



October 2017 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Sylvia Chariton



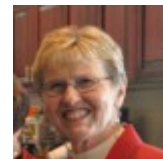
Local elections matter, but with the media so focused on the happenings in Washington, DC, voters may not realize the high stakes in the thousands of local races. AAUW Boise Area Branch's work this month is to get the word out to our Boise community that our city council election is very important to all of us and everyone should get out and vote.

While Federal officials get most of the media spotlight, they don't have as much of a direct impact on the lives of citizens as you might think. Our local elected officials are the ones who dictate the local laws, policies and budgets that affect us the most, and these officials are being elected every year with little citizen involvement. Local elections do not get the voter turnout that presidential ones do. We need to change that.

In Boise, our local public servants leverage our property tax dollars to make big budgetary decisions that influence our local community. They will dictate our future growth, economy and environment. The livability of our beautiful city rests in their hands.

AAUW General Meeting

Monday, October 16 at 5:30 P.M.
Riverside Hotel
2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Boise
By Norma Lloyd



This month we will have a forum for Seat 2 candidates running for the Boise City Council in November. The five candidates who will join us include: Paul E. Fortin, Logan Kimball, Rachel Misnick, Lisa Sanchez, and Frank Walker. They will each have a few minutes to introduce themselves, to explain why they are qualified to run, and what they hope to accomplish. Afterwards we will pose a few questions and anyone from the audience may ask questions as well. In advance of the meeting you are encouraged to forward any key questions concerning Boise issues to nawlloyd@gmail.com.

Although there are four candidates running for each of the other Seats 4 and 6, we could not accommodate such a large group, so we chose Seat 2, which appeared to offer the most diverse candidates with a variety of views.

The Riverside –Menu & General Details

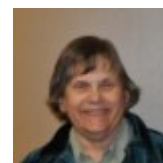
By Marci Lingo and Kay Reed



We will meet at the Riverside Hotel (2900 Chinden Blvd.) on Monday, October 16, for dinner. Social time is from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. The dinner options include pepper flank steak, rustic garlic chicken, and stuffed portabella mushroom caps (vegetarian). The invitations have been sent and include more menu details. Please call or text Kay Reed (208) 830-4452 or Marci Lingo (208) 789-7639 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Membership

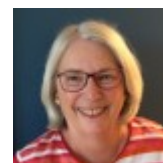
By Dena Duncan



We gained new members at our September dinner and elsewhere, now our most recent total is 200. If you have any friends who you think may be interested in joining, please give them an invitation to our general meeting or to another activity, so that they can experience what AAUW is all about. You are our best recruiters!

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 it.

You can find more info & registration on

<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWBoiseAreaBranch>. 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.

National Sexual Assault Policy Weakened

By Linda Anderson



Saying it “lacked basic elements of fairness,” Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos announced on September 22 that among other changes, she was rescinding the guideline, which made it easier to determine if an accused student is responsible for sexual assault.

From now on, the standard will be “clear and convincing evidence” rather than the easier-to-prove “preponderance of the evidence.” In response, AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches wrote, “when educational environments are unsafe because of sexual harassment, assault, and violence, students cannot learn – and their right to an education free of discrimination is put at risk.”

According to the September 22, New York Times, “the move had been long sought by advocates for accused students, most of whom are men, who had complained that campus judicial processes had become heavily biased in favor of female accusers.”

Janet Napolitano, the President of the University of California System and a Homeland Security Secretary in the Obama Administration, said in a statement that the department’s announcement would “in effect weaken sexual violence protections, prompt confusion among campuses about how best to respond to reports of sexual violence and sexual harassment, and unravel the progress that so many schools have made.”

STAY TUNED.....Secretary DeVos said that she would be taking testimony and further revising the Departments Sexual Assault Policy in coming months.

Online Membership Directory

By Julie Custer



In an ongoing effort to make contact information for our branch members accessible and up-to-date, we started 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 their 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 September you received an email with instructions on how to access the directory. If you have difficulties with the online directory, please call or text Julie Custer (208) 871-0221.

STEM News!

By Donna Looze



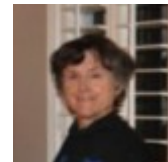
Funding for the STEM Action Center of Idaho, headed by AAUW member Angela Hemingway, has seen a wonderful increase in funding. General funding will be \$4,489,5000 and dedicated funding will be \$2,1000,300. (Computer education) The staff has been increased by one to a total of four. It is such a pleasure to see the Governor and legislature realize the importance of STEM to Idaho's future!

I would like to thank Sheryl Renshaw for volunteering to assist with STEM duties. I look forward to working with Sheryl in the coming year!

If you were able to attend our September meeting, you had the pleasure of hearing from a recipient of our Girl Scout Scholarships! How proud we AAUW members should be to know we opened the door to this STEM experience for so many girls!!!

Book Group

By Lee Hipsher

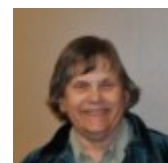


We will meet at The Cabin, 801 S. Capitol Blvd, Boise, at 2 pm on Sunday, Oct 15.
THE MAN IN THE WHITE SHARKSKIN SUIT by Lucette Lagnago
Presenter: Ann Kirkpatrick

This is the powerful story of an affluent Jewish family's exodus from Egypt to France and then New York, after Nasser's coming to power. It is written by the family's daughter who is now a Wall Street Journal writer.

Bridge Group

By Dena Duncan



On October 18th at 12:30 PM, we will meet at the home of Martha Lund at 1064 Parkhill Dr. in Boise. Please RSVP to Martha by calling (208)381-0111 or e-mail her at mrthlnd@gmail.com.

Movie Group

By Carolyn Moore

We are going back to meeting on Sundays this year hence our first movie will be on Sunday Oct. 8th at 1:45 PM at the Flicks.

Everyone who knows is buzzing about our first movie choice this year, Victoria & Abdul. It is the story of an unlikely friendship that formed between Queen Victoria and a devoted servant in her later years. It is based on a true story and stars Dame Judi Dench and Ali Fazal. It promises to be one of the best movies of the year as the writers have "huge fun" with Victoria's gluttony and the developing unusual friendship between these two characters. Plan on joining us after the movie for a discussion.

Welcome, New Members!

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

David Bunzow
Ana Costa
Katherine Himes
Mary Holden
Paulette Penney

SAVE THESE DATES

Happy Hour

Wednesday, October 4, 5 p.m.
Crescent Bar & Grill
550 W Franklin St., Boise

Work Smart: FREE Salary

Negotiation Workshop
Thursday, October 5, 6:30 p.m. to
8:30 p.m.
Cole & Ustick Library, Boise

Movie Group

October 8, 1:45 p.m.
The Flicks, 615 W Fulton, Boise

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OCTOBER Birthdays

01 Lauren Wilson
03 Diane Hakes
06 David Scott
11 Kathy Haley
12 Bonnie Pfaff
12 Judy Figal
13 Pam O'Connor
20 Sandra Anderson
23 Sue Rourke
26 Wes Gibson
27 Jaime Moss
28 Chuck Slaughter
29 Cherie Buckner-Webb
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