



The Voice

October 2016

Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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



October 8th

10:00 a.m.

AAUW General Meeting

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

Local Middle School Girls and STEM



NASA Contest Winners, L-R: Jasmine Wu, Katherine Valbuena, Aubrey Nesti, and Heidi Long



2016 Tech Trek campers, L-R: Ashlyn Shradbeck, Felicity Burton and Shyann Langord

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AAUW's October 8 general meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the community room at 101 Main Street in Vancouver. Our October program will highlight girls in Middle School involved in STEM activities. Our speakers will be four girls from Pacific Middle School who won a NASA competition last year and the three campers that our branch sent to WA Tech Trek Camp last July.

Over the past 50 years, women in the U.S. have made great strides in education and entry into the work force. Despite these advances, however, women continue to be underrepresented in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. AAUW is working to encourage girls in middle school and high school to take a good look at STEM subjects with the hope that they will engage in these fields down the road.

In regard to STEM, middle school is a particularly important time, with many students beginning to consider possible career options. The opinions girls have about STEM subjects at this age will carry through to the future, with experiences or perceptions dramatically impacting their choices. Add the fact that success in math and science are largely considered geeky at this age, and a perception that scientists are strange, white-coated individuals working laboriously on some wacky or irrelevant study, means that few middle school kids seriously consider STEM occupations. This can be changed.

**OCTOBER IS
DONATE TO TECH
TREK MONTH!**

Checks made payable to AAUW Funds will help
send local girls to Tech Trek Camp!



Thinking back...
Looking forward

November 14!

An Anniversary Luncheon & Play
to celebrate
AAUW Vancouver's 85th Anniversary!
Nov 14, 2016
Red Cross Building
at Fort Vancouver
605 Barnes Street
Vancouver, WA
\$35
Doors open 11 a.m.



FOR INFORMATION: 360-574-4564 or
kcwalker41@gmail.com

Make Your Reservation NOW!

85th Anniversary Luncheon, Nov 14, 2016, 11 a.m.
The Red Cross Building, Fort Vancouver



Make checks payable to: "AAUW Vancouver"

AAUW ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please detach reservation form and mail with check for \$35 per person to:
Carol Brain, AAUW Treasurer, 7623 NW 3rd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665

Luncheon guests registering together will be seated at the same table.

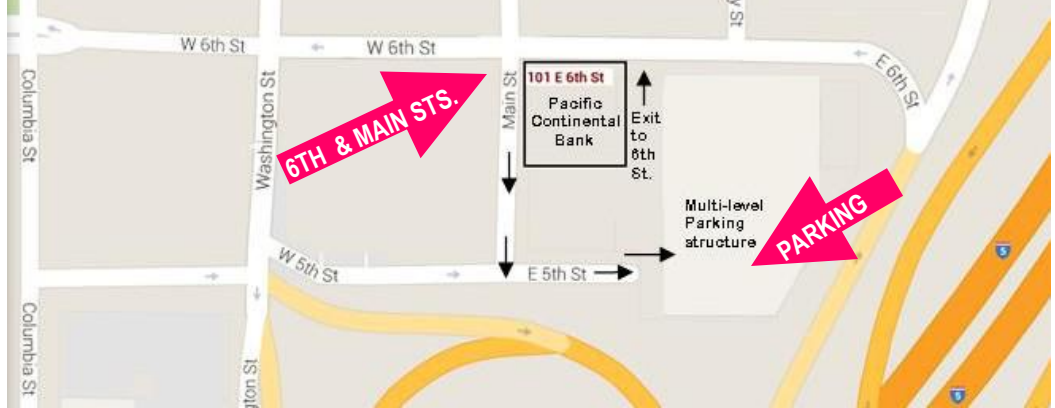
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Guest 2 Name	Phone	\$35
Guest 3 Name	Phone	\$35
Guest 4 Name	Phone	\$35

Total enclosed \$ _____



General Meeting Parking for 2016 - 2017

AAUW Vancouver now holds its general meetings in the community room of Pacific Continental Bank located in the Hudson Building at **101 Main Street**, on the corner of **E. 6th and Main** in downtown Vancouver. The parking lot is reached by going south on Main St. and turning left on 5th. Parking **exit** only is on 6th.



◆ Bridge News ◆

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

GUSTAV'S

1705 SE 164th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98683

MENU CHOICES: \$18 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.

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

July

- 1st: Kathy Walker
- 2nd: Pat Greear

Aug

- 1st: Kathy Walker
- 2nd: Kay Hansen



Reservation - AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon at Gustav's

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Luncheon choice:

___ **Chicken Schnitzel Sandwich**

___ **Peasant's Trio (Circle salad choice)**

House salad Caesar salad

**Send with \$18 check, payable to Ruth Harbaugh,
to: Ruth Harbaugh, 2645 NW 29th Ave., Camas, WA 98607**

5 TABLE MAXIMUM! MAIL YOUR RESERVATION NOW!!





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



On Monday, Nov 14, attend AAUW Vancouver's 85th Anniversary Luncheon at 11 a.m. at The Red Cross Building!!

Solicit businesses for donations for the Holiday Breakfast Fundraiser on Dec 10 and give Kathy the results...



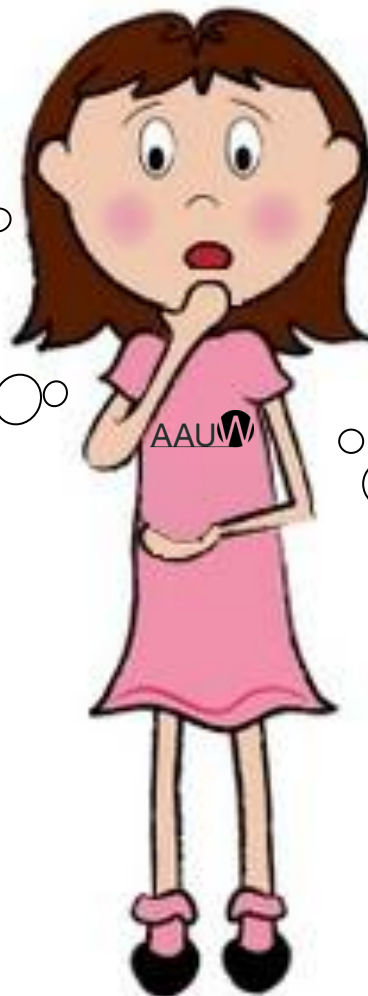
Mail my \$35 and reservation for the 85th Anniversary Luncheon before the Nov 4th deadline...

Invite family and friends to the Holiday Breakfast Fundraiser and send in my reservation...

Write a check to AAUW Funds at the Oct general meeting to help send local campers to Tech Trek 2017

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

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





AAUW Vancouver Members... Be Informed and Be Heard!



WELCOME NEW MEMBER SALLY ALKAZIN

Sally Alkazin is the newest member to join our branch and Diane Grubel is her AAUW mentor. Sally says she was a non-traditional student and is very supportive of the mission of AAUW. She has a BA from the University of Hawaii Manoa and a Masters of Science in Business from California State Fresno. Sally lives in La Center with her husband Steve with whom she shares the same birthday.

Sally had a 28- year career with United Airlines, which had her living in many different cities in the US; the last stop being Portland. While working for United Airlines full time, Sally was also a part-time adjunct instructor teaching business at California State Fresno, Linfield College, and PCC. After leaving United Airlines, Sally became a full time adjunct instructor at Lower Columbia College from which she retired in 2015. Sally is a traveler having visited 38 countries so far. Welcome!

AAUW Vancouver Board & Chairs Plan for 2016-17

The AAUW Board of Directors and chairwomen met on August 18 for a BBQ and overview of plans for 2016-17. From left: Linda Krogh, Fran Cappa, Donna Roberge, Pat Stephens, Elsie Chan, Pat Greear, Camille Wainwright, Kara Lynn Rankin, Diane Grubel, Retta Dykstra, Chris Lines, Carol Brain and Kathy Walker. Pat Stryker also attended.





October 2016

by Beverly Olson, Public Policy Chair

FYI 2016 ELECTION DATES ARE

Last day to register to vote	October 10
Last day to update registration	October 10
Voters Pamphlet mailed	October 8
Ballots mailed	October 19
Election day	November 8

CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR'S PAGE IS VERY INFORMATIVE

A visit to www.clark.wa.gov/elections will answer all your election questions, including what happens if no candidate is elected with a majority 270 Electoral Votes in the Electoral College. For those without internet, the auditor's election line is (360) 397-2345.

FYI MEANINGFUL MOVIES ARE MEANINGFUL

Four Vancouver Branch AAUW members viewed the Meaningful Movies September choices which discussed roles of corporations in the United States. The two films dealt in general -not specifically- with the reasons Initiative 735 will be on your ballot. If Initiative 735 passes, we will be the 17th state to instruct Congress to overturn Citizens United. The next **MEANINGFUL MOVIE: WHITE LIKE ME**, is **OCTOBER 13, 6 PM**, at the **CASCADES PARK COMMUNITY LIBRARY**. **WHITE LIKE ME** explores race and racism in the U.S. through the lens of whiteness and white privilege. Need more info? Call (360) 882-8924.

History's Mysteries at Battle Ground Library

Coming Soon to your Battle Ground Community Library



Battle Ground's unsolved history mystery

Who killed Chief Umtuch?

No one knows for certain but you can explore the clash of cultures, fears and attitudes that prevailed in November 1855 when an Indian chief lost his life and a volunteer army captain was mocked for being a peacemaker.

See the display of photos and stories of these historic times.

On display all of September and October

in the Meyer Community Room

Researched, funded and presented by

Friends of the Battle Ground Community Library



Branch Members Receive AAUW Membership Anniversary Pins



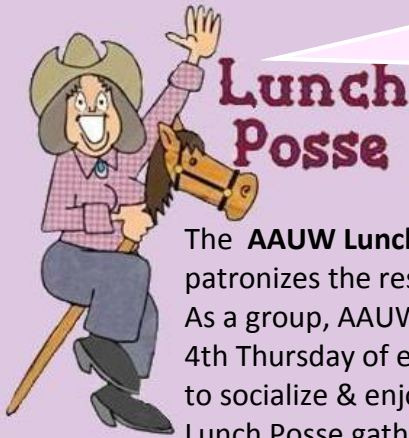
L-R: Donna Roberge 30 years; Marilyn Lewis 50 years; Sue Tellock 50 years, Retta Dykstra 5 years, Fran Cappa 5 years; Pat Sjolander 5 years. Not present to receive their 5-year pins were Sarah Hewitt, Kathy Gillespie and Elaine Baker. Photo by Kara Lynn Rankin

Starting this membership year, AAUW National sent membership milestone anniversary pins to branch presidents to be awarded to members who have been in the branch a significant period of time.

National AAUW Member anniversary pins are lapel pins designed to celebrate members who reach 5, 10, 20, 30, or 40 years. These pins are AAUW's way of thanking members for their years of hard work, advocacy, and dedication to our mission of empowering and educating women and girls. The pins can also have a visible effect in our communities. 50 year anniversary pins are mailed to members with a letter and certificate.



Lunch Posse: Goes to Panda Express on Oct 27 at 1:30



Saddle up and ride on over to Panda Express on Oct 27 at 1:30. See you there pardner!

2016 DATE	TARGET RESTAURANT
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 lunch on **Oct. 27, 2016, at 1:30 pm**, when the AAUW Lunch Posse gathers at **Panda Express, 13307 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, 98686**. If you would like to attend, please contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com.

AAUW LUNCH POSSE AT BLEU DOOR BAKERY & CAFE ON AUG 25



The Lunch Posse had a good time and enjoyed great menu selections at Bleu Door Bakery Café. Clockwise from left: Diane Grubel, Carol Brain, Pat Greear, Lorraine Wheeler, prospective member Pat Goertzen, Kathy Walker, and Linda Krogh.

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

MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER (Meetings at 10 am unless noted)	MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER
Nov 14 11 a.m.	AAUW Vancouver's 85th Anniversary Luncheon & Play, Red Cross Building, Ft. Vancouver	Mar 11	Muslim Women & Education, Beth Sermet
Dec 10 10 a.m.	Annual Holiday Brunch Fundraiser, Club Green Meadows	Apr 8	Women as Agents of Change, Jeanne Kohl-Welles
Jan 14	DNA & Genetics, Prof. Steven Sylvester, WSU	May 13	Spring Installation Luncheon, Hostess House
Feb 11	Gender Discrimination in Employment, Judge Virginia Mellema MaGee	Jun 10	Program Planning meeting





September 12, 40 AAUW leaders from the Portland Metro area gathered to hear Lisa Maatz, National AAUW's VP Government Relations speak

On September 12, I had the pleasure of joining other AAUW Metropolitan Portland IBC members at a dinner at McMenamin's Kennedy School to hear Lisa Maatz speak. Ms. Maatz is AAUW National's Vice President Government Relations and has been with AAUW in Washington, D.C. since 2003. As AAUW's top policy adviser, she works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in coalition with other organizations.

Among other topics, Ms. Maatz spoke about today's Congress not being able to legislate. As an example, she pointed to the recent bill for emergency funding that public health experts say is desperately needed to fund the CDC's fight against the Zika virus. Because provisions were added to the bill that were related to Planned Parenthood, it did not pass. She deplored the lack of bipartisan cooperation that is needed to represent all our interests. She spoke of the need for Family Leave legislation and asked us to push our congressmen and women to co-author bills related women's rights.

One of the things she touched on that resonated with me, was that AAUW is listened to and respected on Capitol Hill because we have one of the largest, and best organized, grassroots organizations in the United States. Kathy



BRANCH LEADERS 2016 -2017

Officers:

- President - Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.com
- VP Programs - Pat Stryker, patstryker@comcast.net
- VP Membership - Linda Krogh, lkrogh2@gmail.com
- VP Finance - Carol Brain, braincarol@aol.com
- Co-VP Communication - Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com
- Co-VP Communications - Lorraine Wheeler, lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com

Chairpersons:

- Public Policy - Beverly Olson, beverlyolson@centurylink.net
- Holiday Fundraiser - Pat Greear, pshaw1938@gmail.com
- Interbranch Council Reps - Kathy Walker & Pat Stryker
- College/Univ. Relations - Chris Lines, clines4@comcast.net
- Newsletter Editor - Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.com
- Auditor - Camille Wainwright, wainwric@comcast.net
- Scholarships - Connie Egeler, c_cegeler@msn.com
- Caring Hearts - Donna Roberge, robenoz@comcast.net
- Website - Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.com
- STEM Reception - Melanie Handshaw, meltravels2001@yahoo.com
- Directory - Pat Stephens, pat.stephens@msn.com
- Branch Historian - Kara Lynn Rankin, karalynnrankin@gmail.com
- CFSW Advisory Comm. - Connie Egeler, c_cegeler@msn.com
- Tech Trek Coordinator/AAUW Funds - Georgie Buckler, mrs.buckler@outlook.com

INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2015 -2016

- Bridge:** Ruth Harbaugh, rhtravel@comcast.net
- Lunch Posse:** Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com
- Nonfiction Books:** 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

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 critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.





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

This made me laugh. Hope you enjoy it too! Ed

During a visit to her doctor, an AAUW member asked her, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," the doctor answered, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and direct him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," the AAUW member said, "A

smart person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" the doctor answered. "A smart person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

MEMBER MEMOS...



Directory Updates & Member Notes



Vancouver, Washington

AAUW Branch

Membership Directory

2016 - 2017

<http://vancouver-wa.aauw.net>

Copies of the 2016-2017 branch directory will be available at the October general meeting. Please grab your copy and pick one up for any of your AAUW friends who are not at the meeting!

Also in October, the updated membership roster PDF file will be posted on our branch website, so that you may access it any time. The page on which it is posted will have a password,

so it is not available to others on the Internet.

FOR BRANCH MEMBERS ONLY THE CASE-SENSITIVE PASSWORD IS VB31Roster.

PLEASE NOTE: The first column in the new membership PDF file contains your AAUW membership number. This number is required to create a user name and password for the AAUW National website. It is a good idea to make a note of it.

DEBATE BINGO

Harassment	Medicare	She	Medicaid	Immigration
Budget	Girls	Social Security	Pay equity	Safe schools
Bullying	Climate change	WOMEN	Taxes	Work-life balance
American dream	Compromise	2016 election	Voting rights	Achievement gap
Title IX	Birth control	Middle class	College affordability	Equality

Play Debate Bingo along with AAUW

<http://www.aauw.org/2016/09/07/play-debate-bingo-with-aauw/>

Debates offer an opportunity for voters to see where candidates stand on issues. It's a chance to see candidates speak off the cuff, without the prepared remarks and teleprompters, and defend their plans for our country. As in past election years, AAUW will be watching to see candidates' plans to address policies affecting women and girls like equal pay, campus sexual assault, college affordability, paid leave, STEM representation, and others.

We've created bingo cards with some of the key words women and girls want to hear from both candidates during the course of the debates. Simply print out a card, grab your favorite marker, and you're ready to play.



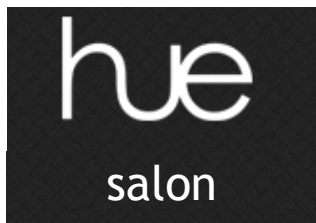
\$ Money Well Spent \$

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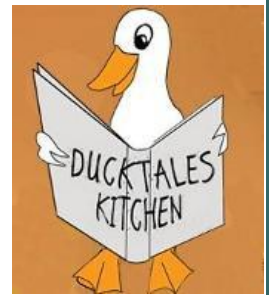
It's time to start raising money for 2017 WA Tech Trek campers! I encourage each of you to contact your friends, family members, business associates, clubs like Rotary, and businesses that hire people with science, technology, engineering and/or math degrees. Ask them to donate to this wonderful cause. Girls need to know they are smart, capable, and encouraged by AAUW as well as their community, businesses, and clubs to prepare for rewarding careers in fields traditionally held by men. Please make checks payable to "AAUW Funds" with memo: "Tech Trek." Mail to Georgie Buckler, 5535 E Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver 98661. It's money well spent!

Georgie Buckler, Tech Trek Coordinator

AAUW Please Patronize our Wonderful 2015 Donors!!!



N.Y.C. Pizzeria





AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

Oct 4
Oct 11
Oct 18
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

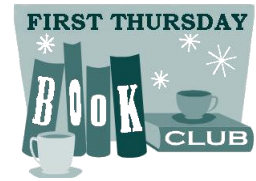
Oct 5 3 pm

Mary Cray hosts & leads the
discussion of

***Grist: A Story of Life in Oregon
Country, 1835-54***

by R. C. Marlen

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Oct 6 2 pm

Barb Selis hosts & Carol Brain
leads the discussion of

Year of Wonders

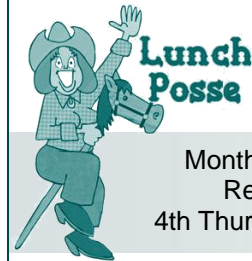
by Geraldine Brooks

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



An interest
group for new
members
will begin
this year.

JumpStart



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

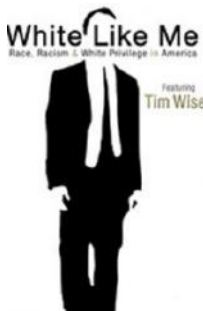
Oct 27 1:30 pm
Panda Express
13307 NE Hwy 99
Vancouver 98686

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



Monthly, 3rd Thursday, 6 pm
Cascade Park Library
600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver

Oct 13 5:45 pm
Movie: White Like Me



White Like Me,
based on the work
of acclaimed anti-
racist educator and
author Tim Wise,
explores race and
racism in the US
through the lens of
whiteness and
white privilege.

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



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

Oct 28 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:
Diane Grubel

Contact a hostess for
information.

BRING your lunch!

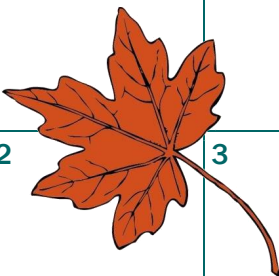



Every other month, 3rd Thurs, 10 a.m.
Shorewood, 5555 E Evergreen Blvd.

No Meeting October

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

October 2016 Vancouver Branch AAUW Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Send in reservation for the branch's 85th Anniversary Luncheon on Nov 14! Reservation deadline is November 4th.				1
2	3	4 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	5 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Mary Cray's	6 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Barb Selis's	7	8 AAUW General Meeting 10 a.m. at 101 6th Street
9	10	11 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	12	13 Meaningful Movies 6:00 p.m. Cascade Park Library	14	15
16	17	18 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Lunch Posse 1:30 p.m. at Panda Express	28 Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	29
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