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May 2018
Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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SPRING INSTALLATION LUNCHEON on MAY 12

OFFICER INSTALLATION & AWARDS FROM 10 -11 A.M. SALAD LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

————> VOTE ON THE NATIONAL AAUW BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AT THE MAY MEETING <————



\$20

RESERVATION FORM

SALAD BOWL BASH LUNCHEON

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:

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!



And now
for something
completely different...



IN MAY, VOTING STATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR NATIONAL AAUW'S PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE DEGREE REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP!

This year's May meeting, at Columbia Bank, 101 6th St., will include an installation ceremony followed by a catered lunch for those who wish to pay in advance and stay.

Members will also have the opportunity to vote on the proposed bylaws changes on laptops set up in the meeting room for that purpose. Public Policy chair Beverly Olson will assist. Membership lists, including member numbers, will be available.

At the meeting on May 12, **VOTE ONLINE** on the three proposed AAUW National Bylaw Amendments!!



by Beverly Olson
Public Policy Chair

May 2018

FYI in the September 2017 FYI column, I wrote the following: **I HAVE A REQUEST...please write me about times in your lives where, because you were female, you were restricted in some way (culture, law, or rule). I'll pass on your responses in a pamphlet format later this year.** You have heard nothing more about this because I have received only one response.

FYI if we provide a good education, public or private, for our children, we will have American young people like the ones we met in February on TV in Florida. Even though the topic was terrible, the students articulated their thoughts and feelings in well-organized, grammatically-correct statements - both scripted and extemporaneous. These young people are not going away or giving up. I'm looking forward to seeing their activism and the results of it in the years to come. It's sad that all American students do not have the same educational opportunities.

FYI a new season of Washington State Initiatives is upon us. Perhaps you have already had the opportunity to support one or more by signing petitions. If you wish to educate yourself regarding the 2019 initiatives, go to <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/initiatives.aspx?y=2018&t=p> In my opinion, researching the list and descriptions was worth my time. The following are ones I think we AAUW members should be particularly interested in: 1586 Minimum Wage, 1590 Minimum Wage and Repealing Excise Taxes. 1599 The People's Right to Access State Lands. 1598 Abolition of Sex Crimes in Washington State. 1600 Establishing a non-profit health insurance providing and making a single essential health benefits package available to all residents, as well as establishing related funding mechanisms. 1613 Balancing the State Tax Codes. (No number assigned) No Gun Until 21. 1621 Concealed Carry on School Grounds. 1631 Clean Air Clean Energy.

FYI Meaningful Movies for May is **WE THE PEOPLE 2.0. IT'S TIME TO CHOOSE DEMOCRACY, NOT OLIGARCHY.** This visual essay is about the loss of democracy in the United States. View the film and participate in the discussion on May 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm, Cascade Park Library, 600 NE 136th Avenue, Vancouver, WA.



Vancouver AAUW Interest Groups Summer Activities

Some of our branch interest groups operate all summer. Check out what might spark your summertime interest!

OPEN FOR SUMMER



Monthly on the
4th Friday
10 am - 3 pm
5500 NE 82nd Ave
3rd Floor Card Rm

Month Hostess
June 22 Marilyn Lasof
July 27 Sarah Hewitt
August 24 Naomi Davis
Contact a hostess to play

Nonfiction



Every other month, 3rd Thursday,
10 a.m., Shorewood
5555 E Evergreen
July 19 10 a.m.

Born a Crime
by Treavor Nash

Contact Nancy Stepsis at
nf8@evansville.edu or Pam Rio at
pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com
for information



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

June 7 2 p.m.

Camille Wainwright hosts & leads
the discussion of

About Grace
by Anthony Doerr

July 5 2 p.m.

Nancy Stepsis hosts & Iona Clark
leads the discussion of

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox
by Maggie O'Farrell

August 2 2 p.m.

Carol Brain hosts & Sharon
Heydet leads the discussion of

Hero of the Empire
by Candace Millard

Contact Michelle Girts or visit
<http://vancouver-wa.aauw.net>



Monthly,
4th Thursday
at 1:00 pm

June 28: Beaches
(on the Columbia)

July 26: IHop
(on 164th Ave.)

Aug 23: Lindo Mexico
(off Mill Plain)

Contact Diane Grubel at
EGrubel@aol.com

Meaningful Movies Please
check the Cascade Park Library
schedule online for information.



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

June 6 3 pm host TBD

Japanese Lover
by Isabel Allende

No meetings July & Aug

Info? Contact Retta Dykstra at
dykstrar@gmail.com or
360.210.4650

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will continue to
meet on the last Mon each month
Jun thru Aug. Chapters 4,5 & 6
will be discussed. See page 8 for
time and location.



Monthly on Tuesdays
1 - 4 pm at Lorraine Wheeler's
10916 SE 18th St., Vancouver
lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2018



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

May 12 Installation Meeting & Salad Luncheon,
Columbia Bank Community Room

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Jun 9 Program Planning meeting, Columbia Bank
Community Room

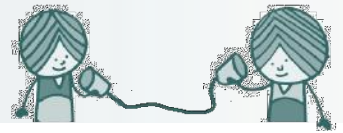


IN MEMORY OF

Mary Kay Landis

November 12, 1940 ~ January 26, 2018

Member Memos...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

Directory Additions/Corrections

- ◆ Sarah Hewitt new email: theuits@centurylink.net
- ◆ Kitty Welsh has a new address: 2911 SE Village Loop Suite 321, Vancouver 98683

◆ Bridge News ◆

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

March

- 1st: Iona Clark
- 2nd: Sarah Hewitt



The May Installation Meeting & Luncheon will start at 10:00 a.m.

Immediately after the installation program and awards, voting on the AAUW National Bylaws Amendments will be available on laptops provided and the luncheon will follow. **No Coffee and Chat time is planned.**



EMPOWERING WOMEN
SINCE 1881

COMMUNITY

National AAUW chief executive officer Kimberly Churches is embarking on a study of goals and priorities for the association and is heading up the effort to rewrite the organization’s strategic plan. Churches says that clarity is needed at AAUW. “We’ve done amazing work over our rich history, but a lot of people in our AAUW community are disheartened we’re not better known for what we do, and part of that is that we’re kind of a ‘Jill of all trades,’” says Churches. “We need to figure out, together, where we should focus to make real progress in real time. For example, we recently produced a video reacting to the news that the gender pay gap hasn’t changed much from last year. I don’t want to be doing the same video next year,” says Churches. “We all want results, and we should be moving the needle on our priority issues. You can’t do that without ultimate focus.”

Of course we won’t know what our exact priorities and goals will be until the strategic plan takes shape, but, says Churches, “None of us can imagine not working on our core issues.” AAUW is aiming high in the strategic planning process on which it has just embarked, undertaking an ambitious, rigorous course of action that will sharpen our focus, relevance, and impact and buttress our core issues — pay equity, education, STEM, leadership, and Title IX — to solidify AAUW’s position as a leader within the equity space during the 21st century. The process has begun, the Strategic Planning Task Force has been approved, and the schedule established — the target date for board approval of the final plan is set for June 2018. Member input is encouraged. Visit www.aauw.org to provide your opinion.



Lunch Posse: Outback May 24th 1pm



Lunch Posse

Saddle up and ride on over to Outback on May 24 at 1:00 pm!



2018 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
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 **May 24 at 1:00 pm at Outback, 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr #121, Vancouver 98661. TO ATTEND: contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com**

BRANCH LEADERS 2017 -2018

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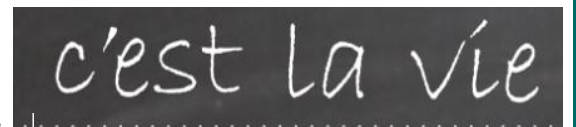
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- Lunch Posse:** Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com
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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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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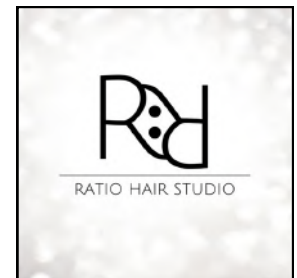


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Salon & Spa



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

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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

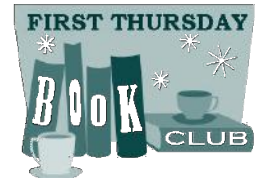
May 2 3 pm

host TBD

The Alice Network

by Kate Quinn

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

May 3 2 pm

Sharon Heydet hosts & Leanne Bly leads the discussion of:

The Sellout

by Paul Beatty

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.

MAY 17 10 am

The Reason for God

by May Keller

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for information



Monthly at Various Restaurants
4th Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

May 24 1:00 pm

Outback (in Van Mall)

8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr. #121,
Vancouver 98661

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

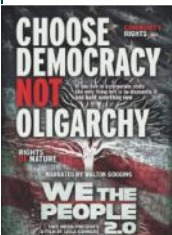


Monthly, 3rd Thursday, 5:30 pm
Cascade Park Library
600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver

Social Justice Documentaries

May 17 5:30 pm

Movie: We the People



We the People is a about the loss of democracy in the United States. The film describes profound changes in thinking at the grassroots level.

The story unfolds through the eyes of rural people who have faced decades of toxic dumping, drilling and mining in their communities. We learn that the reason why they "get what they don't want" is because they are, by law, truly powerless in spite of propaganda that says they live in the "best democracy in the world."

<https://meaningfulmovies.org/events>



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

May 25, 2018

10 am - 3 pm

Card Room

3rd Floor @ Glenwood

Contact a hostess to play
May hostesses: Camille Wainwright & Kay Hansen

BRING your lunch!

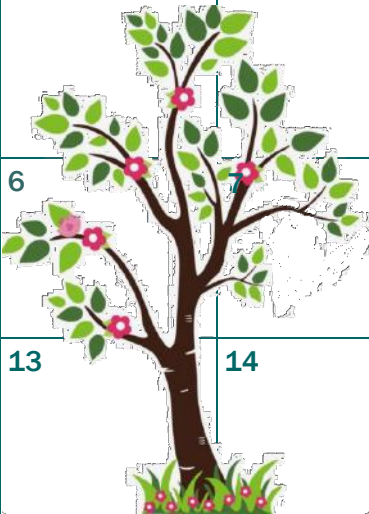
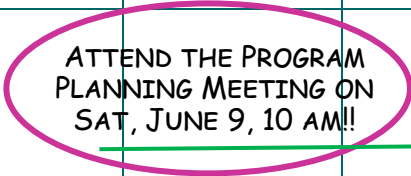



Monthly, Last Monday, 2pm,
Vancouver Pointe, 4555 NE 66th Ave, Vancouver

Great Decisions will meet on Apr 30 to discuss the 5th topic in the 2018 book.

Held jointly with Hudson's Bay AAUW
kcwalker41@gmail.com for info

May 2018 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Host TBD	3 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Sharon Heydet's	4	5	
	6		8 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	9	10	11	12 Installation Meeting 10 a.m. at Columbia Bank
	13	14	15 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	16	17 Meaningful Movies 5:30 p.m. Cascade Park Library	18	19
	20	21	22 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	23	24 Lunch Posse 1:00 p.m. at Outback	25 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	26
27	28 Great Decisions 2:00 p.m. at Vancouver Pointe	29 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	30				

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