



December 2017 Newsletter

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## President's Corner

By Sylvia Chariton



It has been said that girls who dream become women with vision. The programs that your generosity has underwritten have allowed young girls to dream. The other funds collected have fostered bright young women to create broad and robust visions.

With a spirit of gratitude, we can look back over the past year and see how our simple gifts have changed lives. The young girls who attended Girl Scout STEM camps and the Ace Aviation camps now have bigger dreams than they ever thought possible. Thanks to our local and national support, young women like Ana Costa and Eva Rodriguez, whom you will be meeting in December, are creating dynamic visions for themselves.

AAUW Boise Area Branch is always navigating toward a better future for women and girls through our programs and through the work of members and supporters like you. Together, we take many paths to do the work of AAUW. Thank you for your charitable giving in time and treasure to our worthwhile mission.

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**AAUW's Holiday Happening!**



Holiday Luncheon  
Riverside Hotel—Juniper/Laurel Ballroom  
Saturday, December 9  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
RSVP by December 5th

Join us at AAUW's annual holiday luncheon—to start the season with good cheer, good friends, good food, and good shopping! The event begins with a no-host bar, music by harpist Matthew Tutley, and the opportunity to begin (or end) your holiday shopping. Artisans for Hope will have unique handcrafted wares for sale --from jewelry to potholders and lots in between! Refugees, who have resettled in Boise, have created these products, and 75% of the sales price is returned to the refugees. With every purchase, members will have a chance to win a handcrafted item in a raffle. Also, AAUW member Donna Looze will also be selling her beautiful knitted creations for the benefit of the branch.

Luncheon will be served at noon, and our choices include herbed skirt steak, chicken cordon bleu, and vegetarian cannelloni. Our meal ends with a holiday dessert buffet. As we enjoy our holiday meal, we will have the opportunity to meet two outstanding young women. We are honored to have these two women associated with our branch and our local university.

- Ana Costa from Brazil received an AAUW International Fellowship to work on her Master's in Public Administration at BSU.
- Eva Rodriguez, a BSU undergraduate, has been selected to serve as a delegate to the AAUW Student Advisory Board.

So please join us to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season, our branch, our local refugees, and two young women who exemplify what AAUW stands for.

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## Christmas Garage Sale – Dec. 2nd & Inez Robb Scholarship Fund Wrap-up

By Kathy Scott



A Christmas decoration sale will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 9am - 1pm at 1088 E. Fleetwood Court in Boise. **The proceeds will be donated to the AAUW Boise Area Branch Inez Robb Scholarship Fund.**

In November we celebrated and honored the life and times of Inez Robb. If you missed our meeting and still want to donate, please bring a check or your credit card to our December meeting or just mail your check to:

**Cathy Ransom, Finance Officer**  
**AAUW Boise Area Branch**  
**P.O. Box 2375**  
**Eagle, Idaho 83616**

Or donate on line at <http://boise-id.aauw.net/scholarship/>

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## STEM News!

By Donna Looze



Please read the latest STEM publication from AAUW, PLAYBOOK on Best Practices --- Gender Equity in Tech that was published in association with Dell. It was wonderful to hear that more women are studying science and math. The bad news is that “there has not been an equal rise in the employment of women in” these fields! If you didn’t get a copy from National, then go to AAUW’s website and download it!

The National Science Foundation found that after studying 67 Head Start classrooms, preschool teachers are likely to teach literacy skills four times a week, but science skills only once. Interviews concluded these teachers were not comfortable teaching science since their knowledge was lacking in this area.

If you are looking for a STEM gift for your granddaughter or niece, go to this website for ideas:

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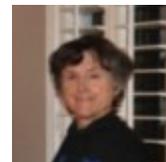
The United States Naval Academy (USNA) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Center hosted a Girls Only STEM Day on October 14, 2017 in Annapolis, Maryland, providing 230 6th – 8th graders with hands-on activities and workshops focused on science and engineering. The theme of the event, “**STEM AROUND THE WORLD,**” featured midshipmen and faculty-led interactive modules such as North Pole Magnetism, the Arctic Ice Cube Thermo Challenge, Australian Biomimicry, South American Rain Forest Chemistry, and London Bridge Mechanical Design.

Finally, when both the designer of the Brooklyn Bridge, John Roebling, and his son, Washington Roebling, died or were disabled while building the bridge in 1869, it was Washington’s wife, Emily Roebling, who had studied civil engineering, who stepped in and saw the project through to completion!!



## Book Group

By Lee Hipsher



We will meet at The Cabin, 801 S. Capitol Blvd, Boise, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 17.

### THE GREAT INFLUENZA: THE EPIC STORY OF THE DEADLIEST PLAGUE IN HISTORY

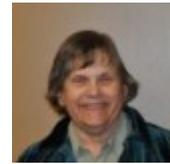
Presenter: David Scott

In the middle of 1918, at the height of World War I, history's most lethal influenza virus, erupted in an army camp in Kansas, moved east with the troops, then exploded, killing as many as 100 million people worldwide. Ultimately, a tale of triumph amid tragedy, this crisis provides us with a sobering model as we confront the epidemics looming on our own horizon.



## Bridge Group

By Dena Duncan



The bridge group will meet early this month on the first Wednesday of the month, December 6th, at NOON at the home of Wes and Andy Gibson, 633 N. Quarry View Way in Boise. This will be our holiday celebration potluck lunch with some bridge playing. All members of the group are invited. Please coordinate with Andy what dish you will bring, and RSVP to her that you will be attending, 208-473-7202.

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## Movie Group

By Carolyn Moore

The movie group will meet on December 10th at the Flicks. The movie time is yet to be scheduled. We will send an email to the movie group as soon as we know the time. Plan on a brief discussion afterwards followed by a happy hour at Cottonwood Grille. If you would like to be placed on the movie group list, please email Carolyn Moore [cnmoore7@msn.com](mailto:cnmoore7@msn.com).

Set just outside the imagined utopia of Disney World, *The Florida Project* follows six-year-old Moonee (**Brooklynn Prince**), her friends and her mother (**Bria Vinaite**) over the summer. They live week to week at a budget motel managed by Bobby (**Willem Dafoe**), whose gruff demeanor hides his kindness and compassion.

“Sublime: a blast of life, of celebratory highs and lamentable lows, on the outer economic edges of the Sunshine State.” A.A. Dowd, AV Club.

Oscar buzz surrounds Willemstad Dafoe's performance in this film. The movie showing time is still to be determined.

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### Welcome, New Members!

Welcome to the following members who've recently joined our branch.

Sasha Pierson  
Marsha Bravo

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**SAVE THESE DATES**

**Bridge Group**  
Wednesday, December 6, 12:00  
p.m.  
Andy & West Gibson  
633 N Quarry View Way  
Boise

**Holiday Luncheon**  
Saturday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.  
– 1:30 p.m.  
Riverside Hotel  
2900 W Chinden Blvd., Boise

**Movie Group**  
Sunday, December 10, time TBA  
The Flicks, 615 W Fulton, Boise

**Happy Hour**  
Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.  
– 7:00 p.m.  
Chili's – 916 S Broadway, Boise

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

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#### DECEMBER Birthdays

01 Stora Faizi  
05 Tracy Bicknell-Holmes  
07 Julia Lull  
08 Connie Pratt  
08 Steve Preece  
08 Kris Hooker  
09 Bron Roberts  
16 Susan Ransom  
16 Joan Wallace  
17 Noreen Pusey  
19 Linda Anderson  
20 Gayle Wilde  
23 Susan Forsythe  
24 Patricia Flanigan  
27 David Bunzow

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