



Welcome New Members

MARCELLA EMBRY
JOE LARSON
NEYLE LARSON
JENNA WHITLOCK

who joined our branch in October 2022.

Presidents' Corner by Ann Lewis and David Scott



Well, it's November and we can all give thanks that we only have a few more days until the mid-terms and that means the political ads will stop. Right? It's so important to vote and make your preferences known.

November is also the month that we encourage donations to the Inez Robb Scholarship Fund. Our Spring Fund Raiser last May generated over \$4,000 which will be disbursed to the [Idaho Community Foundation](#) (ICF) for the Inez Robb Endowment. The ICF invests this money along with the residual in the fund (over \$60,000 currently). Each spring the ICF, according to our agreement, distributes to us an amount of money derived by applying a percentage to the average fund balance of the past 20 business quarters. Last spring, this amount was just under \$2,000. This process is specifically designed to help grow the residual money in the Endowment for the future of our Inez Robb Scholarship.

Last year, the Board voted to enhance that ICF amount in order to offer a scholarship worth the value of a semester's tuition at Boise State. A second mechanism, called the Inez Robb Scholarship Supplement, was created. Any Inez Robb donation designated as "SUPPLEMENT" was put in a reserve account managed by the Branch and used to supplement the ICF disbursement to equal the value of a full semester's tuition – a much more substantial award. Your current Board has voted to continue this practice of an option to give to the Supplement reserve account and/or to the scholarship fund itself. We strongly urge you to designate your donations to Inez Robb as SUPPLEMENT by noting same on your check memo. If you use the [PayPal option](#) to contribute, we will contact you to determine the direction of your donation option. To encourage you in this effort, we will have a special award at the November meeting. Your donation received at the meeting to the SUPPLEMENT will enter you in a drawing at that meeting – details are below under the Funds Chair report.

That was a lot to say and we know this seems complicated. Please ask questions at the branch meeting in November, or call Ann or David for a personal explanation. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Programs by Pat Alpine and Sheila Robbins

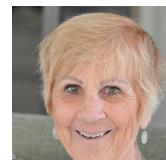


Please plan on attending this important meeting on Wednesday evening, November 16th starting at 5 pm. We will meet again at The Riverside Hotel in Garden City.

Our speaker is Mistie DelliCarpini-Tolman. Ms. DelliCarpini-Tolman is the Idaho State Director for Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates. She will update us on the state of Women's Reproductive Healthcare including the impact of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (2022) to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Mistie DelliCarpini-Tolman is a Political Science graduate of Boise State University. She was a co-founder and first Co-Chair of Add the Words, Idaho for five years before moving to Planned Parenthood. As Idaho State Director, she leads Planned Parenthood's Idaho legislative, advocacy, and political programs, serving as the lobbyist for Planned Parenthood in Idaho, managing the Idaho field staff, and coordinating public education and media outreach across the state.

Fundraising Update by Kathy Haze



November is the month we always dedicate to raising funds for the Inez Robb Scholarship,

our flagship educational award. Last spring, many of you designated your Spring Fundraiser amounts to Inez Robb Scholarship Fund, so this November we are targeting the Inez Robb Scholarship **Supplement** as explained in the Presidents' message above.

To add some fun to the drive, we are offering a prize to someone who brings their donation for the SUPPLEMENT to the meeting on November 16th. When you drop your donation in the basket, you will receive a chance to win a beautiful holiday gift. Only donations to the SUPPLEMENT will be eligible to win. Your check must be noted "Supplement". We will have envelopes for you so your donation remains confidential. If you wish to contribute cash, please use an envelope and mark it "Supplement" to be entered in the drawing.

Don't forget, you can also mail a check for your Inez Robb donation to Sally Stone, 3612 Tulara Drive, Boise, 83706, or you can donate through PayPal on the Scholarship page of our branch website: <https://boise-id.aauw.net/scholarship/>.

There won't be a gift basket raffle at the November meeting due to the Scholarship/Supplement funds drive. We are very grateful for the positive response our baskets have received so far – almost \$800 has been earned to enhance our Branch efforts to advance equity for women and girls. Thank you all for your continuing generosity.

Frank Church High School **by Kathy Scott**



Over the last year or so we have collected feminine hygiene products and diapers for the young women attending Frank Church High School. These products have always been received with gratitude from an in-need population.

With Covid and our branch not meeting in person, we've been less attentive to this need. A school official reached out to us regarding our support. I know these products tend to be more expensive than providing food. We all have so much relative to these young women. I know I never had to worry about clean diapers for my boys. Let's take care of these children raising children.

Please bring your donations to the November 16th branch meeting and each subsequent meeting.

AAUW Idaho Lobby Corps News **by Mary Mosley**



On Wednesday, October 26, more than 50 women and a few men from AAUW and several other organizations came together to lobby our Congressmen to urge them to add the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution. Wearing white in memory of the early suffragists, participants delivered postcards signed by constituents of the Congressmen to

their offices. We first gathered at the Unbound Library in Meridian for coffee and photos before heading to Representative Fulcher's office in the Meridian City Hall. Cindy Thorngren, president of the SW Idaho chapter of the National Organization for Women, the sponsoring organization, made some remarks before we headed down the hall to present the bags of postcards to Fulcher's representative. The group then went to Congressman Simpson's office to deliver the cards. Unfortunately, there was no one there to receive them, so they were left at the door. The majority of those in attendance at both offices were members of the AAUW Boise Area Branch. In addition to members of NOW, there were representatives from the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Mom's Demand Action, several book groups, neighborhood organizations, and other groups.

Adding the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution is more important than ever now that the Supreme Court has overturned Roe v Wade, because women's right to vote is the only right that the Constitution explicitly guarantees. All other rights that we enjoy, such as the right to use birth control, get credit, or marry whom we choose, rest on court decisions or statutes that can be overturned using the same legal arguments that the Court used to overturn Roe v Wade.

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

The Mystery Book group will meet via Zoom on Monday, November 14th, at 6:00 p.m. Carolyn King will lead a discussion of *The Word is Murder* by Anthony Horowitz. Horowitz, known for *Foyle's War* and *The Magpie Murders*, on PBS, has initiated a new series, *Hawthorne and Horowitz*. This is the first book in that series. Our meeting on Monday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom will feature *Crime on the Fens* by Joy Ellis. Kathy Scott will lead the discussion.

To be added to our mailing list, 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 November 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, the Sunday afternoon Zoom book discussion group will meet to discuss **The Plot** written by Jean Korelitz. This **zoom** group will receive a Zoom invitation from Kathy Scott prior to the meeting date.

Important Notification for the In-Person Sunday Book Discussion group: the November meeting has been cancelled. We have moved that book discussion to the January meeting.

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](tel:262.212.8829), or Ann Lewis [208.954.1460](tel:208.954.1460) if you have any questions about either Sunday afternoon group.

Book Group (Thursday) by Linda Simmons

The AAUW Thursday Evening Book Group will meet on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 pm, at the home of Elise De Wit (2092 E Feldspar Ct). The book under review is *Agatha of Little Neon*. Elise will be the discussion facilitator.

Bridge Group by Dena Duncan

Let's try this again! The Bridge Group will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10th at the Food Court at the Boise Town Square Mall to play bridge and have a good time. Dena Duncan will be the hostess. Please contact her to reserve your spot to play; by phone, (208)345-4771 or by email, denad@mindspring.com by Monday, November 7th. We are trying something new with a change of place, day of the week and week of the month.

Needleworkers Group by Donna Looze

Needleworkers are happily meeting at our new location at Alchemist Coffee Roasting Co. on Overland and our numbers have swelled to 15 members! Besides sharing our own needlework with members, we produced hanging handmade bat decorations at our October meeting. I must admit that they are really great little decorations! For November, we will return to our usual sharing of needle workings we have made and being introduced to new stitches or projects.

Newcomers Group by Stacy Urban

Newcomers Group meets the first Thursday of each month, 5:00 -7:00 p.m. at various members 'homes. We share a potluck meal, sip some wine, and socialize! We also talk about all things AAUW. Established members as well as "newbies" are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 3rd. Please contact Stacy Urban at 360-914-8866 if you would like to attend.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/04	Carol Betts	11/15	Pam Ahrens
11/04	Ann Lewis	11/21	Linda Ladendorff
11/04	Bette Merchant	11/21	Linda Riley
11/05	Gina Wolfe	11/22	Norma Lloyd
11/07	Nicole Letinsky	11/23	Rebecca Spencer
11/08	Mike Camp	11/28	Jan Riener
11/09	Carol Fowler	11/30	Brenda Tornga
11/11	Ilana Rubel		

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