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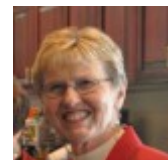
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To advance gender equity for women and girls through
research, education, and advocacy.

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President's Corner by Norma Lloyd



Happy New Year to you all! I hope you made it through the Christmas holiday without any issues with illnesses or travel problems. As 2021 begins, we are looking forward to getting our Covid vaccinations and returning to some normal activities.

Although the vaccine rollout will be somewhat continuous, some of us won't get them until June, which means that we will continue to hold ZOOM meetings, ZOOM interviews, ZOOM book clubs, ZOOM happy

hours, and ZOOM Great Decisions through the first half of the year. Hopefully, in the Fall, we can begin our regular monthly meetings at the Riverside. I will say, ZOOM has helped me get to know and understand people in ways I might not have in the larger meetings.



The upcoming legislative season is particularly difficult as we cannot make our presence known attending the hearings and testifying. The AAUW Idaho Statehouse Lobby Corps will have to use the power of the pen (better known as the computer) to make our positions known. For our January meeting, we will join with AAUW Idaho to listen to two legislators (one from each party) on ZOOM on January 14th, 2021. See the article below from Sylvia Chariton, AAUW Idaho Co-President, for the specifics on the meeting.

In a slight change this year, the BSU food pantry is requesting that we donate breakfast items and that we do so on specific dates. See the details in the newsletter article below by Tracy Bicknell Holmes. Please be as generous as you can.

Also, we are still supporting Frank Church Alternative High School with [toiletries](#) and are asked to also donate [diapers for the little ones of these students](#).

In the New Year, Kathy Scott is kicking off her series on “The Path is Crooked,” interviewing individuals who have made career changes in their lives, exploring the reasons why and how the changes were accomplished. For most of us, it is just interesting, but for some of our younger members and those of us with children and grandchildren, it may be encouraging on another level. Watch for news of this ZOOM activity.

For those of you who have been following my experience of having a brother hospitalized with COVID, I am happy to report that he is awake and was moved to Bountiful, Utah, into an acute care facility, is of sound mind, but still breathing mostly with a ventilator. It remains to be seen whether that will change. Thank you all for your prayers and kind words.

Again, I wish you a saner and safer New Year.

BSU Food Pantry: What's New by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes



The pantry's bigger location is working well (see [Boise State Food Pantry reopens to students Sept. 8](#)), and their association with the [Idaho Food Bank](#) is supplying a more reliable source of food. They're excited to start receiving donations from AAUW again because we can fill an important niche for them – **breakfast foods!**

Yes, you read that right. The BSU Food Pantry **would like AAUW to focus on donations of BREAKFAST items**. Of course, they will take any food donations we supply, but their biggest need is non-perishable breakfast foods: instant oatmeal packets, cereal, etc. To manage during a pandemic, there are some changes to procedures, many of which require us to be more intentional about what we are doing:

- The Food Pantry no longer accepts “surprise” donations. **Donations need to be scheduled in advance and arrive at the appointed time** so that staff are available to receive the donation.

- For sanitation purposes, **all donations must be sealed in a container** such as a cardboard box that has been taped shut.
- **Get your donations to me by the 3rd Monday of each month** (e.g. Jan 21) and I'll deliver them. Alternatively, you could drop off your items at Kathy Scott's house, 1088 E. Fleetwood Court, Boise, no later than the Saturday before the 3rd Monday.

How do you get your donations to me?

- Drop them off at my house: **3610 N Sanada Way, Boise**. Give me a call if you need directions (402-304-4261)
- If you don't drive, give me a call (402-304-4261) or email me (tbicknel@gmail.com) and I'll make arrangements to pick up your goods

The Food Pantry staff is very excited that AAUW Boise wants to continue donating and is looking forward to working with us.

If you have questions about the food pantry or other ways you can help our Boise State students, call the Dean of Students Office at 208-426-1527.

<https://www.boisestate.edu/deanofstudents/student-support/food-help/food-pantry/>

January Zoom Meeting by Sylvia Chariton



**Save the Date & Plan to Zoom in
Thursday, January 14th, 5:00 pm MST
2021 Idaho Legislative Update**

All Boise Area branch members and other members throughout the state are invited to Zoom in for the 2021 Legislative Update sponsored by AAUW Idaho & the Boise Area Branch.

Speakers



Rep. Paul Amador (R)
Coeur d'Alene



Rep. Steve Berch (D)
Boise

This will be a very interactive session led by two former Idaho Representatives: Phylis King (AAUW Idaho Public Policy VP) and Pam Ahrens (Boise Area Branch Program Co-Vice President) will be asking these current Idaho Representatives all of the hard questions about the upcoming 2021 Legislative Session. You don't want to miss this!!

What The Vote!

by Chris Stokes and Nancy Viano



Happy New Year! Most might agree that 2020 has been one of the most challenging any of us have experienced for health dangers, a divisive political environment, and a struggling economy for many families and businesses. [What The Vote!](#) optimistically looks for a vibrant 2021 that includes recovery, growth, and a healing of our divisions in our political environment. We are also optimistic that we might again engage with students to inspire them to recognize the importance of voting. We'll close out 2020 and embrace 2021 with this message:

*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called **Opportunity** and its first chapter is New Year's Day."*

- Edith Lovejoy Pierce

And a special message to our What The Vote! volunteers is a quote from Margaret Mead we personally enjoy: *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."* And that's what we believe we are doing when we engage with future voters to encourage them to vote – changing our community, our world. Thank you for your part in this effort.

Book Group (Mystery)

by Linda Anderson



The meetings are held at 6 p.m. on Zoom, the second Monday of each month. Kathy Scott sends out a link for the meeting a few days before. We hope you will join us. Our discussions are always lively! If you would like to be added to the list, please email Linda Anderson at lcander@pacbell.net.

Here is the schedule:

- Monday, January 11, *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware, led by Andy Gibson
 - Monday, February 8, *The Black Echo* by Michael Connelly, led by Kathy Scott
 - Monday, March 8, *Triptych* by Karen Slaughter
 - Monday, April 12, *The Camel Club* by David Baldacci
 - Monday, May 10 - TBA
 - Monday, June 14, *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley, led by Carolyn King
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Book Group (Sunday)
by Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh



On January 17th, 2021, the Sunday Afternoon Book Group will discuss Book Woman of Troublesome Creek written by Kim Michele Richardson.

The Zoom meeting is scheduled for 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Mary Ruckh will lead the discussion. Questions? Mary Ruckh 262-212-8839; Ann Lewis 208-396-1460.

All AAUW members are welcome to join the group.

Needleworkers Group
by Donna Looze

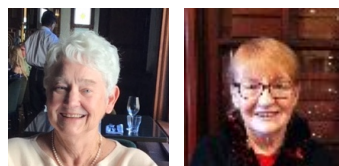


Our membership has grown to nine!!! We are meeting via Zoom, as is the rest of the world! Two of our members are interested in learning to knit so lessons in knitting are being provided! Some members are real pros in their field!

Our Zoom meetings have provided us the opportunity to share what we are working on. We knit, crochet, embroider, and even tat! I have been elected leader of this group. We are still tossing around other possible group names--- we'll see what happens! We truly enjoy sharing what we are doing each month! Can't wait until we can meet in person!

Our sincere thanks to Julie and Kathy for keeping us in touch!

Book Group (Thursday)
by Ann Kirkpatrick and Linda Simmons



The AAUW Thursday Evening Book Group has voted to suspend discussions until the coronavirus pandemic is no longer a medical issue for our members.

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

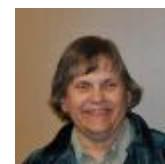
As we monitor the situation, we will submit monthly updates to the AAUW newsletter and we will be in touch with group members by email to keep you apprised of our activities.

Bowling Group
by Stacy Urban



The Bowling Group is in a “Coronabatical” holding pattern!

Bridge Group
by Dena Duncan



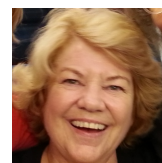
The Bridge Group is in a “Coronabatical” holding pattern!

Daytimers Group
by Marsha Bravo



The Daytimers Group is in a “Coronabatical” holding pattern!

Movie Group
by Carolyn Moore and Gerrie
Oehlschlager



The Movie Group is in a “Coronabatical” holding pattern!

Newcomers Group
by Heidi Bogert and Elise deWit



The Newcomers Group is in a “Coronabatical” holding pattern!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Lynette Adams	1/14	Susan Rainey
1/3	Wilma Jones	1/23	Marsha Petercsak
1/5	Gerrie Oehlschlager	1/23	Melissa Wintrow
1/8	Kacee O'Connor	1/25	Susannah Price
1/9	Anita Havey	1/27	Mary Hoey
1/9	Barbara Minton	1/27	Jamie Richmond
1/11	Sam Sandmire	1/30	Janet Sims
1/11	Sally Stone	1/30	Gwen Smith

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