



# The Voice

February 2019

Vancouver, Washington Branch  
AAUW

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



**February 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting**  
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

## Prof. Dawn Garzon Maaks: Youth Suicide & Learning Disabilities



**Dr. Dawn Garzon Maaks,**  
Clinical Professor, WSU-V

AAUW Vancouver’s next general meeting will be held Saturday, February 9, at 10 a.m. in the community room at Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. The meeting will feature a presentation on Youth Suicide & Learning Disabilities by Professor Dawn Garzon Maaks, Clinical Professor at WSU Vancouver.

Dr. Garzon Maaks is a certified Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Specialist. She has a PhD in Nursing from the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Dr. Garzon Maaks says, “People are becoming more and more aware that we’re having a mental health crisis in this country.” Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among young people ages 10 to 34, topped only by death from unintentional injury, such as car accidents.

“We recognized in the 1970s and 80s that we had to address automobile accidents, so we redesigned our roads and cars and put laws in place to require seatbelts,” Garzon Maaks says. “We changed people’s behavior, and now we have fewer people dying from car accidents in 2018 than we did in 1998.” She believes that it is time to bring that

same comprehensive approach to mental health and suicide prevention.

Garzon Maaks has been working in pediatric primary care for nearly 25 years, for much of that time specializing in pediatric mental health. She’s worked concurrently in nursing education for 20 years.



### Meet for Breakfast



**WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS!**

Your board of directors wants to treat you to breakfast on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>! Come to the general meeting promptly at 10:00 and have a breakfast of egg casserole, fruit, muffins, and coffee or tea before the speaker at 10:30. It’s the perfect introduction to Valentine’s Week. Who says we can’t celebrate a whole week of love?



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# 2018 Holiday Brunch







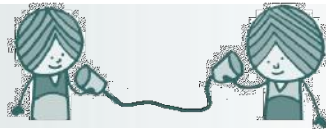
AAUW Vancouver's very successful 2018 Holiday Brunch and Auction was held on December 8 at Royal Oaks Country Club. Chris Lines and Carol Ellison were co-chairs of the event. Committee members included: Carol Brain, Lisa Chabert, Naomi Davis, Janet Gibbons, Pat Greear, Diane Grubel, Kay Hansen, Ruth Harbaugh, Sami Kopelman, Kara Lynn Rankin, Pat Stephens, Kathy Chennault, Karen Diller, and Kathy Walker. Fundraiser financial results are on page 4.







Member Memos...



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Karen Petrillo, 5505 E. Evergreen Blvd., Apt. 214, Vancouver, WA 98661-6662

Marilyn Lasof, has a new address: 1000 NE 82nd Ave. Apt. 24, Vancouver 98664. Her phone has not changed.

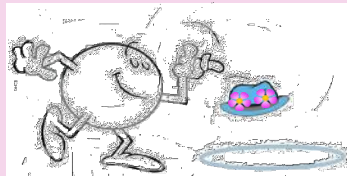
Please Note: at the Holiday Auction, MaryLu Wilson won the certificate for \$1000 off the cost of hearing aids. She is willing to give that certificate to a member of our branch. Contact her at 360-903-3732 or wilson0518@comcast.net



In Memory of Virginia Neal

Virginia Neal, a long-time member of AAUW Vancouver, passed away on November 23, 2018. Virginia graduated from Oregon State and earned a doctorate at the University of Oregon. She was an educator at Lewis & Clark College for 31 years and a valued member of AAUW.

Throw Your Hat in the Ring



AAUW Vancouver is looking for a few good women... to serve as elected officers and members of the board of directors for 2019 -2020. Officers may serve for a maximum of 4 years, but must be re-elected annually.

Nancy Stepsis is chair of the nominating committee for next year. The committee is looking for members interested in serving as VP Membership or VP Communications. If you are interested in either position, please contact Nancy Stepsis at 360.896.6521 or nf8@evansville.edu

A slate of officers will be presented at the meeting on February 9 and published in the March newsletter. Elections will be held at the annual meeting on March 9 and officers will be installed at the meeting on May 11.

Bridge News

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

December

- 1st: Naomi Davis
2nd: Iona Clark
3rd: Jan McCall



2018 ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH & FUNDRAISER FINANCIAL REPORT



AAUW Vancouver's annual fundraiser was held on Dec 8, 2018. This year, there was a table set up specifically for Tech Trek donations and the amount raised for STEM camper tuitions increased significantly - between Hudson's Bay donations and our branch's there is enough to sponsor 6 girls next summer!

TECH TREK DONATIONS AS OF DEC 2018

Table with 2 columns: Donation Category and Amount. Rows include: Donations prior to 2018 Holiday Brunch (1928), Donations @ 2018 Holiday Brunch (920), Donations after 2018 Holiday Brunch (150), Total Vancouver Branch (\$2998), Total Hudson's Bay Branch (\$1333), TOTAL DONATIONS FOR 2019 TECH TREK (\$6231).

Raised for Local College Scholarships

Income 2018 Holiday Brunch

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include: Lunch Res. (\$1725.00), Auction (\$2303.00), Bake Sale (\$218.00), Raffle (\$638.00), Donations (\$190.00), Total Income (\$5074.00).

Expenses 2018 Holiday Brunch

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include: Meals (\$1414.62), Supplies (\$29.30), Total Expense (\$1430.08).

Net for 2018 Holiday Brunch \$ 3643.92



by Beverly Olson  
AAUW Vancouver  
Public Policy Chair  
February 2019

**FYI...** This is your opportunity to make a difference by becoming a Two-Minute Activist while letting AAUW national do most of the work.



U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos

The Department of Education has announced a plan to make sweeping changes to Title IX's regulations, which would have significant implications for students' civil rights. The proposed rule would weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to allow schools to exclude much of the abuse students experience, limiting when schools will respond, and putting in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward when they experience sexual harassment or assault. **Simply put, these changes will make schools less safe for students.**

Over the next 60 days, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education on their proposed changes. Add your name below to join with AAUW in urging the Department of Education to keep Title IX strong. The link is easy to find at <https://www.aauw.org>

**FYI...** Affirmative Action is back in the news. Perhaps you were one of 387,000 signers of Initiative 1000. This initiative will probably qualify and be sent to the Washington State Legislature to take action or sent to the voters. I-1000 would allow the government to use "affirmative action that does not constitute preferential treatment" to remedy discrimination in public employment, education and contracting against veterans and historically disadvantaged groups such as women, people with disabilities and people of color. In 1998 Washington voters approved Initiative 200, which virtually eliminated affirmative action. Proponents of I-1000, including Governor Inslee, believe that I-1000 is a "well considered approach to updating our state's policies and ensuring diversity, equity and inclusion in government contracts, employments and schools." FYI, quoted words are from The Columbian, January 12, 2019. FYI, I-1000 deserves more of our time and attention. I will update you in March.

BRANCH LEADERS 2018 -2019

**Officers:**

- President - Kay Hansen, [jkhansenor@aol.com](mailto:jkhansenor@aol.com)
- VP Programs—Lorraine Wheeler, [lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com)
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- VP Finance – Carol Brain, [braincarol@aol.com](mailto:braincarol@aol.com)
- VP Communication - Diane Grubel, [ECGrubel@aol.com](mailto:ECGrubel@aol.com)

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- Mah Jongg:** Lorraine Wheeler, [lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.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 critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.



# Lunch Posse: Warehouse 23 on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm



Saddle up and ride on over to Warehouse 23, Feb 28 at 1:00

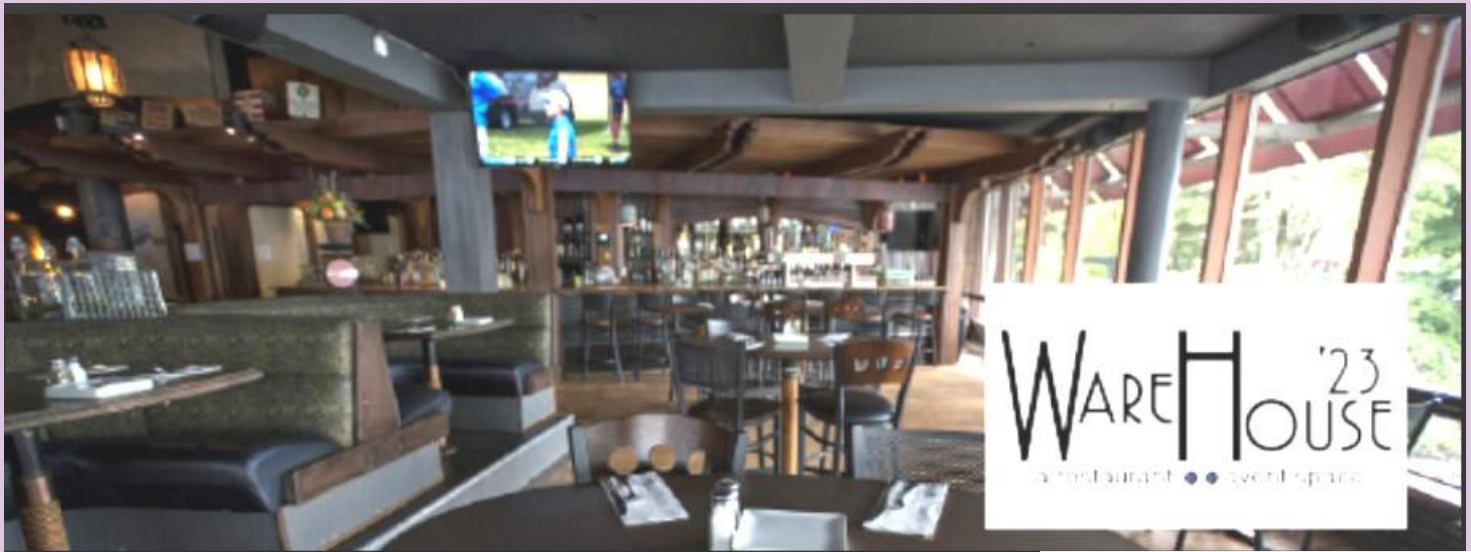
AAUW Lunch Posse chair Diane Grubel, organizes these gatherings. The Lunch Posse patronizes the restaurants that have donated gift certificates and cards to our holiday fundraiser the previous

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 **Feb 28, at 1:00 pm Warehouse 23, 100 Columbia St #102, Vancouver, 98660.**

**TO ATTEND:** contact Diane Grubel at 360.263.4506 or [ECGrubel@outlook.com](mailto:ECGrubel@outlook.com)

2019 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
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



## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2019 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
Feb 9	Youth Suicide & Learning Disabilities, Prof. Dawn Garzon Macks, WSU	Apr 28	STEM Reception, STEM Building Clark College, 12:30 pm
Mar 9	Navigating the Immigration Maze, Erin Wasley, attorney	May 11	Installation & Spring Luncheon
Apr 13	Downtown Vancouver, Steve Becker	Jun 15	Program Planning Meeting



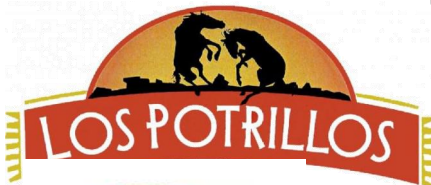
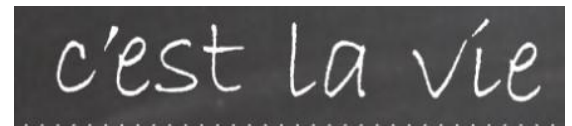
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Talk of the Town Salon



Black Bear Diner





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**BI-MART**



THE  
**HAMMOND**  
KITCHEN + CRAFT BAR



**PHILLY BILMOS**  
Cheesesteaks

**FARRAR'S BISTRO**  
— RESTAURANT & BAR —



**PITA HOUSE**

**Red Robin**  
GOURMET BURGERS AND BREWS

**NOM NOM**  
Restaurant & Grill

MAIN EVENT  
SPORTS DRINK

**Sixth Avenue**  
BISTRO



**SportClips**  
HAIRCUTS

**UTOPIA**  
salon & day spa

**SUPERCUTS**



**Chutneys**  
A PREMIUM INDIAN RESTAURANT

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# AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

**Feb 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**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

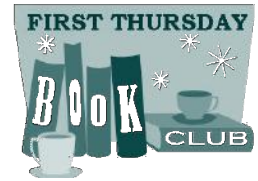


Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

**Feb 6 3 pm**  
host TBA

**Where Jasmine Blooms**  
by Holly S Warath

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



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

**Feb 7 2 pm**

Michelle Girts hosts &  
Kay Pankratz leads the discussion  
of:

**Gentleman in Moscow**  
by Amor Towles

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 in Feb.**

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for info



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

**Feb 28 1:00 pm**  
**Warehouse 23**  
**(Waterfront West of I-5)**

100 Columbia St #102,  
Vancouver, 98660.

Please contact Diane Grubel  
at [ECGrubel@aol.com](mailto:ECGrubel@aol.com)  
to reserve your space.



Monthly, Times & Dates Vary  
Cascade Park Library  
600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver

**Social Justice Programs**

**Sunday, February 24**  
**Becoming American:**  
**Multicultural Music & Dance**  
**Performances 3 - 6 pm**  
Event to be held next door to the  
library at:

**Firstenburg Community Center, 700**  
**NE 136th Ave, Vancouver 98684**

3 pm - Minidoka Swing Band: a tribute to  
Japanese interned during WWII  
4 pm - Scarlet Sails--Russian Dances & Songs  
5 pm - Chinese Lion and Folk Dancers

*Becoming American* is a six-part  
series about immigration issues in  
our country.

Find more about the program at:  
[www.becoming-american.org](http://www.becoming-american.org).



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

**Feb 22**  
**10 am - 3 pm**  
**Card Room**

**3rd Floor @ Glenwood**

Feb secretary: Kay Hansen

Contact a BRIDGE SECRETARY to play  
**BRING lunch & snacks!**



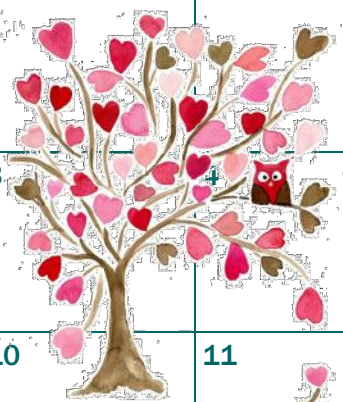



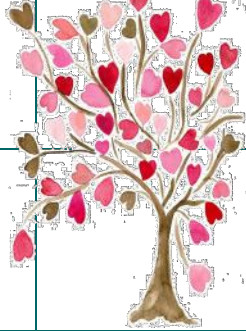
Monthly, Last Monday, 2pm,  
Vancouver Pointe, 4555 NE 66th  
Ave, Vancouver

Great Decisions meets Feb 25  
to discuss Chapter 2 of the  
2019 book.

Held jointly with  
Hudson's Bay AAUW  
[kcwalker41@gmail.com](mailto:kcwalker41@gmail.com) for info



# February 2019 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3		5 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	6 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at TBA	7 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Michelle Girts'	8	9  AAUW General Mtg. & Breakfast 10:00 Columbia Bank
10	11	12 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16
17	18	19 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	20	21	22 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	23 
24 Becoming American Music & Dance 3 p.m. Firstenburg	25	26 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	27	28 Lunch Posse 1 p.m. Warehouse 23		

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