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Online Branch Membership

Mardy Stevens

Oregon Online Branch rocks! So many of you have renewed your membership through the AAUW Community Hub. Congratulations! And, if you haven't already heard the recent news, if you have yet to renew, you are still in our system until November 30th. Our membership growth is positive and you are encouraged to continue to promote our Oregon Online Branch membership to others. With your support as AAUW approaches our 141st Anniversary, our pride in supporting women and girls continues to grow.

Program News Patricia Lehman and Bev Van Citters

Last year's Online Branch programs focused on getting to know our national leaders and allies, and recognizing Title IX's 50th anniversary.

This year, we are capitalizing even more on the advantage of being virtual,

Past Issues

continue to be less regular, but we will be able to include collaborations and presenters that serve the AAUW agenda; the Branch Buzz will keep you informed! We hope you have been energized by WA Online's October 19th panel and accepted the invitation to Tigard's October 12th program on drug research.

We regret our October 8th session with Dr. Amy La had to be canceled, but it WILL be rescheduled after the first of the year, because women's post-pandemic mental health continues to be important.



Meanwhile, on December 1st, Trish Garner will discuss Oregon's midterm election, including how these results will impact Oregon women. She will also explain her role as our first state DEI officer. Zoom link for the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6963566931

We are working on securing presenters for our meetings in 2023, and we're already excited about the possibilities. If there are topics and presenters that you, our members, believe we should include, please let Pat Lehman (<u>pklehman320@gmail.com</u>) or Bev Van Citters (<u>bvancitters@gmail.com</u>) know.

Just the Facts Gini Dideum

Branch Membership: 27. Of those 27, 7 live outside Oregon and 22 are dual members.

AAUW of Oregon Online Special Projects Fund Balance as of 6/30/2022: \$2,100.83.

Checkbook Balance as of 9/30/2022: \$1,518.73.

Expenses for last year: \$149.90 for Zoom account, \$50 for State of Oregon registration.

On The Ballot Georgia Applegate

Oregon Measure 111, the **Right to Healthcare Amendment**, is on the ballot in Oregon as a legislatively referred constitutional amendment on November 8, 2022.

Measure 111 would add a section to the Oregon Constitution establishing a right to "cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care" for every Oregon resident. The amendment would require the state to balance the obligation of ensuring a right to healthcare against funding public schools and other essential public services. The amendment also states that legal remedies

services.

This bill is widely supported but has no funding mechanism or plan for implementation. It would be the first adopted by any state to secure the right to affordable health care for all state residents.

Oregon Measure 112, the **Remove Slavery as Punishment for Crime from Constitution Amendment**, is on the ballot in Oregon as a legislatively referred constitutional amendment on November 8, 2022.

Measure 112 would remove language in the Oregon Constitution that allows the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as criminal punishments, thereby prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude without exception. The amendment would also add language authorizing an Oregon court or a probation or parole agency to order alternatives to incarceration for a convicted individual as part of their sentencing.

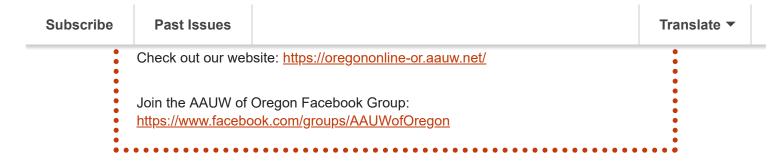
As of January 2021, Oregon was one of 10 states that had a provision prohibiting enslavement and involuntary servitude but with an exception for criminal punishments.

Oregon Measure 113, the **Exclusion from Re-election for Legislative Absenteeism Initiative**, is on the ballot in Oregon as an initiated constitutional amendment on November 8, 2022. The measure is well supported financially and by a variety of state officials, unions, and public service organizations.

Oregon Measure 114, the **Changes to Firearm Ownership and Purchase Requirements Initiative**, is on the ballot in Oregon as an initiated state statute on November 8, 2022.

Measure 114 would enact a law outlining a procedure to apply for a permit to purchase a firearm. Permits would be issued by local law enforcement. Applicants would need to pay a fee, submit a photo ID, be fingerprinted, complete approved safety training, pass a criminal background check, and not be prohibited from possessing firearms. Law enforcement would be able to deny a permit to an applicant believed to be a danger to oneself or others. The initiative would also criminalize the manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale, or otherwise transferring of ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

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