



## Salem Branch

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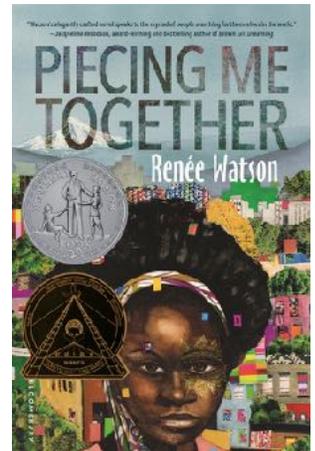
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February 2020

### February Branch Meeting—Speech Trek 2020

**Speech Trek 2020** will be held on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at Chemeketa Community College in **Building 20, Room 121**. This is the Salem Branch’s 3rd speech contest for 10th & 11th grade girls in the Salem-Keizer and surrounding school districts. AAUW members are urged to attend to hear the speeches.

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.



We urge AAUW members to read *Piecing Me Together* before coming to hear the student speakers. Free copies are available at the Salem Public Library. The book is also available at your local community library and at libraries in the Salem-Keizer school district. (The Salem main library will close on February 3 and reopen on February 18 at 1400 Broadway NW. The West Salem Library will be open on its usual schedule.)

### 2020 Contest Theme: Race, Equity and Opportunity

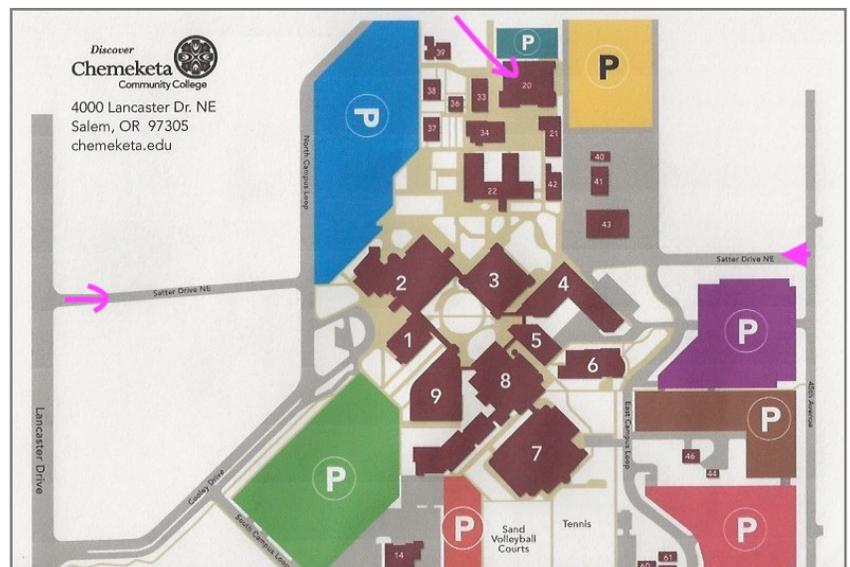
Contestants are required to read *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson and then prepare a persuasive speech focusing on one of the following topics:

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?

**Directions:** Enter the campus from Lancaster Drive on the west or from 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the east using Satter Dr. NE. (pink arrows)

Park in the yellow or dark green lot (top of map).

The pink arrow at the top of the map points to Building 20.



# A Message from Mary Ellen

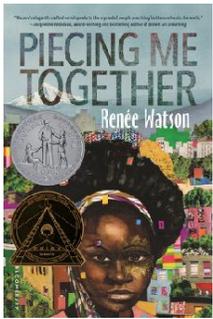
Mary Ellen Dello Stritto



Greetings,

We had a great turnout for our January Meet-up! It was great to talk with prospective members, new members and not-so-new members. We talked about our two projects that are coming together in the next couple of months — Speech Trek and the Women’s History project.

February is Black History month. Many of you may not be aware of Harriet "Hattie" Redmond who was a Black American suffragist in Portland, Oregon, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. I first became aware of Hattie Redmond when the Women’s Center at Oregon State University went through a renaming process and the chosen name was the “Hattie Redmond Women and Gender Center.” I encourage you to read more about Hattie Redmond in the Oregon Encyclopedia at <https://oregonencyclopedia.org/>.



I am very pleased that our Speech Trek event includes a book by Black author Renée Watson, who grew up in Portland. In an interview Watson described herself as a teaching artist, having spent twenty years teaching poetry and theater before becoming a novelist. In answer to the interviewer’s question “What inspired Jade’s story?” she said: “I wanted to tell a story that explored the intersections of race, class, and gender. Jade is a little bit of me, a little bit of the girls I met when I worked as a mentor, and a lot of my imagination. I also wanted to set her in Portland, Oregon, where I grew up. The backdrop of Portland was a big inspiration and influenced the story in many ways.”

I highly encourage everyone to read her book: *Piecing Me Together*, the Salem Reads book on which the speeches will be based.

We need as many members as possible to be the audience at Speech Trek! Bring friends and family to see the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade girls deliver their speeches on Race, Equity and Opportunity. I look forward to seeing everyone at this event!

**Save the Date:**

## Salem AAUW Oral History Project and Annual Business Meeting

**Saturday, March 14, 9:30-11:30 AM**

**Capitol Manor Auditorium, 1955 Salem Dallas Hwy. NW**

The public is invited to attend this special meeting honoring our lifetime members during Women’s History Month. Refreshments provided. We’ll also elect officers and vote on proposed changes to the Bylaws, which are on Page 7.

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## Spread the word: **NCCWSL Applications Due February 10**

AAUW of Oregon will award two \$1,200 scholarships to eligible student leaders to attend the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) This Year NCCWSL will be held May 27 - 30 at the University of Maryland. Applications are due on February 10 and can be downloaded at <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/>. So if you know a college woman who may be interested in learning leadership skills, please pass this information to her. This project is based on the knowledge that women who hold leadership positions in college are more likely to run for elective office at some time in the future.

## Invitation to AAUW of Albany Branch meeting

A panel discussion on “Women in Oregon Prisons: Past, Present, and Future” will be presented on Saturday, February 8, at the Main Branch of the Albany Library, 2450 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, from 1 to 2:30 PM.

The U.S. criminal justice system has been in the spotlight lately focusing on problems and weaknesses in the current system, including overcrowding, unsanitary conditions, health care, for-profit prisons, punishment vs. rehabilitation, gangs, and more. How do these issues manifest themselves in women’s prisons in Oregon?

The panelists will include Julia Yoshimoto, Project Director of the Women’s Justice Project in Portland; Rosa Howard-Mumford from the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility in Albany; and Jessica Kampfe from Shelly’s House in Salem, which offers Transitional Housing and Services for Recovering Women Ex-Offenders. Each panelist will share information about her project/facility both past and present and then will look to the future for women in Oregon prisons. A thirty minute Q & A session will follow the panelists’ presentations.

This event is free and open to the public. It is a chance for citizens to learn more about women whom most of us rarely think about. Light refreshments will be available. For further information call 541-981-2158.

## Invitation to League of Women Voters Events

**Wednesday, February 19, 6 - 7:30 p.m. — Stephen Goins will speak on “Childhood Trauma and its Impact on the Brain”** at Roth’s Event Center in West Salem.

Stephen Goins has an extensive background as mental health counselor and currently serves as Director of Transitional Programs for Northwest Human Services. His presentation will focus on four areas: the trauma experience (overwhelming loss, basic needs going unmet, constant danger, little if any sense of self, control, or belonging), the effects of trauma (social, emotional and cognitive impairment, often secondary to disrupted neurodevelopment), the traumatized brain (abnormal processing between stimulus and response).

**Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. — Century Celebration Luncheon** at Salem Convention Center. Guest Panel: Governor Kate Brown (invited), Secretary of State Bev Clarno, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Commissioner of Labor and Industries Val Hoyle, Oregon Chief Justice Martha Lee Walters, and as Moderator will be former Governor Barbara Roberts. The cost is \$50 for the plated lunch, and reservations may be made at <http://lwv.or.org/celebrate-100-years-of-the-league/>.

# AAUW Lobby Day on February 24

Join other like minded AAUW women in Salem during the 2020 Legislative Session to learn more about how we can encourage women to run for elected office and win.

## Women Legislators in Salem: Getting There and Staying There

Keynote speaker, Senator Kathleen Taylor, will talk about her own experience in running for office and staying in office.

Our panel of three representatives will engage in a discussion of what it takes to make the decision to run for office, how to run a campaign and win and finally how to make a difference once you have arrived in Salem.

Rep. Pam Marsh	District 5
Rep. Rachel Prusak	District 37
Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis	District 15



Senator  
Kathleen Taylor

You will also get to meet with your legislators and express your views on issues of interest that are priorities for AAUW of Oregon.

Go to this link to register now: <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/lobby-day-2020/>.

### In addition to the bills announced in the January newsletter:

Oregon Student Health Survey Bill: As an outcome of the Student Success Act (2019), there is a proposal to give educators and health partners the necessary information to support the well-being and academic achievement of Oregon youth. This anonymous survey is directed at 6th, 8th, and 11th graders, and includes their responses to issues like hunger, mental health, experiences of trauma and negative behaviors (bullying), and many other factors that may deeply impact the academic success of the student. The AAUW of Oregon is being asked to join the supporters of this bill.

### Another Public Policy discussion:

What are your thoughts about requiring women to be represented on publicly held corporations? AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Committee members are discussing the issue of requiring publicly held corporations to have at least one woman on their board of directors. California passed a bill requiring a certain number of female directors depending upon the size of the board. Some other states have required corporations to file public reports about the number of minority/female members on their boards. Let us know your thoughts.

Public Policy Co-Chairs: Joyce Zook and Laura Buhl

# Interest Groups—New members are invited!

## Books

**Random Readings—Wed., Feb. 12, 7 p.m.**

Home of Roberta Robinson

Book: *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purcell

Co-chairs: Mary Bauman

Dolores Mlynarczyk



## Food

**Creative Cooking – Wed., Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Restaurant: La Hacienda Real, 3490 Commercial SE

RSVP to Lark Abrahamson

More info: Call Lark Abrahamson



**Out to Lunch Bunch – Fri., Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m.**

Restaurant: Santiam Wine and Bistro, 1555 12th Street SE

RSVP to Claire Tierney

Chair: Judy Coyle

## **Needed: AAUW members to assist with tours of Mahonia Hall**



Tours of Mahonia Hall, the Governor's official residence, are scheduled occasionally for groups that can come on a Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. for an hour-long tour. AAUW members lead the tours, and we need a few more people on our list of tour leaders and hostesses.

A couple of tours are scheduled for early April. These would be good opportunities for new volunteers to begin getting acquainted with the tours. New volunteers act as hostess, which basically involves keeping the group together. After hosting a few times, some members decide they'd like to lead tours. We have a script, and tour leaders are encouraged to become

familiar enough with the script so that, script in hand, they can use their own words to convey the information.

People who visit Mahonia Hall enjoy the tour, as do the AAUW volunteers who lead and assist on the tours. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, too, please contact Donna Briney and add your name to her list of Mahonia helpers.

# Nineteenth Amendment Centenary

One hundred years ago, on January 14, 1920, Oregon became the 25<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the vote. To commemorate the occasion, the Oregon Women's History Consortium distributed 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centenary pins to Governor Kate Brown, every state legislator, heads of state agencies, and appellate judges and justices.



Many don't realize it, but Oregon actually led the way in women's suffrage. In 1912, male voters removed the requirement that voters be "male" from the Oregon Constitution. The Nineteenth Amendment was ultimately added to the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 1920—a date which we now observe as Women's Equality Day. You can learn more about the ratification process in Oregon on the OWHC website at <http://www.oregonwomenshistory.org>.

## Member Corner

### Welcome New Members!

Susannah L. Bodman and Lois Stark

### Happy Birthday!

**Jo Bateman**, pictured at right, celebrated her 99th birthday on January 31<sup>st</sup>! She is an AAUW Life Member, who was inadvertently left off the list of Life Members in the current AAUW directory, for which we apologize. Please add her to your copy of the directory on Page 9.



### February birthdays:



**Betsy McDowell**— February 2  
**Donna Briney**— February 11  
**Marcia Kelley**— February 19  
**Karen Sims**— February 27

## Don't be Scammed

Oregon's Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum released a "Do Not Click" flyer with five suggestions for how to avoid being scammed through an email. You can see the flyer at

[https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/DOJ-Do Not Click-Flyer.pdf](https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/DOJ-Do_Not_Click-Flyer.pdf)

## Proposed Bylaws Changes—To be voted on at the March meeting

The Salem AAUW board of directors and state governance committee have approved three proposed amendments to the branch bylaws. These proposed amendments reflect current practice and aim to keep our branch bylaws in agreement with prevailing changes at the state and national level. New language is in boldface, language removed is in strikethrough.

This article serves as the 30-day member notice prior to voting. Salem AAUW members will be asked to vote on the amendments at the March 14 branch meeting at Capitol Manor. The board did not propose a change to the branch quorum, currently 15%. A copy of the updated bylaws will be posted on the branch website. Branch policies are currently under review; changes to the policies only need approval by the board.

### ARTICLE XII. MEETINGS

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The branch shall hold an annual meeting to conduct the business of the branch, including but not limited to, electing officers, establishing dues, amending bylaws and receiving reports. ~~This meeting shall be held during the month of March or April.~~

**Sec 2. Membership Meetings.** The branch shall hold ~~at least six (6)~~ meetings during the fiscal year *as needed and desired*. The branch board shall determine the time and place for these meetings.

### ARTICLE XVIII. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS (*New*)

**Section 1. Prior Approval.** *All other proposed amendments to the branch bylaws shall be sent to the AAUW of Oregon Governance Committee Chair for approval before being voted on by branch members.*

#### **Section 2. Member Vote**

- *The provisions of these bylaws not governed by the AAUW Bylaws may be amended at an annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided notice of the proposed amendments has been sent to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting; or if previous notice has not been given, by unanimous vote at the meeting, provided a quorum is present.*
- *An amendment to these bylaws shall become effective and binding on all members.*



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***Membership in Salem Branch through June 2020***

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City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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AAUW members must hold at least an Associate’s Degree (or equivalent, e.g., RN).

<u>College/University attended</u>	<u>City &amp; State</u>	<u>Degree/Major</u>	<u>Year</u>
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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  
 To receive paper copies of the Salem Branch newsletter = \$15.00

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