



News and Events, March 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



Happy closer to Spring! Don't miss the exciting AAUW Idaho State Board meeting on March 7th (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and March 8th (9:00 a.m. – noon). If you are interested in attending, an **RSVP is required**. Please [click here to register](#).



The Boise Branch Board meeting is March 2nd. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held at 3200 Agate Court in Boise at 6:30 p.m. If you want a copy of the agenda, email [kay1951reed@gmail.com](mailto:kay1951reed@gmail.com).

The branch general meeting is Tuesday, March 10th, at the Riverside Hotel. This is a dinner meeting. The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m., and the speaker will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A heads up ... we have been asked by BSU to again participate in the [Mandela Washington Fellowship Project](#). For those of you who are not familiar with this program, universities are selected to sponsor a program for up and coming young adults from Africa. BSU will again host 25 fellows this summer (June 18th – July 31st). Last year, the Boise Area Branch provided welcome baskets and also invited fellows into their homes for social evenings that included dinner. If you want more information or are interested in helping, please contact one of us.

We hope to see you on March 2nd and/or March 10th.

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### Programs by Linda Anderson



On March 10th, our speaker, Molly Guenther, portfolio manager and financial planner for individuals and their families at Buffington Mohr McNeal, will talk about “Humanities Economics.”

How is income inequality impacting our nation and our community? Surprisingly, the United States is home to the worst wealth disparity of all the developed nations. Our most vulnerable citizens are being impacted by the lack of affordable housing options, combined with sharp price increases in the most critical costs of living. But as we will discuss, this trend does not just hurt the vulnerable. Income inequality slows economic growth and eventually hurts everyone. Please join us to learn more about these issues and to raise awareness of this unfortunate trend.

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**New Member Orientation**  
**Thursday, April 2nd**  
**by Marci Lingo and David Scott**



With fifteen new members—and counting—since the first of the year, the branch now has 239 members. Those fifteen new members will sport orange dots on their name tags—as do other new members—so be sure to welcome them by sharing your AAUW story and encouraging them to become involved in Interest Groups.

With so many newcomers to the branch, your membership VPs are joining forces with the Newcomer Interest Group for a new member orientation on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This is the regularly scheduled Newcomer meeting for April and it will feature an overview and history of AAUW by Julie Custer, former branch and state president. You are welcome—whether you are a newcomer or not!

The orientation will be held at Marci Lingo and Dick Holden's home at 1212 S. Arcadia in Boise (near the intersection of Owyhee and Kootenai Streets). Please bring a dish and a beverage to share. We look forward to seeing you—and rumor has it that you will receive a tutorial on downloading [Directory Spot](#) on your phone!

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**What The Vote!**  
**by Chris Stokes**



What The Vote! (WTV!) will provide a one-hour skill building workshop at the [Andrus Center Young Women and Leadership Conference](#) on March 10th. The title of the workshop is “YOU HAVE THE POWER! YOU HAVE THE INFLUENCE! WHY NOT USE IT?” The AAUW Boise Area Branch is the major sponsor for the conference which is open to high school students across the state. Nancy Viano and Chris Stokes are presenters along with two students from the Student Advisory Council. The WTV! website will be live in time for the workshop and we expect it to be a great tool to help young voters. Watch for a separate email coming in mid-March with more information about and link to the website.



WTV! Volunteers, please watch for a “reminder” email in March asking you to let us know if you are still interested in participating in the Fall 2020 WTV! activities to register voters before the general election. An email was sent out to all volunteers in February to describe the plans for the Fall 2020 activities and a response is requested.

WTV! is a joint effort between the AAUW Boise Area Branch and community members who are passionate about inspiring young voters to find their voices and register to vote. Volunteers who want to help with this effort should contact Chris Stokes at [chris60plus@gmail.com](mailto:chris60plus@gmail.com). Phone number is 208 283 2580.

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**AAUW Idaho Special Event**  
**Saturday, March 7th, 1:00 p.m.**  
by Sylvia Chariton



**Location:** The Idaho Education Association. (IEA/James Schackelford) Building, 620 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Franklin). The meeting room is on the lower level.

Please mark your calendars for Winter Board. We have lined up some interesting speakers for our education session concerning salient national and timely Idaho issues.

**Wendy Jaquet**, co-chair, State Complete Count Committee, will discuss the status of this year's census. She will share information on why the census is important, how it impacts Idahoans, and, if you choose, how you can get involved.

Idaho House Minority Leader, **Representative Ilana Rubel**, will present information about voter suppression, gerrymandering as well as an up-to-date report of the progress of our AAUW issues at the Statehouse.

**Beth Oppenheimer**, Boise School Board member and early learning advocate (and AAUW member), and **Alex LeBeau**, President, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, will discuss Idaho women in the workplace and early learning legislative issues. They recently provided the Pew Charitable Trust with a joint presentation and we will have the benefit of hearing some of its highlights.

Sylvia and Bonnie will update you on **Idaho Women 100** and provide you with a "Votes for Women" sash, if you have not already received one.

There is no charge for this meeting, however an **RSVP is required**. Please [click here to register](#). We hope you can join us for what promises to be a very informative afternoon.

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**Idaho Women 100 Event**  
**Friday, March 13th, 12 Noon**  
by Sylvia Chariton



**Friday, March 13th: This Is the Big Day for Idaho Women 100!!**

Please join **Governor Brad Little** and First Lady Teresa Little to kick-off a statewide commemoration and celebration of the centennial anniversary of the 19th amendment on **March 13th at 12:00 p.m. (MST)** with a ceremony on the Capitol steps. **Please plan to arrive by 11:45 a.m.**, so that AAUW can congregate and present a united front. At **12:30 p.m. (MST)** students will ring the bell to kick-off a year of unforgettable **Idaho Women 100** events. The statewide bell ringing will commemorate the Justice Bell, a replica of the Liberty Bell, that was used to promote women's suffrage. The clapper of the Justice Bell was initially chained to signify the silencing of women in the voting process. When the 19th Amendment passed, the clapper was unchained and the Justice Bell rung in celebration.

All AAUW members need to wear their sashes and, if you have vintage attire, please wear it. AAUW, Idaho League of Women Voters, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Columbian Club have urged their membership to wear vintage clothes, if possible. It is expected that the female legislators, government employees, and others who are working that day, will wear white attire, like our national legislators wore at the State of the Union address. If you have white attire, you are also encouraged to wear that....or you can wear whatever you want!! **Just PLEASE plan on attending**. It is so important to show that AAUW is a prominent supporter of the Idaho Women 100 coalition. Lots of pictures will be taken to mark the historical significance of this day. Let's all plan to be there!

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**STEM News**  
by Deborah Newton



The [Discovery Center](#) has spring break camps for your 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The camps are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from March 23rd through March 27th. The kids will travel in time and dive into prehistory and paleontology as well as the earth's history. What a good way to keep kids learning and engaged during spring break!

The [Idaho STEM Action Center](#) is looking for grant reviewers for a variety of opportunities throughout the year. This is an opportunity to see what Idaho educators are proposing for their learning environments. The process generally takes four to twelve hours over the course of two to three weeks. If you are interested in helping in this way, [visit the Idaho Stem Action Center website](#).

The third annual [Geek Gala](#) will be held on Saturday, March 14th. The event is sponsored by the [Reuseum](#). A live auction will be held benefiting the underserved youth of Idaho by providing low cost STEM workshops. Tickets are \$75.00 each or \$100.00 for two.

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



The next meeting of the Mystery Book Club will be Monday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Roberta Olson, 5184 N. Quail Summit Way, Boise. The book is *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper.

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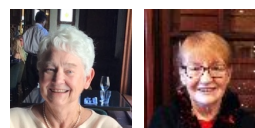
### **Book Group (Sunday)** by Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh



The Sunday afternoon book club is meeting on March 15th, 2020, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at The Cabin. The book we are discussing is *The Overstory* written by Richard Powers. New book lovers are always welcome. For more information, contact Mary, [mruckh@gmail.com](mailto:mruckh@gmail.com), 262-212-8829 or Ann, [annlewis@cableone.net](mailto:annlewis@cableone.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 March 12th at 6:30 p.m., in the Catalpa Room of the Collister Library, 4724 W State Street, Boise.

Our discussion book is *Personal History* by Katharine Graham. Ann Kirkpatrick 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, 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.

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**Bridge Group**  
by Dena Duncan



We will meet on Wednesday, March 18th at 12:30PM at the home of Beverly (Bev) McLean, Gekeler Farms Apartments, 3362 S. Gekeler Lane, Bldg. G, Apt. 103. Please RSVP to Bev if you plan to play, by phone (208) 720-0696 or by e-mail [mcleanb4757@gmail.com](mailto:mcleanb4757@gmail.com). Bev can give you further information about how to find her building and apartment one within the complex when you RSVP as well as where you can park.

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



Many thanks to Linda Anderson for coordinating the Daytimers adventure for February. Friends and family enjoyed a very spirited hockey game on Wednesday, February 19th. The Idaho Steelheads defeated the Kansas City Mavericks with a final score of 5 to 3. There was no doubt that our Idaho Steelheads hockey team was highly skilled. They made many exciting plays. It was definitely a crowd pleaser right up to the last second.

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**Movie Group**  
by Carolyn Moore and Gerrie  
Oehlschlager

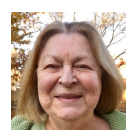


The Movie Group will be meeting on Sunday, March 8th, at the Flicks to see *Ordinary Love*, which is a 2019 romantic drama film, directed by Lisa Barros D'Sa and Glenn Leyburn, from a screenplay by Owen McCafferty. Starring Liam Neeson and Lesley Manville, this film had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 9th, 2019. It has received a 93% rating from Rotten Tomatoes and it looks like this film could be "one for the ages".

Please join us. If you are not on the Movie Group email list, please email Gerrie Oehlschlager ([gerrieto@gmail.com](mailto:gerrieto@gmail.com)) to be added. An email will be sent around the first of the month to let you know the time.

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**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

March 5, we will gather at Roberta Olson's home 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 invitation. Stacy Urban 360-914-8866. Elise deWit 541-324-8406.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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

Cindy Currie  
Susan Denison  
Ardele Hanson

Nancy Harris  
Betsy Johnson

Bette Merchant  
Jamie Richmond  
Penny Stubbs

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## SAVE THESE DATES

March 2  
**Branch Board Meeting**  
6:30 p.m.

March 5  
**Newcomers Group**  
5:00 p.m.

March 7  
**AAUW Idaho Special Event**  
1:00 p.m.

March 8  
**AAUW Idaho State Board Meeting**  
9:00 a.m.

March 8  
**Movie Group**  
Time TBA

March 9  
**Bowling Group**  
10:00 a.m.

March 10  
**ELECTION DAY !**  
8:00 a.m.

March 10  
**Branch General Meeting**  
5:00 p.m.

March 12  
**Book Group (Thursday)**  
6:30 p.m.

March 13  
**Idaho Women 100 Celebration**  
12 Noon

March 15  
**Book Group (Sunday)**  
2:00 p.m.

March 16  
**Book Group (Mystery)**  
6:00 p.m.

March 18  
**Bridge Group**  
12:30 p.m.

March 23  
**Bowling Group**  
10:00 a.m.

March 25  
**Happy Hour**  
4:30 p.m.

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/05 Jean Norquist  
03/05 Susan Tabb  
03/07 Barb Wood

03/15 Susan Mejia  
03/16 Nancy Otterness  
03/17 Gail Kirkpatrick

03/09     Stacy Urban  
03/10     Marian Hendrix  
03/10     Starr Rausch

03/17     Martha Lund  
03/18     Penny Stubbs

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## OFFICERS

**Co-Presidents**  
Kay Reed\_and Linda Simmons

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Norma Lloyd

**Co-Vice Presidents, Membership**  
Marci Lingo and David Scott

**Co-Vice Presidents, Programs**  
Pam Ahrens and Linda Anderson

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Steve Holmes

**Finance Officer-Elect**  
Roberta Olson

**Secretary**  
Beth Popish

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

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Tracy Bicknell-Holmes

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Julie Custer

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**Goodwill Ambassador**  
Ann Lewis

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Julie Custer (interim)

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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**

**Movie**  
Carolyn Moore and Gerrie  
Oehlschlager

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

**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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