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The Voice

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



October 2020

Vancouver, Washington Branch
AAUW

vancouver-wa.aauw.net

October 10th

10:00 a.m.

AAUW General Meeting by Zoom

Internet link for Zoom will be announced to members by email on Wed, Oct 7

Tracy Reilly Kelly - Women's Suffrage: Looking Back, Looking Forward



Tracy Reilly Kelly

The AAUW Vancouver general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. using Zoom technology.

Our speaker, Tracy Reilly Kelly, has been making presentations all year on topics related to women's history and electoral history. Now that we have passed the actual anniversary date of the passage of the 19th Amendment, she asks what is the meaning of suffrage?

Discover the lives of five important suffragists, including Black activists, who have shaped the struggle. What does this mean going forward in fulfillment of true women's equality?

Reilly Kelly will speak both about major suffragists and Susan B. Anthony's visits to Vancouver in 1895 and 1905.

Reilly Kelly was a Health Educator for the SW Washington Health District's HIV/AIDS Program in 1988. She began teaching Health at Clark College in 1991 and also taught in the Chemical Dependency and Business & Industry Training Departments.

Reilly Kelly taught Health, Human Sexuality and Women's Health and Women's

Studies at Clark College for 12 years and at Portland State University for 4 years, receiving the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty for Health and for Women's Studies.

She became the Program Manager of the senior citizen program, Mature Learning, at Clark in 1998 and has managed that program since then.

In 2008, Reilly Kelly was honored as a Woman of Achievement by the YWCA of Clark County and Clark College. In 2009 she became the Program Manager of the Cooking and Wine School at Clark's Columbia Tech Center campus, where she enjoys creating curricula with an emphasis on nutrient dense foods and teaching people the joys of home cooking.

In 2014 Reilly Kelly became the Program Developer for Community Education as well.

→ → Look for the email on October 7th with instructions and the link to enjoy this program remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic on

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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*

Honorary Member \$0
50 years of membership in AAUW

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

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

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

Life Member \$26
Has prepaid all national dues

To save costs and promote environmental responsibility, AAUW Vancouver mails free hard copies of newsletters **ONLY** to members without email addresses. Alternately the fee is \$10.

**I do have an email address and want
a hard copy of the newsletter**.....\$10

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

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

To comply with association and state bylaws, our branch needs to receive your dues by June 15. 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!



DONATE TO TECH TREK!



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!

Member Memos...



Directory Updates & Member Notes

● Sadly **Iona Clark** had a fall and broke her femur. She is convalescing and you can send her a card c/o Woodland Care Center, 310 4th St. Room 136, Woodland, WA 8674

● **Ed and Kara Lynn Rankin** are moving to Brooklyn, NY to be closer to their son. They will be missed!

REMINDER

In October, you will be asked to vote by email on an Amendment to the Vancouver branch By-laws. The amendment adds a section to ARTICLE XII that sets guidelines for fundraising by the branch and how the funds raised may be used. The amendment was announced at the Feb 2020 meeting and referenced in newsletters since then.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE



Please watch for the email ballot.

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.

(AMENDMENT PROPOSED COMPLIES W/ NATIONAL BY-LAWS & IRS REQUIREMENTS) CHANGE IS:

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 NUMBER CHANGE

Section 4. BUDGET

Working
**SMOKE ALARMS
SAVE LIVES**



If you need to replace a battery in a smoke detector, call your local fire station. Fire District personnel will come to your home and help install your new battery.



In Memory of Dixie Arata



Our friend Dixie Arata passed away on August 29, 2020. Her loss is felt deeply by the members of our branch. Dixie was a bright light. She brought intelligence, humor and enthusiasm to everything she did. Dixie originally joined AAUW in Livermore, CA and was president of our branch from 1995 to 1997, working on innumerable projects and events over the years. Plus... she was always ready to attend a party or branch event and was a great addition to every one of them! Dixie we miss you.





AAUW National Considering Another **Dues Increase**, Asking for Input by 9/25

The notice below was sent to some branch officers announcing that our national organization is going to discuss another dues increase at their October 16th board meeting. The last increase in dues was \$10 two years ago in 2018.

A one-time dues increase of between \$3 and \$10 will be considered as well as a dues increase in each of the next three fiscal years.

Members are asked to send comments by September 25 to connect@aauw.org Send your input now.



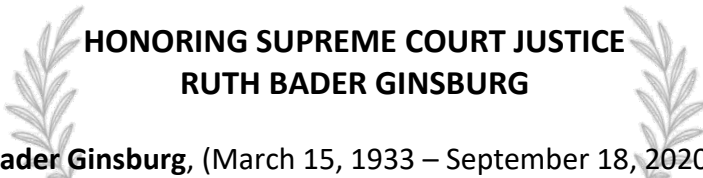
The AAUW Board of Directors will consider and vote on a change in Individual Member dues at their upcoming Board meeting on October 16, 2020. Any increase would take effect on July 1, 2021. The Board will consider two different options:

- A. An increase to take effect on July 1, 2021, of an amount between \$3 and \$10.
- B. An increase to take effect on the 1st of July of each of the next three fiscal years of between \$3 and \$10 each year.

The selection of option A or B and the exact amount of the increase for the option chosen will be determined by the board at its October meeting. Any change to Individual Member dues will impact paid Life Membership as well, since AAUW’s bylaws require paid Life Membership to equal 20 years of annual dues. The Board is not considering a change to College/University Member dues at this time.

Membership dues cover between 15% and 20% of AAUW’s annual budget. While AAUW’s expenses increase annually, in recent years dues have not increased with enough regularity to keep pace with expenses. Increasing Individual Member dues will help AAUW cover more expenses, including important functions like the Connect team, critical technology and infrastructure such as the website and Member Services Database, and other member support.

Please send any comments regarding this dues increase to connect@aauw.org no later than Friday, September 25, 2020. All comments will be reviewed by AAUW staff and the Board of Directors prior to the Board’s vote. Thank you.



HONORING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, (March 15, 1933 – September 18, 2020) was an American jurist who served on the United States Supreme Court from 1993 until her recent death. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton and was generally viewed as belonging to the liberal wing of the Court. Women owe her a debt of gratitude.

Ginsburg spent a considerable part of her legal career as an advocate for the advancement of gender equality and women's rights, winning multiple arguments before the Supreme Court. She advocated as a volunteer attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union and was a member of its board of directors and one of its general counsels in the 1970s. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, where she served until her appointment to the Supreme Court. Justice Ginsburg, thank you for your service. Rest in Peace.



Ida B. Wells-Barnett 1862 to 1931: Civil Rights Advocate & Suffragist

Ida B. Wells-Barnett was a prominent journalist, activist, and researcher, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In her lifetime, she battled sexism, racism, and violence. As a skilled writer, Wells-Barnett also used her skills as a journalist to shed light on the conditions of African Americans throughout the South.



Ida B. Wells-Barnett

Ida Bell Wells was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi on July 16th, 1862. She was born into slavery during the Civil War. Once the war ended Wells-Barnett’s parents became politically active in Reconstruction Era politics. Her parents instilled in her the importance of education. Wells-Barnett enrolled at Rust College but was expelled when she started a dispute with the university president. In 1878, Wells-Barnett went to visit her grandmother. While she was there Wells-Barnett was informed that a yellow fever epidemic had hit her hometown. The disease took both of Wells-Barnett’s parents and her infant brother. Left to raise her brothers and sister, she took a job as a teacher so that she could keep the family together. Eventually, Wells-Barnett moved her siblings to Memphis, Tennessee. There she continued to work as an educator.

In 1884, Wells-Barnett filed a lawsuit against a train car company in Memphis for unfair treatment. She had been thrown off a first-class train, despite having a ticket. Although she won the case on the local level, the ruling was eventually overturned in federal court. After the lynching of one of her friends, Wells-Barnett turned her attention to white mob violence. She became skeptical about the reasons black men were lynched and set out to investigate several cases. She published her findings in a pamphlet and wrote several columns in local newspapers. Her expose about an 1892 lynching enraged locals, who burned her press and drove her from Memphis. After a few months, the threats became so bad she was forced to move to Chicago, Illinois.

In 1893, Wells-Barnett joined other African American leaders in calling for the boycott of the World’s Columbian Exposition. The boycotters accused the exposition committee of locking out African Americans and negatively portraying the black community. In 1895, Wells-Barnett married famed African American lawyer Ferdinand Barnett. Together, the couple had four children. Throughout her career, Wells-Barnett balanced motherhood with her activism.

By Dee Brookshire, Public Policy Chair

PUBLIC POLICY



This month’s Public Policy item starts with a brief refresher on the process by which we come to establish the National public policy and the expectations for their use.

In a nutshell, AAUW’s Public Policy Priorities are adopted every two years by every-member vote, and establishes the federal action issues on which AAUW members across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guide the work of the national staff.

The 2019-2021 Public Policy Priorities were adopted in May 2019. AAUW National advises that States and branches should also use the Public Policy Priorities to inform their advocacy efforts on state and local issues.

This month I would like to take a moment to share sections of the Public Policy Priorities that seem especially relevant right now. The following are excerpts from the adopted 2019-2021 Public Policy Priorities.

Basic to all of AAUW’s public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

AAUW supports efforts to improve racial, ethnic, and gender justice and will work to eradicate intersectional bias as well. This includes creating a diverse culture of involvement, respect, inclusion, and connection, where the richness of ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives is fully appreciated and utilized protection for the civil rights of all individuals

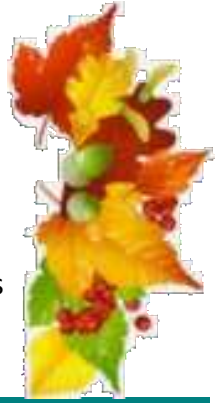


Happy Autumn Vancouver Branch,

I am seeking a speaker for the November meeting who can speak to us on the equity issues at the forefront today, including the Black Lives Matter protest, and more. Creating and appreciating a diverse culture of involvement, respect, inclusion and connection may seem lofty, almost unattainable goals, but I believe it starts with one person, each member open to these concepts.

Each of us can make a difference as we meet and interact with people of diverse cultures in our day-to-day lives and together we can seek out opportunities to join with diverse groups and organizations that share the same goals. If we are open, it can be an eye opening experience for each of us.

Dee Brookshire, Public Policy Chairperson



SAVE THE DATES FOR TENTATIVE 2020-2021 AAUW MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER*

Nov 14 Black Lives Matter, NAACP speaker*

Dec 12 Virtual Holiday Brunch

Jan 9 Impact of Covid-19, Mayor McEnery

Feb 13 Future of Newspapers, Craig Brown

Mar 13 Virus & Public Health, Dr. Alan Melnick

MONTH TOPIC/SPEAKER*

Apr 10 Public Safety *

Apr Possible STEM Reception, STEM Building Clark College

May 8 Possible Installation Meeting

Jun 12 Program Planning Meeting

*speakers' names TBA



BRANCH LEADERS 2020 -2021

Officers:

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- Web Master - Kathy Chennault, kchennault@SupportClark.org

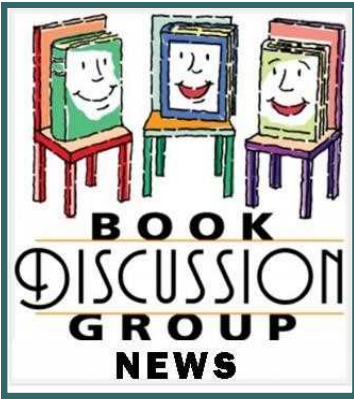
INTEREST GROUP LEADERS 2020 -2021

- Bridge:** Ruth Harbaugh, rhtravel@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 Wednesday Book Group:** Pat Wozniak, patricia.wozniak@comcast.net
- Great Decisions:** Carol Brain, braincarol@aol.com
- Story Tellers:** Kathy Walker, kcwalker41@gmail.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.



First Thursday Book Group

October's First Thursday Book Group novel is The Invention of Wings, a powerful and sweeping historical novel by Sue Monk Kidd, which begins, fittingly, with an image of flight: Hetty "Handful," who has grown up as a slave in early-nineteenth-century



Charleston, recalls the night her mother told her that her ancestors in Africa could fly over trees and clouds. That day, Handful's mother, Charlotte, gave her daughter the gift of hope—the possibility that someday she might regain her wings and fly to freedom. Throughout Kidd's exquisitely written story, Handful struggles, sometimes with quiet dissidence, sometimes with open rebellion, to cultivate a belief in the invincibility of her spirit and in the sacred truth that one does not need actual wings in order to rise. First Thursday Book Group has a waiting list for membership. Contact Michelle Girts for more information.

Bookends



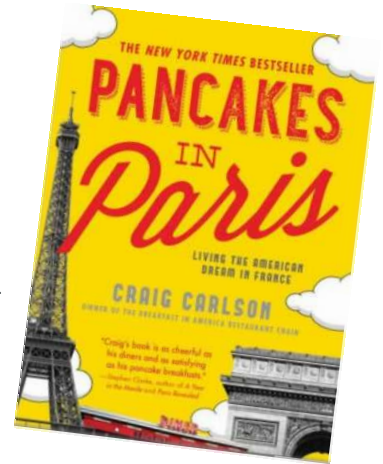
On October 7, Bookends members will meet using Zoom to discuss Pancakes in Paris by Craig Carlson.

Paris was practically perfect-although for Craig Carlson one thing was still missing: the good ol' American breakfast he loved so much.

Craig was the last person anyone would have expected to open an

American diner in Paris. He came from humble beginnings in a working-class town in Connecticut, had never worked in a restaurant, and didn't know anything about starting a brand-new business. But from his first visit to Paris, Craig knew he had found the city of his dreams.

Pancakes in Paris is the story of Craig tackling the impossible-from raising the money to fund his dream to tracking down international suppliers for "exotic" American ingredients, and even finding love along the way. His diner, Breakfast in America, is now a renowned tourist destination, and the story of how it came to be is just as delicious and satisfying as the classic breakfast that tops its menu. Anyone interested in attending should contact Pat Wozniak at patricia.wozniak@comcast.net for the Zoom details



Nonfiction Book Group

The Nonfiction Book Group is next scheduled to meet on November 19th.





AAUW Vancouver Branch Interest Groups



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

POTENTIALLY
OCT 6, 13, 20, & 27
(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

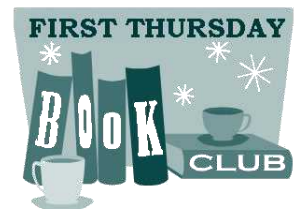


Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 3 pm

OCT 7 3 p.m.
Bookends meets using Zoom
***Pancakes in Paris: Living the
American Dream in France***

by Craig Carlson

Group is recruiting new members!
Contact Pat Wozniak 847-772-8472
patricia.wozniak@comcast.net



Monthly, 1st Thursday, 2 pm

OCT 1 2 pm
on Zoom

April Dahlquist
will lead the discussion of:
The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk Kidd

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

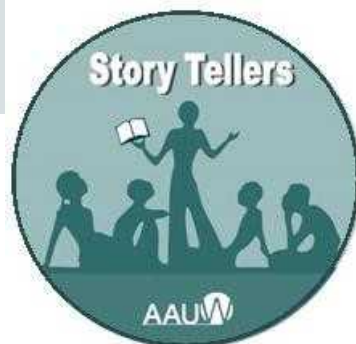
Nonfiction



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

**NO MEETING
IN OCTOBER**

For info, contact:
Nancy Stepsis
360-896-6521 nf8@evansville.edu
or Pam Rio 907-750-1868
pamelaprunetree@hotmail.com



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

October's topic is:

Where Were You and What Were You
Doing When JFK Was Assassinated?

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 OCT
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~~

OCT 12 & 26

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

Contact Carol Brain at
braincarol@aol.com for info.

October 2020 Vancouver Branch AAUW Activities & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bookends Group 3 p.m. using Zoom	2 1st Thurs Book Group 2 p.m. using Zoom	3	4
5	6	7 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	8	9	10	11 AAUW Meeting 10:00 a.m. using Zoom
12	13 Great Decisions 2:00 p.m. using Zoom	14 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	15 Story Tellers Submission	16	17	18
19	20	21 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	22	23	24	25
26	27 Great Decisions 2:00 p.m. using Zoom	28 Mah Jongg 1:00 p.m. Meeting online	29	30	31 	

Please consider the environment before printing this publication.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED AND VOTE!

**THE BEST VOTING ADVICE I'VE HEARD IS:
VOTING ISN'T MARRIAGE;
IT'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
YOU'RE NOT WAITING FOR "THE ONE."
YOU'RE CATCHING A BUS.
IF THERE ISN'T ONE GOING TO
YOUR EXACT DESTINATION, YOU
DON'T STAY HOME. YOU TAKE THE
ONE GOING CLOSEST TO WHERE YOU
WANT TO END UP!**

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