



# KEYNOTES

## April 2025



### UPCOMING DATES:

**Branch Meeting**

**Monday, April 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  
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### President's Message

**By Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**

Wow! What a personable and knowledgeable speaker we had at the March Branch Meeting! **Traci Simmons**, the Associate Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at Mt. Hood Community College, gave us a no-nonsense overview of what DEI was and wasn't and encouraged us to use our voices as catalysts to advance equitable success in our relations with the people and institutions we encounter in our communities.

Kudos to our Director of Public Policy, **Sharron Noone**, who led our Branch's legislative outreach as part of the **AAUW of Oregon 2025 Lobby Days** with an in-person meeting on **March 28** with **Representative Zach Hudson** from the East County area who volunteered to meet with the Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc. The group advocated for the six bills that the Oregon Public Policy Committee chose.

It is gratifying that around seven of our Branch members will be attending the **AAUW of Oregon 2025 Conference and 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** being held from April 25-26 in Lebanon, Oregon. I am especially proud that **Sharron Noone** will be presenting a breakout session on "Passion for Advocacy: A Public Policy Workshop," and **Deborah Arthur** and **Nahlee Suvanveij** will make a presentation on "Portland State University's Higher Education Prison Program" on Saturday afternoon. I was able to persuade **LtCol Jessica Bradley, USMC (Ret)**, the Women Veterans' Coordinator at the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), to join us on Saturday to speak on "Women Military Veterans: Acknowledging Their Service Through Community and Connection." I have been asked to be her host and introduce her to those in attendance during her breakout session. As you recall, our own **Mardy Stevens** will be presenting Deborah and Nahlee with the coveted **Breaking Barriers Achievement Award** as the award's facilitator. Finally, thanks to your generous donations to the AAUW Funds, **Katie Goodwin** tells me that we will have five Branch Named Gift Honorees presented at the Awards Celebration and Dinner.

Our next **Branch Meeting** will be held on **Monday, April 28, 2025**, at the **Gresham Memorial Chapel** at **4:00 pm**. Due to a last minute cancellation for our April speaker, **Lisa Skari, Mt. Hood Community College President**, has willingly agreed to come to speak to our branch regarding the college bond details.

Happy Easter and hope to see you on the 28<sup>th</sup>!

**Mary**





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AREA (OR) BRANCH**  
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Mark your calendar for the branch meeting on  
**Monday, April 28**

**Gresham Memorial Chapel**

**2024-2025 Meeting Schedule**

- \* **April 28, Branch Meeting, 4 p.m., - Lisa Skari, Mt. Hood Community College President**
- \* **May 19, Installation and Awards Banquet: Gresham Olive Garden, 5 p.m.**

**Program Change for April 28 Meeting!**

**Lisa Skari, President of Mt. Hood Community College**, will share details of the college bond being voted on in a special election on May 25, 2025.

She will outline the specific needs that will be addressed with this bond funding. Additionally, Lisa will update us on enrollment and the programs at Mt. Hood Community College.

We hope to see you there on **April 28 at 4 p.m.**

Refreshments & goodies will be provided.

**Board meeting:**  
**May 13 , 3 p.m.**

**ZOOM**

**\*\*\*EMAIL UPDATE FOR MARY ANN DUNN—Please use the following email for Mary Ann Dunn. Disregard any other previous email addresses and update your directory.**

**ma336dp@gmail.com**

**Thank you.**

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

## April 2 Legislative Update

- HB3187 – Age Discrimination (partnership with AARP)  
Has a work session scheduled for April 7
- HB3212 – Pharmacy Prices  
Has a work session scheduled for April 8
- HB3011 – Early Childhood Education  
Has possible work session scheduled for April 8

**SB1098 – Against Book/Materials Banning based on illegal discrimination**

**A sponsor Representative has been chosen to carry it in the House.**

**HOUSE FIRST READING HAS BEEN DONE 4/1/2025**

**HB2233 – Legal Services for Coffee Creek Adults in Custody - Ways and Means**

**SB694 – Increased Child Tax Credit – Ways and Means**

**GAB Special Interest Bill**

HB2747 – online education for all Oregon prisons – amended to do a gradual phase-in based on institution Pell Grant eligibility – in Ways and Means

**OTHER COFFEE CREEK BILLS**

SB1116 - Directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to study the establishment of the Family Preservation Project pilot program at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility - in Committee – no action

HB3066 Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Corrections for purpose of funding the advanced esthetics program at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. – in Ways and Means

HB1120 - Requires the Department of Corrections to implement a list of policies for adults in custody, including policies related to gender-responsive, evidence-based and trauma-informed practices at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility – in Joint Ways and Means



## In Touch with AAUW

### Let's look back at AAUW happenings at the national level.

- \* 1888 - AAUW started the Fellowships and Grants program. International applicants came shorter after.
- \* 1929 there was a bylaws amendment to recognize honorary membership.
- \* Eleanor Roosevelt (not eligible for membership) was an AAUW member, and she spoke to the national convention in 1959.
- \* 1930s and 40s - it was the practice that prospective members had to be recommended by another member.
- \* 1949 women of color could become members.
- \* 1961 the bachelor's degree was added to who could become a member.
- \* 1963 Historic Black Colleges and Universities were first accepted.
- \* 1970s a formal mission statement was developed, and AAUW was starting to talk about equity.
- \* 1987 - Men were accepted for membership.
- \* 1989 - George Bush spoke at the national convention, and was a member.
- \* 2005 - Those with associate degrees could be members.

144 years of changing and aligning. What's next?

**Mardy Stevens**

**Liaison to National AAUW**

### Donation Campaign for PSU's Women's Education Program at Coffee Creek Prison

After hearing Deborah Smith Arthur and Nahlee Suvanvej's presentation about the PSU Women's Education Program at Coffee Creek Prison at our October meeting, it was decided to raise donations for that PSU program and match member donations with up to \$1000 from branch funds.

This **special one-time fundraising campaign runs until April 15, 2025**. Donations may be made by credit card or check made out to "AAUW-GAB" and sent with the donation form to our P.O. Box, the same as with our annual "Calling All Angels" campaign.

The money that we give will go into an account at PSU designated for use in their Women's Education Program at Coffee Creek Prison. The donations they receive will be used as an emergency fund covering program needs and educational items for the women prisoners, including textbooks, supplies, and backpacks for women who transition from the prison program to on-campus studies after their release. Nahlee Suvanvej will report to the branch either in writing or orally on the way these donations helped these incarcerated women achieve their education goals.

As of April 3rd we have received **\$1,730** from 11 members - thank you for your generosity! If you are able to contribute to this special campaign, please send your forms no later than "tax day", April 15th.

A downloadable donation form is included in this newsletter on page 5 and in the E-Blast that Connie sent out.

**Mary Jeanne Oliva**

**Director of Funds Development**

**AAUW-GAB Funds for Portland State University's Coffee Creek  
Prison Program for Women's Education  
February 24 – April 15, 2025**

AAUW-GAB will match from the Project Reserves Fund, up to \$1000 of your donations. All money given as a donation will go into an account at Portland State University called "Student Services and Resource Centers: PSU in Higher Education in Prison Program" and it will be designated for use in their women's education program.

Use this form to mail your check or credit card donation. Make your check payable to AAUW-GAB. Please print clearly. Your check or credit card information will not be shared or kept on file. Tax letters will be issued in January 2026.

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Mail your donation by April 15 to: Mary Jeanne Oliva  
Director of Funds Development  
Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc.  
4233 SE 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave. #343  
Gresham, OR 97030

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate the amount of your tax-deductible contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Card Type (Circle One): Visa   Master Card   AMEX   Discover   Exp Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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Cardholder Zip Code (from credit card billing address) \_\_\_\_\_ CCV code:\_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Gresham Area Branch of AAUW to charge my credit card above for the total tax-deductible contribution amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. My credit card will not be shared or kept on file.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership Update



It is now time to think about renewing your AAUW Membership, though for most of you, **June 30, 2025** is the deadline. This year the combined dues for National (\$74.00), State (\$16.00) and GAB (\$20.00) comes to **\$110.00**. Those who are Life members owe just \$36.00 and those who have applied for 50 year National membership may only owe \$20.00 for our branch. Included in this newsletter is our renewal application for 2025-26; however, if you have changes in your contact information, you need to include the form with your dues. Paying online with your bankcard is an easy option requiring no stamp or check and the amount you owe “pops” right up with your personal information. Thank you to those who opted to renew early.

**Katie Goodwin, Dues Treasurer**

## AAUW Funds

Thank you again to GAB members for your generosity in supporting AAUW Funds so generously. Providing for programs such as Start Smart, and those advancing equity for women and girls in the workplace and school as an organization is what we once called the “heart of AAUW.” Our support will be recognized at our State convention the end of April where GAB will be honoring 5 women as named honorees. At our May Installation Banquet, we will have the opportunity to recognize them in person.

**Katie Goodwin, AAUW Funds Advocate**



In the news—Gresham Outlook. Our branch member, **Katie Goodwin**, shown here with a visitor at Multnomah Falls where Katie has volunteered for 35 years!

Way to go Katie!



**Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

## Woman of Achievement Award

April 18, 2025 Deadline

The Woman of Achievement Award was established in 1987 to recognize a woman branch member who, within the last five years, has given of herself to the extent that she has achieved goals worthy of recognition by her branch and community. This recognition is not meant to be an annual award, but it is given any year that a woman is nominated by a fellow branch member, meets the eligibility criteria, and is chosen by the Selection Committee. If there is a recipient, the Woman of Achievement Award is presented at the May Banquet.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Significant contributions to the branch and community within the past five years
2. Service as an elected or appointed officer of the Gresham Area Branch for at least one full year
3. Current membership in the Gresham Area Branch and a member for at least three years
4. Noteworthy contributions in service to AAUW at the branch level and significant involvement in other areas (such as schools, church, associations, and community), which could be related to the woman's profession, will be considered, as well as exceptional personal achievement

## Selection Process

### Nominations and Deadline

Any current member of the Gresham Area Branch may call **Arlene Lemieux (503-252-8467)** to get a nomination form no later than **April 18, 2025**. Please complete and return to by **May 1, 2025**.

### Selection Committee

The three-member Selection Committee representing the branch membership is appointed by the branch president and includes (1) a committee chair and (2) at least two past Woman of Achievement recipients. The Selection Committee reviews all submitted nominations and selects the award recipient.

### Confidentiality

Before the May Banquet, the Selection Committee Chair will notify the branch if a Woman of Achievement will be recognized. The recipient's name, however, will remain confidential to both the recipient and the branch members until the award is presented at the banquet.



## AAUW of Oregon

### 2025 Conference & 100th Annual Meeting

April 25-26, 2025

Let's all meet in Lebanon, Oregon on **April 25th and 26th** for the **AAUW of Oregon Conference and 100th Annual Meeting**. We'll view the award-winning documentary film *Space, Hope, and Charity*. You won't want to miss meeting NASA astrophysicist, Charity Woodrum and filmmaker, Sandy Cummings. <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/files/2025/02/Join-us-in-Lebanon-1.pdf>

We're staying at the Best Western Premier [Boulder Falls Inn](#), 505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355. Rooms are \$149.99 with 13.8% lodging taxes. To reserve your room, call the hotel directly: 541-451-1000, and reference AAUW 2025 Annual Meeting. To get our **special room rate**, your reservation must be made **before Monday, March 24, 2025**.



### [Conference Update on All Six of the Oregon AAUW Priority Bills](#)

Sharron Noone, assisted by Connie Maguire, will do a formal update on all of the Oregon AAUW Priority Bills in a breakout session at the State AAUW Conference on April 25-26. We will also have the chance to talk to members about what issues they want to focus on in future legislatures and what ways the State Public Policy Committee could best assist the Branches in advocating within their local areas. Come join us!!!



## Enrichment Groups Contacts

### Between the Covers

Peggy Taylor  
pataylor48@aol.com

### Bridge Groups

Arlene Lemieux 503-252-8467  
t.lemieux@comcast.net

### Crafts/Needlework

Arlene Lemieux 503-252-8467  
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### Trip Takers

Barb Lintner 503-847-1960  
barblintner@gmail.com

Bonnie Jepsen 503-442-5426  
No email

### International Dining

Connie Maguire 503-319-3464  
camaguire@frontier.com

### Keep Walking, Walking

Arlene Lemieux 503-252-8467  
t.lemieux@comcast.net

### Public Policy/Community Service

Sharron Noone 503-799-2139  
smnrrooe@aol.com

### Keep Walking, Walking ... Schedule for walks January to May 2025

All of these walks have ease and distance in mind. For any of them, we can tailor them to our needs. More details about these walks will be communicated.

- \* **Tuesday, April 22 - Irvington Classic Homes.** Again, this walk is from the "Walk There!" book. Meet at Arlene's at 10 a.m. to carpool.
- \* **Friday, May 30 - Fort Vancouver** and lunch at **Grant House.**

**Arlene Lemieux**  
**Keep Walking, Walking...**





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

April 9                      **Coming Home**, Brittney Griner                      (Cynthia)

May 14                      **The Women**, Kristin Hannah                      (Martha)

June 11 - Book selections 2025-26                      (Peggy T. )  
Time/Place TBD



APRIL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR  
GRESHAM BRANCH OF AAUW, INC. MEMBERS

Peggy Bromley—April 9  
Mary J. Mayer—April 15





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:**

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**Gresham Area Branch Website:**

**TBA**

**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** ..... (\$89 is tax deductible) .... \$110.00  
☐ **New Member** ..... (\$89 is tax deductible) .... \$110.00  
☐ **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 182<sup>nd</sup> 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.**