



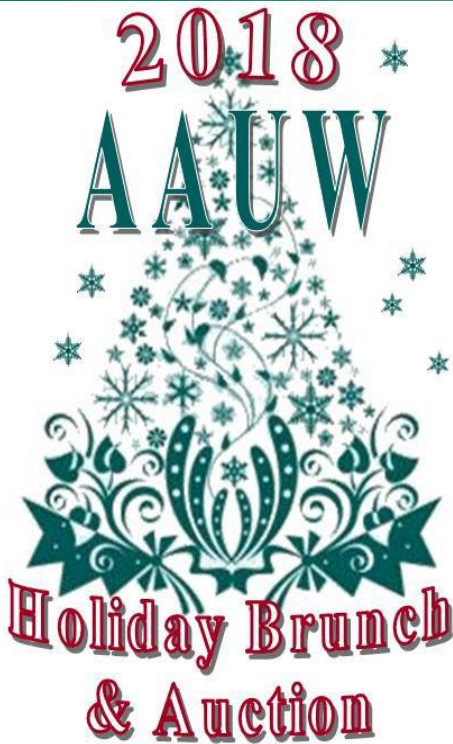
The Voice

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



December 2018/January 2019
Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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2018 HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

10 AM TO 12:30 PM

ROYAL OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

8917 NE FOURTH PLAIN BLVD

VANCOUVER, WA

Brunch, Silent Auction & Raffle

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 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 _____

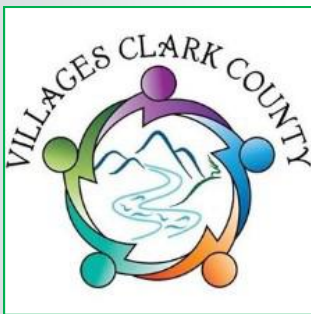


January 12th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

Helen Elder: Villages Clark County



Helen Elder,
Villages Clark County



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AAUW Vancouver’s January general meeting will be held Saturday, January 12, at 10 a.m. in the community room at Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. The meeting will feature a presentation by Helen Elder of Villages Clark County.

Villages Clark County is part of a national village movement to help seniors stay living in their homes. There are more than 200 villages open throughout the US and more than 40,000 members. Villages Clark County is part of Portland Villages NW where six villages are open. Villages Clark County will be open in February 2019 to provide services to seniors who join.

Villages Clark County is creating a community, a support system for seniors who have lost theirs and become isolated, i.e. their spouse is gone, grown children have moved and best friend is in assisted living. Who do they turn to for a little help? A neighbor who becomes a background checked, trained volunteer. Volunteers help seniors with a ride to a doctor’s appointment, a little help around the house, with yard work, errands and companionship.


“One Call Does It All” provides seniors with the confidence in their decision to stay in their homes knowing that a neighbor is just a phone call away.

Those interested in volunteering can attend a short volunteer training session held monthly and posted on the Villages website www.VillagesClarkCounty.org, Facebook, Meetup, and in our newsletter or they can call the office at 360-553-1520 for more information. Seniors in-

terested in becoming members can call the office number and leave a message or email their contact information to infovillagescc@gmail.com.

Helen was one of the original Villages Clark County volunteers when it started forming as an organization more than three years ago. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Steering Committee in addition to other work with marketing, publicity, outreach, membership, volunteer coordination, and community building. Helen is a retired city planner and lives outside of Washougal on a small organic farm with her husband Jay and her other favorite hiking companion, a border collie named Wesley.

2018-19 Membership Directories are available! Ask VP Membership, Nancy Stepsis.




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.



*In loving
memory
of
Kitty Welsh*

As many of you know, Kitty Welsh passed away on October 15th. She had been fighting cancer for several years, but it was a shock to many of us to hear that she was gone. Nine members of our branch took Kitty to lunch in August and she seemed to really enjoy the outing, as did we all.

Kitty was a good friend to many of us individually and a great friend of our AAUW branch. Her first donation of \$10,000 was the impetus to open our scholarship fund at the Community Foundation. The balance of that fund is now close to \$150,000. Kitty believed in our goals and objectives and, as a result, her generosity will continue to help us award college scholarships to local young women for many years to come.

I met Kitty in February 2010 when we had lunch at Ruby Tuesday and I interviewed her for the article reprinted below. She was that first day - as always - such fun to be with.

Bio: Kitty Welsh

Feb. 2010

AAUW Scholarship Program Donor

by Kathy Walker, Editor



Kitty Welsh

Kitty Welsh, nee Kathryn Lance, was born and raised in Montpelier, Vermont. Her father owned a sporting goods store there and another in Canada. Kitty attended Middlebury College and met her first husband at an ice skating rink in Norwich, though they didn't begin dating until 2 years later when they ran into each other at a hockey game. Her husband was in the Army and spent 18 months in the South Pacific during the Korean War. When he returned home, the Army transferred him to Anniston, Alabama where he and Kitty became the proud parents of their daughter Tracy. Leaving the Army, Kitty's husband went to work for the Atomic Energy Commission, which moved them to Germantown, Maryland. Eventually Kitty's husband began teaching at Duke University and the family relocated to Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Kitty did lots of volunteer work over the years including working to help establish a library at her daughter's school and working as an aide in the school nurse's office. Her career also included some fascinating paid jobs. For example, she worked for a small newspaper in Palm Beach, Florida and interviewed Skitch Henderson and his wife Ruth as well as Bob Greene, the radio and TV personality who married Anita Bryant. Kitty confided that she was the ghost writer for some of Green's love letters to Bryant. She also taught dancing at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Palm Beach and worked for the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics while in Durham, North Carolina. Later, Kitty was co-owner of a boutique-style furniture and jewelry store in Durham called La Renaissance.

After 33 years of marriage, Kitty and her first husband divorced and Kitty went to work for DUPAC (Duke University Preventive Approach to Cardiology). It was on the track at DUPAC that Kitty met her second husband, Paul Welsh, who was a professor of Philosophy at Duke and an author. They were married until Paul's death in 2005.

We are fortunate that Kitty's daughter, Tracy Packard, and her husband Jim live in Vancouver because that is why Kitty moved here 3 years ago. Tracy's husband is an agent with the Treasury Department, now part of Homeland Security. They have two sons, Zachary 22 and Michael 19.

Kitty is part of our AAUW Bridge Group and has given generously not only to our organization, but the whole community. This December she donated \$10,000 to our AAUW Vancouver Branch to further the education of young women at WSU and other local educational institutions. For the last three years, she has also given a scholarship to Clark College for women aspiring to be nurses or dental technicians. In addition, she is currently building a park at the college that will include a playground, herb garden, and hands-on activities for children.



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 Carol Ellison or Chris Lines 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 Dec 8th Holiday Brunch Fundraiser and mail the reservation form before the Dec 1st deadline!!



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





 A program of AAUW

TIME TO DONATE!
 It's not too late



MAIL YOUR CHECK 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

♥♦♣♠ Bridge News ♥♦♣♠



The AAUW Bridge Group is having its annual Holiday Bridge Luncheon at Gustav's Restaurant on Friday, December 14. It will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Prepaid reservations are required.

The Holiday Bridge Luncheon is sold out.



1705 SE 164th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98683

Do you utilize our

Website?

<http://vancouver-wa.aauw.net>

Our AAUW branch's website has a lot to offer! You can find lists of branch leaders; descriptions, dates, and locations for the programs being offered; the same information for our special events and interest groups; membership and donation information and forms; and copies of our newsletters for the last couple of years. Password for newsletters is: **VB31News**

Our webmaster, Kathy Chennault, has done a beautiful job of updating and upgrading our website .

Take a Look! Make it a habit!

JOKER



What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinselitis!

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

October

- 1st: Sarah Hewitt
- 2nd: Mary La Husen

November

- 1st: Nancy Bonner
- 2nd: Sarah Hewitt





Member Memos...



The Evergreen Leader

AAUW Washington Newsletter
Fall, 2018 Volume 27, No. 1

Directory Additions/Corrections

WELCOME BACK! member Shirley Lambelet, 4701 NE 77th Ave, 98662. slambelet@gmail.com, 360 326 4358

We're in the most recent Evergreen Leader (AAUW Washington's newsletter) on pages 16 and 17! There is an article about the STEM Panel that was featured at our October general meeting. The article includes photos of members Betty Yingling and Melanie Handshaw, plus Tech Trek camper Kiana Ramirez. The newsletter can be found online at: www.aauw-wa.aauw.net

NOTES

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Those of you who heard our November presenter will agree that Ashley Holmer gave us an energetic and inspiring talk about the Red Sweater Project building schools to enrich children in Tanzania and other East African nations! Thank you to Chris Lines for arranging this for us.

A few reminders to all members: The annual Holiday Fundraiser Brunch is coming soon. This is our only fundraiser for scholarships, so don't miss out! The deadline for reservations is Dec 1st. Come to the event with your checkbooks, not looking for bargains, but willing to donate generously while doing some holiday shopping. The reservation form is on page 1 of this issue.

Tech Trek donations now total \$3,125.00. We can do better! This is a tax deductible donation, and the final date is February 9. Make your check to AAUW-WASPF, on the memo line write Vancouver Branch- Tech Trek. Mail your check to Wanda Holmes, as she must send the checks on to the State office.

Two up-coming Interbranch Council meetings are of particular interest: Tuesday, January 8 at 9:45 the topic will be AAUW's New National Strategic Plan (which I introduced in Sept. and Oct.); and Tuesday, March 12 at 9:45 the topic will be Title IX in Schools K-college. Both meetings are in our Community Room at Columbia Bank. Let me or Kathy Walker know if you plan to attend, so enough chairs can be set out.

We will welcome announcements from all members about opportunities to volunteer in our community. You can tell us about it at general meetings, or send a short message for inclusion in The Voice newsletter. I propose a box called Calling All Volunteers! While these may not be official branch activities, we want to know where our help is needed. You can send your message to me, or the editor Kathy Walker. Suzan Borno found a new member interested in tutoring new immigrants.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday season, Kay Hansen, President AAUW Vancouver Branch



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.

Table with 4 columns: MONTH, TOPIC/SPEAKER, MONTH, TOPIC/SPEAKER. Rows include: 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; Mar 9 Navigating the Immigration Maze, Erin Wasley, Immigration Attorney; Apr 13 Downtown Vancouver, Steve Becker; Apr 21 STEM Reception (tentative); May 11 Installation & Spring Luncheon; Jun 15 Program Planning Meeting



has donated a **\$1000 gift certificate** to our Holiday Brunch Auction. This record-breaking gift was due to the efforts of Ruth Harbaugh.

The certificate is for a free hearing screening + \$1000 off the cost of hearing aids

Before you attend the event, you might want to check with anyone you know who might want hearing aids.

The Hearing Center is located in the shopping center at 164th Avenue and Mill Plain. The address is 16320 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Suite 103, Vancouver, WA 98684. Phone 360-326-3187.



by Beverly Olson
AAUW Vancouver
Public Policy Chair
Dec 2018/Jan 2019

FYI... Wikipedia's definition of Political Correctness is as follows: The term political correctness is used to describe language, policies, or measures that are intended to avoid offense or disadvantage to members of particular groups in society. Since the late 1980s, the term has come to refer to avoiding language or behavior that can be seen as excluding, marginalizing, or insulting groups of people considered disadvantaged or discriminated against, especially groups defined by sex or race.

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FYI... I have been aware of political correctness my entire life. I have chosen my words and my actions with respect for others. I used to believe that I was doing a good job. Now I am not so sure.

Why? Think about the numerous "politically correct" terms that I, and probably you, have used over the years: negro, colored people, people of color, black, African-American, Indian, native American, Mexican, and Hispanic.

Why? Think about the ethnic questions you are asked regarding your heritage. I used to answer Caucasian. Now that choice is missing.

Why? Because I am not alone in having difficulty defining personal ethnicity. I had the opportunity this week to talk with a couple whose skin color was black. I asked if I might ask them a question. They said, "Sure." Question: "What term describes your ethnicity?" Answer from husband, "None." Answer from wife, "All I know is that it is not African-American. I am not from Africa."

FYI... it is difficult to be politically correct, even when you want to be. I just wish we could eliminate the need for "political correctness" and be "accepting and color blind Americans."

BECOMING AMERICAN Film Series at Cascade Park Community Library

December 13, 2018 7 pm [Becoming American: One Nation, Many Stories](#)

January 17, 2019 6 pm [Becoming American: Help Wanted](#)



Lunch Posse: Black Bear Diner Jan 24th 1pm



Saddle up and ride on over to Black Bear Diner Jan 24 at 1:00 pm!



AAUW Lunch Posse

chair, Diane Grubel, organizes these gatherings. The Lunch Posse patronizes the restaurants that have donated gift cards and certificates to our holiday fundraiser the previous year. The new list for 2019 is to the right.

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 **Jan 24 at 1:00 pm at Black Bear Diner, 1505 SE 164th Ave, Vancouver, 98683.**
TO ATTEND: contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or ECGrubel@aol.com

2019 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
Jan 24	Black Bear Diner
Feb 28	Warehouse 23
Mar 28	Bellagios Pizza
Apr 25	Firehouse Subs
May 23	Gustav’s
Jun 27	Nom Nom
Jul 25	Olive Garden
Aug 22	Outback
Sep 26	Shari’s
Oct 24	C’est La Vie
Nov 21	Lapellah

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Officers:

- President - Kay Hansen, jkhansenor@aol.com
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- VP Finance – Carol Brain, braincarol@aol.com
- VP Communication - Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com

Chairpersons:

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- STEM Reception - Melanie Handshaw, meltravels2001@yahoo.com
- Tech Trek Coordinator - Wanda Holmes, wwilsongm@gmail.com
- Web Master - Kathy Chennault, kchennault@clark.edu

INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2018 -2019

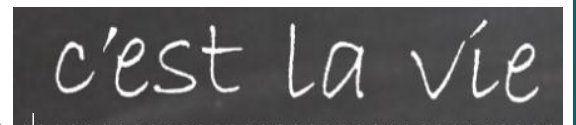
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- Great Decisions:** Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.com
- Lunch Posse:** Diane Grubel, ECGrubel@aol.com
- Mah Jongg:** Lorraine Wheeler, lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com
- Meaningful Movies:** Beverly Olson, beverlyolson@centurylink.net
- Nonfiction Books:** Nancy Stepsis, nf8@evansville.edu & Pam Rio, pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com
- 1st Thurs Book Club:** Michelle Girts, magirts@comcast.net & Leanne Bly, leannebly@gmail.com
- 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

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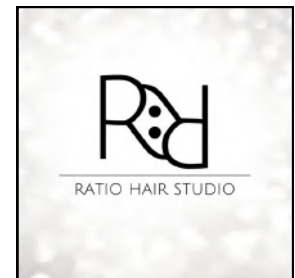


HADASSAH

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

Dec 4, 11, 18
Jan 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 in-
fo at: 360-314-2480 or
lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com



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

Dec 13 7-8:30 pm
Movie: One Nation Many
Stories

Jan 17 6-8:00 pm
Movie: Help Wanted

Becoming American is a six-part
series of documentary film screen-
ings and discussions about immi-
gration issues in our country.

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



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

Dec 5 3 pm
Retta Dykstra hosts
Shanghai Girls by Lisa See

Jan 2 3 pm
Sue Tellock hosts
a **Clarence Thomas Biography**

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



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

Jan 17 10 a.m.
Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's
Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations
by Thomas Friedman
Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for info



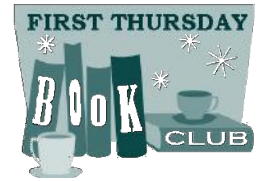
Monthly, 4th Friday, 10 am - 3pm
Glenwood Card Room
5500 NE 82nd Ave, Vancouver

Dec 14 Holiday Luncheon
10 am - 3 pm

Gustav's Restaurant
Dec secretary: Ruth Harbaugh

Jan 25 10 am - 3 pm
Card Room
3rd Floor @ Glenwood

January secretary: Naomi Davis
Contact a BRIDGE SECRETARY to play
BRING lunch & snacks!



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Dec 6 2 pm
Mary LaHusen hosts &
Nancy Stepsis leads the discussion of:
Hillbilly Elegy
by JD Vance

Jan 10 Noon-2 pm
Leanne Bly hosts Planning Mtg.
Contact Michelle Girts or visit
<http://vancouver-wa.aauw.net>
for more information



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

NO MTG DEC
Jan 24 1:00 pm
Black Bear Diner



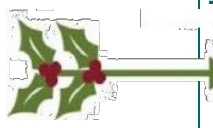
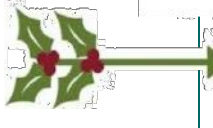


1505 SE 164th Ave,
Vancouver, 98683
Please contact Diane Grubel
at ECGrubel@outlook.com
to reserve your space.





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

Great Decisions will meet
again on Jan 28, 2019, after
the 2019 book is available.
Held jointly with
Hudson's Bay AAUW
kcwalker41@gmail.com for info

December 2018 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 DEADLINE! Reservations for Holiday Brunch
2	3	4 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	5 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Retta Dykstra's	6 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Mary La Husen's	7 	8 Holiday Brunch & Auction 10 a.m. at Royal Oaks!!
9	10	11 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	12	13 Movie: Becoming American Thurs 7 p.m.	14 AAUW Holiday Bridge Luncheon 10 a.m. at Gustav's	15
16	17	18 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	19	20	21	22
23	24	25  Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29 
30	31					

January 2019 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Sue Tellock's	3	4	5
6	7	8 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	9	10 1st Thurs Book Club Planning Noon-2:30 at Leanne Bly's	11	12 General Meeting 10 a.m. at Columbia Bank
13	14	15 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	16 Movie: Becoming American Thurs 6 p.m.	17 Nonfiction Books 10:00 a.m. at Shorewood	18	19
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