



KEYNOTES

September 2021



UPCOMING Dates:

Branch Meeting on ZOOM
Monday, September 27
3—5 PM

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

A warm welcome to each of you from Peggy and me. Hopefully, as fall approaches the weather, COVID-19 virus, and the Delta variant will cool down and slow down.

The August Ice Cream Social was poorly attended, however, the evening was lovely, as was Peggy's backyard where those of us present enjoyed a face to face ice cream experience and friendship.

The **August Summer Skills Camps** were well attended via Zoom by several of our board and branch members. The meetings were designed with varied interests in mind.

Monday, September 27, will be the first branch meeting of the year, whether via Zoom or in-person. Our meetings will follow a new time schedule - **3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** See the detailed schedule within. Notification regarding location and/or Zoom will be forth-coming.

Mt. Hood Community College Heroes for Education Award event scheduled for September 30 is currently on hold. Further details regarding this event to follow.

September brings a new **V.P. of Finance** candidate to the branch. **Barb Lintner** is seeking to replace Katie Arnold. **Hopefully you will have cast your vote via SurveyMonkey by September 24.** Installation will be during the September branch meeting.

The branch **Membership Directory 2021-22** will be available in September. Delivery details will be provided later.

September is showing signs of increased membership. How fortunate we are! Keep recruiting!

Peggy and I are looking forward to another year of interesting events. **Happy September!**

Bonnie





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Monthly Meetings Resume This Month...Time to Reconnect!

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, September 27, 2021 - Oregon Tradeswomen

Monday, October 25, 2021 - My Father's House: A New Job-Training Program

Monday, November 22, 2021 - MHCC Scholarship Recipient, NCCWSL. and a fun(d) event

Sunday, December 12, 2021 - Branch Tea - place and time TBD

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
VP Programs**

**Board meeting:
September 14, 3 p.m.
On ZOOM**



Voting is still open for **VP of Finance** nominee **Barb Lintner** until **September 24, 2021**. Please review your email that was sent from **Barb Kaufman** on **August 20** for the link to vote. It is quick and easy. Thank you to the branch members who have voted already!



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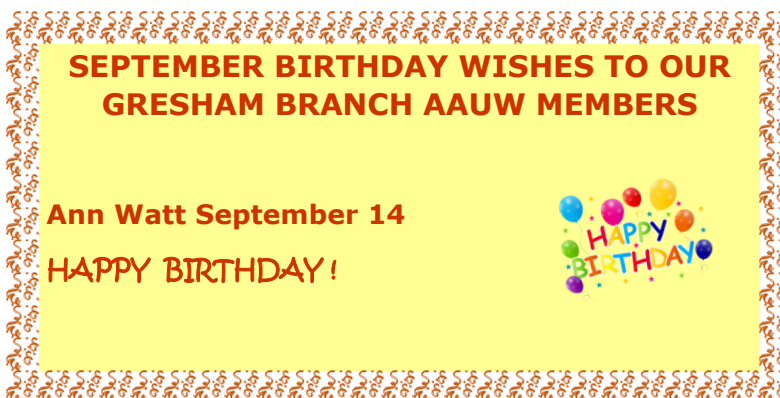
It seems that the virus is not going away so we will meet again through Zoom on **Tuesday, September 21 at 3:00.**

The books we are discussing are:

- The River** by Peter Heller
- The Girl with the Louding Voice** by Abi Dane
- Aloha Rodeo** by Wilman and Smith

We had decided that we could read one or two or all the books. Join us in the discussion. We will choose more books for the coming months.

Arlene



AAUW Funds

Just a friendly reminder that you can always go online and donate to AAUW funds even though we are not planning a big “fund” raising event for this year. At one time a mantra for AAUW Funds was that they were the “heart of AAUW” and I believe that is still true. This is where caring and compassion for women striving to further their educations shines in AAUW. Over the years AAUW Funds has given over **\$115 million** in grants and fellowships to over 13,000 scholars and organizations in all 50 states, Wash. DC, Puerto Rico, Guam and 150 countries. We are one of the largest scholarship programs in the world. Contributions can also be sent to our PO box in the name of Gresham Area Branch as well as directly to National. **For specific funds, either use the AAUW website or contact Katie Goodwin, GAB –AAUW Funds chair.**

Membership Renewals

Thank you to all who have renewed and for your timeliness in doing so. For many reasons, including moving out of state and several deaths, we have lost members this past year. The membership committee will be reaching out in various ways again this year to stay in touch with you until we can safely meet in person. However, I remind you that all of us are members of the membership committee, so please let **Sharron Noone**, myself or any board member know of any acquaintance you have that may be interested in AAUW.



Katie Goodwin

Make a Difference

Sharron Noone, Co-VP of Membership



We will start the new program year with an emphasis on recruitment and retention. In planning for this effort, we recognize not only what our Gresham Area Branch has to offer, but also what the National AAUW organization provides us in terms of both mission and personal benefits. Frankly, I didn’t know all of this was available. Read further for interesting information from the National AAUW Website.

AAUW has been transforming women’s lives for more than a century. And now that we’ve won the fight to give women equal access to education, we’re taking on one of the most defining issues of our time: gender equity. But we can’t do it alone.

Your AAUW membership will help close the gender pay gap by 2030, ensure schools and workplaces are free of discrimination and harassment, and create more opportunities for women to lead. It will also connect you to a powerful network of more than 170,000 women and men across the country who are as passionate as you are about building a fairer future — with a few other perks to boot. By becoming a member, you’re not only joining a community committed to our cause. You’re also directly funding our work to:

Get Discounts and Services

AAUW members get great discounts and special services on insurance, hotels and travel, office supplies, email services and more, including:

Insurance

- GEICO
- LTC Global
- Nationwide Pet Insurance
- Identity Theft Protection

Travel

- Hotel Engine
- TNT/Fun Jet
- Cruises Online
- Collette
- Hertz
- Thrifty

Other

- Office Depot
- Constant Contact
- Free Rx Savings Card
- UPS



INTRODUCING MS. ABIGAIL ("ABBY") PADILLA OUR 2021-2022 AAUW GRESHAM AREA BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

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

On August 30, 2021, the Mt. Hood Community College Foundation informed me that they selected **Ms. Abigail ("Abby") Padilla** as our 2021-2022 AAUW Gresham Area Branch Scholarship Recipient. Born and raised in Colorado, she has two loving parents, Nick and Victoria; a little brother, Izaiah; and two golden doodles, Ollie and Cooper. Abby is a sophomore at MHCC, and she is going to school to receive her Associate of Science in Biology. While going to school at Mt. Hood, she is also playing softball. She loves the game and has played since she was four years old. Her overall goal is to earn a doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. Ideally, when she is done with school, Abby will work at the Children's Hospital as a physical therapist. She has always loved working with kids. and she knows that it would be a very rewarding job!

In a letter of appreciation that she wrote to the Branch, **Abby** says:

"Thank you so much for choosing me to be the recipient of this year's American Association of University Women-Gresham Area Branch Scholarship. I love that the purpose of this organization is to advance equity for women and girls. As a woman, I strive to do my best in everything I do. I want to prove to myself and others that my goals and dreams of becoming a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) are not out of reach. I am determined to reach my end goal of working in pediatrics as a physical therapist. While money plays a big role in my ability to do so, I am so blessed and grateful for your kindness in giving me this opportunity. Because of you, I am able to continue my journey to become a DPT with less of a financial burden. When I finally reach my goals, I will remember the kindness and generosity you showed me on my journey. Thank you!"

With the grateful assistance of **Ms. Nataly Paoli**, the MHCC Foundation Scholarship Coordinator, **Abby** will be contacted and asked to speak at our November Branch Meeting -- so all of you can meet her!

The AAUW Gresham Area Branch has been supporting our local scholarship since 2007. 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 and reaching our **\$50,000** goal in 2020.

At the current time, the total balance is **\$61,597** -- **\$54,121** of which is the endowment corpus, and **\$7,476** is the spendable amount available for scholarships. **\$3,000** of the **\$7,476** will be used towards the **2021-2022 scholarship**.

But, as 2021 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 **Abby Padilla**, who is majoring in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) subject, an opportunity to further her education and eventually obtain a degree.

To make **direct gifts** 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:

Ms. Nataly Paoli, Scholarship Coordinator
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Mt. Hood Community College
26000 SE Stark
Gresham, OR 97030

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

PUBLIC POLICY

Gresham Area Branch will host speakers from the Oregon Tradeswomen in September. This organization assists women of all races to access the well-paid jobs in the "trades." There is, however, one major "Public Policy" issue that limits women's access to these jobs: **Harassment!**

In the article "**Women in Construction: Still Breaking Ground**", the authors quote from current studies about this issue:

"Women face extreme sexual harassment and denigration. A study by the U.S. Department of Labor reported that **88 percent** of women construction workers experience sexual harassment at work, compared to **25 percent** of women in the general workforce. Another study referred to construction as "the industry that time forgot" due to the employment practices related to women.

Some of the practices cited include: negative stereotypes about women's ability to perform construction work; sexual tension injected into work contexts; intentions to reserve well-paid employment for men, "who deserve it"; and reluctance by supervisors and other officials to discipline perpetrators of discrimination. These discriminatory work environments persist despite the fact that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has prohibited such practices for 50 years."

If you are interested in more details about this issue, please open the article at https://nwlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/final_nwlc_womeninconstruction_report.pdf

Sharron Noone



This biography is part of a 2021 AAUW Gresham Area Branch series featuring women in Oregon who made a difference. We stand on their shoulders!

Marie Equi (1872-1952)

By Michael Helquist

Dr. Marie Equi was a fiercely independent **Oregon physician** who was engaged in the political turmoil and social change of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. She was a fearless advocate for woman's suffrage, reproductive rights, labor rights, and free speech, and her raucous protests against imperialism and war gave her a reputation in Portland as one of the most outspoken agitators in town. For all her boldness, Equi was a dedicated caregiver who held her profession so dearly that even her close companions called her "Doc."

Equi was born to working-class parents in New Bedford, Massachusetts, a textile manufacturing center. Her father was Italian and a mason; her mother was Irish. She felt the sting of anti-immigrant sentiment and heard of deplorable working conditions. She witnessed the deaths of three siblings to childhood diseases and observed much of her mother's life defined by pregnancy, childbirth, and child care. Although she was an earnest student, she dropped out of high school to support her family by working in the textile mills until she and a woman friend left for a new life in Oregon. In 1892, they settled on a homestead along the Columbia River near The Dalles.

Equi's fiery behavior first came to public notice in 1893 when she horsewhipped a school superintendent in The Dalles for refusing to pay the salary owed to her companion. She later moved to San Francisco to attend medical school—a goal traditionally beyond the reach of a working-class woman. **In 1903, she obtained a degree from the University of Oregon to become one of the small number of women physicians in the state.** (She and four other women in her graduating class brought the number of women physicians to 60). After an internship in Pendleton, she established a general practice in Portland, primarily treating working-class women and children, often at no charge.

With a courage and conviction unusual for her time, Equi openly enjoyed associations with other women that would readily be called "lesbian relationships" today. For fifteen years she lived with a niece of the Olympia Brewing Company founder, and she adopted an infant girl whom the two women raised.

For ten years, 1903-1913, Equi was a model Progressive Era activist. She aligned herself with Oregon's indomitable champion of woman suffrage, **Abigail Scott Duniway**. She also pushed for an eight-hour workday, state support for higher education, and prison reform. In 1906, she earned widespread acclaim for her relief work in San Francisco after that city's devastating earthquake and fire. But a violent clash with police during a Portland cannery strike in 1913 radicalized Equi. She espoused anarchism, no longer believing that gradual political reform could achieve justice for workers. She supported the Industrial Workers of the World and criticized Portland's civic leaders for oppressing the working class and suppressing radical dissent. Never content with protest alone, Equi obtained food and shelter for the unemployed, distributed birth control information, and provided abortions to both poor and upper-class women.

Equi vehemently opposed war preparedness prior to World War I. She believed that profiteering capitalists and imperialists had engineered a conflict that left young men dead on the battlefields of Europe. **In 1918, the federal government, in the anti-Bolshevik hysteria of the time, charged her with sedition for her anti-war speeches.** She was convicted and served for ten months in San Quentin Prison.

Equi lived a quieter life after her release from prison in 1921, though she lived with the radical Elizabeth Gurley Flynn for a decade. She gave up her medical practice in 1930 due to ill health. She provided for her daughter, Mary, who, in turn, cared for her through her final days in Portland. Equi died in Portland in 1952.

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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.

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