

CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings 11:30-1:00 at Elks Club
No meetings in June, July, Aug,

May 30:
Installation of New Officers
Dinner 5:30 at The Bite in Rock-away Beach

Greet & Meet Scholarship Winners 2:00
June 8 at OSU Extension Bldg.

June Planning Meeting TBA

June 23-28
Tech Trek Camp at TBCC

July 12-14
Leadership State Conference at WOU in Monmouth

Fall Membership Recruitment Event TBA

AAUW Tillamook President's Message

Greetings Members! This is the last article I will submit to the Tidelines as President of this branch. It has been such an honor to serve as President the last two years. We have some wonderful women in our local branch. I don't want to name them, because I would undoubtedly leave someone out. So many of you have helped ease the load of running programs for the organization.

I will name two women who deserve a special shout out: Jan Boal and Christine Harrington did an amazing job managing Wine and Chocolate 2019! We netted over \$16,000, an all-time high! Christine and Jan both have fulltime jobs, are relatively new to our branch, and yet they worked together to pull off the best Wine and Chocolate event yet! It was fun having the event at Nelia's Pacific Restaurant. It was intimate and had a nice vibe. We had guests that we haven't seen in past years. It was great to have Melissa Radcliffe as our Mistress of Ceremonies and Sierra Lauder as our Auctioneer. Two new potential Tillamook AAUW members, I hope.

Speaking of new members, we added more members to our branch in the last year than any other branch except for one and received a 2nd place award at State Conference. Some have jumped right in and have become active, some work or have families and haven't been able to be as active. Please welcome all of them when you see them.

Michele Bradley and Kris Lachenmeier planned a successful STEM event honoring high school senior girls. In February, Valerie Brace, mentored by Flo Simmons and with the help of many of our members, hosted the County Spelling Bee. Mark your calendar for the week of June 23-28. For the 6th year, the team of Kathy Gervasi, Emily Henry, Maydra Valencia, Meagan Deane McKenna and Paula Wende will hold the annual Tech Trek camp for 30 girls. We will be asked to help serve meals, supervise field trips and provide cookies or brownies to help keep up their energy. Professional Women's Dinner will be that Wednesday evening (the 26th) at the 4-H dorm and members are welcome to stop by.

Other events to keep in mind include a 2019-20 Planning meeting in June and our Member Recruitment Event in the Fall. Thank you so much to all of you for supporting me as President the last two years. I have been inspired by your commitment, energy and support!

2019-2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

President	Susan Pierce
Secretary	Nancy Kershaw
Finance VP/Treasurer	Kelly Benson
Membership	Betty Diamond
Dues Treasurer	Flo Simmons
Communications VP	Kathy Gervasi
Program VP	Andrea Goss
Public Policy Chair	Lisa Phipps
Governance	Dion Bacon
Funds Chair	Jean Mong
TBCC Foundation Liaison	Marilyn Reynolds
TBCC Rep	Amy Anna-Murray
	Heidi Luquette

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Tidelines/Web Page	Kathy Gervasi
Chocolate/Wine Event	Andrea Goss
Tech Trek	Emily Henry, Kathy Gervasi
Spelling Bee	Valerie Brace
STEM Recognition	Kris Lachenmeier
Scholarship Chair	Michelle Bradley
State STEM Chair	Cathy Manis
Book Clubs	Kathy Gervasi
	Betty Diamond
	Marilyn Rigerink
Memorial Trees	Marilyn Reynolds

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Brenda Johnson... I am a semi retired Professional Wildlife Artist who is passionate about nature and enjoy all things outdoors including, kayaking, fishing, exploring and walking camera in hand. Though my degree was in Interior Design and Commercial Space Planning, I prefer portraying animals in paintings or soft sculpture.

Susan Wahlke... Born in the State of Washington, I moved to Oregon in 5th grade, graduated from Oregon City High School, and headed to Southern Oregon in Ashland. I transferred to the University of Oregon, and graduated with a BA in Elementary Education. My husband and I spent three wonderful years exploring Europe while he was stationed in the Army in Germany. I worked in the Department of Defense schools as a substitute teacher and at a preschool. Upon returning to the Eugene area, I worked in education, moved to Portland and was a legal secretary for 30 years. 27 years ago, I moved to Lincoln County and raised two daughters. In 2010, I married my current husband and gained three more daughters. I served on the Lincoln City's City Council for four years, ran for Mayor in November 2018, but lost the race by 16 votes! I will continue to stay involved in local politics and plan to run for Mayor again in four years. My husband is a drummer, and we love listening to music. I retired from my job in January and enjoy doing more reading for pleasure, cooking, and gardening. We plan to do a lot of traveling in the next few years. (Susan is our Northwest AAUW Regional Director)



Meagan Deane McKenna... I joined the community this year as the OSU Open Campus Coordinator and the TBCC Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Forestry Program Coordinator. I look to build partnerships across the community to support programs such as Tech Trek, Juntos, and Recipe to Market. Additionally, I advise students in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Forestry at TBCC and help students figure out how to enter employment or transition to a four-year institution. I am always looking for internships for students, so if you have any ideas, connections, or opportunities in the fields of Agriculture, Natural Resources, or Forestry, please let me know. I am a native of Oregon and worked for the Forest Service at the Hebo Ranger Station over the past summer. I hold a Master's Degree in Environmental Science and Policy and enjoy working with landowners and researchers to better understand how to apply the latest research while practicing land management. Prior to grad school, I taught math at an inner-city public high school in the Mission district of San Francisco for 5 years. My husband, Dan, and I are expecting our first child this April and I'm excited to raise our family in Tillamook and get to know the community through work and family.

David McCall... I'm a native of South Dakota, but left right after high school for our Nation's Capitol, where I earned a B.Sc. in Language (German) and Linguistics from Georgetown University. I spent my junior year abroad in Vienna, Austria, and during my senior year The Wall came down. Following graduation I joined a Peace Corps-backed organization that sent me to Budapest for three years where I met my wife. I worked in various areas of waste management, always based out of Budapest, but in several countries, including Yugoslavia, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Romania, Austria, France, the Netherlands, and Germany. As a result of my 23 years in Central East Europe, I speak English, German and Hungarian fluently, and know enough Russian and Ukrainian to buy up to four beers. One of my proudest achievements was to introduce curbside recycling to the city of Budapest, a program that was taken over and expanded by the government and is still functioning today, based on the same principles as in 2006.

In 2012, I moved to Tillamook County as the county's Solid Waste Program Manager. I oversee five franchised haulers and three transfer stations and have worked to promote recycling. During this time I also obtained my M.Sc. in Environmental Policy and Management from American Public University. My wife and I have one daughter, who graduated from the U of Oregon in 2018 with a B.A. in Dance, and is now dancing in Budapest. In my private space, I am quite politically active having chaired the TillCoDems for the past four years, and chair the Democratic Party of Oregon's Environmental Caucus, as well as serving on the statewide Platform & Resolutions Committee. I have been a City Councilor in Bay City for two years.



Beverly Thompson...I was born in western Pennsylvania and attended Clarion University for degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology, and a graduate degree in Speech Pathology. I married my high school sweetheart, Dave, and have been married for 46 years. We had two daughters Rachel and Michelle, and three grandchildren. During my professional career I worked in Pennsylvania then moved to Oregon where I worked with Salem-Keizer Schools for 20+ years. During those years I held a variety of positions including Program Assistant in Special Education and Augmentative Communication specialist. For eight summers, I taught English to Japanese students, we hosted a variety of exchange students. One summer, along with 11 other women, I was selected to join a Northwest Medical team to go to Romania to instruct communication skills for a new program: developing foster parents to adopt and decrease the orphanages. I served 12 years as a school board member for our local schools and one term as a city councilor. As a retired resident of Wheeler, I am involved with Lower Nehalem Community Land Trust at Alder Farm. There I manage the greenhouse along with other gardening activities. I volunteer with Aspire, at our local high school. I am involved with our three grandchildren, enjoy my two dogs, gardening, reading, walking, knitting, beach combing, traveling and sunsets with a glass of wine.

COUNTY SPELLING BEE

The annual Tillamook County Spelling Bee was held on February 27th in the Wirick Hall of the Tillamook Church of the Nazarene. Members of the Tillamook American Association of University Women (AAUW) organized the event. Winners from the classroom spelling bees were invited to participate at the county level. The students were divided into three divisions: Division I (first through fifth grade), Division II (sixth through eighth grade) and Division III (high school classes). The winners from each division are eligible to compete at the state level on Aug. 31 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. The winners of the 2019 spelling bee are:



- (pictured) **Division I** : First Place: Emmy Mulder (East Elementary); Second Place: Hanna Amirkanian (Garibaldi Elementary); Third Place: Max Abrogoua (East Elementary)
- **Division II**: First Place: Carter Affolter (Tillamook Jr. High); Second Place: Reggie Harris, (Tillamook Jr. High); Third Place: Kiera Walling (East Elementary)
- **Division III**: First Place: Jacob Staessle (Nestucca High); Second Place: Meien Shiomi (Neah-Kah-Nie High); Third Place: Mara Soans (Neah-Kah-Nie High)

2019 STEM RECOGNITION

The 17th Annual STEM Recognition for Tillamook County high school senior girls was held January 27 at TBCC. Women working in STEM professions presented a panel discussion on the theme “Perseverance”, expressing the ups and downs of their careers. Annette Pampush (Tillamook Health Dept.), Angela Kruger (OSU Masters Student), Amanda Rose (Tillamook Regional Medical Center) and Wendy Schink (GIS Cartographer)



served on the panel. Lisa Phipps facilitated the sharing by the students about their goals and educational plans to an audience of Parents, teachers and AAUW members. Kris Lachenmeier and Michele Bradley co-chaired the committee, Birgett Jayred (decorating) and members provided refreshments. Thank you to all who helped put on this event! Those students honored were:

- **Tillamook High School**: Celeste Stout (Science), Bre Maciel (Technology), Jennifer Arreloa (Math)
- **Neah-Kah-Nie High School**: Grace Farris (Science), Maisie Siegel (Technology), Alexis Marshall (Math)
- **Nestucca High School**: Dylan Myers (Science), Kirsten Wagner (Technology), Ashley Houck (Math)

Tech Trek Update by Kathy Gervasi

Camp starts June 23rd and ends June 28th at TBCC with a BBQ for 31 girls and their families. The girls are coming from Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton, Neahkanie, Nestucca, Tillamook, Newport and St. Helens. I appreciate very much the help from AAUW members who helped me interview these fantastic girls. Thank you **Carol Iwaniw, Amy Johnson, Ane McIntyre and Astoria Branch Members!**

**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) line)
PO Box 66, Enterprise, OR 97828**

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. 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!

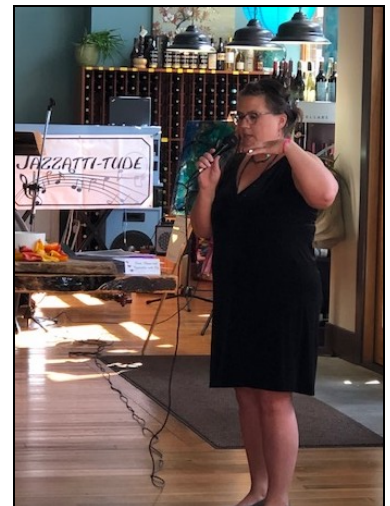
**CONGRATULATIONS TILLAMOOK BRANCH for winning
State AAUW 2nd place Award in recruiting new members!**

AAUW'S 7th ANNUAL WINE and CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE

By Jan Boal, Co-Chair



Applause and cheers for all the members who volunteered and businesses who donated auction items or provided sponsorships!! Hip hip hooray! Our 7th annual scholarship fundraiser, held on April 28th at the Pacific Restaurant, was a huge success. A "first" for having it at Neila Separio's restaurant in downtown Tillamook, provided a great ambiance for this event as well as Neila and her staff providing a great spread! We raised over \$16,000, all of which helps provide financial support to young women starting school or women wanting to return. A big thank you to Jazzatti-tude for their part in providing lovely jazzy back ground music. Good cheer, great deals on amazing auction items, delicious wines and chocolate treats were enjoyed by many! This event takes



teamwork and my gratitude for the W&C Committee for all the many hats they wore and doors they knocked on. To all the members who participated by either volunteering for a task, baking, inviting guests, purchasing auction items, making a basket, creating and sending out donation letters, thank you cards, accounting skills, making phone calls, organizing, a big thank you and know this wouldn't have happened with out your participation. Be proud of yourselves and for the educational opportunities we are providing for local women which in turn only enriches our community!

2019- 2020 AAUW Scholarship Winners for Tillamook County

By Cathy Manis

The scholarship committee reviewed 48 applications for our funds. Many of the students were on the honor roll and had taken AP and/or TBCC courses while in high school. Others are nontraditional students who have overcome astonishing difficulties in their lives yet remain steadfast in their efforts to advance themselves through education. It was difficult to choose who to award scholarships to. The information provided is a very abbreviated version of the accomplishments of these wonderful women. Thank you committee members for your work. **Join us 2:00 June 8th at the OSU Extension Building to meet these wonderful women.** (read their bios on the next page)



2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dixie Esplin (\$1500) A Neah-Kah-Nie graduate, Dixie plans to study Physiology and Developmental Biology at Brigham Young University and become a Physicians' Assistant. She is from a dairy farm family, working there as well as other local jobs. An honor roll student, she played in band, speech and debate team, 4-H, volleyball and basketball teams, and Future Business Leaders of America.

Morgan Queen (\$2000) is currently attending TBCC and will transfer to Oregon Tech to pursue a Diagnostic Imaging degree. She was a member of honor society in high school, 4H, theater and teaches dance at a local studio.

Alaina Holm (\$1500) currently attends Oregon State studying Psychology and Chemistry with an interest in medical school. She was valedictorian of her class and received the AAUW STEM Math award. She has worked to raise funds for overseas women's health care, teaches piano; has volunteered in a local hospital as well as assist foreign students with language skills.

Brooke Reibach (\$1500) is Tillamook HS honors graduate, who plans to attend the University of Oregon to study Environmental Sciences with an interest in plate tectonics and oceanography. Brooke completed several credits of study at TBCC while in high school. She has been involved with Science club, Troubadours, Notional Oceans Sciences Bowl, dance, peer tutoring and numerous local part time jobs.

Rebekah Hopkins (\$1500) is a nontraditional student who attended TBCC with honors and is now studying accounting at Linfield College. After a variety of other occupations, she decided to complete her college education while also supporting a developmentally disabled family member. She was honored with the John Hopkins award for high scores in Math, helps with Shriner's Hospital fund raising as well as the Tillamook animal shelter. She is an elected member of the Tillamook City Council.

Baelie Werner (\$2000) is an Oregon Tech Civil Engineering honors student with a minor in math. She has multiple awards in mathematics, honors society and athletics and is a peer tutor for other students as well as working in Human Resources during high school.

Brooklyn McKillip (\$1000) is a Nestucca Valley HS honors graduate planning to attend Linfield College to become a physical therapist. She is an honor society vice president, student council representative, attends TBCC and Chemeketa (while in HS), is involved in athletics and works part time raising animals for auction and in a restaurant.

McKenzie Main (\$1000) is a Tillamook HS honors student with plans to attend Pacific University to study medicine. She currently works for a veterinarian and teaches PE at a private school. She is working to get a phlebotomist license to improve her financial situation. She is a member of the honor society and was involved with National Ocean Science Bowl

Kestrel Bailey (\$1500) is an Oregon State honors student studying Environmental Engineering and has been awarded two internships, one from the Boeing company. She is involved with stream restoration and protection including a mathematical model predicting flooding and tide gate function. She was Tillamook's class valedictorian and on the Deans list at university. In high school she was awarded American Chemical Society Outstanding Materials Award and the Association of Women Geophysicists Outstanding Science Award for her projects in Biofuels.

The TBCC scholarship winners are:

Savanna Crabtree wants to study to be a phlebotomist and intends to pursue a nursing degree. While attending Tillamook High School, she took TBCC classes and was in the National Honors Society.

Erika Llamas-Delgado is studying Business at TBCC to eventually become an accountant. She is a part time book-keeper at the creamery while going to college with a 3.85 GPA.

AAUW OF OREGON GOALS 2018-2020

Public Education:

- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to equal access to education;
- Improved and stable public funding for academic and workforce programs at all levels;
- Equal educational opportunities for all with emphasis on protection and preservation of academic freedom and access to broad-based, bias-free education at all levels;
- Opposition to public funds for vouchers, private schools, non-accredited education programs;
 - o Access to high quality, affordable education for women and girls;
 - o Increased participation of women and girls in the field of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), as well as civics, history and political science (CHiPS);
 - o Increased financial assistance for childcare costs of student parents.

Elimination of Discrimination and Violence:

- Protection of all persons without regard to gender, race, color, sexual orientation, nationality, marital status, disability, age or class;
- Elimination of bullying and sexual harassment;
- Support of efforts to improve racial, ethnic and gender justice, including creating a diverse culture where the richness of ideas; backgrounds and perspectives is fully appreciated and utilized.
- Adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution and the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women;
- Support of programs that address human trafficking;
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes in homes, schools, workplaces, communities;
- Recognition that firearms violence is a public health issue.

State and Local Government:

- Fair and equitable taxation at all levels of government;
- Elimination of the Kicker and establishment of an adequate reserve fund;
- Reaffirmation of the separation of church and state;
- Ensuring adequate long-term funding for education, public safety, and human services;
- Improved public access to the legislative process;
- Accountability and transparency in government operations;
- Vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights, including voting rights;
- Promote meaningful campaign finance reform, open and fair elections.

Healthcare:

- Universal availability, accessibility, and quality health services;
- The right of all persons to have access to reproductive health care option of their choice;
- Oppose any efforts to undermine Medicare and Medicaid, including privatization.

Economic Self-Sufficiency:

- Greater availability of and access to benefits that promote work and life balance, including paid family and medical leave and quality and affordable dependent care;
- Safe, livable, and affordable housing; clean, healthy, and sustainable environment;
- Promote strengthening of retirement benefits, including protecting Social Security;
- Pay equity and fairness in compensation.
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TAKE OUR NEW WORK SMART ONLINE COURSE

This free, one-hour class is focused on teaching women to secure higher salaries or hourly wages, but it can also help you become a better overall leader and communicator — not to mention an ambassador for the course.

Encourage everyone in your AAUW branch takes the course. Set aside time at your next branch meeting for people to register for [Work Smart Online](#) and get familiar with it. One of the great things about the tool is that it saves your progress and lets you come back as many times as you need to before finishing up.

