



News and Events, February 2020 Edition
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AAUW Mission

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

Questions or comments about the newsletter?
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Presidents' Corner by Kay Reed and Linda Simmons



Generosity: Thanks so much to you for donating food for the [BSU Food Pantry](#) and feminine hygiene products for the [Frank Church High School](#). It's heartwarming to see how AAUW members have positively responded to these programs!

Spring Fundraising: Our May luncheon meeting will also be our annual fundraising campaign. Please give some thought to donating auction items or hosting a dinner or social hour! These endeavors fund our philanthropic activities. Funds Chair Kathy Scott will send an email to all members on Monday, February 3, with additional details about this event. Be sure to check your inbox!

Special Recognition from AAUW by Linda Simmons



Kendra Davis, AAUW Senior Vice President, Advancement and Partnerships, recently sent a letter congratulating the AAUW Boise Area Branch for receiving a star for Communications and External Relations! This award is given in conjunction with [AAUW's Five Star Recognition Program](#).

Ms. Davis said "We envision a bold future for AAUW that includes using technology to promote initiatives, share ideas, and build community with our members and allies. Your website exemplifies the value of technology in the fight for gender equity."



A special thank you to our branch's web editor, Carrie Noriega, for a job well done!!

Programs
by Pam Ahrens



Celebrating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment: The Fight for Women's Suffrage

On **February 11, 2020**, we will gather for a luncheon meeting at the Riverside Hotel, starting at 11 a.m.

[Dr. Amy Canfield](#), Professor of History and Gender and Women's Studies at Lewis-Clark State College, will be our guest speaker.

Dr. Canfield, a presenter for the [Idaho Humanities Council Speakers Bureau](#), has a genuine passion and expertise regarding the long journey toward Women's Suffrage.

The Suffrage movement had strong ties to race issues in the United States. Dr. Canfield's talk examines the history of the 19th Amendment within the larger backdrop of civil rights, exploring how race, class, and gender intersected in the fight for women's rights.

Also - in celebration of Susan B. Anthony's February 15th, 1820, 200th birthday, there will be cake!

Suffrage attire appropriate.

Membership Update
by Marci Lingo and David Scott



The Boise Area Branch of AAUW has 232 members, 14 of whom are men. We had eight new members join this month, no doubt taking advantage of the discount price to join for 1 1/2 years for just \$63 dollars. We are delighted to have these new members: let us all welcome them and get them engaged in our multiple philanthropic and non-partisan lobbying efforts as well as our many social activities. What a great organization with a vital and busy membership.

Stay tuned for future events planned by the Membership VPs and our committee members, including another orientation in the spring for our new members.

Voter Registration Update
by Chris Stokes



[What the Vote!](#) (WTV!) is a voter registration project that started in the Spring of 2018, with three brave souls, Nancy, Chris and Kristine, visiting high school senior government classes in two high schools to inspire young voters to engage in democracy. Little did we know at that time that two years later we would have 114



volunteers on the list who all want to do the same thing: inspire young voters. And little did we know that over the past two years we would have registered 5,084 students in 10 high schools and on three college campuses.

The busy time for WTV! volunteers is in the fall between late August and about mid-October. That is when volunteers 1) make brief presentations in high school government classes and 2) help register college students on college campuses. Volunteers will be invited to attend a special "Kick Off" event to be held on **Tuesday, September 1, 2019**, at the Riverside Hotel. New volunteers will receive training and experienced volunteers will attend a short meeting to get the latest information. All will form teams to visit the schools and will receive their packet of supplies. A social hour will follow with refreshments and a no-host bar. A "Save the Date" email with additional details will be sent to all volunteers soon.

After the training/meeting and social event, the team leaders and volunteers will begin the robust activity of scheduling visits to the classrooms and scheduling registration tables at the college campuses. This year we will have "Team Coordinators" to help with the organization and implementation for Boise schools, West Ada schools and college campuses at BSU and CWI.

A lot is going on in the background to prepare for the registration activities in the fall. We are working with a Student Advisory Committee comprised of seven high school students who are helping develop the WTV! website that we expect to be ready for viewing by the end of February. This same group will be meeting with a cinematographer to develop a video starring our young students with messages to inspire engagement in democracy. We are also developing a one hour "Skill Building" workshop for the [Andrus Center's Young Women and Leadership Conference](#) which will take place on March 10th. At this workshop, we will have an opportunity to continue our message to inspire high school students to use their voices and recognize their power to influence public policy.

It is remarkable how much this project has grown. It could not have happened without the ambitious and capable AAUW and community partner volunteers. Given the experience over the past two years, anything is possible. I look forward to working with each and every one of you again in the fall. Members interested in joining this remarkable project should contact Chris Stokes at 208 283 2580 or email: chris60plus@gmail.com.

Lots Going On: Save The Dates by Sylvia Chariton



Below is a list of important Save the Dates with more information forthcoming on all of them as their special dates draw near.

AAUW Idaho Winter Board

Saturday, March 7th (1:00pm – 5:00pm) and **Sunday, March 8th** (9:00am – Noon), IEA Lower Conference Room, Boise.

Lots of Idaho Women 100 Events

Proclamation at the Capitol

Friday, March 13th (date changed from March 14th) with Governor and Mrs. Little (with school children present) honoring Idaho women and Women's Suffrage. Time not yet determined.

Spill the Tea... on Suffrage

Boise City Hall, Greenbelt Room, Third Floor, 150 N. Capitol Boulevard
Doors Open: 5:30 p.m. | Lecture: 6:00 p.m. "Spill the Tea...on Suffrage" is a three-part lecture series examining the national, regional, and local history of the enfranchisement of American women.

Three dates: **May 7th, August 6th, September 3rd**

"Herstoric" Boise Walking Tours

Meeting Location Varies. Explore the suffrage spaces of our city. Locations include civic and commercial buildings, as well as homes of suffragists.

6:00 p.m. for all dates:

April 22nd, May 20th, September 30th, October 21st

Her Flag

Saturday, April 25th, 10:30 a.m., Boise Art Museum, Come & See Idaho's Stripe. Her Flag is a nationwide art and travel project created by artist Marilyn Artus to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 72 years-long nonviolent fight that kicked open voting for women in the United States.

Community Film Screening

"When I'm Mayor" + *Iron Jawed Angels* (Age: 13+)

September 24th, 6:30 p.m.

The Flicks, 646 W. Fulton Street, Boise

STEM News by Deborah Newton



I want to introduce you all to a science program on Idaho PBS station. I only recently learned about it through the AAUW Newcomers' members. For anyone with children, grandchildren, etc., it is a great resource. The program is called [Science Trek](https://sciencetrek.org). As it says on its website, "Science Trek is a place where parents, kids, and educators can watch short, educational videos on a variety of science topics. Every Monday, Science Trek releases a new video that introduces children to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career potentials in a fun, informative way." The videos are brief and very engaging and cover a variety of diverse STEM topics. They are geared toward elementary-age children and you can subscribe for free at <https://sciencetrek.org>. Hope you will check it out.

You may not know that the Discovery Center has [Adult nights](#). The next one is **February 7th, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** and it is called A Drink with Tink, featuring virtual reality with Tinker the T-Rex, fossils, gold mining, and much more, including food and beer. This is a great way to support the Discovery Center and have fun at the same time. You can purchase tickets at dcidaho.org.

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

The Discovery Center is also looking for volunteers to work one four-hour slot per week. Please [contact me](#) for more information.

Bridge Classes for Beginners by Heidi Bogert and Gerrie Oehlschlager



At the January 2020 meeting of newcomers to AAUW, it was mentioned by several people they would be interested in learning to play bridge. We have volunteered to teach anyone interested and have dates and times scheduled. The location will be the [Library! at Bown Crossing](#). The dates and times are:

- **February 13**, 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- **February 20**, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- **February 27**, 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- **March 5**, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

If you want to read information before the classes, Audrey Grant writes a book called [Bridge Basics 1 which may be ordered on Thriftbooks](#).

This is for everyone to enjoy. We can accommodate up to 14 people per session. Please email either [Heidi Bogert](#) or [Gerrie Oehlschlager](#) to sign up for this series of classes.

Goodwill Recognition by Ann Lewis



We want to be responsive to our members who may be experiencing illness, bereavement, and other situations in their lives where we can be of assistance, or at least, provide caring thoughts in challenging times. Likewise, we want to share in joy and recognition for members as appropriate. Please contact Ann Lewis (annlewis@cableone.net or text/phone 208-954-1460) to initiate a request for member contact. In this month of Love and always, let's remember to reach out to each other.

Knit Items by Donna Looze



At each branch meeting I am now putting an envelope on the table along with the knit items for sale. Please put your check payable to AAUW or cash in the envelope. The knit table will always be by the tables for BSU food items and sanitary/hygiene products.

Book Group (Mystery) by Linda Anderson



The next meeting of the Mystery Book Club will be Monday, **February 10th**, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Reed, 3200 W. Agate Court, Boise. The book is *Still Life* by Louise Penny.

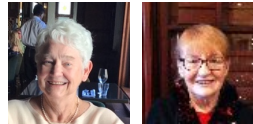
If you have questions, or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Linda Anderson at lcander@pacbell.net or 831-521-6075.

Book Group (Sunday) by Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh



The Sunday afternoon book group will meet on **February 16, 2020**, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., downstairs at The Cabin (801 S. Capitol Boulevard., Boise) to discuss The Girl Who Smiled Beads authored by Clemantine Wamariya. What a story this is and the discussion will be led by Marci Lingo. New participants are always welcome. For more information, contact Mary, mruckh@gmail.com, 262-212-8829 or Ann, annlewis@cableone.net, 208-954-1460.

Book Group (Thursday)
by Ann Kirkpatrick and Linda Simmons



The AAUW Thursday Evening Book Group will be meeting on **February 13th**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Catalpa Room of the Collister Library, 4724 W. State Street, Boise.

Our discussion book is Becoming by Michelle Obama. Paulette Penney 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



The Bowling group meets the **2nd and 4th Monday**, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m, at Westy's Garden Lanes in Garden City. You don't have to be a great bowler to join us! Contact Stacy Urban for information: 360-914-8866.

Bridge Group
by Dena Duncan



Bridge will be on **February 19th** at 12:30 p.m. The hostess and location information will be sent to group members by e-mail.

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



On January 8th, the Daytimers met at Artisans For Hope to make an AAUW banner, which can be displayed at AAUW events. The AAUW Daytimers participants were Marsha Bravo, Roberta Olsen, Penelope Smith, Kris Doucette, Donna Looze, Valerie Ward, Kathy Haze, Jane Ludwig, Becky Moore, and Paulette Penney. The members had a range of crafting skills, from novice to expert, but they employed appliqué, drawing on fabric, embroidery, machine sewing, and other hand work.

Artisans for Hope is a Boise-based non-profit organization, serving refugees who have resettled in the Treasure Valley by providing instruction in the textile arts. It sells the artisans' handmade items, providing income for the artisans. It also serves as a social center for the artisans, providing a welcoming space for refugees to create and connect with each other and the community.

We started our afternoon with an activity which was aimed at helping us understand and empathize with what it would be like to become a refugee. We were given nine sticky notes (3 of 3 different colors). On the first three, we were asked to write down three important people in our lives. On the second three, three different meaningful objects and on the last three, three things that makes up our identity. Lastly, we were asked to remove one, two, or three pieces of the papers arbitrarily from each group and then the helpers just removed other pieces of paper each of us had left. This resulted in some having nothing left and others with varying amounts of items. It was a very meaningful activity and touched each of us.

Next, we each designed and made a pennant for the banner, representing values that AAUW encompasses. We worked collaboratively with four refugee artisans: Veronique from the Congo, Shahin from Iran, Seema from Afghanistan, and Ziaa from Afghanistan. Four Artisans for Hope volunteers also assisted: Margaret Morrison, Sue Schiele, Linda Dixon, and Marci Lingo. Thanks to Roberta Olson for organizing this event and to Marci Lingo, the volunteers at Artisans For Hope and wonderful refugees, all of whom helped us have a fun and inspiring event.



Great Decisions by Pat Alpine



Thank you to all for reimbursing me for the cost of the 2020 Great Decisions Briefing books!

As previously announced, our discussion group starts **March 2, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. We will meet for the next eight (8) consecutive Mondays at the Marian Bingham Room at the downtown Boise Public Library.

Movie Group by Carolyn Moore and Gerrie Oehlschlager



The Movie Group saw *Bombshell* at our January meeting. The superb acting and the timely subject, sexual harassment, made for a lively and prolonged discussion afterwards. Thumbs up by attendees.

Our next meeting will be on **February 9, 2020**, the second Sunday. Kris Doucette has volunteered to select the movie to be viewed at that time. An email detailing the movie title and the time of showing will follow shortly.

We appreciate input from members so please send us your suggestions or preferences as to the movies you would like to see.

See you at [The Flicks](#).

Newcomers Group

by Elise deWit and Stacy Urban



The Newcomers Group meets on the first Thursday of the month, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. On **February 6th** we will gather at the home of Kris Doucette to share information, enjoy a wonderful potluck, and socialize. Please join us even if you're not a new member! This is your chance to meet and get to know our newest AAUW folks. Contact Stacy or Elise if you'd like to receive the e-mail invitation. Stacy Urban 360-914-8866 or Elise deWit 541-324-8406.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to the following new members who joined our branch in January 2020:

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| Liza Carberry | Linda Riley | Avery Tillinghast |
| Susan Hall | Sam Sandmire | Susan Whiting |
| Anne Orzepowski | Rebecca Spencer | |

SAVE THESE DATES

February 6
Newcomers Group
5:00 p.m.

February 9
Movie Group
Time TBA

February 10
Bowling Group
10:00 a.m.

February 10
Book Group (Mystery)
6:00 p.m.

February 11
Branch Meeting
11:00 a.m.

February 13
Book Group (Thursday)
6:30 p.m.

February 16
Book Group (Sunday)
5:00 p.m.

February 19
Bridge Group
12:30 p.m.

February 24
Bowling Group
10:00 a.m.

February 26
Happy Hour
4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 02/01 | Joel Price | 02/12 | Charlotte Mallett |
| 02/02 | Claire Killip | 02/16 | Jane Post |
| 02/07 | Aletha Lundblad | 02/16 | Donya Webb |
| 02/08 | Christine Santos | 02/22 | Liza Carberry |
| 02/09 | Nancy Ives | 02/24 | Erica McGinnis |
| 02/09 | Anne Orzepowski | 02/28 | Karen Haven |
| 02/09 | Kay Reed | 02/28 | Susan Whiting |

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Books, Mystery

Linda Anderson

Books, Sunday Afternoon

Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh

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