



KEYNOTES

December 2024



UPCOMING DATES:

YuletideTea

**Sunday, December 8
1 p.m.**

**Arlene Lemieux 's Home
3058 NE 157th
Portland, OR 97230**

KEYNOTES DEADLINE IS THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH.

Please send information to Barb Kaufman at danbarbkauf@msn.com

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President's Message

By Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)

It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance at our **"Calling All Angels" Annual Fundraiser** on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024** at **11:30 am** at the **Olive Garden Restaurant** in Gresham, Oregon. Our program highlighted the **Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc. Scholarship at the MHCC Foundation**, and we enjoyed two guest speakers from the MHCC. Our first speaker, **Shelley McFarland**, the Development and Content Coordinator for the MHCC Foundation, talked about the MHCC Foundation and how the various scholarships contribute to a meaningful difference in the lives of MHCC students. As an alumna of MHCC and an employee since 1989, she is excited to contribute to the Foundation's mission of fostering community connections and supporting students. She indicated how grateful they were to our Branch for founding the scholarship in 2007, ending it at \$50,000 in 2020, and growing it to more than \$100,000 in 2023. Shelley then introduced **Moriah Marsh**, a chemistry major and our 2024-2025 Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc. Scholarship Recipient. She spoke about her background, educational pursuits, hobbies, what our scholarship means to her, and her plans after graduating from MHCC.

In addition, I was glad to see so many of you at the luncheon turning in your "Calling All Angels" Donation Sheets; buying tickets to win our fabulous Italian, Homemade Items, Greek, and Wine raffle baskets; receiving some creative door prizes; enjoying talking to old friends and new acquaintances; and meeting **Marty Maharg**, our new AAUW of Oregon North Central District Director!

Our Director of Funds Development, **Mary Jeanne Oliva**, tells me that our fundraising total as of **December 1, 2024** was **\$7,453**. Of that, **\$4,480** was the for the MHCC endowed scholarship. That total also included the amounts from our November raffle (\$480), September raffle (\$175), and October book sale (\$8). As the Branch President and the MHCC Scholarship Committee Chair, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity! The one thing that cannot be taken away from an individual is education --- and many of you are ensuring yet another young woman, **Moriah**, is receiving this vital gift!

Just a reminder that the "Calling All Angels" Fundraiser donation period is from October 21, 2024 through December 9, 2024. You can donate to the **MHCC Scholarship, AAUW-GAB Fund, AAUW General Fund, the Judith Scott NCCWSL Fund, and the NCCWSL Scholarship!** So, if you have not done so already, please remember to send in your donation form—**found in this newsletter**--to support our branch charities!

We will receive a final update of our fundraising efforts in next month's *Keynotes*.

There will be no branch meeting in December. Instead, we will enjoy a **Yuletide Tea** starting at **1:00 pm** on **Sunday, December 8, 2024** at the home of **Arlene Lemieux**, 3058 NE 157th Avenue, Portland, OR 97230. Please plan to join your Branch sisters in this fun, seasonal event!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you,

Mary





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AREA (OR) BRANCH**
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Mark your calendar for the Luncheon meeting on

Monday, January 27, 2025

11:30 AM

Elmer's Parkrose Restaurant

10001 NE Sandy Blvd.

Portland, OR

2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

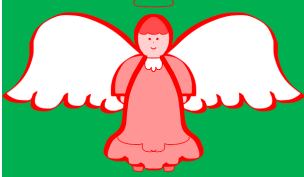
- * **December 8**, Yuletide Tea at Arlene Lemieux's home, 1 p.m.
- * **January 27**, Luncheon—Elmer's Parkrose, 10001 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 11:30 a.m. - Public Policy 2025
- * **February 24**, Luncheon—Elmer's Parkrose, 11:30 a.m., - Mt. Hood Community Student Services, Doctor Abby Ayeliya
- * **March 24**, Branch Meeting, 4 p.m. - Future of Local Journalism, Chris Keizur, *Gresham Outlook*
- * **April 28**, Branch Meeting, 4 p.m., - Successes & Challenges at Rosemary Anderson Alternative High School, Erin Kent, Principal
- * **May 19**, Installation and Awards Banquet: Gresham Olive Garden, 5 p.m.



Christmas is coming...Ho ho ho

**Board meeting:
January 14 , 3 p.m.**

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"Calling All Angels" Luncheon Fundraiser Update



THANK YOU to all who have so generously contributed to our **GAB-AAUW "Calling All Angels"** annual fundraising campaign. So far, we've received donations from 20 members.

It was wonderful seeing all of you who were able to attend our celebratory November 19th luncheon and to hear directly from our new MHCC scholarship recipient.

Our fundraising total as of December 1st is **\$7,453**. Of that, **\$4,480** is for the **MHCC endowed scholarship**.

That total also includes the amounts from our **November raffle (\$480)**, **September raffle (\$175)**, and **October book sale (\$8)**. THANK YOU to all who donated items for the baskets or bought tickets!

The last date for checks to be mailed is **December 9**.

The Funds Development Committee appreciates your generous support of Gresham Area Branch's activities in support of women and girls and wishes you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Mary Jeanne Oliva
Director of Funds Development



Mary Jeanne Oliva with Baskets for "Calling All Angels" Fundraiser Luncheon on November 19. Thank you to our members for their contributions to the baskets.



AAUW
Gresham Area (OR) Branch
501(c)(3) public charity
Oregon Public Benefit Corporation

Calling All Angels

October 21, 2024 – December 9, 2024

Use this form to mail your check or credit card donation. Please print clearly. Your check or credit card information will not be shared or kept on file. Tax letters will be issued in January.

Mail your donation to:

Mary Jeanne Oliva
Director of Funds Development
Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc.
4233 SE 182nd Ave. #343
Gresham, OR 97030

Name _____ Email _____

Indicate the amount of your tax-deductible contribution to the following:

- MHCC Scholarship \$ _____ to our branch's Mt Hood Community College Scholarship
- AAUW-GAB Fund \$ _____ to the Gresham Area Branch for local activities and projects
- AAUW General Fund \$ _____ to AAUW National
- Judith Scott NCCSWL Fund \$ _____ to our NCCSWL recipients for auxiliary conference expenses
- NCCSWL Scholarship \$ _____ to our branch's scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

TOTAL DONATION \$ _____ Write your check to AAUW-GAB or complete and sign the Credit Card Authorization below:

Card Type (Circle One) Visa Master Card AMEX Discover Exp date: _____

Cardholder Name (as shown on card) : _____

Cardholder Zip Code (from credit card billing address): _____ CCV Code: _____

I authorize the Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc. to charge my credit card above for the total tax-deductible contribution amount of: \$ _____. My credit card will not be shared or filed.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



AAUW Funds

Thank you to all who have responded this past year by making donations to AAUW Funds. If you still would like to donate, you may do so online at aauw.org. Go into your account where you will be able to access "make a donation" and proceed with the prompts.

It was nice to see many of you at our fundraiser luncheon in November. **Mary Jeanne Oliva** did an amazing job with table favors, door prizes, and putting together four "loaded" themed gift baskets - many thanks to her.

Just a friendly reminder that AAUW is very active regarding research and provides helpful data which our government and similar minded organizations use to support issues related to women. Through AAUW, we have representatives at the United Nations as well as representatives actively working with our government decision makers with issues empowering women.

At this moment, one thing we may all do is call President Biden, urging him to sign the **ERA constitutional amendment NOW**. Enough states have finally ratified it, but a Presidential signature is required before it is put into our Constitution. This may be our last chance for who knows how long! **Call 202-456-1111 urging his signature.**

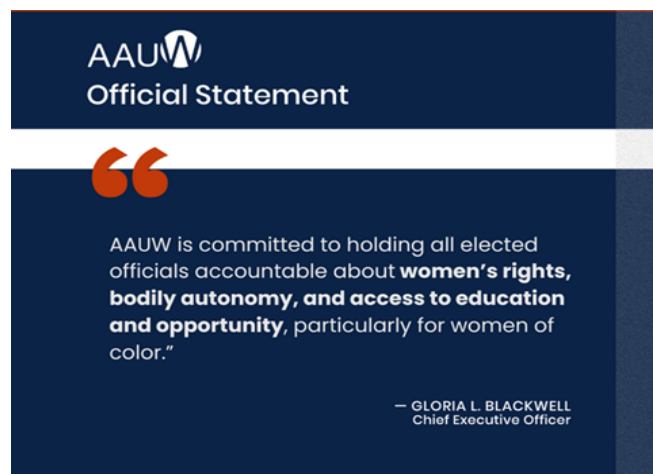
Katie Goodwin, AAUW Funds Advocate



You Need to Watch This!

AAUW's most recent webinar, "Securing the Future: A Post-Election Conversation on Women's Economic Security", is an awesome outline of our potential next steps. You can find it on YouTube --

<https://youtu./ku1D3t6g1Lg> -- or a direct link on www.aauw.org. It is well worth your time!



Mardy Stevens
Liaison for State & National AAUW

Public Policy
Sharron Noone, Directory of Public Policy



THE ERA IS IN JEOPARDY OF DYING IF IT IS NOT PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS.

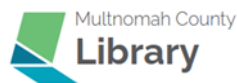
The ERA now contains all verifications required to be ratified. Virginia was the final state. President Joe Biden needs to send the ERA to be published by the Archivist and **Whamo-Jamo** it is part of the Constitution. If President Biden doesn't do it, the next President sure won't.

Go to this website in the National 2-Minute Activist section: <https://aauw.quorum.us/campaign/94965/>

There is a letter there to President Joe Biden – all you have to do is fill in your name and details. You will join AAUW in taking a stand to SAVE THE ERA. Do it for every woman in the United States, now and in the future.



Below is an article that appeared in the Multnomah County Library electronic news publication. Annie Lewis, the new director, was a speaker at Gresham Area Branch last year.....or the year before.



Annie Lewis has officially been appointed as the new director of libraries for **Multnomah County Library**. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, which presides as the Library District Board, approved her confirmation on October 17, 2024.

At the appointment, Lewis stated "Thinking back in my career, it wasn't very long into my journey in libraries that I held a goal that I wanted to become the director for Multnomah County Library. I'm sitting here today reflecting on that dream, and I'm thrilled and a little bit in disbelief that it's actually happening."

Lewis has served as interim director of libraries since June 2024. Prior to this role, she served as Multnomah County Library deputy director beginning in 2022.

In this competitive recruitment process, Lewis's strategic vision for the library, along with her vast experience in a variety of roles at Multnomah County Library, made her the ideal candidate.

As the Director of Libraries, she will oversee all library locations, programs and services, the budget and employees.

Born in Portland, and raised in Canby and Beavercreek, Annie earned degrees in Spanish and history at Pacific University. She was conducting research for her senior thesis when she discovered an illuminating collection of material in the Astoria Public Library.

"It was eye-opening," Lewis said. "There was information in file cabinets that had not been viewed in a long time, files that held information that community members had taken the time to contribute for historical preservation."

Lewis also worked for an immigration law firm, helping clients manage immigration proceedings. "I got a deep education on the complexities, flaws and challenges in the United States immigration system," she said. "But I also saw first-hand why people immigrate, saw what a democracy represents and what it can be."

Those two experiences shifted her focus from history to library science, and sent her to the University of Washington, where she earned a Master of Library and Information Science.

Lewis joined Multnomah County Library in 2014 as the bilingual Spanish youth librarian at Fairview-Columbia Library. She later served as Gresham Library supervisor, early childhood services manager, interim neighborhood libraries director, director of community services and deputy director.

Lewis was the executive sponsor for the We Speak Your Language teams at the library, which provide services to the community in Chinese, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese.

As the Director of Libraries Lewis pledged to uphold "Multnomah County Library's values around intellectual freedom, privacy, and equity and inclusion to ensure all residents are able to access library services freely and equitably."



Enrichment Groups Contacts

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Keep Walking, Walking ... Schedule for walks November to January 2025.

Thursday, January 16, 2025 - Meet at Jazzy Bagel at 10 AM to plan when and where we will walk next.

Arlene Lemieux
Keep Walking, Walking...



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR
GRESHAM BRANCH AAUW MEMBERS**

Mary Jeanne Oliva	December 10
Sharron Noone	December 12
Alice Linker	December 16
Frances Volking	December 28
Laurie Monnes-Anderson	December 31

DECEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc. Book Club
"Between the Covers" 2024-2025**

**Peggy Taylor
503-661-6996/503-804-9999
pataylor48@aol.com**

Second Wednesday @ 2 p.m., Gresham Library

**DECEMBER 11 - POTLUCK: Read and Share
Peggy Taylor hostess, noon**

February 12	<i>A Covert Affair</i> , Jennet Conant	(Peggy B.)
March 12	<i>I Have Some Questions for You</i> Rebecca Makkai	(Barb)
April 9	<i>Coming Home</i> , Brittney Griner	(Cynthia)
May 14	<i>The Women</i> , Kristin Hannah	(Martha)
	June 11 - Book selections 2025-26 Time/Place TBD	(Peggy T.)

Merry
Christmas



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision - Equity for all

Values:

Nonpartisan.

Fact-based.

Integrity.

Inclusion and Intersectionality.

Diversity

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

State of Oregon & National Websites:

AAUW of Oregon: aauw-or.aauw.net (password = oregonaauw) AAUW National: www.aauw.org

Gresham Area Branch Address:

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4233 SE 182nd Ave., #343

Gresham, OR 97030

Gresham Area Branch Website:

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Gresham Area Branch Facebook Page:

AAUW Gresham OR



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Gresham Area Branch 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or CHANGE FORM

Name:	Last	First	Date
Address:	Street	Apt/Unit No.	City Zip+4 Code
Phone:	Primary	Other	Email

The above information is required for new members and will be listed in the AAUW Directory.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Education (highest degree earned): _____ College/University (required for new member)

_____	_____	_____
Location	Degree	Year

Current Profession: _____

Professional Field(s): _____

Birthday (month and day only): _____

ENRICHMENT GROUPS (Please check activities of interest.)

- Between the Covers (book group)
- Crafts
- Golden Girls (day trips)
- International Dining
- Bridge Group (1)
- Public Policy
- Keep Walking, Walking

ANNUAL DUES (Please check box that applies.) Dues are for the fiscal year (July 1-June 30) State and branch newsletters are distributed electronically to those members who have email and by mail to all other members. Dues are partially tax-deductible, as indicated below.

- Renewing Member** (\$87 is tax deductible) \$108.00
- New Member** (\$87 is tax deductible) \$108.00
- Life Member** (\$20 is tax deductible) \$36.00
- Dual - GAB Dues are \$20 if your primary branch is not GAB**

_____ I paid online at AAUW.org. _____ Dues Amount Enclosed: \$_____

PAYMENT OPTIONS: By check, payable to AAUW Gresham Area Branch. Please complete this form and return it with your check to the Gresham Area Branch Vice-President of Membership or mail to:

Membership
Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc.
4233 SE 182nd Avenue, #343
Gresham, OR 97030

Only return this form if you are a new member or have personal information update or changes to Enrichment Groups.