



# The Voice

April 2019

Vancouver, Washington Branch  
AAUW

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



**April 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting**  
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

## Linda Glover : Downtown Vancouver



**Linda Glover, Vancouver City Councilwoman**

AAUW Vancouver’s April General Meeting will be held Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. in the community room at Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. The meeting will feature a presentation on Downtown Vancouver by Linda Glover, a member of the Vancouver City Council.

Linda was born and raised in Montana, and attended the University of Montana. There, she met the football player who would become her husband. They married and moved to Coeur D’Alene, Idaho, where she worked as a teacher and elementary school principal for many years.

When their daughter and her family moved to Vancouver, Linda and Jay moved here in 1995 to be closer to them. In Vancouver, Linda joined Gifts For Our Community by leading the non-profit’s Holiday Shop. For 20 years, Linda led this organization that included multiple small businesses, each of which returns its proceeds to the community. Linda believes that we can accomplish great things together and that the result will be much greater than anyone individually could have imagined. She understands what it means to live, work and play in Vancouver.



Kitty Welsh, AAUW Vancouver’s own very generous benefactor for many years, passed away in October 2018. She left our branch a \$330,000 bequest. \$285,000 of the bequest is designated for our AAUW STEM scholarships at the two local colleges. \$45,000 is for branch operating expenses. We are so grateful for Kitty’s generosity and plan to use it wisely to enrich our community.

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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.



# Slate of Officers for 2019–2020 Vote Scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>

At the March 9 general meeting, the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2019–20. The slate will be voted on at the branch’s April 13 annual meeting and installation will take place on May 11.



Kay Hansen  
**PRESIDENT**

**Kay Hansen** has served our branch as Vice President of Programs for the last year. She joined AAUW Vancouver in 2015. Kay is a member of the Bridge Group and was part of the cast for the 85th Anniversary Play: “Thinking Back, Looking Forward,” playing the role of the 1990s president. Now she will get to live the role! Kay was on the committee for the very successful 2017 Holiday Brunch Fundraiser. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon.



Lorraine Wheeler  
**VP PROGRAMS**

**Lorraine Wheeler** joined Vancouver branch in 2012. Lorraine was co-VP Communications with Diane Grubel in 2016. She has been the leader of the Mah Jongg group for our branch since shortly after she joined and is a member of the First Thursday Book Group. Lorraine earned both her Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in Nursing from Duke University. An interesting note is that, in 1993, Lorraine worked as a volunteer in Hillary Clinton’s White House Office.



Carol Brain  
**VP FINANCE**

**Carol Brain** will start her fourth year as VP Finance after this election. Carol joined our group in 2000 and has been involved in branch activities at every level. She served from 2009 -2011 as VP Programs, 2012-2014 as VP Communications, and as branch auditor forever. As a VP she has been on the board of directors, she is a member of the Bridge group, the First Thursday Book group, the Great Decisions group, and often attends our Lunch Posse gatherings. In addition, Carol handles the mailing of the newsletter to those members needing hard copies. Carol earned her BA at the University of Portland.



Linda Zupancic  
**VP MEMBERSHIP**

**Linda Zupancic** and her husband are new to Vancouver after spending the previous eight years in Brisbane, Australia, developing their land rehabilitation business. She is now happy to be near her two daughters and four grandchildren. Ironically, she started her teaching career in 1974 in Australia and finished it as a substitute teacher there. In the interim she raised three children and worked as a school librarian in Kansas. She received her BS from Southern Colorado State University and M.Ed and Library Science Certificate from Ft. Hays State University.



Pat Wozniac  
**VP COMMUNICATIONS**

**Pat Wozniac** joined AAUW in 2018 after relocating to Vancouver from Libertyville, IL. She is a member of the First Wednesday Book Group and the Non-Fiction Book Group, and can’t wait to learn how to play Mah Jongg. Pat earned her BA in Psychology from Michigan State, and a PhD in psychology from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, then decided she really wanted to be a statistician. After getting a Master’s degree in statistics from Louisiana State University, she joined the LSU faculty. After 12 years in academia, she moved to Illinois to join the pharmaceutical industry. Pat has been semi-retired since Dec, 2016 and is retiring for good at the end of March.



## Tea for Eight Held March 7

The purchasers of the Afternoon Tea for Eight, which was part of December's AAUW Holiday Brunch fundraiser, gathered for the tea on March 7. This year the tea was held at Diane Grubel's home. The guests were Nancy Step-sis, Pat Wozniak, Sharon Heydet, Michelle Girts, Wanda Wilson, Sami Kopelman, Ruth Harbaugh, and Meredith Chapman. The tea and goodies were supplied and served by Diane Grubel, Pat Greear, and Carol Brain. The tea raises \$200 for scholarships and is always fun for the participants.





## Washington State v. The US Department of Health and Human Services



YAKIMA, Wash, March 5 – State Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed suit in Yakima against the Trump administration, challenging a rule he said would curtail access to reproductive health care for low-income women. Ferguson’s lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, seeks to block a new rule from the Department of Health and Human Services that would cut off federal funding to family planning clinics that perform abortions. The suit was filed in Yakima because the proposed rule would have “disproportionate impacts to rural Washingtonian women,” according to a news release issued by Ferguson’s office.

“If this rule goes into effect, it will leave 21 Washington counties without a Title X provider at all, 11 of those in Eastern Washington,” Ferguson was quoted as saying in the release. “As a result, some Washingtonians will need to travel hundreds of miles to receive family planning care, while others will lose access altogether.” And a spokesman for Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho said the Trump administration’s proposed rule would also cut off women’s access to such things as cancer screenings, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and health care. Title X is a federal grant program that provides access to affordable, preventative reproductive health care. In Washington state, the program provides funding to 85 clinics where, in 2017, more than 18,000 women were able to avoid unwanted pregnancies and the need for more than 6,000 abortions were eliminated, Ferguson’s lawsuit said.



(From left) Deborah J. Vagins, AAUW’s senior vice president of public policy and research, stands with equity activist Lilly Ledbetter and AAUW CEO Kim Churches to support fair pay.

## A Big Day for Fair Pay

On January 30, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate introduced the Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA) with support from every Democrat in Congress and bipartisan backing in the House. “The PFA is essential to eradicating practices that have perpetuated the pay gap for far too long,” says AAUW CEO Kim Churches.

The team at AAUW was instrumental in prioritizing the bill by sending letters to Congress and engaging grassroots advocates, garnering 260 organizations in support.

They also spoke at the press conference introducing the bill.

The PFA would update the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and complement the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which ensures pay discrimination can be challenged regardless of when it began. We were thrilled to bring Ledbetter to Washington, D.C., where she met with more than a dozen members of Congress. The PFA is now designated as H.R. 7, signaling it is a top 10 priority of the House. Act now to support this important legislation.



Member Memos...



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ Bridge News ♠ ♣ ♦ ♥

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

February

1st: Nancy Bonner  
2nd: Iona Clark



by Kathy Walker, Scholarship Chair



Join the  
Conversation  
about  
Scholarships  
after the

June 8 Program Planning Meeting

As you have read and heard, AAUW Vancouver has just received a large monetary bequest from Kitty Welsh's estate that is earmarked for local college STEM scholarships. The money will be added to our AAUW Vancouver Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. With this addition, our fund balance will now be over \$400,000. Next, we need to discuss - as a branch - how to best use this money that Kitty was generous enough to put into our stewardship. We plan to do that at the end of the Program Planning Meeting on June 8 in the Community Room at Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. The Program Meeting starts at 10 a.m. The Scholarship Round Table Discussion will start about 11:15.

There are so many ways to help young women students at Washington State University Vancouver and Clark College to pursue their STEM degree goals. In this year's budget for scholarships, we allotted \$7000: two \$2500 scholarships to women at WSUV and two \$1000 scholarships to women at Clark College. With three times the amount of money in our scholarship fund, thanks to Kitty's bequest, we can choose many directions to move. More scholarships each year? Same number of scholarships, but higher amounts each year? Automatically renewable scholarships for students who maintain a certain grade point? Changes from merit-based to need-based scholarships? Per Kitty's will, we must remain with scholarships for students in STEM fields, but there are many other possible parameters.

Please think about all the scholarship possibilities and plan to join us on June 8.



# Kitty Welsh's Legacy

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON  
2009 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



AAUW, along with all of Southwest Washington, was very fortunate when Kitty Welsh decided to move to our area from North Carolina. Kitty was extremely generous to our branch. She donated over \$130,000 to our scholarship fund between 2009 and 2017. The interest from that fund, plus the proceeds from our annual fund-raising efforts, have provided scholarships to WSU and Clark College students for years.

Our AAUW Vancouver Scholarship Fund is managed by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. The fund was opened in 2009 at the suggestion of Kitty Welsh, who became the fund's largest donor.

On her death, in October 2018, Kitty left an additional \$330,00 to AAUW Vancouver - \$285,000 for scholarships and \$45,000 for operating expenses.

She also left bequests to the Humane Society of SW Washington, St. Jude's Hospital, YWCA Clark County, OPB, Doctors Without Borders, Clark County Habitat for Humanity, WSUV, and Clark College just to mention a few.

Kitty Welsh's generosity has left a beautiful, generous, and lasting imprint on our community.



CLARK COLLEGE



**Humane Society**  
FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON



eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
Clark County



# Lunch Posse: Firehouse Subs on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1pm



**Saddle up and ride on over to Firehouse Subs, Apr 25 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 **Apr 25, at 1:00 pm at Firehouse Subs, 19151 SE Mill Plain Blvd #102, Vancouver, WA 98683.**

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

2019 DATE	1:00 @TARGET RESTAURANT
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
Apr 13	Downtown Vancouver, Linda Glover, Vancouver City Council member	May 11	Installation & Spring Brunch
Apr 28	STEM Reception, STEM Building Clark College, 12:30 pm	Jun 15	Program Planning Meeting (10 am) & Scholarship Planning Meeting (11:30 am)



by Beverly Olson  
Public Policy Chairperson

FYI... The 2019 Washington State Legislative Session will be coming to an end on April 28, 2019. If history repeats itself, a special session will follow.

FYI... The Congress of the United States is in session year round with programmed vacation periods.

FYI... That gives each of us plenty of opportunities to make our voices heard and advocate for or against proposed legislation. You probably know how to contact your State Senator, your two State Representatives, your two U.S. Senators, and your Congressional Representative. But what if you want to make your voice heard by the elected people representing you at the port, the fire district, the regional wastewater district, the school district, etc. Do you know who all those persons are? Probably not. Do you know how to make contacts? Probably not. So let me make life easier...

**BY HELPING YOU FIND THE ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WORK FOR YOU!!!**

Go to the Clark County Washington Official Website <https://www.clark.wa.gov/>

Select Elected Officials

Select Auditor

Look at Find It Fast and Select Elections

Select Voter Resources

Select Voter District Information

Select My Vote and follow directions.

This will result in a list, My Elected Officials

Use the list to get contact information on all ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WORK FOR YOU!!!

BRANCH LEADERS 2018 -2019

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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.



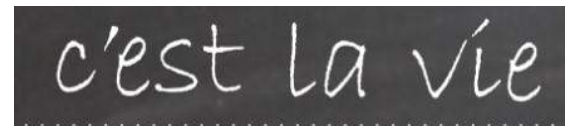
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Talk of the Town Salon



Black Bear Diner



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THE  
**HAMMOND**

KITCHEN + CRAFT BAR



**PHILLY BILMOS**  
Cheesesteaks

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



**HEARING CENTER**  
OF VANCOUVER



**PITA HOUSE**

**Red Robin**  
GOURMET BURGERS AND BREWS

**NOM NOM**  
Restaurant & Grill

MAIN EVENT  
SPORTS DRINK

**Sixth Avenue**  
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**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

**Apr 1, 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, Times & Dates Vary  
Cascade Park Library  
600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver

### Social Justice Programs

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

**6:30—7:30 PM**

**Becoming American: The Untold Story -  
Chinese American History in  
Washington and Oregon**

We've heard many immigration sto-  
ries since September. Now we wrap  
up our *Becoming American* series  
with *The Untold Story*.

Presenter Helen Ying takes us on a  
walk through history to meet the  
early Chinese settlers in Oregon and  
Washington. Get a glimpse into how  
they lived, what they encountered,  
and the legacy they left behind.

[www.becoming-american.org](http://www.becoming-american.org).



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

**Apr 3 3 pm**

TBD hosts

### ***Us Against You***

by Fredrik Backman

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.

### **No Meeting in April**

Contact: Nancy Stepsis or Pam Rio for info



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

**Apr 26**

**10 am - 3 pm**

**Card Room**

**3rd Floor @ Glenwood**

Apr secretary: Diane Grubel

Contact the BRIDGE SECRETARY to play

**BRING lunch & snacks!**



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

**Apr 4 2 pm**

Lorraine Wheeler hosts &  
Barb Selis leads the discussion of:

### ***Translation of Love***

by Lynne Kutsukake

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



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

**Apr 25 1:00 pm**

**Firehouse Subs  
(Off 192nd)**

**19151 SE Mill Plain Blvd #102,  
Vancouver 98683**

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

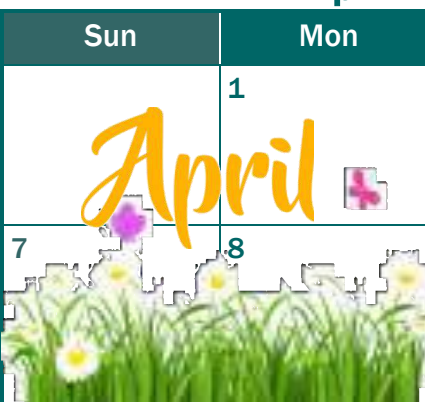
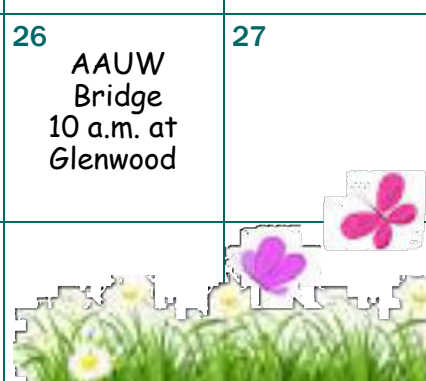


Monthly, Last Monday, 2pm,  
Vancouver Pointe, 4555 NE 66th  
Ave, Vancouver

Great Decisions meets Apr 29  
to discuss Chapter 3 of the  
2019 book.

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

# April 2019 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	3 1st Wed. Book Club 3 p.m. at TBD	4 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	5	6
	7	8	9 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	10	11	12
14	15	16 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	17	18 Becoming American 6:30 p.m. Cascade Park Library	19	20
21	22	23 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	24	25 Lunch Posse 1 p.m. Firehouse Subs	26 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	27
28	29 Great Decisions 2 p.m. at Vancouver Pointe	30 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's				

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