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



March 2017

Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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March 11th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting
Community Room, Pacific Continental Bank, 101 Sixth Street , Vancouver 98660

Sue Bluestein : Math Specialist & STEM Researcher



Sue Bluestein, Teacher and Researcher

On March 11th, AAUW members will hear from Sue Bluestein, a mathematics specialist at Educational Service District 112 in Vancouver. The ESD serves 30 school districts in Southwest Washington from Long Beach to Goldendale.

Sue will be sharing the 3-year State Math Science Partnership grant “NPower Girls” which is a collaboration between ESD 112, Clark College STEM, WSU Vancouver Mathematics and teachers from several small rural schools engaged in learning to encourage girls in STEM subjects.

The grant is based on the AAUW research “Why So Few?” and “Solving the Equation.” It is an exciting program that unites teachers from several small rural schools to learn about what works with girls to increase their interest in STEM subjects and to visit local businesses to broaden teachers’ knowledge of careers in STEM fields. These local business “field trips” have created mentors for teachers and students in our region.

Sue grew up in New York State and graduated with an Elementary Teaching Degree from the University of Colorado in 1972. She taught 5th grade in Boulder Colorado before moving to Oregon and then Washington. This dedicated teacher taught as a math specialist and

then as a 5th grade teacher in Woodland Washington from 1984 to 2002. She has been with the ESD (educational service district) 112 as a science and mathematics specialist since 2002. Sue is recently retired and now working on special projects and grants for the ESD.



Here we go again... another amendment to remove the degree requirement for AAUW membership

From an email, dated Jan 23, 2017, from Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW Board Chair:

A by-laws amendment regarding the degree requirement for AAUW membership eligibility has once again been proposed, so we know you’ll want to engage in robust conversation around that issue in person as well as online. As always, encourage members to vote so their voices and viewpoints are heard.

Go to page 6 for voting information.

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Slate of Officers for 2017-2018 Scheduled for Vote Mar 11th

At the March 11th annual general meeting, Nancy Stepsis will present the slate of officers for 2017- 2018 and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Sharon Heydet and Pam Rio also served on the nominating committee. The installation of newly-elected officers will take place at the Spring Breakfast on Saturday, May 13, at the Hostess House, 10017 Ne 6th Avenue in Vancouver. *THIS YEAR* the event will begin at 9:00 a.m. so that the DVD of the 85th Anniversary Play may be shown.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2017-2018



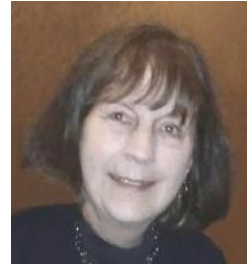
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SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE FUTURE AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2017

MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER (Meetings at 10 am unless noted)	MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER
Mar 11	nPower Girls, STEM Research , Sue Bluestein	Apr 23	STEM Reception, PUD Community Room, 1 pm
Apr 8	Women as Agents of Change, Jeanne Kohl-Welles	May 13	Spring Installation Breakfast, Hostess House, 9 am
April 17	Bridge at The Grant House, Fundraiser, 11 am	Jun 10	Program Planning meeting



BRIDGE AT THE GRANT HOUSE TOURNAMENT APRIL 17TH

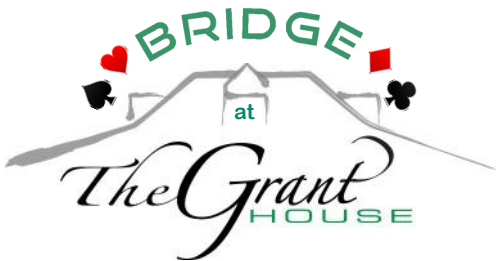
Registration Form **Deadline April 7**

LUNCH MENU CHOICES: (\$30 fee includes lunch, tax, tip & bridge)

- ① Bowl of Hearty Beef Stew with Crusty Bread and Butter and small Green Salad
- ② Individual Chicken Pot Pie with Crusty Bread and butter and small Green Salad
- ③ Vegetarian Quiche with Crusty Bread and Butter and small Green Salad

Desserts: Fruit Tartlets and Brownie Bites will be served mid-afternoon

Please make checks payable to: AAUW Vancouver



♣ **Monday, April 17, 2017, 11 a.m.**

Partner #1 Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Lunch choice # _____ (See numbers for menu choices above)..... = \$30

Partner #2 Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Lunch choice # _____ (See numbers for menu choices above)..... = \$30

Mail form to: Kathy Walker, 2317 NE 125th Way, Vancouver, WA 98686 Total payment enclosed = \$60



AAUW Joins
Portland
Women's March
Jan 21, 2017

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www.aauw.org



WOMEN'S MARCH 2017

Following the 58th Presidential Inauguration, AAUW members joined Women's Marches in 48 states. Here are some glimpses!



Women's March Portland Jan 21: AAUW Vancouver members Teresa Brum, Linda Krogh, Pat Stryker Sami Kopelman.



Women's March on Portland

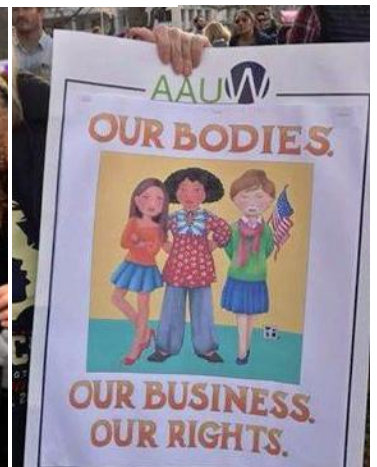
Light Rail to Portland packed with pink hats! (L Krogh)



"4 of us took the Max line from just south of Vancouver to downtown Portland. There we joined about 100,000 others to protest threats to human or women's rights. What surprised me most were the large numbers of children and families, including dads and husbands. But the gathering was mostly women of all ages. It was cold and wet, but worth being there to feel the solidarity and commitment to keep aware and involved. There were too many of us to march the initial route, but we branched out on many side streets aided by courteous and friendly police officers. It was a long trip home as public transportation was overwhelmed. I know I speak for my colleagues that we will stand together to support each other and to oppose the threats we face." Pat Stryker



Sign from the Portland March. (L Krogh)





by Beverly Olson,
Public Policy Chair

March 2017

FYI. ..As an AAUW member I assume you are interested in the education of the children of our country and in particular the education of females. Right now we have, in my opinion, a national crisis and a state crisis in education. First, the national educational crisis started with the USA election in November 2016. I make that statement because the new Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, is a person with no public school knowledge or background. What will the national education agenda be? We do not know, but we need to be aware and need to support or protest her plans based upon our beliefs regarding the education of our children.

Second, the state education crisis has been with us for many years. It became a legal issue in 2012 when the State Supreme Court ruled in *McCleary vs State* that the state's program of basic education violated the State Constitution provision, "to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex." In 2015, the Court ruled that the State was not in compliance and ordered a \$100,000 fine for each day the State remains in violation of *McCleary vs State*. The money was to be set aside specifically for the education of WA State children. It has not been. The state budget does not address the fine.

The legislature has until September 1, 2018 to meet the demands of the court. The 2017 legislative session started with a Task Force report. Democrats presented a plan to meet the requirements of *McCleary vs State*. Since then, four plans have been under consideration, but none has been adopted. So what is the status today? After personal research, I decided to call *The Columbian*. I talked with Lauren Dake, Political Reporter. She indicated that she expects the decisions regarding *McCleary* will not occur until a probable 2017 second special session. She provided this link: <http://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/mccleary-roundup-another-week-another-plan-for-funding-public-schools/> Since the legislature will meet again in 2018, I personally do not expect a resolution this year. Hope I am wrong.

FYI, March 9th Meaningful Movie is **THE HOMESTRETCH**. It follows three homeless teens fighting to stay in school, graduate and build futures. Time and place on page 9.



The women of AAUW really came together this year to make sure that local eighth grade girls could have the opportunity to attend WA AAUW's Tech Trek STEM immersion camp! As a result, Vancouver Branch will be able to send 3 campers and Hudson's Bay Branch will send another. I believe this is the largest number of girls from our area to attend Tech Trek in Tacoma. Congratulations to all of us!!



**LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT CLASS**

**Tues., March 14
10 a.m. to Noon**

**IBC LEADERSHIP
TRAINING**

**Penney Hoodenpyle,
AAUW OR Past-president
& current AAUW National
VP Membership**

This local AAUW training class will teach you everything you need to know to successfully cultivate volunteers and delegate effectively. You'll learn what kinds of tasks and responsibilities to delegate and how to use a process that will ensure you get the results you want.

Any leader - from a branch president to someone in charge of a specific event - will find tips applicable to her work. In addition to learning concrete steps for delegating effectively, participants are asked to explore barriers and benefits of delegating in order to help them overcome some of their mental roadblocks. This training is meant for current and upcoming board members or anyone in ANY leadership position!

Following the training session, there will be a one-hour lunch break, then the AAUW Interbranch Council will meet from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. All AAUW members are welcome.

Meeting place: Pacific Continental Bank Community Room, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver, WA.

Parking: on the street or on side streets or in the multi-level parking structure east of the bank, with metered parking on weekdays.

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE!





AAUW Vancouver's Heritage Committee is Formed



L-R Front : Karin Kanthak, Sue Hennem, Katie Anderson, Marion Kanthak, Kara Lynn Rankin; L-R Back: Kathy Walker, Nancy Stepsis, Pat Stephens

Dedicated to preserving the 85+ years of historic materials that AAUW Vancouver has collected, the Heritage Committee (AKA the History Committee) met for the first time in January.

Kara Lynn Rankin, chair of the committee, historian and past-president of our branch called the meeting to order on January 31 at 3 p.m. Kara Lynn had all the scrap books and other documents that hold the story of our organization's 85-year history displayed. The committee discussed what the best

ways to preserve these historic documents are. Katie Anderson, executive director of Clark County Historical Society and Museum, attended our meeting at Kara Lynn's invitation and shared insights about historic document preservation. Katie also gave the committee the name of Robert Schimelpfenig, a WSU Vancouver Library Archives Specialist, who will attend the committee meeting on February 28.

◆ Bridge News ◆

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

January

- 1st Place - Kathy Walker
- 2nd Place - Ruth Harbaugh



Scholarship Fundraiser!
 ♣ Monday, April 17, 2017
Grab your favorite bridge partner and play in the tournament! Reservation form is on page 2.

New Interest Group: Great Decisions



The new interest group, Great Decisions, met for the first time on January 30 at Vancouver Pointe. 20 people attended; about one-third of whom were from Hudson's Bay branch, one-third from Vancouver branch and the final third from among the residents at Vancouver Pointe.

The group will continue to meet on the last Monday of each month. On Feb 27, the first chapter of the 2017 *Great Decisions* book, "The Future of Europe: coping with crisis" will be discussed.

The book can be obtained from Amazon or from the Foreign Policy Association at www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials

WSU Vancouver's Scholars Reception at the Hilton



L-R: Kathy Walker, Connie Egeler and Kimberly Cook

WSU Vancouver held its annual Scholars and Donors Reception at the Hilton Hotel on February 7. Connie Egeler, branch scholarship chair, and Kathy Walker, branch president, attended. It gave us a chance to visit with Kimberly Cook, one of our two scholarship recipients. Kimberly is in the second year of work on her PhD in Environmental Science. She is from NE Washington.



Member Memos...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

Directory Additions/Corrections

◆ **Barb Selis'** new email address: selisduo@hotmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

◆ **MaryLu Wilson** 16317 NE 80th St., Vancouver, 98682.
360-903-3732. wilson0518@comcast.net

◆ **Jessica Shanmac** 2006 Z St., Vancouver, 98661.
360-910-3025. jessshanmac@outlook.com

New Member Biographies



Jessica Shanmac graduated from Central Washington University with a BA in Psychology. She plans to get an MA in Organizational Psychology. Jessica works for a Vancouver credit union in deposit operations. She is married and has a three year old daughter.

Jessica has lived in Vancouver for 25 years and has also lived in Seattle.

Jessica's interests include reading and helping create a world where her three year old daughter can thrive.

Jessica loves travel. Her travels in Europe included Spain, France, Italy and Ireland home of her dad's ancestors.

Jessica learned about AAUW online and felt it was a good fit for her values and interests.

MaryLu Wilson earned a BA from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA and an MS in Speech Language Pathology from the University of Oregon.

MaryLu retired from Tacoma Public Schools where she was a Speech Language Pathologist. Prior to that Mary Lu was a speech pathologist for the Vancouver Public Schools, Camas School District and private medical firms in Olympia, Dallas and Tacoma. She also worked at Camp Meadowood Springs, a camp for children with communication challenges, in Pendleton OR for 10 summers.

MaryLu has lived in Vancouver for 18 years. She has also lived in Eugene, Tacoma and Portland. Mary Lu has two adult daughters.

MaryLu is traveling to Australia for five weeks next month with The Friendship Force of Columbia Cascade. Friendship Force is an international non-profit whose members host guests from other countries in travel exchanges with a goal of promoting world peace and understanding. Mary Lu speaks Spanish and has traveled extensively in Latin America. She belongs to several local Spanish language study groups, including a Spanish literature group. She plans to volunteer at Clark College tutoring Spanish students for whom English is their second language.

MaryLu was a member of Vancouver AAUW in 2008 and also a member of Tacoma AAUW while working in Tacoma. We welcome her back to Vancouver AAUW.



PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

TO REMOVE NATIONAL AAUW's COLLEGE DEGREE REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

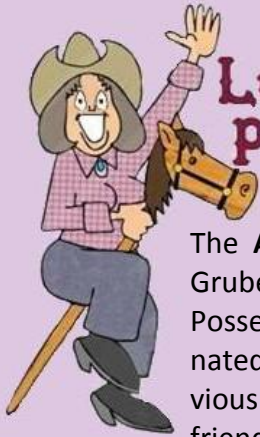
Vote online from Apr 14 to Jun 15, 2017!!

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

Early April 2017	Voter PINs e-mailed to members and mailed with the Spring AAUW Outlook; candidate slate, bylaws proposals, Public Policy Program proposals, and resolutions published in the Spring <i>AAUW Outlook</i>
April 3, 2017	Opening date to request paper ballot
April 14, 2017	Voting begins online
May 4, 2017	Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot
May 22, 2017	Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. to be counted
June 14-17, 2017	AAUW National Convention, Washington, D.C.
June 15, 2017	Online voting ends at 9 p.m. EDT
June 16, 2017	Election results announced online and at convention



Lunch Posse: Firehouse Subs on March 23!



Lunch Posse

Saddle up and ride on over to Firehouse Subs on Mar 23 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.

2017 DATE	1:30 @TARGET RESTAURANT
Mar 23	Firehouse Subs (off 192nd)
Apr 27	Noodles (Mill Plain)
May 25	Outback (at the Mall)
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)



We'll be having lunch on **Mar. 23**, at **1:30 pm**, at **Firehouse Subs**, 19151 SE Mill Plain Blvd #102, Vancouver 98682 (in the shopping center at Mill Plain & 192nd). Contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com.

The Lunch Posse ate at **Great Taste** Chinese restaurant in January. L-R: Carol Brain, Kathleen Williams, Diane Grubel, Ed Grubel, and Kathy Walker. Bob Serafini was also there and took the photo.

BRANCH LEADERS 2016 -2017

Officers:

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- Co-VP Communications - Lorraine Wheeler, lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com

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- Tech Trek Coordinator/AAUW Funds - Georgie Buckler, mrs.buckler@outlook.com

INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2016 -2017

- Bridge:** Ruth Harbaugh, rhtravel@comcast.net
- Lunch Posse:** Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com
- Mah Jongg:** Lorraine Wheeler, lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com
- Meaningful Movies:** Beverly Olson, beverlyolson@centurylink.net
- Nonfiction Books:** Nancy Stepsis, nf8@evansville.edu & Pam Rio, pamelaprunetree@hotmail.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.



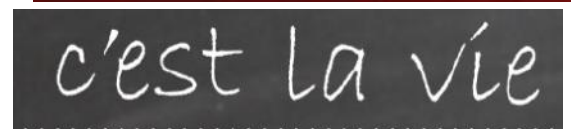
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REGAL CINEMAS





AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

Mar 7, 14, 21

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

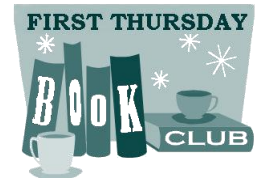
Mar 1 3 pm

Mary Cray hosts & leads the discussion of

Circling the Sun

by Paula McLain

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Mar 2 2 pm

Lorraine Wheeler hosts & Iona Clark leads the discussion of

The Shoemaker's Wife

by

Adriana Trigiani

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



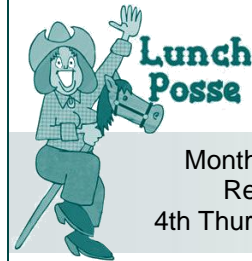
Every other month, 3rd Thurs, 10 a.m.
Shorewood, 5555 E Evergreen Blvd.

MAR 16

Land of Invisible Women

by Quarta Ahmed

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio



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

Mar 23 1:30 pm
Firehouse Subs

**19151 SE Mill Plain Blvd #102
Vancouver 98682 Vancouver**

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

Mar 9 5:30 pm

Movie: The Homestretch

The Homestretch follows three homeless teens as they fight to stay in school, graduate and succeed.



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



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

Mar 24 10 am - 3 pm
Glenwood Card Room

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

February hostesses:
Sarah Hewitt & Mary LaHusen

Contact a hostess for information.

BRING your lunch!


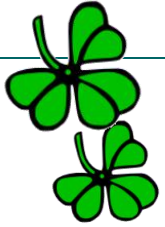


Monthly, Last Monday, 2pm, Vancouver
Pointe, 4555 NE 66th Ave, Vancouver

Mar 27 2 pm

New interest group! Read the first topic in 2017 Foreign Policy Assn. book: "The Future of Europe: coping with crisis" and discuss. Held jointly with Hudson's Bay AAUW. kcwalker41@gmail.com for info

March 2017 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Mary Cray's	2 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	3 New Members' Welcome 7:30 p.m. at Kathy Walker's	4
5	6	7 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	8	9 Meaningful Movies 5:30 p.m. at Cascade Park Library	10	11 General Meeting 10 a.m. at Pacific Continental Bank
12	13	14 <u>AAUW Leadership Class 10 a.m. Pac Cont Bank</u> Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m.	15	16 Nonfiction Books 10 a.m. at Shorewood	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18
19	20 Deadline for <i>The Voice</i>	21 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	22	23 Lunch Posse 1:30 p.m. at Firehouse Subs	24 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	25
26	27 Great Decisions 2:00 p.m. at Vancouver Pointe	28	28	29	30	31 

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