



The Voice

“Leading the way to equity for women and girls in Washington state.”



October 2015
Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

October 10th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting
The Plaza Building, Glenwood Place, 5320 NE 81st Ave, Vancouver 98662

The Mt. St. Helens Institute and Volcano Science for Kids



Ray Yurkewycz, Exec. Director, Mt. St Helens Institute



Ray Yurkewycz, Executive Director of Mt. St. Helens Institute and Abigail Groskopf, Science Education Director for the institute will speak to our branch in October. The AAUW Vancouver Branch meeting will be held on October 10, 10:00 a.m., in the Community Room on the second floor of the Glenwood Place Plaza Bldg., 5320 NE 81st, Vancouver.

The Mount St. Helens Institute is dedicated to helping people of all ages gain an understanding of the natural processes and cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest’s volcanic landscapes. They offer a wide range of programs from Volcano Outdoor School to expert-led guided hikes and climbs on America’s youngest and most active volcano.

Founded in 1996 by a handful of individuals passionate about Mount St. Helens, the Institute is a 501(c)(3) private, nonprofit organization devoted to helping people understand and protect the volcano. Their aim is to enrich people’s experiences at Mount St. Helens through field seminars, guided climbs, lecture series and outings.

Ms. Groskopf will describe the institute's GeoGirls Program, a geology and technology field camp for middle school girls at Mount St. Helens. GeoGirls explore the volcanoes in their backyard, the hazards they pose to the human population and the technology scientists use to monitor them.

ALSO in OCTOBER! Members will meet the three girls our branch sent to the 2015 WA Tech Trek camp, who will tell us about their camp experience.



Late for a general meeting & can't open the door?
Call 360-942-8559. Beverly Olson will let you in.

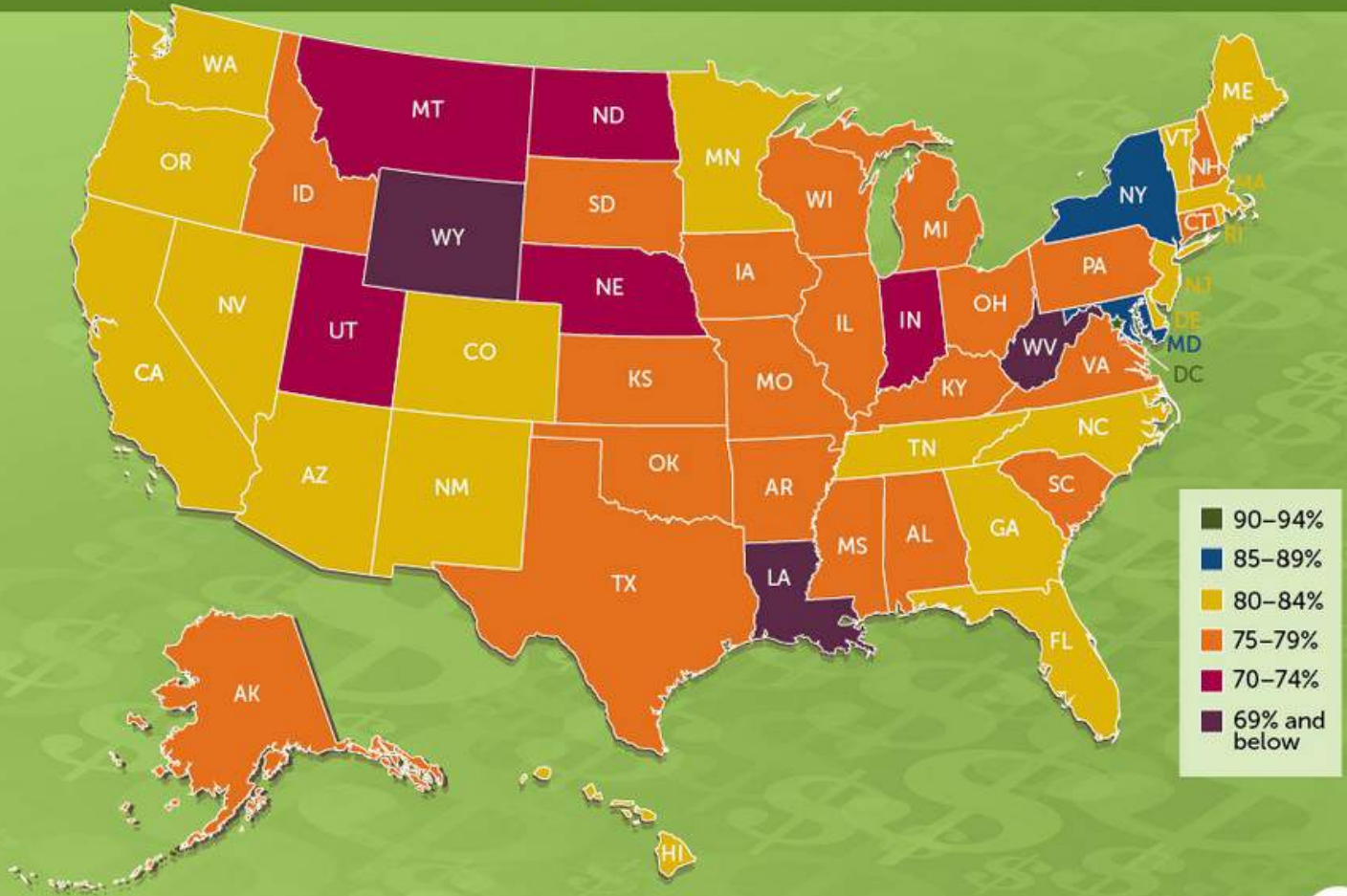
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Gender Pay Gap By State

Women's median annual earnings compared with men's median annual earnings for full-time workers in 2013



From the Editor



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(See above.) I thought the map that AAUW created to show the status of wage discrimination in the United States was very informative. 2015 showed progress in the earnings equity arena, but we certainly aren't there yet in terms of pay equity for women across the nation and we can note that *nowhere* in the U.S. is there 100% equity.

Governors in Connecticut, Delaware, North Dakota and Oregon signed into law measures aimed at narrowing the gender wage gap. These new laws make it harder for employers to: use non-work-related defenses to defeat pay discrimination claims (North Dakota); prohibit employers from discriminating or retaliating against employees who discuss their wages (Connecticut, Oregon) or who are involved in proceedings to fix pay discrimination (Oregon); increase remedies paid to victims of discrimination (Connecticut); and require contractors to pay all employees equally (Delaware). During the 2015 session, at least 21 other states proposed equal pay bills that were ultimately defeated. Of those attempts, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nevada, and Washington succeeded in getting equal pay bills through their first chamber, which is a good sign for action in the next legislative session. It amazes and saddens me that this is even a topic in the twenty-first century, but reminds me to support AAUW's efforts to end this discrimination.



Global Concerns October 27th 1:00 p.m. presents

ROAD SCHOLAR[®]



Road Scholar is a travel program that has specifically catered to adults for over forty years. It originated as an Eldershostel program serving 220 people its first year, to over 100,000 people a year today. It is a not-for-profit program that relies on friends talking to friends as its major advertising effort.

The Road Scholar Ambassador Program is another way of finding out about the opportunities and adventures offered through participation. Carolyn Rundorff, Ambassador for Road Scholar, will speak for Global Concerns on Tuesday, October 27, at 1:00 p.m. at the Genealogical Society, 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver.

Carolyn Rundorff, Road Scholar Ambassador

As a long time resident of Portland, Carolyn Rundorff is a retired school librarian who loves to share information & culture of the Northwest with others by volunteering at Pittock Mansion & Vista House in the Gorge. She has been accompanying Road Scholar groups that come to the Portland area, as well, so is familiar with many aspects of the organization.

After participating in 22 Road Scholar programs in the US & other parts of the world, most recently an African Safari in Kenya & Tanzania, Carolyn is happy to share her love for learning and travel with Road Scholar and answer ques-

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS



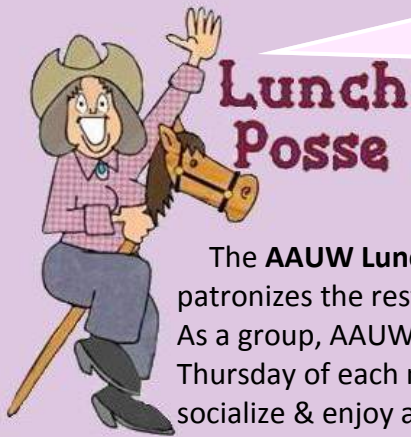
NCCWSL is where college women shape their futures into what they want them to be. The Annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders provides a transformative experience for attendees. Students return home ready to improve their campuses and their communities. AAUW supports this conference, which provides a transformative experience and prepares women to be the next generation of leaders.

From May 28-30, 2015 college women from across the country had the opportunity to congregate at the University of Maryland for the 30th Annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Seven student leaders were there from Washington State University: TreAuna Culp, Seila Day, Rachel Ellenwood, Amandaree Fox, Blanca Ramos, Cherrise Reyes and Kimberly Suazo-Valentin. When asked what they thought about NCCWSL, they agreed the conference was a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience.

NCCWSL gave student leaders the chance to participate in workshops geared towards determining how to best approach campus responsibilities, live up to their fullest potential, and how to give back to their communities and overall society. Attendees were offered preconference volunteer opportunities. These preconference activities and workshops proved to be beneficial by giving the student leaders the chance to lead by example, make a difference locally in communities, and gain ideas to execute on their campuses. Overall, much knowledge was learned and shared. Upon leaving the conference, the feeling of being empowered and ready to lead was unanimous.



Lunch Posse: October 22 Jerusalem Café 1:30



Saddle up and ride on over to Jerusalem Cafe on Oct 22 at 1:30. See you there pardner!

2015 DATE	TARGET RESTAURANT
Oct 22	Jerusalem Café
Nov 26	The Grant House

The AAUW Lunch Posse chairperson, Diane Grubel, organizes these gatherings. The Lunch Posse patronizes the restaurants that have donated gift cards to our holiday fundraiser the previous year. As a group, AAUW members, plus friends and spouses, visit one of the restaurants, usually on the 4th Thursday of each month, have lunch, and say “thank you” to the management. It’s a great time to socialize & enjoy a meal.

On Oct 22, at 1:30 pm, the Lunch Posse will gather at Jerusalem Café, 516 SE Chkalov Drive #45 in Vancouver. **If you would like to attend, please contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com. Diane needs to let the restaurant know how many of us will be having lunch.**

The Lunch Posse had a great turnout and a great time at the Olive Garden on Sept 27th!

The restaurant gave us a private dining area where 15 of us enjoyed a good meal and fine company. We had the most wonderful, organized, attentive waitress ever imagined. When we were finished, she took this picture after arranging us like a professional photographer. We were tempted to adopt her.

L to R, front row: Shirley Lambelet, Pat Greear, Carol Brain, Sarah Hewitt, Mike Hewitt

L to R, back row: Camille Wainwright, Kathy Walker, Ken Von Husen, Marilyn Lewis, Marcy Von Husen, Bev Fogle, Betty Nettleton, Diane Grubel, Lorraine Wheeler and Mary La Husen



The AAUW Lunch Posse at Olive Garden



Visit the New Vancouver Branch Website <http://vancouver-wa.aauw.net>



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Welcome to the Vancouver (WA) Branch of AAUW

Welcome to an organization of university women based in Vancouver, Washington. Vancouver is located in the southwest corner of Washington state along the Columbia River in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Vancouver AAUW draws its members from the city of Vancouver as well as several surrounding cities and counties.

Our association, a branch of state and national organizations, was founded in 1931 and has worked since that time as a group of convivial, like-minded members promoting the education and welfare of girls and women on local, state and national levels. AAUW Vancouver gives its members the opportunity to work towards significant goals, make friends and enjoy one another's company and continue their personal education through programs, interest groups and events. We strongly support the National AAUW goals and vision statement.

The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Please contact us with any questions you have about our branch - or you might enjoy having a current member take you to our next branch event so you can personally sample what our organization has to offer. We would welcome your involvement.

Pat Stryker, 2015-2016 co-president
Kathy Walker, 2015-2016 co-president

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AAUW UPDATES
Native Women Have to Work 9 Extra Months to Make the Same Salary as White Men Made Last Year
Title IX's Unintended Revolution for Women's Athletics

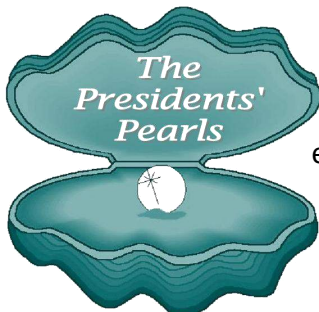
LEGISLATIVE ALERTS
Help End the Gender Pay Gap in FIFA!
Celebrate Lilly and Urge Congress to Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act!

Our new branch website is up and running! It provides a wealth of information that can be accessed from drop-down menus across the top of the screen as well as sidebar items.

The site was created by National AAUW's Site Resources group working in conjunction with our website editor, Kathy Walker. The AAUW Site Resources group will continue to manage the site with changes and updates sent to them through Kathy Walker.

There are still a few things left to do, but the site is 98% complete and will be able to give you the information you - and hopefully - prospective members are looking for.

Please send your requests for postings on our branch website to Kathy Walker, website editor, at kcwalker41@gmail.com



Out & About used to be a very active branch interest group. We think that it may have become a lot for a chair to handle on a monthly basis and it just died a natural death. Some suggestions for possible Out & About gatherings were made at the September general meeting. We're wondering if individual members might want to choose one that looks like fun and organize just that one. It would involve contacting Kathy Walker for a mass email to the membership, providing all the details of the outing and then being in charge of making any pre-arrangements and managing the group and on the day of the outing.

Suggestions for outings and a few names of people willing to organize them:

- 1. Washougal River Walk:** museum, shopping & lunch, Pat Stryker (10/6, 1 pm). **Let Pat know if you'll participate.**
- 2. Wordstock @ Portland Art Museum:** Famous authors/book signings/etc. \$15 includes a \$5 book voucher. Lorraine Wheeler (Nov 7th). **Let Lorraine know if you will participate.**
- 3. Ride the Orange Line:** a Tri Met experience with lunch, organizer TBA
- 4. Historic Downtown Vancouver Walking Tour w/ Historic Museum Docent,** organizer TBA
- 5. Ridgefield Wildlife Drive & Lunch:** Linda Stassel, Spring 2016
- 6. St. Lucia Falls Stroll and Picnic** in the spring, organizer TBA

Do you see something that you'd like to organize? Do you have a better idea? Let us Know! Pat Stryker



Thank-you Notes from Two Scholarship Recipients

In May 2015, Vancouver Branch AAUW awarded three college scholarships for the 2015 - 2016 scholastic year. Two women undergraduates at Washington State University-Vancouver received \$2000 awards and one woman undergraduate at Clark College received a \$1000 award. Through the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, where our primary scholarship fund is maintained, we received the following letters of appreciation from two of the recipients.



May 27, 2015

Dear Community Foundation for SW Washington,

Thank you so much for your generous award! I am honored to be one of the American Association of University Women Scholarship recipients. Your foundation has helped to ease the financial burden that my path to Veterinary school consists of, allowing me to focus on the important aspect of education: learning.

The decision to leave the workforce and return to school was not an easy one. I moved out of my home at a young age due to some familial challenges and entered the workforce. I was determined to graduate high school despite my home situation, which I did, but I was not able to attend college until now. By taking this step, I hope that I will be able to give my children the stability and support that my childhood lacked, and better provide for my family in the end. This dream would not be possible without generous support from scholarship sponsors like your organization. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!

Sincerely,
Daniela Jones

June 29, 2015

Dear American Association of University Women Scholarship,

I am very thankful to learn that I am a recipient of the American Association of University Women Scholarship. I am writing to thank you for your generous financial support towards my higher education.

I am a Nursing major who plans to pursue a management position in the nursing field. I received my Associates in Nursing from Clark College in 2002 and I will begin taking nursing classes at Washington State University Vancouver in the fall and enter the RN to BSN nursing cohort in the spring of 2016. After graduation, I will seek employment at one of our local hospital systems with hopes of being an effective team member of healthcare members working to create an environment whose goal is to assist patients towards optimal health.

By awarding me the American Association of University Women Scholarship, I am able to concentrate on what is important for me, my education. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goal just as you have helped me.

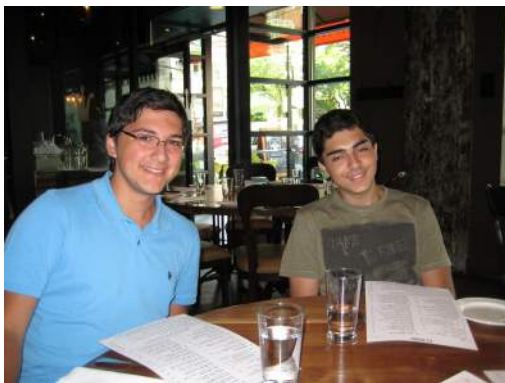
Sincerely,
Michelle Finucane



AAUW Family Hosts Students from Cyprus

As part of the Cyprus Friendship Program, Diane and Ed Grubel hosted two young men from Cyprus during the summer. Their guests were Yiannis Michael, 15, from Greek Cyprus and Doruk Gunalp, 17, from Turkish Cyprus. Yiannis and Doruk shared a room at the Grubels, got a taste of life in the Pacific Northwest and a chance to get to know one another away from the pressures of their respective homelands.

CFP's approach for building friendships, trust and respect in Cyprus involves pairing teenagers from north and south Cyprus, aged 15-17, who form relationships across the partition on the island, meeting each other's families and friends and engaging in trust and team-building activities. Then for four weeks in July, the teens are hosted by U.S. families and participate in their daily lives. They also attend group activities focused on conflict resolution, team building and environmental awareness. *"There are moments in history when everything is working for you. A moment like that is on hand for Cyprus... the leaders can't do it on their own. They need the support of the rest of the world."* Lahkdar Brahimi, UN Peace negotiator





◆ Bridge News ◆

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

August

1st: Ruth Harbaugh
2nd: Kathy Walker

Kudos to Bridge Members...

The AAUW Bridge Group has a donation container at each gathering. It covers expenses related to its gatherings and any balance goes to our AAUW scholarship fund at CFSW.

The Bridge Group's Donations to our Scholarship Fund at The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington have been:

- 2012 - 2013 = \$172
2013 - 2014 = \$175
2014 - 2015 = \$189



THE 2015 HOLIDAY BRIDGE LUNCHEON will be catered by The Shorewood Café & held at Shorewood on the 3rd Fri in December Dec. 18, 2015 10 - 3 Cost TBD Save the Date!

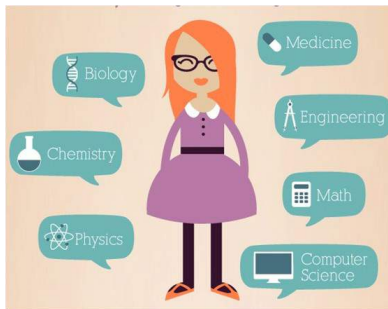


DID YOU KNOW...

by Wanda Holmes

The 1990s landmark AAUW research study, Short Changing Girls, Short Changing America was conducted showing girls are subtly discouraged in math and science classes in middle and high school.

While girls and boys entered school roughly equal in measured ability, by age fifteen girls had poor self-images and constrained views of their futures. This eye-opening study served as a wake-up call, exposing the systematic bias that girls face in education.



It's Oct! Pick Up Your Directory!

Please pickup your 2015-2016 AAUW Directory at the October 10 general meeting. Thanks to our Directory chairperson, Pat Stephens, your new book will contain a list of current members with updates and changes included as well as lots of other branch information.



It's a gold mine of information! If you can't be at the meeting, ask a friend to grab yours for you. A huge "thank you" to Pat for producing it!

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2015-2016



Table with 2 columns: MONTH, TOPIC/SPEAKER. Rows include Oct 10 Mt. St. Helens Institute, Nov 14 Fort Vancouver Update, Dec 12 Annual Holiday Fundraiser Breakfast, Jan 9 Bringing Opera to the Schools, Feb 13 Mysteries in the NW.

Table with 2 columns: MONTH, TOPIC/SPEAKER. Rows include Mar 13 Women's' History Studies at WSU/PSU, Apr 9 What Matters in the End/Panel Discussion, Apr 18 Invitational Bridge at The Grant House, May 14 Presentation by The Columbian staff, Jun 11 Program Planning meeting.



Member Memos.....



Directory Updates & Member Notes

Directory Additions/Corrections

- **Lisa Chabert** has a new address:
24314 NE 124th Circle
Brush Prairie, WA 98606
360 606 3684 slchabert@gmail.com
- **Linda Stassel** has a new email: myjafra@nmlink.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

- **Mary Kay Landis** joined last spring. Contact info:
7704 NE 61st Ave., Vancouver 98661
360-909-7732 africa2vous@gmail.com

AAUW Helps Fight Campus Sexual Assaults

The chance of a woman being sexually assaulted during college is about the same as her chance of catching the flu during an average year. The problem is she can't just take aspirin and

rest to recover. Sexual assault has devastating, lasting effects on students. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits the sexual harassment of college and university students. Sexual assault, an extreme form of sexual harassment, "denies or limits, on the basis of sex, a student's ability to participate in or receive benefits, services, or opportunities at the institution." When it affects the survivor's educational opportunities, sexual assault creates what the legal system identifies as a hostile environment and needs to be dealt with on the federal level.

AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz testified before a U.S. Congressional hearing on September 10, 2015 saying that our campuses are in crisis. AAUW is fighting to eliminate the problem.



October is Tech Trek Focus Month

Please plan to make a contribution at our October general meeting to this vital AAUW program, which opens up STEM subjects to middle school girls. Your \$\$ make this happen for our local girls. **Let's send 4 this year!**

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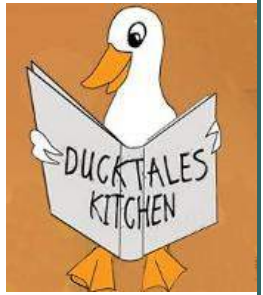
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- Lunch Posse:** Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com
- Nonfiction Books:** Pat Sjolander, psjolander@comcast.net
- Global Concerns:** Pat Sjolander, psjolander@comcast.net
- Mah Jongg:** Lorraine Wheeler,
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- 1st Wednesday Book Club:** Ruetta Dykstra, dykstrar@gmail.com

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AAUW Please Patronize our Wonderful 2014 Donors!!!





AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



Monthly, 1st & 2nd Tuesdays
1-4 pm at Lorraine Wheeler's
10916 SE 18th St., Vancouver

Oct 6 1-4 pm

Oct 13 1-4 pm

Mah Jongg lessons offered to newcomers to the group.

Contact Lorraine Wheeler for info at: 360-314-2480 or lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com



Monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 5:00 pm
Dinner at a restaurant before movie at Glenwood Place, Reflection Room

Movie location: Movies are shown at Glenwood Place, 5500 NE 82nd Ave., in the Reflections Room on the 1st floor of the Assisted Living Bldg.

Oct 13 5 pm

DINNER 5 pm: Outback at the Vancouver (Westfield) Mall

MOVIE: WAJDJA is about a young Saudi girl who wants to learn to ride a bike. It will be shown in the Reflections Room at the Glenwood Assisted Living Facility.

For info, contact Naomi Davis 892-9133 or naomidavis30@gmail.com



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

Oct 7 3 pm

Retta Dykstra hosts & leads discussion of **River of Doubt – Teddy Roosevelt's Darkest Journey** by Candice Millard

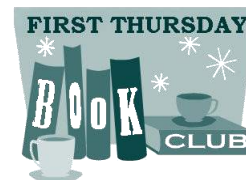
Contact Retta Dykstra for info at 210-4650 or dykstrar@gmail.com



Every other month, 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m., DuckTales, 612 N Devine Rd.

No Meeting in Oct.

Contact Pat Sjolander for info at 546-0163 or psjolander@comcast.net

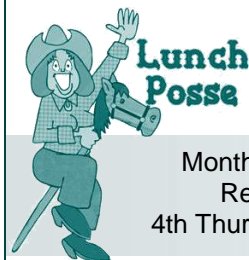


Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Oct 1 2 pm

Mary LaHusen hosts & Barb Selis leads the discussion of **Americanah** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Contact Elsie Chan or visit <http://vancouver-wa.aauw.net> for more information



Monthly at Various Restaurants
4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

**Oct 22 1:30 pm
Jerusalem Café**

516 SE Chkalov Drive #45
Please contact Diane Grubel at ECGrubel@aol.com to reserve your space.



Monthly, 4th Friday, 10 am - 3pm
Shorewood Apts. Community Room,
5555 E Evergreen, Vancouver

**Oct 23 10 am - 3 pm
Shorewood Community Rm.**

Hostesses: Bev Fogle and Anne Forman

BRING your lunch or buy at Shorewood Cafe



Monthly, 4th Tuesday, 1 pm, Clark Co. Genealogical Soc., 715 Grand Blvd.

**Oct 27 1 pm
Road Scholar**

Speaker: Carolyn Rundorff, Road Scholar Ambassador, will explain this travel program that has catered to adults for over forty years.

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Contact Pat Sjolander for more info psjolander@comcast.net

OCTOBER 2015 Vancouver Branch AAUW Events

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4	5	6 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	7 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Retta Dykstra's	8	9 <i>Pick up your new directory!</i>	10 AAUW General Mtg. 10 a.m. at Glenwood
11	12	13 Mah Jongg (details above) Movie Night 5 p.m. at The Outback	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Deadline for <i>The Voice</i>	21	22 Lunch Posse 1:30 p.m. at Jerusalem Café	23 Bridge 10 a.m. Shorewood	24
25	26	27 Global Concerns 1 p.m. at Genealogy Center	28	29	30	31



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