

CALENDAR

Monthly Mtgs. 11:30-1:00
at Elks Club

Sept. 12
Oct. 10
Nov. 14
Jan. 9
Feb. 13
March 12
April 9
May 14

Dec. 8: Holiday Party
Potluck at Valerie Brace's
4-6:00

Feb. 23 STEM Recognition
at TBCC

March 31: Equal Pay Day

April 2: Spelling Bee 3:30

April: TBA Political
Forum

April 17-19 Oregon/WA
Conference in Vancouver

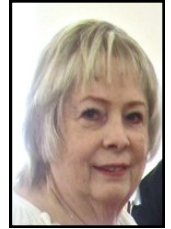
May 3: Chocolate & Wine
Affaire 2-5:00 at Pacific
Restaurant

May 28: Installation &
End of Year Dinner

June (last week)
Tech Trek Camp at TBCC

AAUW Tillamook President's Message

Welcome back from a busy summer. Our membership continues to represent Tillamook's educated and thinking population. We know we can remain successful with each member's participation. Giving time to AAUW can be an enhancement to your life, the community and the lives of many students we help.



Since our last general meeting in May we have had a number of events:

- Successfully held an installation dinner at The Bite in Rockaway Beach
- Completed another excellent Tech Trek week
- Supported the State Leadership Retreat in Corvallis attended by Kathy Gervasi, Betty Diamond, Kelly Benson and myself
- Passed a budget to financially support another Tech Trek and our very important national funds.
- Recently informed potential members at the Oregon Forestry Center

This fall we are looking forward to the work of the committees and the leadership team. When asked to serve and help, please say yes. This is our time to make friends for life.

Future Events: For those who may not have family close, mark your calendars as AAUW members and friends are invited to a Thanksgiving potluck turkey dinner on Thursday, November 28, from 2 to 5 pm at the Pierce's on Fawcett Creek Road. Stay tune to emails which come from Kathy Gervasi.

A Holiday Party, at Valerie Brace's home, will be held December 8th at 2:00; another social event to make new friends and renew old ones.

We are proud to announce a change in our leadership team. Sue Luce is our financial treasurer and Kelly Benson is our new social director. What a great group of volunteers! Enjoy our awesome fall weather.....Susan

2019-2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

President	Susan Pierce
Secretary	Nancy Kershaw
Finance VP/Treasurer	Sue Luce
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
Foundation Liaison	Marilyn Reynolds
TBCC Rep	Teresa Rivenes
Social Chair	Kelly Benson

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 Michelle Bradley
Scholarship Chair	Cathy Manis
Book Clubs	Betty Diamond Marilyn Rigterink Andrea Goss
Memorial Trees	Marilyn Reynolds
Political Forum	Lisa Phipps
Social Events	Kelly Benson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

(If I missed your Bio, I'll put it in the next issue)

Ann Passmore...Ann attended Pitzer College and graduated from Whitman College. She received her Master's in Social Work and worked in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault victim advocacy for the YWCA of Walla Walla and Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Ann and her husband Norm have just recently moved to Oceanside from SE Washington. They have two grown children and two grandchildren in Seattle and Portland. Norm and Ann have been married for 43 years. In addition to spending time with family, Ann enjoys reading, animals, her church and many things outdoors.



Gretchen Barnes...I'm originally from Helena, Montana (where I still keep all of family). I attended Gonzaga University by way of a generous scholarship, where I majored in political science, with a minor in international studies and women's studies. After college, I moved to Portland, where no one wanted to hire me, so I joined a temp agency. The temp agency sent me to a title company in St. Helens to answer phones, and within a few months, I was an escrow officer at that title company. I then took a job as an escrow officer at Ticor Title in Portland, became a manager and attended Lewis & Clark Law School at night. About a year after graduating law school, I joined Cable Huston LLP in

Portland and am now a partner, specializing in commercial real estate and lending. I don't have a lot of spare time, but when I can, I spend weekends with my friends and family at my little house in Oceanside. I am spouse-less and child-less, but have 2 shih tzus who also enjoy hanging out at the beach in Oceanside.

Barbara Richmond grew up in Boring, OR. She studied Music and Chemistry at Mt. Hood Community College, married Dwight Phelps, moved to Corbett, OR, and they raised a son, Daniel. Barbara returned to college soon after the family moved to Bay City, completing her Associate degrees in Electronics and General Studies at TBCC, and graduated from Eastern Oregon University in 2005, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Interdisciplinary Writing and Rhetoric. Barbara has worked in Tillamook as an electronics specialist at the local Radio Shack, and also as a Licensed Tax Consultant. Now self-employed, she works on writing and music projects. She is a collaborative pianist/accompanist for St. Peter ELCA, Tillamook Community Chorus, and the Tillamook and Neah-kah-nie schools choirs. Barbara met her husband Stan Richmond long ago in the Centennial High School marching band and they have been married for two years.



Val Braun joined Edward Jones as a Financial Advisor in April 2018 and has been Securities Licensed since 2008. She previously spent 20 years preparing Individual and Corporate Tax returns, as an Enrolled Agent and Licensed Tax Consultant. Val graduated in 1984 with a BS in Economics from EOSC in LaGrande, Oregon. She and her husband have two children, two grandchildren and another on the way, arriving in February 2020. You may have seen Val in many productions at TAPA as an actor, producer and working concessions. She's also busy residing on the Board with Kiwanis and TAPA.

Teresa Rivenes currently serves as the Chief Academic officer at Tillamook Bay Community College. In this position she is responsible for overseeing all things "academic" including faculty, curriculum, programming, academic student supports and more. She came to this position from Rogue Community College where she served as the executive Dean of Curriculum and Instruction. In addition to her role in administration, Teresa has served as social science faculty at park University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and as an adjunct at multiple community colleges. Teresa's passion is community college because it reaches students who most need an education; and it changes lives for the better. She has aMS and PhD degrees in Psychology from Capella University, MS in Social Science from U of Utah and Higher Education Leadership (EdD) from Montana State University.



Prior to higher education, Teresa was the Director of Children's Disability Services for the state of Montana. She worked as a Family Support Specialist helping families who had children with, or at risk of developing, developmental disabilities. Prior to this she ran an accredited child development center serving 350 children ages 0-6th grade. In her spare time, Teresa is the mother of 7 and grandmother to 9! The two youngest of her kiddos are adopted with special needs. She enjoys camping, reading, walking on the beach, rocking grandbabies, and being walked by her dog.

2019 Membership Event by Betty Diamond

With a theme this year at the AAUW of Tillamook Welcoming Event, on September 22, of *Camaraderie Matter*, the annual membership tea got off to a great start with thirty-one attendees exchanging names and birth years during a bonding-style ice-breaker led by Andrea Goss, Program VP. Then everyone enjoyed a variety of hot and iced teas, coffee, appetizers, fruits, and desserts while socializing and meeting guests.

Those tasty delights were followed by a power point presentation, designed and presented by Kathy Gervasi, Communication VP, to introduce to the group the many projects, activities, and interests that make joining AAUW of Tillamook a rewarding and stimulating experience. She explained the many ways that AAUW members act upon the goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls. Next, chairs and group leaders spoke briefly about ten different program and activities that members are free to lend their skills to as they chose how they want to become involved during the next year. Topics covered included the following: STEM, Spelling Bee, Tech Trek, Memorial Trees, Public Forums, Rummage Sale, Scholarships, State Conference, Book Groups, and Wine & Chocolate fundraiser for Scholarships.

Near the program's end, a door prize drawing was held and two home décor items were given to the lucky winners. A "nearest birthday" person received a houseplant gift. Then Membership VP Betty Diamond explained that each member joining on that day or earlier in the year would receive one of the table decoration centerpieces, which were houseplants—spider plants, AKA ribbon plants--that symbolized the camaraderie of women working together to accomplish great things.

Betty Diamond and Andrea Goss, Event Co-Chairs, would like to express their thanks to the dozens of members that volunteered their time, talent, and donations during the planning meetings and at the event.

NEW INTEREST GROUP



Do you love your garden? Would you like some ideas and inspiration? You are invited to the first meeting of

the new AAUW Tillamook County Gardening Club. Come and meet other gardening enthusiasts! We are meeting October 13 at 1:30 p.m. at 5220 High Street, Bay City. Help us decide on the day, time, and frequency of meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact: Betty Diamond,
betty@diamondfoster.com.

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Holiday Party

Sunday December 8th
4:00-6:00

Val Brace's Home
(1535 Black Sands
Way)

Potluck. Spouses Welcomed!



SOCIAL EVENTS

Holiday Wreath Making

November 30 (Sat.) 11:00 a.m.

Registration required: Deadline by Nov. 20th

\$20 wreath, \$7 Cone craft

Call 866-930-4646 to register



Participants will be introduced to a variety of natural materials used for home decoration during the holiday season. All materials and supplies included in the cost of the class.

CONTACT KELLY BENSON

503-741-7695 or kbenson@tillamookymca.org

Members: Order Name Badge Online!

Click the link below to order a *Customized Name Badge*, with AAUW Logo. The price is \$10 for the magnetic backed badge and \$8 for the pin-on badge. Shipping is free. List your name on the first line and Tillamook Branch on the second line. Don't fill-in the third line.

<https://aauw.source4.com/b2c/ProductInfo.asp?Category=8541&Itm=131042>

If all branch members order these within the next few months, we will be able to eliminate the plastic tags with long cords that we now use at meetings. Use your debit or credit card to place the order. If you already have one of these badges, please ignore these directions unless you want a spare badge to keep in your car or purse. Betty Diamond (Membership), Susan Pierce (President)

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!**

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

**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**

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.



How to Make Your AAUW Elevator Pitch With Power! An elevator pitch is a brief persuasive speech that you use to spark interest in what your organization does. The speech should be interesting, memorable and succinct. You need to explain the WHY and the WHAT that make your organization unique. Here is a simple guide to writing your own speech. Once you're done, you'll have a personalized tool to use next time you're talking to a potential member.

1. **Write down 4 things about AAUW that you would like to share.** What makes AAUW memorable to you? What are the projects or issues that AAUW is championing that are important to you? _____

2. **Pick the 3 most important points you wrote down.** Why are they the most important points? Condense your answer to this question into two or three sentences. _____

3. **Add your full name and where you're from before these two or three sentences to serve as an introduction.**

4. **Make sure to also make an "ask" at the end.** Every elevator pitch should conclude with a question that needs a definitive answer, whether it's "Would you like to be a part of our organization?" or "Will you attend our event on Saturday?" or "Can we add you to our newsletter list?"

5. **Here's your chance to write your power elevator speech below!**

Try your speech on a fellow member and practice!

Scholarship Thank You Notes



Dear The American Association of University Women,

I would like to thank you for awarding me this scholarship for \$1000! It brings an extreme amount of excitement that you chose to help further my education to reach my future goals! I would like to let you know I am going to be attending Linfield College in the fall to study Exercise Science! Again, thank you very much for awarding me this Scholarship!

Brooklyn McKillip

Dear AAUW committee,
I would like to thank you for the financial support that you have most graciously given me to aid me in my educational endeavors.

I am thrilled to begin my journey through college, learning all that I can about the sciences to further prepare me for my future career.

I am honored to be a recipient of your scholarship, and I hope to live up to your expectations concerning my education and role as a member of the community.

Thank You,
Dixie Esplin



Thank you AAUW Volunteers at Tech Trek Camp



