

Boise Area Branch Newsletter

Dates to Save:

- **April 7** – Frybread Forum – Native American Awareness: Moving Towards Respect – Wed, April 7 at BSU
- **April 30** – Iron Jawed Angels – 7 pm at the Idaho Education Assoc. Bldg, 620 N. 6th St, Boise. AAUW is co-sponsoring this with the League of Women Voters
- **April 30–May 2** – AAUW -Idaho State Convention in McCall

Things to Know:

- Please make sure you have email correct for Sabra McCreedy: grmstrk@yahoo.com
- **SAVE THOSE BOOKS** - bring them to the March 20 meeting. Members can buy books for \$1/book. What a deal.
- Remember you can deduct \$46 as a TAX DEDUCTION under charitable contributions on your 2009 IRS 1040 form
- **ELECTION OF 2010-2012 OFFICERS** will be at our March 20 Branch Meeting

President's Corner

By Lee Hipsher

March is Women's History Month. In celebration of that, I challenge each of you to contact a woman who has been a positive influence on your life. A card, phone call, or email is a great way to thank your mentor for helping mold you into the fantastic woman that you are.

I attended AAUW Idaho Winter Board Meeting in February. It was a time to get to know the state leaders

who care so much about our mission. I am impressed by their enthusiasm, knowledge, and dedication to bettering the lives of women and girls.

Enjoy this first month of spring. And if you do have to do spring housecleaning, bring books that you've read to our March 20



branch meeting. You'll be getting rid of unwanted books AND helping our "\$1/book" fundraiser. Congrats to Jackie Cooney for suggesting this fun, practical project.

March Meeting

March Meeting, Saturday, March 20 at Louie's on Fairview. There will be a speaker from Idaho Community Foundation, where

our scholarship fund is invested and administered. Nancy Otterness will speak as a former member of an investment group which used to be

part of AAUW. Both can be tied in with our Mission. Lunch will be \$10, and Mary will need a head count.

Officer Nominations

By Mary Slaughter

Election of officers for the 2010–2011 year will be held at the March branch meeting. The nominations are:

- VP – Program Assistant:
Kathy Scott
- VP – Membership Chair:
Noreen Pusey
- VP – Membership Assistant

- Secretary –
- Treasurer: Vicki Morrison

There are two offices not filled. We are hoping that two individuals will volunteer for the vacant positions. Nominations can be made from the floor. Do give some serious thought to be-

ing an officer. One becomes better acquainted when one is an officer. It is not all work. Laughter and enjoyment are a part of being an officer. Contact Sylvia Campbell, Vicki Morrison, or Mary Slaughter if you are willing to be an officer.

Inez Robb Memorial Scholarship

Would you like to advertise your business on our AAUW-Idaho website or in the GEM STATE Newsletter? It's a great opportunity for visibility. Contact Kathy Haley at webmaster@aauwidaho.org. The fee is \$20 for one year, \$10 for ½ year. Kathy has all the details.

The 2010 scholarship for \$688.00 will be awarded to a female student entering her junior or senior year at Boise State University. To qualify, the applicant has to have at least a 3.0 accumulative grade point average (GPA), be an Idaho resident

planning to enroll full-time during the 2010-2011 academic year, and slated to graduate by May 2012.

We are taking applications a bit differently this year; we are utilizing the Idaho Community Foundation's application process. This

should save students time as one application may be used for any of ICF's scholarships (for which the applicant is eligible and checks off the list). The postmark deadline for applications is April 1, 2010.

Equal Pay Day Events on April 20

By Mary Slaughter

Mark your calendar for April 20 for Equal Pay Day. It symbolizes the point into the next year to which a woman must work to achieve pay equity for the previous year. Planning for Equal Pay Day events has begun. Donna Wade, Director of ID Women's Network is arranging a Brownbag Discussion Panel at BSU at noon; Kathy Haley is making the arrangements for an Unhappy

Hour. Two other ideas are in the works for this year's events. AAUW committee members are Ingrid Adler, Sylvia Chariton, Kathy Haley, Margit Heist, Jenny McBride, Mary Slaughter, and Gayle Wilde. Donna Wade and Taryn Magrini from ID Women's Network are helping to plan the events as well.

Representative Anne Pasley-Stuart joined the first

planning meeting. She wrote House Bill 547 which is for the Idaho legislators to recognize an Equal Pay Day each April. She said the print hearing went well.

Since there are no finances involved in the bill, we are hopeful that it will be passed.



Hot Topics

By Sylvia Campbell

We will meet to discuss "**burning issues**" (refer to last month's Newsletter.... **Boise Area Branch AAUW**)on **Tuesday March 16th at 6:30 pm**. There is no particular agenda....you



are asked only to bring something, an idea, that you want to share and elicit other's opinions, ideas, etc. Well, I guess there is one require-

ment.....you must like to "discuss" or you could get pretty bored! There's a lot out there that needs to be talked about.....for instance, the debate about Health Care Reform that was held last Thursday with the House & Senate plus President Obama throwing ideas out! Now that could take us a week just by itself! But, it could be something much less grand.....just something that stirs your passion!!

We will meet at my house 11251 Goldenspire Dr. Boise. **Directions:** Take Five Mile Rd going South....past Overland, Victory, Amity....turning Rt onto Lake Hazel Rd. About one quarter mile on your Rt turn onto

Almira (big sign **Hazelwood**), turn Lt on Moonfire, proceed to Goldenspire Dr, turn Lt and, 5 houses down, on your Lt is ME!

Do hope you can join us for an evening of good conversation!

RSVP: ph: 629-0490; sylvia-campbell@cableone.net

PS: If you've not had dinner, bring something you can munch on. I will supply drinks and desert.

**"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get."
Forrest Gump**

Investments

By Mary Slaughter

How are your investments doing? Did you know that Nancy Otterness has been a member of Women's Investment Growth Group (WIGG) since 1982? It was started as an AAUW study/interest group. Nancy will talk about how the members educated themselves about making investments, what dollar amount(s) they contributed at the begin-

ning, and how well their investments have done and are doing at present.

How well is our branch \$10,000 investment doing presently at Idaho Community Fund? The interest earned each year has allowed our branch to donate a \$500 scholarship to a BSU Senior or Junior female student. Lauren Carlson from Idaho Com-

munity Fund will talk about Charitable Advised Funds.

The March 20, Saturday, luncheon will be noon at Louie's Pizza & Italian Restaurant at 2500 E. Fairview in Meridian. Reservations are needed. Please contact Mary Slaughter at 383-1084 or macwslauch@iceho.net.

We'd like to work up a new branch brochure to use as a membership tool for prospective members.

If you'd be interested in helping with this project, contact Lee Hipsher at hootlee@imt.net.