



AAUW Boise News and Events  
January 2022  
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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

LINDA PACKER

who joined our branch in December 2021.

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### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

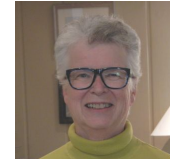
[Womxn's March](#)

# Idaho Capitol Steps



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## President's Corner by Mary Mosley



I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday and was able to spend some time with friends and family. Who knew the pandemic would last this long?

We are planning on holding the January 12th lunch meeting in person again. We will again require that everyone wear a mask except when eating or drinking, and we will check vaccine status at the door. However, if you showed proof of vaccination at the December Holiday Luncheon, you will not have to show it again. Those who have not been vaccinated will have to show proof of a negative COVID test within the 48 hours prior to the meeting. If interest groups are meeting in person, the Board also encourages them to follow these safety guidelines for vaccination and mask-wearing.

We will not be serving box lunches in January, since there was an issue with the quality in December. In fact, the hotel has given us a discount on those lunches, which we will pass on to those members who bought lunches in December when they buy a lunch in January.

January means the start of a new legislative session. In preparation, I attended a webinar with the national office on AAUW's role in lobbying. They stressed that, although we are non-partisan, we are political since we support measures to increase equity for women and girls.

The Idaho legislative session opens at noon on January 10th. Jane Post, our Public Policy Chair, will post information about the session on [our Facebook page](#), so be sure to check it if you are a member

of the AAUW Idaho Statehouse Lobby Corps or just interested in what the legislature is doing. AAUW Idaho will hold a legislative meeting on January 22d. Information on how to register for it is in Sylvia Chariton's article below. Although the [Idaho legislature's website](#) has information on legislators and committees, you may want to buy a legislative directory from the Capitol gift shop. You can also check out AAUW's [position on public policy issues](#) on the national AAUW website. AAUW plays an important role in keeping our legislators informed about issues that matter to us. I hope to see many of you wearing your blue AAUW shirts in the Capitol starting in January.

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**Branch Meeting Programs**  
by Pat Alpine and Wendy Rancourt



We want to thank everyone who attended our Holiday Luncheon in December. It was so nice to get together again in person while observing COVID protocols. Artisans For Hope had so many beautiful things for sale. We've been told that our attendees that day purchased over \$3,000.00 worth of their items. Their Executive Director Lil Kurek was such a wonderful speaker. We enjoyed her talk a great deal.



Next month, on January 12th, we will have what we are sure will be an equally great speaker. Thanks to the efforts of Deborah Newton, Dr. Kaitlin Maguire, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Idaho [STEM Action Center](#), will speak about the current state of STEM in Idaho. The STEM Action Center works to improve STEM education across all of Idaho so that its workforce has the necessary skills to be prepared for the jobs and challenges of the future. There will be time for questions and answers after Dr. Maguire's presentation.

Please remember to bring your COVID vaccination record (or a negative COVID test taken within 48 hours of the meeting) to the meeting. Masks will again be required except when you are eating or drinking.

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**What The Vote! Update**  
by Chris Stokes and Nancy Viano



[What The Vote!](#) (WTV!) registration activities in the schools were completed in October 2021. However, there is still work going on behind the scenes to introduce a new enhancement to the program to teachers locally and statewide.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, WTV! worked with the Gimm Lab at Boise State University to create “[All In Favor](#).” The purpose of the tool is to provide an interactive format to encourage civil discussion and informed debate in the classrooms. While the initial target for the tool was the government high school senior classes, we have learned that teachers believe they can use this tool for any class where civil discourse and civic engagement can be promoted. Basically, it is one more weapon in the teacher’s arsenal of tools that promote civil discourse about political or other issues.

[Idaho Public Television \(IPTV\)](#) staff are talking with us about potential options to showcase this tool for educators throughout the state. Recent discussions about venues to promote All in Favor include their education department, civic literacy project and through their web and on-air venues. You can visit the [All In Favor](#) to get an idea of how the tool works.

We are excited that this unique tool may soon be shared throughout Idaho as an option for teachers to design their own discussion topics and allow students to experience the benefits of informed decision-making after robust and civil discussion.

WTV! activities typically take place during late summer through mid October. In the meantime, we encourage our passionate WTV! volunteers to engage with AAUW Idaho Lobby Corps activities this winter when the Idaho legislature returns.

We are looking forward to robust registration activities in the fall as we

move into another important election. WTV! is not possible without the almost 100 terrific volunteers so please: Stay warm! Stay healthy!

**“Volunteers don’t get paid; not because they are worthless,  
but because they are priceless.” -- Sherry Anderson**

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**2022 Idaho Legislative Session**  
by Sylvia Chariton



**AAUW Idaho 2022  
Legislative Information Session**

**Save the Date and Plan to Attend**

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

**Legislative Information Session, Noon – 4:30 p.m.**

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**

**2201 W. Woodlawn Ave. (near 23rd & State Streets)**

Specific details regarding agenda, speakers and program will be forthcoming after the holidays. As a preview, we have lined up the following speakers:

- **Beth Oppenheimer:** Executive Director, Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) and Boise School Board member
- **Rep. Rick D. Youngblood** (R) Nampa, Appropriations Chairman
- **Lauren Necochea** (D) Boise, Assistant Minority Leader, Member, Revenue and Taxation and former Executive Director at Idaho Voices for Children/Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy

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**STEM News**  
by Deborah Newton



The annual fundraiser for the [Discovery Center](#) is coming up in March

(this is a great way to support STEM in Idaho). It is called the [Science with Style Gala](#). The event includes a catered three-course dinner with a hosted beer and wine bar. It also includes a live auction. I mention this now because if you purchase tickets before January 30<sup>th</sup>, there is an early-bird discount. The Gala will take place on March 12, 2022. [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information.

In other STEM news:

- The current exhibit at the Discovery Center is [Exquisite Creatures](#).
- The [STEM Action Center](#) is hosting [STEM Matters](#) at the Capitol, January 17-21, 2022. This event brings together students, educators, business professionals and the community.

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



It looks as if we are still going to be meeting on Zoom. We would love to see your face at our next meeting! To be added to our mailing list, send your name to: [s.linda.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:s.linda.anderson@gmail.com). We hope you will join us!

Our schedule going forward - all at 6 p.m. – on Zoom for the time being:

- **Monday, January 10**, *Squeeze Me* by Carl Hiaasen, led by Susan Hall
- **Monday, February 14**, *Long Call* by Ann Cleeves, introducing Detective Matthew Venn in the *Two Rivers Series*, led by Carolyn King
- **Monday, March 14**, *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams (THE Stacey Abrams!), led by Valerie Ward. We are assuming this will be out in paperback by March.
- **Monday, April 11**, *State of Terror* by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny, led by Kay Hamilton
- **Monday, May 9**, *The Crow Trap* (first *Vera* book) by Ann Cleeves

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



On January 16, 2022, the Sunday Afternoon Book Group will meet and discuss the book **The House of the Spirits** written by Isabel Allende.

This **Zoom** meeting is scheduled at 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and Penelope Smith will lead the discussion.

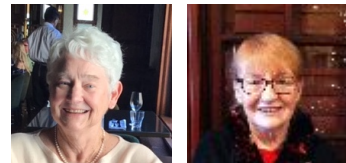
Our group continues to meet via Zoom and we consider monthly when and whether to resume in-person meetings. Our previous meeting place is not yet accepting in-person group meetings.

All AAUW members are welcome to join the group. As with other AAUW meetings and gatherings, **visitors are welcome**. When we show our friends and neighbors what we are all about, we invariably attract new members!

For more information, contact Mary Ruckh 262-212-8829 or Ann Lewis 208-954-1460, co-leaders of the Book Group.

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



The AAUW Thursday Evening Book Group will meet on January 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jane Post (5056 West Harborview Drive, Boise).

Our discussion book is MORE THAN PETTICOATS, Remarkable Idaho Women, by L.E. Bragg. Jane 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:**  
**Bowling For Equity**



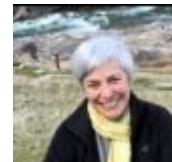
by Stacy Urban



Come and join the One Pin Wonders the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, at 10:00 am at Westy's Garden Lanes for an hour or so of bowling fun. You don't have to be a good bowler to attend - we take all comers! Contact Stacy Urban 360-914-8866.

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**Daytimers Group and  
BSU Women's Basketball**  
by Roberta Olson



The Daytimers Group's January event is one for the entire family: the [Boise State University women's basketball team](#) is playing [Utah State University](#) at ExtraMile Arena on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. An invitation to this event, **which is free to members and their guests**, was sent to the entire branch in mid-December. Even though the RSVP date has passed, we acquired a few extra free passes. If you want to join the 74 members and guests who registered for the event, please contact [Julie Custer](#) by January 6, 2022, to arrange for your free pass.

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Members of the Daytimers and Newcomers Groups enjoy their outing at the Idaho Botanical Garden's annual Winter Garden aGlow in December 2021.

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**Newcomers Group**  
by Stacy Urban





Our next Newcomers Group meeting will be Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Our host will be Elise deWit, 2726 W. Neff Street, Boise, 83703, [elisedewit@gmail.com](mailto:elisedewit@gmail.com).

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR OUR MEETING**

Please join us for an afternoon of noshing, sipping, and socializing. We will also be going over how to access [Directory Spot](#) (the branch online membership directory), how to access the [AAUW Boise website](#), including the Members Only area, and learn a bit more about all the various interest groups.

If you feel so inspired, bring an appetizer or dessert or a beverage to share. Elise will provide plates, napkins, cutlery. If you're unable to organize anything other than yourself - come anyway, just as you are! There's always a ton of great food and wine.

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

01/03	Wilma Jones	01/23	Marsha Petercsak
01/05	Carolyn King	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	01/27	Jamie Richmond
01/09	Barbara Minton	01/30	Janet Sims
01/11	Sally Stone	01/30	Gwen Smith
01/14	Susan Rainey		

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**ELECTED OFFICERS**

**President**  
Mary Mosley

**Co-Presidents-Elect**  
Ann Lewis and David Scott

**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

**501(c)3 Compliance Administrator**  
Julie Custer

**Boise State Campus Food Pantry**  
Ashley Alloway

**Co-Vice Presidents, Membership**

Heidi Bogert and Stacy Urban

**Co-Vice Presidents, Programs**

Pat Alpine and Wendy Rancourt

**Finance Officer**

Starr Rausch

**Finance Officer-Elect**

Elise deWit

**Secretary**

Patty Underwood

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Julie Custer

**Feminine Hygiene Products**

Ashley Alloway

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Roberta Olson

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Beverly McLean

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Kathy Scott

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**Public Policy Chair**

Jane Post

**Ready Idaho Coalition**

Wendy Rancourt

**Scholarship Committee Chair**

Nancy Otterness

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Instagram, Twitter)**

Julie Custer

**Special Events Coordinators**

Amie Bruggeman and Andy Gibson

**STEM Chair**

Deborah Newton

**Web Editor**

Carrie Noriega

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**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP COORDINATORS****Books, Mystery**

Linda Anderson

**Happy Hour**

Kathy Scott and Gayle Wilde

**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 and Roberta Olson

**Great Decisions**

Mary Ruckh

**Movie**

Carolyn Moore

**Needleworkers**

Donna Looze

**Newcomers**

Stacy Urban

**What The Vote!**

Chris Stokes and Nancy Viano

**Wine Tasting #1**

David Scott

**Wine Tasting #2**

Mike Camp and Elise deWit

**Wine Tasting #3**

Martha Lund

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