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September 2020

Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

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September 12th 10:00 a.m. AAUW General Meeting by Zoom

Internet link for Zoom will be announced to members by email on Wed, Sep 9

Suzan Borno: A Muslim Woman in the Arab World



Suzan Borno

AAUW Vancouver’s next general meeting will be held Saturday, September 12 at 10 a.m. on the Internet using Zoom. AAUW Vancouver member Suzan Borno will speak about Islam and Women. The details of the Zoom link will be emailed to members on Sep 9.

Suzan Borno was born and raised in the Middle East, exposed to a variety of cultures and people through her father’s work with ARAMCO, the Arab American Oil Company in Saudi Arabia. It did not shield her entirely from the male-dominated orientation of the Middle East.

It was her mother who was instrumental in supporting her to get an education, even if it meant leaving the Middle East to do so. Her father would eventually agree, but only if Suzan were to study business. With that support, Suzan came to the U.S., earned her bachelor’s degree in business and in French at Indiana’s Ball State University and then returned to Kuwait to work.

It didn’t take long for her to realize that work in the Middle East and in the business world did not offer her the opportunities that she had hoped for. Suzan returned to the U.S. earning her mas-

ter’s degree in linguistics and a teaching certification from George Mason University in Virginia, fulfilling a lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. She accepted a job as an ESL teacher with Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, just outside Washington DC. She worked there until she retired in 2016.

As a Muslim American, Suzan relies on the wisdom of her parents' early lessons on the teachings of the Quran, a practice that requires both understanding as well as the freedom to interpret its relevant meanings. Suzan will share her experiences growing up as a Muslim Arab woman in the Arab world .

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NEW BRANCH TREASURER

On Aug 5, the board of directors approved the appointment of Carol Ellison as VP Finance for 2020-2021.



Carol Ellison

Carol previously co-chaired the 2018 & 2019 Holiday Branches with Chris Lines. Previous VP Finance, Heidi Moran, will work with Kayla Gunderson as co-Tech Trek Coordinator.



PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

An amendment to AAUW Vancouver’s Bylaws has been proposed. 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.) Due to the Coronavirus, the amendment will be voted on in October 2020 by email and must pass by a 2/3 vote of the members responding to the email ballot be approved. Results will be announced in Nov.



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



Time to Renew Your AAUW Membership !!



Vancouver Branch AAUW Membership Renewal Form for 2020 - 2021

Membership renewal fees for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 are payable now.

Please complete this form and send it - with your check - to:

Carol Ellison, 2609 NW 146th St., Vancouver, WA 98685

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR DUES CHECK

If your contact information has not changed, please write your name and "SAME" in the information area.

Name _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Check the membership category that applies. **Make check payable to: AAUW Vancouver Branch.**

Regular Member \$85
*Includes National (\$59), State (\$10)
and Local Branch (\$16) dues*

Life Member \$26
*Has prepaid all national dues. Owes
branch & state dues only*

Honorary Member \$0
50 years of membership in AAUW

Undergraduate College Student...\$20
at accredited institutions

Dual Member \$16
For those who belong to another branch

Graduate Student 1st year.....\$20
2nd and following years.....\$85

Interest Group Only \$16
No degree. Membership in 1 interest group

**Voluntary donation to Vancouver
Branch Scholarships..... \$10**

AAUW is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. \$56 of your dues is tax-deductible as a charitable donation.

Thank you for your continued membership in the Vancouver Branch of AAUW!



Past President Kay Hansen with past president's pin

I, along with all of you, was extremely disappointed that our year of AAUW meetings and programs ended with a fizzle. Little did we know when the Board voted to postpone the April meeting, that the pandemic would put all organizations' plans on hold for months and months! I miss seeing all of you. The election of new officers was conducted via email, and the vote for the nominated Board was unanimous.

We weren't able to hold our brunch and installation, but one tradition did continue. I was presented with the Past President's Pin by VP Finance Carol Brain one morning in July. Several members met at Columbia Bank to transfer authority to the new Board members. Carol gave a very nice presentation speech, and I felt honored to have served the Branch for two years. Thank you for giving me your trust.

Truly, the honors go to our out-going officers! They served with dedication and inspiration. Carol served every day of her eligibility (extended to the limits of the By-Laws) and we owe her a great debt for keeping us on track. Lorraine Wheeler as VP Programs brought her expansive world-view to our programs. She shepherded speakers from all over the area to share their experiences with us. Linda Zupancic as VP Membership was outstanding reaching out to visitors, and keeping our rolls up to date. Pat Wozniak as VP Communications brought new energy and innovation to the post.

Your new officers have been working diligently to craft a "new normal" for our AAUW Branch! Let's commit our cooperation along with our congratulations to them!

With friendship and trust that we'll see each other soon, Kay

ZOOM INTO PROGRAM PLANNING

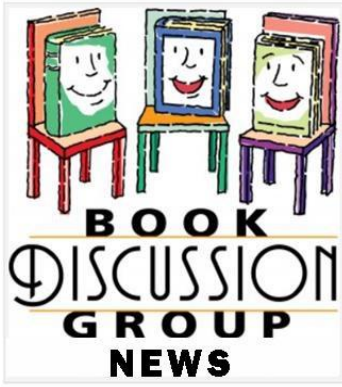
The annual program planning meeting was held using Zoom this year. 15 members attended the meeting and created a proposed list of presentations for our branch for the coming year.

How many of these will have to be held online using remote technology depends on how the current pandemic progresses as well as speaker availability. Below is the list of proposed topics.



Sep '20	Islam & Women	Suzan Borno
Oct '20	Election Safety	Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor
Nov '20	Black Lives Matter	Shareefah Hoover / Jasmine Tolbert; NAACP
Dec '20	Holiday Brunch	
Jan '21	Impact of COVID-19 on City of Vancouver Finances	Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Feb '21	The Future of Newspapers	Craig Brown
Mar '21	Virus & Public Health	Dr. Alan Melnick, Clark Co. Public Health
Apr '21	Public Safety	Fire Chief or Police Chief





First Thursday Book Group

The First Thursday book group has been meeting online using Zoom since the pandemic and social distancing began. Group leader Michelle Girts sets up the Zoom link and members of the group hold their discussion as usual. In September, the group will be talking about The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott.



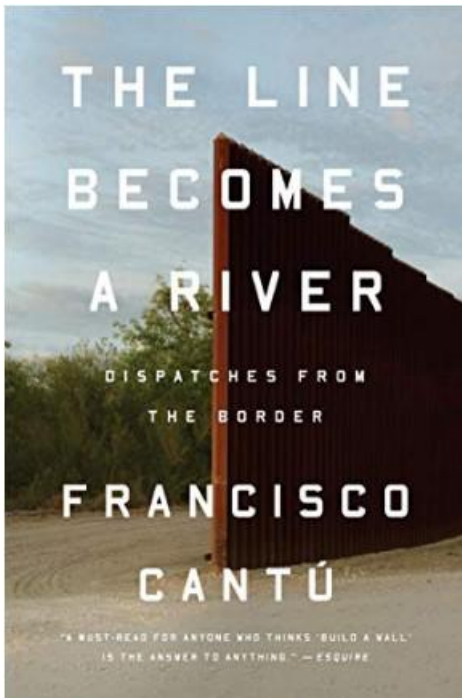
Bookends



Bookends members are reading Where'd You Go Bernadette? by Maria Semple. The comic plot revolves around an agoraphobic architect and mother named Bernadette Fox, who goes missing prior to a family trip to Antarctica.

The group will hold a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, Sep 2, at 3:00 pm. Anyone interested in attending should contact Pat Wozniak at patricia.wozniak@comcast.net for the Zoom meeting details.

Nonfiction Book Group



The Nonfiction Book Group is next scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 17 at 10 a.m. They will meet online using Zoom. For details and the link to the Zoom meeting, contact Nancy Stepsis (nf8@evansville.edu) or Pam Rio (pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com).

September's book is The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border by Francisco Cantu. It is described by Esquire Magazine as, "A must-read for anyone who thinks 'Build A Wall' is the answer to anything." The book was named a Top 10 Book of 2018 by NPR and The Washington Post; Winner of the LA Times Book Prize and Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Nonfiction Award.

For Francisco Cantu, the border is in his blood: his mother, a park ranger and daughter of a Mexican immigrant, raised him in the scrublands of the Southwest. Driven to understand the hard realities of the landscape he loves, Cantu joins the Border Patrol. Plagued by a growing awareness of his complicity in a dehumanizing enterprise, he abandons the Patrol for civilian life. But when an immigrant friend travels to Mexico to visit his dying mother and does not return, Cantu discovers that the border has migrated with him, and now he must know the full extent of the violence it wreaks, on both sides of the line.



Member Memos...



MEMBER NEWS:

Ruth Edsall has accepted the position as chair of the 2020 Holiday Brunch. There is doubt that in-person gatherings will be allowed by December, but some type of celebration will occur. Virtual gatherings are being considered.

Nancy Stepsis has taken over the role of Caring Hearts chair. Please contact her when you know of a member who is ill, has had a loss, or just generally needs a hug.

Dear AAUW Members:

I have enjoyed the members in this branch for many years!! As a past president I have seen the growth and vitality continue which makes this branch very special. Several years ago I received a 30-year membership pin!

Am beginning a new journey at 83 y/o. If that can serve as a model for a few of you, I will be honored. Come visit me! My new address will be Donna Roberge Nozel, 20742 W Hillcrest Blvd., Buckeye, AZ 85396

MEMBER NEWS!

Heidi Moran and Kayla Gunderson have taken the reins to guide our Tech Trek activities. Thank you! And many thanks to Wanda Holmes who served as Tech Trek coordinator from 2018 to 2020. Let's show our support for the program by contributing generously to 2021 Tech Trek. See the details for doing so below.

SEPTEMBER IS DONATE TO TECH TREK MONTH!



Mail your Tech Trek donations to:

Heidi Moran
9313 NE 23rd Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98665

Checks should be made payable to:

"AAUW-WA SPF"

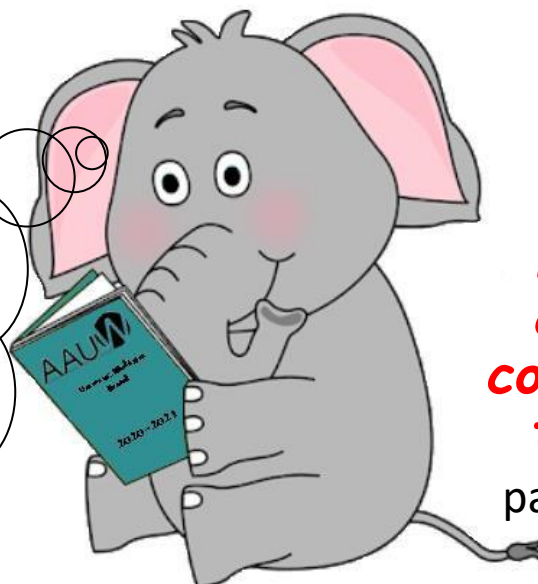
On the memo line include:
"Vancouver Branch - Tech Trek"

Help send local 8th grade girls to Tech Trek next summer!

New Directory

Coming In October

Don't Forget! & Don't wait until it's too late!



UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFO NOW!

Please send any changes to your contact information to Pat Stephens

pat.stephens@msn.com



Proposed Budget for 2020 -2021

AAUW Vancouver's budget committee met on August 20. Pat Wozniak (President), Carol Ellison (VP Finance), Carol Brain (past VP Finance) and Kathy Walker (Scholarship/CFSW chair) made up the committee.

The committee's proposed budget can be seen in the table to the left. It will be presented to the board of directors for approval at their September 9, 2020 meeting.

Reserve: the reserve amount in the proposed budget reflects money from our operating expense funds, which the branch has in a Money Market account at Columbia Bank.

Donations: money donated to help members who cannot afford their membership dues will now be included in the donations category. (These funds were previously designated as the Angel Fund.) In the future, any monies collected by passing "Moola" the Piggy Bank around at meetings will also be included under donations as well as direct donations collected along with membership dues or event registration fees.


Due to the pandemic, the committee is assuming that neither the Holiday Brunch nor AAUW Lobby Day will occur this year. Directory fees will increase since branch directories will have to be mailed to members,

AAUW Vancouver Budget 2020—2021

Income	
Reserve (from Columbia Bank M/Market)	1975
Holiday Brunch	0
Membership Dues	960
Donations	50
Total Income	2985
Expenses	
General Administration	125
State Convention Reg. Fee	200
STEM Recognition Reception	200
Insurance	190
Website Fee	120
Newsletter & Directory	250
Membership Activities	600
AAUW Lobby Day	0
NCCWSL	1300
Tech Trek	0
Total Expenses	2985

Greetings fellow Vancouver AAUW members. In light of the 100th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote, this article focuses on one of the public policy priorities stated in AAUW's 2019-21 Public Policy Priorities.

PUBLIC POLICY



AAUW believes in the right to privacy and freedom from violence. We firmly believe in the separation of church and state. We support a fair balanced, and independent judiciary. We support public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to the community We see an urgent need for meaningful campaign finance reform, open and fair elections, and nonpartisan voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office.

This policy priority is calling out to us right now through the current election and surrounding controversies. I believe we are in a transitional moment in our nation's history and that we can make a difference. Our ability to do that lies in our advocacy efforts and in exercising our right to vote.

Over the course of its existence, AAUW members have advocated, marched, and supported movements toward greater equity and justice for women. 100 years ago, after decades of advocacy, women received the legislative right to vote in the United States. We must do all that we can to exercise that right and see that others also have the ability to exercise that right.

We are fortunate in Washington that voting by mail has been around for a long time without issue. If you are a registered voter (and only then) you are sent a mail-in ballot. This year, the election ballots will be mailed on October 16th. Look for it, vote and get it into the mail or permanent drop box as soon as possible. Every vote counts.

Dee Brookshire, Public Policy Chair



Congratulations to Branch Member **Karen Manelis** Winner of the **EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD** from AAUW Washington State!

From... **The Evergreen Leader**

Summer, 2020



Karen Manelis & AAUW Vancouver's 2017 Tech Trek Campers

It was supposed to be a big surprise! At the 2020 Joint Convention that we had hoped to hold with AAUW Oregon in April, we had planned to announce the winner of the Washington State AAUW Extraordinary Service Award. The State Board had decided that there are people among us that had provided so much to AAUW Washington State that they should be publicly recognized, and that this would be the perfect time to acknowledge the incredible work of someone we all know.

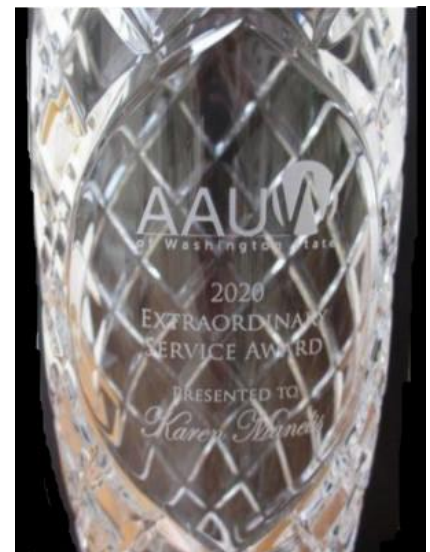
We all know that neither the convention nor the award ceremony happened. We also know we might not be getting together again any time soon. Therefore, we have decided to make the award now. We are proud to announce that the winner of the WA State AAUW Extraordinary Service Award for 2020 is **Karen Manelis**.

AAUW Washington was indeed fortunate when Karen moved from California to the Vancouver area in 2007. A former AAUW California state president, Karen brought her considerable expertise and many leadership skills to our organization. She was State President in California when they established the Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for Girls in 1998. This was the original program on which all of the other Tech Trek programs across the country were based. She was director of the Tech Trek Camp at California State University, Fresno, from its inception in 1999 to 2007 when she moved to Washington.

Luck was with us again when AAUW National announced in 2012 that they would be offering \$10,000 grants to state associations interested in starting Tech Trek camps based on the California model. Karen agreed to write the grant application and develop our initial camp(s). Our application was, of course, successful, and camps at Pacific Lutheran University, and later at Eastern Washington University, were born. Seven years of camps later, she is still Tech Trek Director. We estimate that approximately 1,000 Washington State girls have been beneficiaries of her foresight, planning, and organizational skills.

In addition to her work with Tech Trek, Karen served on the WA State Board of Directors. Most recently, before leaving the board, she was the director responsible for making sure that all of our branches had Bylaws that were in compliance with National's requirements and were appropriately filed.

Karen holds a BS in Biological Science from the University of California at Davis. She is retired from Dow Chemical/ Dow Agrosiences and the Department of Treasury (IRS). She has been a trainer and volunteer counselor for AARP's Tax Aide program in Clark County Washington since 2009.





AN ARTICLE FROM THE



In the celebration of the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote, images from the 1913 Suffrage March on Washington, DC. have begun to make their rounds on social media. In the wake of the 2017 Women's March, news outlets and bloggers drew visual and ideological comparisons between the crowds packing Pennsylvania Avenue. Yet photographs do not tell the entire story. While African American women participated in the march, they are almost entirely absent from event photographs. This is not by accident. Both then and now, African American women have been erased from the narrative of women's suffrage in America.

Since the mid-19th century, African American women fought for the right to vote while facing discrimination from white suffragists who did not want their movement associated with women of color. Carrying the "double burden" of Blackness and womanhood, African American women approached the suffrage movement with different objectives than their white counterparts. Painfully aware of the restrictions on Black male voting in the south and the social, political, and economic challenges facing their communities, Black women saw their enfranchisement as an opportunity for community uplift as well as personal recognition of citizenship.

The question of whether "Votes for Women" meant all women or exclusively white women dates to the beginning of the suffrage movement. Though many suffragists were part of the abolitionist movement to end slavery, they were not immune to racial prejudice. Elizabeth Cady Stanton claimed: "it's better to be the slave of an educated white man than of a degraded black one," arguing that Black men would be "despotic" if granted the vote. Though Susan B. Anthony believed in universal suffrage, she felt that if only one group were to be given the vote it should be white women.



African Americans were aware of the suffrage movement's racism. Yet rather than reject the movement, they continued to find ways to be involved in hopes that women's electoral equality could benefit communities of color. As W.E.B. Du Bois, scholar and editor of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's *The Crisis* put it, "votes for women means votes for black women." With the vote, Black women could have greater control over "the conduct of educational systems, charitable and correctional institutions, public sanitation and municipal ordinances" where they lived. The promise of social betterment as well as an understanding of what it meant to be deprived of equal rights compelled African Americans to support suffrage.

Despite the almost assured negative reception, many African American women reached out to the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) and attempted to take part in suffrage activities. While some local chapters of NAWSA were more accepting of Black participation, others were not. Attempts by Black women to bring issues impacting their communities to NAWSA's attention were met with continual rejection. At an 1899 meeting, suffragist Lottie Wilson Jackson tried to introduce a motion for NAWSA to condemn segregated public transportation. The motion was tabled. When Martha Gruening asked NAWSA to denounce white supremacy at the 1911 national conference, president Anna Howard Shaw refused, asserting that while she was "in favor of colored people voting," she did not want to anger other members of the movement.

The opportunity for a greater political voice drew African American women to the suffrage movement. They supported the movement for its message of gender equality and potential benefits to their own communities while calling out harmful ideologies. Yet making meaningful engagement with mainstream suffrage organizations and leadership proved difficult. From meetings to marches, African American suffragists fought for the vote while fighting white supremacy. Yet Black women were relentless in their attempts to make meaningful engagement with the suffrage movement, not only because they believed in the cause but because they knew it was important that they were present and fighting for their rights both as women and African Americans.



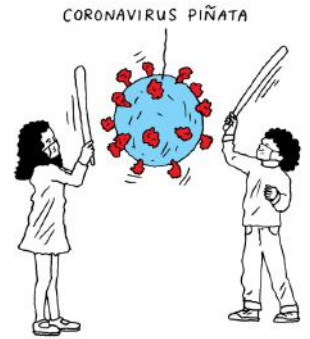
Education vs. Covid-19 Education is an important focus of our organization and yet, across the county, educators and lawmakers are now attempting to determine how to offer education to American students without endangering their health, the health of their family members, and the health of those working for schools and universities. Below is a letter from a teacher in Utah, as well as an excerpt from *The Columbian* outlining our county’s current plans.

Education: Is What’s Being Asked of Teachers Reasonable?

Utah Herald Journal
Letter to the Editor:

I am a teacher. I studied many years to get two degrees and multiple certificates so I could teach our children how to read and write. That's what I signed on to do.

Then, you asked me to be a parent and teach them character, ethics, and morals and I did. Then, you asked me to be a social worker and teach them about suicide, online safety, bullying, to watch for signs of physical, mental, and sexual abuse and I did. Then you asked me to be a police officer and taught me how to identify gang behavior and taught me how to keep students safe in an active shooter situation, up to and including, using myself as a human shield if necessary and I did.



Now, you're asking me to be a health care worker and to wear a mask, face shield, and gloves, and you give me a bottle of hand sanitizer so that I can teach our children in the midst of a pandemic. What will you expect of teachers next and when will the "ask" be too much? When teachers express concern over - heaven forbid - their own safety and the safety of their families, we are told to adapt, to retire, or to quit. We're in this together you say ... are we?
Mollie Shepherd Logan

Clark County’s Plan for Students During Pandemic



Excerpt from The Columbian Aug 5, 2020

Clark County students are unlikely to see the inside of a classroom for some time as districts prepare their remote learning plans for the start of the school year.

Those in Vancouver Public Schools got a clearer picture of what “Digital Learning 2.0” could look like — and why district officials say it will be better.

Officials in the 23,500-student school district offered a lengthy report on how schools will operate in the fall, covering technology access, lesson planning and ways families can connect with their teachers.

Among the key takeaways: fewer apps to navigate, more communication between teachers and families, and a return of grade keeping and attendance.

“We’re creating something really new here in education and are creating along as we learn,” said Tamara Shoup, the district’s executive director of teaching and learning.

Vancouver Public Schools joined seven other Clark County districts last week in recommending a full remote start to the school year as the coronavirus pandemic continues. School buildings have been closed since March 13.

The recommendation tracks with data released by the district last week suggesting many families in the school district are concerned about an in-person return to the school year. According to a survey, 60% of families said they would be uncomfortable or very uncomfortable with a full, in-person return to campus; 45 percent said they’d be uncomfortable or very uncomfortable with a hybrid model that brings students back to school several days a week.



ALL MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS, AND SPEAKERS FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. CHANGES AND UPDATES TO THIS INFORMATION WILL BE BY EMAIL &/OR THIS NEWSLETTER.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2020-2021 AAUW MEETINGS AND EVENTS



Unless otherwise noted, general meetings are currently held on Zoom and begin at 10 am .

Table with 4 columns: MONTH, TOPIC/SPEAKER*, MONTH, TOPIC/SPEAKER*. Rows include dates from Sep 12 to Feb 14 and Mar 14 to Jun 13 with various topics and speakers.

BRANCH LEADERS 2020 -2021

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Web Master - Kathy Chennault, kchennault@SupportClark.org

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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.



AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



Every Tuesday
1– 3 pm at Lorraine Wheeler's
10916 SE 18th St., Vancouver

POTENTIALLY
SEP 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
(Dates decided weekly)
1 - 3 pm

**Meeting remotely using an
online application + Zoom
during pandemic**

Contact Lorraine Wheeler for more
information at 360-314-2480 or
lorrainewheeler5445@gmail.com



Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

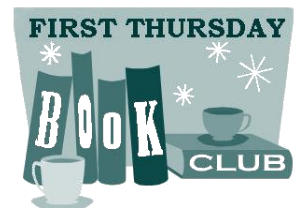
Sep 2 3 p.m.
**Bookends now meets using
Zoom**

Where'd You Go Bernadette?

by Maria Semple

Group is recruiting new members!

Contact Pat Wozniak 847-772-8472
patricia.wozniak@comcast.net
for info and Zoom link



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

Sep 3 2 pm

Zoom hosts

and

Sharon Heydet

will lead the discussion of:

The Ninth Hour

by Alice McDermott

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.~~

Sep 17 10 am
by Zoom

The Line Becomes a River

by Francisco Cantu

For info, contact:

Nancy Stepsis

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



Monthly, members of the group write
a story on an assigned topic and share
it with the group by email.

September's topic is:

Have You Ever Run for Public Office or
Assisted Someone Else's Candidacy?

Would you like to join? Please contact Kathy
Walker at kcwalker41@gmail.com



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

NO MTG IN SEPT
Card Room

3rd Floor @ Glenwood

Contact the BRIDGE SECRETARY to play
Secretary:

~~BRING lunch & snacks!~~








Monthly, 2nd & 4th Mondays,
2pm, ~~Vancouver Pointe, 4555 NE~~
~~66th Ave, Vancouver~~

SEPT 14 & 28

Discussion group held jointly
with Hudson's Bay Branch
AAUW **using Zoom**

Contact Carol Brain at
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September 2020 AAUW Vancouver Branch Activities & Events During Covid-19 Pandemic

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	2 Bookends Book Group 3 p.m. using Zoom	3 1st Thurs Book Group 2 p.m. using Zoom	4	5
		8 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	9 Check email for Zoom link to Saturday's general meeting	10 →	11 →	12 AAUW Meeting 10:00 a.m. using 
13	14 Great Decisions 2:00 p.m. using Zoom	15 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	16	17 Nonfiction Book Group Meeting using Zoom	18	19
20	21 Email contact changes to Pat Stephens for new directory!	22 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	23	24	25 	26
27	28 Great Decisions 2:00 p.m. using Zoom	29 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	30			

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CFSW SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT SEPT 2020

As scholarship chair, I am reporting on the status of our scholarship fund at the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. As most of you know, the majority of the money in the fund was donated by our generous benefactor **Kitty Welsh**, who passed away in 2018.

Like all other stock market-based funds, ours has been hit by the Coronavirus pandemic and its negative effect on the economy. However, the balance has rallied somewhat since the fund statement at the end of March and, of course, we hope it will continue to improve. Right now, we are down ~\$40K from where we stood last December.

We received our annual contribution from the **Doris Troxel** Trust in June and it was added to the scholarship fund at the Community Foundation. This year Doris' trust contributed \$629.71 to AAUW Vancouver's scholarship fund. When compared to \$215.89 in June 2019, it is clear that Riverview Trust Company is doing a good job of managing Doris' estate. We greatly appreciate her remembering our scholarship goals in her will.

Below is a review of the fund balances since the end of December 2019. Please note that between March 31, 2020 and June 30, 2020, per our annual budget, we awarded \$7000 in scholarships from the fund for the 2020-2021 school year; i.e. two \$2500 scholarships to WSUV students and two \$1000 scholarships to Clark College students.

<u>Date</u>	<u>CFSW Scholarship Fund Balance</u>
12/31/19	\$473,153.51
3/31/20	394,429.91
6/30/20	433,853.27

Kathy Walker