



TILLAMOOK AAUW TIDELINES

WINTER 2020

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CALENDAR

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

Feb. 13
March 12
April 9
May 14

Feb. 23: STEM Recognition at TBCC 1:00

March 31: Equal Pay Day

April 2: Spelling Bee 3:30

April: TBA Political Forum

April 17-19 Oregon/WA Conference in Vancouver

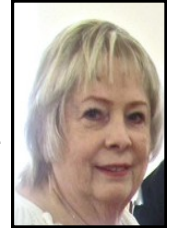
May 3: Chocolate & Wine Affaire 2-5:00 at Pacific Restaurant

May 28: Installation & End of Year Dinner

June 21-26: Tech Trek Camp at TBCC

Save your Rummage for the Fall Sale!

AAUW Tillamook President's Message



Hope your holiday season was merry and this is the beginning of another good year. This is the right time to consider what AAUW stands for and who we are. Be proud to join our members who demonstrate empathy, morality and critical thinking. We are blessed. Since National AAUW had the first meeting in 1881, with a small group of college educated women, equal rights has been our challenge. Over 139 years, it is still our challenge. How can this be, we might ask? We are over 170,000 members strong so let's continue working for equality and equity, and plan to succeed now. Our AAUW branches are fortunate to have lobbyists who are bipartisan and active with state and national legislatures. AAUW is in for the busy political year of advocating for our latest national strategic goals:

- **To remove bias from education**
- **To fight for fair pay and economic equity**
- **To advance women in leadership roles**

AAUW has a simple vision of Equity for All. We continually make plans are willing to change our plans as needed, but our vision remains true and strong. The Tillamook AAUW Branch has enjoyed such a good, well –deserved reputation in our County and State since 1938. Thank you for being part of it. With pride and a spirit of fun.....Susan

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FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS

February 13th: Commissioner Mary Faith Bell

March 12th: Arnie Roblan and Rosie Shatkin

April 9th: High School Foreign Exchange Students

**Feb. 23rd STEM Recognition: Miss Oregon Shivali Kadam (Guest Speaker)
(see p. 5 for more about Shivali)**

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

Update On Tree Project at TBCC by Marilyn Reynolds

Good News - we have only 1 tree left (a "Franksred" Maple) to be dedicated. This is a very exciting accomplishment. Upon the completion of this opportunity to enlarge our AAUW ENDOWMENT, we (committee, branch, and TBCC) will host a celebration luncheon! The trees we have dedicated are: two "Deodar" Cedars, three "Eddies White Wonder" Dogwoods, 20 "Franksred" Maples, and two "Fame" Maples. Many of those who dedicated trees have expressed the pleasure of seeing the beauty of "their" tree as well as how it has grown. We are so pleased to have participated with TBCC in this way with a lasting memory for the branch and the opportunity to support women students at TBCC.

Wine and Chocolate 2020 by Andrea Goss

Our Wine and Chocolate Committee has begun plans to make this one of our most successful Wine and Chocolate events to date. I will be sending emails to our membership periodically to keep you all up to date on our progress. Think about how you might be able to help...

- think about donations that you might want to contribute to our auction
- use your special skills to make unique items to donate
- ask a friend or relative who is an artist for a donation
- ask a company to sponsor this event which provides scholarships for local women and girls
- consider making a financial donation to support this worthy cause.



One thing that is new this year, is how tickets are being sold. Tickets are \$35 each. We will sell tickets at our monthly meetings and can only accept cash or checks. Tickets will also be sold online at EventBrite that can be purchased with credit cards. The Tillamook County Chamber will be selling tickets for us beginning mid-March and are able to accept cash, checks, and credit cards. There will be **no door sales the day of the event**. All tickets must be purchased ahead of time and ticket sales are limited to 120. Please put this May 3rd event on your calendar and plan to attend. Be sure to get your tickets before they sell out!!

Rosen Bill to Push STEM Careers for Girls and Minorities Becomes Law

The bipartisan Building Blocks of STEM Act was signed into law on Dec. 24 after approval by the House and Senate. The success of the STEM Act was praised by Rosen, D-Nev., a former computer programmer who has pushed legislation to encourage young women to pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields and careers. The new law directs the National Science Foundation grant programs to actively recruit and encourage young women to participate in STEM education programs, a move aimed at breaking down the gender barriers in the field. Specifically, the new law directs the foundation to encourage the participation of girls in kindergarten and grade school in those math and science fields. The bill drew praise from a variety of organizations.



"It's in America's long-term technological, economic and security interests for girls to have early and consistent exposure to STEM fields," said Sylvia Acevedo, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of the USA. "Despite recent strides made by women in STEM careers, barriers of gender equality still exist."

"This is particularly true for girls, especially girls of color," said Kimberly Churches, CEO of AAUW.

Rosen said she got into computer programming accidentally, and she's not sure why young girls are intimidated by the STEM fields. It could be cultural or societal, she speculates. But Rosen said her law will expose young women to the opportunity and "open their mind to the possibility" of a career that is not necessarily portrayed on a television show, where everyone is a doctor, lawyer or a fire fighter. "This marks a massive leap forward for the opportunities that young girls will have in science, technology, engineering and math," Rosen said.

WHO-DUN-IT BOOK CLUB NEWS by Betty Diamond

Are you looking to join a book club to socialize and share your opinions about popular books? Great! There are still a couple of openings in the evening book club. This AAUW of Tillamook book club requires branch membership. It meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6 PM at a member's home and a free dinner is included. The group is focusing on mysteries written by women or ones that have a female as the primary mystery-solving character such as a detective, amateur sleuth, or PI.



<i>Book Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Date</i>
Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier	Feb 24
Downfall	JA Jance	Mar 23
The Cuckoo's Calling	Robert Galbraith (aka JK Rowling)	Apr 27
Indemnity Only	Sara Paretsky	May 18
Murder on the Orient Express	Agatha Christie	Jun 22

Contact
betty@diamondfoster.com
 to join or visit.



We Are Looking For a Few Good Members. Are You Ready to Serve?

By Betty Diamond and Susan Pierce

Currently, we are fortunate to have almost 70 members in our branch. The talent our members possess is impressive. It is our hope that you are willing to become involved and invested. The old adage, "Many hands make light work" is so relevant today. Tillamook is one of the few branches in Oregon with a full slate of officers and committee chairs. Kudos to us.

Anyone considering an office position for our branch is invited to contact Betty Diamond, Chair of the Nominating Committee, betty@diamondfoster.com. Members interested in committee work can contact Susan Pierce, president at thesusangroup@gmail.com. There are mentors and written job descriptions available to assist you in your new position. Please volunteer for the fun and friendship!

Chairs of committees are appointed by the president and approved by the board. Officers are elected by the members at the annual meeting in April, based on the three-member nominating committee's recommendations. The nominating committee will meet once in January to survey the current officers, brainstorm ideas, learn the duties of each vacant officer position, then contact potential new officers. Please say yes.

History and Records Retention Committee

By Susan Pierce

Do you have an interest in the preservation of the highly respected AAUW of Tillamook Branch's history? Our branch has been meeting since 1938 and has a well-deserved reputation in our community. A new committee is forming to set guidelines for which AAUW records we should retain, and which may be duplicates. You are most welcome to join this committee which will meet once a month upstairs in a Tillamook Library study room. We are starting with the financial records and one of our volunteers is willing to drive to your home to pick up any records you may have tucked away. Thank you for considering this commitment. Your talent for reading will be valued. Contact thesusangroup@gmail.com.

Tech Trek Update by Kathy Gervasi

The process has started for our 7th year of Tech Trek! Middle Schools in Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton, Neahkanie, Nestucca, Tillamook, Newport and St. Helens have been contacted for nominations of girls who achieve in STEM coursework. National AAUW will NOT be supporting camps financially. Our budget will be a little tight, but we have some carry-over 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 and support girls in STEM.

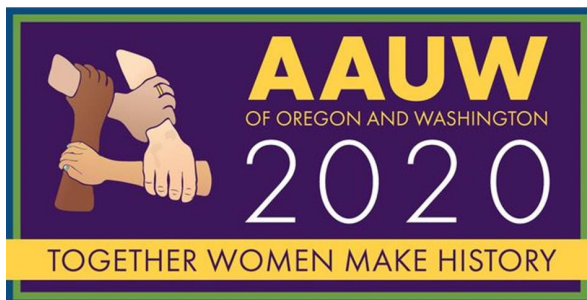
Write check to: AAUW Special Projects Fund

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**



SAVE THE DATES

AAUW of Oregon and Washington

Dual Convention

APRIL 17-19, 2020

HEATHMAN LODGE, VANCOUVER, WA

Celebrate women's suffrage with like-minded friends. Dress in white for "Suffrage Night" at Saturday's dinner and enjoy a festive evening of historical entertainment.

- Be part of a wonderful weekend at the beautiful and rustic Heathman Lodge.
- Network with old friends and make new ones from other branches.
- Learn from a diverse group of experts on AAUW's major themes of education and training, economic security, and leadership.
- Explore the Vancouver area with a number of guided tours on Friday afternoon.
- Watch for details of the convention in the Winter state newsletter, including hotel information, registration form and meeting agenda.

WHO ARE WE?

AAUW – The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political.

Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Vision

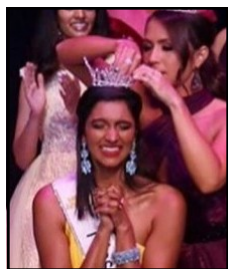
Equity for all.

Values

Nonpartisan. Fact-based.
Integrity. Inclusion and
intersectionality.

(From National AAUW)





Miss Oregon Guest Speaker at STEM Event February 23rd

On Saturday, June 29th, Shivali Kadam was named Miss Oregon 2019 at the Seaside Convention Center. After three attempts, Kadam showed that four times can actually be the lucky charm. Her persistence and non wavering dedication has led her to finally achieving her goal. "I honestly just couldn't believe it. After competing for four years, the fact that I was selected on my last chance was incredible," says Kadam. She graduated from Tualatin High School in 2012 then later graduated from Oregon University in 2018 with a degree in chemical engineering. For her social impact statement, Kadam said, "Engineers tackle a diverse array of problems. But the faces of engineers remain anything but diverse. Only 13% of engineers in the U.S. are women. Through STEM outreach, we can show girls that there is a place for them in engineering and it isn't only at the reception desk."

CONGRATULATIONS, SYDNEY!

Sydney Elliott has been awarded the American Association of Community College's Dale P. Parnell Faculty Distinction Recognition award. Sydney is a full-time English instructor at Tillamook Bay Community College. She was nominated by college president, Ross Tomlin, and CAO Teresa Rivenes. The award is given to a handful of recipients who demonstrate passion for the students and the classroom; show willingness to support students, inside and outside of the classroom; are inclined to participate in college committees; and go above and beyond what is required to ensure that students are successful in their academic endeavors. In March, Sydney will travel to National Harbor, Maryland, to receive her award, a commemorative medal and recognition on the AACC Wall of Distinction.

Sydney also keeps busy teaching yoga classes and singing in her band. She's a published writer and member of AAUW.



COMMUNITY for CHANGE EVENT

by Nancy Contolini

This a great opportunity to support our very giving community. Plan on celebrating the STEM recipients from 1 to 3 at TBCC, then head over to the Pioneer Museum for the COMMUNITY for CHANGE event from 4-6! No need to cook at all on **Sunday, Feb. 23!!**

The **Tillamook County Pioneer Museum** will host this fundraiser on behalf of Tides of Change (formerly called Tillamook Co. Women's Resource Center). You are invited to celebrate the mission and new name of **Tides of Change**, to enjoy savory and sweet appetizers and browse family friendly silent auction items including a guided kayak trip (provided by Mary Schonbrod), a large variety of art pieces from local and Portland artists (including mosaics and jewelry boxes made by Jean Scholtz), a Don Best original photograph, a fishing trip (provided by Carol Brown of Siggie-G Charters,); Ducks, Seahawks and Nikes gear, gift baskets including kids' crafts baskets and a variety of gift certificates for restaurants and local services. Kids are invited to participate in face painting and creative games at this FAMILY FRIENDLY event!

Admission is \$10; kids under 12 are FREE. Tickets are available at the Pioneer Museum or by contacting Nancy Contolini at 503-521-6423 ncontolini@gmail.com or Jean Scholtz at 240-423-8600 jean.scholtz@mindspring.com **Tickets are also available at the door for \$15.**

Please spread the word! The entire community is encouraged to attend and celebrate! Tides of Change Board members will be available to provide information about their mission and programs.



**Book
Worms
Have
Fun!
Join
us!**

