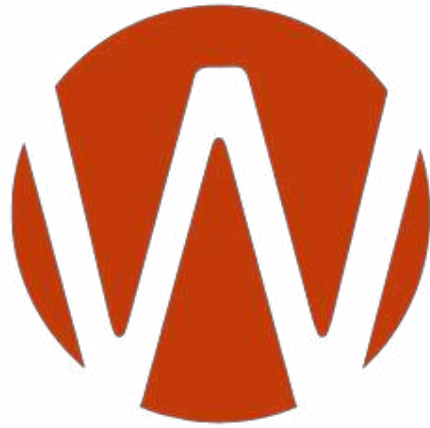


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AAUW Mission

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

Welcome New Members

**BARB BLASCH
CATHERINE CONTERNO
DEB FLEMING
DIANE PHINNEY
NANCY SCOTT**

who joined our branch in October 2024.

**President's Message
by Martha Lund**



Greetings from your president! I hope everyone is trying to stay calm and stress-free in the days before the elections (or not, lol). This month's meeting has traditionally been dedicated to fundraising for the Inez Robb scholarship and this year is no exception. For those who are new, Inez Robb was a trailblazing journalist who went to high school in Boise and went to the University of Idaho. She became quite famous during WWII as a war correspondent and later as an international correspondent and columnist. She donated the seed money to the Boise Branch of AAUW to start a scholarship fund. That fund is being managed now by the Idaho Community Foundation and they determine the fund distribution percentage. The scholarship is awarded to a BSU junior or senior female through an application process managed by the Inez Robb Scholarship committee. A supplemental amount, usually raised at the April fundraiser, is also applied to the scholarship to cover one semester of tuition.

The recipient will speak at our April 2025 Gala. The more money we invest in the fund, the higher return we get, so we encourage members to contribute what they can. A gift basket donated by the Mahjongg group will go to a member who donates by raffle (in other words, everyone donating at the meeting will get a raffle ticket). Donations for the supplement will be accepted as well, but those donations must be specifically designated to go to the supplement.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to let me know how they liked the Happy Hour format last month. I've gotten all positive reviews, so we very likely will try it again later in the year. Also, thanks to all who participated in the League of Women Voters forums. We were given credit on their posters and social media for participating!

I hope to see you all on November 19th!

November Branch Meeting
by Amy Taivalkoski and Fran Voulelis



Coming up in November, we are excited to hear from Angela Sanchez,



Outreach and Marketing Manager for [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Idaho](#). The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Angela's presentation will touch on how the organization impacts the lives of both "bigs" and "littles" in our community, how the process of initiating the mentoring relationship works, what type of commitment is required, and finally, what impact they have in the community.

The vision of the organization is that all youth achieve their full potential, where every child has a caring, supportive adult in their corner cheering them on. They match children with a mentor who will be a positive role model, friend, and listening ear. This mentorship relationship empowers the child to dream big, do hard things, step out of their comfort zone, and tackle the challenges this life brings.

Please join us for lunch on November 19, for what is sure to be an inspiring presentation!

Membership Update by Sue Bolen and Beth Popish



Thank you for your membership in AAUW! Through research, education and advocacy, AAUW empowers women and girls everywhere to achieve their dreams. Being a member of AAUW comes with a unique set of benefits, which you can access when you visit www.aauw.org.

Benefits include:

educational funding opportunities for women pursuing higher education;

access to a free, online salary-negotiation course;

news and alerts on gender equity that include career advice;

need-to-know legislative issues and the actions you can take to drive change;

research that examines important societal issues through the gender lens;

- discounts on printing, office supplies, insurance, hotels, cruises, prescriptions and more;
- access to AAUW programs and volunteer opportunities;
- the opportunity to shape AAUW's future by casting your vote in our national elections.

And don't forget, because AAUW is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, you can deduct all of your national dues if you itemize your deductions on your personal federal taxes. We are pleased that you are part of our community and we encourage you to make the most of your AAUW membership.

Book Group (Mystery)
by Linda Anderson



The Mystery Book Club will meet on Monday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Marian Hendrix, 6260 N. San Vito Lane (Cadence at Bainbridge) in Meridian. Enter 2514 at the gate. The book is Force of Nature by Julie Clark. Laura Simic will lead the discussion.

Book Group (Sunday) - In Person
by Carolyn Lunstrum



The AAUW Sunday afternoon in-person book group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 17th, at the Pioneer Federal Credit Union building, 2350 S. Broadway Avenue in Boise, to discuss The Women by Kristen Hannah. The group will meet again on December 15th to discuss The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store.

Book Group (Sunday) - Zoom
by Valerie Steffen



Please join the AAUW Zoomer Book Group via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., on Sunday, November 17, 2024. We'll hold a lively discussion of A Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan, facilitated by Penelope Smith.

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 AAUW Book Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on November 14th. Barbara Abersold will be facilitating the discussion of Wild and Distant Seas by Tara Karr Roberts. The meeting will be held at the Collister Library on State Street.

Day Trippers Group
by Marsha Bravo and Roberta Olson



NOVEMBER 8, 2024
Tour of the State Capitol
10:00-11:30

Meet at the Garden Level Visitor Information Desk.
Lunch to follow.

Maximum number for the tour is 27.

Please RSVP to Roberta ONLY if you plan to go.
robertaolson22@gmail.com

Thank you, Marsha, for setting up this tour!

AAUW branch members and guests enjoying their tour of the Minidoka

War Relocation Center on October 25.



Movie Group by Marcy Embry and Gerrie Oehlschlager



Join us on November 10 for the Second Sunday movie at The Flicks. We will attend the first show time for "My Name is Alfred Hitchcock".

Newcomers Group by Ardele Hanson



The Newcomers meeting will be on November 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It will be held at Beth Popish's home: 5659 E Hootowl Dr in Boise. Deb Newton will be on hand to fill us in on STEM and AAUW.

If you are attending, please bring a small nosh to share and something to drink. Beth will have plates, glasses, napkins, and cutlery. And, **if you are planning on attending please let Ardele know**. Texting is the best: 208-308-0062, or email at ardele54@gmail.com. PLEASE, please, please do not text or email if you are NOT coming.

Our meeting in October was well attended. Ann Lewis talked about Inez Robb and Mary Ruckh talked about Lobby Corps. Great food, great discussion, and great company!

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