



Salem Branch

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January 2020

A Message from Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Dello Stritto

Happy New Year!

First, I want to say thanks to our members who contributed to the Salem Speaks Up! event in December. We are happy to be a part of this celebration of Human Rights Day every year. Below is a photo of AAUW members at the event.



← Joyce Zook, Judy Coyle, Karen Sims, Sharon Krimmel and Dolores Mlynarczyk. Marcia Kelley is missing from the photo.

Survey— Many thanks to those of you who responded to our survey last month. Next, the board members will be calling members who did not complete the online survey. Once those calls are complete, I will share the results of the survey.

Join us at Meet-up— The branch is gearing up for our winter events. We will have our third meet-up on January 23rd at 7 p.m. at Santiam Wine Co., 1555 12th St. SE. We hope you can join this informal gathering. No RSVP is required.



Speech Trek— Our third Speech Trek competition is coming on February 22nd at Chemeketa Community College. **We need your help:** Please share the contest information with 10th and 11th grade girls in the area. All contest information is located on our website: salem-or.aauw.net. The registration due date February 1st. We will also need volunteers to bring refreshments to the event. Please let me know if you can help out. Also, don't forget to read the book on which the girls' speeches will be based. It's *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson and is available from Salem Public Library. More details are on Page 5.

Save the Date:

February 24, 2020



AAUW's annual opportunity to meet our legislators and discuss AAUW priorities is happening during the 2020 legislative short session in Salem. Join your fellow AAUW members for a full day of engagement with politically minded women who are making a difference in their communities.

More details of Lobby Day are on Page 6 in the article on Public Policy.

In this important election year, we will hear from speakers and a panel discussing how we can encourage women to run and get elected.

Women Legislators in Salem: Getting There and Staying There

- Making the Decision
- Running a Campaign
- Winning the Race
- Finding Your Place
- Bi-partisan Collaboration

Whether you are thinking of running for office or know of someone who would make an excellent candidate, join us!

Look for an agenda, registration form, and hotel information in the February issue of "Oregon News."

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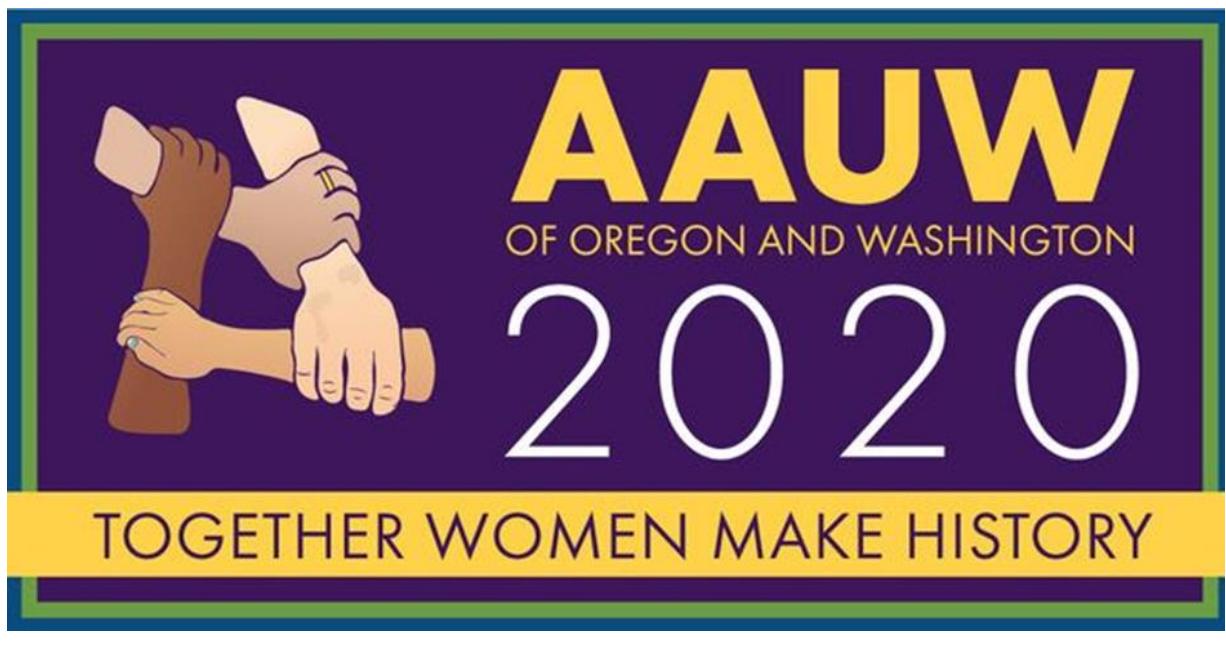
SAVE THE DATES

AAUW of Oregon and Washington Dual Convention

APRIL 17-19, 2020
HEATHMAN LODGE, VANCOUVER, WA

Celebrate women's suffrage with like-minded friends.
Dress in white for "Suffrage Night" at Saturday's dinner and enjoy a
festive evening of historical entertainment.

- Be part of a wonderful weekend at the beautiful and rustic Heathman Lodge.
- Network with old friends and make new ones from other branches.
- Learn from a diverse group of experts on AAUW's major themes of education and training; economic security; and leadership.
- Explore the Vancouver area with a number of guided tours on Friday afternoon.
- Watch for details of the convention in the Winter state newsletter, including hotel information, registration form and meeting agenda.



Interest Groups

New members are invited to join a group.

Books

Random Readings—Wed., Jan. 8, 7 p.m.

Host: Jean Messick

Book: *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See

Co-chairs: Mary Bauman

Dolores Mlynarczyk



Food

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

Home of Darlene Barlow

Cooks: Darlene Barlow and Lark Abrahamson

More info: Call Lark Abrahamson



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

Restaurant: Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr. NE

RSVP to Jean Messick

Chair: Judy Coyle

Other

Great Decisions - First Monday, Capital Manor

Discussion will be based on the Great Decisions 2020 briefing book.

For more information about this group call Marian Churchill.



January Birthdays

Roberta Robinson 1/4-

Evelyn Lorence 1/14

Joan Scherf 1/19

Maureen McGlynn 1/9

Meredith Sheehy 1/26

Sally Hollemon 1/28

Carol Neiger 1/29



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD...

SPEECH TREK 2020

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

Speech Trek is a public speaking competition for girls in grades 10 & 11

February 22, 2020

From: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

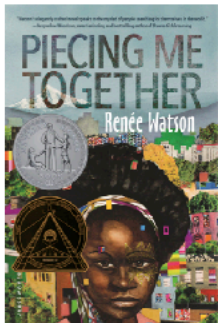
**Chemeketa
Community College
(Bldg. 20, Rm. 121)**

Register by:

Feb. 1, 2020

at

salem-or.aauw.net



A Salem Reads Event

Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Salem Branch

Speech Trek 2020

Speech Trek 2020 will be held on February 22nd at Chemeketa Community College. This is the Salem Branch's 3rd speech contest for 10th & 11th grade girls in the Salem-Keizer and surrounding school districts. Details about the contest, requirements, and registration forms can be found on our website at salem-or.aauw.net. The registration deadline is February 1, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

Speech Trek is part of Salem Reads 2020. The Salem community selected *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson for the fourth season of Salem Reads: One Book, One Community. This compelling and thoughtful story (based in Portland, Oregon) explores issues of friendships, race, privilege, and identity. Free copies of *Piecing Me Together* are available at the Salem Public Library or your local community library and at libraries in the Salem-Keizer school district.

Speech Trek 2020 Contest Theme: *Race, Equity and Opportunity*

Contestants are REQUIRED to READ *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson and then prepare a persuasive speech focusing on one of the following topics:

1. What can be done to change the climate of racism in our country?
2. What can be done to improve equity for all young women in our country?
3. What can be done to increase opportunity for all girls in our country?

Speech Trek is open to high school girls in 10th and 11th grade in the Cascade, Central, Dallas, Falls City, North Santiam, Salem-Keizer, and Silver Falls Oregon school districts.

AAUW of Oregon Public Policy

Joyce Zook and Laura Buhl, Salem Branch Public Policy Co-chairs

LOBBY DAY - Monday, February 24, 2020—Save the Date!!

Registration and other details will be in the February issue of *Oregon News*.

Senator Kathleen Taylor will be the kickoff speaker.

Shelly Boshart Davis, Pam Marsh, and Rachel Prusak will be members of a panel to discuss how to help more women to run for public office.

AAUW's issues for consideration in the 2020 Legislative Session:

- Campaign Finance Reform—Senator Jeff Golden is likely to introduce this bill.
- Firearms Storage—Representative Prusak intends to introduce this bill that impacts family and children safety.
- Oregon Citizens Redistricting Commission—The Initiative proposal is moving forward.
- Carbon Cap and Invest/Clean Energy Jobs/Climate Change Legislation—Currently being revised with a goal towards avoiding a Senate walkout.



Listen to the Forum on the Student Success Act



There was much information at the December 4th forum on the Student Success Act, by which the Oregon Legislature provided extra funding to school districts to improve educational outcomes. At the forum, five educators from local school districts each spoke about how the additional money could be used to most advantage in their district.

We urge you to listen to the forum at <http://kmuz.org/the-forum/>. Scroll down to the LATEST EPISODES headline and then to *The Forum – 12/13/2019 – Oregon's Student Success Act – What It Is And How It's Being Implemented*.



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: \$ _____

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

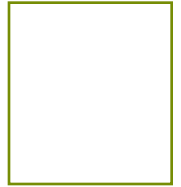
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