



September 2019 Newsletter  
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### **Presidents' Corner** **Kay Reed and Linda Simmons**

The AAUW Boise Branch is about to begin a new year. Our September 10th Welcome Back dinner is at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. We hold monthly general meetings from September through May. Our Program Vice Presidents, Pam Ahrens and Linda Anderson, are planning an interesting and informative year of programs. Stay tuned for the details.

The dates for the general meetings are:

<u>2019:</u> September 10 – Dinner October 8 – Dinner November 12 – Dinner December 7 – Christmas Luncheon	<u>2020:</u> January 14 – Lunch February 11 – Lunch March 10 – Dinner April 14 – Dinner May 9 – Luncheon/Fundraiser
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Please put these dates on your calendars. Lunches begin with a social hour at 11:00 a.m., and dinners begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

On September 10th, in lieu of a formal program, you will have the opportunity to sign up for the branch's various interest groups including: Bridge, Mystery Books, Thursday Evening Books, Sunday Afternoon Books, Movies, Daytimers, Lobby Corps, Great Decisions, Newcomers, Bowling, Get Out the Vote, and Wine Tasting. Two new groups are added this year: Healthy Living and Writing. If you can't attend, have a friend sign you up. Or ask one of us to sign you up.

Happy hours are once a month. You will receive an email invitation with the time and location prior to the event. You do not need to sign up for this group.

Thanks to the 65 members and guests who attended the August 10th picnic. Thankfully, the temperature cooled down and great food was had by all. It was a pleasure to see and talk with so many of you.

The AAUW State Board meeting also took place August 10th and 11th. We were lucky to have several members from other Idaho branches (McCall, Coeur d'Alene, and Pocatello) attend and join us for the picnic.

We look forward to the coming year. If you have any questions about the Boise Branch, please let us know.

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## **What The Vote!**

**by Chris Stokes**



That's our new "brand" for the Voter Registration project in the schools. This brand is in place as we start the second year of voter registration for high school seniors and college students. Once again, 60 volunteers who are members of AAUW and the community will be entering classrooms and working at registration tables at colleges to inspire young voters to engage in democracy. Many of the volunteers from last year have returned; some are new. A year ago, we could not have imagined how successful this program would become, nor how it has grown.

It's been an exciting and busy winter with this new project! Our experience with the College of Western Idaho Marketing class over the winter was terrific! Christine Donnell, Sue Rickey, Linda Kennedy, Kathy Holcomb, Julie Custer and Nancy Viano worked with the class to develop a brand which would help in the messaging for young voters. All members of this team were tremendously impressed with the professional and inspired work the students displayed. Their instructor, Dan Garrity, was amazing! It was a wonderful demonstration of a community and education partnership in action.

Partnerships continue to present themselves. We are working informally with Conservation Voters (CVI) to support our common effort to register students, which broadens the effort in the Treasure Valley. The Ada County Elections office has recognized this project and the office staff have been supportive and encouraging. We added Boise State as a site this Fall and we are putting details in place for that registration effort. We connected with several young women at the New Leadership reception and they will be joining with our teams for voter registration.

We had an opportunity to share this project on the Boise State Public Radio program "Idaho Matters." That interview resulted in new calls from the community and an opportunity to recognize the work we are doing to register young voters. Additionally, other organizations are contacting us from California, Arizona and Missouri.

Our "army" of volunteers will attend a training meeting during August, receive their supplies, and will begin registering students soon after. The work with the schools and the government teachers is a monumental effort. The result is students are registered and, because of our volunteers, inspired to vote. The fact that the "grandmas" show up in their classrooms to recognize how important young voters are, the students know that their participation is important, too.

We will be looking for more sponsors to help with costs related to implementing our brand as this project expands.

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## **Membership Update**

**by Marci Lingo and David Scott**

As of August 31, 2019: 234 members

As we gear up for the new calendar year, September through May, we are pleased to acknowledge that we have retained most of our membership (losing a few for different reasons) and have also recruited some new members over the summer. With several new officers on board (and on the board), we are looking forward to another successful year in support of our mission of enhancing the lives of women and children. Keep up the great work of recruiting friends and colleagues to join our numbers for this vibrant organization. If you have any ideas as to how we can do better to support our efforts as membership co-VPs, please let us know.

We will be focusing our efforts at recruiting and retaining our younger members. We also are studying the creation of a new interest group, one that would be designed to assist any members who are in need of short-term help for manifold reasons, particularly because of health issues. If you are interested in working on this, let us know. Stay tuned for more information on these two initiatives.

We look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

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## **BSU Food Pantry**

**by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes**

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 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 list of needs below. If you have any questions, contact Tracy Bicknell-Holmes, 407-304-4261.

Thanks for your support! Here are some of the most urgent needs:

*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

*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)

*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

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## **Fall Cleaning and Organizing Opportunity**

**by Claudia Hambacker**

The AAUW Fall Fundraiser YARD SALE will be held on October 19th at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 2201 Woodlawn Ave. Boise. Hours for the sale are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Much help will be needed before and after these times for pricing, set-up and clean-up. A committee headed by Claudia Hambacker is organizing for success.

The collection for items has begun and will continue until shortly before the sale. We have two sites.

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PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL BEFORE TAKING ITEMS TO EITHER SITE.

A reminder: NO clothes or books  
Socks are okay but must be in good condition.

You will be able to sign up to help with pricing at each of the drop-off locations. Pricing days will be scheduled to occur a few days before the sale and you will have an opportunity to sign up for working in shifts. As well, we will need volunteers to help on the day of the sale beginning with set-up at 6:00 a.m., sales assistance from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and take-down, clean-up after the sale closes. Carol Stirling will handle the schedule for sale day (October 19th)

Stay tuned for more information and start cleaning out those garages, attics and cupboards!

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## **AAUW Goodwill Ambassador** **by Ann Lewis**

As the newly appointed Goodwill Ambassador for our branch, I appeal to you all to help me keep informed about our members who need or deserve recognition from the group. Incidences can range from illness, accidents, family concerns, a death, all the way to congratulations for achievement or recognition for good works in the community. Our branch wants to show empathy, concern and congratulations as well as offer help to our members. Please forward any concerns directly to me or channel them through a board member and I will contact the member with a note or a call. Additionally, if you have an over-supply of note cards and/or greeting cards which we could add to our stock, please let me know ([annlewis@cableone.net](mailto:annlewis@cableone.net)) and I'll arrange to pick them up.

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## **AAUW Idaho Update** **by Sylvia Chariton and Bonnie Pfaff**

Our annual AAUW State Lobby Corp training session was held on January 9, 2019 and 55 members attended. During the legislative session weekly updates and special alerts requesting action by Lobby Corp members were sent out via email and texts. Sylvia Chariton testified on behalf of AAUW before Senate and House Committees on several issues, to include Medicaid Expansion and the Voter Petition Restriction bills. Bonnie Pfaff testified regarding the 1115 Medicaid Waiver requirements at the Department of H & W information gathering session on June 24, 2019. Winter Board was held February 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. The legislative theme continued as several speakers presented updates on issues being considered by the Idaho Legislature.

Our State Project for our two-year term is to participate in the Idaho Women 100 project to commemorate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment-Women's Suffrage. The project is sponsored by the Idaho Historical Society and Idaho Women in Leadership. We attended several events to learn about the Idaho Women 100 Project and to network with other statewide groups. We submitted the AAUW Logo on [www.idahowomen100.org](http://www.idahowomen100.org) to endorse the project.

We travelled to each of the AAUW Idaho branches to promote participation in the Idaho Women 100 Project. For each of the branch meetings, members from other community organizations were invited to attend our brainstorming sessions. A four-pronged approach was presented as a basis for planning community events: an external event, an internal event, GOTV, and preparation of a biography of a woman who made an impact on a local level. The reception for us in each of the branches was wonderful. Enthusiasm and ideas and participation were beyond our expectations.

The first day of our Summer Board meeting, August 10th, was an informational session with speakers Ruby Mendes Mota (ACLU), Rod Gramer (IBE), Senator Fred Martin (Medicare Expansion), and Jaime Moss (Suffragist Attire). At the business session of Summer Board, we heard from each of the Branches regarding their plans for the Idaho Women 100 project.

In addition, we have met with Logan Dennis, Idaho Voices for Children regarding Medicaid Expansion (1115 Waivers-work requirements) comment requests and Katherine Himes, Ph.D., Director of the McClure Center, to discuss their plans to present ten AAUW Work Smart Programs throughout Idaho.

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## **Mandela Washington Fellowship Activities** **by Linda Simmons**

Throughout the summer, AAUW had the wonderful opportunity to work with Boise State University's Mandela Washington Fellowship Program. BSU was honored to host 25 young African leaders, ages 25-35, in a six-week institute combining seminars; work with private, public and non-profit organizations; and community engagement.

Prior to the Fellows' arrival at the BSU Lincoln Townhomes, AAUW assembled 14 "Welcome Baskets" containing a variety of household and food items. Thanks so much to Jane Hobbs, Kathy Scott, Kay Reed, Linda Simmons, Mary Ruckh, Bron Roberts, Nancy Roth, Carol Fowler, Lynne Mattison, Andy Gibson, Gayle Wilde, Kathy Haley, Lee Hipsher, Nadine Barth, Linda Anderson, Pat Alpine, Carol Stirling, Beth Popish, and Sue Rickey for your donations and participation!

On July 16 the Fellows enjoyed dinner and conversation with AAUW hosts Andy and Wes Gibson, David Scott, Kathy Scott, Kay Reed, Judy Secrist, Nadine Barth, Jaime Moss, Mary Ruckh, Claudia Parcels, Bron Roberts, and Linda Simmons.

An additional "unprecedented, adrenalin-raising experience" was enjoyed by the Fellows when they were given complimentary passes to Roaring Springs Water Park as a result of an AAUW member contact.

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## **STEM News** **by Deborah Newton**

This summer, AAUW Boise made a donation of \$5,000 to the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage to be used specifically for their STEM camps. We received the following note from Joanne Taylor, the Chief Development Officer:

"Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is grateful to hear of your pledge of \$5,000 toward STEM camps for low-income girls. What amazing opportunities you will create for girls in our community! And, once their interest is piqued at STEM camp, we will ensure they have future opportunities to remain on a STEM path through the many STEM programs and events we offer throughout the year. Thank you to all of Boise AAUW. We cannot do what we do without people like you."

Linda Simmons and Deborah Newton were invited to tour the new Girl Scout facility in June. The many opportunities they are creating for girls to get involved with STEM are impressive, and they are continuing to develop community partnerships to further expand those opportunities.

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### **Book Group (Mystery)**

**by Linda Anderson**

Mystery Book Group, September 9th, 6:00 p.m., home of Mary Hoey, 9824 W. Highlander Rd. *Eye of the Needle* by Ken Follett.

To be added to the list, contact Linda Anderson: [lcander@pacbell.net](mailto:lcander@pacbell.net).

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### **Book Group (Sunday)**

**by Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh**

September 15th, 2:00 p.m. at "The Cabin," 801 S Capitol Blvd. in Boise. "*Between the World and Me*" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Questions - Mary Ruckh, [mruckh@gmail.com](mailto:mruckh@gmail.com), (262) 212-8829; Ann Lewis, [annlewis@cableone.net](mailto:annlewis@cableone.net), (208) 954-1460.

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### **Book Group (Thursday)**

**by Ann Kirkpatrick and Linda Simmons**

*September Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 6:30 pm, Collister Library, 4724 W State St, Boise*

This group meets from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, the second Thursday of each month. We meet at different venues and members take turns facilitating the discussion. We send an email a week prior to the meeting as a reminder and to let members know the location. If you would like to be included in our group and/or the email, please send Ann or Linda a message!

All AAUW members are welcome to attend!

**Contact:** Ann Kirkpatrick, 208-887-6759, [annkirkpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:annkirkpatrick@gmail.com)

Linda Simmons, 208-859-5299, [lsimm83713@aol.com](mailto:lsimm83713@aol.com)

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### **Bowling Group**

**by Stacy Urban**

We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 10:00 a.m., at Westy's Garden Lanes in Garden City. We bowl two games and it takes about 1-1/2 hours. Everyone is welcome! You don't have to be a good bowler to join us -- we are all levels of bowlers from former Olympic champions to those of us who are happy to score 50. We have a great time, laugh a lot, and get a little exercise.

Contact Stacy Urban [stacyurban@gmail.com](mailto:stacyurban@gmail.com), 360-914-8866.

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### **Bridge Group**

**by Dena Duncan**

Our monthly Bridge Group event will be held at 12:30 p.m., September 18th (third Wednesday) at the home of Connie Pratt, 1755 N White Oak Way, Meridian. If you plan to play, please RSVP to Connie by phone, (208) 888-9477, or by e-mail, [conniepratt@cableone.net](mailto:conniepratt@cableone.net). We hope to see you there.

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## **Daytimers Group: Oh, The Places We Will Go**

**by Marsha Bravo and Andy Gibson**

Members of this group plan day adventures to various locations – museums, gardens, historical sites, art galleries and other places of interest. For 2018-19 we had a variety of fun and interesting activities that included a visit to the newly renovated Idaho State Museum, learned about the artist James Castle when we visited his house, cheered for the BSU Women's Basketball team, walked the MK Nature Center trails, visited the International Fire Center and took a tour of the Minidoka Japanese internment camp.

We encourage you to come visit our table at the Welcome Back meeting and sign up for this fun-filled leisure interest group. Our organization meeting to schedule 2019-2020 activities will be held 10:00 a.m., September 24th at the IEA building, 620 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Come join us and share your ideas!

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## **Great Decisions**

**by Pat Alpine and Mary Ruckh**

The Great Decisions group has some changes this upcoming year. First of all, Carolyn Lunstrum after leading and organizing this group, is stepping down. Our thanks to Carolyn for all of her years of service to keep this group the well-oiled machine that it has been all these years. Pat Alpine and Mary Ruckh will be the new co-chairs for this group.

Unfortunately, the regular dates for this group were unavailable at the Boise Public library downtown. In 2020, we will meet to discuss our foreign policy issues starting March 2, 2020 and meeting every Monday through April 20, 2020. We will still meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Marian Bingham Room at the Boise Public Library downtown.

We will be at the Great Decisions interest group table at the first AAUW meeting on September 10th to get sign-ups for those who wish to be a part of the group next year.

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## **Movie Group**

**by Carolyn Moore**

The Movie group will resume our monthly movie adventures with a movie called After the Wedding, a movie with lots of plot twists and turns, to keep you on the edge of your seat. It stars Julianne Moore, Michelle Williams and Billy Crudup in a story about a women seeking funding from a wealthy donor in New York for an orphanage she runs in India. What she encounters was unforeseen.

We have yet to determine the exact date and time that it will be showing at the Flicks, but it will possibly be an evening the week of the 1-6th of September.

Please let Carolyn know if you wish to be added to the movie group: [cnmoore7@msn.com](mailto:cnmoore7@msn.com).

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## **Newcomers Group**

**by Elise deWit and Stacy Urban**

Are you new to AAUW or new to Boise? Join us the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for an evening of great food, socializing, and information. We meet in members' homes to give "newbies" a chance to get to know each other and more established members. Our next meeting will

be Thursday, September 5 at the home of Elise deWit. More information will be emailed separately.

Contact Stacy Urban [stacycurban@gmail.com](mailto:stacycurban@gmail.com) 360-914-8866 to be added to our mailing list and receive our invitations and updates.

Co-coordinator Elise deWit [elisedewit@gmail.com](mailto:elisedewit@gmail.com) 541-324-8406.

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## **Writing Group: Your Life, Your Legacy** by Edna Groves

**Have you wondered how to share your heritage and life story on paper with those you love?**

We are creating legacies constantly: with the work we do in the world; with reading aloud to grandchildren; with the causes we pour ourselves into with time, energy and/or money; with the food we make or bake; with our acts of generosity. We are remembered in these and other ways, even when we are out of sight.

Come to be guided through writing of those legacies you were given and those you created. Learn to fashion a love letter you give away to descendants, by:

- communicating rich ancestral heritage
- expressing values, life lessons and wisdom gathered by the writer in his/her lifetime
- offering blessings for recipients
- creating a unique heirloom document only you can bestow

**DATES:** Four consecutive Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., starting October 24th, 2019

**WHERE:** Bown Crossing Library, 2143 E. Riverwalk Drive, Boise

**LED BY:** Edna C. Groves, M.S. ***Certified Sage-ing© Leader, Certified Women's Legacies™ Facilitator, Certified Guided Autobiography Instructor***

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## **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Welcome to the following members who joined our branch during the summer:

Carol Bearce	Ellie Hall	Carla Jensen	Edward Olson
Bonita Biegalko	Lori Hausegger	Jaci Kettler	Nan Phillips
Heidi Bogert	Kathryn Haze	Carolyn King	Starr Rausch
Patt Bowers	Susannah Heist	Vicki Morrison	Dynisha Smith

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## **SAVE THESE DATES**

September 5

September 15  
**Book Group (Sunday)**

**Newcomers Group**

5:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

September 9

**Bowling Group**

10:00 a.m.

September 18

**Bridge Group**

12:30 p.m.

September 9

**Book Group (Mystery)**

6:00 p.m.

September 18

**Happy Hour**

4:00 p.m.

September 10

**Welcome Back Dinner**

5:00 p.m.

September 23

**Bowling Group**

10:00 a.m.

September 12

**Book Group (Thursday)**

10 a.m.

September 24

**Daytimers**

10:00 a.m.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

09/02 Sally Suter  
 09/07 Dick Holden  
 09/07 Mary Ellen Monroe  
 09/07 Carolyn Moore  
 09/07 Jessica Solberg  
 09/09 Cheryle Andrews  
 09/09 Lois Morgan  
 09/10 Cheryl Boyd  
 09/13 Marsha Bravo  
 09/15 Carolyn Lunstrum  
 09/15 Mary Ruckh

09/16 Janie Ward-Engelking  
 09/18 Lee Hipsher  
 09/18 Laura Simic  
 09/20 Cici Giguiere  
 09/20 Cory Mitchell-Samson  
 09/22 Liz Otterness  
 09/23 Ray Stokes  
 09/25 Linda Simmons  
 09/29 Mary Mosley  
 09/30 Barbara Condon

**OFFICERS**

**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

**Co-Presidents**

Kay Reed\_and Linda Simmons

**501(c)3 Compliance Coordinator**

Julie Custer

**President-Elect**

Norma Lloyd

**Co-Vice Presidents, Membership**

Marci Lingo and David Scott

**Co-Vice Presidents, Programs**

Pam Ahrens and Linda Anderson

**Finance Officer**

Steve Holmes

**Finance Officer-Elect**

Roberta Olson

**Secretary**

Beth Popish

**Boise State Food Pantry**

Tracy Bicknell-Holmes

**Directory (Online)**

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**Funds Chair**

Linda Simmons

**Goodwill Ambassador**

Ann Lewis

**Newsletter Editor**

Julie Custer (interim)

**Nominating Committee**

Andy Gibson, Gerrie Oehlschlager,  
and Stacy Urban

**Project Recognition**

Carol Fowler

**Public Policy**

Julie Custer

**Scholarship Committee Chair**

Nancy Otterness and Noreen Pusey

**Special Events Coordinator(s)**

Amie Bruggeman and Stacy Urban

**Social Media (Facebook,  
Instagram, Twitter)**

Julie Custer

**STEM Chair**

Deborah Newton

**Web Editor**

Carrie Noriega

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP COORDINATORS

**Books, Mystery**

Linda Anderson

**Books, Sunday Afternoon**

Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh

**Healthy Living Group**

Ellie Hall

**Movie**

Carolyn Moore and Gerrie  
Oehlschlager

**Books, Thursday Evening**

Ann Kirkpatrick and Linda Simmons

**Bowling**

Stacy Urban

**Bridge**

Dena Duncan

**Daytimers**

Marsha Bravo and Andy Gibson

**Great Decisions**

Pat Alpine and Mary Ruckh

**Happy Hour**

Kathy Scott and Gayle Wilde

**Newcomers**

Elise deWit and Stacy Urban

**Public Policy**

Julie Custer

**Voter Registration**

Chris Stokes

**Wine Tasting #1**

David Scott

**Wine Tasting #2**

Mike Camp and Elise deWit

**Writing Group**

Edna Groves



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