



News and Events, November 2019 Edition
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AAUW Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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Presidents' Corner by Kay Reed and Linda Simmons



Happy Fall! We had 98 members at the October 8th general meeting to hear about Idaho's women's corrections system. The program was very well done and informative. Thanks to our terrific programs team (Pam Ahrens, Linda Anderson, and Amie Bruggeman) for a great program.

Our garage sale was a big success, despite the weather being the worst of the year. Thanks to the First Congregational United Church of Christ for letting us move the sale inside. Wes Gibson was a one-man money-making machine. He raised \$1,435 in advance of the sale by selling items online. On the day of the sale we raised \$984. Our grand total was \$2,419. A huge thanks to Wes, Claudia Hambacker (Garage Sale Chairperson), and the many members who donated items, handled pricing, and/or worked the day of the sale. Wes' portion of the proceeds will go to the [Inez Robb Scholarship fund](#), and the remainder will go to [Special Projects](#).

Some things to keep in mind. November is Inez Robb month ([click here to learn about her](#)). If you are so inclined, it is the time to donate to our scholarship fund in her name. Donations will be taken at the November 12th general meeting or you can send them to P.O. Box 16548, Boise, ID 83715. The Inez Robb scholarship is awarded to a BSU junior or senior female student chosen by our Inez Robb Scholarship Committee. Let's help another young woman fulfill her dreams!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 11 a.m. at the Riverside Hotel. Once again, you may enjoy shopping with the **Artisans for Hope**. Be sure to get this meeting date on your calendar. It will be the New Year before we know it!

November Branch Meeting by Linda Anderson



Next branch meeting: Tuesday, November 12th at 5:00 p.m. at the Riverside Hotel.

The topic for our next meeting is “Boise Schools and Frank Church High School: Supporting At-Risk Youth.” The speakers are Amy Rust, Social Worker at [Frank Church High School](#), the district’s alternative school, and Jennifer Henderson, Executive Director of the [Boise Public Schools Foundation](#). They will talk about how vulnerable, at-risk students are supported academically, socially, and psychologically.

All food and feminine hygiene supplies brought to the November meeting will be donated to Frank Church High School. Going forward, the food donations will go back to the Boise State Food Pantry and the feminine supplies to Frank Church.

Membership Update by Marci Lingo and David Scott



We are continuously looking at our activities and processes to ensure that we are providing our new members with the right information and experiences to encourage them to become active and to remain in the organization for years to come. One of our new members recently suggested a mentor program, matching a newcomer with a more seasoned member as a way of introducing them to the people, the activities, and the benefits of the Boise Branch. This mentor would be available for questions, introductions at meetings and events, and generally just to make it easier for a newbie to join a group with over 200 members. We are searching for “seasoned” members who would be willing to join our group of mentors. Please let us know if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

Every year, we offer two orientations for new members to learn about the history of AAUW as well as how the Boise Branch works with both the state and national organizations. Our first orientation will be held on November 7th, 2019, as part of the regularly scheduled Newcomers Meeting. If you are in the Newcomers Group, you will receive an email announcement with the details of the meeting. If you are no longer a newcomer but would like to attend, please contact Marci, David, Stacy Urban, or Elise deWit for details. We are all in [DirectorySpot!!](#)

Voter Registration Update by Chris Stokes



What does success look like for the [“What the Vote!” \(WTV!\) project](#)? Success looks like 2,891 students who are now registered to vote after the conclusion of the Fall 2019 registration cycle. Success looks like government teachers who welcomed the volunteer teams back into their classrooms for a second year. Success is positive feedback from the teachers with praise for excellent presentations and open invitations to return next Fall. Success looks like positive feedback from students who thanked our volunteers for spending their time helping them navigate the voting process. Success is more than 60



AAUW and community volunteers working together with passion and commitment to inspire young voters to engage in democracy!!!

I love the most common feedback from our volunteers: “Exhausting and exhilarating” when describing their experiences in the classroom. Volunteers worked several hundred hours in a few weeks’ time to connect with students and teachers to build this successful program. The relationships developed with members of staff in the Ada County Elections office have enhanced the communication and information flow that strengthens the program. The fun “MyVote” text application shared by Antonio Hernandez from Conservation Voters for Idaho has added value to the classroom presentations.

A volunteer appreciation/celebration meeting on October 30 was well attended by AAUW members and community partners. Volunteers were able to visit and share stories which were so fun to hear. Kristine Sanda was instrumental in decorating our fall event in great style. Lynn Lockhart from the Ada County Elections office attended the meeting. We were able to offer our “thanks” for her support and continued encouragement throughout the process.



Julie Custer, Nancy Viano and I were able to share information about how this project is growing and being supported. First, the branch board approved funding this project for the next two years with plans for review each year to maintain necessary funding. A marketing student from the College of Western Idaho has agreed to develop the WTV! website. The development will begin within the next two weeks and is expected to be completed by the end of February 2020. Colleen Neymeyer, one of our community partners, has agreed to manage the website after it is up and running. We are building a “Student Advisory” team to work with us to develop the website, materials and presentations to create the best methods to inspire young voters to engage in democracy. Two students from Boise High School have already agreed to join us and we have reached out to others. A new Team Coordinator role has been developed for Boise and West Ada School Districts and Colleges. The coordinator will provide more support for teams and relieve some of the duties currently handled by the project leaders. Amy Steckel and Sue Fillman, community partners, have agreed to take on the Boise and West Ada School District coordinator roles respectively. AAUW member Cathe Scott has agreed to coordinate the college registration activities.

At the celebration, AAUW member Gerti Arnold shared that when she talks to people about AAUW and what the organization does, she said this project is “tangible” and reflects measurable results, which is impressive to people who don’t know much about what AAUW is about. To say we’ve “come a long way, baby” is an understatement. Things are “clattering” into place and we are enjoying the development and continued success of this worthwhile, tangible project. Thanks to all our members and the board for the continued support and encouragement for this “project of passion” to reach out to young voters.

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019:
Election Day in the Treasure Valley
by Julie Custer**



This is an odd-numbered year so there are no general elections for county, legislative, statewide, or federal races. However, there are many critical races in cities across the Treasure Valley. For example, voters in Boise, Eagle, Star, and Meridian will be voting for mayoral and city council candidates. Nampa and Caldwell residents will be voting for city council candidates as well. Various taxing districts also have funding requests on the ballot. These local officials and entities have more day-to-day impact on your lives than



state or federal officials so it's important that you vote and make your voice heard.

**Idaho Women 100 GOTV Project:
Saturday, November 2, 2019
by Sylvia Chariton**



Exciting and celebratory times are ahead for all Idaho women. Since Idaho granted women's suffrage well before other states in the union, [Idaho Women 100](#) decided to celebrate a little early. The **Idaho Women's Right to Suffrage Amendment** was approved on the **November 3, 1896**, Idaho ballot. Since Idaho was on the forefront of women getting the vote, a **statewide Get Out the Vote (GOTV)** will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 2nd** at local stores and libraries in major cities, towns and hamlets throughout the state. Currently, about twenty GOTV events will be held including ten within SW Idaho. Traditionally, Suffragists wore "Votes for Women" sashes. To honor them, we will wear sashes and participants are urged to dress in the 1920's style.



Throughout the state, participants will staff information tables from noon to 4:00 p.m. They will provide voter registration information and assist individuals in finding their polling locations. Within SW Idaho, AAUW Idaho/Boise Branch members will be located at the Ada County, Kuna and Garden City libraries as well as the Star Merc. The Idaho League of Women Voters, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the GFWC Columbian Club will be at other local venues. Since the GFWC Columbian Club was responsible for securing a grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation for the first library in Boise, our group agreed that the our local GFWC Columbian Club should have that prize location.

Early Suffragists in Idaho and throughout the nation sold recipe books to further their cause. As a tribute to them, we will distribute an authentic Idaho Suffragist Era Apple Crisp recipe ([click here for the recipe](#)). The back of the recipe card will include the website of Idaho's Secretary of State for voters to reference at home. **Our goal is to get everyone to the polls on Nov. 5th and to have [Idaho Suffrage Era Apple Crunch](#) on their Idaho Thanksgiving table!**

**Meet Our 2019-2020 Inez Robb Scholarship
Recipient: Allison Porter
by Nancy Otterness**



The recipient of the 2019-2020 scholarship is Allison Porter. Allison is a junior at Boise State University majoring in criminal justice. Allison is participating in a special program that allows her to complete her bachelor's degree in three years and begin law school the fourth year. Allison's letters of recommendation talk about her activities with various organizations, how reliable she is, and her willingness to serve her communities - whether it is her home town community or the BSU community. Allison believes that education is the "key" to future success and shares her love of education with others.

**Yard Sale Update
by Claudia Hambacker**



On Saturday October 19th, the AAUW Yard Sale was held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 2201 Woodlawn Avenue in Boise. Thank you to the many, many



members who participated by donating items and bringing them to our two drop off sites, to those who participated in the two pricing parties held at the drop off homes of Wes and Andy Gibson (pictured left) and Claudia Hambacker, and all the individuals who assisted with the pricing, set up, take down, and to those who worked the sale.

A special thank you to Gayle Wilde who was able to obtain the church's Fellowship Hall at the very last minute and we were fortunate to be inside the warm and dry church.

The terrible forecast did not stop shoppers but did decrease their numbers. However, \$984.00 of merchandise was sold. Wes Gibson sold many items on Craigslist and thus far we have made a significant amount from those items but there is not a final tally at this time (as mentioned above, around \$2,419).

I would like to thank the committee members:

Jane Ludwig Roberta Olson Wes Gibson Gayle Wilde Linda Simmons
Gerti Arnold Ann Lewis Ann Kirkpatrick Kay Reed Carol Stirling

We had more than 50 volunteers who worked and I hope to have the final, completed list together for our next newsletter. Such support is so very appreciated.

I repeat: there were many, many volunteers who came out to help. Some donated goods, others helped with pricing and packing. A crew came early to help set up, many worked the sale, and some came in extra and brought family to help to help take down due to the bad weather. None of you can be thanked enough for your donations and participation.

STEM News

by Deborah Newton



The Girl Scouts of the Silver Sage gave a nice shout out on Facebook to our branch as one of the sponsors for their programs:

"We've got plans we can't wait to share! Thanks to support from [Idaho STEM Action Center](#) , [AAUW Boise Area Branch](#) and [Idaho National Laboratory](#) we've got a super cool STEM Outreach program in the works. Stay tuned for details, but in the meantime-let's hear a big round of applause to these awesome sponsors helping us make a difference all across Idaho!"

The [Idaho STEM Action Center](#) is seeking STE(A)M professionals to serve as judges for the IDX Student Showcases on Saturday, November 16. Judges review and score student submissions consisting of a webpage, presentation and 3D-printed prototype. This is a full-day commitment plus some prep work. There are several locations available, including Pocatello, Lewiston, and Twin Falls. If you are interested, you can find out more at the [Action Center volunteer website](#).

The [Discovery Center](#) will be having their annual [Science with Style Gala on February 28th, 2020](#). There will be a 3-course dinner, silent and live auctions, and a science demonstration. The funds raised go to STEM programs at the Center.

Book Group (Mystery)

by Linda Anderson



The next meeting will be Monday, November 11th, at the home of Linda Anderson, 323 W.

Jefferson St., #509, Boise. Book: *The Kill Artist* by Daniel Silva (Available at Thriftbooks.com for \$3.99).

If you have questions or would like to be added to the mailing list, contact Linda Anderson, lcander@pacbell.net. 831-521-6075

Book Group (Sunday)
by Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh



Sunday, November 17th at 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at The Cabin, 801 S Capitol Blvd., Boise, 208-331-8000. Book: *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver.

For additional information, please contact Mary Ruckh, mruckh@gmail.com, (262) 212-8829 or Ann Lewis, annlewis@cableone.net, (208) 954-1460.

Book Group (Thursday)
by Ann Kirkpatrick and Linda Simmons



November 14th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Catalpa Room of the Collister Library, 4724 W State Street, Boise. Book: *The Weight of Ink*. Alice Tryon is the discussion facilitator.

For additional information, please contact Ann Kirkpatrick (208-887-6759) or Linda Simmons (208-859-5299).

Bowling Group
by Stacy Urban



Meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00 a.m., at Westy's Garden Lanes in Garden City. All bowlers are welcome! Even if you haven't bowled in a million years, come and join us! We bowl two games and have a lot of fun.

Contact Stacy Urban for more information.
360-914-8866 or stacyurban@gmail.com

Bridge Group
by Dena Duncan



The bridge group will meet to play on November 20th at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Lee Hipsher, 2897 E Ragusa Ln., Meridian. If you plan to play, please RSVP to her by phone, (208) 615-1505, or by e-mail, leehipsher45@gmail.com.

Daytimers Group
by Marsha Bravo,
Andy Gibson, and
Paulette Penney



This group is off and running. Our calendar is filling up and many outings have been confirmed. We have had many new members join the group this year and we are looking forward to spending time and getting to know them better. Our first outing was to The Birds of Prey Flight on October 25th. Guests are always welcome. An e-mail will be sent to each Daytimers Group member by the coordinator of that month's outing, listing the place, time and who to contact if you are interested in joining us.

And, our next gathering, thanks to Julie Custer: the [Boise State University women's basketball team](#) plays in its first-ever [preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament \(WNIT\)](#). The Boise State women will host the Portland State University women's basketball team in this first round game on Friday, November 8th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m at Extra Mile (formerly Taco Bell) Arena. Admission is free for members, spouses, significant others, children, and/or grandchildren.



Deadline extended for requesting tickets!

If you and/or your family and friends want to attend this game but you haven't RSVP'd yet, you still have some time. Email Julie Custer (jjcuster1947@hotmail.com) **by next Tuesday, November 5**. Indicate in the email how many of you will be attending.

An email with logistical details will be sent on November 6 to all those who have requested tickets.

Go, Broncos!

Great Decisions by Pat Alpine



The Great Decisions 2020 topics are:

Topic 1: "**Climate Change and the Global Order**"
by Ronald Bee

Topic 2: "**India and Pakistan**"
by Barbara Crossette

Topic 3: "**Red Sea Security**"
by David Shinn

Topic 4: "**Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**"
by Ronald Weitzer

Topic 5: "**U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle**"
by Michael Shifter and Bruno Binetti

Topic 6: "**China's Road into Latin America**"
by Margaret Myers

Topic 7: "**The Philippines and the U.S.**"
by Julio Amador and Deryk Matthew N. Baladjay

Topic 8: "**Artificial Intelligence and Data**"
by Susan Ariel Aaronson

The materials for the 2020 Great Decisions will be available starting October 21st. At this time, I do not know the exact price but it will most likely be around \$30.00. The materials will ship the first week of January 2020. I will be ordering the materials en masse in order to take advantage of the publisher's (Foreign Policy Association) group discount pricing.

I will try and hold off ordering the materials until the November AAUW Boise Branch newsletter is published. If this is not possible and you have previously not expressed an interest in joining this group, I will let you know how to individually order the 2020 materials.

We will start meeting Monday March 2, 2020 from 10 am until 12 noon at the Marian Bingham Room located at the downtown Boise public library. We will then meet the next eight (8) consecutive Mondays ending on Monday April 20, 2020.

Patricia Alpine, 208-859-0325, patriciaalpine@gmail.com

Movie Group
by Carolyn Moore and Gerrie
Oehlschlager



On October 13th, the Movie Group saw *Give Me Liberty* at The Flicks. It is the story of a Russian medical transport driver's busy day getting demanding passengers to various destinations in Milwaukee. It is quite a day trip for Russian immigrants and disabled Americans! The situation produces exuberant comedy and nightmarish stress.

Afterwards, the viewers dissected the realistic and memorable characters, identified aspects of rousing Russian culture, and reaffirmed the resilience of the American culture even among chaos.

The group felt they understood the movie better after the discussion. It is a complex and touching movie.

Next Movie Group Meeting is November 10th, 2019. Look for an email with specifics.

Newcomers Group
by Elise deWit and Stacy Urban



Meets the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We gather together at different members' homes for an evening of AAUW information, great food, libations, and, of course, socializing. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 7th, at the home of Richard Holden and Marci Lingo. If you'd like to attend, please email us and we'll add you to our mailing list.

Stacy Urban: 360-914-8866 or stacycurban@gmail.com

Elise deWit: 541-324-8406 or elisedewit@gmail.com

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to the following new members who joined our branch in
October 2019:

Claire Killip
Sally Pena

SAVE THESE DATES

November 2
Get Out The Vote Day
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

November 5
Election Day
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November 11
Book Group (Mystery)
6:00 p.m.

November 12
Branch General Meeting
5:00 p.m.

November 7
Newcomers Group/Orientation
5:00 p.m.

November 8
Daytimers Group Family Event
7:00 p.m.

November 10
Movie Group
Time TBA

November 11
Bowling Group
10:00 a.m.

November 14
Book Group (Thursday)
6:30 p.m.

November 17
Book Group (Sunday)
2:00 p.m.

November 19
Happy Hour
4:00 p.m.

November 25
Bowling Group
10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/07 Nicole Letinsky
11/08 Mike Camp
11/11 Ilana Rubel
11/12 Marci Glass
11/15 Pam Ahrens

11/20 Marilyn Watkins
11/21 Linda Ladendorff
11/22 Angela Hemingway
11/22 Norma Lloyd

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Norma Lloyd

Co-Vice Presidents, Membership
Marci Lingo and David Scott

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Pam Ahrens and Linda Anderson

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Secretary
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501(c)3 Compliance Coordinator
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Boise State Food Pantry
Tracy Bicknell-Holmes

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Julie Custer

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Kathy Scott

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Ann Lewis

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Julie Custer (interim)

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Andy Gibson, Gerrie Oehlschlager,
and Stacy Urban

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Carol Fowler

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Julie Custer

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Nancy Otterness

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Amie Bruggeman and Stacy Urban

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Julie Custer

STEM Chair
Deborah Newton

Web Editor
Carrie Noriega

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP COORDINATORS

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Linda Anderson

Books, Sunday Afternoon
Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh

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Chris Stokes

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David Scott

Wine Tasting #2
Mike Camp and Elise deWit

Writing Group
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