



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

COREE CARVER
SUZANNE RADEKE
LYNNE WADE
JERI WOOD

who joined our branch in March 2025.

President's Message by Martha Lund



Spring is in the air! That must mean it's Spring Fling season. I'm glad to announce that all three of our scholarship recipients (this year's Inez Robb, and next years' Service Recognition) will be there to introduce themselves. They are all very impressive young women and I look forward to meeting and hearing from them.

Last year's Spring Fling funds have now been used for causes near and dear to all our hearts. In addition to the above scholarships, we have donated to the Young Women in Leadership conference at BSU, for girls grades 9-12; Giraffe Laugh, an early childhood education preschool for needs-based scholarships; the Boise Period Project, which provides feminine hygiene products to low income and homeless women, the Idaho AEYC Early Learning Conference, an educational conference for early childhood educators, and the BSU Women

and Leadership Conference. This is on top of our STEM giving, which this year is going to the Boys and Girls Club, the Girl Scouts, and Women Innovators (W.IN), a nonprofit with the mission to make Idaho the place for women and girl innovators to succeed. Congratulations everyone for making last year's Fling so successful! Let's do it even better this year!

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER SOCIAL!

I am also happy to announce that we will again have a summer social at the River Club on State Street. The last two events have been very successful, so we've decided to make it a tradition. It will be on **Wednesday, July 30th at 5:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars!

I'll see you at the Spring Fling on April 16!

Gala Update by Heidi Bogert



If you have attended the Gala in the past, you know how much fun it is to see all the "events" members have offered for the auction.

If you have not attended, bidding on the silent auction and events lets you as a member see opportunities to get better acquainted with other members.

Keep in mind the most important reason for attending the Gala is to contribute to the money raised for scholarships we give to girls and women who may not have thought their goals are achievable. We never know how much we can help those who are on the cusp of getting where they need in their journey.

Attending is a bunch of fun as we have the wine wall - bottles of wine are worth more than the \$20 price and it's fun! The silent auction items are donated by members who want to share their lives in Idaho and help you enjoy it. Events are donated by members who know how to have fun!

Sign up to be at the Gala - and be sure to invite your friends!

National Membership Dues **Increase Effective April 1, 2025** by Nancy Gray



Many organizations are facing increasing costs. AAUW is no exception.

Starting April 1, 2025, National AAUW is increasing its portion of our dues by \$2 or from \$72 to \$74 per year. Combined with Branch and Idaho State AAUW member dues (\$26 and \$15 respectively), total annual dues will increase from \$113 to \$115 per year.

National AAUW explained that this increase is needed to keep up with inflation and to continue AAUW's important work including Education and Advocacy, Member Trainings, Member Engagement, and Member Support.

New members will continue to receive a discount under the Shape-the-Future Program. Starting April 1, 2025, new members first-year dues will be \$70.50, up

\$1 from \$69.50.

For questions, please feel free to contact me or the Membership Vice Presidents.

A SPECIAL (FREE) EVENT



AAUW of Washington is honored to sponsor this free presentation, via Zoom, informing Great Decisions Interest Group members in their state, Oregon, and Idaho, as well as others interested in the topic. Although this program features a speaker who is with the Foreign Policy Association, **you do NOT have to be a member of a Great Decisions group to attend.**

“The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”

A presentation by Dr. Jeffrey S. Morton

Sunday, April 13, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Pacific time

Click on this link to register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/WfK4CKRJS4WK4cNjFFZVpQ> - /registration.

“Today’s world order is at a crossroads. It is a moment of great uncertainty in which it is possible to imagine many different global futures.” (G. John Ikenberry, Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University and guest editor of *Great Decisions 2025*)

So begins the The Foreign Policy Association’s *Great Decisions 2025* briefing book, which guides the discussions of numerous Great Decisions Interest Groups in AAUW branches throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Middle Eastern policy has been a featured topic In Great Decisions discussions during 2023-2025.

In his talk, Dr. Morton will provide an assessment of the current state of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle for security. The role of regional actors and the United States will be considered along with U.S. foreign policy options.

Professor Jeffrey S. Morton is the Pierrepont Comfort Chair in Political Science at Florida Atlantic University and is a Fellow at the Foreign Policy Association. He completed his M.A. from Rutgers University, specializing in War Studies. He received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in International Law. He offers the annual Great Decisions Master Class, which is a series of eight lectures on selected foreign policy topics.

Lobby Corps Update by Mary Mosley



There’s a lot of news to report about the Idaho State Legislature’s activities this past month. **Details about these activities are in the attached “Adventures in the Idaho Legislature”!**

Book Group (Mystery)
by Linda Anderson



The Mystery Book Club will meet on Monday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Laura Simic, 3968 E. Hardesty Street, Boise. The book is *The King of Lies* by John Hart. Linda Anderson will lead the discussion. To be added to the list, please email Linda at s.linda.anderson@gmail.com

Book Group (Sunday) - In Person
by Carolyn Lunstrum



The In-Person Book Group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on April 27th at the Pioneer Federal Credit Union building, 2350 S. Broadway Ave., Boise, to discuss *Colored Television* by Danzy Senna.

Book Group (Sunday) - Zoom
by Valerie Steffen



The AAUW Zoomer Book Group will meet via Zoom 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on April 13th. We will discuss *The Chancellor* by Kati Marton. Ruthann will facilitate our discussion. We welcome all interested participants to join the discussion. Please contact Valerie Steffen (valerie@electric-logic.com) by one week before the meeting to ensure you receive a Zoom link.

Book Group (Thursday)
by Linda Simmons



The Thursday AAUW Book Group will meet at 4:00 p.m. on April 10th at Linda Simmons 'home: 11535 Wildrose Court. Linda will lead the discussion of *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

Day Trippers Group
by Marsha Bravo and Roberta Olson



Boise Depot 100th Birthday Celebration
Sunday, April 13
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Catch the 11:00 shuttle to the Depot for the historical tour at noon.
Tours are limited to 20 and are first come first serve

Free open house at the Boise Depot

Other Activities include:

Interactive exhibits, local vendor booths, model trains, classic cars, food trucks, guided historical tours and projection art unveiling, and more.

Food & Beverage Vendors

- [Push & Pour](#) will be selling coffee from inside the Boise Depot throughout the morning
- [Idaho Kombucha](#) farmer's market land cruiser
- [Kanak Attack](#)
- [Off the Grid Pizza](#)
- [Linda's Kitchen](#)
- Sweet treats from [Sunset Soft Serve](#)

Guided Historical Tours

- [Tour Schedule](#)

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Parking in Ann Morrison Park (1000 S. Americana Blvd.) is free and available on a first come, first served basis throughout the event. Please note, the road in front of the Boise Depot (W. Eastover Terrace) will be closed to through traffic on Sunday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 16. There will be no general parking on site these two days.

April 13 Shuttle Schedule

Sunday, April 13 Shuttle Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

There will be two shuttle stops available in Ann Morrison Park:

- the Ann Morrison Park Playground
- At the Old Timer's Shelter parking lot located off Royal Blvd.

Shuttle buses will be running about **every 20 minutes** from each shuttle stop. A drop-off/pick-up zone will be located along W. Eastover Terrace in front of the Boise Depot for return trips to the park

Accessible Parking

Limited ADA accessible parking adjacent to the Boise Depot is accessed from Ruby Street off Crescent Rim Drive. Please be prepared to show event security your placard to enter the parking lot. Please note, the parking lot is a mixed gravel/dirt material and has some small inclines. A ramp will be placed in the parking lot near the Big Mike locomotive. ADA parking is available on a first come, first served basis.

Do you have an idea of where Day Trippers can go in May? Send Roberta, Marsha, or Stacy an email with your ideas.

Happy Hour
by Kathy Scott and Amy Taivalkoski



Join your fellow AAUW members for the next happy hour!

Tuesday, April 8th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ling and Louie's on the Greenbelt

2288 N Garden Street, Garden City

They have a good happy hour with a lot of nice small plates and lots of parking.



Movie Group
by Marcella Embry and Gerrie
Oehlschlager



Join us at The Flicks for the Sunday, April 13th movie group. If it is still playing, we will be seeing The Friend. If not, then we will see Bob Trevino Likes It.

Bill Murray and Naomi Watts star in The Friend, a story of love, friendship, grief, and healing when a writer adopts a Great Dane that belonged to a late friend and mentor.

Bob Trevino Likes It: When lonely 20-something Lily Trevino accidentally befriends a stranger online who shares the same name as her own self-centered father, encouragement and support from this new Bob Trevino could change her life.

Newcomers Group
by Ardele Hanson



Newcomers will meet on April 17th at 4:00 p.m. at Pam Cardinale's home: 8576 W Pool Court in Garden City. (I realize this is the day after the Spring Fling, but it is spring! Party On!)

If you come, please bring a small nosh to share and something to drink. Pam will have glasses, plates, napkins, and any cutlery that might be required. Also, please remember to text me, Ardele, at 208-308-0062 if you are planning on coming so that I can give Pam an estimate of the number of people attending.

Sally Stone will be our guest in April. She is the past finance chair and if you have questions about finance issues she is the one to ask!

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP COORDINATORS**Books, Mystery**

Linda Anderson

Books, Sunday Afternoon

Carolyn Lunstrum (in person)

Valerie Steffen (Zoom)

Books, Thursday Evening

Linda Simmons

Bowling

Karen Haven and Deb Newton

Bridge

David Scott (Interim coordinator)

Day Trippers

Marsha Bravo and Roberta Olson

Great Decisions

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Indian Cooking

Valerie Steffen

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Gerrie Oehlschlager

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Donna Looze

Newcomers

Ardele Hanson

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David Scott

Kathy Scott (Zoom)

Happy Hour

Kathy Scott and Amy Taivalkoski

Wine Tasting #2

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Wine Tasting #3

Gail Kirkpatrick

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