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AAUW 2019 HOLIDAY BRUNCH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 10:30 A.M.

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Have a festive meal with AAUW friends and enjoy a performance by a*

⚙ Music Group led by Margaret Green, Music Director, Evergreen High ⚙

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2019 AAUW HOLIDAY BRUNCH RESERVATION FORM

Sat., Dec. 7, 10:30 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 \$30 each _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Guests' Names:

Dietary restrictions _____



→ **January 11th 10:00 a.m. AAUW Meeting**
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

Debbie Blas & Dr. Peter Williams : the MESA Program in SW Washington



Debbie Blas, Director Southwest Washington MESA

AAUW Vancouver’s next general meeting will be held Saturday, January 11, at 10 a.m. in the community room at Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. The meeting will feature a presentation on the MESA program in SW Washington: Advancing Equity in STEM Education. Dr. Peter Williams and Debi Blas will speak about MESA.

MESA is a program designed to increase the number of historically underrepresented community college students who transfer to universities and earn bachelor’s degrees in STEM fields. MESA Programs engage students by providing enriching experiences, using exemplary instructional approaches in a variety of science, technology, and engineering-related fields through a model of educational excellence and equity. MESA is recognized nationally for its innovative, challenging and effective academic programs that support STEM education and equity for students in grades K-12.

The SW Washington MESA Center is housed at WSU Vancouver. MESA delivers after-school programs that prepare underrepresented students for STEM careers in the 21st century.

Washington State MESA enriched curriculum ensures rigor, relevance and responsiveness in support of the next generation science standards and is delivered through project-based learning, using best practices in instructional strategies to prepare students for careers in STEM fields.



The MESA center serves underrepresented students at three middle schools and three high schools in Vancouver and Evergreen school districts. Each school utilizes the after-school MESA model with programs designed to help students connect math and science to real-world applications and give them an opportunity to envision themselves in a science, technology, or engineering career.

In 2017, Clark College was selected to host the MESA Community College Program and is now one of 12 community colleges in the state to do so. The MESA Program established a dedicated student study center in the STEM Building that includes computers, printing, scanning, textbooks, class supplies, and snacks. The program began accepting students in Fall of 2018 and had 50 students at the end of Spring 2019.

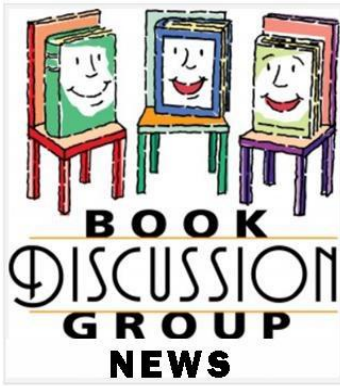
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BEFORE THE MEETING....

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.



First Thursday Book Group

On Nov 7, the group had a lively discussion of *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. The discussion ranged from the British cultural context to the origins of Gothic Romance and the author's upbringing and family life. Barb Selis served British tea and scones to accompany the great conversation.



Bookends (Formerly First Wednesday Book Group)



December: Bookends will meet at 3:00 pm on December 4 at Pat Wozniak's house to discuss Malcom Gladwell's *Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know*. This is our first non-fiction read, but probably not our last. **January:** Bookends will meet at 3:00 pm on January 8 (second Wednesday for January only) at MaryLu Wilson's house to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow*, a novel by Amor Towles. If you haven't yet read this book, or if you have read it and would like to discuss it in a group, please consider

joining their discussion. They are a growing group and they encourage you to check them out!

Nonfiction Book Group

The Nonfiction Book Group has just chosen its selections for 2020. This book group meets every other month at Shorewood Apartments on Evergreen. On January 16, they will be discussing *The Library Book* by Susan Olson. In March, they will read *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeseon Lee. The book for May will be *Nature's Mutiny* by Philipp Blom. On July 16, their group will talk about *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. September's book is *The Line Becomes a River* by Francisco Cantu and next November they will read and discuss *For All the Tea in China* by Sarah Rose. Nonfiction Book Group is open to any branch members.



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TOGETHER WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

Mark your calendars for
at the Heathman Lodge
in Vancouver for the 2020 Dual Oregon/Washington AAUW Convention. Come together for this celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment giving voting rights to vote women in the U.S. Registration forms will be available after the first of the year.



This year, the Bridge Group will hold its annual Holiday Bridge Luncheon on Friday, Dec 13 at Diane Grubel's home. It will be a potluck. Check with group leader, Ruth Harbaugh, if you would like to attend and bring a dish.



Kudos to Bridge Winners... October

- 1st: Diane Grubel
- 2nd: Kathy Walker



SAVE THE DATES FOR 2019-2020 AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 101 Sixth St. in Vancouver and begin at 10 am .



MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

- Dec 7 Holiday Brunch, Royal Oaks Country Club, 10:30
- Jan 11 MESA Program, Debbie Blas & Peter Williams
- Feb 8 Women Entrepreneurs in Vancouver, Seidy Selivanow, owner of Kafix Roasters
- Mar 14 Differences in Islam Culture Explained
- Apr 11 The Future of Newspapers, Craig Brown

MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

- April 17 -19 Joint State Convention w/ AAUW Oregon
AAUW Heathman Hotel, Vancouver, WA
- Apr 26 STEM Recognition Reception, STEM Building, Clark College , 12:30 pm
- May 9 Installation Meeting & Lunch
- Jun 13 Program Planning Meeting

BRANCH LEADERS 2019 -2020

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- 1st Thurs Book Club:** Michelle Girts, magirts@comcast.net
- 1st Thursday Book Group:** Pat Wozniak, patricia.wozniak@comcast.net
- Great Decisions:** Carol Brain, braincarol@aol.com

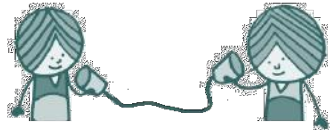


Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.



MEMBER MEMOS...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

CONGRATULATIONS!

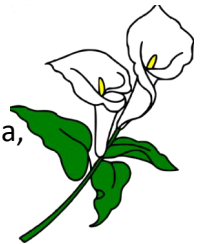
to Kathy Chennault who received the 2019 Spotlight Award from the Public Relations Society of America for her part in the Clark College Penguin Chats podcasts! The award, presented by the Oregon chapter of the society, is for a "benchmark for best practices in communications around the country."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Dawn Garzon Maaks, 12104 NE 56th Ave., 98686 314-368-4577 dawnlgarzon@gmail.com
Kathe Schwartz, 17201 NE 22nd Ave., Ridgefield, WA 98642 503-896-2128 klschwar10@yahoo.com

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

to Donna Roberge Nozel whose husband, Jack, passed away on Oct 30 at the Ray Hickey Hospice House. He will be missed by his many friends in our branch. We send our deepest sympathies to Donna, a member since 1986, past president of Vancouver branch, and our current Caring Hearts chairperson. Donna has supplied care and sympathy to many of us in the past. Now it's our turn.



The Columbian Published: October 12, 2019,

Women's association funds scholarships for girls in STEM program

Esther Short — Members from the Vancouver and Hudson's Bay branches of the American Association of University Women raised funds to send six seventh-grade girls to Tech Trek camp at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma over the summer. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship. The girls presented some of what they learned at the program to the branches. The program introduces girls to careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

Advertisement for Tech Trek camp featuring a green dollar sign border, the Tech Trek logo, and donation information: 'TIME TO DONATE! IT'S TAX DEDUCTIBLE!', 'Help send local middle school girls to TECH TREK CAMP', and 'MAIL YOUR CHECKS TO: Wanda Holmes, 10217 NW 33rd Court, Vancouver, WA 98685'. It also includes 'CHECK SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO: AAUW - WASPF' and 'ON MEMO LINE WRITE: VANCOUVER BRANCH - TECH TREK'.



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GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

AAUW Awards = \$4 Million in Fellowships and Grants

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has awarded more than \$4 million in fellowships and grants to 259 recipients for the 2019–20 academic year. The goal of the funding is to advance educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.

“In the 130 years that AAUW has been providing funding, our fellows and grantees have contributed so much to their schools, their communities and to society at large,” said Kim Churches, chief executive officer of AAUW. “We know that this year’s recipients will continue in that esteemed tradition, and we are honored to provide the resources they need to excel in their academic work – and to ultimately make a difference in the world.”



AAUW is one of the world’s leading supporters of graduate women’s education. Since 1888, it has awarded more than \$115 million in fellowships, grants and awards to 13,000 recipients from 145 countries. Candidates are selected on the basis of scholarly excellence, quality and originality of project design and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions or fields of research.

The program’s roster of notable alumnae includes such women as astronaut Judith Resnik, Ph.D.; writer, professor and television host Melissa Harris-Perry, Ph.D.; and scholar and author Patricia Bell-Scott, Ph.D., to name just a few.

“It’s pretty extraordinary how many things [the fellowship] made possible for me,” said Harris-Perry, now a tenured professor at Wake Forest University, who was an AAUW American Fellow in 2001-2002. “It’s hard to express what it meant—what a difference one year can make in the life of a junior faculty woman. I don’t think the rest of my career could have happened without that time.”

“I was at a crossroads in my career and was deciding whether to continue pursuing a career in academia,” said Bell-Scott, professor emerita at the University of Georgia and a 1985-1985 American Fellow. “Receiving the AAUW fellowship gave me the support I needed to continue ... and I have never looked back.”

For many recipients, AAUW fellowship funding helps manage the growing burden of student debt, which disproportionately affects women. And the ability to pay off that debt is hampered by a lifelong pay gap that affects women in nearly every profession. AAUW’s awards alleviate student debt so women can focus on developing their skills and experience. In a feature unique to the AAUW program, the funding can often be used for expenses outside of those traditionally associated with academic study, including child care and transportation, which can help recipients continue, return to and successfully complete graduate programs.

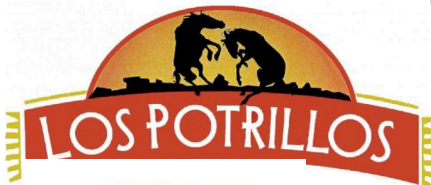
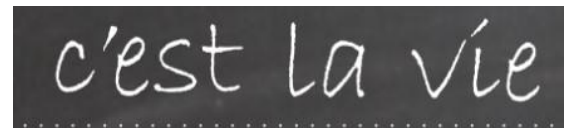
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AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

Dec 3, 10, & 17
1-4 pm

Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28
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

Dec 4 3 p.m.

at Pat Wozniak's

*Talking to Strangers: What We
Should Know About the People
We Don't Know*
by Malcolm Gladwell

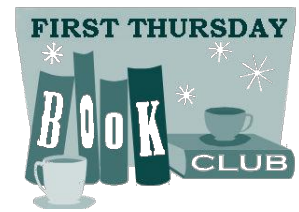
Jan 8 3 p.m.

at MaryLu Wilson's

A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

This group is recruiting members.

Come join the fun!
Please contact Pat Wozniak at
847-772-8472 or
patricia.wozniak@comcast.net



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Dec 5 2 pm

Wanda Holmes hosts

and

Michelle Girts

will lead the discussion of:

Rules of Civility

by Amor Towles

Jan 2 Noon - 2 p.m.

Potluck & Book Selection

Barb Selis' Clubroom

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

Nonfiction



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

Jan 16 3 p.m.

The Library Book

by Susan Olson

For info, contact:

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or Pam Rio 907-750-1868

pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com



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

Dec 13

Holiday Bridge Potluck

10 am - 3 pm

at Diane Grubel's

Jan 24

Card Room

3rd Floor @ Glenwood

Contact the BRIDGE SECRETARY to play
Jan Secretary: Naomi Davis



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

The Great Decisions discus-
sion group will start meeting
again in February to discuss
the 2020 book, which offers
analyses of 8 issues of concern
to U.S. policy makers.




Held jointly with
Hudson's Bay Branch AAUW

Contact Carol Brain at
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December 2019 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	4 Bookends 3 p.m. at Pat Wozniak's	5 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Wanda Holmes'	6	7 AAUW Holiday Brunch 10:30 a.m. Royal Oaks
8	9	10 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	11	12	13 Holiday Bridge Luncheon 10 a.m. at Diane Grubel's	14
15	16	17 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2020 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 1st Thurs Book Club Potluck at Noon at Barb Selis'	3	4
		7 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	8 Bookends 3 p.m. at MaryLu Wilson's	9	10	11 AAUW Meeting 10:00 a.m. Columbia Bank
12	13	14 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	15	16 Nonfiction Books 10 a.m. Shorewood	17	18
19	20	21 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	22	23	24 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	25
26	27	28 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	29	30		

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