



The Voice

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Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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



March 9th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

Barb & Kelly Selis: Navigating the Immigration Maze



Kelly Selis, LCSW, & Barb Selis

been doing immigration assessments for undocumented people.

Barb Selis has always been interested in other cultures and has had pen pals since she was 8. She has recently helped a Cuban family, who immigrated under the diversity visa lottery, make the adjustment to our culture.



Attend the Annual Meeting - now in April due to the snow - and VOTE for your 2019-2020 officers.

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AAUW Vancouver’s Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. in the community room at Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. Elections will be held and the meeting will feature a presentation on Navigating the Immigration Maze.

The presentation will be made jointly by Kelly Selis and branch member, Barb Selis.

Kelly Selis is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who practices in Portland. She has been a mental health therapist for the last 20 years working with trauma victims. For the last 10, years Kelly has



BEFORE THE MEETING....

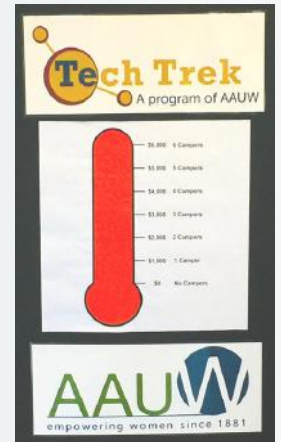
Come to general meetings at 10 and have a half-hour of coffee (or tea) and conversation with your AAUW friends in the lobby before the speaker begins at 10:30.



We're sending 6 girls to Tech Trek camp this year!



Wanda Wilson, Vancouver Branch Tech Trek coordinator



Six seventh-grade girls are going to Tech Trek camp this summer because of us. This one-week residential camp costs \$1000 per girl. It's all thanks to the generosity of the members in our branch and Hudson's Bay Branch. Well done, everyone!

Camp will be held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma in mid-July. The girls will engage in hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities such as physics (hot air balloons), cybersecurity (computers) and stardust astronomy. This important program gives girls the knowledge and confidence to succeed in high school and college and perhaps pursue a career in a STEM field.

You can meet the campers at our September meeting where they will showcase what they have learned. New this year: The Tech Trek campaign will start in September, not October.

Tech Trek Camp would not happen without your support. You are making a real difference in the futures of these girls.



2019 Paycheck Fairness Act Introduced → Contact Your Members of Congress!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's signing of the Equal Pay Act of 1963. This landmark piece of federal anti-discrimination law was one of the very first to address gender-based pay disparities. That was the hope, but you've heard the statistics - women working full time in the United States are still typically paid just 80 percent of what men are paid, and the gap is even wider for many women of color. Despite federal and state equal pay laws, the gender pay gap persists. But Congressional action can help change this. The Paycheck Fairness Act, introduced on January 30, 2019, would take meaningful steps to update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to help close the gap.

The gender pay gap is persistent and can only be addressed if women have the tools they need to challenge discrimination and employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law. It's time for Congress to make real change for all families by passing the Paycheck Fairness Act.



AAUW'S National Conference for College Women Student Leaders



2019 NCCWSL Student Maribel Garcia-Igueldo, a junior at WSUV



2019 NCCWSL Student Maribel Garcia-Igueldo, 2018 NCCWSL Student Angeliqua Montoya, with AAUW's NCCWSL committee: Kathy Walker, Chris Lines and Elsie Chan

AAUW Vancouver Sends Second WSU Leader to NCCWSL

This is the second year that AAUW Vancouver has sponsored a young woman student leader to attend NCCWSL - the National Conference for College Student Women Leaders. Vancouver branch chooses from applicants attending Washington State University Vancouver, which is a University Partner with AAUW. The applicants are usually sophomores or juniors, but may also be seniors who are returning for grad school at the university the following year. This makes it possible for the conference attendee to share what she has gained at the conference with other students both directly and by example.

The annual conference is held near Washington, D.C. at the University of Maryland. This year it runs between May 29 and June 1. The university supplies all the housing, meals, and meeting rooms and AAUW gathers together a wealth of speakers who are women who have made indelible marks in their fields and in their communities. These have included Emmy-winning journalist Connie Chung; NASA astronaut Mae Jemison, Ph.D.; 43rd Treasurer of the United States Rosie Rios; Olympic medalist and member of the 1996 Magnificent Seven Olympic gymnastics team Dominique Dawes; and the late civil rights activist Dorothy Height.

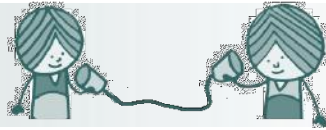
The WSU Development Department assists our branch in spreading the word about the application process, which takes place in December and January each year. The applicants are often recognized by faculty and staff as student leaders and encouraged to apply.

This year's student is Maribel Garcia-Igueldo. She is a pre-med Neuroscience major who is also a senator on the associated student body board. Our NCCWSL selection committee, made up of Elsie Chan, Chris Lines, and Kathy Walker had the opportunity to meet Ms. Garcia-Igueldo, give the award packet, and talk to her over a lunch at the university. Last year's NCCWSL student was also there. She is Angeliqua Montoya and is a grad student in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She earned her Bachelor of Science from WSU last year, Angeliqua teaches as a TA and mentors the interns in her lab. She is passing on the experiences and skills gained from last year's conference.

NCCWSL was born in 1983, when representatives from national gender equity organizations saw the need for a leadership space dedicated to empowering collegiate women. Since then, AAUW has taken the helm of the conference and NCCWSL has transformed into an essential experience for any woman serious about creating meaningful impact on her campus, mobilizing her community, and preparing for personal and professional success after graduation. NCCWSL is the place where young women leaders can educate themselves about today's most pressing issues, develop new leadership skills while expanding on the skills in their current arsenal, and make lifelong connections with peers across the country.



Member Memos...



Because the snow on February 9 cancelled our general meeting and put us behind a month for branch business, the election of officers for 2019-2020 will be held at the April general meeting.

Our annual meeting will be the one on April 11, not the meeting on March 9. The proposed slate of officers will be presented on March 9, short candidate biographies will be included in the April newsletter, and the election will be held April 11. As always, nominations from the floor are welcome.



BRANCH LEADERS 2018 -2019

Officers:

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

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Web Master - Kathy Chennault, kchennault@clark.edu

Bridge News

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

January

- 1st: Sarah Hewitt
2nd: Kathy Walker



Give a Grad a Gift



https://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/

INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2018 -2019

- Bridge: Ruth Harbaugh, rhtravel@comcast.net
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



by Beverly Olson
Public Policy Chairperson
March 2019

FYI... I represented you on AAUW Lobby Day 2019 in Olympia. My son solved my transportation problem.

FYI... After consultation and approval from NATIONAL AAUW the following 2019 Washington State Bills were presented to Lobby Day participants as ones to support:

SB5090 Employer may not inquire about job applicant's salary history unless the applicant has revealed it. Provides mechanism for investigation and penalties for violations. **HB1533** Employer may not inquire about applicant's salary history.

SB5258 Employers in certain service occupations must provide a sexual harassment policy, train managers and employees, and provide a panic button in certain locations.

HB1123 Would expand college assistance for needy students by waiving tuition for first two years for those enrolled in certificate or degree programs at technical or community colleges.

SB5602/HB1612 The Reproductive Health Access for All Act would expand existing law to ensure reproductive health access for all people, specifically including immigrant and transgender communities.

HB1166 law enforcement must adopt best practices regarding rape kits and investigations. After Jan. 1, 2021, all rape kits must be tested within 45 days. Requires hospital to help survivors locate rape kits if none are available at the hospital.

SJR8201 Amends state constitution requirement to pass school bond issues from 60% to 50%.

SB5143 Allows police to remove guns from domestic violence perpetrators and to retain them for five days.

SB5142 Requires a certain proportion (10-15%) of women on corporate boards.

I-1000 An initiative to the legislature would require restoring affirmative action to remedy discrimination.

FYI... I recommend that you visit leg.wa.gov for additional information regarding the legislation noted above and that you use "Let Your Voice Be Heard" to advocate if you are in agreement with Washington State AAUW.

FYI... Lobby Day speakers Fajer Saed Ebrahim, Legal Voice, and Pam Crone, AAUW lobbyist, were excellent.

FYI... I have filled the position of Public Policy Chair mostly as an educator. I have advocated only for issues that State or National AAUW have approved. I have made a real effort to not be political. Is this what you want? I'm asking this question because I found many Lobby Day participants to be openly very political.

AAUW National is fighting the pay gap from every angle

As AAUW advocates, you know the gender pay gap is the result of many factors, including occupational segregation, bias against working mothers and direct pay discrimination. To close the gap, we need action on all fronts — from advocates, employers and policymakers. And now, AAUW has a new tool for individuals in the fight against the pay gap: Work Smart Online.

AAUW Work Smart Online is a free online salary negotiation workshop, designed to empower women with the skills and tools they need to negotiate for fair pay. Participants learn how to research competitive salaries; articulate their skills, qualifications and experience; and ask for — and get — the pay they deserve.

While you can't negotiate your way around discrimination, having the expertise to negotiate a salary can help ensure women earn the pay and benefits they deserve. Sign up for AAUW Work Smart Online today!

<https://courses.aauw.org/learn/register>



Lunch Posse: Bellagios Pizza on March 28th 1pm



Saddle up and ride on over to Bellagios, Mar 28 at 1:00 pm!

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 **Mar 28, at 1:00 pm Bellagios Pizza, 322 SE 192nd Ave #104, Vancouver, WA 98683.**

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

2019 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
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

Mar 9 Navigating the Immigration Maze, Kelly Selis LCSW, and Barb Selis

Apr 13 Downtown Vancouver, Linda Glover, Vancouver City Council member

MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

Apr 28 STEM Reception, STEM Building Clark College, 12:30 pm

May 11 Installation & Spring Luncheon

Jun 15 Program Planning Meeting

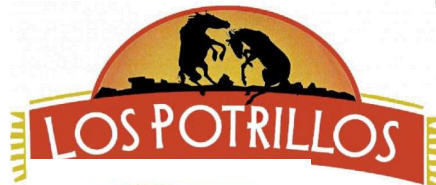
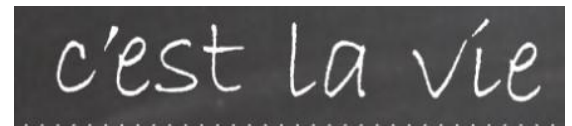
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Talk of the Town Salon



Black Bear Diner



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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



SUPERCUTS



Chutneys
A PREMIUM INDIAN RESTAURANT





AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

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

Social Justice Programs

March 21, 2019 6 to 8 pm

This month's film is *My American Girls*.
This documentary follows a family of
immigrants who dream of retiring to
their native Dominican Republic. Their
American-born daughters have other
ideas. The conflict between the first
generation's values and the independ-
ent outlook of their three girls form the
moving and humorous dramatic spine of
the film.

A six-part documentary film and dis-
cussion series on immigration experi-
ence. "Family and Community" ex-
plores how family ties and community
institutions have played an essential
role in successful migration and adapta-
tion to American life.



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

Mar 6 3 pm

Pam Rio hosts

The Midwife of Venice

by Roberta Rich

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.

Mar 21 10 am

Enrique's Journey

by Sonia Nazario

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for info



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

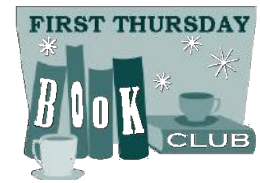
Mar 22
10 am - 3 pm
Card Room

3rd Floor @ Glenwood

Mar secretary: Carol Brain

Contact a BRIDGE SECRETARY to play

BRING lunch & snacks!



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Mar 7 2 pm

Elsie Chan hosts &

Mary LaHusen leads the discussion
of:

Spool of Blue Thread

by Anne Tyler

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



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

Mar 28 1:00 pm

Bellagios Pizza **(Off 192nd)**

322 SE 192nd Ave #104,
Vancouver, WA 98683

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

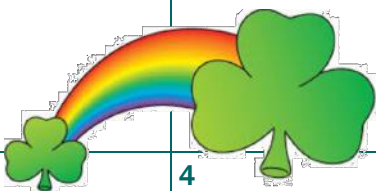




Monthly, Last Monday, 2pm,
Vancouver Pointe, 4555 NE 66th
Ave, Vancouver

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

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

March 2019 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	6 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at Pam Rio's	7 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Elsie Chan's	8	9 AAUW Annual Meeting 10:00 Columbia Bank
10	11	12 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	13	14	15	16
17 	18	19 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	20	21 Nonfiction Book Group 10 a.m. Shorewood <hr/> Becoming American 6 p.m.	22 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	23
24	25	26 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	27	28 Lunch Posse 1 p.m. Bellagios Pizza		

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