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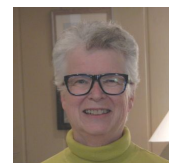
To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Welcome New Members

AMY COSTELLO
MARY ANN EVANDER
GREGORY RANLETT

who recently joined our branch.

President's Corner
by Mary Mosley



We will close out this year of meetings on Saturday, May 7th with our silent auction fundraiser and installation of our new officers. As usual, we encourage everyone to wear

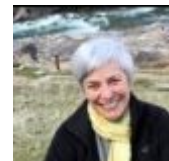
masks and will be checking vaccination status. We want to remind everyone to renew their membership by July 31. National dues will be going up \$5 for a total amount of \$108.

It has been another challenging year with the COVID threat not allowing us to have every meeting in person. Nevertheless, it has been a productive year for our organization, which has gained more than 20 new members. Thank you to our Membership Vice Presidents, Heidi Bogert and Stacy Urban, for their work recruiting and welcoming new members through the Newcomers Interest Group.

We have met many of our goals and objectives for the year. Our Program Vice-Presidents, Pat Alpine and Wendy Rancourt, have provided informative speakers on a variety of topics. Our Funds Chair, Roberta Olson, has done an excellent job, which will enable our Inez Robb scholarship to provide a half-tuition scholarship for two semesters at Boise State. The Needleworkers and Bowlers raised nearly \$1,000 for STEM in addition to the already budgeted \$2,000. We have surveyed our members' interests and abilities and come up with groups of members who are willing to write letters to the editor and provide other important skills to the organization. Both the Idaho Press and the Idaho Statesman published many letters on full-day kindergarten. Our Public Policy Chair, Jane Post, along with Idaho state Co-President Sylvia Chariton, headed up Lobby Corps' work to get some positive legislation passed—notably, full-day kindergarten, though voluntary, will finally be funded. And a bill to ban certain library books was stopped in the Senate. Of course, we could not stop the legislature from passing another draconian bill to ban abortion after 6 weeks of pregnancy, but we are awaiting an Idaho Supreme Court decision as to its legality.

I would like to thank everyone else who worked with me on the Board and all of the committee chairs and volunteers who worked hard to make this year a success. Onward for equity.

AAUW Silent Auction: May 7, 2022 by Roberta Olson



This year's in-person Silent Auction is almost here! The auction will be held on Saturday, May 7th, from 10:30am to noon at The Riverside Hotel (Fireplace Foyer).

Each successful bidder at the AAUW Silent Auction will be able to choose ONE of four programs to support. When you pay for your item(s) at the end of the auction, you will be asked which program you want to support with your purchases:

- [Andrus Center's Women and Leadership Conference](#)
- [Inez Robb scholarship](#)

- [Project Recognition scholarships](#)
- [STEM projects](#)

And remember to bring one of the "C's"!

- Cash
- Check
- Credit Card



Project Recognition Recipients by Norma Lloyd



This scholarship was designed to bring attention to Treasure Valley female students who have gone above and beyond by serving their communities through extracurricular achievements. Each year two valley high schools are asked to submit applications. The female student must be a junior and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. This year, our awards went to students at Frank Church Alternative School and Timberline High School.



From Timberline, Jordan Wilsey receives the 2022 \$1,000 scholarship which will be sent to her school of choice in 2023. Jordan volunteered at the Good Samaritan Society, worked on rake up Boise, wrote Letters for Lifesavers (health care workers) and made dog and cat blankets through SkillsUSA. Her dream is to pursue culinary arts and she currently works in a bakery. She attended

Culinary Book Camp at the University of Anchorage. Her teachers describe her as talented, highly motivated, organized, bringing a positive work ethic and smile to her projects and classes.



From Frank Church, Bailee Elizabeth Hymas receives the 2022 \$1,000 scholarship which will be sent to her school of choice in 2023. Bailee is always busy working at the food-bank, highway cleanups, animal shelters, and creating the yearbook. Her teachers describe her as very hard working, organized, considerate, enthusiastic, and positive: all good qualities which will help her succeed in her goal of becoming a nurse.

Save The Date:
Saturday, June 25th
by Sylvia Chariton



Registration Now Open

AAUW Idaho Summer Meeting

Saturday, June 25th

First Congregational United Church of Christ

2201 W. Woodlawn Ave, Boise, ID

For registration, please contact Bonnie Pfaff:

bmp50@hotmail.com or 208-409-5738

Indicate all day sessions or afternoon education session only

Morning Session for members only:

9:00 – 10:30 Biennial Business Meeting & Election of Officers

10:45 – 11:30 Board Meeting with newly elected officers

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch on your own

Afternoon Education Session is open to all members, their families and friends.

12:30 – Check in

12:45 – 1:00 Updates & directions

1:00 – 2:15 Ilana Rubel (D), Idaho House Minority Leader

Julie Yamamoto (R), Idaho House Representative

Legislative 2022 Update

2:30 – 4:30 Dan Prinzing, Executive Director of the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights

This session will be held at the Wassmuth Center and Anne Frank Memorial

Tour of the Anne Frank Memorial

Lecture on racism and anti-Semitism in Idaho

Late Afternoon & Early Evening Finale

Global Lounge is at the forefront of thoughtful cultural preservation, education, integration and the promotion of cultural awareness. AAUW Idaho members who enjoy things with an international flair will have an opportunity to enjoy a fantastic festival in beautiful Downtown Boise at the [Cecil D. Andrus Park!](#) (formerly Capitol Park).

STEM News
by Deborah Newton



I was speaking to a couple of AAUW members who were wondering how to get rid of their old electronic equipment. The answer is to donate them to The Reuseum. This is an excellent way to get rid of those old tablets, computers, etc., and support STEM at the same time.

The Reuseum is located at 3131 W. Chinden in Garden City. As it says on their website, their mission is to “bring STEM into the lives of underserved, low-income, girls, boys, and minority children through hands-on, success-based workshops while teaching them how to reduce, reuse, and recycle.” They will take your worn-out technology and electronic items. Some of these will be refurbished and go up for sale. Others will be deconstructed and parts used for their educational programs. They have an education center where they offer STEM workshops, such as a deconstruction lab, robotics, and 3-D printing.

The Reuseum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Visit their website at <https://www.reuseum.com/> for additional information and for a calendar of upcoming events and workshops.

STEM Fundraising

I am excited to report that we will be donating \$3,000 to the Girl Scouts this year for their summer STEM camps. \$2000 was provided from the budgeted STEM amount; the rest was raised by the bowling group and the knitting/sewing group.! Special thanks to Donna Looze, Karen Haven, Jane Ludwig, Mary Mosley, and Stacy Urban for all of the wonderful knitted/crocheted items we have sold. And thanks to our bowlers who each donate \$1.00 every time we get together to bowl – it really added up.

Boise State Food Pantry by Ashley Alloway



Thank you all for the donations you've made throughout this year. The Boise State Food Pantry and the Frank Church Alternative High School are so grateful for your donations of food items as well as the donations of feminine hygiene products. These donations are all having very positive impacts on these students and their academic journeys.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you have about these donations: 208-841-9659.

Public Policy Update by Jane Post



The 81-day 2022 Idaho Legislative session has ended and many of the policies that AAUW supports were discussed and some were funded.

Some of the good news:

- All day kindergarten was approved and funded.
- An incentive program for teachers who work in rural and underserved areas was funded.
- Idaho public school educators will get better health insurance.
- Funding was approved for new mental health facilities and youth crisis centers.
- Funding for workforce training for in-demand professions was funded.

There was plenty of bad news, including:

- Weeks were spent debating divisive social issues.
- An extreme abortion bill passed and was signed by Governor Little. It will outlaw almost all abortions in Idaho for any reason. It also allows lawsuits brought by family of the aborted fetus including family of a rapist.

Here is what did not happen that should have the support of AAUW:

- Property tax relief, especially for home owners whose homes continue to appreciate in value.
- Holding members of a religious cult responsible for refusing medical treatment for their children even when the life of a child is in danger.
- More funding and support for public education.

Add the words "sexual orientation and gender identity".

Book Group (Mystery) by Linda Anderson



Our meeting will be held on Zoom, Monday, May 9, at 6 p.m.

The book is Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben. Sheila Robbins will lead the discussion.

To be added to our mailing list, please send your name to: s.linda.anderson@gmail.com. We hope you will join us!

Book Group (Sunday) by Ann Lewis and Mary Ruckh



On May 15, 2022 at 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, **both** Sunday afternoon book groups will meet to discuss The Cold Millions written by Jess Walter. The newly formed **in-person** group will meet at Mary Ruckh's home, 3396 E Dowling Mill Ct. Our **zoom** group will continue

meeting as they have for the past two years and Kathy Scott will send zoom meeting invitations to the entire Sunday book group list.

Both groups will take time at the May meeting to identify hosts and discussion leaders for the remainder of 2022. Getting both groups running smoothly is our goal.

Any AAUW members and first time visitors are welcome to join either meeting, whichever group suits your fancy month to month.

Please call Mary Ruckh 262.212.8829, or Ann Lewis 208.954.1460 if you have any questions.

Book Group (Thursday) by Linda Simmons



The AAUW Thursday Evening Book Group will meet on May 12 at 6:30 pm, at the Ada County Library. (Southwest corner of Victory and Five Mile Roads)

Our discussion book is **A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE** by Sonia Purnell. Linda Simmons will be the discussion facilitator.

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

Here is our 2022-2023 reading list.

Date	Title	Author
June 9	The Four Winds	Kristin Hannah
July 14	The Last Flight	Julie Clark
Aug 11	Lincoln Highway	Amor Towles
Sept 8	Cloud Cuckoo Land	Anthony Doerr
Oct 13	The Splendid and the Vile	Erik Larsen
Nov 10	Agatha of Little Neon	Claire Luchette
Dec 8	The Family	Naomi Krupitsky
Jan 12	A Woman is No Man	Etaf Rum
Feb 9	Send for Me	Ellen Marie Wiseman
Mar 9	The Swimmers	Julie Otsuka
Apr 13	The Book Thief	Marcus Zusak
May 11	Maid	Stephanie Land

Bowling Group by Stacy Urban



Bowling for Equity! The AAUW Boise bowling group, the One Pin Wonders, meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 10:00 a.m., at Westy's Garden Lanes in Garden City. This group is open to all -- and you don't have to be a good bowler to join us! We have a lot of fun and welcome new members. For more information, contact Stacy Urban 360-914-8866

Needleworkers Group by Donna Looze



Needleworkers has a new location. We will now be meeting at Roots Zero Waste Market at 3308 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City. As per last year, we will continue meeting monthly throughout the summer. To join, contact Donna Looze (donnalooze@gmail.com). Our next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on May 12th.

Newcomers Group by Stacy Urban



We meet the first Thursday of each month, 5:00 -7:00 p.m., at various members' homes, for an evening of great food, wine, and information about AAUW. These meetings are open to all AAUW members and new members are especially encouraged to attend.

****Please note: the May Newcomers Group meeting is cancelled and all are encouraged to attend the AAUW Boise Silent Auction and Luncheon on Saturday, May 7!****

For more information, contact Stacy Urban 360-914-8866.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/01	Carrie Noriega	05/14	Cathy Downs
05/02	Amie Bruggeman	05/14	Kay Hamilton
05/03	Kate Wilson	05/15	Barbara Abersold

05/06 Donna Wetherley
05/07 Luci McDonald
05/08 Kathy Haze
05/08 Phylis King
05/13 Elizabeth Popish

05/16 Judy Secrist
05/19 Twila Gallaher
05/26 Andy Gibson
05/26 Linda Hummel
05/26 Claudia Parcels

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Books, Mystery
Linda Anderson

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 (in person)
Kathy Scott (Zoom)

Happy Hour
Kathy Scott and Gayle Wilde

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
TBA

Wine Tasting #3
Martha Lund

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