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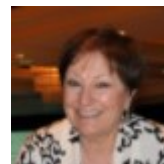
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President's Corner

By Sylvia Chariton



IdahoGives: AAUW's Community Fundraiser – Thursday, May 3rd

<https://www.idahogives.org/organizations/american-association-of-university-women-boise-area-branch>

As Mae West said, "It's better to be looked over than overlooked." On **Thursday, May 3rd, 10:00 am-Noon, AAUW Boise Area Branch will be at the Basque Block at Table#5** as part of IdahoGives. We are soliciting donations from the community for our summer STEM scholarship programs. This is our maiden voyage with IdahoGives, so please tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members who support our STEM causes to go online and donate or come down to the Basque Block to join in the fun and contribute there.

Since we plan to be "looked over" rather than "overlooked," we have resurrected three historical STEM female trailblazers: **Madame Curie** aka Jaime Moss, **Amelia Earhart** aka Carrie Noriega and **Rosie the Riveter** aka Marlyss Davenport to join us. Members are encouraged to come to the Basque Block, meet these luminaries and create a visual and supportive AAUW scene. Please wear your best AAUW blue shirt and help us as we convince passers-by to donate to our worthy STEM summer camps.

After two hours of soliciting donations we'll need a stiff drink, so we're heading to **Bardenays for lunch**. In the company of our three celebrities, we will make a stunning entrance there!! If you are up for a little fun and fundraising, please plan to join us late morning Thursday, May 3rd and have lunch with us afterward.

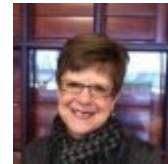
If you are unable to join our traditional branch fundraiser on May 12th and have not yet made a donation to our worthy cause, please contribute to IdahoGives/AAUW as an alternative. Just click on the link listed above. What we give to those deserving girls will be paid back to the world in ways we would never have imagined!

If you are planning to attend our annual capstone events on Saturday, May 12th, please read below and start listening to your old Jimmy Buffett CDs to get in the mood.

AAUW's Annual Fundraiser & Branch Meeting

Saturday, May 12th

By Marci Lingo and Kay Reed



AAUW Boise is in Margaritaville, but AAUW doesn't waste away! Don your most festive tropical garb and join us for "Changes in Latitudes and Changes in Attitudes" on Saturday, May 12th at 11 am. We are capping off our year with our annual fundraiser at the Riverside Hotel, which will include both a silent and live auction as well as a tropical luncheon, and, of course, "The Tiki Bar Is Open."

Follow the flamingoes to bid on a vast array of unique and quality items and experiences in the silent auction. Bidding begins at 11 am in the Fireplace Foyer. Fifty percent of all funds raised will be for STEM & aviation summer camp scholarships for girls. These funds will be matched by Governor Otter's STEM Action Center, so the STEM dollars we raise will have a doubled impact on needy and deserving Idaho girls. The other fifty percent of your donation will support a variety of new opportunities and ongoing programs that we sponsor in education, advocacy and philanthropy.

"If You Like Pina Coladas," you will love the pineapple lime mojitos that the tiki bar will be serving (along with more traditional libations). Remember, "It's 5:O'Clock Somewhere!"

Luncheon will be served at noon in the Tamarack Room, adjacent to the Fireplace Foyer. You can't have "A Cheeseburger in Paradise," but the menu choices will make you "Wish Lunch Could Last Forever." The entrees include Citrus Marinated Salmon with Mango Salsa, Jerk Chicken, and Sweet and Sour Roasted Pineapple with Bell Peppers and Grilled Tofu. Even the side dishes and dessert will take you to a different latitude.

During lunch, the fabulous Johnny U and a special Nashville guitar playing friend will serenade us. AAUW is proud to host these very talented musicians. For 15 years Johnny U and the Dodge Country Band toured the nation 300 days out of the year. Throughout his music career, Johnny recorded ten albums and his first single, "He's a Cowboy," charted in 1984. Meanwhile, he had six-top ten songs in Europe.

Later Johnny U will auction fantastic finds during the live auction! We'll also have a chance to hear about Johnny's passion for horses and his work in equine therapy as a way to reduce PTSD with combat veterans and others struggling with that affliction. Idaho Horse Therapy provides an innovative solution so these struggling vets can begin to live normal productive lives again.

Finally, while it might appear that we are "Growing Older but Not Up," all of this fun

supports branch activities and girl power! So, "Come Monday," don't regret that you have missed the party of the year! RSVP by Tuesday, May 8th.

Sneak Peek at Silent Auction Items

By Julie Custer



The Silent Auction Catalog will be available soon! Superb donations to this year's Silent and Live Auctions have been received, sorted, and priced. I'm in the final stages of entering them into the appropriate catalog. Once this is done I will email the catalogs to you (hopefully by May 2), so you can do some "shopping" before the auction.

Here's just a sample of what's in the catalogs:

- Happy Hour options
- Gift cards to several local eateries
- Dinner at Chandler's Restaurant
- Entertainment options, such as the Boise Philharmonic and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival
- Massages and yoga classes
- Hotel packages for The Riverside and Inn at 500
- "Getaways" to Ketchum and McCall

AND

- A three-night stay at Camp Alice Pittenger in McCall - for up to 40 people! This would be perfect for a family reunion or retreat.

We think there's a little (or big) something for everyone at this year's auction. We hope to see many of you there.

Voter Registration Project

By Chris Stokes



During the "March for Our Lives" on March 24th in Palm Springs, I imagined a project to visit high schools and provide an opportunity for high school seniors to register to vote. It seemed at the time to be one way to support these young people as they become activists. I'm sure many of you have been as impressed with the inspiring movement after the Parkland shooting. I mentioned my "imagined" project to my friend, Nancy Viano, who wasted no time getting the project started. One day after we returned to Idaho from our southern winter lives we discovered that the deadline for pre-registration for the primary election was only two weeks away! We received the AAUW endorsement/blessing for this effort and the project was born.

Our original idea was to set up a table in the halls and with that in mind, Nancy called high schools and we met with high school staff. At our first meeting with Centennial High School, Laura, in the office, immediately organized two days for us to visit all 12 government classes. Next, we met with the Eagle High School Senior Vice-Principal (at 7:00 a.m.!) and he organized visits to all 13 government classes in two days. Wow! Nancy recruited another volunteer, Kristine Sanda, and we were off to the races! Or to the schools! All of this in less than a week.

We registered 433 students from April 16 through April 19. I can happily report that all of the teachers and staff were enthusiastic and happy we wanted to register the students. One student handed her registration card to us and said "I feel like an adult." Yes! Three "grandmas" were exhausted at the end of the busy 4 days, but so exhilarated! The long term plan is to register high school seniors each fall and spring at every public high school in Boise and West Ada – that's 9. The teachers tell us that the fall registration will fit more with the curriculum. The deadline for voter registration for the general election is October 12. In spring, teachers will have more students who will have turned 18.

We need 36 volunteers, if you are interested in this project. Volunteer training will be the week of August 20. The time needed for this project is at least one day in the fall and one day in the spring and some time needed for scheduling the visits at the high school. My contact information is chris60plus@gmail.com and 208-286-7694.

STEM News!

By Donna Looze



This spring, four Boise State students were selected for the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program. The winners include geosciences student Travis Lewis Steiner-Leach, materials engineering student Alondra B. Perez, biomedical engineering graduate student Katherine Hollar, and materials theory student Andres Correa Hernandez.

As the oldest graduate fellowship of its kind, the GRFP recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported STEM disciplines. U.S. Fellows receive a three-year annual stipend of \$34,000 along with a \$12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees, etc.

This fellowship allows Katherine Hollar to continue investigating an area of biomedical research that has never before been explored. Alondra Perez will be using hers to attend the University of California, Berkeley, and study nano-to-microscale thermal energy processes in the areas of lithium batteries and thermoelectric. Senior materials science and engineering student, Andres Hernandez will be attending an electrical engineering doctoral program at Princeton University.

New Member Profile

By Deborah Newton



Elizabeth Popish joined AAUW Boise about 6 months ago. She is a retired elementary teacher/administrator. She and her husband moved to Boise from Wyoming, in search of a milder climate. Elizabeth has always been politically active and is very interested in learning more about local politics and perhaps joining Lobby Corps.

Elizabeth and her husband are very busy building a new home and getting ready to move, but once she is settled, she plans to get more involved in interest groups. Currently, Elizabeth is an active member of the Newcomers' group. She especially loves the opportunity to get to know people through the smaller groups. Look for the orange dot on the Newcomer badges and say "hello" to Elizabeth at the next meeting!

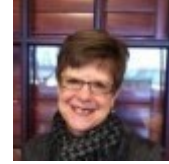
AAUW Happy Hour

By Kathy Scott & Gayle Wilde

Tuesday, May 22, 4 pm, Applebee's at Glenwood and State

Book Group

By Marci Lingo



On Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 in the basement conference room of The Cabin, the book group will discuss J.D. Vance's ***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and a Culture in Crisis***. Part biography, part cultural analysis, Vance describes his hardscrabble upbringing in Ohio. Raised by a single mother who struggled with alcoholism and chronic bad choices in men, Vance escaped the cycle of poverty and abuse by joining the service and ultimately graduating from Yale Law School. But in his tale of upward mobility, he doesn't recant his upbringing or his people; he describes the struggle of his family with great understanding and sympathy.

Published just before the 2016 presidential election, Vance became a spokesman for this disenfranchised segment of the American population during the election cycle. Linda Anderson will lead what will likely be a very interesting discussion.

Newcomers' Group

By Stacy Urban



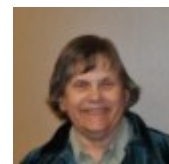
AAUW Newcomers, we hope you'll join our get together for new members, Thursday, May 3, 5 pm - 7 pm, at the home of Connie Merrell.

We meet each month to learn more about AAUW, plan fun activities, and share food and drinks. This is a time for you to get to know other new and established members in a small, informal setting. This month we'll be organizing our summer gatherings and discussing plans for the upcoming program year.

You can find Connie's address, google map, and phone number in the member directory online. Or email Stacy Urban stacycurban@gmail.com for more info.
See you Thursday!

Bridge Group

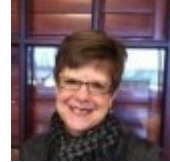
By Dena Duncan



Due to a change in plans, as of the writing of this article, I do not have a hostess for our May 16th AAUW Bridge event. As soon as I do, I will send an e-mail to all members of the group.

Movie Group

By Marci Lingo



Celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13th by joining us at the Flicks for a movie! This month's selection is an interesting one - (**6 Dynamic Laws for Success (in Life, Love & Money)**). Few of us will recognize the actors or the director of this independent film, but we will recognize the setting: it was filmed in **Idaho!**

Winner of numerous film festival awards, the film has been described as a cross between film noir and a screwball comedy. It involves a coded message, lots of loot, a murder, and a self-help book. Gregory Bayne is the writer, director, and cinematographer, and several actors hail from Idaho.

Please join the group for discussion after the film upstairs, and, if everyone isn't rushing off to celebrate Mother's Day, we will reconvene at The Cottonwood Grill for a bit more discussion (and libations). We will attend the first screening (usually early afternoon) on Sunday, and, as usual, we may need to be flexible since occasionally films are not screened as scheduled.

Daytimers Group

By David Scott

The Boise Branch will be taking a group trip to the Idaho Botanical Gardens on **Wednesday, June 6, 2018**. We will meet at the gardens, 2355 Old Penitentiary Road off of Warm Springs Avenue, for a 2:00 p.m. guided tour; so please arrive early to get your tickets. General admission for adults is \$7.00. Seniors (65 & older) for \$5.00. After the gardens, we will be going to Locavore, a restaurant in Bown Crossing, for happy hour and dinner.

Please let David Scott (ddlscott@aol.com) know if you plan to attend. The gardens should be beautiful in early June.

Welcome, New Members!

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

Karen Bilowith
Gail Nottingham
Lynne Civin

SAVE THESE DATES

Idaho Gives/AAUW Boise

Thursday, May 3rd
Basque Block 10:00 am-Noon at
Table #5
Lunch at Bardenay

Newcomers Group

Thursday, May 3 at 5:00 p.m.
Connie Merrell's home

Annual Meeting and Fundraiser

Saturday, May 12 at 11:00 a.m.
Riverside Hotel
2900 W Chinden Blvd., Boise

Movie Group

Sunday, May 13
Time to be announced
The Flicks, 615 W Fulton, Boise

Happy Hour

Tuesday, May 22 4:00 pm
Applebee's at State & Glenwood

Book Group

Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m.
The Cabin
801 S Capitol Blvd., Boise

Bridge Group

TBA

Daytimers Group

Wednesday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m.
Botanical Gardens
2355 Old Penitentiary Rd.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

2nd - Amie Bruggeman

6th - Donna Wetherley

7th - Luci McDonald

7th - Connie Merrell

8th - Phylis King

11th - Kath Giel

13th - Elizabeth Popish

14th - Cath Downs

14th - Kay Hamilton

15th - Susan Logan

15th - Sarah McFeeley

16th - Judy Secrist

18th - Jan Solberg

19th - Karen Walsh

20th - Cathy Ransom

22nd - Larry Hesterberg

24th - Gail Dobert

26th - Andy Gibson

30th - Jane Hardison

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