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October 2017
Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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October 14th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting

Community Room, Pacific Continental Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

Karen Manelis, Rachel Karlsen & Campers: All About Tech Trek



L-R: AAUW WA Tech Trek Director, Karen Manelis and campers: Immy Hinchliff, Lilly Rollins & Megan Miller

Center: Tech Trek Teacher Rachel Karlsen
Left: Tech Trek camper Zoe Loggins

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Our next general meeting will be a joint meeting with AAUW Hudson's Bay to be held on Saturday, October 14, at 10 a.m., in the Community Room at Pacific Continental Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660.

This meeting will be "All About Tech Trek," the STEM immersion summer camp run by AAUW WA. The speakers will be the four, 8th-grade girls who attended Tech Trek thanks to the donations of both AAUW branches, Tech Trek teacher Rachel Karlsen, and Tech Trek Director Karen Manelis. Rachel, a middle school teacher at CAM Academy, and was part of the Technology, Math and Science assessment team for the State of Washington in 2012-2013.

The four girls will tell us about their Tech Trek experiences and show us an experiment or two. Don't miss it!

OCTOBER IS: DONATE TO TECH TREK MONTH!



Checks should be made payable to:

"AAUW-WA SPF"

and on the memo line:

"Vancouver Branch - Tech Trek"

Help send local 8th grade girls to Tech Trek next summer!

Bring your check book to the meeting!



WE'RE TRYING SOMETHING NEW....

Come to general meetings at 10 and have a half-hour of coffee (or tea) and conversation with your AAUW friends in the lobby before the speaker begins at 10:30.



◆ Bridge News ◆

The AAUW Bridge Group, which has been around - with a few breaks - since 1931, will hold its annual Holiday Bridge Luncheon this year on Friday, December 15 at Gustav's Restaurant. If you would like to join in, please fill out the reservation form below and mail it to Ruth Harbaugh. Don't delay, this bridge event always sell out.... and don't forget to include your check.

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

August

- 1st: Sue Henum
- 2nd: Marilyn Lasof



The 2017 AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon will be held Friday, December 15, 10 a.m., at



1705 SE 164th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98683



MENU CHOICES: are \$20 each, including tax and gratuity

- A. Chicken Schnitzel Club Sandwich:** Tender breaded chicken, Apple wood smoked bacon, herb cream cheese, fresh leaf lettuce, tomato, and Emmentallar cheese on a toasted brioche bun, served with hand cut fries.
 - B. Peasant's Trio:** Lentil soup served with choice of House or Caesar Salad, and rosemary cheese bread.
 - C. Turkey Sandwich:** Cream cheese, condiments, Munster cheese on ciabatta roll, plus fries.
 - D. Cheeseburger:** burger with Cheddar cheese, on a pretzel roll, condiments, plus fries
- ➡➡➡➡➡ Choice of coffee, iced tea, hot tea, Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite included.

Reservation - 2017 AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon at Gustav's

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Check you luncheon choice:

- Chicken Schnitzel Sandwich*
- Peasant's Trio (Circle salad choice)*
House salad Caesar salad
- Turkey Sandwich*
- Cheeseburger*

Send, with \$20 check, payable to Ruth Harbaugh,
to: Ruth Harbaugh, 2645 NW 29th Ave., Camas, WA 98607

5 TABLE MAXIMUM! MAIL YOUR RESERVATION NOW!!





She's Back!

Please solicit local businesses for donations to our Holiday Fundraiser!

Emails will go out soon supplying branch members with a donor request letter, a copy of this year's donor recognition page from our newsletter, and a spreadsheet listing past donors, their donations, and the members who solicited the donations.

Branch members are asked to commit to soliciting a donation from one of the previous donors or identifying a new donor or item.

Donations are given to Kathy Walker or Ruth Harbaugh as soon as possible after receiving them. Lots of work goes into preparing the items and the accompanying displays for the silent auction.



Branch members are working for a good cause, soliciting donations. Please join in!



October 2017

by Beverly Olson, AAUW Public Policy Chair

FYI: The decision regarding the Port of Vancouver becoming the site of a large oil terminal may be made early in 2018. Two events are taking place that should dictate the future of the oil terminal. The first is the November election with two candidates running for the District 1 Port Commissioner. The colorful gentlemen running are Orange and Green. One is opposed and one is in favor. If the new Commission votes no, it is over. If it votes to continue the process, the second event will be Governor Jay Inslee's decision based upon the recommendation of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council which is due November 30, 2017.

FYI: Did you know that you can become a "Two-Minute Activist?" AAUW makes it easy for you to support public policy issues that are consistent with AAUW objectives and values. First, go to www.aauw.org, choose "What We Do," choose "Public Policy," choose "Two-Minute Activist," and make a choice or choices that you want to promote with your congressional delegation. Guaranteed to make you feel like you are a participant in making positive changes.

FYI: On October 24, 2017, the Washington State Supreme Court will hear oral arguments regarding the Washington State budget which provides for the 2017-18 and 2018-2019 school years. The question is whether or not the budget provides adequate funds for basic education as required by the McCleary Decision. Vancouver Public Schools Superintendent Steve Webb says, "No." **Stay tuned for an update next month.**

FYI: Meaningful Movies presents OVARIAN PSYCOS, Women Find Strength in Numbers, on October 12 at 5:30 at the Cascade Park Library, 600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver. Ovarian Psycos is about a new generation of fierce, unapologetic and feminist women of color from the Eastside of Los Angeles who confront injustice, build community, and redefine identity through a raucous, irreverently named bicycle crew: The Ovarian Psycos Cycle Brigade.



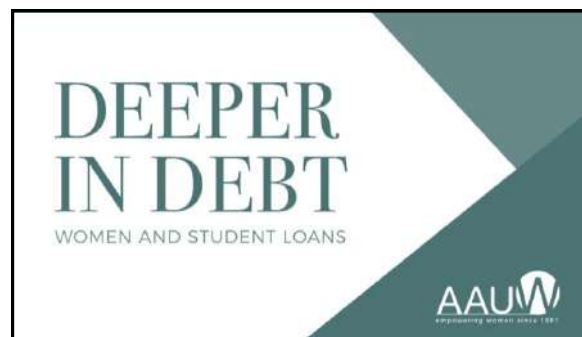
When you consider how much time to devote to our scholarship fundraising efforts over the next two months, please think about the significant role an offer of strings-free, financial aid can mean to a woman in college.

Your efforts to solicit gift cards, gift certificates, and goods from local merchants and artisans are what make our raffle and silent auction at the December Holiday Brunch a success. Don't be shy about asking a business owner to contribute. This truly is a good cause that you can represent proudly and the donor will get 8 months of free advertising in our newsletter.

Our branch has budgeted to increase scholarship funding by \$1000 this year; offering a second \$1000 scholarship to a woman at Clark College. That brings our total to \$7000 in financial aid for college women in Clark County, including two \$2500 scholarships to WSU Vancouver and two \$1000 scholarships for Clark College.

If you need to be convinced that this kind of help is desperately needed, please take time to read some excerpts from an AAUW study (below) or go to AAUW National's website (www.aauw.org) to read their entire findings. Let's make sure that at least four women in Clark County get the same chance at higher education that we all got!

Right now about 44 million borrowers in the United States hold about \$1.3 trillion in outstanding student loans. The scale of outstanding student loans and an increasing share of borrowers who fail to repay have made many Americans aware that student debt is a challenge for society and for individual borrowers. Yet despite the fact that women represented 56 percent of those enrolled in American colleges and universities in fall 2016, many people do not think of student debt as a women's issue. This report reveals that women also take on larger student loans than do men. And because of the gender pay gap, they have less disposable income with which to repay their loans after graduation, requiring more time to pay back their student debt than do men. As a result, women hold nearly two-thirds of the outstanding student debt in the United States — more than \$800 billion.



Once rarities who received a small fraction of college degrees when AAUW was founded in 1881, women now earn 57 percent of bachelor's degrees from American colleges and universities. Large increases in the representation of racial and ethnic minorities in college enrollment have also occurred; between 1976 and 2014 the portion of enrolled college students who were not white more than doubled from 16 percent to 42 percent. However, this increased diversity within colleges and universities has occurred alongside the increased price of attendance. Though median household incomes in the United States have barely budged since 1976, the median price of college attendance has more than doubled. The gap between household incomes and the price of attendance is filled by student loans, which are readily available to almost all college students but also difficult to discharge in bankruptcy, meaning they are risky investments for some students who rely on them to attend college.

SAVE THE DATE FOR AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2017-2018



Table with 4 columns: MONTH, TOPIC/SPEAKER (Meetings at 10 am unless noted), MONTH, TOPIC/SPEAKER (Meetings at 10 am unless noted). Rows include dates from Oct 14 to Jun 9 with various topics like AAUW Tech Trek Program, WSU Library, Holiday Brunch Fundraiser, etc.



ISSUES

EMPOWERING WOMEN
SINCE 1881

From AAUW National: Contact Your Members of Congress

Tell Congress: Protect Dreamers and Pass the Dream Act

For the past five years, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has provided nearly 800,000 recipients the ability to attend school, go to work, and contribute to our economy without fear of deportation. But with a simple swipe of the pen, President Trump has moved towards ending the DACA program, taking with it the opportunity for thousands to achieve the American Dream.



DACA recipients – also known as Dreamers – are an integral part of our communities. Ninety-seven percent are either in school or employed. One-quarter are enrolled in institutions of higher education while another third are in high school and considering their options for postsecondary education and career training. AAUW understands the impact that education has on the lives of students and on the nation’s overall prosperity and strength. The DACA program has opened the doors to higher education for thousands of Dreamers, while developing a skilled workforce prepared to compete in the global economy.



Our commitment to increasing opportunities in education for all women and girls stands firm.

The Dream Act is a bipartisan, bicameral bill that would offer many, including DACA recipients, protection from deportation while allowing them to continue to access education or work and contribute to our society. Our higher education system and our economy are stronger because of the contributions of DACA recipients.

The President’s decision to end DACA is both morally and fiscally irresponsible and Congress must take action. Contact your members of Congress and tell them we must protect Dreamers and pass the Dream Act today!

NEW 2017—2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



AAUW Vancouver members were emailed a PDF copy of all the data for the new directory. The copy in the 2017-2018 Directory has now been updated and the book will be available at the October 14th general meeting.

If someone you know (and will see soon) is not at the October meeting, please pick up her copy and take it to her.

The membership PDF file has also been updated and will be posted on our website soon. It will have a password, so that it is protected, and you may access it at any time. Branch members will be notified when the document has been posted and given the password.

PLEASE NOTE: The first column in the new PDF file contains your number for membership in AAUW National. It is needed for access to valuable parts of National’s website.

Grab your copy... and take one to a friend!



There's a lot going on!! Don't miss any of it!!

Tech Trek
A program of AAUW

Write a check to "AAUW SPF" at the Oct 14 general meeting to help send local campers to Tech Trek 2018

Solicit businesses for donations for the Holiday Brunch Fundraiser on Dec 9 and give Kathy the results...

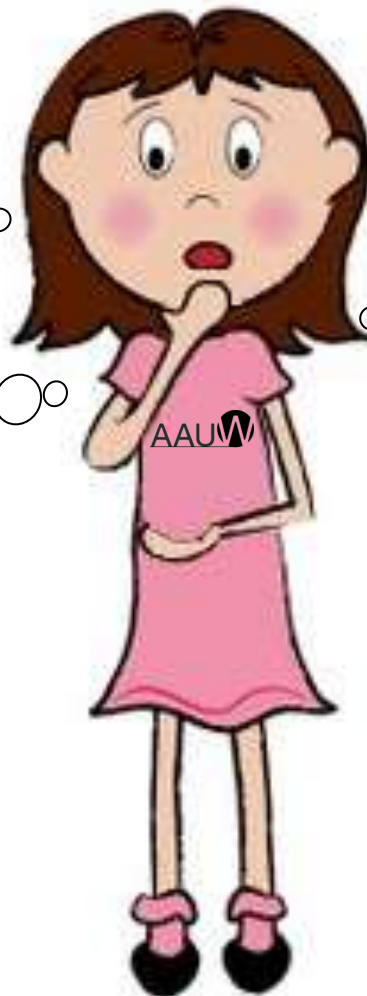


Invite family and friends to the Holiday Brunch Fundraiser Dec 9 and watch for the reservation form in the Nov newsletter...

Bake something for the home-baked goods sale at the Holiday Fundraiser...

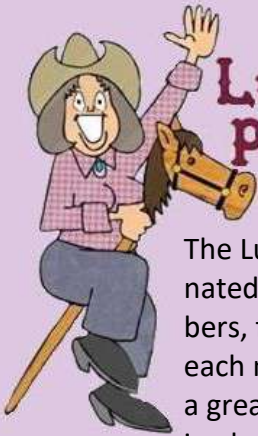
Hone my bridge skills and send in my reservation for the AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon ...

Geez. They don't want much, do they? I'm broke and exhausted just thinking about it!





Lunch Posse: Starlight Diner on October 26th — Now 1:00pm



Lunch Posse

Saddle up and ride on over to Stardust Diner on Oct 26 at 1:00 pm!

The Lunch Posse patronizes restaurants that have donated gift cards to our holiday fundraiser. AAUW members, friends and spouses, visit one of the restaurants each month to say "thank you" to the management. It's a great time to socialize and enjoy a meal. We'll be having lunch on **Oct 26**, at **1:00** at the **Starlight Diner, 1110 SE 164th Ave.** **TO ATTEND:** contact Diane Grubel 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com

2017 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
Oct 26	Stardust Diner (164th)
Nov 23	Olive Garden (Thurston, Mall)



In August, at Great Taste Restaurant : Clockwise from left - Bob Serafini, Kathy Walker, Ken Wheeler, Lorraine Wheeler, Pat Stryker, Sami Kopelman, Ed Grubel, Diane Grubel, Carol Brain & Barb Selis

Member Memos...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Cathy Monbrod
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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in

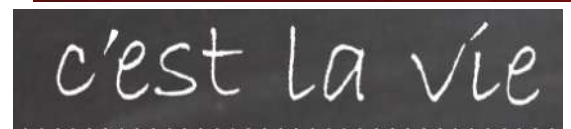
AAUW Please Patronize our Wonderful 2016 Donors!!!



Jamba Juice



REGAL CINEMAS



Talk of the Town Salon



The Last Tangle Spa, Beauty & Personal Care





AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



Every Tuesday
1-4 pm at Lorraine Wheeler's
10916 SE 18th St., Vancouver

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
1-4 pm
at Lorraine Wheeler's

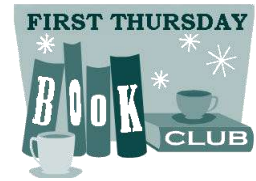
Mah Jongg lessons are offered to newcomers to the group.
Contact Lorraine Wheeler for info at: 360-314-2480 or lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

Oct 4 3 pm
TBA hosts & leads the discussion of:
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane
by Lisa See

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Oct 5 2 pm
Mary La Husen hosts and Camille Wainwright leads the discussion of:
The Midwife of Venice
by Roberta Rich

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



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

No Meeting in Oct

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for information



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

Oct 26 1:00 pm
Starlight Diner
1110 SE 164th Ave, Vancouver, WA

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



Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 5:30 pm
Cascade Park Library
600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver

Social Justice Documentaries

Oct 12 5:30 pm
Movie: Ovarian Psycos (sic)



Riding at night through East Los Angeles, the Ovarian Psycos use their bicycles to confront the violence in their lives.

Special Guests: Representatives from YWCA of Clark County

For more information:
Beverly Olson at beverlyolson@centurylink.net



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

Oct 27 10 am - 3 pm
Glenwood Card Room

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

Contact a hostess for information or to play.
October hostesses:
Diane Grubel & Kay Hansen
BRING your lunch!







Monthly, Last Monday, 2pm,
Vancouver Pointe, 4555 NE 66th Ave, Vancouver

Great Decisions has completed the 2017 topics. The group will meet again in January 2018 when new books are available.

Held jointly with AAUW Hudson's Bay
kcwalker41@gmail.com for info

October 2017 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Reminder to Self: Solicit donations for AAUW Holiday Fundraiser ... all month long!!	3 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	4 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at TBA	5 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Mary La Husen's	6	7
8		10 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	11	12 Meaningful Movies 5:30 p.m. at Cascade Park Library	13	14 General Meeting 10 a.m. at Pacific Continental Bank
15	16	17 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	25	26 Lunch Posse 1:00 p.m. at Starlight Diner	27 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	28
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