



# KEYNOTES

## June 2025



### UPCOMING DATES:

**Summer Picnic**

**July at Columbia Park**

**Troutdale**

**Date TBA**

**Watch for E-Blast this  
Month**

### KEYNOTES DEADLINE IS THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH.

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### President's Message

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

The Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc. had an exceptionally busy year as it celebrated its 54th birthday. Starting at our Board Planning Retreat, it was enthusiastically agreed that the Branch would participate in the AAUW Five-Star National Recognition Program for the very first time. We made real progress in achieving our goals. Our November Fundraiser, "Calling All Angels," raised more money than ever before for our Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) scholarship endowment, funding to send two students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), and donations for AAUW Funds and Branch Operations. We exceeded our endowment goal of \$140,000 for our MHCC Scholarship which permits a second year STEM student to receive a \$3,500 scholarship annually. Our Director of Public Policy led our Branch's legislative outreach as part of the AAUW of Oregon 2025 Lobby Days. Finally, the Branch submitted a nomination for the AAUW of Oregon Breaking Barriers Achievement Award for Founder Deborah Arthur and Director Nahlee Suvanvej of Portland State University's Higher Education in Prison Program and won.

1 Our mission-based program theme this year was "Education and Community,"  
and guest speakers included: Renee Webster and Monica Salazar on their ex-  
periences from the 2024 NCCWSL; Deborah Arthur and Nahlee Suvanvej who  
2 gave an overview of Portland State University's Higher Education in Prison Pro-  
gram; Moriah Marsh, a chemistry major and our 2024-2025 MHCC Scholarship  
3 Recipient, who spoke about her background, educational pursuits, hobbies,  
and her plans after graduating from MHCC; Claire Berger, Chair of the AAUW  
of Oregon Public Policy Committee, who described the new AAUW member-  
chosen campaigns; Doctor Abio Ayeliya, Director of Office of Student Life and  
4 Civic Engagement at MHCC; Traci Simmons, Associate Vice President for Diver-  
sity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at MHCC; and Dr. Lisa Skari, President of  
5 MHCC, and Diane McKeel, Chair of MHCC District Board of Education, who ad-  
dressed the details of the Mt. Hood Community College bond election and up-  
dates to college programs.

6 It was also gratifying that seven of our Branch members attended the 2025  
AAUW of Oregon Conference held April 25-26 in Lebanon, Oregon. Our own  
Public Policy Director, Sharron Noone, presented a breakout session on  
"Passion for Advocacy: A Public Policy Workshop," and Deborah Arthur and  
7 Nahlee Svanjey made a presentation on "Portland State University's Higher  
Education Prison Program." At the AAUW of Oregon Awards Banquet, our  
Branch received a special award for the largest percentage of members donat-  
ing to the AAUW Funds in 2024!

9 I am immensely proud of our accomplishments as a Branch, and I want to  
thank all the officers, board members, committee chairs, and the branch mem-  
bership for all their hard work and dedication during the 2024-2025 program  
year! We look forward to another productive year in 2025-2026. Your board  
members will be meeting for a Program Planning Meeting on June 9, a Board  
Planning Retreat on June 26, and its first Board Meeting on August 12. Hope to  
see you all at the Branch Picnic to be held in mid-July; stay tuned for the de-  
tails! Enjoy the summer,

**Mary**





## AAUW GRESHAM AREA (OR) BRANCH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2024-2025

**President:**

Mary J. Mayer

**VP Finance:**

Barb Lintner

**Dues Treasurer:**

Katie Goodwin

**VP Programs:**

Barb Kaufman

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Arlene Lemieux

**VP Communications:**

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Martha Manske

**Reviewers:**

Mardy Stevens

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### Gresham Music Mondays at Gresham Arts Plaza

**July 7:** NBNA (NOLA Brass); 45 Away (Classic Rock)

**July 14:** MHCC Kane St Combo (Jazz); The Bylines (Jazz)

**July 21:** Zyanna (R&B); Michelle Lambert (Rock)

**July 28:** Walter Willy's El Cubano De Mexico (Latin); Dina y los Rumberos (Latin)

**Aug. 4:** Eldon T. Jones (Smooth jazz); Sonny Hess (Blues)

**Aug. 11:** Trent Beaver (Americana); NW Playboys (Country)

**Aug. 18:** Christopher Kern (Steel Pan); Coloso (Reggae)



### New Branch Website

We have a new updated branch website. The website is designed to attract new members who want to join our wonderful group in the Gresham Area Branch of AAUW, Inc. If you have any friends, neighbors, or family that might be interested in joining, refer them to our new web address to learn more about us:

<https://greshamarea-or.aauw.net/>



Board Planning Retreat  
June 26 , 10-2  
Arlene Lemieux Home

## AAUW Funds

At our Annual Awards Banquet **Liz Morse, Elaine Sinclair, and Marilyn Zook**, the founders of our Gresham Area Branch, received certificates from the State honoring them for their support for AAUW Funds. Our special guests from Coffee Creek also were honored for their work in establishing a college program for residents of Coffee Creek.

As I mentioned in the May *Keynotes*, GAB again was in the top 10 branches in Oregon for total and per capita giving; also we were recognized for our total giving going to the greatest needs fund. A new award this year, which only our branch received, was the highest percentage of members donating to AAUW Funds in 2024. The board cannot thank you enough for your generosity to the Funds, MHCC, and Coffee Creek this year all of which support our core mission of empowering women through education and workshops preparing them for the job market.

**Katie Goodwin AAUW Funds Advocate**

## Membership Matters



**It truly is that time of year now to renew your membership as most of us have June 30th renewal deadline.** Thank you to the over half of you who have already renewed. Now we just need the rest of you. On page 9 of this *Keynotes*, there is a membership form which tells you the amount owed and check info for re-mitting by mail. Preference is for you to go online and renew with a credit card, but either way works. For most of you, the dues are **\$110** for National, State, and GAB.

If you are a life member, dues are \$36. For those who are 50-year honorary members, your total is \$20. When you renew online, the site automatically tells you your renewal amount. Our mailing info is: checks made out to "AAUW Gresham Area Branch"; mail to AAUW GAB, 4233 SE 182<sup>nd</sup> #343, Gresham, OR 97030. Thank you for continuing to support AAUW and our never ending quest for at least some equality for all women in our education system and the workplace.

**Katie Goodwin, Dues Treasurer**



## 2025 Wednesday Music in the Park

**July 9:** Bodacious (Folk) at **Nadaka Nature Park**, 17615 N.E. Glisan St.

**July 23:** Eldon T. Jones (Smooth jazz) at **Bella Vista Park**, 401 N.W. Bella Vista Dr.

**Aug. 6:** 10 O'Clock Hill (Bluegrass) at **Butler Creek**, 2808 S.W. Mawrcrest Ave.

**Aug. 20:** Ache Son (Latin) and Tequilla Highway (Latin) at **Vance Park**, 1400 S.E. 182 Ave.

## Public Policy

### Sharron Noone, Director of Public Policy

#### Update for Website on Public Policy



There is a lot of suspense surrounding one of our Oregon Legislature Bills supported by State AAUW's Public Policy Committee. After scheduling a 3rd reading of SB1098, the ban-on-book-bans bill, three times it is now scheduled for June 9; if it passes, it goes to the governor. The four "money" bills that State AAUW Public Policy supported have no activity showing on the website. We are all waiting to see what happens with the Transportation funding. Thanks for your time and interest.

Although, the four "money" bills that State AAUW supported have no activity showing on the website, Ann Bard reports that HB3212, the bill that aimed to reduce pharmacy prices, has been scuttled by pharmaceutical lobbyists.

Legislative Leaders are aiming to wrap up by mid-June. Let me know if you have questions or want to join the Public Policy Committee. Thanks for your time and interest.

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



### In Touch with AAUW

\* If you haven't seen AAUW's new Strategic Plan, click on this link

<https://www.aauw.org/about/strategic-plan-2025/> - Then click on the link, Download Strategic Plan One-Pager. It is informative!!

- It is not unusual to hear this question: When my legislator agrees with my position, why should I make contact? Here's what you should do. Make contact and thank them, then ask them, not only to be supportive, but to be a champion of the issue. Finally, ask them what kind of support they need, and consider your own supportive response.

**Mardy Stevens**



## Gresham Area Branch of AAUW Inc. May Installation & Awards Banquet



**Barb Lintner** is presented with the **Gresham Branch of AAUW, Inc., Woman of Achievement** award from **Arlene Lemieux**, VP of Membership.



**Moriah Marsh**, MHCC Scholarship Recipient, and **Shelley McFarland**, Scholarship Coordinator for MHCC Foundation, connecting with branch members.



**Nahlee Suvanvej**, one of the five recipients of the Gresham Area Branch of AAUW Inc. Named Gift Honoree for 2024.



**Sharron Noone**, Director of Public Policy, presenting **Nahlee Suvanvej** with the generous gift of **\$3,230** from our branch to support the Coffee Creek Prison Education program in conjunction with PSU. Nahlee was very grateful and surprised by our branch's generosity to this program.



Branch Members, **Ruth Lund** and **Arlene Lemieux**, enjoying conversation.



**Audrey Velasco** and **Jazmin Lisette Ceballos Sandoval**, NCCWSL scholarship awardees, and Gresham Branch members, **Barb Lintner** and **Susan Calef**, at our May banquet.



## Enrichment Groups Contacts

### Between the Covers

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### International Dining

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### Keep Walking, Walking

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### Public Policy/Community Service

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

Peggy Taylor  
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June 11 - Book selections 2025-26 (Peggy T. )  
Troutdale Food Carts—1 p.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR  
GRESHAM AREA BRANCH OF AAUW INC.  
MEMBERS

Barb Lintner  
Ken Manske  
Katie Arnold

June 1  
June 14  
June 30





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

<https://greshamarea-or.aauw.net/>

**Gresham Area Branch Facebook Page:**

AAUW Gresham OR





AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

**Gresham Area Branch 2025-2026 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.**