



September 2017 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Sylvia Chariton



Welcome to our newcomers and welcome back to those who are returning to help change the climate for women and girls in Idaho and our greater Boise community.

This is the first of our regular monthly newsletter correspondence for 2017-18. Throughout the year we'll be sharing changes, dates, times and event information that you'll want to know. All summer long there has been a transition team meeting, communicating and planning for a very exciting AAUW Boise Area Branch 2017-18 year. Our dedicated leadership remains eagerly committed to creating a vibrant, relevant and ever growing branch.

The Riverside - We're Back!

By Marci Lingo and Kay Reed



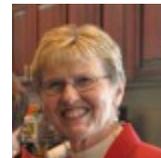
We are back at The Riverside again for this year! Both the interior and exterior are being remodeled, so while we are returning to our "old" space, it will appear new and more

beautiful.

Because of our recent negotiation with The Riverside, we were not able to always book our typical Tuesday meetings. As mentioned below, our September welcome back meeting is a dinner meeting on Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30. The full slate of meetings and dates are available on the Calendar page of the branch website: <http://boise-id.aauw.net/calendar/>. Be sure to mark them on your calendar right away.

AAUW Welcome Back Dinner

By Norma Lloyd



Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 P.M. Riverside Hotel, 2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Boise

The fall AAUW Boise Area Branch meeting will be September 20 at the Riverside Hotel. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. so that members will have an opportunity to browse the displays of our many interest groups. Most of the groups will be the same as before, but we have a new group that should interest new members. It's the Newbie Group and Nadine Barth and Nancy Roth will be there to tell you all about it.

The September meeting will be held in the Juniper Room and the interest group signups will be in the Fireplace Foyer just outside of the Juniper Room. A full no-host bar will be available so come early, chat about your summer and enjoy a cocktail.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 pm. Our speakers will be some of the grateful recipients of our generous scholarship donations. Alexandria Balzen, a junior at BSU majoring in chemistry and physics, is our latest Inez Robb recipient. She will be followed by Joanne Taylor, Chief Development Officer for the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. She will discuss our sponsorship of STEM camps. Joanne will introduce Kensington Kerr, entering 4th grade at West Canyon Elementary in Caldwell, who will say a few words about her STEM camp experience.

Be sure to come and listen to some remarkable stories that highlight how our kindness and generosity changed lives! Soon there'll be an invitation to the September meeting in your inbox.

Hope to see you at the Riverside!!

Garage Sale is Almost Here!

By Kathy Scott



AAUW's fundraising garage sale will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 2017**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 2201 Woodlawn in Boise.

A portion of the proceeds will be used for branch special projects and events, such as Project Recognition and sponsoring an Un-Happy Hour commemorating Equal Pay Day. Some of the proceeds will also be sent to national AAUW to support their programs, grants, and fellowships.

We will be accepting donations until September 5, 2017. If you have items you wish to donate, please contact Julie Custer (jjcuster1947@hotmail.com or [208/871-0221](tel:2088710221)) or me (kascott1088@msn.com or [208/860-2851](tel:2088602851)), so that we can arrange to get your donations.

Membership

By Dena Duncan



Our new membership year began on July 1st. Most members have already renewed their membership and we are thankful for their promptness. **If you are someone who has not yet renewed, you should do so by September 10, 2017.** You should write a check for \$76 payable to AAUW Boise Area Branch and send it to Cathy Ransom, Finance Officer, and PO Box 2375, Eagle, Idaho 83616.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only members who have paid their dues through June 30, 2018, will be listed in the membership directory. So, if you haven't renewed your membership yet, now is the time to act!

Want to Learn About Millennials and Philanthropy? Join Us on September 23!

By Kathy Scott



Twice a year AAUW Idaho board members come together to share information, discuss challenges faced by their branches, and celebrate branch accomplishments. These meetings are informative, educational, and provide an opportunity to meet members from across the state.

We invite all AAUW Idaho members to attend these meetings. This year's AAUW Idaho Summer Board Meeting will be on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, **September 23 and 24, 2017 (see attached agenda)**. The Saturday afternoon session will focus on three areas:

1. **Philanthropy** - Karen Bilowith, president and CEO of the Idaho Community Foundation, will talk about millennials and philanthropy. According to Karen *"Millennials are more likely to donate than they are to vote!"*
2. **Legislative issues regarding sexual assault** - Melissa Wintrow, District 19 Representative, sponsored a bill which put a process in place to test sexual assault evidence kits in a timely manner. She will give us an update on potential additional legislation on this important issue.
3. **Membership challenges and opportunities** - Kathy Scott, newly appointed member to national AAUW's Membership Committee, will lead an interactive discussion on how branches can attract and, just as important, retain members.

The above presentations will provide ample opportunity for your questions.

Sunday morning's session will focus on the business of the state and branches. You are welcome to attend this session, too.

[Click here](#) to RSVP to the meeting. We must receive your **RSVP by Saturday, September 16, 2017.**

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see many of you at the meeting!

Work Smart: FREE Salary Negotiation Workshop

By Kathy Scott



AAUW Idaho and LUNA (Clif bars) are co-sponsoring a **FREE** Work Smart salary negotiation workshop in Boise on October 5, 2017, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Cole & Ustick Library. This nationally recognized program will be facilitated by Claudia Richards from AAUW in Washington DC.

While we recognize the majority of our members are retired or getting gleefully close to retirement, we also know we have members who are still in the workforce, OR who have daughters, granddaughters, and/or friends who are employed. Since attendance at this workshop is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis, we wanted to tell you about this workshop ([description of Work Smart](#)).

Work Smart is aimed at giving working women the skills they need to negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. The content of this workshop is timely and relevant.

Click on this link - [FREE Work Smart workshop](#) - to register. We strongly encourage you to share this link with every working woman you know!

AAUW - Non-Partisan in a Political World

By Linda Anderson



We need to remind ourselves from time to time that AAUW is a non-partisan organization. This means that we cannot endorse or fundraise for partisan candidates, or use any AAUW lists, phone numbers or networks for partisan purposes.

One of AAUW's main missions is to support issues which further the interests and well-being of women and girls. Our Biennial Action Priorities include funding for quality public education and support of access to affordable higher education for women and disadvantaged populations; support for pay equity and fairness; enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes; quality and affordable dependent care; enforcement of affirmative action and voting rights; and self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions. The AAUW Idaho Statehouse Lobby Corps actively lobbies the legislature in support of these and other priorities.

At AAUW gatherings, the discussion often turns to women's issues. When this happens, we need to remember that there is a distinction between our support of a particular issue and its association with a particular political party. Yes, by all means, be proud of and support our national positions! But please be aware of and sensitive to the fact that not everyone at the table may be on exactly the same page as you politically. We never want to make a fellow member uncomfortable.

Coming Soon: Online

Membership Directory

By Julie Custer



In an ongoing effort to make contact information for our branch members accessible and up-to-date, we will start using an online directory tool effective September 2017. The new tool is **DirectorySpot**. It is designed to be used in two ways:

1. online
2. on your smart phone.

Both versions have the following features:

- displays the phone number(s), email address, and home address for each member
- a photo if the member provided one
- allows you to search the directory by entering all or part of the member's first or last name

The ONLINE version allows each member to update their own contact information and add or change her/his photo.

The SMART PHONE version:

- provides the functionality to call or email members from the app (just tap on the phone number or email address)
- provides a map and driving directions to a member's home (just tap on the home address)
- gives you access to the branch calendar on the branch website (so you can keep track of upcoming branch activities and events!)

In mid-September you will receive an email with instructions on how to access the directory.

AAUW and STEM Action Center Sent Girl Scouts to STEM Camps

By Sylvia Chariton



The Boise Area Branch provided scholarships to help send Girl Scouts to STEM camps this summer and next summer with help from the Idaho STEM Action Center.

Our AAUW chapter raised \$5,789 in May for STEM scholarships. The STEM Action Center donated \$7,000 to the effort, bringing the scholarship total to more than \$12,000 — enough to send 17 deserving Treasure Valley girls to STEM camps this summer and several more next summer.

Idaho First Lady Lori Otter joined AAUW and STEM Action Center representatives in presenting the \$12,000 check to Girl Scouts of Silver Sage at a ceremony in the Governor's Office at the Idaho State Capitol on August 23rd. All three Boise TV stations covered the event.

Scholarship recipients attended STEM camp sessions at Camp Alice Pittenger in McCall July 23-26. Girls in second through fifth grade enjoyed "Mad Science," where they learned about biodiversity and engineering and designed, built, and raced "junk boats" made of recycled materials. They also learned about the properties of matter by making camp slime and conducting other messy, fun experiments.

Meanwhile, sixth- through 12th-grade STEM camp scholarship recipients explored more advanced concepts in biodiversity, built microcontrollers and bristlebots, and designed and fabricated wearable electronics.

Thanks again, Boise Area Branch members! You made this happen.

(More) STEM News!

By Donna Looze



Because of the generous donation we gave to the Girls Scouts for STEM camps, a number of the State and Boise Board were invited to the Girl Scouts' Treasure Valley Scouting Stars 2017. Kristin Armstrong was the main Guest Speaker.

Overall, it was very impressive to see what these girls had done to earn the awards! Also, very impressive was the notion of mentorship that allowed them to achieve. We all stand taller on the shoulders of others.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, a two-year study found that 100 percent of women engineering students with female mentors stuck with the program, a surprising win in a field with a traditionally high attrition rate. Stephanie Mula of UMass, a participant in a mentorship program, says that even in her mostly male classes she never felt like an outsider, but suggests that female-female mentor pairings bond faster. "It helps having similar things to talk about if you're with a female, similar hobbies or activities."

Whether it be STEM or other issues, mentoring is so important. Never pass up an opportunity to share your wisdom. We are the wise women of the village.

Book Group

By Lee Hipsher



We will meet at The Cabin, 801 S. Capitol Blvd, Boise, at 2 pm on Sunday, Sept. 17.

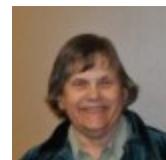
[THE SYMPATHIZER](#) by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Presenter: Marci Lingo

The winner of the '16 Pulitzer, this novel's focus is the Vietnam War and the narrator is a ½ Vietnamese and ½ French spy for the North Vietnamese, who comes to the US after the fall of Saigon. It deals with the themes of love and betrayal with characters who don't truly feel part of society. Nguyen is among the Cabin's featured authors next season.

Bridge Group

By Dena Duncan



Because our Welcome Back dinner and general meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, September 20, the bridge group will meet one week later on

September 27 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Noreen Pusey, 2252 N. Interlochen Way in Meridian. If you plan to play, please contact Noreen, (208) 378-3014, or by e-mail, pusey2@hotmail.com.

Cork 'n Fork Dinner Group

By Kay Reed



Take a minute to stop by the Cork & Fork interest group table at our Welcome Back Dinner. This popular interest group has been in existence for some time, but we are looking for new ideas to help organize the group for the coming year. The group meets at members' homes or local restaurants to experience a variety of cuisines and themes. Some of the types of activities we've had in the past include: Mediterranean Dinner, Wine and Cheese Social, Korean BBQ, Down Home Cooking, Winter Soups Galore, Brunch, A Summer Picnic, etc. Spouse or partners are included in the events.

Also, we will hold a special dinner on September 30 (fittingly at the Divine Wine, Cork & Fork restaurant in Meridian). We encourage members interested in attending to RSVP. Invitations will be sent out shortly. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Kay Reed at kay1951reed@gmail.com.

Movie Group

By The Movie Divas: Marci Lingo, Carolyn Moore, and Gerrie Oehlschlager

The AAUW group is returning to its roots—Sunday afternoon! Of course, we will still meet at The Flicks! By returning to the second Sunday of the month, we hope to avoid some of the parking kerfuffle we encountered on Fridays and to welcome back movie lovers who couldn't make it on Friday afternoons.

Our first movie will be Sunday, October 8th, so sign up for the movie group at the welcome back dinner to hear more about it!

Get Out The Vote in Star

According to AAUW member Chris Stokes, there are many new residents in her hometown of Star. She believes that a non-partisan voter registration effort would be a positive thingand she wants to know if any AAUW members would like to help out.

She is expecting to do three different registration events in September - two on Saturdays during soccer and football games where lots of parents will be and another one during the week. If you are interested in helping Chris Stokes, please contact her at chris60plus@gmail.com or 208-283-2580.

Welcome, New Members!

Welcome to the following members who joined our branch since May
2017:

Karen Haven
Ann Lewis
Ann McClanahan
Deborah Newton
Donna Wetherley

SAVE THESE DATES

AAUW Garage Sale
Saturday, Sep. 9, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First Congregational United
Church of Christ
2201 Woodlawn, Boise

Happy Hour
Thursday, Sep. 14, 5:00 p.m.
Lucky 13
3662 W Eckert Rd., Boise

Book Group
Sunday, Sep. 17, 2:00 p.m.
The Cabin (downstairs)
801 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise

Welcome Back Dinner
Wednesday, Sep. 20, 5:30 p.m.
Riverside Hotel
2900 W Chinden Blvd., Boise

AAUW Idaho Summer Board
Saturday & Sunday, Sep. 23 & 24
IEA Building, 620 N. 6th, Boise

Bridge Group
Wednesday, Sep. 27, 12:30 p.m.
Noreen Pusey's home
2252 N. Interlochen Way, Meridian

Cork & Fork Dinner Group
Saturday, Sep. 30, TBA
Meridian

**Work Smart: FREE Salary
Negotiation Workshop**
Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Cole & Ustick Library
7557 W. Ustick Rd., Boise

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

07 Stephanie Hoffman
07 Dick Holden
07 Carolyn Moore
08 Natalie Camacho Mendoza
09 Cheryle Andrews

10 Cheryl Boyd
11 Jeannine Benson
15 Carolyn Lunstrum
15 Mary Ruckh
16 Janie Ward-Engelking
16 Wendy Jaquet
18 Lee Hipsher
18 Rose Otterness
18 Laura Simic
18 Colleen Taggart
20 Cici Giguere
22 Liz Otterness
23 Ray Stokes
25 Linda Simmons
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