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May 2016

Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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and girls in Washington state."



2016 ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

May 14, 2016

10:00 a.m. to Noon

The Hostess House

10017 NE 6th Avenue

\$25 per person

Celebrating our
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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: _____

Time to Renew Your AAUW Membership !!



**Vancouver Branch AAUW
Membership Renewal Form for 2016 - 2017**

Membership renewal fees for July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 are payable now.

Please complete this form and send it - with your check - to:

Carol Brain, 7623 NW 3rd Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98665

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR DUES CHECK

If your contact information has not changed, please write your name and "SAME" in the information area.

Name _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Birthday (month/day) _____ Spouse's name _____

Check the membership category that applies. **Make check payable to AAUW-Vancouver Branch.**

Regular Member \$75
*Includes National (\$49), State (\$10)
and Local Branch (\$16) dues*

Life Member \$26
Has prepaid all national dues

Honorary Member \$0
50 years of membership in AAUW

As of 2016 - 2017: to save costs and promote environmental responsibility, AAUW Vancouver mails free hard copies of newsletters *ONLY* to members without email addresses. Alternately the fee is \$10.

Dual Member \$16
For those who belong to another branch to which state and national dues are paid

I do have an email address and want a hard copy of the newsletter.....\$10

Interest Group Only \$16
No degree. Membership in 1 interest group

Voluntary donation to Vancouver Branch Scholarships..... \$10

To comply with association and state bylaws, our branch needs to receive your dues by June 15.

Please mail your check and membership form by May 15 or bring them with you to the May 14 luncheon.*

AAUW is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. \$46 of your dues is tax-deductible as a charitable donation.

****At the May 14th luncheon, one dues check will be drawn to win a free year's membership!***

Thank you for your continued membership in the Vancouver Branch of AAUW!



AAUW-sponsored Mystery Authors' Panel Attended by 100



Nancy and Bob Stepsis were in the audience for the event



Greeting guests (from left) Beverly Olson, Wanda Holmes, Pat Stryker and Kathy Walker



Audience members expressed positive reactions to the presentation

On March 13, AAUW Vancouver and the Portland Chapter Sisters-in-Crime collaborated to present two panels of authors discussing, "Learning to Love your Bad Guy." It was an unqualified success. Over a hundred attended the entertaining and informative program, chaired by Wanda Holmes. The venue for the admission-free event was the Clark County PUD auditorium. Help setting up, serving refreshments and greeting guests came from Pam Rio, Lorraine Wheeler, Sharon Heydet, Naomi Davis, Linda Krogh, Beverly Olson and Pat Stryker. Beverages and cookies were served and guests were asked for a donation for the treats, which covered expenses. After the panel presentations and questions from the audience, Vintage Book Store sold books and the authors were available to sign them.



Mystery Authors: Angela Sanders, Lisa Alber, Lauren Sweet, Jill Kelly, Judy Nedry, and Mollie Hunt



The first five panelists were Lauren Sweet, Mollie Hunt, Doc Macomber, Angela Sanders, and Judy Nedry



Mystery Authors: Heather Ames, Doc Macomber, Carola Dunn, and Dorothy Black Crow



A New Meeting Room for a New Year!

AAUW Vancouver has signed a Facilities Use Agreement with Pacific Continental Bank, allowing our branch to use the community room in the bank now located in the new Hudson Building at 101 Main Street on the corner of **E. 6th and Main** in downtown Vancouver. Our use will start with our Saturday, June 11th Program Planning meeting and continue through 2016-2017. Some of the benefits of the new room are:

- No fees for nonprofit and community organizations
- Located on the 1st floor
- Seats up to 48 people
- Tables & chairs on-site
- Has audio visual equipment with 2 screens
- Easy access to restrooms
- Free Saturday parking across the side street
- Small sink and counter for coffee/tea prep

Please note: parking lot is reached by going south on Main Street and turning left on 5th. Only the parking **exit** is on 6th.

Community Room **PACIFIC CONTINENTAL®**



New meeting room!



Starting in June for the planning meeting!

◆ Bridge News ◆

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

March

- 1st: Gay Barton
- 2nd: Pat Grear



SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2016

MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER
May 14 10-Noon	Spring Installation Luncheon , "Celebrating AAUW Super Heroes," Hostess House
June 11 10-Noon	Program Planning Meeting , Pacific Continental Bank Community Room, 6th & Main Streets





Goodbye to a Great Interest Group: Global Concerns



Pat Sjolander has been chairperson of the Global Concerns interest group for the last two years. She has scheduled wonderful speakers for our edification and entertainment.



Among those who have helped make the Global Concerns meetings happen, are **Fran Cappa** and **Marilyn Lasof** who have provided food, set-up and clean-up, so everyone could enjoy the presentations.

Editor's Note: **The Global Concerns interest group will meet for the last time on April 26, when Ann Bardacke will speak on "Israel - Inside and Outside the Humanitarian Programs." Please plan to attend!** Our branch owes sincere thanks to Pat Sjolander and all the Global Concerns chairwomen who went before her, plus those on their committees who have worked so hard to offer branch members exceptional opportunities to hear great speakers on topics of global import. We will all miss the opportunity to become educated and better informed on these subjects of worldwide interest. To fill the void, please bring ideas about these topics to the Program Planning meeting, June 11 at Pacific Continental Bank.



Planning Meeting for 2016-17 Programs: June 11 10 a.m. 101 E. 6th Street, Vancouver

We need your help to plan interesting, informative and entertaining programs for next year. Please attend the program planning meeting to share your ideas.

EASY... the chair for each meeting is no longer responsible for providing refreshments - just securing the speaker, helping set up the coffee/tea and handling the introductions.

REWARDING... there is accomplishment in providing fellow members with an informative program!

CHECK OUT... our new meeting room!

Be an AAUW Two-Minute Activist



It's easy to be an AAUW Two-Minute Activist.

AAUW makes it simple for our voices to be heard by Congress about issues important to AAUW members. At this link, <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> you can sign up to be a Two-Minute Activist. Occasionally you will get email from AAUW National about key issues.

For example, right now AAUW is asking us to urge our Senators to consider President Obama's nominee to the Supreme Court. The email will open a letter that you can easily personalize if you wish. It is pre-addressed to your Senator or Representative. You just press "submit" and your email is on its way.

Please sign up and let your voice be heard in Washington D.C on issues important to women.

Linda Krogh, Public Policy Chair



Empowering women since 1881!



Bridge at The Grant House 2016

AAUW's second Bridge at The Grant House Tournament was held April 18. The weather cooperated, the food was plentiful and delicious, our waiter was a *GEM* and the management of The Grant House was, again, cooperative and generous. Pat Stryker and Naomi Davis ran the event, which the bridge players enjoyed and deemed a success. AAUW grossed \$812.98 and netted \$363.48 for local college scholarships, an increase over last year's net.



First Place: Martha Atkinson & Eleanor McIntyre



Second Place: Wayne Harrison & Rick Scherer



Third Place: Maybelle Mays & Barbara Osborne



AAUW Mah Jongg Players enjoy Lunch and a Game

The AAUW Mah Jongg group meets on the first three Tuesdays of each month at 1:00. Shown below are members Lorraine Wheeler, Leanne Bly, Marilyn Lasof, Pat Stryker, Pam Rio and Beverly Olson. Lessons are available!





Lunch Posse: Goes to C'est La Vie on May 26 at 1:30



Saddle up and ride on over to C'est La Vie on May 26 at 1:30. See you there pardner!

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

2016 DATE	TARGET RESTAURANT
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)

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 lunch on **May 26, 2016**, at **1:30 pm**, when the AAUW Lunch Posse gathers at **C'est La Vie, 1307 NE 78th St #10, Vancouver, WA 98665**. 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.



LUNCH AT OLIVE GARDEN ON MARCH 24

Kathy Walker, Diane Grubel, Janet Gibbons and Shirley Lambelet enjoyed lunch and a conversation involving travel, opera, Shakespeare and foreign cuisine. You'd think we were university women!

Society of WA Artists' Annual Show & Sale

This is one of the largest art shows in Clark County and is open to all artists in the community. It is just a block or so from the Hostess House, behind the Chevron station on 99th St. It is a perfect opportunity for AAUW members to attend the show following the May luncheon. The show will include works of professional, semi-professional and amateur artists. SWA shows have a reputation for presenting high quality art at affordable prices. Don't miss it!

Visit the show right after the May luncheon!

Spring Art Show & Sale
Friday May 13
Saturday, May 14
8 am - 7pm

Sunday, May 15
10 am - 3 pm

H.H. Hall Building
10000 NE 7th Avenue
Vancouver



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

WOW TECH TREK DONORS! THANK YOU!

Thanks so much to the 15 members (and our Moola piggy bank) who donated very generously in April to top up the amount needed to send our third camper to Tech Trek this year. We set out to raise another \$500 and we ended up with \$535 - so we have a head start on next year's Tech Trek drive!

Tech Trek is such a great way to spark the interest of and encourage 8th grade girls to enter the male-dominated fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Your donation can really make a difference in the lives of future women and help society make some much-needed progress.



What happens at Tech Trek...
...doesn't stay at Tech Trek!

The Columbian

A letter to The Columbian from Kathi Pickett, Hudson's Bay Branch AAUW

April 12 represented the day we "celebrate" when a woman's earnings catch up to what a white male made in 2015. The average woman working full time in the U.S. has to work 15 months to earn what a male did in just 12. The pay gap is even worse for women of color and mothers.

Women face an average earnings ratio of 77 cents, which means less money for feeding families, paying off student loans and saving for retirement. Without legislative remedies for pay equity, it could be more than 100 years before we achieve equal pay. If Congress won't act, the states must.

Existing Washington law is weak when it comes to equal pay. We need legislators to listen to their constituents and pass some real solutions that will help real Washington women achieve full economic equality.

Passing a federal law like the Paycheck Fairness Act would help protect everyone in all states. Meanwhile, Washington American Association of University Women members, including myself, continue to urge the Legislature to make improvements to Washington's equal pay laws. Please join us and tell state representatives to join the countrywide movement and ensure equal pay for every Washingtonian.

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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.



First Mothers: Portraits of Progress Includes THREE AAUW Leaders



Hilarie Couture, artist

Artist Hilarie Couture has painted 36 portraits of influential women of Clark County. The project, entitled First Mothers: Portraits of Progress, will be exhibited in five local venues between now and January 2017.

Current member, past president, and Named Gift Honoree in 2005, **Donna Roberge Nozel**, is the subject of one of the paintings. Her biography, connected to the project, reads: Chair of Clark County Arts Commission and arts commissioner for the City of Camas. Community positions include serving as a Camas-Washougal port commissioner.

Honored posthumously is former AAUW member **Val Ogden**. Her biography states: The county's First Citizen in 2006; executive director of YWCA Clark County; state representative from 1991-2003; worked with Camp Fire; Council for the Homeless; on Human Services Council. Val Ogden was our AAUW Named Gift Honoree in 2002.

Another former member of our branch honored posthumously is **Dorothy Langsdorf**. She devoted 30 years to the Discovery Trail system, was founding president of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation and a 1999 Woman of Achievement. Dorothy was an AAUW Vancouver Named Gift Honoree in 1982 for her work on the Dual Telephone Listing project.

The portraits will be displayed at the following locations:

- May: Unveiling is May 6 during First Friday event sponsored by Vancouver's Downtown Association at Boomerang, 808 Main St., where portraits will be displayed through May.
- June: Erik Runyan Jewelers, 900 Washington St.
- July: LSW Architects, 610 Esther St.
- August: Clark College Archer Gallery, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, in the Penguin Union Building.
- September through December: Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main St.

DID YOU KNOW...

by Wanda Holmes



Did you know that AAUW has a mission? Our organization has a goal to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have led the way to further empowering women.

Your help is needed to achieve this goal. Attend our upcoming planning meeting and create a year of interesting and informative mission-based programs and projects. Why? Because equity is still an issue.



I want to take one last opportunity to congratulate our wonderful membership for a truly great year. And I want to thank all the officers, volunteers, and interest group leaders for their efforts. While we were enjoying each other's company and learning about many interesting and important topics, we were able to successfully raise funds to send three young girls to Tech Trek and to grant two scholarships to women at WSU-Vancouver and one at Clark College. Many volunteers made the fundraising Holiday Party and Bridge Tournament very successful.

We made great progress on several of our goals for the year. Our outreach to the broad community through our women mystery writers events and our Global Concerns series were very successful. Since we added many new members, the M&M mentor program was very active welcoming them.

I look forward to our May luncheon and hope you will join me in honoring several outstanding members, thanking the outgoing officers, and supporting next year's newly elected officers.

It is not too soon to schedule your attendance at our important planning meeting at 10 a.m. on June 11th. That is when we choose topics for next year. It is best to have many members' input, and this year it will be in our new and glorious meeting space in Pacific Continental Bank at 6th and Main Streets with ample parking.

Thanks again to each of you for all your support!



Vancouver AAUW Interest Groups Summer Activities



Some of our branch interest groups operate all summer. Take a look and see what might spark your summertime interest!



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

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



Every other month, 3rd Thursday,
10 a.m., DuckTales, 612 N Devine Rd.
July 21 10 a.m.

Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher by
Tim Egan

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm
June 2 2 p.m.
Carol Brain hosts & Diane Grubel leads
the discussion of
I Still Dream About You
by Fannie Flagg

July 7 2 p.m.
Mary LaHusen hosts & Barb Selis leads
the discussion of
Everything I Never Told You
by Celeste Ng

August 2 p.m.
Diane Grubel hosts & Michelle Girts
leads the discussion of
The Good Lord Bird
by James McBride

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



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

BRING your lunch or buy at
Shorewood Cafe

June 23 10 am - 3 pm
Hostess: Mary LaHusen

July 22 10 am - 3 pm
Hostess: Sarah Hewitt

August 26 10 am - 3 pm
Hostess: Brenda Strandhagen &
Ruetta Dykstra

Contact a hostess to play.

The Seattle Times

by Katherine Long

Senator Murray's new bill would encourage and support women and minorities in STEM fields

The small numbers of women and minorities going into high-paying science and tech fields has long been a concern among educators and policymakers. A new bill co-sponsored by U.S. Sen. Patty Murray would authorize grants for outreach, mentoring and professional development programs that encourage women and minorities to enter STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields.

The legislation would also fund STEM education outreach programs in K-12 schools. In all, the program would provide \$15 million a year between 2017 and 2021 for the programs. The programs would be chosen, and the funds would be administered, by the National Science Foundation.

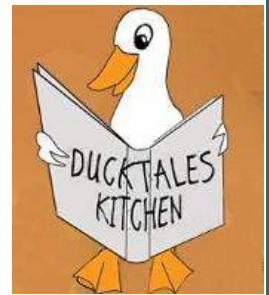
Women make up only 26 percent of STEM workers, according to a 2013 American Community Survey report on disparities in STEM employment. Other studies have shown that women are more likely than men to switch out of STEM majors, and about half of women working in STEM fields quit their jobs after 10 years.

It's also been difficult for minorities to get a toehold in STEM fields. The Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles, has found that only 22 percent of Latino students, 18.4 percent of African-American students and 18.8 percent of Native American students studying in STEM fields complete their degrees within five years. By comparison, 33 percent of white students, and 42 percent of Asian students, complete their degrees in that time period.

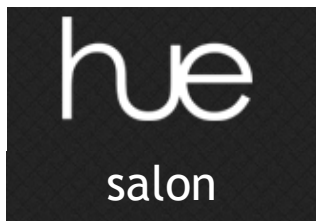
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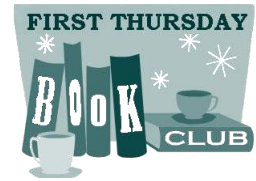


Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

May 4 3 pm

Retta Dykstra hosts & Naomi
Davis leads the discussion of
The Secret River
by Kate Grenville

Contact Retta Dykstra for info at
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Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

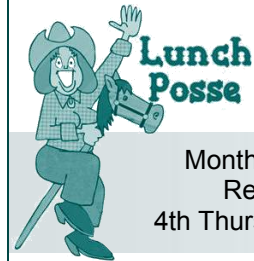
May 5 2 pm

Camille Wainwright hosts & Iona
Clark leads the discussion of
Nightingale
by Kristin Hannah

Contact Elsie Chan or visit
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for more information



An interest
group for new
members
will begin in
the fall. Look
for notices
starting in
September.



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

May 26 1:30 pm
C'est La Vie

1307 NE 78th St #10, Vancouver
Please contact Diane Grubel at
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to reserve your space.



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May 19 10 a.m.

**The Professor and the
Madman: A Tale of Murder,
Insanity and the
Making of the Oxford
English Dictionary**

by Simon Winchester

Contact Pat Sjolander for info
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Monthly, 4th Friday, 10 am - 3pm
Shorewood Apts. Community Room,
5555 E Evergreen, Vancouver

May 27 10 am - 3 pm
Shorewood Community Rm.

This month's hostesses:
Camille Wainwright
& Carol Brain

**BRING your lunch or buy at
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See Shorewood menu at
[http://
shorewoodrestaurantandbar.com/
menu/2155087](http://shorewoodrestaurantandbar.com/menu/2155087)

Interest Groups

Interest groups offer a lot to
AAUW members: information,
companionship, intellectual stimu-
lation, continuing education and
fun!.

Thanks to the work of our interest
group chairs, we all have an op-
portunity to enjoy them.

May 2016 Vancouver Branch AAUW Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 	2	3 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	4 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Retta Dykstra's	5 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Camille Wainwright's	6	7 	
8 	9	10 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	11 Hudson's Bay AAUW: Planned Parenthood Prgm 2pm at Genealogy Center	12	13	14 AAUW Spring Luncheon 10 a.m. at Hostess House	
15	16	17 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	18	19 Nonfiction Books 10 a.m. at DuckTales	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26 Lunch Posse 1:30 p.m. at C'est La Vie	27 Bridge 10 a.m. Shorewood	28 	
29	30	Jun 11 — Program Planning Mtg. at Pacific Continental Bank 101 Main 10 a.m.	Next issue in Sep!				

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