



January 2018 Newsletter

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President's Corner

By Sylvia Chariton



Our state leaders are always in a great conversation regarding economic development, but what is the role of public education in this ongoing discussion? For companies recruiting or relocating a relatively high proportion of professional talent, quality-of-life issues can make or break the deal. Quality of life, especially good schools can directly impact the ability of a company to entice people to move to a specific location. For national recruiting, it will make the difference in whether or not they can attract the best talent.

Quality public schools help improve the human capital of an area, which in turn helps draw businesses looking to locate in resource heavy environments. This month's meeting will shed light on the connection between the quality of public schools and economic development. We found the best expert we could to discuss this timely issue. If you haven't already sent in your RSVP for the January meeting, please do so by January 11, 2018. You won't want to miss what Dr. Linda Clark has to say.

**AAUW General Meeting:
Changes and Challenges in the**

Public Schools in the 21st Century

**Tuesday, January 16 No host bar at
11:30 a.m.**

**Lunch at noon followed by the program
Riverside Hotel, 2900 W. Chinden Blvd.,
Boise**

By Sylvia Chariton



While women have made great advances in leadership over the decades, women's elevation to top positions is still relatively rare. However, the good news is that Dr. Linda Clark, whose career began as an elementary teacher, then principal, and then superintendent of the West Ada School District has ascended to the position of president of the Idaho State Board of Education. Usually we honor young accomplished women on the cusp of their careers. In January we will honor a well-accomplished woman in education who has "broken the glass ceiling." As a woman who always met a challenge head on, let's hear what she has to say about the changes and challenges in the Idaho public schools.

Membership Dues Update

By Sylvia Chariton



On January 11th, AAUW Boise Area Branch Board of Directors will be considering a motion to increase our branch's membership dues. The current overall breakdown of our \$76 annual dues is as follows: National - \$49, Idaho - \$15 and Boise \$12. Effective starting July 1, 2018, your annual dues to National will be increasing from \$49 to \$59 and we would like to raise our branch dues to \$26. If approved by the Board, dues would be \$100 annually.

This local branch increase is necessary to maintain AAUW's local ability to react to current challenges and opportunities as well as to deliver the services and programs that are a vital part of our mission. For instance, members have praised our meals and current venue, but the Riverside Hotel comes with a standard room fee and add-ons that the price of the meal does not cover. We have relied on our fund raising donations to subsidize these costs this past year.

Donations are, and have long been, an important part of our branch's DNA. Our May 2017 fundraising campaign demonstrated again how generous and committed our members can be. It is, however, impossible to budget effectively based on what support might come in. Annual dues are a more stable source of income. They provide the framework for mission and programs. Indeed, a combination of both dues and donations is critical to supporting our special projects. Even fully funded programs, such as the Inez Robb scholarship, require an ongoing financial infrastructure to work effectively and grow as time goes on.

Thank you for your commitment to this wonderful organization. We are a membership who believes we can do great things together. I know we are all equally committed to ensuring that AAUW thrives and continues to empower women and girls well into the future.

**AAUW Invited to Women's March
on Idaho Anniversary Event**

Sunday, January 21, 2018 5 PM - 8 PM

The Linen Building 1402 W Grove St, Boise, Idaho 83702

By Sylvia Chariton



In honor of the one year anniversary of the Women's March on Idaho, People for Unity will be hosting an event at the Linen Building. The event will be a release party for their new coffee table picture book featuring inspirational and powerful photos of the people and posters from the March. The event will have dinner catered by local restaurants, live music, and a silent auction featuring work by artists and students across the valley. There will be multiple speeches from community leaders including new Boise City Council member Lisa Sanchez and District 19 Representative Cherie Buckner-Webb.

People for Unity are still accepting photo submissions for the book and there will be a signing by speakers from the march. We hope to see AAUW there for a night of music, inspiration, and good food.

To submit photos from last year's March: (email) peopleforunityidaho@gmail.com
(google doc) <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gvIMu12yVLnoaq893>

AAUW Idaho Statehouse Lobby Corps Kick-Off Event
Friday, January 5, 9 a.m. to noon
(Rain, Shine - or Snow!)
IEA Building, 620 N. 6th St., Boise

By Kathy Scott and Julie Custer



Join us for a conversation with legislators Senator Lori Den Hartog (District 22) and Representative Paulette Jordan (District 5). They will tell us about issues they think might be addressed in the 2018 legislative session.

We will also take a deep dive into education bills being prepared by Senator Janie Ward-Engelking (Adult Completer Scholarship) and Representative Ilana Rubel (Co-op Model for Higher Education). As these are bills we would support actively, we need to become informed on the benefits to the Idaho community and the obstacles this legislation will face in being passed.

Boise State University student Amanda Haines will give us an education in gender language. As we learned from talking with Amanda at our November general meeting, it's a new world out there for how both males and females think of and identify themselves. We need to know about this as we strive to be inclusive and respectful of diversity. We all know words are critical so we are appreciative Amanda, a Political Science major, is willing to spend her time talking with us.

We will close this event by identifying AAUW Idaho Statehouse Lobby Corps Priorities for 2018. We encourage all AAUW Idaho Lobby Corps members to be present for this kick-off event. All other Boise branch members are encouraged to attend, too; however, you must RSVP by Wednesday, January 3, 2018. To do so, click on this link: [RSVP for Jan 5 2018 meeting](#)

AAUW Boise Family Event
Saturday, January 6 at 2:00 p.m.
Taco Bell Arena, BSU

By Kathy Scott and Julie Custer

Boise State Women's Basketball Team has graciously offered to provide FREE passes for this game so we invite all members, kids, grandkids, and friends to attend the game. Boise State will be playing

Wyoming, which is always an exciting matchup.

The game will be followed by our January Happy Hour at Chili's on Broadway. They offer excellent discounts on drinks and appetizers so we are breaking tradition and going there two months in a row.

We need to provide a headcount to Boise State so **please RSVP to this invitation by January 3rd**. [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#). I recognize this is a busy time of year so resist the temptation to delay making your decision. You could end up forgetting and missing this entertaining family event.

Go, Bronco Women!!!!!!

AAUW Happy Hour

Saturday, January 6 at 4:00 p.m.
Chili's, 916 S. Broadway, Boise

AAUW Idaho Member Event

By Julie Custer and Kathy Scott
AAUW Idaho Co-Presidents

AAUW Idaho will hold a member meeting on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from noon to 5:00 p.m. in Boise. All AAUW members in Idaho are invited to attend. Guests are also welcome. We are working diligently to gather a compelling group of speakers to address two issues very much in the news these days:

1. non-partisanship in journalism
2. sexual harassment and sexual assault

We will have a state board meeting on Sunday, February 18, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. All AAUW members are welcome to attend this meeting, too.

More meeting details and a request to RSVP will be sent in the weeks ahead.

Teaching Science to Idaho's Students

By Linda Anderson



Nearly 100 AAUW members had the opportunity to hear the excellent program last November on the importance of teaching scientific facts to Idaho's students. Featured speakers were Bill Kaage, Chief of the National Park Service Division of Fire and Aviation Management, Timberline High School AP Environmental Science Teacher, Erin Stutzman and State Representative (and AAUW member) Illana Rubel. These excellent presentations, along with impassioned comments from two of Stutzman's students, reminded us why we need to keep pressure on the legislature to ensure that they revise the State Science Standards to include references to the implications of rising global temperatures and climate change, which they removed during the 2017 session.

In May, 2017 after receiving over a thousand comments regarding the deleted references to climate change, a State Department of Education committee proposed five new standards for the legislature to consider during its 2018 session. According to Clark Corbin of Idaho Ed. News, Director (and AAUW member) Angela Hemingway, said "We had some phenomenal educators in the room who have been dedicated to this process for the last three years. They are some of the most dedicated I have ever worked with, and our kids are lucky to have them in Idaho."

On August 10, 2017, the Idaho State Board of Education gave preliminary approval to this new set of standards, which acknowledge human responsibility for climate change but soften the previous language. A comparison of the original standards and the proposed new language can be found on the Department of Education's website sdeidaho.gov.

Now it will be up to all of us to let our legislators know how important this is to Idaho's teachers and students. And, you can be sure that the AAUW Lobby Corps will be closely following this issue and attending any related hearings!

STEM News!

By Donna Looze



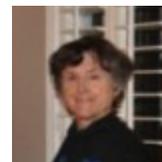
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Want to Volunteer for the FIRST Robotics Competition in Boise? The FIRST Robotics Competition is one of four programs within FIRST. It combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. Under strict rules, limited resources, and time limits, teams of 25 students or more are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. It's as close to "real-world engineering" as a student can get. Volunteer professional mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team. You can read more about the FIRST Robotics Competition and our other programs on the FIRST website. Go to the Volunteer Positions page on the Idaho STEM Action Center website to find the perfect job for you! Once you've found a position that interests you, sign up in the Volunteer Registration System found on the FIRST Idaho Regional website. You needn't be a scientist to assist with this event.

ISU's College of Technology has a new home on the Idaho State campus. The William M. and Karin A. Eames Advanced Technical Education and Innovation Complex is located on the upper campus. It is not only attracting first time students, but many older men and women who are returning to school to learn new skills and hone old ones.

Construction has begun on Idaho's first medical school. The Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine's construction should be complete next summer, with classes starting in August of 2018. Since Idaho ranks 50th in the nation for the number of primary care physicians per capita, this is a much needed facility. The school plans admitting up to 150 students a year, with preference given to Idaho students.

Book Group

By Lee Hipsher



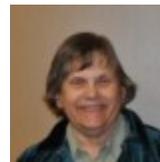
LAST BUS TO WISDOM Presenter: Carolyn Lunstrom

The book is a deeply humane coming-of-age tale set in the early 1950's. Donal Cameron is a bright 11-year-old forced to leave the Montana ranch where he lives with his grandmother, the ranch cook, while she undergoes surgery. He moves to Wisconsin to spend the summer with his great aunt and her husband. The book is about the road trip on the dog bus (get it?) and the people he meets.

We will meet at Boise Library, downtown in the Gates meeting room at 2 pm on Sunday, January 21.

Bridge Group

By Dena Duncan



Our AAUW Bridge Group will meet this month at 12:30PM January 17th at the home of Aletha Lundblad, 163 E. Ryegate Dr. in Meridian. If you plan to play, please RSVP to her by calling her at 208-340-2613 (do not call her number in the directory), or may send an e-mail to alethalundblad@gmail.com.

Movie Group

By Gerrie Oehlschlager

Look to emails for specific information. In the meantime mark your calendar for second Sunday of the month/January 14 in the afternoon at the Flicks.

Welcome, New Members!

Welcome to the following members who joined our branch during

December 2017:

Linda Kennedy

Maria Bialobrzkeski

Kathleen Ann Hancock

Elizabeth Popish

Barbara Alexander

Brooke Green

Ruthann Hiner

Barbara Jordan

Jane Hobbs

Karye Rae

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Lobby Corp

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Details to be announced

JANUARY Birthdays

01/03 Wilma Jones
01/05 Gerrie Oehlschlager
01/09 Nancy Oppenheimer
01/11 Kathleen Preece
01/11 Sally Stone
01/14 Susan Rainey
01/23 Melissa Wintrow
01/25 Susannah Price
01/27 Mary Hoey
01/30 Janet Sims

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