



# KEYNOTES

## October 2024



**UPCOMING DATES:**

**Branch Meeting**  
**October 28, 4 p.m.**  
**Gresham Memorial Chapel**  
**257 SE Roberts Ave,**  
**Gresham, OR 97080**

**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)**

I don't know about you, but I sure enjoyed our September Branch Meeting! It was fun for all of us to gather, reconnect with long-time branch members, and meet some new ones after the long summer months. The board provided a delicious Baked Potato/Salad/Dessert Bar for dinner, and Sharron Noone arranged for **Renee Webster** and **Monica Salazar**, our **NCCWSL** participants, to share their experiences from the **2024 NCCWSL Conference** with us! Both women were extremely complimentary about the leadership program, stated that they learned a lot, and felt they had developed more confidence in facing future challenges. And thanks to the generosity of our branch members, the two raffle baskets put together by our Fundraising Chair, Mary Jeanne Oliva, garnered **\$175** for the **Judith Scott Memorial NCCWSL Fund!**

I hope all of you are planning to attend our second Branch Meeting on **Monday, October 28**, at the **Gresham Memorial Chapel**. Our program will highlight "**Higher Education Issues in Oregon.**" Subjects discussed will include higher education in Oregon prisons and Oregon Promise, the funding for low-income students to go to community colleges for free. Consider bringing a friend, family member, or colleague who is eligible and might be interested in joining our Branch.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that the **Mt. Hood Community College Foundation** has selected **Ms. Moriah Marsh**, a chemistry major, as our **2024-2025 AAUW Gresham Area Branch Scholarship Recipient**. Moriah will be our guest speaker at the November Branch Meeting so you can all get to meet her! Please read about her background and what our scholarship means to her in the article found in this *Keynotes* newsletter.

Hope to see you all on **October 28th!**

**Mary**





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AREA (OR) BRANCH**  
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**Board meeting:  
October 8, 3 p.m.**

**ZOOM**



Mark your calendar for the meeting on  
**Monday, October 28, 2024**

4:00 p.m. Doors Open

4:15-5:00 p.m. Branch Program

5:00-5:30 p.m. Social Time

5:30 p.m. Business Meeting

**2024-2025 Meeting Schedule**

- \* **October 28, Branch Meeting, 4 p.m. - Future of Education in Oregon**
- \* **November 19, Luncheon and Fundraiser, 11:30 a.m., Gresham Olive Garden, Mt. Hood Scholarship Recipient**
- \* **December 8, December Tea at Arlene Lemieux home, 1 p.m.**
- \* **January 27, Luncheon—Elmer's Parkrose, 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 20, Installation and Awards Banquet: Olive Garden, 5 p.m.**

**Book Sale at October Meeting**

Please bring books you want to donate and bring cash to buy the books other members bring to donate! There will be only one book sale this year. Books are reasonably offered at \$2 for hardbacks and \$1 for paperbacks. All proceeds from this sale will go to the Judith Scott Memorial NCCWSL fund for auxiliary conference expenses.

**Raffle Baskets** from the September 23 branch meeting. Our lucky winners were:

**Mary Jeanne Oliva—Homemade Treats**

**Mary J. Mayer—Mexican Food & Drinks**

Special thanks to **Mary Jeanne Oliva** for putting together the baskets and the members who donated goodies for the baskets. All proceeds went to the Judith Scott Memorial NCCWSL fund.





### INTRODUCING MS. MORIAH MARSH,

### OUR 2024-2025 AAUW GRESHAM AREA BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

By Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret), Branch MHCC Scholarship Chair

Just recently, the Mt. Hood Community College Foundation informed me that they selected **Ms. Moriah Marsh**, a chemistry major, as our 2024-2025 AAUW Gresham Area Branch Scholarship Recipient. In a communique that she wrote to the Branch, **Moriah** tells us about herself and profusely thanks the Branch for her scholarship:

*I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. I have a passion for science and the ocean. I plan to pursue these passions by getting my bachelor's degree in chemistry with a focus on ocean chemistry. One of my main career motivations is climate change, specifically ocean acidification and the impact it will have on future generations.*

*Beyond my academic goals, I enjoy hobbies in which I can express my creativity. One of those hobbies is baking. I have been baking for as long as I can remember. My love for baking started as watching Cupcake Wars and progressed into baking cakes for my friends' birthdays. Baking and decorating a cake is like making a painting you can eat. The detail that goes into making a cake can be frustrating, but the outcome is always worth it.*

*Another way I like to express my creativity is through fashion, specifically secondhand fashion. I have always had a love for vintage and secondhand fashion. Finding a unique piece that truly encompasses your personality is a wonderful feeling. I am also drawn to the sustainability of secondhand fashion. Having artistic outlets such as fashion and baking is something that has always helped me manage stress and express myself.*

*I cannot thank you enough for awarding me the AAUW Gresham Area Branch Scholarship. I will be forever grateful for your generosity. The news of this scholarship has relieved an immense amount of stress overpaying for my upcoming year of college.*

*The AAUW mission is incredibly inspiring, and I am honored that I have been chosen as an awardee by such a progressive organization. My upcoming year of college is undoubtedly going to be very hectic as I will be applying to transfer colleges while balancing a full class schedule and a job. This scholarship will eliminate the stress of paying for my Mt. Hood classes so I can focus on my studies and college applications.*

*After I transfer to a 4-year college I intend to get my bachelor's in chemistry, while focusing on ocean chemistry. As I have progressed through my first year of college, the idea of getting a degree further than a bachelor's has become more of a target. This award is another push to pursue higher education. Going into a male-dominated field can be intimidating, but, having support from people such as yourselves, makes me inspired to achieve my education and career goals. I am endlessly grateful for this scholarship that will allow me to focus on my passion without the stress of college debt.*

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With the grateful assistance of **Ms. Shelley McFarland**, the MHCC Foundation Development Coordinator, **Moriah** has been contacted and will be speaking at our November Branch Meeting –so all of you can meet her!

The **AAUW Gresham Area Branch** has been supporting our local scholarship through the Mt. Hood Community College Foundation since its inception in 2007. The scholarship, currently at the **\$3,500 level**, gives a local female second year community college student, majoring in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) subject, an opportunity to further her education and eventually obtain a degree. Seventeen young women have been awarded our branch scholarship so far at Mt. Hood Community College.

We have made tremendous progress with our scholarship these past few years— initially endowing it for **\$25,000** with the unanimous approval of the Branch Board of Directors in 2019, reaching a **\$50,000** endowment goal in 2020, and completing a new goal of raising the endowment corpus to **\$100,000** in 2023. Educational costs continue to go up, and we must try to keep pace with our scholarship funding efforts. Right now, tuition and fees run between \$6,400 to \$6,800 per year. At the current time, the end balance is **\$115,963 -- \$110,719** of which is the endowment corpus, and **\$5,244** is the spendable amount available for scholarships and administrative fees. **\$3,500** of the **\$5,244** will be used towards the **2024-2025** scholarship. These amounts reflect the CPI adjustment, but funds haven't yet been transferred out of the spendable portion for the 2024-25 scholarship payout of \$3,500 to Moriah.

At our Annual "**Calling All Angels**" Fundraiser on **November 19, 2024** at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Gresham, you will all have an opportunity to make substantive donations to our MHCC scholarship. Our **goal** this year is to raise **\$10,000** so we can raise the endowment corpus to **\$120,000**. Educational costs continue to go up, and we must try to keep pace with our scholarship funding efforts.

As 2024 progresses, don't forget about our local scholarship fund. I encourage you to continue to be generous in sending in contributions throughout the year; educational costs continue to go up, and we must try to keep pace with our scholarship funding efforts. Your contributions will give a **local female second year community college student** like **Moriah Marsh**, who is majoring in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) subject, an opportunity to further her education.

To make donations to the **Mt. Hood Community College Foundation AAUW-GAB Endowed Scholarship**, make your check payable to: **MHCC Foundation**. At the bottom of your check, write **AAUW Gresham Area Branch Endowed Scholarship** on the memo line. Mail your check to:

AAUW Gresham Area Branch  
ATTN: VP Finance  
4233 SE 182nd Avenue # 343  
Gresham, OR 97030

If you have any questions, please contact me via cell phone at **310-897-1902** or email at [maryjmayer@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjmayer@yahoo.com)

## AAUW Membership

Congratulations to the Gresham Area Branch! We only have one member who has not rejoined through her choice. Nadyne Rosin is now on the East Coast, and Mary Pat Silveira was a member as our District Chair. We have two new members: **Frances Volking** and the **OR State Policy Chair, Sharon Brabenac**. Be sure to welcome our new members at branch events. And let's all try to meet up with those who are not "our long time friends" and make new friends. I always think of the camp song: "Make new friends, but keep the old, One is silver and the other gold." I hope to see many of you at our October branch meeting.

**Katie Goodwin, Dues Treasurer**



## AAUW Funds

We're coming close to our November fundraiser for our various philanthropies which Mary Jeanne Oliva is graciously heading up once again. I know many of you give to AAUW Funds during the year – and I thank you; however this is an opportunity to support them by purchasing some "fun" items. We often think of fellowships with the Funds but going into the 9110 category allows National to support programs like Start Smart for women entering the job market, but needing updated skills to make them the "one" to hire; Tech Savvy events for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls; supporting Pay Equity and so much more. Through our donations, we are supporting the "heart of AAUW" : to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, educations and advocacy. The board is looking forward to this exciting opportunity for GAB to support our local and further flung interests.

**Katie Goodwin, AAUW Funds Advocate**

### New Member, Frances Volking



Our most recent new member, **Frances Volking**, came to Oregon from Virginia four years ago to be near her daughters and grandchildren. She went to the University of South Alabama, earning a Master of Educational Counseling degree. She lived in Virginia where she taught psychology, did academic advising, counseling and administrative work at the college level.

She is a singer, a writer, a bell choir ringer, a crafter and an animal lover. She just can't stand to sit still for very long!

She is presently subbing at the elementary level in northeast Portland schools. She loves working with little children.

She is also very active in her church. She is taking classes to become a certified minister. She is now a lay minister.

Frances has taken part in many of our branch events. We are so lucky to have her with us in our branch. Welcome, Frances!

**Arlene Lemieux**  
VP Membership





**Public Policy Report**  
 by Sharron Noone, Director of Public Policy

Barb Lintner and Arlene Lemieux helped the voter registration drive at Mt. Hood Community College with the student council leaders.



**SB1522 Prison Pilot Project (Coffee Creek)**

**Programs and Projects in Higher Education That Positively Impact Women**

The program in October will focus on Higher Education and the programs that provide extra support for women and low-income people in gaining the information and skills necessary to thrive in the current workplace. Topics will include, but may not be limited to, the very successful pilot program for higher education at Coffee Creek Women’s Prison and an update on Promise Oregon which has recovered from the pandemic. More details to follow soon.





## In Touch With AAUW

Sometimes we reflect that the AAUW national office is so far away, that we question the gap in our connection. But, let's consider some questions that give us potential to close this perceived gap.

How did you recognize National Voter Registration Day on September 17?

Have you volunteered in branch events at Mt. Hood Community College that support our mission?

Do you use your voice to participate in AAUW's Action Network?

Have you participated in AAUW's timely and informative webinars?

Do you read AAUW's e-publication Mission and Action?

How do you support local AAUW leaders' efforts to advance the mission?

I hope you will join me in putting these questions front and center, and consider how we support gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy!

**Mardy Stevens**

**Liaison for State & National AAUW**



### Hello AAUW of Oregon Members!

Happy National Voter Registration Month! Are you registered to vote in Oregon? Click [HERE](#) to check your registration status to make sure that it is correct and updated.

Your vote is a privilege and a right and one of the most patriotic things you can do! Oregon voter registration deadlines for the Tuesday, November 5, 2024 election:

- Online registration deadline is Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- Register by mail deadline must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 15, 2024

In person registration deadline is Tuesday, October 15, 2024

**So, check your registration so you can vote!**

Best,

**Claire Berger, Chair of AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Committee**





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#### Trip Takers Visit Nordic Northwest

On October 1, eight of our members visited Nordic Northwest. We toured Fogelbo, a Steiner log house filled with Scandinavian antiques collected by the owner. We viewed Olle Bolle, the giant troll created by Thomas Dembo, one of seven in the northwest.

Lunch at Broder Soder was also a delight, especially the Danish pancakes.

Barb Lintner









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](http://aauw-or.aauw.net) (password = oregonaauw) AAUW National: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**Gresham Area Branch Address:**

Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc.

4233 SE 182nd Ave., #343

Gresham, OR 97030

**Gresham Area Branch Website:**

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**Gresham Area Branch Facebook Page:**

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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  
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 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.