

Program: Becoming Informed About Upcoming Elections

By Marleen Wallingford, Vice President, Alpha Pi Chapter

We have invited a representative of the League of Women Voters to talk at our October meetings before the November elections. We often have numerous ballot measures that we need to become informed about that may affect education and/or education funding. The information from the League of Women Voters is non-partisan and gives an objective view of ballot measures that affect Oregonians. The League does not endorse candidates or issues.

Society Goal: #4 To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation of other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.

Program: Genealogical Research

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Our chapter visited the Genealogical Forum in southeast Portland off of Powell Boulevard. The Forum is a non-profit genealogical library that assists Oregonians with researching their histories. They are one of the rare societies managing a genealogy library with *over 30,000 titles*. Oregon, regional, national, and world-wide resources are available. The library also has on-line access to the library version of Ancestry. Com Classes on how to research your family, how to write up your history or how to care for old photographs and records are held on a regular basis.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon

1505 SE Gideon St., Portland, OR — (503) 963-1932

Society goal: #6 To stimulate the personal and professional growth of our members and encourage appropriate programs of action.

We have also had interesting programs from the Oregon Historical Society, the Japanese Garden, the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center and the Portland Art Museum. In addition, we've discussed books from the Everybody Reads program in Oregon and our local libraries: Stubborn Twig and The Ghost Map (Multnomah County Library selection 2010)

Program: Exchange Students Sharing

The most valued program for our group has been having exchange students from our local schools come and share about their country and their education. It really has been helpful that one of our members is a hostess in the program. This year she has been hosting a young lady from Afghanistan.

Society goal: #7 To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues to the end that they may become intelligent, functioning members of a world society.