest Need Fund.

Paul Thein was a vice president at Feather River Community College in California. He was fired after hiring a woman basketball coach against the Board of Regents advice and a whistle blowing incident involving a college faculty's son. A 12-year lawsuit against the largest college network in the US followed, and the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund was involved by providing money for a small part of his legal expenses and emotional support for him and his young family. He ultimately won a \$2 million judgment, but most of it went toward legal fees. He was not able to get another job in college administration in California. He says he would do the right thing again, but it has changed his life. He is very grateful for AAUW and loves to attend AAUW conventions to share his story.

Kim Churches gave two rousing talks over the weekend and reminded us that AAUW cannot attend to all of the issues that affect women and girls. We are focused on leadership, education and training, and economic security.

AAUW received a \$500 million grant from Coca Cola to produce the online Work Smart program. Our duty to fulfill the grant is to register 50,000 participants for the online program by August 2019. We have about 20,000 registered, so please pass the word to young women you know. You can register for this free online training even if you are retired and even if do not complete the program. Its focus is negotiating, a skill everyone needs in everyday life! **Register at <https://salary.aauw.org/>.**

Among Ms. Churches' other messages was to vote in this year's AAUW election. You can vote for one or all candidates and the Public Policy focus areas. Use the email link to the ballot that will be sent from her or request another at connect@aauw.org.

Even though money is tight, her next task at the national office is to update the AAUW website to make it easier for members and non-members to find what they need without doing a search for every item.

AAUW Funds

The fundraiser for AAUW Funds at the Convention was a complete success, due in part to the generous donation of wine from Salem Branch members. Convention attendees bid on the wine and other items, which raised \$4,850 for the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. Dolores Mlynarczyk collected the wine donations from Salem Branch and sends out her gratitude to our membership for coming through. Betty O'Brien, Elton Vineyard Founder, donated five bottles of wine, and her plan is to build a tasting room. We are hoping to have an AAUW event there in the future.

In her speech Kim Churches requested that our members make their donations to **AAUW Funds of Greatest Need** instead of the endowed Eleanor Roosevelt Fund or Legal Advocacy Fund because the latter have been so generously supported that they can generate gifts, grants, and scholarships using the current principle.

Enrichment events

Many thanks to Salem Branch volunteers for chaperoning Thursday's Dinner on the Town and Friday afternoon's Enrichment Activities tours. Both events gave convention attendees an awesome opportunity to meet members from other branches.

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Deepwood tour ↑



Membership in Salem Branch through June 2020

Date: _____ I want to: _____ join AAUW _____ renew my membership in AAUW

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

_____ If you are a Paid Life member, your dues are \$15.00 Salem Branch and \$16.00 State.

_____ If you are an Honorary Life (50 years) member you are exempt from National and State dues.

_____ If you are joining AAUW for the first time, please fill out the entire form, dues are \$90.00.

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 & State</u>	<u>Degree/Major</u>	<u>Year</u>

Dues cover AAUW programs, operations, and state & local AAUW publications sent by email.

National \$59.00 (\$56.00 is tax deductible) + **Oregon** \$16.00 + **Salem** \$15.00 = \$90.00

Paid Life Member dues to Salem Branch and AAUW of Oregon = \$31.00

Honorary Life Member dues to Salem Branch = \$15.00

To receive paper copies of the Salem Branch newsletter = \$15.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make check payable to **American Association University Women Salem Branch**
(NOT AAUW) and send to AAUW Salem Branch, P.O. Box 2144, Salem, OR 97308.

Contact Membership Chair Dolores Mlynarczyk at dmlynarc@Willamette.edu for additional info.

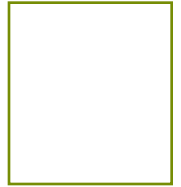
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AAUW

promotes equity for
women and girls
through education,
advocacy,
philanthropy and
research.

The Friday afternoon tours were:

Deepwood Museum and Gardens—The leader was our Public Policy Chair Joyce Zook.

Hallie Ford Art Museum—The leader was Membership Chair Dolores Mlynarczyk.

Mahonia Hall (Governor Kate Brown's official residence)—The leaders were Sally Hollemon, who edits our newsletter and compiles our branch directory, and Judy Coyle with the assistance of Claire Tierney.

Oregon State Hospital of Mental Health—The leader was our Board Program Chair Kristin Mauro.

Willamette Valley Vineyard—An on-your-own tour.



Mahonia Hall tour ↑