



The Voice

November 2018

Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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



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

Ashley Holmer: Red Sweater Project



Ashley Holmer, Founder & Executive Director of the Red Sweater Project

AAUW Vancouver’s November general meeting will be held Saturday, November 10, at 10 a.m. in the community room at Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. The meeting will feature a presentation by Ashley Holmer, executive director of the Red Sweater Project.

In 2005, Ashley Holmer committed to teaching and coaching soccer for a year in a rural village in Tanzania. She had no idea it would be a life-altering move. For a year, she lived and worked among the Maasai people with no running water or electricity. She learned local customs, tribal rite of passage celebrations and ceremonies, and became fluent in Swahili. She also saw the inequality between boys and girls, specifically in education.

The reality of a level playing field for girls in Tanzania and other East African countries was aspirational at best. But Ashley took on the community’s ask, raising funds to build and open Orkeeswa, the first secondary school in Lashaine Village, in 2008. But she knew one school wasn’t going to be enough.

There is an entire generation of chil-

dren being left behind in Tanzania. Providing education and support improves individual lives and entire families. Even more important, it has more impact in changing the next generation for the better than any other cause.

That’s why Ashley founded Red Sweater Project in 2011, with the goal of putting as many kids in school as possible. In 2012, Red Sweater Project opened the Mungere School, which welcomes a new class of students each year. The organization is dedicated to developing quality, sustainable, and accessible schools for East African children. And they’re just getting started.

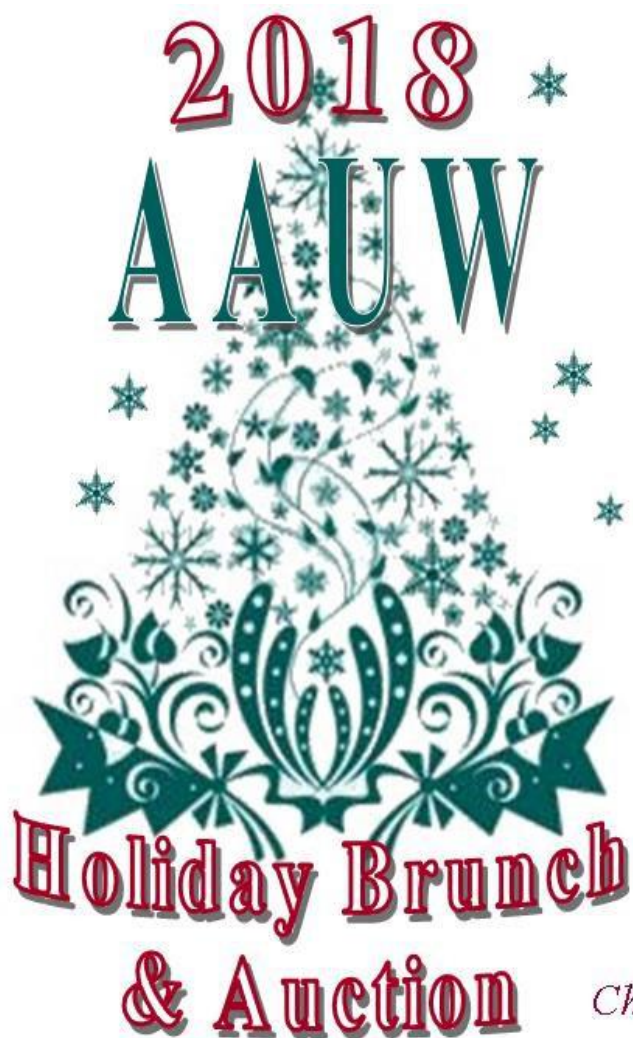
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BEFORE THE MEETING....

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.



AAUW
2018 HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
10 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.



ROYAL OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
8917 Ne Fourth Plain Blvd.
Vancouver, WA

**Brunch, Silent Auction, Raffle,
Baked Goods & Holiday Entertainment!**

to benefit
**LOCAL COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS**

\$25 per person

Contact Carol Ellison: mcellison@comcast.net or
Chris Lines: clines4@comcast.net for more information

Start your holidays off by attending the Annual AAUW Holiday Brunch & Auction!
Support a good cause, have a festive meal with AAUW friends, and enjoy a
performance by the  **Lincoln Elementary School Choir** 

Deadline for all reservations & cancellations is Dec 1st



2018 AAUW HOLIDAY BRUNCH RESERVATION FORM

Sat., Dec. 8, 10 a.m., Royal Oaks Country Club, 8917 NE Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver

Mail form & payment to: Carol Brain, 7623 NW 3rd Ave., Vancouver 98665

 **Make check(s) payable to Vancouver Branch AAUW** 

Name _____

Phone _____

Number attending at \$25 each _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Guest Names: _____

Dietary restrictions _____



There's a lot going on!! Don't miss any of it!!



Write a check to "AAUW WA SPF" with "AAUW Vancouver Tech Trek" on the memo line and mail it to Wanda Holmes...

Solicit businesses for donations for the Holiday Brunch Fundraiser on Dec 8 and give Kathy the results...



Let Diane Grubel or Pat Greear know what I'm making for the home-baked goods sale at the Holiday Fundraiser...

Invite family and friends to the Holiday Brunch Fundraiser Dec 8 and mail the reservation form ...

Hone my bridge skills and send in my reservation for the AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon ...

Geez. They don't want much, do they? I'm broke and exhausted just thinking about it!





AAUW Vancouver Budget 2018 –2019

Income	
Holiday Brunch	3500.
Membership Dues	1000.
Moola Donations	100.
May Luncheon	100.
Angel Fund	170.
Total Income	4870.
Expenses	
General Administration	-200.
State Convention Reg. Fee	-200.
STEM Recognition Reception	-350.
Insurance	-185.
Website Fees	-120.
Scholarships	-3500.
Newsletter & Directory	-150.
Membership Activities	-100.
AAUW WA Lobby Day	-50.
NCCWSL	-1200.
Total Expenses	-6055.
Current Bank Balances (Checking & Savings)	7088.73





TIME TO DONATE!
 It's not too late

BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK
TO OUR SATURDAY NOVEMBER MEETING
or mail to
Wanda Holmes
 10217 NW 33rd Court
 Vancouver, WA 98685

CHECK SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO:
AAUW – WASPF
ON MEMO LINE WRITE:
VANCOUVER BRANCH – TECH TREK

Help send local middle school girls
 to
TECH TREK CAMP

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The October general meeting has traditionally been the “Tech Trek camper presentation/ Fundraiser” and this year’s was a bit different. Our new Tech Trek Coordinator, Wanda Wil- son, moderated a panel discussion of women in STEM fields: Dr. Elizabeth Yingling, a retired pediatric physician; Melanie Handshaw, a mechanical engineer; and Kiana Ramirez, a middle school Tech Trek camper. Our members, along with Kiana, represented the Past, Present, and Future of women in STEM . The discussion was lively and engaging. Despite technical prob- lems, Kiana narrated her PowerPoint presentation beautifully. Seven family members trav- eled to Vancouver to hear her speak! Other guests included a camp teacher and Kathi Pickett, president of Hud- son’s Bay branch, which sponsored Kiana.

Nancy Stepsis, Membership VP, reported that we have 68 members, including 2 new this month. The 2018-2019 budget was affirmed. New items in the budget include funds for Lobby Day and Tech Trek administrative expenses. Funding for sending a WSUV student to the NCCWSL leadership conference in Washington, D.C. was made a perma- nent line item.

Long-time member Jan Harvey passed away this month, and we remember her dedication to our projects. In her memory, her husband Dennis has given us a generous donation.

Now is the time to reach out in our community for donations to support the Holiday Fundraiser and Auction! This newsletter will have other information. Let’s get behind this, our major fundraiser for scholarships.

Kay Hansen, president



October 2018's General Meeting

October's General Meeting Offered Insights Into Opportunities for Women in STEM Careers/Professions from the Perspective of Three Generations



L-R: Betty Yingling, Melanie Handshaw, Kiana Ramirez



Kiana Ramirez, Canyon Creek Middle School



L-R: Betty Yingling, Melanie Handshaw, Kiana Ramirez



Wanda Wilson, AAUW Vancouver Tech Trek Coordinator & Panel Moderator

This year's STEM program was a panel of three females representing three generations. Retired physician, Betty Yingling, shared her experiences while going to medical school in the 1950s. She showed us a photo of her medical school class with a total of 4 women in it, some of whom did not graduate. She said that she was told regularly that she was wasting a medical school education because, "She would just get married, have babies, and stay at home." Betty showed the naysayers. She specialized in pediatrics and practiced from graduation until retirement age.

Melanie Handshaw, an engineer and senior product manager at Simplicity, also shared her experiences. In middle school, she decided that she loved mechanical drawing and followed that interest into mechanical engineering. Out of college, she went to work for Hewlett Packard and was the only woman in a department of engineers. She had to learn that men joke with one another very differently than women do. Now Melanie has nine men working for her.

Kiana Ramirez, an eighth grader, shared her experiences at Tech Trek with us and said she now has a new-found interest in biology. Originally hesitant about going away from home, she had fun, learned new things, and especially liked dissecting a frog.

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

- Nov 10 Red Sweater Project, Ashley Holmer
- Dec 8 Holiday Fundraiser, Royal Oaks Country Club
- Jan 12 The Villages, Helen Elder
- Feb 9 Youth Suicide & Learning Disabilities, Prof. Dawn Garzon Macks, WSU

MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

- Mar 9 Navigating the Immigration Maze, TBA
- Apr 13 Downtown Vancouver, Steve Becker
- Apr 21 STEM Reception (tentative)
- May 11 Installation & Spring Luncheon
- Jun 15 Program Planning Meeting



♥♦♣♠ Bridge News ♥♦♣♠

The AAUW Bridge Group has changed its procedures. There will now be a secretary for each month whose duties include contacting the members to see who will be playing and filling out any foursomes that aren't complete. Glenwood will provide beverages. No desserts or snacks will be provided. Members will continue to bring their own lunches and any desserts or snacks they need. The secretary for each month will be listed on the Interest Group page of the newsletter.

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

September

1st: Naomi Davis
2nd: Karen André



The 2018 AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon will be held Friday, December 14, 10 a.m., at



1705 SE 164th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98683



MENU CHOICES: are \$20 each, including tax and gratuity

A. Chicken Schnitzel Club Sandwich: Tender breaded chicken, Apple wood smoked bacon, herb cream cheese, fresh leaf lettuce, tomato, and Emmentallar cheese on a toasted brioche bun, served with hand cut fries.

B. Peasant's Trio: Lentil soup served with choice of House or Caesar Salad, and rosemary cheese bread.

C. Turkey Sandwich: Cream cheese, condiments, Munster cheese on ciabatta roll, plus fries.

D. Cheeseburger: burger with Cheddar cheese, on a pretzel roll, condiments, plus fries

☞☞☞☞☞ Choice of coffee, iced tea, hot tea, Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite included.

Reservation Form - 2018 AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon at Gustav's

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Check you luncheon choice:

___ Chicken Schnitzel Sandwich

___ Peasant's Trio (Circle salad choice)
House salad Caesar salad

___ Turkey Sandwich

___ Cheeseburger

Send, with \$20 check, payable to Ruth Harbaugh,
to: Ruth Harbaugh, 2645 NW 29th Ave., Camas, WA 98607

MAIL YOUR RESERVATION NOW!!





Member Memos...



Directory Additions/Corrections

- ◆ **Sami Long Kopelman** was inadvertently left out of the new directory. *Our apologies!* Her contact information is: PO Box 873820, Vancouver 98687 479-200-9386 skopelman@sbcglobal.net
- ◆ **Pat Stryker's** correct email is pat.stryker@icloud.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- ◆ **Pat Wozniak**, 16913 NE 79th Way, 98682 847-772-8472 patricia.wozniak@comcast.net
- ◆ **Myna Mason-Reibson** (*Returning Member*) 20216 NW Cedar Acres Dr., Ridgefield, 98642 360 887 3132 cell 360-635-7169 mynalea@comcast.net



*In loving memory of
Vancouver Branch
member
Jan Harvey*

AAUW



by Beverly Olson
AAUW Vancouver
Public Policy Chair
November 2018

FYI... November 6, 2018 is Election Day.

FYI... AAUW WA's Lobby Day in Olympia is January 28, 2019. I plan to attend. Please let me know, if you would like to go too.

FYI... I paid my \$100 with Ancestry.com and learned what I already knew. My ancestors were Europeans that immigrated to America. Immigrants—did you ever think what the United States of America would be without them? Their story, our story, is being told by the film series *Becoming American* at Cascade Park Community Library Nov. 15, 6:00 pm. The film will be *Between Two Worlds*. This past year our newspapers and news broadcasts have been filled with news regarding immigration policies, rules, and law. We have learned and talked about the wall, refugees, illegals, DACA, dreamers, U.S. military members whose promised road to citizenship has been taken away, zero tolerance, and children being separated from their parents.

FYI...NOW THE LATEST--The Department of Homeland Security proposes to determine whether an alien is inadmissible to the U.S. based on how likely he or she is to become a public charge at any time. Aliens who seek a visa or adjustment of status, or who are applicants for admission, must establish that they are not likely at any time to become a public charge, unless Congress has expressly exempted them from this rule. Moreover, DHS proposes to require all aliens seeking an extension of stay, or change of status, to demonstrate that they have not received, are not currently receiving, nor are likely to receive, public benefits as defined in the proposed rule. The proposal is currently open for comments on the FederalRegistry.gov website. Visit the sight and search Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds.

FYI... my interpretation: If at any time you have needed, or may need government assistance, you are not welcome in the United States of America!



Lunch Posse: Lapellah Nov 15th 1pm (date changed due to Thanksgiving)



Lunch Posse

Saddle up and ride on over to Lapellah Nov 15 at 1:00 pm!

2018 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
Nov 15	Lapellah (off Grand)
2019 dates	Will be in Dec/Jan issue



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 **Nov 15 at 1:00 pm at Lapellah, 2520 Columbia House Blvd, Suite 108, Vancouver, 98661. TO ATTEND: contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com**

BRANCH LEADERS 2018 -2019

Officers:

- President - Kay Hansen, jkhansenor@aol.com
- VP Programs—Lorraine Wheeler, lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com
- VP Membership – Nancy Stepsis, nf8@evansville.edu
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- VP Communication - Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com

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- Bridge:** Ruth Harbaugh, rhtravel@comcast.net
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- 1st Wed Book Club:** Ruetta Dykstra, dykstrar@gmail.com

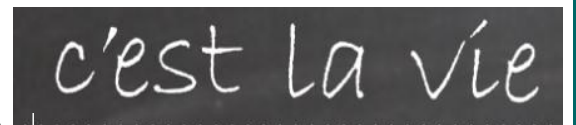


Mission Statement: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision Statement: Equity for all.

Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and intersectionality.

AAUW Please Patronize our Wonderful 2017 Business Donors!



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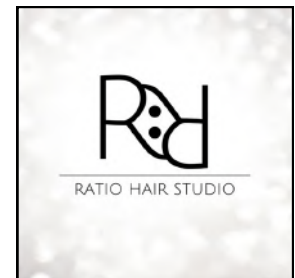


HADASSAH

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

Nov 6, 13, 20, 27
1-4 pm

at Lorraine Wheeler's

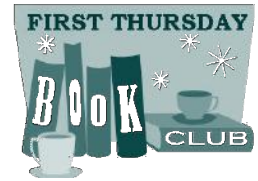
Mah Jongg lessons are offered to newcomers to the group. Contact Lorraine Wheeler for info at: 360-314-2480 or lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

Nov 7 3 pm

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Nov 8 2 pm

Leanne Bly hosts & Michelle Girts leads the discussion of: **Mountain Time** by Ivan Doig

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.

November 15 10 a.m.

The Girl at the Baggage Claim
Explaining the East-West Culture Gap
by Gish Jen

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for info



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

November 15 1:00 pm
Lapellah
(near Grand Blvd)

2520 Columbia House Blvd, Suite 108, Vancouver, 98661

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



Monthly, 3rd Thursday, 6:00 pm
Cascade Park Library
600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver

Social Justice Documentaries

Nov 15 6-8 pm
Movie: Between Two Worlds

Becoming American is a six-part series of documentary film screenings and discussions about immigration issues in our country.

"Between Two Worlds: Identity and Acculturation" looks at how immigrants react and adjust to living in a new country and culture, and how they bridge the divide between the traditions and values of their native countries.

Find more about the program at: www.becoming-american.org.



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

November 16, 2018
10 am - 3 pm
Card Room
3rd Floor @ Glenwood

Contact a BRIDGE SECRETARY to play

Nov secretary: Kathy Walker
BRING your lunch and snacks!





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

Great Decisions will meet again in Jan 2019, after the 2019 book is published

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

October 2018 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Solicit donations for the Holiday Brunch Fundraiser all month!			1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Leanne Bly's		
4	5	6 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	7 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at TBA	8 Nonfiction	9	10 General Meeting 10 a.m. at Columbia Bank
11	12	13 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	14 Movie: Becoming American Thurs 6 p.m.	15 Books 10:00 a.m. Lunch Posse 1:00 p.m. at Lapellah	16 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	17
18	19	20 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	28	29	30	

Reservation deadline for the Holiday Brunch Fundraiser is December 1st...

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