



News and Events, January 2020 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



**We are wishing you a happy, healthy 2020! Thanks for being AAUW members!**

**January meeting:** On January 14th, we will be meeting for lunch at 11:00 a.m. at the Riverside Hotel. Our speaker will be Dean Cameron, Director of the Idaho Department of Insurance. His interesting and timely presentation is: Availability of Healthcare Insurance

in Idaho: State Insurance Exchange, Medicaid Expansion Update and What to Expect in the 2020 Legislative Session.

**2020 AAUW Idaho Lobby Corps Education Session:** Wednesday, January 15, 9:00 a.m. to noon, IEA Building.

**Young Women and Leadership Conference:** The AAUW Boise Area Branch will be a major sponsor of the [Andrus Center for Public Policy's Young Women and Leadership Conference](#) to be held on March 10, 2020, at Boise State University. Also, the **What The Vote!** team will be developing and presenting a skill builder workshop at the conference.

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### **Membership Update** by Marci Lingo and David Scott



We would like to wish you a happy and healthy New Year. And we would also like to remind you that now is an excellent time to invite your friends and colleagues to sign up for a new membership in the Boise Branch of AAUW. This is the most inexpensive time to join, since a new member can join for just \$63 and this membership is valid until June 30, 2021. What a deal!! A new member may join online at the Boise Branch website (under Membership) or send a check made out to AAUW Boise Branch to our financial officer at PO Box 16548, Boise, ID 83715.

We look forward to an active and fulfilling 2020 and hope you will be a part of that.

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### **Lobby Corps Education Session** by Sylvia Chariton and Bonnie Pfaff



## **AAUW Idaho Lobby Corps Education Session**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – RSVP Bonnie Pfaff**

**[bmp.50@hotmail.com](mailto:bmp.50@hotmail.com) or 208-409-5738**

***You don't want to miss this!***

**WHAT: AAUW Idaho Lobby Corps 2020 Idaho Legislative Education Session**

**WHEN: Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**WHERE: IEA lower conference room, 620 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Boise**

**WHO: Open to all AAUW Idaho members, family and friends**

## TOPICS:

- Idahoans for a Fair Wage Initiative
- Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey from the Idaho Department of Education
- Save Our Schools (SOS): The “Invest in Idaho” initiative to invest \$170 million in K-12 education
- Idaho Women 100 Update & the distribution of “Votes for Women” sashes

[Click here](#) for more information about each of these topics.

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### What The Vote! by Chris Stokes



What The Vote! volunteers can look forward to another opportunity to engage young voters in democracy for a most exciting voting year! Many of the high school students registered in Fall 2019 will be able to vote in the Presidential Primary in March 2020 and the Idaho Primary election in May. Volunteers will be in classrooms and on college campuses again in Fall 2020 just in time for the General election.



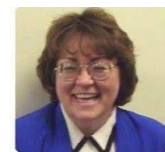
In the meantime, the WTV! website is in development with plans to be active by March 1st. Members of the Student Advisory Committee are helping with the development to help us ensure the website appeals to our target audience – young voters!

Planning has begun for WTV! to deliver a “Skill Building” workshop to high school students who will be attending the [Andrus Center for Public Policy's Young Women and Leadership Conference](#) (young men can also attend). The workshop will inspire engagement in democracy. We have several activities planned which include help from two students from our Student Advisory Committee. We are excited to have this opportunity to share our message to this group of “engaged” students.

We have over 100 AAUW and community volunteers on our WTV! list now and continue to add volunteers. Members interested in volunteering for this terrific project to reach out to young voters in high school classrooms and on college campus should contact Chris Stokes at [chris60plus@gmail.com](mailto:chris60plus@gmail.com). Phone # is 208-283-2580. A kick-off event in August will provide training and teams will form to start the registration activities in September 2020.

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### STEM News by Deborah Newton



I recently had the opportunity to tour the [Discovery Center of Idaho](#) and met with the volunteer coordinator, Cortney Olson. Cortney is a former recipient of an AAUW scholarship, and she was very excited to learn that AAUW is supportive of STEM in Idaho. The Discovery Center is looking for volunteers, and I am working on setting up an opportunity for AAUW members to be more active in the STEM community. Stay tuned for upcoming details.

**The Discovery Center will be having their annual [Science with Style Gala](#) on February 28, 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.**

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## **Boise State Food Pantry** by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes



When the [Associated Students of Boise State University \(ASBSU\)](#) and Dean of Students learned that many of their classmates faced food insecurity, the student leadership group formed the Food Insecurities Initiative and the student food pantry was born. This is a student-led project, and your food donations help restock the pantry each month.

### **Most needed items are:**

**Beef Jerky Sticks**

**Canned Chicken / Salmon**

**Peanut Butter / Jelly**

**Trail mix / Nuts / Granola Bars**

**Instant Oatmeal**

**Fruit Cups / Applesauce**

**Laundry Pods**

**Toilet Paper**

**Personal Care Items for Women and Men**

The Food Pantry accepts financial donations as well at the donation website: <https://give.boisestate.edu/foodpantry>.

In addition to the Food Pantry, a lot is going on at Boise State to help students with Food Insecurity. Announced on November 7, 2019, in the Boise State UPDATE, a *new app will help end food waste on campus and feed hungry students*. The app called **Bronco BEAM**



(or “beacon environment approximation mapping”) was developed by GIMMworks students Issiac Torrero, Tyler Chapman, and Olivia Thomas. Students download the app to their cell phones. When food is left over from a catered event, a Food Alert message goes out to anyone in the vicinity with the app on their phone telling them when and where food is available. Students can go to that location and eat for free, no questions asked. Food insecure employees can also use the app. Less food goes to waste and hungry people eat. It’s a win-win.

**GIMMworks** is part of the Gaming Interactive Media and Mobile (GIMM) technology program at Boise State in the College of Innovation and Design. Former BSU President Bob Kustra asked GIMMworks to develop apps that address the most pressing needs on campus.

**BroncosGrow** is a new initiative to develop a campus garden to enhance the environment, offer educational opportunities, and provide fresh produce to students. Research has shown a correlation between students who eat more fruits and vegetables and higher-grade point averages. A campus garden has been approved, the curriculum has been developed, and the land has been designated. A fundraising campaign ran in December with a goal to raise \$5,000 to get the garden started. See Planting Seeds for Tomorrow at <https://ponyup.boisestate.edu/project/17210/updates/1>. If you missed the fundraiser but are interested in helping out, let me know and I'll figure out how to connect you.

### **Directions to the BSU Food Pantry**

Although we pick up food at every AAUW Boise meeting for delivery to the Food Pantry, if you have items to share in between meetings, I can arrange to pick them up and deliver them, or you can deliver them yourselves. The food pantry is located at:

Dean of Students Office, Campus School, Ste. 120, 2100 W University Drive (intersection of

W University Dr & S Brady St)

Directions from University Drive:

North on Brady St, Take the 1<sup>st</sup> RIGHT into a small parking area

Call the Office: 208-426-1527 to let them know you have a food donation. They will let you in and help you unload.

For information on the Boise State Food Pantry, a list of needed items, and information on how to make a financial donation go to <https://www.boisestate.edu/deanofstudents/student-support/food-help/food-pantry/> and scroll down past the picture.

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### **Book Group (Mystery) by Linda Anderson**



The next meeting will be Monday, January 13th, at the home of Sheila Robbins, 362 W Charwood Ct., Boise. The book is *Death at La Fenice* by Donna Leon.

If you have questions, or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Linda Anderson at [lcander@pacbell.net](mailto:lcander@pacbell.net). or 831-521-6075.

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### **Book Group (Sunday) by Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh**



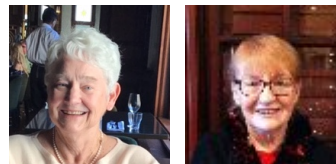
The Sunday Afternoon Book Group will discuss *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah*

*Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches* by SC Gwynn. The discussion will be led by David Scott at The Cabin in Boise on January 19, 2020, 2:00 - 3:30 pm. New members always welcome.

For additional information, please contact Mary Ruckh, [mruckh@gmail.com](mailto:mruckh@gmail.com) (262) 212-8839 or Ann Lewis, [annlewis@cablone.net](mailto:annlewis@cablone.net) (208) 954-1460.

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### **Book Group (Thursday)** by Ann Kirkpatrick and Linda Simmons



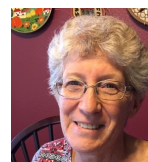
The AAUW Thursday Evening Book Group will be meeting on January 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Catalpa Room of the Collister Library, 4724 W State Street, Boise.

Our discussion book is Thousand Pieces of Gold by Ruthanne Lum McCunn. Linda Simmons is the discussion facilitator.

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

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### **Bowling Group** by Stacy Urban



The Bowling Group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Westy's Garden Lanes in Garden City. You don't have to be a good bowler to join us! We bowl 2 games and it takes about 1-1/2 hours. We score anywhere from 50 to 150, and we have a lot of fun! Contact Stacy Urban 360-914-8866, [stacyurban@gmail.com](mailto:stacyurban@gmail.com).

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



The December adventure for Daytimers included a festive, high-energy Tuba Christmas concert at the Idaho State Capitol. Student musicians from local high schools, middle schools and colleges/universities as well as adult musicians shared their holiday spirit as they performed many well-loved Christmas carols. Tubas echoed throughout the Capitol rotunda! AAUW friends and family members met after the concert for a delicious dinner. "A grand time was had by all!"

As we look forward to many more exciting adventures for 2020, we have several events planned. Please review the list and plan on sharing fun times throughout the year! Here is a quick preview for next year:

**January:** [Artisans for Hope](#) - Roberta Olson, coordinator

**February:** [Steelheads](#) Hockey Game - Linda Anderson, coordinator

**March:** [Idaho Statehouse](#) Tour - Carol Bearce, coordinator

**April:** [Faulkner Planetarium, Twin Falls](#) - Andy Gibson, coordinator

**May:** [Thousand Springs, Hagerman](#) - Vicki Crisp, coordinator

**June:** Walking Brunch Tour, Boise - Kathy Haze, coordinator

**July:** Japan Night Obon and [Four Rivers Cultural Center](#) - Jane Post, coordinator

**August:** [Idaho Historical Museum](#) - Marsha Bravo, coordinator

**September:** [Shakespeare Theater](#) - Linda Simmons, coordinator

Join the fun, friendship, and camaraderie!!!

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## Great Decisions by Pat Alpine



By the time you read this in the January 2020 newsletter, the Great Decisions 2020 Briefing Book will have arrived (earlier than what the publisher, the Foreign Policy Association, told me).

I will send out emails to all the participants with details on how to receive your Briefing book. I will also bring the books to the January 14, 2020, branch meeting.

The cost for the Briefing Book is \$28.10. You can either pay in advance or wait until you receive your book (my thanks to those members who have already paid).

As previously announced, our discussion group starts March 2, 2020 at 10 a.m. We will meet for the next 8 consecutive Mondays at the Marian Bingham Room at the downtown Boise Public Library.

Patricia Alpine, 4146 N Cole Lane, Boise, 83704, 208-859-0325

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## Movie Group by Gerrie Oehlschlager



Our group saw *Dark Waters* in December. Elise DeWit and Mike Camp led us in discussion afterwards. All attendees gave the movie a thumbs-up. It is a story about pollution and the tremendous energy and courage and passion it took to convince government, the accused corporation, and the affected neighbors to fight the wrong doing.

The movie group will meet January 5, 2020, at 2:45 p.m. at The Flicks to see *Bombshell*. *Bombshell's* core message is one of empowerment. It is a messy, thought provoking, and yet entertaining story into the sex scandal at Fox News involving Roger Ailes and the complex responses of 3 women working there. It stars Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman, and Margot Robbie, who provide strong acting.

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**Newcomers Group**  
by Elise deWit and Stacy Urban



The Newcomers Group will meet Thursday, January 9th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Normally we gather on the first Thursday of each month from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We have a potluck meal and spend time learning about AAUW and socializing and getting to know our new members. Please join us!

Contact Stacy Urban [stacycurban@gmail.com](mailto:stacycurban@gmail.com) 360-914-8866 or Elise deWit [elisedewit@gmail.com](mailto:elisedewit@gmail.com) (541) 324-8406.

An invitation went out recently. If you didn't get one and you'd like to attend, please contact Stacy Urban [stacycurban@gmail.com](mailto:stacycurban@gmail.com) 360-914-8866.

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## SAVE THESE DATES

January 5  
**Movie Group**  
2:45 p.m.

January 8  
**Daytimers Group**  
1:30 p.m.

January 9  
**Newcomers Group**  
5:00 p.m.

January 9  
**Book Group (Thursday)**  
6:30 p.m.

January 13  
**Bowling Group**  
10:00 a.m.

January 13  
**Book Group (Mystery)**  
6:00 p.m.

January 14  
**Branch meeting**  
11:00 a.m.

January 15  
**Lobby Corps Education Session**  
9:00 a.m.

January 19  
**Book Group (Sunday)**  
2:00 p.m.

January 21  
**Happy Hour**  
4:30 p.m.

January 27  
**Bowling Group**  
10:00 a.m.

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/01	Lynette Adams	01/23	Marsha Petercsak
01/03	Wilma Jones-Luke	01/23	Melissa Wintrow
01/05	Gerrie Oehlschlager	01/25	Susannah Price
01/08	Kacee O'Connor	01/27	Mary Hoey
01/09	Anita Havey	01/30	Janet Sims
01/11	Sally Stone	01/30	Gwen Smith
01/14	Susan Rainey		

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### ELECTED OFFICERS

#### **Co-Presidents**

Kay Reed and Linda Simmons

#### **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

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

#### **501(c)3 Compliance Coordinator**

Julie Custer

#### **Boise State Food Pantry**

Tracy Bicknell-Holmes

#### **Directory (Online)**

Julie Custer

#### **Funds Chair**

Kathy Scott

#### **Goodwill Ambassador**

Ann Lewis

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Julie Custer

#### **Nominating Committee**

Andy Gibson, Gerrie Oehlschlager,  
and Stacy Urban

#### **Project Recognition**

Carol Fowler

#### **Public Policy**

Julie Custer

#### **Scholarship Committee Chair**

Nancy Otterness

**Special Events Coordinators**  
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

**Books, Thursday Evening**  
Ann Kirkpatrick and Linda Simmons

**Bowling**  
Stacy Urban

**Bridge**  
Dena Duncan

**Daytimers**  
Marsha Bravo, Andy Gibson and  
Paulette Penney

**Great Decisions**  
Pat Alpine and Mary Ruckh

**Happy Hour**  
Kathy Scott and Gayle Wilde

**Movie**  
Carolyn Moore and Gerrie  
Oehlschlager

**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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