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December 2016/January 2017

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AAUW
2016 HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
10:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

CLUB GREEN MEADOWS
7703 NE 72nd Avenue
Vancouver, WA

*Brunch, Silent Auction, Raffle,
Baked Goods & Holiday Entertainment!*

to benefit
**LOCAL COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS**

\$25 per person

Contact Pat Greear for more information
pshaw1938@gmail.com

*Share a festive meal with AAUW friends & guests and enjoy
a performance by the Northwest Harmony Chorus .*

Be sure to invite your friends & relatives!!

Deadline for all reservations & cancellations is Dec 5th



2016 AAUW HOLIDAY BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM

Sat., Dec. 10, 10 a.m., Club at Green Meadows, 7703 NE 72nd Ave., Vancouver

Mail form & payment to: Carol Brain, 7623 NW 3rd Ave., Vancouver 98665

☞ **Make check(s) payable to Vancouver Branch AAUW** ☞

Name _____

Phone _____

Number attending at \$25 each _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Guest Names:

Dietary restrictions _____



January 14th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting
Community Room, Pacific Continental Bank, 101 Sixth Street , Vancouver 98660

Professor Steven Sylvester: DNA & Genetics

WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY
VANCOUVER

Our first general meeting for the new year will be held on Saturday, January 14, at 10 a.m. in the Community Room at Pacific Continental Bank , 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver.

WSU Vancouver Professor Steven Sylvester will speak to AAUW Vancouver about DNA and Genetics.

Professor Sylvester is an Associate Professor of Arts & Sciences in Molecular Biosciences at WSU. He teaches courses in : Introductory Biochemistry, Human Health and the Environment, Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology, and DNA Today.

In Dr. Sylvester’s laboratory at WSU Vancouver, students are attempting to understand nature at the molecular level and often with a bent toward reproductive biology. He uses techniques of organic chemistry, analytical chemistry, protein biochemistry, immunochemistry and molecular biology to address projects, such as: 1) isolating pheromone genes in oysters and snail predators; 2) determining polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in households near oil and coal trains; 3) determining the omega-3 fatty acids available to bull trout in disturbed environments; and 4) detecting caffeine in the intertidal zone of various locations along the Oregon Coast and from nearby Lacamas Lake, a small eutrophic reservoir. Related projects that could involve REU students include measuring the occurrence of caffeine along the length of the streams that feed the reservoir and correlating this with the spatial occurrence of



Steven Sylvester, Professor of Molecular Biosciences

septic tank leach fields. Dr. Sylvester works in his lab with many undergraduate and graduate students.

Professor Sylvester says, “In my laboratory, we view the world at the molecular level with a bent toward reproductive processes. We try to identify molecules in the environment that may alter reproductive processes in plants and animals. We are currently trying to identify pheromones in a introduced predatory snail that costs the oyster industry millions of dollars per year. We are also trying to regulate reproduction in fish to improve protein production, reduce wastes, and restore populations.”

Environmental Chemistry and Molecular Toxicology

Steve Sylvester

Look at the world at the molecular level, focusing in particular on reproductive processes. Help identify molecules in the environment that may alter reproductive processes in plants and animals, such as pheromones in a predatory snail that costs the oyster industry millions of dollars per year. Study how to regulate reproduction in fish, or how contaminants accumulate in human breast milk.



Steve Sylvester investigates a snail introduced from elsewhere that preys on native oysters.

Molecular Bioscience



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AAUW Vancouver's 85th Anniversary Luncheon Packed with Guests and Talent

The Red Cross Building at Fort Vancouver was the site of an enthusiastic celebration on November 14. AAUW Vancouver's 85th Anniversary Luncheon & Play attracted guests from all over Clark County, Washington State and the Portland Metro area. Our own members were there in force to enjoy the event and cheer on the cast. The consensus was that the food was great and the play was wonderful. Many branch members worked for as year to make it all happen. This was obvious from Sue Tellock's fabulous centerpieces to the play written by Kay Pankratz and Kathy Walker to the great performances by the AAUW cast. It's inspiring what a bunch of smart women can do! Members of the public also pitched in to make it a success including Bill Lynch, our sound tech; Daryle Rustvold and Ed Rankin our photographers; Bob Serafini our slide show projectionist and Ed Grubel who helped with our archives.



Celebrate Our Stars!



Chris Lines, Pres. 1930s



Nancy Stepsis, Pres. 1940s



Kay Pankratz, Pres. 1950s



Cheryl Weir, Pres. 1960s



Pat Stryker, Pres. 1970s



Sharon Heydet, Pres. 1980s



Kay Hansen, Pres. 1990s



Pam Rio, Pres. 2000s

AAUW Vancouver's Anniversary ★ STARS OFFSTAGE★

It takes an entire branch to put on a successful luncheon & play!





◆ Bridge News ◆

The **2016 AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon** will be held on Friday, December 16, at 10 a.m. at

GUSTAV'S and is **SOLD OUT!**

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

October

- 1st: Kay Hansen
- 2nd: Naomi Davis

November

- 1st: Iona Clark
- 2nd: Pay Greear



by Beverly Olson,
Public Policy Chair

**December 2016
& January 2017**

FYI November 8 Came and Went. In all probability you were happy with some of the results and not happy with others. In keeping with AAUW policy, we were not advised regarding candidates at the federal, state, or local level, but various legislative measures were promoted. So what happens now? Each of us as individuals and AAUW members can work to change **“the climate for women and girls.”** * **Lobby Day is a place to start!**

FYI According to the AAUW WA website, **“We accomplish this through education, research, advocacy and philanthropy.”*** If you are interested in a personal, base education regarding the mission and work of AAUW, the national and Washington State websites are worth your time. **Lobby Day is a perfect time to advocate.**

FYI WA STATE LOBBY DAY IS JANUARY 30, 2017

This is an annual opportunity to make your voice heard. Please consider joining other Vancouver Branch AAUW members for a day of lobbying in Olympia working to change **“the climate for women and girls.”*** Details are not available at this time. Emails will be sent as soon as specific information is available.

FYI Meaningful Movies Will Screen PAPER TIGERS on Thursday December 8, 6-9 pm at the Cascade Park Community Library. PAPER TIGERS asks the question how do you educate teens whose childhood experiences have left them with brains and bodies ill-suited to learn? Evening includes the film, discussion, and pizza.

FYI Meaningful Movies Will Screen THE MASK YOU LIVE IN on January 12, 5:30 pm at the Cascade Park Community Library. The film explores how boys and young men try to be true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity. **Discussion will be January 19.** * <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>

Member Memos...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

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**Shape the Future
AAUW Membership
Campaign**

Bring a prospective member to the Holiday Brunch. She or he can join AAUW at the brunch for 50% off AAUW National's dues and .03% off our local dues.

A new member may join for \$50 at the Holiday Brunch!





What shall I
make for the
bake sale?

Diane Grubel is
chair. Bring your
baked goods to
Diane at the
event on Dec 10.

Buy your holiday
treats at the sale!



The
BAKE SALE
at the
Holiday Brunch
is back!

Please
contribute
something
yummy!

Small, individual
items sell best.



Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs.

Foreign Policy Association



ABOUT FPA

The mission of the Foreign Policy Association today, as it has been throughout its 97-year history, is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process.

Do you miss the intellectual stimulation that was offered by the speakers and subjects at Global Concerns?

Hudson's Bay Branch AAUW has invited Vancouver Branch to join them for a new interest group forming in January 2017. It will be a discussion group based on the chapters in the Foreign Policy Association's **Great Decisions** book for 2017. The book offers 8 topics of global importance for a group to read about and discuss. There are discussion guides at the end of each chapter.

Our board of directors thought this might be a good way to help fill some of the educational gaps left by the demise of our Global Concerns group. The group will meet at **2 pm on the 4th Monday of each month starting on January 23, 2017**. The meetings will be held **at Vancouver Pointe, 4555 NE 66th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98661**. For members who let me know they have ordered the book and are planning to attend, I will have complete details of which room at Vancouver Pointe we will use for the meeting before January 23. Hope to see you there! Kathy

TO ORDER THE BOOKS GO TO: www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials • BOOKS ARE \$25, postage is \$5.11



Great Decisions 2017 Briefing Book - PRE-ORDER

Publication Date:	January 02, 2017
Price:	\$25.00
Item #:	FPA31659
ISBN #:	978-0-87124-256-3

GREAT DECISIONS 2017 TOPICS

Great Decisions 2017! This year's topics are as follows:

- o The Future of Europe
- o Trade and Politics
- o Conflict in the South China Sea
- o Saudi Arabia in Transition
- o U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum
- o Latin America's Political Pendulum
- o Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan
- o Nuclear Security

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Lunch Posse: will visit Great Taste Chinese Restaurant Jan 26!



Lunch Posse

Saddle up and ride on over to Great Taste on Jan 26 at 1:30!

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 lunch on **Jan. 26**, at **1:30 pm**, at **Great Taste**, **8101 NE Parkway Dr # E4, Vancouver**. If you would like to attend, contact **Diane Grubel** at **360.263.4506** or **ECGrubel@aol.com**.

2017 DATE	1:30 @TARGET RESTAURANT
Jan 26	Great Taste Chinese (near Mall)
Feb 23	Biscuits (off 164th)
Mar 23	Firehouse Subs (off 192nd)
Apr 27	Noodles (Mill Plain)
May 25	Applebee's (Hwy 99)
Jun 22	Beaches (Columbia Shores)
Jul 27	Bleu Door (Main St.)
Aug 24	Good Taste Chinese (Mill Plain)
Sep 28	Lapellah (Grand Central)
Oct 26	Stardust Diner (164th)
Nov 23	Olive Garden (Thurston, Mall)

AAUW LUNCH POSSE AT PANDA EXPRESS ON OCT 27

A Lunch Posse of four had fun at Panda Express on October 27. In attendance were (L-R) Diane Grubel, Kathy Walker, Carol Brain, and Sally Alkazin.



SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE FUTURE AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2016-2017

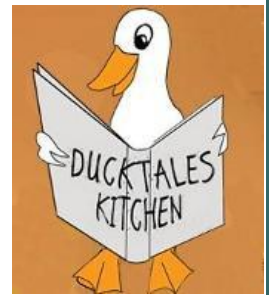
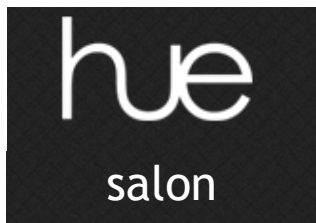
MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER (Meetings at 10 am unless noted)
Dec 10 10 a.m.	Annual Holiday Brunch Fundraiser, Club Green Meadows
Jan 14	DNA & Genetics, Prof. Steven Sylvester, WSU
Feb 11	Gender Discrimination in Employment, Judge Virginia Mellema MaGee
Mar 11	nPower Girls, STEM Research , Sue Bluestein

MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER
Apr 8	Women as Agents of Change, Jeanne Kohl-Welles
May 13 9 a.m.	Spring Installation Breakfast, Hostess House
Jun 10	Program Planning meeting



All meetings start at 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

AAUW Please Patronize our Wonderful 2015 Donors!!!





AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

Dec 6, 13, 20

Jan 3, 10, 17

1-4 pm

at Lorraine Wheeler's

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 Wednesday, 3 pm

Dec 7 3 pm

Naomi Davis hosts & leads the discussion of

The Good Lord Bird

by James McBride

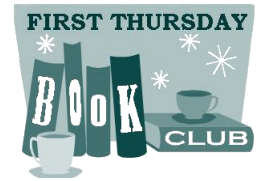
Jan 4

Leanne Daniels hosts

Mark Twain Short Stories

by Mark Twain

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Dec 1 2 pm

Nancy Stepsis hosts & Kay Pankratz leads the discussion of

The Cat's Table

by Michael Ondaatje

Jan 5 Potluck & Planning

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



Lunch Posse

No Posse in Dec!

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

Jan 26 1:30 pm

Great Taste

8101 NE Parkway Dr # E4,
Vancouver 98661

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



Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 6 pm
Cascade Park Library
600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver

DEC 8 6 pm

Movie: PAPER TIGERS asks the question how do you educate teens whose childhood experiences have left them with brains and bodies ill-suited to learn? Evening includes the film, discussion, and pizza.

JAN 12 5:30 pm

Movie: THE MASK YOU LIVE IN explores how boys and young men try to be true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity.

Discussion Jan 19.

For more information, contact Beverly Olson beverlyolson@centurylink.net



Monthly, 4th Friday, 10 am - 3pm
Glenwood Card Room
5500 NE 82nd Ave, Vancouver

**** Dec 16 ** 10 am-3 pm**

Holiday Bridge Party

Gustav's Restaurant

1705 SE 164th Avenue

Jan 27 10 am - 3 pm

Glenwood Card Room

The card room at Glenwood is on the 3rd floor of the main building on 82nd Ave.

This month's hostess: Marilyn Lasof

Contact a hostess for information.

BRING your lunch!

Nonfiction



Every other month, 3rd Thurs, 10 a.m.
Shorewood, 5555 E Evergreen Blvd.



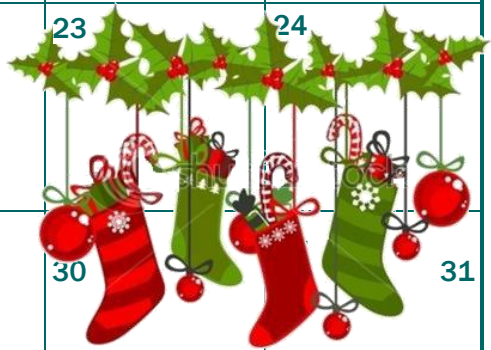
Jan 19 10 am

Seventeen Carnations: the Windsors, the Nazis and the Cover-Up



by Andrew Morton

More information? Contact: Nancy Stepsis: nf8@evansville.edu or Pam Rio: pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com

December 2016 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Nancy Stepsis'	2 	3
4	5	6 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	7 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Naomi Davis'	8 Meaningful Movies 6 pm at Cascade Park Library	9 Bake Something for the Holiday Brunch Bake Sale!!	10 ★★★★★★ Holiday Brunch & Auction 10 a.m. at Green Meadows
11	12	13 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	14	15	16 Holiday Bridge 10 a.m. at Gustav's	17
18	19	20 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's Deadline for <i>The Voice</i>	21	22		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas						

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8	9	10 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	11	12 Meaningful Movies 5:30 pm at Cascade Park Library	13	14 AAUW General Meeting 10 a.m. at Pacific Cont. Bank
15	16	17 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	18	19 Nonfiction Books 10 a.m. at Shorewood	20 Deadline for <i>The Voice</i>	21
22	23 Great Decisions 2:00 p.m. at Vancouver Pointe	24 	25	26 Lunch Posse 1:30 p.m. at Great Taste	27 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	28
29	30 AAUW Lobby Day in Olympia	31	