



AAUW Boise News and Events
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AAUW Mission

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

Welcome New Members

KIM BRODERICK
GAYLE CARRIER
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TRINJIA DELL'AGLIO
JUDY ELLIOTT
TAMSIE IRVAN
MARY KAY MARTIN
PHYLLIS PERATA
HARRISON SOLOW
LESLIE SZASZ

who joined our branch during the summer.

President's Message by Martha Lund

Welcome back to another year of AAUW programs and activities! First let me introduce myself. I'm Martha Lund, the incoming president. I'm a retired Ob/Gyn, and when I retired, I wanted to get involved with something meaningful but fun. I have been a member since 2016 and have been active in numerous interest groups, including Lobby Corp, bowling, bridge, wine, and book groups. Through these groups and the monthly meetings, I have made many friends and acquaintances and have gone from feeling like "do I belong here?" to "I love this organization!" The September meeting will focus on all the smaller

interest groups we have to offer, where friendships can be made while having fun and learning. I strongly encourage our members to participate in at least one group, or if you don't see one that interests you, consider starting up a new one. For example, we have no groups emphasizing the outdoors or physical activities. A hiking group, golf group, or simply walking group might be of interest to people. Anyone can form a group. Just contact me and we'll get things going!

This summer we had our semi-annual state AAUW meeting. Thank you, Mary Mosley, for organizing an excellent meeting! At the morning board meeting we passed a resolution that consisted of a letter to Governor Little supporting our librarians and opposing legislation that limits our ability to access books in our libraries. Again, thank you, Mary, for writing this crucial letter. In July we had our summer social at the River Club. We had almost 100 people attend and fun was had by all. Thanks goes to Kathy and David Scott and Ann Lewis for creating a fun and educational trivia game!

The brochure for the coming year including meeting dates and times and program topics for the year is now available on the [branch website](#) and copies will be at the meeting. I want to point out that two of this year's meetings are somewhat experimental. One will be a brunch and the other will be a happy hour. They both will be slightly cheaper, plus if there are those who don't want to eat at the meeting, they will be able to go home and have a meal with their family. If these meeting times are a success, we may expand this concept next year.

Hope to see you Sept. 10!

September Branch Meeting by Amy Taivalkoski and Fran Voulelis

We are very excited about the program line-up we have for the 2024 – 2025 AAUW meetings! We are planning to have speakers who will address a wide variety of issues we hope will be of interest to all our members. Also, with the addition of new event times, we hope to ensure that more of our members can join us for each meeting.

The September meeting will focus on reconnecting with members and signing up for our wide variety of interest groups. In December, we can look forward to our Holiday luncheon and in April our annual fundraiser. Please refer to the 2024-2025 AAUW Brochure (it's on the [branch website](#)) for additional information regarding our upcoming speakers!

Members Are a Treasure! by Sue Bolen and Beth Popish

We'd like to welcome our newest members to AAUW! We hope this year will be a fulfilling one as you make new friends, enjoy outstanding programs, and learn more about our mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. We encourage you to sign-up for one or more interest group opportunities as a way to meet other members in a smaller setting. Newcomers is specifically designed for new members to socialize with others as you learn about the inner workings of this incredible organization. For

those of you who have been too busy to renew your membership this summer, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to avoid any disruption in membership. If you have any questions regarding membership renewal, please feel free to contact Beth Popish at (307) 262-2944 (elizabethpopish@gmail.com) or Sue Bolen at (208) 447-9924 (yobolen@yahoo.com). One or both of us will also be available during general meetings as well as Newcomer meetings.

**2024-25 Inez Robb Scholarship
Recipient
by Nancy Otterness**

Sarah Cole is a student at Boise State University and will graduate in May 2025 with a degree in Materials Science and Engineering.

Sarah's long-term goal is to earn a PhD with a research concentration in nuclear fuels. Her future goals include the intersection of science and public policy advancing U.S. nuclear leadership and innovation.

While at Boise State, Sarah has been involved in the community working with K-12 students demonstrating that not all radiation is harmful – she had the students use a Geiger counter to measure particles in a smoke detector. This demonstrated to the students that these smoke-detecting alpha particles are safe and incredibly important in saving lives from fires.

Sarah is involved in two BSU student organizations including Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society, and Phi Sigma Rho sorority for women in STEM. She also is a student member in several national organization related to her interest. She has represented BSU at several research conferences. She also has been involved in undergraduate research. Sarah maintains a 4.0 GPA.

Her letters of recommendation include comments such as she is a natural leader and combines intellectual curiosity with strong organizational skills. She can work independently in performing tasks as well as doing research to identify knowledge gaps for ongoing projects.

And if she isn't busy enough with her classes, research, and community involvement, Sarah is a member of BSU's women's rugby club.

**Lobby Corps Update
by Mary Mosley**

Do you want to help make Idaho a better place for women to live? Then Lobby Corp is for you. We follow legislation, and when bills come up for a committee hearing, we put on our blue AAUW shirts and go testify or simply sit together in a block to let the legislators know our stand. We also write emails and call our legislators to let them know we support or oppose legislation. The legislature is only in session from January to March, so Lobby Corp is not a long commitment.

Although our legislature is heavily skewed to one political point of view, we have had some successes. In 2023, they did not renew the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, which investigates maternal deaths so that they can be prevented. This year we helped persuade them to reinstate it. We also worked hard and succeeded in keeping tax money from funding private schools.

Although we were able to stop it this year, the issue will come up again next year.

Our presence is vital to helping legislators understand important issues that affect women. Please join us to help persuade them to “Remember the ladies,” as Abigail Adams told her husband John when he went to help write the Constitution.

Membership Information by Nancy Gray

AAUW Boise has an exciting new year planned with many excellent speakers, activities and interest groups! We are thrilled to have such a large membership base (223 at last count) and hope to grow even more to advance our mission. As you attend events and activities, we hope you will consider inviting others to join us and become members.

As an incentive, new members receive a significant discount on their first-year dues. New members pay \$69.50 for their first year, which includes branch, state, and national dues. After the first year, the renewal rate is \$113. Members who paused their membership can rejoin and receive this discount if their absence was two or more years from their membership expiration date.

Membership applications along with requirements for membership can be found on our website: <https://boise-id.aauw.net/membership/> and at the general meetings. Beth Popish, Sue Bolen, and I can also provide you with applications and answer any questions.

Book Group (Mystery) by Linda Anderson

The Mystery Book Club will meet on Monday, September 16, at 6 p.m. at the home of Kay Reed, 3200 Agate Court. The book is *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty. Kay will lead the discussion. Please bring whatever you want to drink and an appetizer to share with the group. We hope to see you there!

Book Group (Sunday) - In Person by Carolyn Lunstrum

The Sunday afternoon in-person book group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, at 2350 S. Broadway Ave., Boise, to discuss "Sitting Pretty" by Rebekah Taussin.

Book Group (Sunday) - Zoom by Valerie Steffen

Please join the AAUW Zoomer Book Group via Zoom at 2:00pm-3:30pm, MT, Sunday, September 15, 2024. We'll hold a lively discussion of "The Year 1000: When Explorers Connected the World—and Globalization Began" by Valerie Hansen, facilitated by Valerie Steffen.

We welcome all visitors!

We meet virtually: Request a Zoom invitation by sending your name and email

address via email (valerie@electric-logic.com) or text (208-343-0628) at least one week before the scheduled Sunday meeting.

Book Group (Thursday)
by Linda Simmons

The Thursday Evening book group is meeting on September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the ADA County Library, 10664 W. Victory in Boise. Kris Hooker will be facilitating the discussion for THE SIX by Loren Grush.

Day Trippers Group
by Marsha Bravo and Roberta Olson

Visit the Idaho State Museum and Special Exhibit
Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the
Japanese American WWII Experience

September 17, 2024, 11:00-12:30

Idaho State Museum, 610 Julia Davis Dr., Boise, ID

Adult \$10.00 - Seniors \$8.00

Buy tickets online <https://store.history.idaho.gov/Tickets.aspx>

Or buy tickets at the Museum

Lunch to follow at the Ram Restaurant, 709 E. Park Blvd., Boise

Please RSVP to robertaolson22@gmail.com **only if you plan to go to lunch.**

Description of the Special Exhibition

Go For Broke National Education Center's traveling exhibit, **Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience**, highlights the bravery, integrity and extraordinary support of Japanese Americans within communities across the country. Discover the origins of Idaho's Japanese American communities, the legacy of the Japanese American soldiers, life in Minidoka War Relocation Center, and more. Immerse yourself in firsthand accounts by survivors, archival images and artifacts generously contributed by veterans' families and the National Park Service.

Thank you, Marsha Bravo, for suggesting this event.

Coming Event!!!!

On October 25 we will be visiting the Minidoka War Relocation Center for a special tour of the Center. Thank you, M.J. Durant, for this suggestion and David for introducing us to Robyn Achilles. Robyn has set up the special tour for our group.

Movie Group
by Marcy Embry and Gerrie
Oehlschlager

A new season of Movie Group is about to begin. We will be meeting on the second Sunday at The Flicks for interesting movies and lively discussions after. Our first movie on September 8 is *Tokyo Cowboy*. Times have not yet been posted, but we will do the first matinee time.

Needleworkers Group
by Donna Looze

Needleworkers: We will be trying out a new location at the Garden City Library. When you enter the building keep walking straight ahead beyond the librarians desk and the stacks to an area with tables available for group meetings. I will get there early and stake out a table. You may still bring beverages. If this works for us, then I will no longer need to reserve the small room we have previously used.

Newcomers Group
by Ardele Hanson

Greetings AAUW Members - Old and New!

The Newcomers Group has made some changes and I hope you will find them good. Beth Popish, Sue Bolen, David Scott and I met; and together, with some very generous members, we have come up with a list for the year for hosts and programs. There is a schedule attached to this newsletter, but meetings will also be announced in the newsletter every month.

Please know that anyone can come to the Newcomers meetings; but new members, especially, are encouraged to come to all the meetings. It is a great opportunity to meet others and learn about many of the programs that AAUW has to offer.

The changes that have been made are the date and time of the meetings. The meetings will take place on the third Thursday of the month and the time will be 4:00PM to 6:00PM. (There will be no meetings in June or July.)

Our first meeting will be held on September 19th and will be hosted by Martha Lund, our new president. She will welcome us and Marsha Bravo will tell us about the Day Trippers group. We will enjoy snacks and beverages. Everyone should bring a little something to share. The host will supply the plates, glasses, cutlery, and napkins. Please feel free to bring a beverage of your choice (wine is always a good choice!)

Martha's address is 1604 Parkhill Drive. If you will be attending, RSVP via text to me: Ardele Hanson 208-308-0062. If you are not planning on coming, there is no need to respond.

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