



The Voice

April 2018

Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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



April 14th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting
Community Room, Pacific Continental Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

Environmental Specialist Ginger Wireman: Hanford Myth & Reality



Ginger Wireman, Hanford Community Outreach & Environmental Education Specialist

Questions about the Hanford Nuclear Storage facility? Make sure to attend AAUW’s next general meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 14, at 10 a.m. in the Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. Ginger Wireman, Community Outreach & Environmental Education Specialist for the Ecology – Nuclear Waste Program will be our featured speaker.



The 586 square-mile Hanford Site is located in southeastern Washington state, just north of the City of Richland and 30 miles north of the OR/WA border. During World War II, the federal government relocated residents who lived in the area and built facilities to produce plutonium for an atomic bomb. From 1944 to 1989, Hanford’s primary mission was to produce plutonium for America’s nuclear weapons program. The nuclear reservation – called the most contaminated site in North America – presents a paradox of massive contamination next to a river preserved in its natural state. The site borders the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River – made a National Monument because of the Reach’s pristine beauty. Understanding Hanford requires more

knowledge than recent headlines about leaking radioactive waste tanks and missed cleanup deadlines. The presentation will cover Hanford history, an update on the progress and challenges of the cleanup efforts, and the importance of citizen involvement in cleanup decisions.

Ginger Wireman has conducted outreach and education activities for the Washington State Dept. of Ecology’s Nuclear Waste Program since 2001. She primarily supports communications for tank waste retrieval and groundwater issues related to Hanford cleanup. She has an MS in Environmental Studies and a BA in Advertising from California State University Fullerton. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and watching her backyard chickens.

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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.

Time to Renew Your AAUW Membership !!



Vancouver Branch AAUW Membership Renewal Form for 2018 - 2019

Membership renewal fees for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 are payable now.

Please complete this form and send it - with your check - to:

Carol Brain, 7623 NW 3rd Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98665

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR DUES CHECK

*If your contact information has not changed, please write your **name and "SAME"** in the information area.*

Name _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Check the membership category that applies. **Make check payable to AAUW Vancouver Branch.**

Regular Member \$85
*Includes National (\$59), State (\$10)
and Local Branch (\$16) dues*



Life Member \$26
Has prepaid all national dues

Honorary Member \$0
50 years of membership in AAUW

To save costs and promote environmental responsibility, AAUW Vancouver mails free hard copies of newsletters **ONLY** to members without email addresses. Alternately the fee is \$10.

Dual Member \$16
For those who belong to another branch

I do have an email address and want a hard copy of the newsletter.....\$10

Interest Group Only \$16
No degree. Membership in 1 interest group

Undergraduate College Student...\$20
at accredited institutions

Voluntary donation to Vancouver Branch Scholarships..... \$10

Graduate Student 1st year.....\$20
2nd and following years.....\$85

To comply with association and state bylaws, our branch needs to receive your dues by June 15. **Please mail your check and membership form by May 15 or bring them with you to the May 13 breakfast.***

****At the May 12th meeting, one dues check will be drawn to win a free year's membership!***

Thank you for your continued membership in the Vancouver Branch of AAUW!



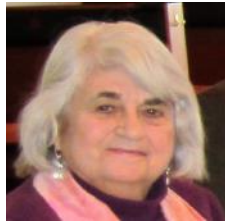
Elected Officers for 2018–2019 ... Installation Scheduled for May 12th

At the March 10 general meeting, the slate of officers for 2018 -19 presented by the branch nominating committee was elected. The installation of the newly-elected officers will take place on Saturday, May 12, in our regular meeting room at Columbia Bank. A catered salad buffet lunch will follow for those who make a reservation. You may find the reservation form on page 4.

2018—2019 OFFICERS



Kay Hansen
PRESIDENT



Lorraine Wheeler
VP PROGRAMS



Carol Brain
VP FINANCE



Nancy Stepsis
VP MEMBERSHIP



Diane Grubel
VP COMMUNICATIONS

AAUW to Recognize High School Academic Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math at Reception on Sunday, April 22



The STEM Building at Clark College



AAUW Vancouver's annual STEM Recognition Reception will be held on Sunday, April 22, at a new venue. For the first time, our branch was invited to use the Clark College STEM Building, built in 2016, for the reception.

This event honors high school junior girls who have been recommended by their schools as students who excel in STEM subjects. Each girl is honored separately at the ceremony and her interests and achievements are read aloud by a branch member before she is presented with a certificate of achievement. The ceremony is followed by a reception for the girls and their families

The STEM building is the first new instructional building to be built on the Clark campus since 1994. The 70,000 square foot building - the largest on Clark's main campus - holds 9 classrooms, 12 labs (including some spaces that serve as both), 2 conference rooms, 16 student areas of various sizes, and 41 offices. AAUW is pleased to be using this dedicated space for the event.



STEM Reception chair, Melanie Handshaw, hands a certificate of achievement to a local high school junior in April 2105.



And now
for something
completely different...



NEW VENUE & FORMAT FOR SPRING INSTALLATION LUNCHEON on MAY 12

PLUS...VOTING STATIONS AVAILABLE AT MTG FOR
NATIONAL AAUW'S PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

AAUW Vancouver will try something entirely different for this year's May Luncheon. There will be a meeting and installation ceremony on our regular meeting day, in our regular meeting place, followed by a catered salad buffet lunch for those who wish to pay in advance and stay. (Reservation form below.)

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed National AAUW bylaws changes on laptop computers set up for the purpose.

May 12: Vote online at the meeting (with assistance if required) on the three proposed AAUW National Bylaw Amendments!!



RESERVATION FORM

SALAD BOWL BASH LUNCHEON

\$20

Saturday, May 12, in the Community Room
at Columbia Bank

101 Sixth Street, Vancouver WA 98660

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 7, 2018

Buffet Menu: Hoisin Pork & Plum salad, Honey Lime Chicken salad, Strawberry Spinach salad, bread & breadsticks, fresh fruit, assorted finger desserts, iced tea, & coffee

Mail form & check (payable to AAUW) to: Carol Brain, 7623 NW 3rd Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98665



AAUW MAY INSTALLATION/SALAD BUFFET LUNCHEON - MAY 12, 2018

ONLY PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED - RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE MADE OR CANCELLED AFTER 5/7

Name: _____ Phone: _____

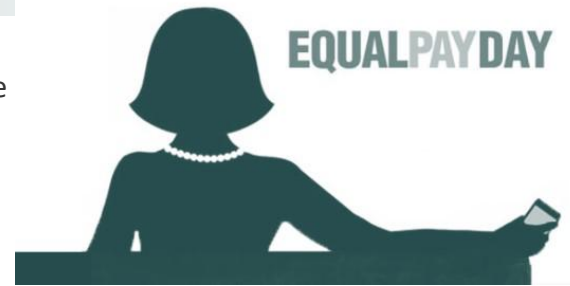
Number attending @ \$20 each _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

Guest names:



APRIL 10 is EQUAL PAY DAY

The gender pay gap is a primary issue for AAUW and one that we have been working on for years. As early as 1922, AAUW’s legislative program called for a reclassification of the U.S. Civil Service and repeal of salary restrictions in the Women’s Bureau. In 1955, AAUW supported a bill introduced by Reps. Edith Green (D-OR) and Edith Rogers (R-MA) requiring “equal pay for work of comparable value requiring comparable skills.” Congress finally enacted the Equal Pay Act, a version of the 1955 bill, in 1963.



Despite the Equal Pay Act, the gender pay gap persists; women are typically paid just 80 cents for every dollar paid to men — and that number has barely budged in a decade. Although enforcement of the Equal Pay Act and other civil rights laws has helped to narrow the gender pay gap, these actions only cover segments of the American working population, and many important protections are not yet codified in law. Moreover, there are numerous other reasons for discrimination and pay disparity that must be addressed.

AAUW continues to advocate for strong pay equity legislation, regulation, and enforcement to protect employees and assist employers.

Equal Pay Day is an opportunity to draw attention to the gender pay gap and to call for legislative action and other solutions, including AAUW’s salary negotiation workshops, to curb this pervasive problem.



Afternoon Tea on March 15

Seven women had Afternoon Tea at Kathy Walker’s on March 15. Tickets to the tea were purchased at the AAUW Holiday Fundraiser in December. Servers were Diane Grubel, Carol Brain, and Pat Greear.



Tea guests L-R: Meredith Chapman, Betty Yingling, Sue Tellock, Chris Lines, Wanda Holmes, Donna Roberge Nozel, and Sami Kopelman



Tea guests with servers L-R: back row Carol Brain, front row Pat Greear and Diane Grubel

The Evergreen Leader Vancouver Branch and NCCWSL Spring, 2018

Take a look at page 25 of AAUW Washington’s Spring edition of The Evergreen Leader!



◆ Bridge News ◆

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

February

- 1st: Sarah Hewitt
- 2nd: Gay Barton



Member Memos...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

◆ Becky Adams, 10515 NW 32nd Dr., Vancouver 98685
703-399-5175, bstuart85@yahoo.com



by Beverly Olson
Public Policy Chair

Apr 2018

● **FYI... ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 YOU WILL HAVE SERIOUS VOTING DECISIONS TO MAKE AT EVERY GOVERNMENT LEVEL.** For now, let's look just at national elections. You will be voting for U.S. Senator (six year term) and U.S. 3rd Congressional District Representative (two

year term). **Currently there are nine (declared or probable) candidates for the U.S. Senate:** Democrats Senator Maria Cantwell, Jennifer "GiGi" Ferguson, and Steve Hoffman; Republican Joey Gibson; Libertarian Mike Luke; Independents Clay Johnson and Dave Strider; Freedom Socialist Party Steve Hoffman; and Stand-Up America Alex Tsimerman. **Currently there are four declared candidates for U.S. 3rd Congressional District Representative:** Republican U.S. Representative Jamie Herrera Beutler and Democrats Dorothy Gasque, Carolyn Long, and David McDevitt. THE PRIMARY IS AUGUST 7, 2018. TIME TO GET INFORMED!!

● **FYI Follow-up:** Last month I brought to your attention a column in the AARP Bulletin which addressed the very small monthly personal allowance provided Medicaid patients in long term care in Washington State. I am pleased to tell you, according to the Washington State AARP website, that beginning January 1, 2019 Washington State's two tier allowance amount will change to one-tier that pays the same amount across the board, that the monthly allowance will be increased to \$70, and that there will be a yearly cost of living adjustment in the future.

● **FYI Follow-up:** Two of the four homeless bills we were following in the 2018 Legislative Session passed. Bill 2578 assures that there will be no discrimination based upon the source of income (think government vouchers). Bill 1570 increases and makes permanent the fee to file real estate documents resulting in funds for the homeless.

● **MEANINGFUL MOVIES ARE NOW BEING SHOWN IN TWO LOCAL LOCATIONS!**

● **FYI Meaningful Movies: JUST EAT IT.** Cascade Park Library, April 19. (See page 11 for more information.)

● **FYI Meaningful Movies: SWIM TEAM.** This film tells the story of three athletes who are autistic. It addresses personal, family, and community issues. Old Liberty Theater, 115 N. Main Avenue, Ridgefield. April 25, 7:00 PM.

SAVE THE DATE FOR AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2018



MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER (101 6th St., Vancouver unless noted)

MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER (Meetings at 10 am unless noted)

Apr 14 Hanford: Ecology & Nuclear Waste Program, Ginger Wireman, Community Outreach Spec.

May 12 Installation Meeting & Salad Buffet Luncheon, Columbia Bank Community Center

Apr 22 12:30 pm High School Students STEM Recognition Reception, STEM Bldg. @ Clark College

Jun 9 Program Planning meeting, Columbia Bank Community Center



EMPOWERING WOMEN
SINCE 1881



Eliminate Degree?

A Statement from the AAUW Board of Directors

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the AAUW website, the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW’s mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW’s board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted non-profit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW’s inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

Here are the key dates for AAUW’s 2018 bylaws amendment vote:

February 22, 2018	Comment period opens online for members to propose amendments to the AAUW Bylaws
March 22, 2018	Proposal period closes at 11:59 p.m. ET
April 16, 2018	Opening date to request paper ballot
Mid-April 2018	Bylaws proposals and resolutions published in the spring <i>AAUW Outlook</i> ; voter PINs emailed to members and mailed with the spring <i>AAUW Outlook</i> magazine to members without registered email addresses and those that have requested to receive <i>Outlook</i> in the mail
April 25, 2018	Voting begins online
May 7, 2018	Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot
May 21, 2018	Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballot must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. ET to be counted
June 9, 2018	Online voting ends at 9 p.m. ET
June 10, 2018	Vote results announced online



Lunch Posse: Olive Garden Apr 26th 1pm



Lunch Posse

Saddle up and ride on over to Olive Garden on Apr 26 at 1:00 pm!



2018 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
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. The 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 **Apr 26 at 1:00 pm at Olive Garden Vancouver Mall, 8101 NE Parkway Dr., Vancouver 98662. TO ATTEND: contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com**

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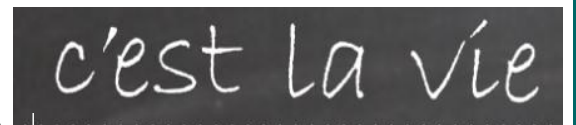
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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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

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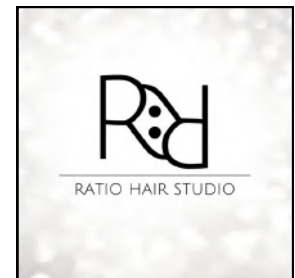


HADASSAH

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

Apr 3, 10, 17, 24
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

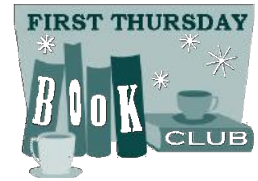
Apr 4 3 pm

Leanne Bly hosts

A Man Named Ove

by Fredrick Backman

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Apr 5 2 pm

Leanne Bly hosts & Carol Brain leads the discussion of:

Days Without End

by Sebastian Barry

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 MTG APRIL

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for information



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

Apr 26 1:00 pm

Olive Garden (near Mall)

8101 NE Parkway Dr.

Vancouver 98662

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



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

Social Justice Documentaries

Apr 19 5:30 pm Movie: Just Eat It



Filmmakers dive into the issue of waste from farm, through retail, all the way to the back of their fridge. In a

nation where one in 10 people is food insecure, the images they capture of squandered groceries are both shocking and strangely compelling. But as filmmaker's addictive personality turns full tilt towards food rescue, and the 'thrill of the find' has unexpected consequences.

For more information visit

<https://meaningfulmovies.org/events>



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

Apr 27, 2018

10 am - 3 pm

Card Room

3rd Floor @ Glenwood

April hostesses:

Carol Brain & Pat Grear

BRING your lunch!



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

Great Decisions will meet on Apr 30 to discuss the 4th topic in the 2018 book.

Held jointly with Hudson's Bay AAUW

kcwalker41@gmail.com for info

April 2018 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy Easter!</i>	2 <i>April</i>	3 <i>April</i>	4 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Leanne Daniel's	5 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Leanne Bly's	6	7
8	9	10 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	11	12	13	14 General Meeting 10 a.m. at Columbia Bank
15	16	17 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	18	19 Meaningful Movies 5:30 p.m. Cascade Park Library	20 Deadline for <i>The Voice</i>	21
22 STEM Reception 12:30 p.m. at STEM Bldg. Clark College	23	24 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	25	26 Lunch Posse 1:00 p.m. at Olive Garden	27 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	28
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