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AAUW Mission

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

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Welcome to MARY MONROE who joined our branch in May 2021.

July 14 Picnic - In Person!
by Norma Lloyd



Mark your calendars for July 14th at 5:00 p.m. for our Annual Picnic! We have reserved the Marianne Williams Park/Shelter to finally gather and enjoy some lively conversation with real, live people, many of whom we have not seen for over a year. We will provide a box dinner (still under investigation) and you should bring your drink of choice. We will have an alcohol permit, so feel free to concoct or bring your favorite summer drink (no glass containers permitted). If you are vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask, unless you feel more comfortable and, of course, if people have not been vaccinated due to health reasons, please do come and wear a mask. For specific dietary needs, please contact Norma Lloyd at 208-521-4906 or nawlloyd@gmail.com. There are tables but it might facilitate socialization better if you bring lawn chairs. Hoping for a great turnout.

Branch Meeting Schedule for FY2021 - 2022

Yes! We will be meeting in person at the Riverside Hotel starting in September. We have secured the following dates (mark your calendars!):

September 8, 2021 - dinner
October 13, 2021 - dinner
November 10, 2021 - dinner
December 11, 2021 - lunch
January 12, 2022 - lunch
February 15, 2022 - lunch
March 9, 2022 - dinner
April 19, 2022 - dinner
May 7, 2022 - lunch

As you may have noticed, the winter meetings are all lunches, due to the possibility of inclement weather and dangerous driving conditions. As soon as the programs are confirmed, we will provide further information on what to expect, what to look forward to. It will be great to be together again in person but, for those of you who participated in our Zoom meetings, you must admit we had some pretty significant speakers from the Boise community over the last year. We look forward to some great programs in the next year and hope you will attend.

Meet Your Branch Officers for FY2021 - 2022

Mary Mosley, President

I first joined AAUW in 1965. Though I dropped out for a few years when I was in graduate school and raising my son, I rejoined in the 1990s. I graduated from Nampa High School and got my BA at the University of Puget Sound. Then I moved with my husband to Missouri, where he had a teaching job, and I got an MA and PhD in Spanish literature from the University of Missouri. I taught at several colleges and universities and also worked as an editor and, later, a writer of Spanish textbooks for Scott, Foresman and Co.

I am a member of AAUW because equity for women and girls is my passion. In the 1960s, when I was an adjunct instructor at a small college, I discovered that the men in the same positions were paid twice what I was paid. This inequity became the motivating factor for my life-long activism. In addition to AAUW, I have been a member of the National Organization for Women, Women's Political Caucus, and the Missouri Women's Network. I have written numerous letters to the editor and op-ed pieces, testified in legislative committees, planned lobby days and conferences, and presented workshops at state, regional and national AAUW conferences. I ended my career at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri, where I established a symposium on gender and race called Bridging Differences.

AAUW and other women's organizations have been very important to me because they gave me the opportunity to learn leadership and other skills in a time when women did not have these opportunities anywhere else. Through these organizations, I have also met many interesting and remarkable women and have made lasting friendships.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year as your president. After more than a year of not being together, we will be meeting again at the Riverside Hotel in person beginning in September. Our program vice-presidents, Pat Alpine and Wendy Rancourt, are planning programs on topics of current interest. Also, I hope to see many of you at our summer picnic on

July 14th in Marianne Williams Park.

Ann Lewis, Co-President-Elect

Upon joining this lively group, I quickly became involved in Lobby Corps and the [Sunday](#) Book Group, serving as co-leader with Mary Ruckh. I've enjoyed participating in Daytimers and learning to play Bridge as well as meeting in the park during last year's Covid summer; I have often joined the weekly Joyful Visiting Zoom meetings. For the past two years, I've been interacting with members through my role as Goodwill Correspondent. I'm looking forward to my first year on the Board as we begin to reconvene in person to move our chapter forward.

David Scott, Co-President Elect

I went to West Virginia University twice, first for two years, then a hiatus while I served in the US Army, and then I returned to WVU for two more years and graduation. I lived and worked in the Washington, DC area, retiring from the federal judiciary in 2014. I joined AAUW in January 2016 after arriving in Boise in September 2015. I was co-VP for Membership for two years and have served as editor of the newsletter for four years. I am a participant of the Sunday book group and am the leader of one of the wine groups.

Pat Alpine, Co-Vice President, Programs

Many of you know me and some of you may not. I have been a member of the Boise Area AAUW branch since 2001. I moved to Idaho in 2001 from Thousand Oaks, California. I received my BA at USC and also my MSLS (Masters' of Science Library Science). My career consisted mostly in working in the private sector. My last position was with the J.R. Simplot Company.

I was a member of the AAUW Thousand Oaks branch and really enjoyed the mission and activities associated with that branch. Since being a member of the Boise branch, I have been Branch Program Co-Chair, Branch President, State President, State Secretary, and State Treasurer. I am looking forward to getting back together in person for branch meetings in 2021-2022. I will be responsible for our programs for November, January and February. I hope to be able to secure speakers in regards to how policing has changed in our community for the November meeting, local Women artists for the January meeting and Women in Idaho agriculture for our February. I will be assisting my Co-Chair Wendy Rancourt and our Branch President Mary Mosley with our other meetings.

Wendy Rancourt, Co-Vice President, Programs

Hello! My name is Wendy Rancourt. I've been a member of AAUW for about five years. This upcoming year, I will be working with Pat Alpine to bring in speakers that will continue to inform and inspire us. I will also serve as a liaison to a newly formed group called the Ready Idaho coalition. The coalition focuses on public policy and expanding high quality early learning opportunities for Idaho's children. To learn more check out the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children site at idahoaeyc.org.

I was born and raised in the Seattle area, but I have lived in Boise most of the last 38 years. I have degrees in the field of education and have taught in the Boise School District. I currently serve on the Idaho Voices for Children advisory board and this spring have worked with United Way on their community school grant applications and funding.

I look forward to our year ahead!

Heidi Bogert, Co-Vice President, Membership

No information available at press time.

Stacy Urban, Co-Vice President, Membership

I have been a member of Boise AAUW since September 2015. I have helped to facilitate both the Newcomers Group and the Bowling Group. I has recently retired from social services and moved to Boise in 2015 to care for my elderly mother. I have three grown children and one fabulous granddaughter.

I enjoy outdoor activities, cooking, reading, and knitting.

Patty Underwood, Secretary

I was born and raised in Boise and am a BSU graduate. I moved to Anchorage, Alaska in 1982 where I was a teacher for thirty years, teaching in Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. I won a Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Math and Science (Science) in 2004. While in Alaska, I met my husband and we have two wonderful daughters. I have landed in a ski plane on Ruth Glacier on Denali twice, been on many whale watching adventures, and caught a 134 pound halibut. I returned to the Treasure Valley in 2014 and have been able to enjoy time with family and old and new friends.

I am a relatively new member of AAUW. I've participated in the Newcomers group, Sunday Book Group, and am looking forward to more opportunities as time permits.

Starr Rausch, Finance Officer

I joined AAUW 2 years ago after being contacted to upgrade the financials to QuickBooks. I have been in accounting management my entire career, mostly working for small and medium size businesses. I set up accounting software for companies and trained employees. I still take care of a couple of companies' financials. We moved to Idaho from California 4 years ago.

Elise deWit, Finance Officer-Elect

I have been a member of AAUW for three years since moving to Boise from Ashland, Oregon. I have enjoyed the movie group, happy hour, book group and Wine group #2. My time is spent very often with my three grandchildren who live in the North End. I look forward to in-person meetings again this fall.

Zip Code Gatherings Resume! by Donna Looze



Branch members who live in zip codes 83706 and 83716 will begin meeting at Helen B. Lowder Park, 3450 S. Law Street (as we did last summer). Dates will be on the calendar. Remember your chairs and a beverage! Hope to see you there!

Bowling Group by Stacy Urban



The AAUW Bowling Group will continue to meet during the summer. We bowl the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 10:00 a.m., at Westy's in Garden City. We're not great bowlers but we have a great time. Come join us! Contact Stacy Urban 360-914-8866

Needleworkers Group
by Donna Looze



Needleworkers: We will continue to meet throughout the summer. Check the calendar, please!

Wine Group #2
by Elise deWit



Wine Group #2 will resume meeting in September. If you are interested, please contact Elise de Wit: elisedewit@gmail.com or (541) 324-8406.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 06/03 | Wendy Rancourt | 06/21 | Linda Beebe |
| 06/09 | Kara Elliott | 06/22 | Alice Tryon |
| 06/09 | Carla Smith | 06/24 | Nancy Roth |
| 06/12 | Dodie Etlinger | 06/24 | Susan Smith |
| 06/12 | Kathleen Hancock | 06/27 | Nadine Barth |
| 06/12 | Jane Hobbs | 06/29 | Sheryl Renshaw |
| 06/15 | Claudia Hambacker | 06/30 | Deborah Newton |
| 06/16 | Marci Lingo | 06/30 | Ruthann Sutton |



