

## CALENDAR

**Monthly Meetings**  
11:30-1:00 at Elks Club

- Jan. 10
- Feb. 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9

**Jan. 27: STEM Event**  
at TBCC  
2-4:00

**Feb. 27: Spelling Bee**  
3:30

**April 28 : Chocolate Wine and Silent Auction Fundraiser**  
2-5:00

**April 19-21 State Conference in Salem**

**May 9: Installation of New Officers.**

**June 23-28 Tech Trek Camp at TBCC**

**July 12-14 Leadership Conf. at WOU**

## AAUW Tillamook President's Message

**Happy New Year!** I hope you all had the holiday time that makes you happy and satisfied. It's time to reflect on our accomplishments for 2018 and think about what we can do in 2019 to continue success in advancing AAUW's overall mission to advance equity for women and girls.



Tillamook AAUW has added 16 new members this year. What a joy to meet so many successful, fun women and welcome a male member as well. Two of the new members have jumped in with both feet. Kelly Benson is our new Treasurer and Chris Harrington is Co-Chair of the 2019 Wine and Chocolate. I will talk with the rest of you and see how you would like to get involved in 2019.

Since our last Tidelines in September we have had a number of events:

- New Membership Tea at the Oregon Forestry Center. Thanks to Susan Pierce, Betty Diamond, Birgitt Jayred, Phyllis Ham and Nancy Contolini, it was a outstanding event. That day alone, we added 5 new members.
- Housewarming party at Jan Boal's new home in August.
- Two political forums, introducing candidates for the general election for county and statewide positions.
- New member orientation and get-together at Phyllis Ham's home, welcoming 10 of our new members and introducing them to AAUW Tillamook.
- Rummage and Book sale which brought in over \$1000 for our general account;
- Holiday Party at Michele Bradley's, with 35 people attending. Fun, fun, fun!

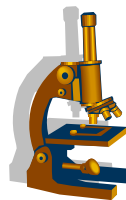
This last year AAUW National worked to get 40 states and Washington DC to introduce pay equity legislation. That is huge! It is estimated that at the rate we have been closing the pay gap, it will take 202 years to close it. But, AAUW is coming to the rescue launching Work Smart, a program to train one million women to negotiate for better salaries and close the gap by 2030! Also, thanks in part to AAUW there will be a record number of women in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. I'll end with what I started with, Happy New Year! Andrea

### 2018-2019 LEADERSHIP TEAM

<b>President</b>	Andrea Goss
<b>Secretary</b>	Nancy Kershaw
<b>Finance VP/Treasurer</b>	Kelly Benson
<b>Membership</b>	Betty Diamond
<b>Dues Treasurer</b>	Flo Simmons
<b>Communications VP</b>	Kathy Gervasi
<b>Program VP</b>	Susan Pierce
<b>Public Policy Chair</b>	Lisa Phipps
<b>Governance</b>	Dion Bacon
<b>Funds Chair</b>	Jean Mong

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<b>Tidelines/Web Page</b>	Kathy Gervasi
<b>Chocolate/Wine Event</b>	Jan Boal Christine Harrington
<b>Rummage Sale</b>	Nora Cox Coutant
<b>Tech Trek</b>	Emily Henry, Kathy Gervasi
<b>Spelling Bee</b>	Valerie Brace
<b>Scholarship</b>	Cathy Manis



**STEM EVENT**  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 27th**  
**At TBCC**  
**2:00-4:00**

High School Seniors from Nestucca, Tillamook and Neahkanie School Districts are selected by their STEM teachers to be honored by our Branch. Come and here about these young women who excel in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Sign up at our January Meeting to either bring snacks or help with decorations, setup or cleanup.

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Book Worms Book Club				Who Dun It? Mystery Book Club			
Date	Book	Leader	Host	Date	Book	Leader	Host
21-Jan	<i>Middlesex</i>	Nora Coutant	Jean Mong	Jan. 28	<i>The Deepest Water</i>	Carol Iwaniw	Betty Diamond
18-Feb	<i>In the Shadow of the Banyan Tree</i>	Mary Schonbrod	Mary Schonbrod	Feb. 25	<i>Rage Against the Dying</i>	Andrea Goss	Andrea Goss
18-Mar	<i>Red Notice</i>	Birgitt Jayred	Carolyn Ollikainen	Mar. 25	<i>Postmortem</i>	Carolyn Ollikainen	Carolyn Ollikainen
15-Apr	<i>Safari For The Soul</i>	Kathleen Marvin	Marj Stanard	Apr. 22	<i>A Cold Day For Murder</i>	Birgitt Jayred	Birgitt Jayred
20-May	<i>This Fight Is Our Fight</i>	Carol Iwaniw	Carol Iwaniw	May 21	<i>First to Die</i>	Kathleen Marvin	Kathleen Marvin
17-Jun	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon</i>	Phyllis Ham	Phyllis Ham	June 24	<i>Naked in Death</i>	Phyllis Ham	Phyllis Ham
15-Jul	<b>Book Selection</b>	Nancy Contolini	Birgitt Jayred				
19-Aug	<i>This Is How it Always Is</i>	Dione Bacon	Dione Bacon				

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

(If we missed any members bios, we'll get you in the next issue)



**Nan Devlin...**I am a 5th-generation Oregonian, born and raised in Portland and now living in Manzanita. I am the Executive Director of "Visit Tillamook Coast" the Tillamook County tourism organization and have done past work in hospitality, healthcare and high tech industries. My bachelor's degree is from Portland State University in Geography, with minors in history and writing, and a master's degree in tourism administration from The George Washington University in Wash. DC.

**Debby Hendrickson...**I was born in Nyack, New York, and raised in the San Gabriel Valley, CA. I met my husband, Terry, at a training for jobs with Pacific Telephone and married in 1979. We took a vacation to Tillamook in 1980 to visit family, and fell in love with Tillamook County. So we quit our jobs and moved to Tillamook that summer. I worked at the County Clerk's Office, and then at Circuit Court for 6 years. In 1986, I started working for John Tuthill, attorney, to present. Our son, Kellen, his wife and two children live in Monmouth where he works at WOU. Our daughter, Andrea, lives in Singapore where she works for Singapore American School. My interests are music, dance, books, traveling, walking with my husband, laughing with my friends and family, and working out at the Y. I sing in a church choir and am the director of Pacific Chimes.



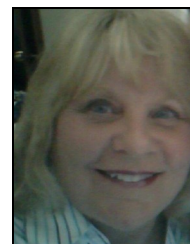
**Amy Johnson...**I am a wife, mommy, a former science teacher, a vintage furniture addict, and a project DIY girl. In 2002, I graduated from the University of Las Vegas, Nevada with a degree in Elementary Education and also married my high school sweetheart, Dustin. For the past 14 years, I have enjoyed being a stay at home mom to our five amazing children. Our daughter, Layne, attended the AAUW Tech Trek Camp last year. I am currently a member of the Pacific Chimes music group, and serve on the Tillamook Farmer's Market committee. I find joy in volunteering, practicing photography, geology, gardening, and restoring furniture.

**Patrice Rouska**...I grew up in Silverton, Oregon. After high school, I married my high school sweetheart and we were blessed with two children, and many exchange students. As a young child, and the eldest of ten, I would pretend to be my siblings' teacher. This passion for instruction would continue throughout my life and so I was first person on my mother's side to go to college. I attended college by night over the course of many years while raising a family. I started my career path in the early childhood field and eventually earned two master's degrees. A short while after I started my second master's, my husband's cancer returned. I worked, took care of my husband and finished my master's degree in Special Education. Two weeks after my husband died, I accepted a job to teach at the Jr. High here in Tillamook. It's important to me that young girls and women know that they can go to college despite their economic challenges, their ages and or other challenges that they may face in life's journeys.



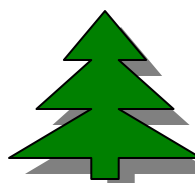
**Kristina Vatne**...I have lived all but the first 7 years of my life in Oregon, and got my B.A. in Psychology from the University of Oregon in 1993. I've simultaneously worked "paid jobs" in Accounting/ HR/ Software Support/ Project Coordination and "volunteer jobs" with the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) and the Cat Adoption Team (CAT). In 2016, I'd owned my home in NE Portland, was surrounded by friends, and was excited about my Project Coordinator job at an environmental consulting company. Then my best friend Kim's mom died after a long illness, and I told her I'd look out for her father in Tillamook. A visit led to a whirlwind romance, and so I decided to send applications here as well as Portland. In July, 2017, I became the Victims Assistance Program Coordinator with the Tillamook County DA's office. It's taken me a little while to settle in, but I find myself married to a man I've admired my entire adult life; I'm doing work that feeds my soul as well as my checking account; we're building my dream pottery studio; and the quiet of my new hometown feels like a haven. Life is Good.

**Pat Mumford**....I am a recently retired educator of 45 years. I graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1973 in Elementary Education and got my MS Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 1995. I taught K-8, Freshman Composition, and served as an instructional coach for City Year. Alongside this work, I conducted workshops for teachers as an associate for the National Writing Project. My bliss comes from visiting with my three sons and granddaughter, traveling, and spending time with my husband Matt. I look forward to our service through AAUW and making new friends.



**Susan Tone**.... I was born in Orange County, CA, and graduated from high school in Mendocino County, CA. My BA is from Barnard College in New York City, and I'm a proud Alumnae of this exceptional all-women's college. After 20 years of international traveling I settled in Nehalem. I work as a Real Estate Broker with the RE/MAX office in Manzanita. I married Native Oregonian; have no children, but dote on my very spoiled dog. I support our local Land Trusts, CART'M, Manzanita Library Branch, Hoffman Arts Center, and Food Roots/White Clover Grange. My hobbies are reading, hiking, and bird watching.

## *Holiday Gathering*



**Thank you  
Michele  
Bradley for  
hosting!**





## Tech Trek Update by Kathy Gervasi (State STEM Chair)

Planning for our 6th year of Tech Trek Camp is well on its way. Teachers will be contacted in January to nominate five STEM students from their Middle School. The camp will begin June 23rd and run through Friday the 28th at TBCC for 35 girls. The Schools involved are from Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton, Neahkanie, Nestucca, Tillamook, Newport and St. Helens.



**AAUW of Oregon**

**Write check to: AAUW Special Projects Fund  
501 (c) (3) Organization  
Contributions to Tillamook Tech Trek  
are Tax-Deductible**

**Send check to: SF Gilstrap CPA Inc.  
Attn: Tillamook Tech Trek (write on your check memo)**

This is the first year that National AAUW will NOT be supporting camps financially. We have some carry-over from past years and Emily Henry (Camp Director) continues to submit several grants. Emily, Maydra Valencia and I were asked to speak at the Seaside meeting in November because of their interest in donating money. Other members from Astoria are encouraging their members to donate, which is a tax deduction. We were the first AAUW Tech Trek Camp in Oregon and now there's one in Bend. We're still the only one in the nation held at a community college. Instructions are listed to the left if you wish to also contribute and we need your help! Tell your friends and support girls in STEM.



## AAUW Tillamook Hosts Candidates Forum at TBCC By Lisa Phipps

AAUW hosted two candidate forums this past October. AAUW partnered with the White Clover Grange on October 3rd with a small but enthusiastic crowd asking questions on forest health, the environment, and health care among others. Our October 8th forum, co-hosted with the Tillamook Headlight Herald and held at the Tillamook Bay Community College, had over 100 people in attendance and was live streamed

via the Herald's facebook page. Candidates included Mary Faith Bell and Adam Schwend for County Commissioner; Brian Halvorsen, Vineeta Lower, Tiffany Mitchell, and Randell Carson for State Representative, District 32 (top picture); Representative David Gomberg and Thomas Donahue for State Representative, District 10; Mark Callahan and Marvin Sannes for US Representative, Congressional District 5; and Patrick Starnes (with a proxy) for Governor.

Questions regarding budgets, roads, housing, economic development, tourism, health care, the environment, natural disasters, and goals highlighted the values and goals of each of the candidates. As always, there was a delicious spread of food to keep the candidates and attendees well-nourished over the two hour forum. Thank you, members, for donating!



**Moderator Lisa Phipps listens to Mary Faith Bell and Adam Schwend**

## The Growing of the Endowment

by Marilyn Reynolds, AAUW/TBCC Endowment Liaison

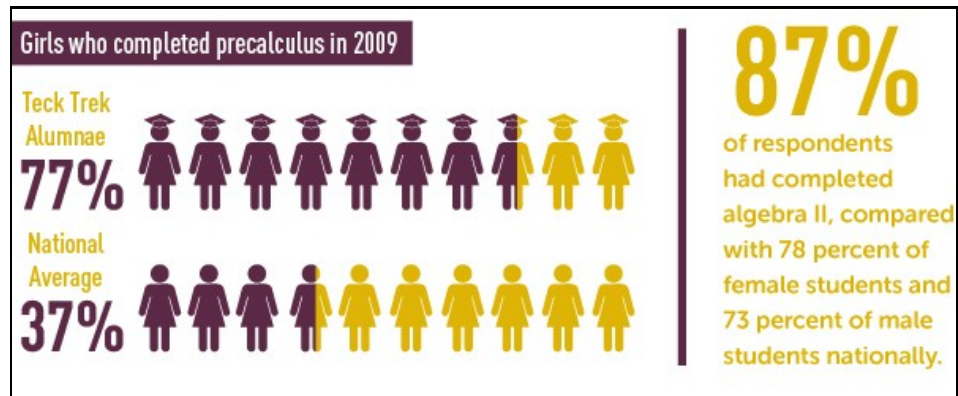
What a successful and creative adventure between AAUW and TBCC evolved when TBCC took on constructing a new campus! The twenty eight trees planted in the landscape were to be dedicated for \$1,000 each to increase the AAUW endowment. Following is an excerpt from an article I wrote in the May 2016 newsletter.



*We have had four very special members of our branch pass away: Alice Voges, Bernadine Seabrandt, Katie Foust and Carol Thwaites. AAUW was very important to each of them, and they to us, who were fortunate enough to know them. Some of us have wished for the branch to dedicate a tree at TBCC in recognition of Tillamook AAUW and also talked about honoring the 50 year honorary members with a tree. A tree has been dedicated to Alice Voges, mostly through the bridge groups in which she was involved. The THS Class of 1964 also participated in that dedication as she was their advisor. The tree, recognizing our deceased friends/members as mentioned, has become known as the "AAUW Memorial Tree" and stands with contributions of \$770 to date. It would be awesome to complete this dedication. In addition we have three more trees available for dedication.*

This has been a delightful project and a special opportunity to work with the TBCC Endowment Foundation and the TBCC staff to achieve a supporting scholarship. Our goal has been \$50,000. We have been at that level for a short time but it all depends on the market. This produces a scholarship over \$2,000. Future plans, after these remaining trees are dedicated, have changed. Cost of planting and lack of space indicate we will not be planting more trees. It would be awesome to find a new plan to continue to grow our endowment. We can be very proud of our AAUW/TBCC Endowment. If you wish to contribute or learn more in any way, contact me at 503-801-5961 or [renoldsd40@embarqmail.com](mailto:renoldsd40@embarqmail.com)

AAUW Tech Trek alumnae surpass the national average in most advanced math and science courses.



73%



of respondents said Tech Trek introduced them to STEM college majors of which they were previously unaware.

87%



of respondents said Tech Trek introduced them to new STEM careers.

Girls learn about STEM careers that align with their passions and help them solve big problems.