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Guest Speaker
Teri Mariani

Brunch and General Meeting

Saturday

September 29, 2012

10:30 am- 12:30 pm

Mirabella Portland Retirement Community

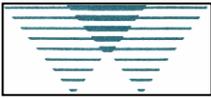
at South Waterfront

(Park View Room 1st floor)

3550 SW Bond Avenue

Portland

Optional tour of Mirabella to follow general meeting



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President's Message.....



Dear Members,

As the newly installed Co-Presidents of the Portland AAUW Branch, we are honored to join you in working towards breaking down educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance for equal opportunity. Together we will work with the national, state and local communities to advance the mission of AAUW.

This program year we are fortunate to be joined by the best and brightest of women on the Portland Board of Directors, a group composed of elected and appointed officers. Last term's Co-Presidents, Judy Holt and Maxine McComas, have agreed to stay on the board, share their knowledge and take on the new roles of Funds Chair and Inter-Branch Council representative respectively. Linda Stern, a seasoned AAUW member and a former past president, has taken on the multiple roles of Study VP and Welcoming Committee Chair as she helps the branch meet members' interests. Ilga Ross, our Treasurer and Webmaster, keeps us financially sound and handles our internet presence. Kathe Hart, Membership VP, works to increase our membership numbers with a targeted and personal approach. Our energetic Diane Winn has agreed to continue her highly successful work as Program Co-VP and is joined by new member, Joyce Kligman, who will provide some new direction to our programs and events. Sue Thomas, another active new member, serves as Recording Secretary. Barbara Gaines chairs the important Scholarship Committee and shares her vast executive experience on key issues. Finally Sherry Bjaastad assumes the position of Director-at-Large, and will elicit recommendations from members to bring to the Board for consideration.

We are also fortunate to have a large number of members who volunteer when asked to help. The requests can be varied but the responses are the same – what can I do for the branch? A thank you goes to Donna Pregill and her assistants who manage the phone tree for special events and programs. A special thank you goes to Gail Post who, as a former president, has remained active over the years in many areas including the planning of the Holiday Luncheon. A bravo goes to Leanna Lindquist for her execution of the monthly newsletter. Finally kudos for a job well done goes to Nancy Thomas and Jane Lancaster for their work in offering \$START \$SMART, a pay equity workshop to college women. (Read more about their work in this newsletter.) This year we will try to engage more members in our committees, programs and meetings as we broaden our commitment to the AAUW mission. Be on the lookout for special requests and know that your involvement can make a difference to women and girls.

This year, in particular, is an important time for AAUW in meeting its mission. Since the American Association of University Women's founding over 130 years ago, women have made great strides toward achieving equity of opportunity however existing women's rights, whether reproductive, economic, educational or

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social, are being threatened. The AAUW federal policy agenda provides a basis for members' education and action. In addition to enjoying our social AAUW involvement, what can we in the Portland Branch do to support the AAUW mission? First we can read more about the AAUW public policy principles for action, by going to www.aauw.org and downloading the *AAUW Public Policy* brochure. These principles provide a good starting point for discussion with family and friends. Next we can join the *AAUW Action Network* (at www.aauw.org/actionnetwork) which links us to the *Washington Update*, the weekly public policy email bulletin for members, and to the *AAUW Two-Minute Activist*, where we can read a brief summary of a current issue and then click to send an opinion letter to our members of Congress. Finally we can support *AAUW's Women-to-Women Turnout* campaign to increase women's participation in the voting process. To read more about this initiative go to the www.aauw.org.

This is an important year for all of us in AAUW and we look forward to meeting you at our kick-off meeting at the Mirabella on Saturday, September 29th at 10:30 am. In addition to listening to our special speaker, we want to hear from you on how all of us can join together to meet the AAUW mission.

Co-presidents

Peggy Hickman and Barbara Spencer

GOINGS ON

This "section" of the newsletter is dedicated to sharing the goings on of our branch members—special birthdays, travels, recognitions, etc. Send your information to Linda Stern (lindamstern@comcast.net) and don't be shy. We all could use a pat on the back or a "wow! You did that?" once in awhile.

Albeit belated, many thanks to **Sue Thomas, Eleanor Krause, Doris Green, Sue Castner, Gloria Jacobs, Jean Messick, Lora Creswick, Barbara Gaines, Jan Dilg, Barbara Spencer, Sue Trotter, Nancy Cheverton, Ilga Ross and Diane Winn** for providing brunch items for our annual meeting last March. We certainly have a wealth of good cooks in our midst!

It's been a spring/summer of travel for several branch members. In April, **Sue Trotter** and her husband were in Florida with family, and **Peggy Hickman** and her husband were in Ireland. In May, **Maxine McComas** and her husband spent time in Greece and Turkey, and **Julie Donaldson** and her husband cruised Greece, Turkey, Croatia, Montenegro and Italy. **Ruth Robinson** was in Houston in June for an investment seminar; and **Kathe Hart** basked in the Hawaiian sun in August;

Linda Stern, proud grandmother, attended her oldest granddaughter's college graduation in upstate New York in May. Another granddaughter graduated from high school in June and will be attending Union College in Schenectady, NY in the fall.

Wedding anniversaries abounded this summer, and some very impressive ones at that. Celebrating 53 years of wedded bliss in June and August were **Peggy Hickman** and **Ruth Robinson** respectively. And **Ilga Ross** celebrated 45 years of marriage in June. Way to go!!!

Proud parents, **Julie Skinner** and her husband attended son Colin's graduation from Southern Oregon University in June. After graduation, Julie went to Montana with her daughter and then joined her sister-in-law on a trip to Colorado for a two-week woodblock printmaking workshop.

Barbara Gaines did not attend the Branch meeting at Judy Holt's home because Michael and she had arranged some odd accommodations at the coast. Before they went to their overnight lodgings, they played golf at Manzanita. According to Michael, Barbara had the best "tee off" shot of the season. In a very short time, Barbara fell down hill into rocks. Medical attention was needed to put 6 stitches in her leg and she wears a sling because her collarbone is broken.



Study and Interest Groups, September 2012

*Except for the few groups that are at capacity, all interest groups are open to all members.
Call the contact person for more information and to r.s.v.p.
And to start a new group, just call Linda Stern, 503 232-5637*



Art Enjoyment

Second Wednesdays, 12:15; lunch to follow

Date: September 9

Meet at the Art Museum Gift Shop for a tour of part of the Native American collection

Contact: Julie Skinner, 503 762-1094

Breakfast in Bridgetown

Second Thursdays, 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated

Date: September 13

Zeus Café, 303 SW 12th

(triangle McMenamins building; enter on Stark St.)

Contact: Julie Donaldson, 503 222-2071

Classics: Past, Present and Future

Second Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Date: September 13

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Hostess/Leader: Anita Birkland, 4135 SW 53rd Ave.

Contact: Kathy Phillips, 503 313-0464

Curtain Call

Usually second Thursdays, featuring the performing arts

Date: TBA

Contact: Linda Stern, 503 232-5637

First Tuesday Reader's Theatre

Coffee 10 am; Performance 10:30 am

Date: no September performance

Old Church—1422 SW 11th (& Clay); \$8

Contact: Julie Donaldson, 503 222-2071

Gourmet Lite Food for Thought

Date and location: TBA (at capacity)

Contact: Julie Donaldson, 503 222-2071

AAUW Happy Hour

A time to relax, chat, and nibble

Date: Tuesday, October 2 (to avoid

conflict with the Jewish holidays)

Nel Centro, 1408 SW 6th Ave.

Contact: Barbara Alberty, 503 222-2423

Literary Comments & Criticism by Day

Fourth Thursdays, 11:30 am (at capacity)

Date: September 27

Paris to the Moon by Adam Gopnick

Hostess: Susan Marthens

Literary Comments & Criticism by Night

Third Tuesdays, 6:30 pm (at capacity)

Date: September 11

The Girl Who Fell from the Sky by Heidi Durrow

Hostess: Martha Powell

Discussion Leader: Sue Trotter



Literary Comments & Criticism III

Second Tuesdays, 9:30 am (at capacity)

Date: September 11

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

Hostess: Barbara Gaines

Non-fiction Book Group ****currently being formed****

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503 372-6338

Sleuth Sisters (mystery book club)

Fourth Wednesdays, 1 pm lunch & discussion

Date: September 19 at Ernesto's, 8544 SW Apple Way

Cypress Grove by James Sallis

Contact: Jane Lancaster, 503 284-1670

Wimpy Walkers

First Friday or Saturday, 3-4 miles with breakfast/lunch

Date: no September walk

Contact: Sue Trotter, 503 659-5678

MEET OUR NEW NEWEST MEMBERS



Anna Helm

I have recently attended a couple AAUW events with Linda Stern and really enjoyed spending time in the company of the other attendees. I currently live in Vancouver, but expect to return to Portland within the next few years. I lived in Portland for 30 plus years while working in public health. Upon retirement I relocated to Vancouver, but soon came to realize Vancouver will never be my "home".

Years ago I did for a short time belong to AAUW, but for a variety of reasons (mostly time constraints) did not maintain my membership. Now I actually have time to participate. I look forward to participating in a new book club; I understand there is a new nonfiction club planned. I am certain there are other activities that will draw my interest as I become more involved, and acquainted with members.

Cynthia Hight

My step-mother, Martha Hight, has been a member of AAUW for many years, both in Downey and Santa Maria CA. She has, over the years, told me of the many things the organization does, philanthropically, educationally and for self-enrichment. A few months ago she invited me to join. Being fairly new to Portland (3 years here), it also seemed a great way to meet interesting, engaged people. My husband David and I were both graphic designers for the City of San Diego and moved here after retiring. I am currently taking piano lessons. In addition, I also enjoy trying my hand at gardening, cooking and photography. I do freelance graphic design work from time to time and David and I have joint art projects in the works.

Olga Howard

I was an AAUW member from 1963 till 2006 - in Santa Maria, California, then in Durango, Colorado from 2006 till 2012. I have joined the local branch since I moved to Portland, OR in April 2012. I am in total agreement with AAUW's mission; equity for women and girls, and promoting education for everyone, and especially in science for girls. I am a retired physician, I always worked half-time professionally while raising three children and participating in AAUW and other community affairs.

My husband and I now live in Mirabella, a CCRC, and my physical activities are somewhat limited due to a mild stroke six years ago.

Jan Johnson

Although I had joined AAUW in Portland about seven years ago, I didn't get very involved. At this time I feel like I need to know more women. I had been a member and officer in the Southwest Dallas, Texas AAUW. I had the opportunity to be a homemaker most of my 52 years of marriage and enjoyed those years. My husband died seven years ago, and I moved to Portland to be near my daughter and her family. I would like to get involved in a book group, tours to museums or other places in the area.

Title IX (Continued from page 1)

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Title IX, we are honored to have Teri Mariani, a coach and athletic administrator at PSU for 29 years, as our guest speaker. Teri will share her experiences and struggles as a student athlete and advocate for female athletes before and after the passage of Title IX.

Please join us as we kick off an exciting new year in the lovely garden room of the Mirabella!! Enjoy delicious food, catch up with old and new members, learn about one woman's experiences with Title IX and hear about the exciting things the Portland branch has planned for the upcoming year. Guests and prospective new members are welcomed.

Parking is free on Saturdays in the OHSU Whitaker Parking Lot across the street from the Mirabella. The lot is located on Bond Ave between SW Curry St. and SW Whitaker St. Two entrances to the lot are on Whitaker.

We also encourage you to take the Portland Street Car that runs about every 15 minutes on weekends. The stop at SW Lowell & Bond at the South Waterfront District is 1 block from the Mirabella.

RSVP to Diane Winn (dgwinn@uci.edu, 503-954-3976) by Friday, September 21 with the number that will be attending. Please indicate if you want to join the optional tour of the Mirabella.

2012-2013 AAUW Program Schedule

September 29 - Monthly meeting and brunch at Mirabella (See page one and top of this page for more information)

October Program - TBD

- 1 - Volunteer Event: Set up for Multnomah County Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St. (near Lloyd Center)
Contact Diane Winn at 503-954-3976 or dgwinn@uci.edu if you are interested in volunteering

November - TBD - Central Library Tour Rare Books Collection

14-16 - Vision 2020 - 3rd Annual Congress, Hilton Hotel, Portland

December - Holiday Luncheon - MAC Club

January - TBD - Geezer Gallery Tour & lunch
Volunteer Event: Oregon Food Bank

February - TBD - Wine fundraiser
Twig meetings - Miss Representation viewing and discussion

March - TBD - Women's History Month - History of Portland Women's Club
Annual meeting - TBD

April 9th - Equal Pay Day Unhappy Hour

April/May Saturday TBD - Volunteer Event: gardening at Walk of the Heroines

May - TBD - Honors Luncheon and installation of officers - Jake's Grill - TBD





In 2007 the Wage Project, headed by Annie Houle, presented the \$tart \$mart program on nine college campuses around the country. This program is aimed at helping college women gain the knowledge and skills necessary to negotiate a fair and realistic salary and benefit package when approaching the job market. In 2009 the Wage Project entered into a collaborative agreement with AAUW to train interested AAUW members as facilitators. Once trained, they could conduct \$tart \$mart workshops on campuses from coast to coast. To date over 300 campuses have offered the program.

The \$tart \$mart program was presented to the AAUW of Oregon Leadership Team meeting in April of 2011. It was decided to bring the training program to the state and to provide airfare for a trainer to come and provide facilitator training. In late October a facilitator training was held at Oregon State University. Two members of the Portland Branch, Nancy Thomas and Jane Lancaster attended the training. Since then they have conducted four \$tart \$mart programs.

The first two workshops were held at the Rogue Valley CC, one on the Grants Pass campus and one on the Medford campus. Although, the attendance was small, the students were very appreciative. All the participants felt that the information was very helpful and would make negotiating for a salary much easier. They were particularly interested in the website and tools that are available to help them figure out what a fair and equitable salary is for the positions they are hoping to secure.

Two \$tart \$mart programs have been conducted at PSU. The first one was held at the Women’s Resource Center in May with fifteen women participating. The second one was scheduled as part of the New Leadership Oregon program in June with twenty five students. Both of these were very well received with students commenting that they now realized how important it is to be prepared to negotiate for the best salary.

Presenting at the New Leadership Oregon was a very exciting endeavor for the two trainers, Jane and Nancy. The program, sponsored by the Center for Women, Politics and Policy at PSU is dedicated to inspiring, educating, and supporting the next generation of women political leaders, and includes students from around the state. Sharing this material with all these amazing young women was a true learning experience for all of us. At the end of the program each group is ask to share their “aha” moment. An older returning student said, “I never knew that I could say no to a salary offer.” Nancy and Jane are looking forward to sharing \$tart\$mart with other young women at PSU and at additional educational institutions in the area. For more information on the program, see www.wageproject.org

Annual Picnic ~ Home of Judy Holt



YOU ARE INVITED: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Last year our branch co-sponsored the September event, with the League of Women Voters of Portland, opening the program year for both organizations. We also worked together on voter service events. VP for Membership Anny Mulroney of the LWV Portland has invited us to their September meeting. September is National Constitution Day and they are honoring the month with speakers on the Federal and State Constitutions on September 11, 2012.

The Constitution and the Citizen The Essential Relationship

Constitutional Law Professor and past Dean of the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College Steve Kanter and Oregon Supreme Court Associate Justice Martha Walters will address League of Women Voters members and the public.

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