



# The Voice

February 2018

Vancouver, Washington Branch  
AAUW

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



**February 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting**  
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

## Advancing Women through AAUW & WSU: Thriving, Not Just Surviving



Dr. Noel Schulz, WSU Professor of Electrical Engineering

Our next general meeting will be held Saturday, February 10, at 10 am, in the Community Room at Columbia Bank (formerly Pacific Continental Bank), 101 Sixth St.

AAUW’s featured speaker will be Dr. Noel Schulz. Dr. Schulz Says: “Recently there has been much press about advancing women in STEM and advancing women’s positions all around the world. One of the State of Washington foundations, the Gates Foundation and Melinda Gates have been leaders in discussing challenges for women worldwide and providing programming and support. Sometimes we look at these issues as overwhelming challenges and don’t know where we can help or where to start.”

In her talk, Dr. Schulz will discuss some of our local and regional challenges as well as current activities, ideas and suggestions on how within the AAUW and WSU communities we can work to advance women and help them thrive.

Dr. Schulz is a Professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, in the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture at WSU Pullman. She has been active for over 24 years in teaching, research, and service at six U.S. universities. She teaches electrical engi-

neering and power engineering topics. In addition to her role on the faculty, she is WSU’s First Lady. Noel and her husband, University President Kirk Schulz, have two grown sons, Tim and Andrew.



Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programming - GEAR UP - helps prepare young people to be academically, socially and financially prepared to go to college. The GEAR UP Project provides grants to disadvantaged students prepared to enter postsecondary education. Chris Lines, AAUW Vancouver’s College/University Relations chair, will represent our AAUW branch on the GEAR UP Advisory Committee.

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BEFORE THE MEETING....

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.



### 2017 Holiday Brunch Yields Record \$4064!

The 2017 Holiday Brunch & Auction on December 9 was an amazing success. The funds raised broke every previous record and equaled a 65% net increase over last year. The event, held at Royal Oaks Country Club and chaired by Ruth Harbaugh, was attended by 59 people and yielded a net profit of \$4064, which will go to local college scholarships.

In support of the auction and raffle, local businesses were more generous than ever before, donating a total of 65 items to AAUW. The donor recognition page in this publication has grown to two full pages and represents the efforts of 21 individual members.

The raffle offered winners their choice of 20 donated prizes and earned \$382, an increase of \$56 from last year. 2017 offered a bake sale again, which netted \$115. But the biggest increase was reflected in the value of the auction items and the resulting income. Congratulations to the committee and to all the members who attended and worked hard to make this annual event a success!

### A Special Thanks A Special Thanks

to all the members who worked so hard to make this year's fundraiser a success by soliciting donations, serving on the committee, setting up, working at the event and/or cleaning up!

#### 21 Members Solicited Business Donations

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Naomi Davis (8)    | Nancy Stepsis (2)    |
| Pat Greear (2)     | Pat Stryker (2)      |
| Diane Grubel (2)   | Kathy Walker (4)     |
| Ruth Harbaugh (15) | Cheryl Weir (3)      |
| Sarah Hewitt       | Lorraine Wheeler (3) |
| Pat Sjolander (3)  | Carol Brain          |
| Sharon Heydet (8)  | Linda Krogh (3)      |
| Pat Stephens (2)   | Eileen Marra (2)     |
| Jan Harvey (3)     | Donna Roberge        |
| Janet Gibbons (3)  | Sandi Erdman         |
| Lisa Chabert       |                      |

**Thank You!!**

#### 2017 Holiday Brunch Fundraiser Committee

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Chairperson</b>                         | Ruth Harbaugh   |
| <b>Reservations</b>                        | Carol Brain   |
| <b>Entertainment</b>                       | Kathy Walker  |
| <b>Emcee</b>                               | Ruth Harbaugh   |
| <b>Silent Auction</b>                      | Kay Hansen<br>Sami Kopelman<br>Janet Gibbons  |
| <b>Raffle Ticket Sales</b>                 | Naomi Davis<br>Chris Lines  |
| <b>Bake Sale</b>                           | Pat Stephens<br>Diane Grubel  |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Cashier's Desk</b>        | Carol Brain<br>Lisa Chabert   |
| <b>Auction Signs, Bid Sheets, Programs</b> | Kathy Walker  |
| <b>Photographer</b>                        | Kara Lynn Rankin  |
| <b>Set Up &amp; Tear Down</b>              | Ruth Harbaugh<br>Lisa Chabert<br>Diane Grubel<br>Kara Lynn Rankin<br>Chris Lines<br>Kay Hansen<br>Carol Brain |

#### Comparative Income

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Income</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| 2006        | \$ 704.00     |
| 2007        | \$ 831.00     |
| 2008        | \$ 901.16     |
| 2009        | \$ 1,491.10   |
| 2010        | \$ 1,278.31   |
| 2011        | \$ 1,871.21   |
| 2012        | \$ 1,922.72   |
| 2013        | \$ 2,636.84   |
| 2014        | \$ 2,264.40   |
| 2015        | \$ 2,449.64   |
| 2016        | \$ 2,561.04   |
| 2017        | \$ 4,063.89   |

#### Raised for Local College Scholarships

##### Income 2017 Holiday Brunch

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Lunch Res.          | \$ 1475.00        |
| Auction             | \$ 2879.00        |
| Bake Sale           | \$ 115.00         |
| Raffle              | \$ 382.00         |
| Donations           | \$ 450.00         |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$ 5301.00</b> |

##### Expenses 2017 Holiday Brunch

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Meals                | \$ 1237.11        |
| Entertainment        | \$ 000.00         |
| <b>Total Expense</b> | <b>\$ 1237.11</b> |

**Net for 2017 Holiday Brunch \$ 4063.89**



Photos courtesy of  
Kara Lynn Rankin



# 2017 Holiday Brunch







## 2018 National Conference for Student Women Leaders AAUW Vancouver to Sponsor WSUV Student in 2018



*NCCWSL is where college women make their future what they want it to be.*

This year, for the first time, AAUW Vancouver will sponsor a student from WSU Vancouver to attend AAUW’s NCCWSL. Your executive board has approved the expenditure of \$1200 to cover the registration and travel expense for a young woman attending our local university. College & University Relations chair, Chris Lines, is working with the Development Department and Student Affairs office at WSU to select our applicant for the conference,

which is held at the University of Maryland from May 30 through June 2 this year. Our student will be chosen before the end of January 2018.

**WHAT IS NCCWSL?** The AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is the premier conference for students to hone their leadership skills, make lifelong connections, and get ready to shape the world.

For more than 30 years, NCCWSL has provided a transformative experience for the next generation of leaders. Past attendees have gone on to lead nonprofits, innovate the corporate world, create disruptive technologies, and more - all while paying it forward for women and girls!

Nearly 800 college and university women and campus professionals from across the United States and around the world join in redefining leadership for all women.

## Washington House Passes Bill Aimed at Lowering Gender Wage Gap

From *The Columbian*, January 17, 2018

OLYMPIA — The Washington State House of Representatives passed a measure that seeks to reduce the wage gap between men and women and provide equal growth opportunities and fair treatment in the workplace.

The Democratic-controlled House passed the measure on a bipartisan 69-28 vote Wednesday. The bill has passed the House in previous years but always died in the Senate, which was controlled by Republicans for the past five years. Democrats regained control of the chamber in November.

House Bill 1506 would modify the state’s Equal Pay Act by making it unacceptable for employers to retaliate against a female employee for asking about their wages or the salary of other employees. It would also allow women to receive the same promotional opportunities as men within a company.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2018



| MONTH  | TOPIC/SPEAKER (Meetings at 10 am unless noted)                                    | MONTH  | TOPIC/SPEAKER  |
|--------|---|--------|--|
| Feb 10 | Advancing Women through AAUW & WSU: Thriving Not Just Surviving, Dr. Noel Schultz | Apr 22 | 12:30 pm High School Students STEM Recognition Reception, STEM Bldg. @ Clark College |
| Mar 10 | Centenarians, Cari Corbet Owen, psychologist                                      | May 12 | Installation Meeting   |
| Apr 14 | Hanford Nuclear Waste Update, Ginger Wireman, Community Outreach Specialist       | Jun 9  | Program Planning meeting   |



**DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS**

- ◆ **Janet Johnson's** correct information is:  
Phone: 360-213-4746 (remove 206 phone #)  
Birthdate: Sep 3 Education: BA Carroll College
- ◆ **Pat Stryker's** *only* correct phone number is  
360-600-9757 (delete 300 phone #)

**Meaningful Movies: CHANGE!**



Instead of meeting separately for the movie and the discussion, Meaningful Movies will now have both in one gathering on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs each month. The new schedule: 5:30 pm, doors open; 6:00 pm, movie; 8:00 pm, discussion; 9:00 pm, doors close - Cascade Park Library.

**First Thursday Book Group Jan 4**



Back L-R Leann Bly, Carol Brain, Barb Selis, Nancy Stepsis, Sharon Heydet, Kay Pankratz, Michelle Girts, Elsie Chan  
Front L-R Diane Grubel, Iona Clark

At its annual potluck on Jan 4, First Thursday Book Group members feasted on culinary delights and then turned to their yearly task of culling - from 36 works - the 11 they will read and discuss between March 2018 and February 2019.

The wide ranging winners included Paul Beatty's caustic, irreverent, sometimes comic novel, "The Sellout;" Biographer Candice Millard returns with another page turner—"Hero of the Empire"—about Winston Churchill, including his time as a prisoner of war. Biracial comedian and Daily Show host Trevor Noah also won the bookies' nod with his memoir, "Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood."

The group meets at members' homes on the 1st Thursday of each month. The group is currently full.



The 2018 Nominating Committee, chaired by Nancy Stepsis, will present a slate of officers for next year at the Feb 13 meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. The election of officers will be held at the general meeting on Mar 10; installation May 12.

**Kudos to Bridge Winners...**

- December
- 1st: Donna Roberge
- 2nd: Gay Barton
- 3rd: Sue Tellock



by **Beverly Olson**  
**Public Policy Chair**  
**February 2018**

**FYI** Vancouver's Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle spoke about homelessness in Vancouver and Clark County at our meeting on Jan 13. If you were there, you probably left more knowledgeable and motivated to become even better informed. If you were not there, I recommend you visit <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/search/site/Homelessness>

**FYI THERE ARE FOUR BILLS ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS** currently being considered by the WA State Legislature:

- HB 2578 will preserve and expand rental housing options for persons whose source of income is derived from or includes sources other than employment. (Think vouchers.)
- HB 1570 concerns access to homeless housing and assistance by eliminating the sunset of and increase the Document Recording Fee by \$50. (Think easier access to homeless housing and assistance.)
- HB 1987 concerns allowing affordable housing development on religious organization property.
- HB 1797 will pass the local options affordable housing funding bill. (Think local sales and real estate taxes.)

Additional information available at <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>

*Thanks to Linda Krogh for writing the FYI column the last two months!*





Washington Women in Need (WWIN) is a nonprofit organization that provides education and health care grants to low-income women in Washington State to help them improve their lives.

WWIN makes grants to determined women who are looking to build a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities for generations to come. This spring, WWIN will make a number of Education Grants to women from across Washington. Grantees will receive up to \$5,000 over a one-year period, which can be used for tuition and required books at approved Washington State Colleges and Universities.

Applicants must meet WWIN's eligibility criteria to be considered. WWIN has recently reviewed our eligibility guidelines and has adjusted our income eligibility to include more of Washington's low-income women. We encourage you to review these updated guidelines and share this grant with women in your network.

Prospective applicants should visit the WWIN website for additional information and to submit an application. The application will be opened in March 2018, with exact dates to be announced in February. If you have any questions, please call or email Elisia Fernandez, Program Manager, [elisiaf@wwin.org](mailto:elisiaf@wwin.org) or 425-451-8838, ext.1.

**AAUW Washington State**

**Donate to Tech Trek!**



After five years of piloting the Tech Trek program nationwide, AAUW is turning the individual programs over to the AAUW entities (states or branches) who have been implementing the program in their local areas. For the first time, AAUW WA Special Projects Fund will be the sole fiscal agent for Tech Trek WA.

All donations should be made through AAUW-WA SPF. AAUW-WA SPF is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so any contributions made to AAUW-WA SPF on behalf of Tech Trek are fully deductible to the donor.

Contact Georgie Buckler, branch Tech Trek coordinator ([mrs.buckler@outlook.com](mailto:mrs.buckler@outlook.com) or 303-503-6670) for details on how to give or email [techtrek@aauw-wa.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-wa.org) with questions.

Funds designated from our branch directly support girls sponsored by OUR branch. Truly, a win/win situation!

**Tech Trek WA 2017**

Pacific Lutheran University



### Lunch Posse: Nom Nom Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm



Lunch Posse

Saddle up and ride on over to Nom Nom on Feb 22 at 1:00 pm!



| 2018 DATE | 1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT        |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Feb 22    | Nom Nom (Downtown)             |
| Mar 22    | Eastland Sushi & Asian (164th) |
| Apr 26    | Olive Garden (Mall)            |
| May 24    | Outback (Mall)                 |
| Jun 28    | Beaches (on the Columbia)      |
| Jul 26    | IHop (164th)                   |
| Aug 23    | Lindo Mexico (off Mill Plain)  |
| Sep 27    | Gustav's (164th)               |
| Oct 25    | Stardust Diner (164th)         |
| Nov 15    | Lapellah (off Grand)           |

**AAUW Lunch Posse** chair Diane Grubel, organizes these gatherings. Lunch Posse patronizes the restaurants that have donated gift certificates and cards to our holiday fundraiser the previous year. As a group, AAUW members, plus friends, spouses... and total strangers visit one of the restaurants, on the 4th Thursday of each month, have lunch, and say "thank you" to the management. It's a great time to socialize and enjoy a meal.

We'll be having lunch on **Feb 22 at 1:00 pm at Nom Nom, 801 C St, Vancouver, 98660. TO ATTEND: contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com**

### BRANCH LEADERS 2017 -2018

**Officers:**

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- Tech Trek Coord. - Georgie Buckler, mrs.buckler@outlook.com
- Web Master - Camille Wainwright, wainwric@comcast.net

### INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2017 -2018

- Bridge:** Ruth Harbaugh, rhtravel@comcast.net
- Great Decisions:** Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.com
- 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 Thurs Book Club:** Michelle Girts, magirts@comcast.net
- 1st Wed Book Club:** Ruetta Dykstra, dykstrar@gmail.com

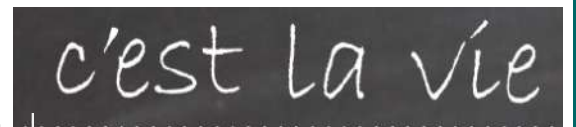


**Mission Statement:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

**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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Salon & Spa



VCA East Mill Plain Animal Hospital





# AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

**Feb 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**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

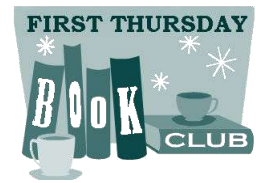


Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

**Feb 7 3 pm**

Retta Dykstra hosts and leads the discussion of **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

**Feb 1 2 pm**

Nancy Stepsis hosts and Michelle Girts leads the discussion of **Sapiens**

by Yuval Noah Harari

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 FEB**

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for information



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

**Feb 22 1:00 pm**  
**Nom Nom Restaurant**  
801 C St, Vancouver, 98660

Please contact Diane Grubel at [ECGrubel@aol.com](mailto:ECGrubel@aol.com) to reserve your space.



Monthly, 3rd Thursday, 5:30 pm  
Cascade Park Library  
600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver

**Social Justice Documentaries**

**Feb 15 5:30 Open 6pm Movie 8 pm Discussion**

**Movie:** An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power



"An Inconvenient Sequel" delves deeper into the details of compromise on global warming than its predecessor, with scenes of Mr. Gore working

to find a middle ground between the needs of developed and developing nations.

For more information visit <https://meaningfulmovies.org/events>



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

**Feb 23, 2018**  
**10 am - 3 pm**  
**Card Room**  
**3rd Floor @ Glenwood**

February hostesses:  
Naomi Davis & Diane Grubel

**BRING your lunch!**




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

Great Decisions will meet on Feb 26 to discuss the second topic in the 2018 book.

Held jointly with Hudson's Bay AAUW  
[kcwalker41@gmail.com](mailto:kcwalker41@gmail.com) for info



## February 2018 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                                   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
|  |   |   |   | 1<br>1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Nancy Stepsis'                                   | 2                                     | 3   |
| 4  | 5   | 6<br>Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's  | 7<br>1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Retta Dykstra's | 8   | 9                                     | 10<br>General Meeting 10 a.m. at Columbia Bank* 101 Sixth St. |
| 11   | 12  | 13<br>Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's | 14<br><i>Happy Valentines Day</i>                 | 15<br>Meaningful Movies 5:30 p.m. at Cascade Park Library                           | 16                                    | 17 * Formerly Pacific Continental Bank                        |
| 18   | 19  | 20<br>Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's | 21  | 22<br>Lunch Posse 1:00 p.m. Nom Nom Restaurant                                      | 23<br>AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood | 24  |
| 25   | 26<br>Great Decisions 2:00 p.m. at Vancouver Pointe | 27<br>Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's | 28  |  |                                       |   |

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