



KEYNOTES

January 2025



UPCOMING DATES:

Branch Luncheon
Monday, January 27
11:30 AM
Elmer's Parkrose Restaurant
10001 NE Sandy Blvd.

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)

Hope all of you enjoyed the holidays! Bill and I certainly did; we spent a very peaceful and relaxing December at our lake house in SW Washington and celebrated the new year at the Columbia Gorge Hotel in Hood River, with a "Speakeasy" themed party, highlighted with an excellent jazz singer accompanied by her trio.

I was sorry to have missed the Yuletide Tea on December 10th, but Arlene Lemieux said that those members who were able to attend had a wonderful time socializing and enjoying the bountiful refreshments.

THANK YOU again for your generosity for our "Calling All Angels" Annual Fundraiser in November 2024. Our Director of Funds Development, **Mary Jeanne Oliva**, tells me that we raised **\$7,528** – an increase from the **\$6,595** we raised in 2023. Of that, **\$4,500** was donated for the MHCC endowed scholarship. Please read Mary Jeanne's full report in this issue of the *Keynotes*.

Our next **Branch Meeting** will be held on **Monday, January 27, 2025**, at Elmer's Parkrose Restaurant at 11:30 am. Our Director of Public Policy, **Sharron Noone**, has put together an excellent program for us. Come hear **Claire Berger**, the Chair of the AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Committee, describe the AAUW member-chosen campaigns and learn how you can influence the process on bills that impact you, family and friends, and the community-at-large. Please read Sharron's full report in this issue of the *Keynotes*.

Finally, as we kick off the new year, there is still a critical opportunity for action on the ERA. President Biden must make publication of the ERA his new year's resolution! Click here to [Sign the petition to urge President Biden to act now for publication of the ERA](#). The ERA has met all constitutional requirements to become an amendment. Now President Biden must do everything he can to publish the ERA before the end of his presidency. Women and girls have waited long enough for constitutionally guaranteed equality. **Add your name and tell President Biden we demand action.**

Happy New Year and hope to see you on the 27th, **Mary**





Branch meetings are held on the fourth Monday in September, October, March, and April at the **Gresham Memorial Chapel, 257 SE Roberts Ave, Gresham, OR 97080.**

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AREA (OR) BRANCH**
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Mark your calendar for the Luncheon meeting on
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11:30 AM
Elmer's Parkrose Restaurant
10001 NE Sandy Blvd.
Portland, OR

2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

- * **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**
- * **May 19, Installation and Awards Banquet: Gresham Olive Garden, 5 p.m.**



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

January

JANUARY PROGRAM

January

AAUW Gresham Area Branch, Inc. - January Branch Meeting**Monday, January 27, 2025, 11:30 a.m.****Elmer's Parkrose Restaurant: 10001 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR 97220**

Claire Berger

The Oregon Legislature will begin the 2025 long session on **January 21**, and there are, of course, enormous problems and issues for the legislators to confront. AAUW at the State level works to support bills that relate to our mission of Equity for Women. We have a new process that includes more inclusion of members statewide, and a team of dedicated Public Policy Committee members to lead the efforts. Come hear **Claire Berger, Chair of the AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Committee**, describe the member-chosen campaigns and learn how you can influence the process on bills that impact you and your loved ones.

Claire's career has centered around leadership in three major areas: **childcare administration, workforce and economic development, and Migrant Head Start administration**. She will give details about all these achievements in her presentation. For the last thirteen years, she has been a member of the Hillsboro-Forest Grove Branch of the American Association of University Women in Oregon, serving as Branch President and Public Policy Chair. Currently chairing the AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Committee, she has a bachelor's degree in music and a master's degree in organizational management.

A Legacy of Gender Equality

President Jimmy Carter 1924-2024



[Carter signs the extension of the Equal Rights Amendment in 1978. Credit: The U.S. National Archives]

...Mr. Carter "transformed the power structure in the state of Georgia for women and people of color," Evans explained. He appointed twice as many women and minority judges to the federal bench as all of his predecessors combined, she said.

One judge whom Mr. Carter first appointed to the federal bench went on to shape U.S. law profoundly. Her name was Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

As President, Jimmy Carter supported the ERA at every turn, including signing a law that extended the timeline for ratification.

<https://justicerevival.org/a-call-to-action-jimmy-carters-legacy-of-gender-equality/>

Public Policy

Sharron Noone, Director of Public Policy

An Important Program with the Portland AAUW Branch

A Panel & Forum on

RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Doors open 12:30; Program 1:00-2:30 p.m.
The Mirabella Portland, 3550 S. Bond Ave.
(at the South Waterfront)



The **AAUW of Portland Public Policy Group** is bringing together a panel of representatives from various organizations that specifically help homeless women with children or homeless youths. A speaker from Portland State University will share research regarding the underlying causes of homelessness and ways to address these causes. You will then hear speakers discuss how their organizations help this population. At the comforting and nonjudgmental Rose Haven women with children suffering from trauma and homelessness can find help and security.

At Outside In, homeless youths can come for health care and support that offers them guidance toward education, sobriety, and employment—hope for the future. At New Avenues for Youth, vulnerable youths transitioning out of foster care can find important resources to help them get ahead.

These organizations make a daily effort to ameliorate the problems these people face. Please come and learn about their work. You are invited to ask questions!

Hillary Tiefer, Public Policy Co-chair — Portland Branch of AAUW

“Calling All Angels” 2024 Fundraising Campaign Summary Report

Submitted by Mary Jeanne Oliva, Director of Funds Development

THANK YOU once again to the **21 members** who generously donated through the Gresham Area Branch’s annual “Calling All Angels” fundraising program! The total we raised through the 2024 campaign is **\$7,528 - a nice increase from the \$6,595** we raised last year. Nearly one-third of the increase is due to the raffles, which raised excitement and increased donations (\$655 this year versus \$425 last year), so we intend to continue with the raffles for the 2025 campaign.

Through the branch’s “**Calling All Angels**” campaign, we were able to add **\$4,500** to our Mount Hood Community College Scholarship Endowment Fund. We know several members donate directly to AAUW and/or to the Mount Hood Community College Foundation, and we thank you for your generosity. It is my hope that next year ALL of our members will make a contribution, even if very small, through our branch’s “Calling All Angels” campaign so that we can proudly say that we have 100% participation. Thank you again!





IN TOUCH WITH AAUW

Take Action on the ERA

The National Archivist released a statement saying she refuses to publish the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

But the ERA has met all constitutional requirements to become an amendment. And women and girls are tired of waiting for constitutionally guaranteed equality.

Here's what you can do: Go to the AAUW website (www.aauw.org) and click on the "Take Action" link, and make your voice heard. Even better, after you click "Submit," share the link on Facebook or other social media. OR, send a letter to the White House urging President Biden to do everything he can to publish the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the Constitution.



Official Statement



We are extremely frustrated at the National Archivist's refusal to publish the ERA. Her decision to side with the Trump administration and against legal scholars and the American Bar Association is reprehensible.

Dr. Shogan, publish the ERA. Women around the country have waited long enough.

— GLORIA L. BLACKWELL
Chief Executive Officer

Mardy Stevens
Liaison for State & National AAUW



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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...





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

Peggy Taylor
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Second Wednesday @ 2 p.m., Gresham Library

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR
GRESHAM BRANCH AAUW MEMBERS

- Patricia Casey-Hallgren January 17
- Sharon Brabenac January 18
- Arlene Lemieux January 22
- Lori Stegmann January 24
- Shirley Gernhart January 29
- Marilyn Zook January 31





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:

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:

AAUW Gresham OR



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Gresham Area Branch 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or CHANGE FORM

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| 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)

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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 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.