

## CALENDAR

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

Sept. 10  
Oct. 8  
Nov. 12  
Jan. 14  
Feb. 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13

Tech Trek Camp  
at TBCC has been  
canceled

Save your  
Rummage for the  
Fall Sale!

## AAUW Tillamook President's Message

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What a memorable and challenging time in history to be living, and what a blessing to be part of an intelligent, educated group of members who care about others and who are willing to tackle the hard issues. We, as AAUW, applaud and thank all those who are giving and serving at this time. This is the time to practice kindness and courage. AAUW's research shows that women stand to lose the most when financial disruptions hit, since most have more debt, lower pay and less retirement savings than men. Our mission to advance equity won't change and our work has never been more relevant.

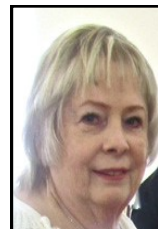
This year there have been many changes with our AAUW national organization. There seems to be a fair number of leaders from Oregon, serving in national leadership roles. This means we are in good hands. As a reminder, the last day to vote in the AAUW national election is May 18. As an example of Oregon's leadership, we can be proud of Oregon's voting rights. With our vote by mail system, we as AAUW members can and do influence political races and issues. Good job!

On April 19, 2020, Betty Diamond and I attended the Oregon State AAUW annual meeting using Zoom, online. Twenty of the twenty five branches in AAUW of Oregon were represented. Officers were elected, policies changed and goals revised. Our new strategic plan requires frequent evaluation with measurable outcomes:

1. Leadership Development
2. Community Involvement
3. Advocacy
4. Membership, recruit and promote
5. Communication and Visibility
6. Financial Management
7. AAUW Funds, promoted

AAUW of Oregon is planning our annual "summer leadership event" with details provided in the Oregon News, as plans develop. All members are invited to participate.

Remember, your dues are due by June 30th. Please send your check for \$90 to Flo Simmons at 802 Cottonwood Ave, Tillamook 97141. Our AAUW year is July 1 through June 30. Each of you are valued, and we are anxious to see each other again, when it is safe.



## 2019-2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

President	Susan Pierce
Secretary	Nancy Kershaw
Finance VP/Treasurer	Sue Luce
Membership	(open)
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	(open)
Book Clubs	Betty Diamond
	Marilyn Rigerink
	Andrea Goss
Memorial Trees	Marilyn Reynolds
Political Forum	Lisa Phipps
Social Events	Kelly Benson







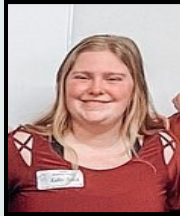
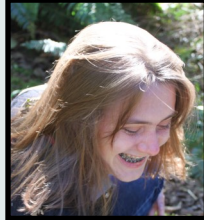
## Wine and Chocolate 2020 by Andrea Goss

Thanks to the generous donation of so many members, friends and businesses, we will have some monies to donate to local women and girls for scholarships in '20-'21! In spite of not having our 2020 Wine and Chocolate event, we have received \$5431.00. The Wine and Chocolate Committee wants to thank all of you who donated and/or solicited donations from others. What a team we have! Thanks so much.



<u><b>MEMBERS</b></u>		<u><b>BUSINESSES</b></u>
<b>Gretchen Barnes</b> <b>Jan Boal</b> <b>Valerie Brace</b> <b>Michelle Bradley</b> <b>Val Braun</b> <b>Nancy Contolini</b> <b>Betty Diamond</b>	<b>Andrea Goss</b> <b>Nancy Kershaw</b> <b>Sue Luce</b> <b>Carolyn Ollikainen</b> <b>Susan Pierce</b> <b>Bev Thompson</b> <b>Paula Wende</b> <b>Becki Wilhelm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Near Space</b></li> <li>• <b>Nehalem Bay Ready Mix</b></li> <li>• <b>Susan Tone Remax Reality</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuthill and Johnson</b></li> </ul>

## **\$14,000 Given to Scholarship Winners**

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baelie Werner</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sophomore at OIT Civil Engineering and Mathematics</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Claire Bradley</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Junior at OSU Chemistry &amp; Pharmacy</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kara Putman</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sophomore at Pacific U. Math and Dentistry</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Allison Wilkes</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freshman at Pacific U. Public Health</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brinda Jimenez</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2020 Tillamook HS Math and Film Making at Pacific U.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lilly Weber</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2020 Tillamook HS 2015 Tech Trek Camper Pre-Pharmacy at Snow College, Utah</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Katelyn Jenck</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2020 Tillamook HS Environmental Engineering at Oregon State University</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Karissa Hadermann</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2020 Neah-Kah-Nie HS 2015 Tech Trek Camper Natural Resources and Forest Management at Oregon State University</p>

**Thank you, Cathy Manis and Committee for Selecting Scholarship Winners**

## Tillamook Co. High School Students Recognized for STEM Achievements



The Tillamook Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) held the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual STEM recognition event at Tillamook Bay Community College on Sunday, February 23, 2020. The event honored young women from local Tillamook County High Schools who have excelled in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Students were nominated by their teachers for their strength and achievement in the STEM areas. The 2019 honorees were:

**Nestucca Valley High School: Math, Veronica Chavarin; Technology, Cara Simpson**

**Neah Kah Nie High School: Math, Karissa Hadermann; Science, Kayla Naylor; Technology, Megan Troutman**

**Tillamook High School: Math, Brinda Jimenez; Science, Katey Jenck; Technology, Brinda Jimenez**

The audience watched a video about STEM students and classes at Tillamook High School, designed by Student Honoree, Brinda Jimenez. Lisa Phipps had a conversation with the nominees about what they like about STEM subjects, challenges that they have faced, and their future plans. The guest speaker was Miss Oregon 2019, Shivali Kadam, a chemical engineer working in construction management. Her social impact platform is "STEM to Bloom: Growing the Next Generation of Female Engineers and Scientists". She spoke to the group of her challenges, both in becoming an engineer and pageant life. Shivali's Facebook Page shares that "We honored seven phenomenal young women from three high schools for their exceptional scholastic achievements in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. I loved hearing them speak about the obstacles they've overcome thus far in their lives and their plans for their futures".

### COUNTY SPELLING BEE by Valerie Brace

Canceling the spelling bee was very disappointing for not only the students but to us as well. AAUW has taken on the responsibility for the county spelling bee for the past eight years. It is one we love which is reflected by the large number of members, (approximately half of our membership), who volunteer to make the spelling bee a success each year. I want to thank each of you who said "yes" when I asked you if you would read words, grade tests, and provide nutritious food for the hungry students. The National spelling bee has also been canceled; first time this has happened since WWII. I look forward to next year when hopefully we will be able to hold a county spelling bee.

### Time to Pay 2020-21 MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Send your check of \$90 to  
Flo Simmons  
802 Cottonwood Ave.  
Tillamook 97141**

**Send any directory changes to  
Kathy Gervasi (mkg4953@gmail.com)**

**New members receive a discount on their first-year dues. New Member Applications can be found on the Web Page.**

## Tech Trek Update by Kathy Gervasi

In the middle of March, National AAUW made the decision to cancel all Tech Trek Camps across the country. At that time, I was beginning to receive the applications from the nominated girls. Only 12 (out of the 35) applied, so our committee made the decision to allow those twelve students to come to camp next year as 8th graders. We will ask for 20 nominations of 7th graders in December for the 2021 camp. We're able to roll our funding over. I asked Lilly Weber, a former Tech Trek camper, to write about her experience and what her future plans are. Lilly is a Tillamook High School 2020 graduate and also received an AAUW scholarship this year. I'm proud to present one of my former students, Lilly Weber....



*Planning for my future started at a very young age. As a top student in all of my science and math classes, I knew I wanted to go into a STEM field, but I was unsure of what path I wanted to take. When I was in seventh grade, I was invited to apply for Tech Trek. The application process asked that we write an essay about what I wanted to do when I grew up. It was then that I learned about pharmaceutical science. I realized this would be the perfect job for me! It feeds my passion for science while helping to make people's lives better. I was lucky enough to be chosen to attend Tech Trek and at camp, we had the opportunity to speak with career professionals and women that were successful in all sorts of STEM fields. Speaking to these women and seeing how passionate they were was incredibly motivating. From then on, I have been determined to become a pharmacist. Seeing my family members suffer from illnesses and get relief from medication associated with treatment cemented this goal for me.*

*I will graduate from Tillamook High School in May and in the Fall, I will attend Snow College in Ephraim Utah, to study Pre-Pharmacy. After completing the Pre-Pharmacy program at Snow College, I hope to transfer to Pacific University and receive my doctorate in pharmacy. It will be a great opportunity to move back home, and finish my studies at a well-respected University. Moving back to Oregon is very important to me, so that I can be close to my family and the community I love. It is my ultimate goal to open a pharmacy in Oregon so I can help the people that have made me the person I am today. I will be able to fully utilize all of the skills and knowledge I will have learned so I can provide others with the medication they need.*

## Betty Diamond Selected as 2020 Funds Honoree by Jean Mong



Every year at Convention, each Branch may submit a member as their honoree. The past Tillamook winners are proud to announce our 2020 winner, Betty Diamond. Betty, a member for over 14 years, is currently the Membership VP for our Branch and was the first Web Master, setting up our Web Page. She is a retired teacher and business owner. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Betty through our Bookworms Book Club, and she brings enthusiasm to the book discussions due to her academic qualifications. Betty received a BA in English from CA State and did Graduate Studies in Education from U of CA and CA State University. Whether it's working on Wine and Chocolate baskets, recruiting new members or working on many committees, she is an "Energizer Bunny!" Comments from the voting members praised Betty for her "serving with energy and spirit both locally and statewide". "Betty is concerned about building teamwork and camaraderie. She works to include members with lots of fun behind it." For the Fall New Member Tea, last year, she incorporated the theme "Camaraderie Matters" into how AAUW works to utilize strengths of members and how the various projects further AAUW goals. Congratulations, Betty! Well deserved!

