



# The Voice

April 2016

Vancouver, Washington Branch  
AAUW

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



**April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting**  
The Community Room, Esther Short Bldg., 610 Esther St., Vancouver

## “What Matters in the End” Speakers: Rev. Marcia Schekel & Sue Curry, RN



Susan Curry, RN  
Hospice Nurse  
Manager



Rev. Marcia  
Schekel, former  
Hospice Chaplain

AAUW’s April 9<sup>th</sup> general meeting will be held in the community room at 610 Esther Street in Vancouver starting at 10 a.m. The program will be a panel made up of Rev. Marcia Schekel, an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister and retired hospice chaplain, and Susan Curry, RN, Hospice Nurse and Manager for Bridges

Palliative Care Hospice Southwest. They will discuss, “What Matters in the End.” Lorraine Wheeler and Nancy Stepsis will serve as moderators.

Modern medicine has advanced dramatically in the past century. Average life expectancy has increased from the mid-40s to the mid-70s today. But as medicine has advanced and people are living longer, children are more likely to live far away from aging parents. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities are popular destinations, but often focus on safety and routines at the expense of quality of life and human interaction. Harvard physician and author Atul Gawande argues that making mortality a medical experience is failing society and that end-of-life treatments often end up shortening lives instead of extending them. What does an effective healthcare system look like in the 21st century?

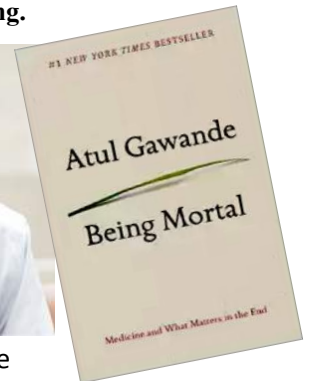
The panel discussion will be based on some of

the end-of-life issues covered in Atul Gawande’s book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Happens in the End*. In his book, Dr. Gawande explains that medical practice and philosophy have not kept pace with the changes in healthcare over the last 100 years. To derive extra benefit from the panel discussion, AAUW members are encouraged to read Dr. Gawande’s book.

**In *Being Mortal*, Atul Gawande tackles how medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its ending.**



Dr. Atul Gawande  
Physician & Author

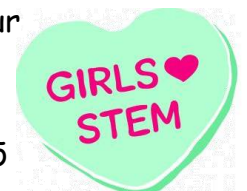


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## techtrek!

We have donations of \$2200 so far & need to raise **just \$500 more** to be able to send a third girl to Tech Trek camp! Send your donation to: Barb Selis, 307 NW 95th Cr., Vancouver 98665



# 2016 ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

Celebrating our many Vancouver

# AAUW SUPERHEROES!



May 14, 2016

10:00 a.m. to Noon

The Hostess House  
10017 NE 6th Avenue

\$25 per person

*Bring your check & reservation form to the April general meeting or mail the form below.*

## Spring Installation Luncheon Reservation Form

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 6, 2016**

**Menu: green salad, chicken Chardonnay\*, rice, rolls & chocolate-dipped strawberries**

\*Boneless breast of chicken topped with mushrooms and a Chardonnay wine sauce

**Mail form & check (payable to AAUW) to: Carol Brain, 7623 NW 3rd Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98665**

**AAUW MAY INSTALLATION LUNCHEON - MAY 14, 2016**

**ONLY PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED**

Please check the box provided and indicate any special dietary needs for you or your guests.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending @ \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest names:  Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_ for Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Global Concerns April 26 1 p.m. Genealogical Center Speaker Ann Bardacke: Inside & Outside Humanitarian Programs



Ann Bardacke has been traveling to Israel to provide humanitarian and educational assistance for over twelve years. She will describe the various programs sponsored by the Women’s Courtyard Program and explain her involvement with them when she speaks for The Global Concerns Interest Group on April 26. She has been connected to the Women’s Courtyard Program, providing education, training and support to lower income women in the city of Kiryat Malachi since 2003 when she spent a month there teaching conversational English in one of the high schools.

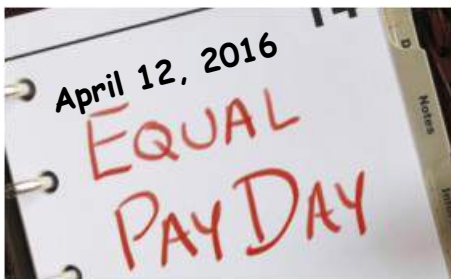
Ann will also share some of her experiences teaching in elementary schools, high schools and even one Arab school in Jaffa. She can explain the programs sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and answer questions about other humanitarian projects she has supported.

Ann Bardacke

“There are lower-income Israelis who are in need of social and educational support and that is where I have focused my efforts,” she said.

Ann earned her BA from The City College of New York and her MA from California-Berkeley in sociology. She taught at the Community College level, worked as a health planner, administrated a Federal Employees program for an HMO in Washington, D.C, worked in Alaska for an Early Intervention Program and eventually joined her husband in his investment business here in the Northwest. Ann travels to Israel almost every year, but has also visited in Europe, Mexico, Argentina, Japan and India as well as Canada and the United States.

Editor’s Note: This is the last Global Concerns meeting of this season and for the foreseeable future. Our branch does not have a chairperson for this interest group for the coming year. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting, both to hear an important presentation and to thank Chair Pat Sjolander and previous chairmen for providing this valuable source of information and education to our branch members for so many years.



The gender pay gap is a premier issue for AAUW and one that the organization has been working on for a long time. As early as 1922, AAUW’s legislative program called for a reclassification of the U.S. Civil Service and for a repeal of salary restrictions in the Women’s Bureau. In 1955, AAUW supported a bill introduced by Reps. Edith Green (D-OR) and Edith Rogers (R-MA) requiring “equal pay for work of comparable value requiring comparable skills.” Congress enacted the Equal Pay Act, a version of the 1955 bill, in 1963.

Despite the Equal Pay Act, the wage gap persists; women are typically paid just 79 cents on average for every dollar paid to men, and that number has barely budged in a decade. Although enforcement of the Equal Pay Act, as well as of other civil rights laws, has helped to narrow the wage gap, significant disparities remain to be addressed.

For these reasons, AAUW advocates for the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would improve the scope of the Equal Pay Act with stronger incentives for employers to follow the law, enhance federal enforcement efforts, and prohibit retaliation against workers asking about wage practices. To draw attention to the gender pay gap and build support to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, AAUW observes Equal Pay Day.

Think 79 cents is bad? The pay gap is even worse for women of color. AAUW also observes Asian American Women’s Equal Pay Day in March, African American Women’s Equal Pay Day in August, Native American Women’s Equal Pay Day in September, and Latina Equal Pay Day in October.



# STEM



Science • Technology • Engineering • Math

## AAUW VANCOUVER STEM RECOGNITION RECEPTION WSU APRIL 24 1:30 pm



Please plan to attend on Sunday, April 24, when AAUW Vancouver honors high school junior girls who excel in STEM subjects. All branch members are invited to come, meet the girls and hear the speakers. We will have Washington State University's Firstenberg Commons

to ourselves. Guests will arrive at 1:30 pm, so AAUW members should arrive at 1:00 to help set up the buffet. The 2016 Committee members are chairperson Melanie Handshaw (360.944.9952) and committee members Pat Stryker, Beverly Olson, Georgia Buckler and Marilyn Lewis. More volunteers are needed and welcome.

STEM Recognition for high school girls is a Washington State event wherever there are AAUW branches. It signifies our encouragement of girls who are preparing for tomorrow's jobs by taking math, science, engineering and technology courses. Our local high schools nominate their best for us to honor and WSU supports the event.

**Directions:** Take I-205 north to the 134<sup>th</sup>/WSU off-ramp. Turn right onto Salmon Creek Avenue and proceed until you see the WSU entrance sign on the left. Follow that road up the hill, through the campus, past the flagpole, until you come to the last parking lot. You will see signs directing you to the entrance of the Student Commons.

## Installation of Branch Officers to be Held at Spring Luncheon in May

The slate of officers for 2016 -2017, presented by the AAUW Nominations Committee - Diane Grubel, chair; Lorraine Wheeler and Retta Dykstra - was elected at the March 12th general meeting. Elected officers will be installed at the Annual Spring Luncheon scheduled on May 14th at Hostess House. (See reservation form page 2.)



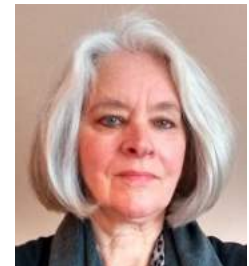
**Kathy Walker**  
President



**Carol Brain**  
VP Finance



**Pat Stryker**  
VP Programs



**Linda Krogh**  
VP Membership



**Diane Grubel**  
Co-VP  
Communications



**Lorraine Wheeler**  
Co-VP  
Communications

## ◆ Bridge News ◆

### Kudos to Bridge Winners...

#### February

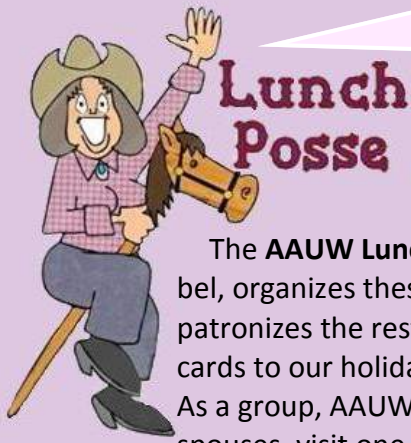
- 1st: Kay Hansen
- 2nd: Ruth Harbaugh



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# Lunch Posse: Goes to Bellagio's on April 28 at 1:30



Saddle up and ride on over to Bellagios on April 28 at 1:30. See you there pardner!

2016 DATE	TARGET RESTAURANT
Apr 28	Bellagios Pizza (192nd)
May 26	C'est La Vie (78th Street)
Jun 23	Beaches (on the Columbia)
Jul 28	Lapellah (Grand Central)
Aug 25	Bleu Door Bakery Cafe (Main St.)
Sep 22	Outback (Mall)
Oct 27	Panda Express (Salmon Creek)
Nov 17	The Grant House (Officers' Row)

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.

We'll be having pizza on **Apr 28, 2016**, at **1:30 pm**, when the AAUW Lunch Posse gathers at **Bellagio's** at 322 SE 192nd Ave #104, Vancouver 98683.

If you would like to attend, please contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or [ECGrubel@aol.com](mailto:ECGrubel@aol.com). Diane needs to let the restaurant know how many of us will be having lunch so they will have our table(s) ready.

## 11 MEMBERS AND GUESTS ENJOYED LUNCH AT APPLEBEE'S IN SALMON CREEK ON FEBRUARY 25



From left: Marilyn Lasof, Jan Harvey, Becky Long, Pam Rio, Kathy Walker, Bob Serafini, Ed Gruble, Diane Gruble, Pat Grear, Sarah Hewitt and Mike Hewitt



# AAUW Auction Prize “Afternoon Tea for Eight” held on St. Patrick’s Day



In the spirit of the early years of our branch, 8 AAUW members had “a delightful tea” on March 17. The tea guests were the winners of the Afternoon Tea for Eight auction item at December’s Holiday Fundraiser. The tea was served at Kathy Walker’s home, by hostesses Carol Brain, Pat Greear, Diane Gruble and Kathy. The English tea delicacies were supplied by C&L Catering of Vancouver and included blueberry scones, tiny sandwiches of smoked salmon, turkey and cranberries, and small quiches, plus eccles cakes, lemon poppy seed cakes and brownie tarts along with a variety of teas. The guests this year were Chris Lines, Donna Roberge-Nozel, Kara Lynn Rankin, Lorraine Wheeler, Nancy Stepsis, Iona Clark, Wanda Holmes and Virginia Beckwith.





From the Editor



The Voice is a newsletter for the members of Vancouver Branch AAUW and is published in Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr & May. Copy deadline is the 20th of the previous month. Send copy & photos to Kathy Walker at: kcwalker41@gmail.com

It is my turn to write this month's president's column, so I have decided to write one big editorial to cover both assignments. Thanks for your indulgence and here goes...

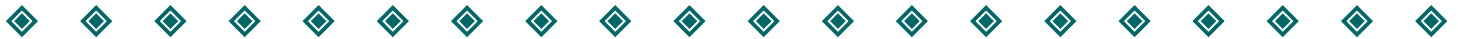
The first thing on my mind is to share some thoughts about the value of the college scholarships that our branch provides each year to women going to colleges in our area. For 2016-2017, the board has approved two \$2500 scholarships for women attending WSU-V. This is only possible because of donations and the dedicated work done by our branch members to solicit gift cards from local businesses for our holiday fundraiser. Those efforts can make a truly significant difference in a young woman's life.

Students drop out of college for many reasons, of course, but the number-one reason students cite for having to quit is the need to work while attending school. As costs skyrocket, it's becoming impossible to pay for college without working, but long work hours make it harder and harder to devote time to classes. Student loans provide one alternative to pay for school without having to work full-time, but they come with their own drawbacks. According to the Institute for College Access and Success, the average student loan borrower graduates with \$29,400 in student loan debt and the nation's total

student debt load passed \$1 trillion for the first time last year. That's \$200 billion more than our country's total credit card debt! In 2013, for the first time, grants and scholarships became the single biggest way students paid their tuition and fees. Sallie Mae's "How America Pays for College" study revealed that 30 percent of college costs are being covered by grants and scholarships, with parental borrowing taking care of 28 percent. According to the report, these forms of financial aid have assumed a post-recession importance that doesn't look like it will change. The post-recession reality appears to be that grants and scholarships have replaced parent income and savings as the major contributor to paying for college.

On the subject of our scholarships, your AAUW Board of Directors has been asked to review the criteria for awarding AAUW scholarships at WSU. If you would take the time to give us your input, by filling out the survey on the next page, it would be greatly appreciated. Just bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Connie Egeler, scholarship chair.

The 17 women who were busy founding our branch 85-years-ago would be proud of us... I know I am! Ed



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- Bridge: Ruth Harbaugh, rhtravel@comcast.net
Lunch Posse: Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com
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Global Concerns: Pat Sjolander, psjolander@comcast.net
Mah Jongg: Lorraine Wheeler,
lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com
1st Thursday Book Club: Elsie Chan, ersiechan@comcast.net
1st Wednesday Book Club: Ruetta Dykstra, dykstrar@gmail.com



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.



If you did not fill out a scholarship criteria survey at the March meeting, please bring a completed survey to the April meeting or mail it to Scholarship Chair, Connie Egeler, 9502 NE 33rd Ct., Vancouver 98665

**SURVEY ON SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA - MARCH/APRIL 2016**

The AAUW board of directors is performing a review of the criteria used for granting our scholarships at WSU-V. Your opinion, it will assist us in determining the information we must give the university before the end of March 2016.

**Current AAUW Scholarship Criteria at WSU:**

1. WSU Vancouver student
2. Full-time (12 credits per semester)
3. Female resident of SW Wash
4. GPA of 3.0 or above
5. Major in Math, Science, Technology or Engineering
6. Student who is not receiving funding from another scholarship

The following requirements are currently in place for recipients of our AAUW scholarships at WSU-Vancouver. Please answer for each criterion whether you agree or disagree that it should be required.

	Criterion	Agree	Disagree
1	WSU Vancouver student		
2	Full-time (12 credits per semester)		
3	Female resident of SW Washington		
4	GPA of 3.0 or above		
5	Major in Math, Science, Technology or Engineering		
6	Student who is not receiving funding from another scholarship		

	Agree	Disagree
Do you feel that financial need should be part of the criteria?		

	Agree	Disagree
Do you feel that applicants should be in a specific year in college?		
If agree, what year?		

	Yes	No
Do you feel that another requirement should be part of the criteria?		
If yes, what requirement?		





AAUW-WA Convention 2016  
April 22-24  
Suquamish Clearwater Resort



CHANGING THE WORLD  
ONE WOMAN AND GIRL  
AT A TIME

presented by



Changing the World One Woman and One Girl at a Time is the theme of this year's WA state convention, to be held at the Suquamish Clearwater Conference Center and Hotel from April 22 - 24. Members are invited to attend workshops and plenary sessions, to participate in the Annual Meeting and to take advantage of the formal and informal opportunities to engage with members and leaders from other branches.

- **April 22** Board Meeting, Training, Reception/Dinner, and Opening Evening
- **April 23** Convention, Annual Meeting and Elections, and Leadership Development
- **April 24** Convention over by noon

The conference fee is \$274 before Apr 1 and \$284 after Apr 1. Registration, meals and session choices can be handled online at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=psxfmitab&oeidk=a07ec8tzem1ec981318>

The convention rate for the rooms at the Clearwater Resort has a drop dead date of March 21, 2016. Call 1-360-598-8700; ask for



Reservations; book under AAUW-WA. Rooms are available at the AAUW rate Thurs., April 21 to Sun., April 24. Rooms are \$115-135, plus tax, depending on the view. Call to reserve your place soon, so you won't be left out.

DID YOU KNOW...

by Wanda Holmes

Did you know that AAUW EF (Educational Fund) is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate student women?

AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 241 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations in the 2015-16 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members we are breaking through barriers so that all women will have a fair chance.



Member Memos...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

- **Janet Johnson**, 14505 NE Douglas Fir Court, 98684  
360.213.4746 (no email)

Directory Additions/Corrections

- **Donna Roberge-Nozel's** address has changed due to annexation by Camas. It is now: 610 NW Brady Rd., Camas 98607

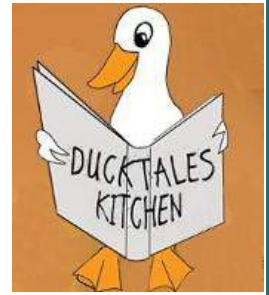
SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2016



MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

- Apr 9 What Matters in the End/Panel Discussion lead by Lorraine Wheeler & Nancy Stepsis
- Apr 18 Invitational Bridge at The Grant House/ Fundraiser, 11-4
- April 24 STEM Scholars Recognition Reception, WSU
- May 14 Spring Installation Luncheon, "Celebrating AAUW Super Heroes," Hostess House

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# AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



Monthly, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays  
1-4 pm at Lorraine Wheeler's  
10916 SE 18th St., Vancouver

**Apr 5**  
**Apr 12**  
**Apr 19**  
**1-4 pm**

Mah Jongg lessons are offered to newcomers to the group.

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

**Apr 7 2 pm**

At Elsie Chan's home. Co-hosts: Elsie and Kay Pankratz. Lorraine Wheeler leads the discussion of

***Girl on the Train***

by Paula Hawkins

→ **The First Thursday Book Group has an opening.** If you are interested in joining it, please contact Elsie Chan. The group has been active for almost 10 years. Information about the group may be found (**history**) at <http://vancouveraauw.0fees.net/interestgroups.html#firstthursday> or (**current**) at <http://vancouver-wa.aauw.net/interest-groups/first-thurs-book-group/>

Contact Elsie Chan 597-3554 or ersiechan@comcast.net



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

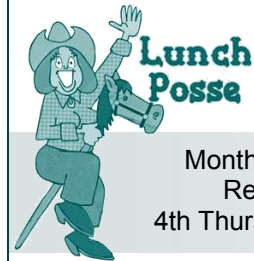
**Apr 6 3 pm**

Wanda Holmes hosts & Leanne Daniels leads the discussion of

***Main Street***

by Sinclair Lewis

Contact Retta Dykstra for info at 360-210-4650 or dykstrar@gmail.com



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

**Apr 28 1:30 pm**  
**Bellagio's**

322 SE 192nd Ave. #104, Vancouver

Please contact Diane Grubel at ECGrubel@aol.com to reserve your space.



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

**Apr 26 1 pm**

**Speaker: Ann Bardacke**

**Topic: "Inside & Outside Humanitarian Programs"**

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

**Last Meeting!**



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

**Apr 22 10 am - 3 pm**  
**Shorewood Community Rm.**

This month's hostesses:  
Carol Brain  
& Pat Greear

**BRING your lunch or buy at Shorewood Cafe**

**See Shorewood menu at**  
<http://shorewoodrestaurantandbar.com/menu/2155087>





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

**No Meeting in April**

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

# April 2016 Vancouver Branch AAUW Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	6 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Wanda Holmes's	7 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Elsie Chan's	8	9 AAUW General Mtg. at 610 Esther St.
10	11	12 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's  <b>Equal Pay Day</b>	13 Hudson's Bay AAUW: Planned Parenthood Prgm 2pm at Genealogy Center	14	15	16
17	18 Bridge at The Grant House 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Prepaid reservations required	19 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	20  Deadline for <i>The Voice</i>	21	22 WA State AAUW Convention in Suquamish  Bridge 10 a.m. Shorewood	23 →
24 → STEM Reception at WSU-V Members 1 p.m.	25	26 Global Concerns 1 p.m. at Genealogy Center	27	28 Lunch Posse 1:30 p.m. at Bellagio's 322 192nd Ave.	29 	30