



October 2018 Newsletter

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Presidents' Message-Kathy Scott & Kay Reed

Fall is in the air, and the mid-term elections are coming up. Please read Julie Custer's article below (AAUW: Being Political, Not Partisan) for details on how AAUW members should approach political topics and discussions. To maintain our 501(c)3 tax status, it is very important that we follow the guidelines referenced in Julie's article.

A major upcoming event is 'Project Marlys'. Marlys Davenport is a Boise Branch member who is downsizing. She has very generously donated the proceeds from her upcoming estate sale to the Boise Branch of AAUW. Boise Branch members are invited to a preview sale from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12th. Information on available items will be communicated within the next couple of weeks. Marlys is selling some very nice things. The general sale will take place Saturday, October 13th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 14th, from noon to 4 p.m. at Marlys's home, 6690 W. Tobi Dr. in Boise. Volunteers are needed to work the three sale dates, make signs, etc. Amie Bruggeman is in charge of the volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the sale, contact Amie at amiebrug@gmail.com or 208-891-8070. Again, a huge thank you to Marlys for her generosity.

October 17th Branch Meeting: Ada County Commissioner Candidate Forum-Norma Lloyd

NOTE: We are not able to have the gubernatorial discussion we had hoped for due to a conflict in Brad Little's schedule. As an alternative program, we have invited the candidates running for Ada County Commissioner.

Election time is fast approaching, and, on October 17th, we will have the opportunity to meet the candidates running for Ada County Commissioner. Oftentimes, we focus mostly on the statewide races and do not learn as much about the issues and candidates down the ballot. In this forum, we hope to spotlight some of the issues affecting the residents of Ada County.

Incumbent Jim Tibbs (R) is running against Diana Lachiondo (D) for Seat 1. Sharon Ullman (R) is running against Kendra Kenyon (D) for Seat 3. Jaci Kettler, Associate Professor of the School of Public Service at BSU, has agreed to moderate the forum. Each candidate will have three minutes for an introduction that will be followed by five questions we will design so that the focus is on AAUW concerns. The candidates will each have three minutes to answer. Some of the questions may be on Medicaid expansion and its financial impact on the county as well as quality of life, mental health and opioid abuse, jail sentencing or treatment, planning for responsible growth and collaboration with other entities, and public safety. Finally, the candidates will each have three minutes to make closing remarks. I'm confident we will all be more informed by the end of the evening.

NOTE: Please refer to the email sent to you on Saturday afternoon, September 22, for information on how you can submit questions you want asked of the candidates.

The social hour will begin at 5 p.m and we will be seated for dinner at 5:30 p.m. The forum will start at 6:00 p.m. and finish by 7:30 p.m.

AAUW: Being Political, Not Partisan – Julie Custer

The AAUW Boise Area Branch has developed a reputation over the last several years as a nonpartisan organization of women and men who actively advocate to promote equity for women and girls. Our membership is comprised of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. In spite of our individual party affiliations, however, we all share a common purpose: to improve the lives of women and their families.

Our advocacy efforts often happen within the political world. There is sometimes confusion about our political work versus our nonpartisan stance. Our branch has doubled its membership in the last four years. Some newer members may not understand the distinction between political activities and partisan activities. With the 2018 elections just ahead and given the current political climate, I thought it would be helpful to share AAUW's explanation of where the line is between being political and being partisan.

*Political work can be characterized by shared values, working toward a common goal, and an end result that is best for the community as a whole. Put simply, being political is a way to influence legislation and regulation through government or public affairs, while partisan activities have a firm adherence to a party, faction, or person. For example, AAUW believes there is a **gender pay gap** and that we should do something to address it. AAUW believes **sexual assault is a big problem on campuses** that undermines women's access to equal educational opportunities. These are political positions, but we work to solve them in a nonpartisan way. We'll work with any policy makers who share our goals — even if they differ with us on another facet of the AAUW Public Policy Priorities.*

If you have any questions about this information or would like to discuss it in more detail, feel free to contact me: jjcuster194.7@hotmail.com or 208-871-0221.

Idaho Public Television Debate Schedule Candidates for Statewide Office

After they air, each program will be available for streaming on the Idaho Public Television website:
<http://idahoptv.org/>.

Secretary of State

Thursday, October 11, 8:30 p.m. MT/PT
-Jill Humble (D)
-Lawrence E. Denney (R)

Governor

Monday, October 15, 8:00 p.m. MT/PT
-Paulette Jordan (D)
-Brad Little (R)

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Friday, October 12, 8:00 p.m. MT/PT
-Cindy Wilson (D)
-Sherri Ybarra (R)

Lieutenant Governor

Wednesday, October 17, 8:00 p.m. MT/PT
-Kristin Collum (D)
-Janice McGeachin (R)

Second Congressional District

Sunday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. MT/PT
-Aaron Swisher (D)
-Mike Simpson (R)

First Congressional District

Monday, October 29, 8:00 p.m. MT/PT
-Cristina McNeil (D)
-Russ Fulcher (R)

Membership-Andy Gibson

Membership as of September 24, 2018: **213**

Members not renewing: **48**

The membership turnout for the September 8th Welcome Back Luncheon was a branch record. We had 88 members and 10 guests.

This was the first time that Membership set up a table as part of the Interest Group Displays. We had a lot of activity and are pleased to report that three of the guests filled out applications on the spot and paid the Shape the Future Campaign dues as first time members. For those of you not familiar with the Shape the Future Campaign, it is "a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members pay just fifty percent of the national and state dues rate when they join AAUW..." This provides an excellent opportunity for us to invite friends to join the Boise Area Branch at a reduced rate and become familiar with our mission.

Mark your calendar! The first orientation for new and existing members who want to better understand the relationship among the three tiers (national, state and local) of AAUW is scheduled for October 25, 2018. It will be held at the home of Marci Lingo and Richard Holden, starting at 5:30 p.m., at 1212 S. Arcadia Street, Boise 83706. If you plan to attend, please let us know by sending an email to: jandygibson@gmail.com or ddlscott@aol.com.

Meet 'n Greet. If you are new to the Boise Area Branch and would like to know more about our branch in a quieter setting, we encourage you to contact us and

we will meet with you at a coffee shop that's convenient for you.

David Scott ddlscott@aol.com and Andy Gibson jandygibson@gmail.com

Update on Boise State Campus Food Pantry - Christine Santos

Donations needed! AAUW is now contributing to the Boise State Campus Food Pantry. Due to rising tuition and housing costs, college students nationwide face food insecurity. The BSU Campus Food Pantry offers nourishing and cost-effective meals as well as provides nutritional education to Boise State students in need. Donations will be collected at branch meetings. Please refer to the attached list of needs. If you have any questions, contact Christine Santos at christinesantos@u.boisestate.edu.



Boise State Pantry Needs

Canned Food

- Green beans
- Kidney beans
- Canned tuna
- Black beans
- Corn
- Whole tomatoes
- Diced tomatoes
- Pork and beans
- Chickpeas
- Coconut milk
- Garbanzo beans
- Cannellini beans
- Green chilies
- Salsa
- Red enchilada sauce
- Green enchilada sauce
- Cream of chicken soup
- Canned chicken
- Pineapple (*in its own juice*)
- Mandarin oranges (*in its own juice*)

Spices

- Garlic powder
- Chili powder
- Cumin
- Italian seasoning
- Thyme
- Grinder salt/pepper
- Lemon juice
- Olive oil (12 oz)

Toiletries

- Packaged soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Dental floss
- Toothpaste/brushes
- Mouthwash
- Feminine products
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Toilet paper
- Chap-stick

Other Items

- Individual containers of unsweetened applesauce
- Individual pouches of trail mix
- Packets of dried cranberries
- Single-serving peanut butter crackers
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Lunch soups
- Shelf-stable milk
- Beef or jerky sticks
- Single-serving packets of crackers
- Dry tortellini (*non-refrigerated*)
- Other *healthy* non-perishable snack items
- Can openers



STEM Update-Donna Looze

If you or a family member or friend is an educator, librarian, or work with learners, here is a possibility for a grant:

Hour of Code Event Grant: This grant is to help encourage your students, their parents and the community to code by engaging them to try it...at least one hour! Funding is available to host “Hour of Code” events during CS Education Week (December 3–9, 2018). **REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY:** Educators and administrators from publicly-funded formal and informal Idaho educational settings (PreK through Post Secondary) can apply. Publicly-funded libraries, Boys

& Girls Clubs, 4-H Clubs and others are all eligible to apply. Private entities (including parochial) are not eligible to apply. Opening: September 26, 2018. Here are two opportunities to volunteer at the Discovery Center of Idaho:

Event: Adult Night: Surviving Murder & Mayhem. Date: Friday, October 12, 2018. Location: Discovery Center of Idaho. Volunteer timing: 5 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Contact: Cynthia at c.mouzis@dcidaho.org Details: Join the Center and our partners for a lively and fun 21+ night at the center. There are opportunities to check ID's and wristbands, provide upkeep for the center, and work at our bar. The timing of volunteering is flexible, so please let us know if you have a time frame for which you'd like to volunteer. We ask that all volunteers for this specific event are of the age 18 or older.

Event: AT&T All Girls Coding Camp. Date: Saturdays in November/December. Location: Discovery Center. Volunteer timing: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact: Janice Alexander j.alexander@dcidaho.org Details: Our new-and-improved AT&T All Girls Coding Camp returns to the Discovery Center on Saturdays throughout November and early December. Contact Janice for details.

Sunday Book Group – Marci Lingo

We will meet on Sunday, October 21st, to discuss Ursula Le Guin's groundbreaking science fiction masterpiece, The Left Hand of Darkness. Widely acknowledged as the first work of feminist science fiction, the novel explores a collision of cultures when an emissary from a traditional culture visits Gethen, where gender roles are mutable. Published in 1969, the novel secured Le Guin's literary reputation. The group meets in the basement of The Cabin at 2:00 p.m. Join us to discuss this provocative novel.

Thursday Evening Book Group – Linda Simmons

The Thursday Evening Book Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 11th, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., in the Catalpa Room of the Collister Library, 4724 W. State Street, Boise. Our discussion book is The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. LeGuin. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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Linda Simmons, 208-859-5299, lsimm83713@aol.com

Date	Title	Author	Facilitator
10-11-2018	<i>Left Hand of Darkness</i>	Ursula K. LeGuin	
11-15-2018	<i>Mr. Dickens and His Carol</i>	Samantha Silva	
12-13-2018	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon</i>	David Gann	Linda Simmons
1-10-2019	<i>Educated</i>	Tara Westover	
2-14-2019	<i>Proust and the Squid</i>	Maryanne Wolf	

3-14-2019	<i>The Telling Room</i>	Michael Paterniti	
4-11-2019	<i>Sing, Unburied, Sing</i>	Jesmyn West	
5-9-2019	<i>My Life on the Road</i>	Gloria Steinem	
6-13-2019	<i>The Architect's Apprentice</i>	Elif Shalik	Anne Kirkpatrick
7-11-2019	<i>The Invention of Wings</i>	Sue Monk Kidd	Paulette Penney

Bridge Group - Dena Duncan

Because of the AAUW General Meeting and Dinner that will be held on the third Wednesday in October (October 17th), the bridge group will meet at 12:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday, October 24th, at the home of Lee Hipsher, 2897 E. Ragusa Lane in Meridian. If you plan to play, please RSVP to Lee by telephone at 208-615-1505, or by email, leehipsher45@gmail.com.

Daytimers Group Organizational Meeting - by Susan Ransom

Mark your calendars! We have scheduled an organizational meeting for the Daytimers Group on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 10:00 a.m., at the Idaho Education Association Building, 620 North 6th Street, Boise. (Please Note: park in the IEA visitor's spots, enter the building using the 6th Street entrance, and sign in as you enter.)

The interest in the Daytimers Group at the Welcome Back Luncheon was most encouraging; everyone who signed up was very enthusiastic! The goals of the meeting are to brainstorm a calendar of activities and provide an opportunity to become acquainted with other members.

The Movie Group - Gerrie Oehlschlager

This group meets every second Sunday of the month for a movie, usually at the Flicks. October movie selection and time to be determined.

Newcomers - Stacy Urban & Nadine Barth

Newcomers' Next Meeting - Thursday, October 4th, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the home of Kathleen Hancock, who lives at [1556 W Hempstead Dr. Eagle, ID, 83616](#). She may be reached by e-mail at kathleenhancock@hotmail.com or by telephone at 208-315-0878.

Our special guest this month will be Julie Custer, AAUW Boise Public Policy Chair. Julie will talk to us about AAUW as a nonpartisan organization and what that means. We'll brainstorm with her on ways we can actively assist the work of the Lobby Corps. Julie is a past co-president of AAUW Idaho and has served in a

number of capacities, including president, with the AAUW Boise Area Branch. She has ten years of experience with AAUW and will be able to answer any questions you have about interest groups, volunteering on the board and serving on committees, special projects, fund raisers, etc.

The meeting will be our usual potluck. Please bring a hearty appetizer, salad, or dessert. If you'd like to bring wine to share, that would be great! We always have tons of great food so not to worry if you cannot bring something this time.

Welcome, New Members!

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

Barbara Abersold

Alice Antonioli

Bonnie Burry

Deborah Gridley

Edna Groves

Jessica Solberg

Julia Spencer-Franklin

SAVE THESE DATES

October 3

Daytimers Planning Meeting

10 a.m.

October 4

Newcomers Gathering

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

October 11

Thursday Book Group

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

October 12

"Project Marlys" – members only

October 14

"Project Marlys" Estate Sale

Noon to 4 p.m.

October 14

Movie Group

Time TBD

October 17

Branch General Meeting

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

October 21

Sunday Book Group

2 p.m.

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

October 13
"Project Marlys" Estate Sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October 23
Happy Hour
4 p.m.

October 24
Bridge Group
12:30 p.m.

October Birthdays!

10/1 Lauren Wilson
10/12 Judy Figal
10/26 Wes Gibson
10/3 Deborah Gridley
10/12 Edna Groves
10/27 Jaime Moss
10/6 Sarah Haynes
10/12 Bonnie Pfaff
10/28 Chuck Slaughter
10/6 Gail Nottingham
10/13 Linda Kennedy
10/29 Cherie Buckner-Webb

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10/29 Cherie Buckner-Webb
10/6 David Scott
10/18 Mary Holden
10/29 Carol Stirling
10/11 Kathy Haley
10/20 Sandra Anderson
10/31 Marie Matera-Clark
10/12 Ashley Alloway
10/23 Sue Rourke
10/31 Julia Spencer-Franklin



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