



KEYNOTES

January 2022



UPCOMING Dates:

Branch Luncheon
ELMER'S RESTAURANT
 Monday, January 24
 11:30 a.m.

**RSVP TO: MARTHA MANSKE OR
 ARLEME LEMIEUX**

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 Peggy Taylor and Bonnie Jepsen

Ladies,

In January 2021, my welcome to all of you was for a renewed life. Well, here we are entering **2022** and life has had little change. We are still masked, distanced and meeting via ZOOM. We are definitely grateful to be here! **Welcome to 2022!**

The annual **Holiday Tea** via ZOOM was enjoyed by all. Your continued generosity and support of the branch has been incredible during these trying times. Our numerous financial contributions to support our branch have again exceeded expectation. **Each and everyone of you deserve special recognition.** More information regarding our financial success will follow in this Keynotes.

The planned **January 24** branch luncheon will be held. Further details will follow via E-blast and within this **Keynotes** issue.

January reminds us of nomination for Board positions for 2022-2023. Sharron and Katie will be exploring these positions and contacting branch members. Branch board members will meet **January 11 at 3 p.m.** via ZOOM.

The next branch meeting is scheduled for **January 24** during the luncheon. Further information to come via E-blast. **Keep and open and positive outlook for 2022.**

Happy New Year!

Bonnie



**January Branch Luncheon on January 24 at 11:30 a.m.
 Located at Elmer's Restaurant, 1933 NE 181st Street, Gresham.
 Please RSVP to Martha Manske or Arlene Lemieux by
 Monday, January 17.**



AAUW GRESHAM AREA (OR) BRANCH

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2021-2022

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Arlene Lemieux

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Arlene Lemieux

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Monthly Meetings

Branch meetings will be held on the fourth Monday in September, October, November, March, and April. **Our new time for meetings will be from 3-5 PM with the schedule outlined below:**

3:00 - 3:15 Socialization

3:15 - 4:00 Program

10 minute break

4:10 - 4:50 Business meeting

4:50 - 5:00 Closure/exit building



Programs for 2021-2022



Monday, January 24, 2022 - 11:30 Luncheon - Shirley Craddick on Metro

Monday, February 28, 2022 - 11:30 Luncheon - Lisa Skari, President of MHCC

Monday, March 28, 2022 - Scams

Monday, April 25, 2022 - Civics Education in High Schools

Monday, May 23, 2022 - Installation Banquet

Our branch meetings will be on Zoom until the State of Oregon determines that it is safe to meet in person. When we do meet in person, it will be the Gresham Memorial Chapel on 257 SE Roberts, Gresham, OR. I hope everyone can join us.

The January and February luncheons have been changed from Saturdays to Mondays. Doing this will help us get reservations.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our meetings.

Arlene and Martha



**Board meeting:
January 11, 3 p.m.**

On ZOOM

JANUARY BRANCH MEETING PROGRAM

CATCHING UP WITH METRO COUNCILOR SHIRLEY CRADDICK

Martha Manske, Co-VP Programs



Happy New Year everyone! With fingers crossed, our January luncheon will be held at **Elmer's Restaurant, 1933 NE 181st Street at 11:30 am**. We will order off the menu and pay separately. **Please let Martha or Arlene know if you will attend.** Our speaker for the luncheon will be **Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick.**

During her tenure as Metro Councilor, Shirley's goals for District 1 center on increasing economic prosperity in the eastern part of the region while protecting natural areas and the environment, increasing jobs, and fostering vibrant and active town centers. **She would also like to see District 1 have an enhanced voice at the regional table.**

Shirley served as lead Metro Councilor for the **East Metro Connections** plan where she helped her district prioritize a set of transportation projects that will contribute to each jurisdiction's economic and community development goals. She will also be working on the continued development of the **Intertwine**, the region's integrated network of natural areas, parks and trails. In her capacity as Metro Councilor, she serves on the **Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation, the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board, Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants selection committee, the Travel Portland board, Levee Ready Columbia and several other committees.** Councilor Craddick began her term in 2011. Her current term expires January 21, 2023.

From 2004 to 2010 Shirley served as a Gresham city councilor. She is a retired registered dietitian and health researcher, serving at Kaiser Permanente's Center for Health Research for almost 33 years. During her time there, she was involved in the design and implementation of multi-site behavioral clinical trials funded by the National Institutes of Health. She is an author and co-author of scientific articles and books regarding the relationship of diet and cardiovascular disease. She holds a BS in dietetics and institutional management, an R.D. (Registered Dietitian) and a master's degree in health administration.





Enrichment Groups Contacts for 2021-2022

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Between the Covers



The book group will be discussing ***Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century*** by Jessica Bruder. This book is about older Americans, after the Great Recession, who take to the road in RV's, travel trailers and vans forming a growing community of nomads: migrant laborers who call themselves "workampers". Join us for this discussion at **3:00 on Wednesday, January 19.**

Arlene

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

Shirley Craddick	January 15
Pat Casey-Hallgren	January 17
Arlene Lemieux	January 22
Lori Stegmann	January 24
Shirley Gernhart	January 29
Marilyn Zook	January 31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Calling All Angels 2021

Thanks to your amazing generosity we have once more collected funds for our worthwhile endeavors for a total of **\$11,425** as follows:

Mt Hood College Community Foundation Scholarship	\$6,305
AAUW National	\$2,265
AAUW-Gresham Area Branch	\$2,190
NCCWSL Scholarship	\$ 665

All our efforts to get the word out were beneficial as we received donations on forms printed from our email blast, forms enclosed in bags with the Christmas stickers on them, and forms sent in following the tea.

Thanks to all who worked to make this possible: **Katie Goodwin, Deb Frick, Mary Mayer, and our ladies who assembled and delivered bags this year.**

Checks have been sent off to MHCC and National in 2021 and tax letters will be sent out in January to all donors. Thanks to you for your continued membership and generous support in these less than ideal times.

Barb Lintner

Thank
You



**GAB AAUW has a 50-year proud history of
Public Service and Friendship.
In 2022, we hope to expand our
membership to include more diversity that
better reflects the dynamic community around us.
Watch for details in the Keynotes,
by email and in Branch meetings.**



AAUW FUNDS

GAB members again stepped up by supporting AAUW Funds with **\$2,265** in donations through our virtual auction. In all **90% of GAB members** took part in our auction!

How great is that? I am so looking forward to when we can meet in person and give thanks face to face once again. As an FYI, this is only our support through our auction, many of us give at other times of the year and/or when specific requests come from National so after the April state meetings I will share our branch's total support with you. Meanwhile have a safe and healthy 2022. **Katie Goodwin, AAUW Funds GAB Chair**

GAB Virtual Auction Report

Once again our virtual auction was a huge success and this without "pushing" to get any fund endowed. As mentioned in my AAUW Funds article, 90% of GAB members supported this fund raiser. We miss out on the personal contact without a restaurant event, but we have far fewer expenses including our purchase of a meal which gives us all a "boost." Beside the AAUW Funds contribution of \$2,265.00 you supported GAB with **\$2,190**, our MHCC scholarship with **\$6,305** and the ability of young women to attend a leadership conference – NCCSWL – with \$665.00 for total donations of **\$11,425!** The only significant cost was the VISA fee of only **\$106.35**, so all in all the auction was a very successful event.

Thank you, Barb Lintner and Katie Goodwin

**POLICY
FOR THE
PEOPLE**



Public Policy Interest Group

In a recent webinar provided by National AAUW, it was made very clear that States and Branches are to follow the priorities set forth in the **AAUW Public Policy Priorities**, to the exclusion of other charitable activities. This is the first of three segments that outline in concrete terms what we are to emphasize. The Public Policy Interest group will be discussing these and will provide information to members of ways the GAB can support these issues.

Biennial Action Priorities – Adopted by National in May, 2021

First Priority: To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, diversity and inclusivity, and to address the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women and girls.

- Strengthening and vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- Adequate and equitable funding for and access to quality public education, including early childhood education, for all students
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools
- Increased support for and protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, including strong promotion of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and comprehensive sexual health education
- Increased support for and access to affordable higher education for women, including alleviating the debt burden that disproportionately impacts borrowers of color and exacerbates the racial wealth gap
- Support for practices that halt the flow of students from schools to prisons, including reforming school disciplinary practices that disproportionately punish girls and students of color



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:

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