



The Voice

November 2015

Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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



NEW!
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November 14th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting
The Community Room, Esther Short Bldg., 610 Esther St., Vancouver

NEW!
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Fort Vancouver Update: Tracy Fortmann, superintendent



Tracy Fortmann, Superintendent Ft. Vancouver

Vancouver Branch AAUW will hold its monthly general meeting on November 14, 2015. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. at a new site for branch meetings: the 1st floor Community Room, Esther Short Building, 610 Esther Street, in downtown Vancouver.

In 1996, the 366-acre Vancouver National Historic Reserve was established to protect adjacent, historically significant historical areas. It includes Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, as well as Vancouver Barracks, Officers' Row, Pearson Field, The Water Resources Education Center and portions of the Columbia River waterfront.

Fort Superintendent Fortmann will provide an update about the fort, which is an important part of Vancouver history. In May, she announced that the National Park Service had awarded an \$11.28 million contract to rehabilitate utility infrastructure and historic buildings at Ft Vancouver National Historic Site. AAUW will get an update on how the project is going and what is involved.

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ALSO in NOVEMBER!



Catherine Gibson, Senior Mgr. AAUW

Catherine Gibson, attorney and senior manager of major/planned giving for AAUW National, will be at our meeting on Nov 14 to tell us about planned giving relative to AAUW.

NEW MEETING VENUE!!



As of November, AAUW WILL NOT meet at Glenwood



**The Community Room
Esther Short Bldg
610 Esther Street
Vancouver 98660**

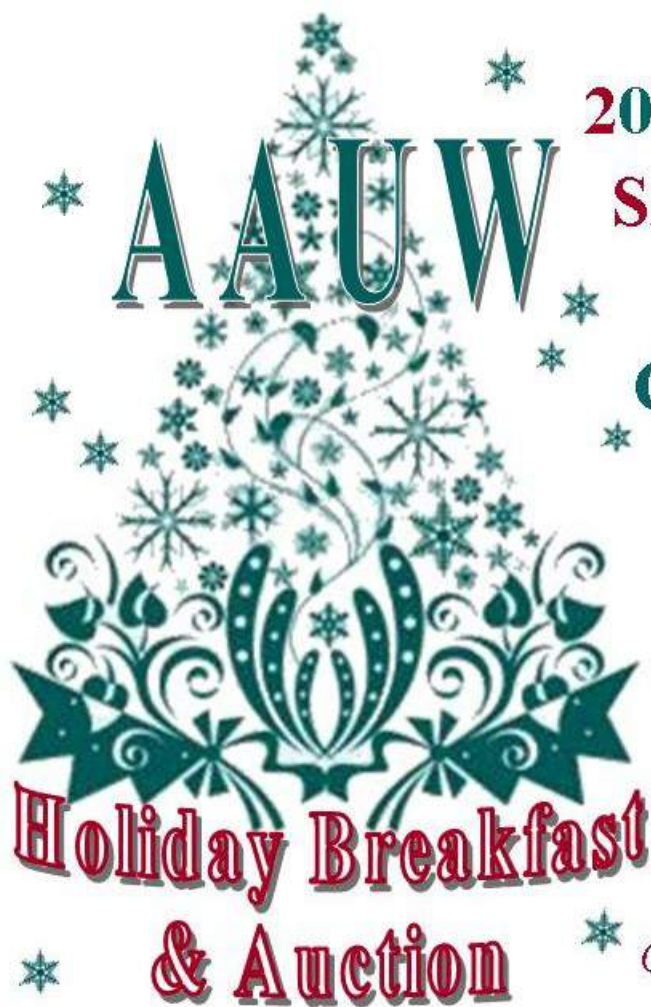
Look for the AAUW signs at the parking lot entrances on Esther Street and 6th Street.



SHARE DURING THE HOLIDAYS



Bring your donations for Share to the Nov 14 meeting. An article on page 6 provides a detailed list of what Share currently needs.



2015 HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

CLUB GREEN MEADOWS

7703 NE 72nd Avenue
VANCOUVER, WA

Breakfast Silent Auction Raffle

NORTHWEST HARMONY CHORUS

to benefit

LOCAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$25 per person

Contact Pat Stryker for more information
patstryker@comcast.com

Start your holidays off by attending the Annual AAUW Holiday Breakfast & Auction
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 4th



2015 AAUW HOLIDAY BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM

Sat., Dec. 12, 9:30 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 _____



It's beginning to look a lot like the Holiday Fundraiser!

Solicit businesses for donations for the Holiday Breakfast Fundraiser on Dec 12 and give Kathy the results...

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

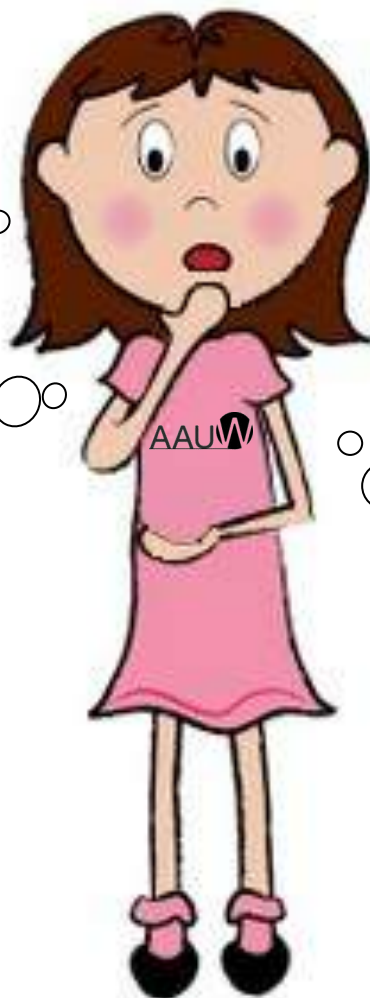
Bring a donation for Share to the November meeting... which is in a new location at 610 Esther St.

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

Write a check to AAUW Funds to help send a local camper to Tech Trek 2016 & mail it to Barb Selis.

Help my interest group make a holiday centerpiece for the Holiday Fundraiser...

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





Crime Novelists Event set for March 13

Sisters in Crime of Portland



Thanks to an idea from Wanda Holmes and the efforts of Lorraine Wheeler, Sisters in Crime (Harriet Vane Chapter of Portland) will partner with AAUW Vancouver for an event on Sunday, March 13, from 2 to 4 pm.

Sisters In Crime is an association that promotes the professional development and advancement of women crime writers. Authors who are members of the Portland Chapter will be part of a panel and bring their books to sign and sell after the program. SinC board member, author, and Vancouver resident Kathy Perrin will be the point person for this event, coordinating between Sisters in Crime and AAUW.

Auction Items Needed!!

Please solicit local businesses for donations to our Holiday Fundraiser!



To continue our annual scholarship awards, our December fundraiser must be a success.

Please ask a few businesses to donate a gift certificate for this worthy cause. In exchange, the business will get 8 months of free advertising in *The Voice*.

Please: 1) keep Kathy Walker apprised of your success at kcwalker41@gmail.com or 574-4564 and, 2) make sure she gets the certificates, so she can create the auction signs... not at the last minute.



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

Sometimes it's what you know, sometimes it's who you know and sometimes it's both. I was at a meeting at The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington in mid-September. As I entered the first floor of the building and pushed the elevator button, I noticed doors marked "Community Room" to my left. Knowing how much we



About half of our new meeting space, as seen through the patio doors



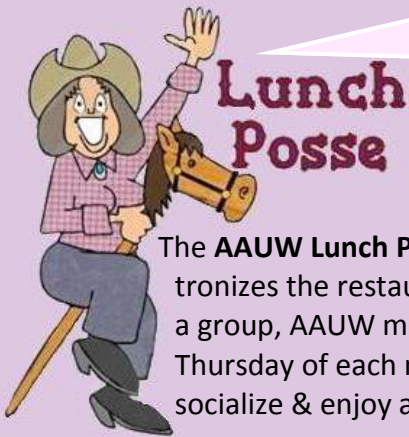
Our Meeting Room Angels

needed a new meeting room, my fingers (and eyes) crossed.

After the meeting, I asked our CFSW contact about the room, telling her of our plight. She put me in touch with the owners of the building, LSW Architects, who said they would be happy for us to use the room, it was available monthly on the 2nd Saturdays and they currently do not charge nonprofits for its use. This modern room has narrow tables and chairs for classroom-style seating, a flat screen TV for presentations, a counter for coffee and tea and convenient restrooms. Free parking surrounds the building on three sides. Woo hoo!! Ed



Lunch Posse: November 19 at The Grant House 1:30



Saddle up and ride on over to The Grant House on Nov 19 at 1:30. See you there pardner!

2015 DATE	TARGET RESTAURANT
Nov 19 (3rd Thurs)	The Grant House
3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving	

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.

On Nov 19, at 1:30 pm, the Lunch Posse will gather at The Grant House, 1101 Officers' Row in Vancouver. The Grant House is wonderful treat this time of year. **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.**

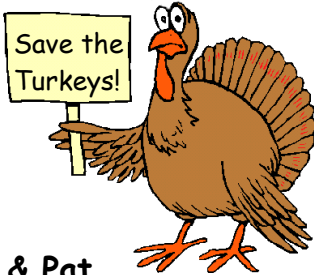


The Lunch Posse enjoyed the fare at Lapellah on September 24th . On the left, front to back: Marilyn Lewis, Kathy Walker, Pat Stryker, Ken Wheeler. On the right, front to back: Connie Egeler, Kitty Welsh, Diane Grubel, Lorraine Wheeler and Pam Rio. Carol Brain also attended, but the photo she was in was too dark to print. Blame the wait staff.

2016 DATE	TARGET RESTAURANT
A new list of restaurants will be published in the Dec/Jan issue, based on donors for our Holiday Fundraiser.	



Turkey Day is almost here! But before we pause to give thanks on one of our favorite national holidays, lots of AAUW events are scheduled. There are three meetings of the Mah Jongg group, there are meetings of all three of our book groups, the Movie Night gang is getting together, a General Meeting at a new venue (610 Esther St.) with the superintendent of Fort Vancouver as speaker and a visitor from National AAUW in Washington, D.C. will occur. The Lunch Posse is gathering a week earlier than usual at The Grant House, (always a treat) and the bridge group will also be meeting early because of the holiday. And, of course, *everyone* is going to remember that the copy they supply for the next newsletter, *which they will diligently send in by November 20*, needs to cover news for both December 2015 and January 2016.



Wishing you and yours a relaxing, warm, happy and yummy Thanksgiving!

From Kathy & Pat



◆ Bridge News ◆

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

September

1st: Naomi Davis

2nd: Karen McMillan

On Oct. 23 the Bridge Group bid a fond farewell to Bev Fogle, former AAUW president and popular bridge player. Seattle's gain is our loss, but Bev promises to visit. Where else could she find such a fine group of bridge partners?



THE 2015 HOLIDAY BRIDGE LUNCHEON



will be catered by The Shorewood Café & held at Shorewood on the

3rd Friday in December

Dec. 18, 2015

10 - 3

Cost \$10



Send in your reservation today!

AAUW BRIDGE GROUP HOLIDAY LUNCHEON - RESERVATION FORM

10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 at Shorewood Apts.

Choice of Sandwich

- House made Ham on Marble Rye
House smoked Turkey Breast on Wheat

Choice of Cheese

- Cheddar
Swiss

Choice of Side

- Tomato Basil Soup
Coleslaw

Choice of Homemade Pie

- Lemon Meringue
Apple

Choice of Beverage

- Ice Tea
Coffee

Lunch includes: tray of tomatoes, lettuce, mayo and mustard

Beverages include: Creamer, sugar and lemon



\$10.00 per Person. Please send completed order form and \$10/person check (payable to Ruth Harbaugh) to: Ruth Harbaugh, 2645 NW 29th Ave., Camas, Wa 98607

Name: _____ Phone: _____ \$ 10.00

Guest name: _____ \$ _____

Guest name: _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____



Bring a Donation! → November's focus is on Share Vancouver

Vancouver AAUW's annual holiday drive for those in need will be held at the November 14th general meeting. Elsie Chan and Diane Grubel will take our donations to Share in Vancouver. Unlike previous years, we are not looking only for non-perishable food. Donating to Share means that many items are welcome. **WHAT DO THEY NEED?**



Clothing of all types for adults, children and babies.

Household items: Sleeping bags, personal hygiene items, baby equipment, bedding, baby/children's hygiene items. Children's toys (safe, no small parts). Napkins, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper. Lamps, alarm clocks, radios, fans, wall clocks, light bulbs (60 watt). Iron, ironing board. Window cleaner, kitchen cleaner, bathroom cleaner, bleach, sponges, bucket, mop, broom, dust pan, dishwasher soap, laundry soap, books (except encyclopedias). Pillows, sheet sets, bath towels, wash cloths, conditioner, shampoo, hand soap, deodorant, brush, comb, razor, nail clippers, emery boards, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, chap stick, Band-Aids, Kleenex, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, cotton swabs, tissue.

Food: tuna, canned pasta sauce (not glass jars), canned chili & soup, peanut butter (18 oz. plastic jars), pasta/rice in 1 lb. bags. Boxed meals (mac & cheese, Hamburger Helper, rice/pasta -roni). Canned fruits & vegetables, instant oatmeal, granola/snack bars, beef Jerky. Meals in a cup (mac & cheese, microwavable soup, etc). Easy open tuna pouches & cans, fruit cups, pudding cups, fruit juices (100% juice), hot cocoa, coffee, creamer, sugar, spices, salt, pepper, flour, pasta, rice, sliced bread, vegetable oil, jelly, margarine, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressing.



BRANCH LEADERS 2015 -2016

Officers:

- Co-president - Pat Stryker, patstryker@comcast.net
- Co-president - Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.com
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- Co-VP Programs - Fran Cappa, fcappa@comcast.net
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- Co-VP Membership - Wanda Holmes, wwilsongm@gmail.com
- VP Finance - Ruetta Dykstra, dykstrar@gmail.com
- VP Communication - Pam Rio, pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com

Chairpersons:

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- Legal Advocacy - Linda Krogh, lkrogh2@gmail.com
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- Interbranch Council Rep - Kathy Walker & Pat Stryker
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- Website - Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.com
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- Branch Historian - Marilyn Lewis, jamalew@pcez.com
- CFSW Advisory Comm. - Connie Egeler, C_cegeler@msn.com
- Tech Trek Coordinator - Barb Selis, bselis@lewiscounty.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
- Global Concerns:** Pat Sjolander, psjolander@comcast.net
- Mah Jongg:** Lorraine Wheeler, lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com
- Movie Night:** Marilyn Lasof, marlasof@aol.com & Naomi Davis, naomi.davis30@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.



Instead of Baskets this Year — Interest Groups to donate Holiday Centerpieces



Vancouver AAUW Interest Groups and any individual members interested, have been asked to create, buy, beg, borrow or steal a holiday centerpiece for the Dec 12th Holiday Fundraiser at Club Green Meadows. The centerpieces will be displayed on the dining tables and be part of the auction.



Former AAUW Vancouver President Leaves Bequest to the Branch

Doris Troxel was co-president of our AAUW branch, along with Barbara Crozier, from 2001—2003. When Doris passed away in March 2015, she left a bequest to AAUW Vancouver to be used specifically for scholarships for women attending Washington State University-Vancouver. The trustees of her estate at Riverview Asset Management & Trust Company have been instructed to deposit 1% of the annual income from Doris' trust into Vancouver AAUW's fund at The Community Foundation in perpetuity. Our AAUW branch owes Doris profound thanks for her very generous bequest.



Doris Troxel

Born Doris Ann Groth on Sept 18, 1922 in Clark County, she lived on what is now 164th Avenue in Vancouver. Doris spent most of her life in Clark County, graduating as Valedictorian from Battle Ground High School in 1940 and attending Clark College. In 1944 Doris enrolled at Washington State University and graduated in 1946 with high honors and her BA degree. In 1946 Doris began her professional career at Clark College, where she served for 30 years before retiring in 1976. In her retirement Doris remained extremely active including her dedicated involvement in Vancouver AAUW.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

The AAUW-Vancouver Branch Scholarship Fund Fund #4540 Statement for the Period Ending 09/30/2015

	Current Qtr	Year 2015	
Beginning 1/1/2015			83,811.48
<u>Revenue & Gains</u>			
Contributions	700.00	1755.00	
Investment income	-4947.44	-3283.71	
Total Revenue & Gains			-1528.71
<u>Expenses</u>			
Grants		5000.00	
Service Fees	200.62	618.19	5618.19
Ending Fund Balance			76,664.58

Many thanks to the following donors for their contributions to our scholarship fund in the current quarter:

- Ms. Jackie MacArthur \$500
- Edward & Diane Grubel \$100
- Mr. & Mrs. Harold F. Harbaugh \$50
- Ms. Kathy Walker \$50

Let Your Vote Be Heard Nov 3rd!

Six state-wide ballot measures are certified for the Nov. 3, 2015 State of Washington ballot.

In addition, voters in Clark County will elect a Clark County Council Chair and a County Councilor in District 2. Each city within the county also has decisions for voters to make.

Mail your ballot so your voice is heard on election day!



Member Memos.....



Directory Updates & Member Notes

◆ **Connie Egeler** has been appointed the new chair of the Community Foundation Fund Advisory Committee

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

◆ **Martha Lemke** 5281 J Street, Washougal 98671
(transfer from Willa Pacific Branch)
360-244-1332 martylemke@gmail.com

◆ **Cheryl Weir** 13912 NE 7th Way, Vancouver 98684
360-885-0552 cell: 503 560 4931
cheryweirvncvr@gmail.com



Late for a general meeting & can't open the door?
Call 360-942-8559. Beverly Olson will let you in.

DID YOU KNOW...

by Wanda Holmes

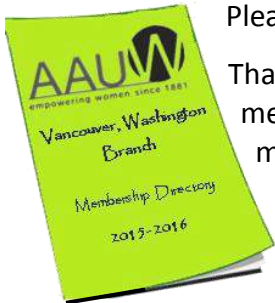
Did you know that AAUW has an online gift shop? Want to reinforce those AAUW relationships you cultivate so diligently throughout the year?

Visit AAUW's shopping site at:
<http://aauw.Source4.com/b2c/Sites/AAUWMember/Home.asp>

Buy some holiday gifts for friends... or treat yourself!



Did you pick up your Directory? Would you like a copy on your computer?



Please pickup your new AAUW Directory at the Nov 14 general meeting if you did not do so in Oct.

Thanks to our Directory chair/editor, Pat Stephens, your new directory will contain a list of current members with updates and changes included, as well as a wealth of other branch details. It's a gold mine of information! If you can't be at the Nov meeting, ask a friend to grab yours for you.

Would you like a PDF copy of the directory on your computer to consult and print at your leisure? Pat Stephens will email you the PDF version if you request it. Contact Pat at: pat.stephens@msn.com

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2015-2016



MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

Nov 14 Fort Vancouver Update, Tracy Fortmann, Superintendent, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site + a visit from Catherine Gibson, Senior Manager of Planned Giving for National AAUW

Dec 12 Annual Holiday Fundraiser Breakfast 9:30 at Club Green Meadows

Jan 9 Bringing Opera to the Schools/ Kate Hobbie of Opera Quest NW

Feb 13 Mysteries in the NW/Local Author Kate Dyer-Seeley

Mar 12 AVID Program in the Vancouver Schools

MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

Mar 13 "Sisters in Crime" mystery and crime authors' panel and book signing from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Room, Clark Public Utilities Bldg. Donations voluntary.

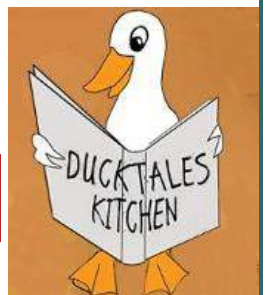
Apr 9 What Matters in the End/Panel Discussion lead by Lorraine Wheeler & Nancy Stepsis

Apr 18 Invitational Bridge at The Grant House/ Fundraiser

May 14 Spring Installation Luncheon, Hostess House

Jun 11 Program Planning meeting

AAUW Please Patronize our Wonderful 2014 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

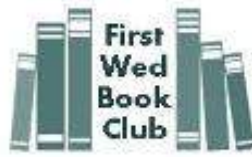
Nov 3 1-4 pm

Nov 10 1-4 pm

Nov 17 1-4 pm

Mah Jongg lessons offered to newcomers to the group.

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



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

Nov 4 3 pm

Connie Egeler hosts & leads the discussion of **People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Nov 5 2 pm

Diane Grubel hosts and Kay Pankratz leads the discussion of **Gilead** by Marilynne Robinson

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



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

Nov 19 10 a.m. DuckTales Kitchen

The Scarlet Sisters by Myra MacPherson

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



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

Nov 19 1:30 pm The Grant House 1101 Officer's Row

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



Monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 5:00 pm
Dinner at a restaurant before movie at Glenwood Place, Reflections Room

Movie location: Movies are shown at Glenwood Place, 5500 NE 82nd Ave., in the Reflections Room, 1st floor of the Assisted Living Bldg.

Nov 10 5 pm

DINNER 5 pm: The Outback

MOVIE: "Miss Potter," starring Renée Zellweger as author Beatrix Potter, will be shown in the Reflections Room at Glenwood's Assisted Living Facility.

For info, contact Naomi Davis 892-9133 or naomidavis30@gmail.com



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

Nov 20 10 am - 3 pm Shorewood Community Rm.

Hostesses: Iona Clark and Kay Pankratz

BRING your lunch or buy at Shorewood Cafe





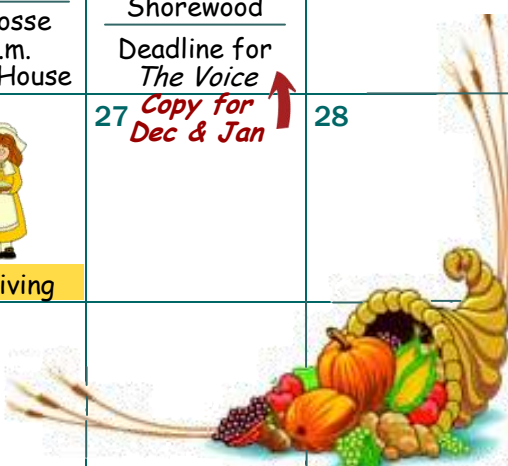
Monthly, 4th Tuesday, 1 pm, Clark Co. Genealogical Soc., 715 Grand Blvd.

No Meeting in Nov



Contact Pat Sjolander for more info. psjolander@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 2015 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 Connie Egeler's	5 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Diane Grubel's	6	7
8	9	10 Mah Jongg (details above) Movie Night 5 p.m. at The Outback	11	12 Nonfiction	13 Bring Donations for Share → Vancouver	14 AAUW General Mtg. 10 a.m. at 610 Esther St.
15	16	17 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	18	19 Books 10 a.m. at DuckTales Lunch Posse 1:30 p.m. at Grant House	20 Bridge 10 a.m. Shorewood Deadline for <i>The Voice</i> ↑	21
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