



The Voice

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Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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and girls in Washington state."



September 8th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

Jodi Blackwood: Earthquake Preparedness



**Jodi Blackwood, Volunteer
Program Manager CERT**

Welcome Back! Our first general meeting for the new membership year will be held on Saturday, September 8, at 10 a.m. in the Community Room at Pacific Continental Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. Jodi Blackwood will speak to our group about Earthquake Preparedness.

As the Volunteer Program Manager for the Clark County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Jodi Blackwood is responsible for coordinating, planning, organizing, and supporting the program's public outreach events and volunteer participation, along with developing the administrative foundation of the program, including the volunteer database, reports, website, and newsletter.

Jodi also provides guidance and support to the CERT Executive Council in determining goals for the organization and planning monthly refresher meetings, as well as coordinating twice-yearly training classes with the Vancouver and Clark County Fire Depts.

In the event of an activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at CRESA 911 (Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency), Jodi will act as Public Infor-

mation Officer Section Chief, ensuring that accurate information is efficiently relayed to the public.

When not volunteering her time with Clark County Emergency Services, Jodi enjoys working with individuals, businesses and organizations to help people enhance their knowledge, skills and self-confidence.

A Certified Business Etiquette & Protocol Specialist, customer service professional, speaker and trainer, Jodi offers customized program development and professional training on effective communication, leadership, supervisory management, and professional skills.

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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

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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

Membership Dues are payable now!

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



Clark College offered STEM Info

AAUW Vancouver's 2018 STEM Recognition Reception was held on April 22. Our branch was offered the use of the Clark College STEM Building for this event, which honors local high school junior girls who excel in STEM subjects and who have been recommended by their schools. 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. HP Engineer Emma Kelp-Stebbins was the keynote speaker. Branch members also spoke including Melanie Handshaw, chair of the event; Kay Hansen, president; and Georgie Buckler, Tech Trek Coordinator.



Kay Hansen



Georgie Buckler



Melanie Handshaw



Emma Kelp-Stebbins





Vancouver Branch Installation May 12, 2018



L-R: Outgoing president Kathy Walker; Lorraine Wheeler, VP Programs; Nancy Stepsis, VP Membership; Diane Grubel, VP Communications; Kay Hansen, President 2018 -19. Not Pictured: Carol Brain, VP Finance.

Installation of AAUW officers for 2018-2019 was performed at the May 12 meeting. Outgoing president Kathy Walker used a Monopoly theme for the ceremony. Officers for the coming year are: Kay Hansen, President; Carol Brain, VP Finance; Lorraine Wheeler, VP Programs; Diane Grubel, VP Communications; Nancy Stepsis, VP Membership. The installation was followed by a catered salad luncheon for members in the same room at Columbia Bank.

Tech Trek Campers 2018



Karen Manelis (AAUW WA Director), Nia Tate, (Cascade Middle School), Emily Layman, (Cascade Middle School), Kiana Ramirez (Canyon Creek Middle School, Washougal), and Rachel Karlsen (Science Teacher Battleground)

AAUW Vancouver and AAUW Hudson's Bay teamed up for the second year to send three eighth-grade girls to Tech Trek summer camp.

Nia Tate and Emily Layman, both students at Cascade Middle School, had their tuitions paid by Vancouver Branch and Kiana Ramirez of Canyon Creek Middle school had her tuition paid by Hudson's Bay. The Tech Trek Coordinator from Vancouver Branch handled the selection of all three campers.

In October, the campers will be the speakers at the general meeting on the 13th. They will share their experiences at our WA AAUW's STEM camp.

We are fortunate (and so is state) that Karen Manelis, a member of our branch, is the state director for this AAUW program.



by Beverly Olson
AAUW Vancouver
Public Policy Chair

September 2018

FYI... On January 16, 2015 Donald J. Trump declared his candidacy for President of the United States. Since that day, we have lived in a world of politics and government. How do you deal with it? Do you ignore what is happening in the world? Do you take in the news (real or fake) and educate yourself? Do you take in the political/governmental news and respond with activism of support or opposition? Please think about how you have chosen to live these last 3 plus years and what your plans are for the future. As American citizens, we have the right (1) to ignore the political/governmental world, (2) to just vote, (3) to vote and write checks of support, or (4) to become an activist who supports ideals, movements, and candidates with our time, talents, checkbooks, and votes.

FYI... I have personally done (2), (3), and (4) depending upon where we were living and what the political/governmental issues were at the time. **FYI,** I personally was a (4), an activist from 1995 – 2013. When we moved to Vancouver in 2013, I decided to take it easy and be a (3). Now I am faced with the same situation that all Americans face - unless they are comfortable with where they have been for the last 3 plus years - what should I do now?
WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NOW?

FYI... this is the third year I have written this column. I try very hard not to be political, but inform our membership about issues and legislation that I think you will be interested in.

So, **FYI,** I again recommend that you visit the national website of AAUW, <https://www.aauw.org/> and the AAUW Washington State website at <https://www.aauw.org/?s=Washington+State+AAUW>. These sites will provide information regarding legislation that, as AAUW members, you will probably want to support.

If you are a (2), (3), or (4), I also recommend that you educate yourselves regarding the candidates that will be on the ballot in November. Then vote for the persons that advocate for issues that are important to you.

Beverly Olson, Public Policy Chair

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2018-19 AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS



Meetings are held at 101 Sixth St. in Vancouver and begin at 10 am unless otherwise noted.

MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER	MONTH	TOPIC/SPEAKER
Sep 8	Emergency Preparedness, Jodi Blackwood	Feb 9	Youth Suicide & Learning Disabilities, Prof. Dawn Garzon Macks, WSU
Oct 13	Tech Trek Presentation, 2018 Campers	Mar 9	Navigating the Immigration Maze, TBA
Nov 10	Red Sweater Project, Ashley Holmer	Apr 13	Downtown Vancouver, Steve Becker
Dec 8	Holiday Fundraiser, Royal Oaks Country Club	Apr 22	STEM Reception (tentative)
Jan 12	The Villages, Helen Elder	May 11	Installation & Spring Luncheon



AAUW Vancouver Members Gather on Aug 18

Pres Kay Hansen invited branch members to an Ice Cream Social on August 18. The party was held in the Cedar Heights Club House and fourteen members attended. Kay and VP Programs, Lorraine Wheeler, offered ice cream and toppings as well as a comfortable and cool (!) setting in which members could enjoy the ice cream dessert and catch up on all the summer news. Everyone agreed that it was a great way to satisfy a sweet tooth, catch up on vital chit chat, and make plans for the year.



Clockwise: Pat Stryker, Mary LaHusen, Sue Hennem



Front: Wanda Holmes, Sharon Heydet & the back of Lorraine Wheeler's head; Back: Sarah Hewitt, Pat Sjolander, Kathy Walker



Clockwise: Karen Manelis, Carol Brain, Ruth Harbaugh



L-R: Kathy Walker, Sharon Heydet, Diane Grubel



Member Memos...



Directory Additions/Corrections

A new branch directory will be available in October. You can pick yours up at the October 13th meeting, or ask a friend to collect it for you. The contact information for new members, as well as corrections to the data for previous members will be in the new directory.

IN CASE YOU FORGOT... membership dues, now \$85, were due on June 30. Please use the membership renewal form on page 2. 2017 - 2018 members will stay on the branch email distribution list until October. After that, it will include only those whose dues are current.

◆ Bridge News ◆

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

March

1st: Iona Clark
2nd: Sarah Hewitt

April

1st: Naomi Davis
2nd: Iona Clark

May

1st: Karen MacMillan
2nd: Mary LaHusen

June

1st: Sarah Hewitt
2nd: Ruth Harbaugh

July

1st: Naomi Davis
2nd: Mary La Husen



**Want to play party bridge with AAUW friends?
The bridge group meets every 4th Friday in the
Third Floor Cardroom at Glenwood.
Newcomers are welcome! Contact Bridge
Chair Ruth Harbaugh at rhtravel@comcast.net.**

New Directory



UPDATE YOUR INFO!!

If your contact data has changed since the last branch directory was compiled, please let Pat Stephens know.

You can email Pat your updated information at Pat.Stephens@msn.com or call her at 360-574-2428.

AAUW Washington State

Never has the public policy mission of AAUW been more important. Nationally, hostility to women's rights and to safeguarding the structural supports for women's economic and educational opportunities have intensified. Recent federal court decisions have revealed a growing reluctance to protect fundamental freedoms for women. Because the courts in the American system of government have the right to invalidate laws, even state laws that secure women's rights are at risk.

Nevertheless, we will persist. In the coming year, AAUW-WA will be supporting laws and policies to strengthen public schools, reduce student loan debt, and ensure compliance with Title IX. We will also be working to increase our visibility and effectiveness as advocates for women's empowerment in the state of Washington. To be successful in these efforts, we will need your assistance.

We need for you to share the programming, educational, and other outreach activities that your branch has developed to advance our policy agenda. If there are policy ideas you would like to see AAUW WA support, please let us know. We are strongest when we work together.

Karen Anderson, Public Policy Chair, AAUW WA



Lunch Posse: Gustav's Sep 27th 1pm



Lunch Posse

Saddle up and ride on over to Gustav's on Sep 27 at 1:00 pm!



2018 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
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 **Sep 27 at 1:00 pm at Gustav's, 1705 SE 164th Ave , Vancouver 98683.**

TO ATTEND: contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com

BRANCH LEADERS 2017 -2018

Officers:

- President - Kay Hansen, jkhansenor@aol.com
- VP Programs—Lorraine Wheeler, lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com
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- VP Communication - Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com

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- Tech Trek Coordinator - Wanda Holmes, wwilsongm@gmail.com
- Web Master - Kathy Chennault, kchennault@clark.edu

INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2017 -2018

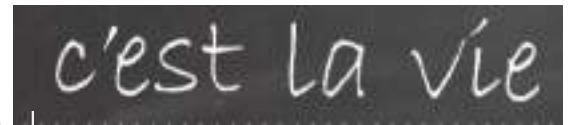
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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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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AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

Sep 4, 11, 18, 25
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

Sep 5 3 pm

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Sep 6 2 pm

Elsie Chan hosts & Diane Grubel leads the discussion of:

Gemini

by Carol Wiley Cassella

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

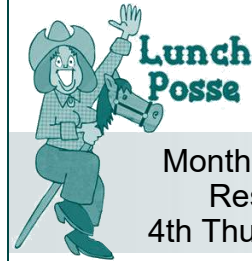


Every other month, 3rd Thurs, 10 a.m.
Shorewood, 5555 E Evergreen Blvd.

Sep 20 10 am
Churchill and Orwell:
The Fight for Freedom

by Thomas Ricks

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for info



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

Sep 27 1:00 pm
Gustav's (164th Ave.)

1705 SE 164th Ave.,
Vancouver 98683

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

Sep 20 5:30 pm
Movie: TBA

At the time this newsletter was published the information about September's Meaningful Movie was not listed online. Please check to Meaningful Movies schedule after Sep 1 for title.



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

Sep 28, 2018
10 am - 3 pm
Card Room
3rd Floor @ Glenwood

Contact a hostess to play
Sep hostess: Ruth Harbaugh

BRING your lunch!







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

Great Decisions will meet on
Sep 24.

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

September 2018 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	5 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at TBA	6 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Elsie Chan's	7	8 General Meeting 10 a.m. at Columbia Bank
9	10	11 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	19	20 Nonfiction Books 10:00 a.m. Meaningful Movies 5:30 p.m.	21	22
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