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Vancouver, Washington Branch  
AAUW

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**February 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. AAUW Meeting**  
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660

## Seidy Selivanow : Women Entrepreneurs in Vancouver



Seidy Selivanow, owner of Kafiex Coffee in Vancouver



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AAUW Vancouver's next general meeting will be held Saturday, February 8, at 10 a.m. in the community room at Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver. The featured speaker will be Seidy Selivanow, owner of Kafiex Coffee in Vancouver.

Seidy Selivanow of Kafiex Coffee Roasters has a lot in common with the women who grow, harvest and process coffee beans for Cafe Feminino in Guatemala. Selivanow grew up in Mexico City and is a native Spanish speaker. She's a woman in the male-dominated field of coffee roasting. She started her coffee company, with her husband, Matthew, after they traveled to different coffee growing regions; such as Mexico, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

Selivanow has made several attempts to visit coffee farms with Connie Kolosvary, director of Cafe Feminino. Cafe Feminino, founded and based in Vancouver, is a coffee program that uses an ethical sourcing method to end the cycle of poverty afflicting female coffee farmers throughout the world. Selivanow tried to go on an origins trip before she opened Kafiex's coffee shop. She also tried to go at the beginning of this year.

She finally made it to Guatemala with Kolosvary in May.

"This opportunity came, and I had to make it happen," Selivanow said. "I love Guatemalan culture. It's just too close to my country. So, I wanted to go to meet the ladies. We use a lot of Cafe Feminino Guatemalan coffee."

On May 13, Selivanow arrived in Guatemala City and met up with her group — Kolosvary, some people from the Cafe Feminino Foundation, and coffee roasters from Ampersand Coffee Roasters in Boulder, Colo., and Joffrey's Coffee & Tea in Florida.



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**BEFORE THE MEETING...**

Come to the general meetings at 10:00 a.m. and enjoy a half-hour of coffee (or tea) and conversation with your AAUW friends.  
Speakers begin at 10:30





## Slate of Officers for 2020–2021 Vote Scheduled for Mar 14<sup>th</sup>

At the Feb 8 general meeting, the nominating committee (Kathy Walker, Nancy Stepsis, and Diane Grubel) will present the following slate of officers for 2020 –21. The election will be held at the branch's March 14 annual meeting and the installations will take place on May 9.



Pat Wozniak  
**PRESIDENT**

**Pat Wozniak** served as VP Communications for our branch this year. She joined AAUW in 2018 after relocating to Vancouver from Libertyville, IL. She is the leader of Bookends, the new fiction book group, and a member of the Nonfiction Book Group. 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. We're very grateful she settled in Vancouver.



Pam Rio  
**VP PROGRAMS**

**Pam Rio** joined AAUW Vancouver in 2013 and has been active in the branch ever since. She was elected to the board of directors as Vice President Communications in 2015. Currently Pam is co-chair of the Nonfiction book group and a member of the Mah Jongg interest group. She was a member of the cast for the branch's 85th Anniversary play "Thinking Back, Looking Forward" in 2016, playing the role of the branch president for this millennium. Pam got her Bachelor of Science degree from WSU Pullman and her Master's degree from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. She has children and grandchildren in Alaska and enjoys visiting them there.



Heidi Moran  
**VP FINANCE**

**Heidi Moran** married her husband, Kevin, and settled in the Springfield/Eugene area where they raised two daughters. Heidi worked part-time as the manager of a medical office for 25 years and also "managed" her family. After leaving the medical clinic, she worked for a local/regional health insurance company as a client service representative for 15 years. During these years of raising a family and working, she earned her college education and graduated from Northwest Christian University in Eugene with a degree in Health Care Administration. Heidi is a new member of our branch and we are so glad that she is willing to become a member of our executive board.



Chris Lines  
**VP MEMBERSHIP**

**Chris Lines** joined our branch in 2016. In 2017, Chris put together the application process for our branch's NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) sponsorship program at WSUV and has been involved in selecting the winning applicant each year since. She played a role in our 85th anniversary celebration play and was co-chairperson of the Holiday Brunch for the last two years. Chris was a school principal and has a bachelor's degree from Central Washington University, master's degree from Lewis and Clark, and Administrative Credential from Washington State University. She and her husband live in Salmon Creek where she tutors children with learning disabilities.



MaryLu Wilson  
**VP COMMUNICATIONS**

**MaryLu Wilson** joined the branch in 2016. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology/Sociology from Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA and a master's degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Oregon. MaryLu worked as an itinerant Speech Pathologist in the Washington public schools for 30 years. After retiring in 2015, she has kept busy walking dogs at the Humane Society Shelter, enjoying activities with Clark County Newcomers Club, exercising at Firstenburg Community Center, traveling with Friendship Force, and trying to learn Mah Jongg. She is also part of two of our branch's book groups: Bookends and the Nonfiction Book Group.





L-R: Linda Zupancic, Pam Rio, Ken Wheeler, Lorraine Wheeler, Heidi Moran, MaryLu Wilson, and Pat Stryker

## MAH JONGG GROUP CELEBRATES WITH DIM SUM

AAUW Vancouver's Mah Jongg interest group gathered for their annual Holiday Dim Sum Luncheon on Tuesday, December 17 at HK Cafe. The group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's home to play the game and socialize.

## 🌿 2019 Holiday Brunch 🌿



Choir Director Margaret Green and assistant

In December, AAUW Vancouver celebrated the holidays with a brunch at Royal Oaks Country Club. After a delicious meal, guests enjoyed an acapella performance by Evergreen High School's Select Treble Ensemble, led by Choir Director Margaret Green. Rounding off the event, Maribel Garcia-Igueldo spoke about her experiences at AAUW's 2019 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Maryland.



President Kay Hansen welcomed brunch guests



L-R: Beverly Olson, Marion Noe, Heidi Moran, Pat Wozniak, Pat Stryker, and Lorraine Wheeler





## Bridge Group's 2019 Holiday Luncheon at Diane Grubel's



Back row: Mary LaHusen, Sue Tellock, Carol Brain, Naomi Davis, Kay Hansen, Ruth Harbaugh, Middle row: Sarah Hewitt, Kathy Walker, Front row: Diane Grubel, Pat Greear, Gay Barton (Meredith Chapman served as photographer)



### Kudos to Bridge Winners...

#### November

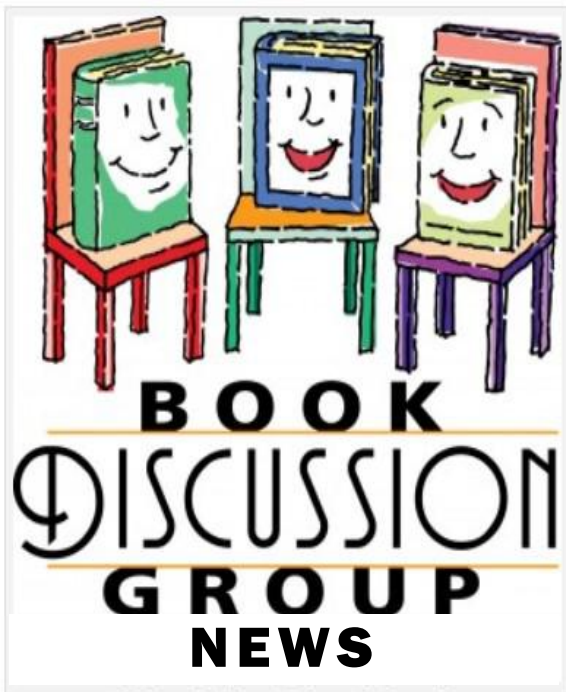
1st: Sarah Hewitt  
2nd: Iona Clark

#### December Bridge Luncheon

1st: Mary LaHusen  
2nd: Kay Hansen  
3rd: Kathy Walker







### First Thursday Book Group



**February:** On February 6, the First Thursday Book Group will discuss *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. It is a 1971 novel about a wheelchair-using historian, Lyman Ward, who has lost connection with his son and the rest of his living family members and decides to write about his frontier-era grandparents. The novel won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1972.

### Bookends



**February:** Bookends will meet at 3:00 pm on February 5 at the Shorewood Apartment's clubhouse to discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. This novel was a NY Times Bestseller and winner of multiple literary awards including the Edgar Award for Best Novel, Anthony Award for Best Novel, and Barry

Award for Best Novel. Shorewood is located at 5555 E Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver.



### Nonfiction Book Group

The Nonfiction Book Group will meet again on March 26. It is open to all branch members. Please join them!







# SAVE THE DATES AAUW of Oregon and Washington Dual Convention

APRIL 17-19, 2020  
HEATHMAN LODGE, VANCOUVER, WA

Celebrate women's suffrage with like-minded friends.  
Dress in white for "Suffrage Night" at Saturday's dinner and enjoy a  
festive evening of historical entertainment.

- Be part of a wonderful weekend at the beautiful and rustic Heathman Lodge.
- Network with old friends and make new ones from other branches.
- Learn from a diverse group of experts on AAUW's major themes of education and training; economic security; and leadership.
- Explore the Vancouver area with a number of guided tours on Friday afternoon.
- Watch for details of the convention in the Winter state newsletter, including hotel information, registration form and meeting agenda.



# AAUW

OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON

# 2020

TOGETHER WOMEN MAKE HISTORY





Introducing



Heidi Moran



I would like to introduce myself to those whom I have not met in person yet and reintroduce myself to those whom I have already met. My name is Heidi Moran and I recently joined AAUW in September 2019. This organization was recommended to me by a dear friend who is a member of a branch in the Portland area. She thought it would be a good fit for me and so far I have found it to be very interesting and full of wonderful people.

Both my husband and I grew up in the Portland area. He lived in North Portland and I lived in the Lloyd Center/ Laurelhurst District. I attended James Monroe High School, which was an all girls high school that offered the regular high school academia along with a focus on career paths for those students who did not intend to go to college right after high school. I pursued the medical career path.

I married Kevin and we moved to the Springfield/Eugene area where we raised our family, two daughters. I had the best of both worlds. I worked part time as a

manager of a small medical office for 25 years and I had the privilege of also “managing” the family. After leaving the medical clinic, I worked for a local/regional health insurance company, as a client service representative for 15 years. During these years of raising a family and working, I pursued my college education and graduated from Northwest Christian University in Eugene with a degree in Health Care Administration.

After retirement we relocated to the Vancouver area where our oldest daughter lives with her husband and our two grandchildren, ( of course they are the cutest things ever). Our other daughter and husband live in Redondo Beach California. . .In my spare time I enjoy gardening, reading, traveling, and outdoor activities. I also enjoy playing games and watching old movies. I dabble in cooking but thoroughly enjoy eating. I love talking to people and hearing their stories so please take the time to introduce yourself to me and tell me your story.



## AAUW and the EEOC

In September 2019, Kim Churches, CEO of the American Association of University Women, issued this statement in response to an announcement by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) of its intent to stop collecting pay data from employers after meeting the court-ordered requirement that it do so this year.

“It is enormously disappointing, but sadly unsurprising, to learn the EEOC plans to stop collecting data that could help shed light on pay discrimination. Coming on the heels of yesterday’s U.S. Census data report showing the gender pay gap remains unchanged, this calls into question the Trump Administration’s commitment to pay equity for women — as well as to the economic security for American families. We need to do more, not less, to close the gender pay gap, and this data collection was a significant step in the right direction. AAUW will be watching the EEOC to see that the data currently required gets properly collected and sufficiently analyzed. And we will do everything we can to try to reverse this action to ensure the EEOC stays true to its mission of creating a fair and equitable workplace for all.”





## MEMBER MEMOS...



## Directory Updates &amp; Member Notes

## Directory Corrections

- ◆ **Betty Yingling's** address has changed slightly - same street address, but her unit is now #111
- ◆ **Donna Roberge's** new phone # is 360-433-5783
- ◆ **Diane Grubel** is moving to 15917 Ne Union Rd #107, Ridgefield 98642 during the first week in February. Her email address remains the same and her cell phone number is still 360-980-1570.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- ◆ **Kayla Gunderson**, 1019 NW 20th Ave., Camas 98607 707-832-2392(H) 360-892-1619 (W) 707-832-2392(C) Kayla.gunderson@edwardjones.com
- ◆ **Meredith Chapman**, 1803 NW Gregory Drive, 98665 360-573-5143 mychapman1@gmail.com
- ◆ **Nancy Uhacz**, 17416 NE 32nd St., 98682 360-910-5075 (C) nancyuhacz@gmail.com

## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2020 AAUW



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

## MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

- 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

## MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER

- 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

**Officers:**

President - Kay Hansen, jkhansenor@aol.com  
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## INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2019 -2020

**Bridge:** Ruth Harbaugh, rhtravel@comcast.net  
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 & Pam Rio, pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com  
**1st Thurs Book Club:** Michelle Girts, magirts@comcast.net  
**Bookends:** Pat Wozniak, patricia.wozniak@comcast.net  
**Great Decisions:** Carol Brain, braincarol@aol.com



Empowering women since 1881!

**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.





## AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

**Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25**

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

**Feb 5 3 p.m.**

at Shorewood Apts.  
Clubhouse (off Evergreen)

**Ordinary Grace**

by William Kent Krueger

This group is recruiting new  
members!

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Pat Wozniak at  
847-772-8472 or  
patricia.wozniak@comcast.net



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

**Feb 6 2 pm**  
**Nancy Stepsis hosts**  
and

**Diane Grubel**

will lead the  
discussion of:

**Angle of Repose**

by  
Wallace Stegner

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 Meeting in February**

For info, contact:

Nancy Stepsis

360-896-6521 nf8@evansville.edu  
or Pam Rio 907-750-1868  
pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com



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

**Feb 28**  
**10 am - 3 pm**

**Card Room**  
**3rd Floor @ Glenwood**

Contact the BRIDGE SECRETARY to play  
Feb Secretary: Mary La Husen

**BRING lunch & snacks!**



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

**Feb 24 2 pm**  
**Vancouver Pointe**



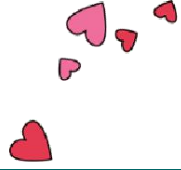

**2020 Foreign Policy Assn. Topics**  
**Chapter 1: Climate Change and**  
**the Global Order**

Held jointly with  
Hudson's Bay Branch AAUW

Contact Carol Brain at  
braincarol@aol.com for info



## February 2020 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>FEBRUARY</b>	3	4 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	5 Bookends Group 3 p.m. Shorewood Clubhouse	6 1st Thurs Book Club 2 p.m. at Nancy Stepsis'	7	8 AAUW Meeting 10:00 a.m. Columbia Bank
9	10	11 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15
16	17	18 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	19	20	21	22 
23	24	25 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. at Lorraine Wheeler's	26	27	28 AAUW Bridge 10 a.m. at Glenwood	29 



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