



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."



~~April 11th 10.00 a.m. AAUW Meeting
Community Room, Columbia Bank, 101 Sixth Street, Vancouver 98660~~

April Meeting Cancelled Due to Coronavirus /COVID-19 Pandemic



APRIL 11 PRESENTATION & MEETING CANCELLED

Craig Brown, Editor



AAUW VANCOUVER MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

AAUW Vancouver has cancelled the general meeting on April 11. Hopefully members will get to hear Craig Brown, editor of *The Columbian*, speak during next year's schedule, as well as member Suzan Borno, who had been scheduled to speak about The Five Pillars of Islam in March. Next year's speaker schedule starts with the general meeting on September 12. AAUW Vancouver has always suspended general meetings in the summer.

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AAUW STATE CONVENTION POSTPONED

Due to the health crisis posed by the Coronavirus and COVID-19, the Oregon & Washington dual state convention has been cancelled. WA State AAUW may hold a state meeting in August. Any registration and meal fees already paid will be refunded.



Be Safe

Stay home





Congratulations to Officers for 2020–2021!!

These officers for next year were elected by email ballot. They will be installed when the epidemic allows. Their terms begin July 1, 2020. Per AAUW Vancouver Bylaws, they may each be reelected to serve a maximum of 4 years.



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
VPCOMMUNICATIONS

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.



Tech Trek Camp 2020

Thanks to the generous members of Vancouver and Hudson’s Bay branches we have raised \$6,000 for Tech Trek Camp! That is enough to send 6 girls to camp this summer. This one-week residential program, held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, provides engaging hands-on classes in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

I want to extend a big thank you to my committee: Kathy Chennault, Sharon Heydet, Heidi Moran, and Pam Rio. They have worked very hard contacting teachers, acquiring candidates and interviewing the girls. Unfortunately, due to the recent school closures, we have to curtail these activities. This means we will be able to send only 4 girls to camp this year, not 6 as planned. The unused donations of \$2000 will be carried-over for use in 2021.

Thank you for your support of this important program. The camp experience gives girls the knowledge and confidence to succeed in high school and college and perhaps pursue a career in a STEM field.

Wanda Holmes, Tech Trek Coordinator

Note: It goes without saying that AAUW activities such as Tech Trek Camp and the NCCWSL convention for student leaders will be cancelled by AAUW if health safety requires.

AAUW Tech Trek alumnae surpass the national average in most advanced math and science courses:

Girls who completed precalculus in 2009



87%

of respondents had completed algebra II, compared with 78 percent of female students and 73 percent of male students nationally.





PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

An amendment to AAUW Vancouver’s Bylaws has been proposed by Scholarship Chair, Kathy Walker. The amendment adds a section to ARTICLE XII Financial Administration. The new language sets guidelines for fundraising by the branch and how funds raised may be used. **The changes are in red below.** (Note that the previous section on Budget becomes Section 4 of Article XII, but its wording does not change.) The amendment **will be voted on at the next general meeting** and must pass by a 2/3 vote of the members present at that meeting to be approved.



RATIONALE:

This amendment to our branch Bylaws is recommended to assure that our Bylaws **1)** meet the criteria of our parent organization, National AAUW and **2)** to reflect the branch’s current practices in regard to fundraising and the disposition of the funds raised.

1) **AAUW Fundraising Policy 501** was approved by the (National) AAUW Board of Directors and took effect on July 1, 2014. The policy explains what AAUW and the IRS expect of AAUW members when fundraising in AAUW’s name. Fundraising in AAUW’s name must be done exclusively to support the goals and mission of AAUW. Donations to the branch must be given specifically to support mission-based activities of the branch. Informing donors of how their donations will be used is a fundamental obligation that the IRS expects of nonprofit organizations.

2) **AAUW Vancouver Branch Policy** On December 8, 2017, AAUW Vancouver Branch’s board of directors voted unanimously that, in the future the Scholarship Committee at the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington would select the recipients of the branch’s annual scholarships to Washington State University Vancouver. The decision was made in response to WSUV’s announcement that, as of July 1, 2017, it would take an advance fee of 5% from all donations made directly to the university. Per the new policy, this is 5% on all gifts up to \$5 million. For gifts greater than \$5 million, the advancement fee applies only to the first \$5 million of the total gift. This advancement fee is to be used for administrative costs to help sustain the development activities of the University.

The 2017-18 branch Board of Directors felt that the monies raised from our donors must go to scholarships for students at local colleges/universities, as stated in our fundraising materials. It was felt that making sure it was used for scholarships fulfilled both our obligation to our local donors and to our national organization. Since 2017, the recipients of our scholarships to WSUV have been selected by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. The board’s decision was announced to the membership at a general meeting on Jan 13, 2018.

This amendment brings our Bylaws up-to-date and reflects current practices.

ARTICLE XII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION



Section 1. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall correspond with that of AAUW and shall begin on July 1.

Section 2. FINANCIAL POLICIES

The board shall set and maintain policies and procedures to control financial records consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and federal, state and local laws including an annual financial review.

Section 3. FUNDRAISING

Fundraising by members representing the AAUW Vancouver branch shall only be done in support of causes which fulfill the goals and mission of AAUW. Donors to those fundraising activities shall be assured that all monies raised will be used in support of the cause(s) stated. These donations are restricted funds, set aside for a particular purpose. AAUW Vancouver will not use a portion of these funds to pay for advancement fees imposed by academic foundations.

Section 4. BUDGET

The board shall adopt an annual budget for presentation to the branch.



MEMBER MEMOS...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

Directory Corrections

- ◆ Donna Roberge's new phone # is 360-433-5783. Her correct email address is spyglass2112@gmail.com
- ◆ Nancy Stepsis has a new cell phone 360-907-6522



I want my interest group!



Most of our branch's interest groups have suspended their meetings for April. Bookends, one of three book discussion groups, is going to try meeting using Zoom.

Please check page 7 to see what your favorite interest groups have planned during the pandemic.

Kudos to Bridge Winners...

February

- 1st: Carol Brain
- 2nd: Iona Clark



Back in my day... there was so much toilet paper, people used to literally string it up in the trees of their enemies



New member, Ruth Edsall



Introducing Ruth Edsall

Ruth Edsall moved to Vancouver from Salem, Oregon last August. She attended her first branch meeting in October, and soon after joined Bookends, the first Wednesday book group. Ruth belonged to the Salem Branch before making the move where she was active in the Creative Cooking interest group and served as a board member.

Originally from southern California, growing up in Alhambra, then living in Santa Monica after college, Ruth moved to Carson City, Nevada in 1984, and then relocated to Salem in 2007.

She graduated from California State University, Chico with a Bachelor's degree in English. Ruth spent over 40 years as a human resources professional and manager - working for Los Angeles County, UCLA, the State of Nevada, and the Oregon Lottery from which she retired on September 1, 2019.

Ruth and her husband, John, enjoy camping, traveling, sports (particularly baseball and football), and gardening. She is an avid reader, loves to cook and entertain, playing games including bridge, growing dahlias, and she is beginning to dabble with acrylic paint. Ruth has a daughter in Portland, step-daughter in Salem, and step-son in Sparks, Nevada.



Apply for scholarships through Community Foundation for Southwest Washington

Two AAUW Vancouver scholarships for WSU Vancouver students are awarded directly from our fund at the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. This related information appeared in *The Columbian* February 26, 2020.

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington is accepting applications for dozens of local scholarships through March.

The Community Foundation manages 68 scholarship funds established by donors, organizations and business that support students at various education levels and within specific studies.

Most applications close on March 31, though deadlines vary. More information can be found at www.cfsww.org/how-we-grant/scholarships.

The Community Foundation last year awarded a record \$749,644 to 247 students, including high school seniors and college students. The average scholarship award was \$2,630.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2020 AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS



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

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOPIC/SPEAKER</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOPIC/SPEAKER</u>
Apr 11	The Future of News CANCELLED — Craig Brown, Editor	May 9	Installation Meeting & Lunch TBD
Apr 26	STEM Reception CANCELLED — Clark College, 12:30 pm	Jun 13	Program Planning Meeting TBD

BRANCH LEADERS 2019 -2020

Officers:

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- Interbranch Council Reps - Kathy Walker & Kay Hansen
- Newsletter Editor - Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.com
- Public Policy - Dee Brookshire, d.brookshire@comcast.net
- STEM Reception - Melanie Handshaw, meltravels2001@yahoo.com
- Tech Trek Coordinator - Wanda Holmes, wwilsongm@gmail.com
- Web Master - Kathy Chennault, kchennault@SupportClark.org

INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2019 -2020

- Bridge:** Ruth Harbaugh, rtravel@comcast.net
- Mah Jongg:** Lorraine Wheeler, lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com
- Nonfiction Books:** Nancy Stepsis, nf8@evansville.edu & Pam Rio, pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com
- 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



AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Contact Lorraine Wheeler for info at
360-314-2480 or
lorainewheeler5445@gmail.com



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

Apr 1 3 p.m.

**BOOKENDS PLANS TO HOLD
ITS MTG USING ZOOM**

(An online meeting solution)

The group will be discussing

The Lady Matador's Hotel

by Cristina Garcia

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you are not on their email
address list, and want to participate,
please contact Pat Wozniak at
847-772-8472 or
patricia.wozniak@comcast.net



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Apr 2 2 p.m.

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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.

No Meeting in April

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

Apr 24

10 am - 3 pm

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

BRING lunch & snacks!



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

Apr 27

2 pm

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**


Contact Carol Brain at
carol@aol.com for info

April 2020 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April			1 Bookends 2 p.m. Mtg using Zoom	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9		11
12  Easter	13	14	MOST MEETINGS AND EVENTS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE STAY IN & STAY HEALTHY!			18
19	20					24
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