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Letter from President Mary Cleveland

Happy Fall everyone, I hope you are enjoying the cooler days and lovely weather.

We have decided to have an in-person **Fall Social**, with some changes to follow CDC guidelines. Details are below in the body of the newsletter, but we are planning for an outdoor event, and are requesting that all attendees be



vaccinated, and masked when not eating. I am so looking forward to seeing people in person, I hope you will attend, and maybe even bring a guest!

This past month there was a celebration by the national association for the branches that achieved **Five Star status** during the past year. I was there (virtually) to represent Walla Walla, and I want to again acknowledge the hard work of my predecessors, especially Kathy Jones and Tracii Hickman, in making this happen. In addition, the

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Sadly, the **Kitchen tour** has been cancelled for this fall. I want to shout out to Donna Murray and her committee for all the hard work and dedication they have shown. It was a difficult and heartbreaking decision, but the right one for our branch, the homeowners, and the community. However, Donna has been thinking outside the envelope, and may have some surprises in store for us, so stay tuned!

If you are looking for new ways to be involved in the branch, [there are still opportunities with the member engagement and outreach committees](#). If you are interested, get in touch with me or any board member and we can get you the description of the goals and guidelines for the committees.

We have the **candidate forums** coming up in October. These will be virtual and recorded, so you can view from home, and at your own convenience. [Watch for a news blast explaining how to tune in](#). I have found the forums to be very helpful in informing my own voting, and I think you will find the same. Guiding public policy has always been part of the AAUW mission, and one of the easiest ways to do this is to vote in every election.

Pop up book sales are also happening in October. We are needing volunteers to work the sales. Attendance will be strictly limited, and all CDC guidelines are being followed. Please consider signing up to help, so we can make these sales successful. **If you would prefer not interacting with the public at this time, there is a need for set up and take down help as well. More information is below in the body of the newsletter.**

The **Health Matters** webinar series from the state association is starting September 14th. I attended the kickoff webinar last spring, and it was very informative and well done. With the recent challenges to reproductive rights in this county, I think it is important that we stay informed as to what is happening with health care for women, and how we can advocate for women's health issues. Details are on the state AAUW website, the link is right on the main page.

That's all for now, and I hope to see you at the Fall Social!

Mary Cleveland

Fall Social Next Week

Mark your calendar for our all-member social September 19.

Enjoy our first person-to-person get together since March, 2020.

The Venue has changed to Wildwood Park, a lovely small park at 7 S. Division

St, right next to the Mill Creek channel, that will give us the chance to chat, see old friends, meet new friends, learn what's going on with interest groups, hear from our scholarship recipients, and be outdoors the whole time.

We will start at 1pm and wrap up around 2:30.

It would be a good idea to bring a lawn chair.

We encourage members to bring a friend or two who may be interested in AAUW's mission and activities.

If any of you are mentors for new members and you can't make it to the social, contact Tracii and she'll be sure to make contact with your mentee.

See you September 19 in Wildwood Park at 1pm!



Kitchen Tour News

The Kitchen Tour committee has made the sad decision to cancel/postpone our in - person Kitchen tour. We're not quitting and the advertizers are sticking with us. We're exploring the idea of another virtual tour and we will try to determine a date.



Do you have a second language you'd like to practice? Perhaps over an adult beverage?

Members **Mimi Morgan** and **Helen Brownell** want to find if there were any other francophones (French speakers) out there who would like to get together sometime over a glass of wine and do some "parlez-vous"-ing. It was suggested that the conversation could become more fluent (and perhaps more forgiving of mistakes) with the imbibing of the aforementioned beverage. Please contact Helen if interested at ghbrownell@gmail.com.

If you have another language you'd like to practice, we could also form a group of folks who'd like to get together in a sort of "total immersion lunch." Contact editor **Sue Hardin**, and we can get folks together. (I know my Spanish could use some action.)
Let's try this!

Send your pictures, please.

Please send items you would like to share on Facebook so we can share news and fun updates such as what is going on in our interest groups.



**Items for Facebook should now be sent to
Rebecca Heisman**

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VIRTUAL 2021 TECH TREK FOR A SUCCESS

Tech Trek Washington had a fabulous virtual camp in July.



Sara Wiberg from Touchet Schools and

Jaden Olsen from Garrison Middle School in Walla Walla

represented AAUW-WW in this summer's Tech Trek camp. AAUW-WW initially sponsored 8 campers, however, with the changes to the camp resulting from the pandemic, Sara and Jaden were our only participants this year.

AAUW-WW will recruit girls from both 7th and 8th grades this fall for participation in the 2022 camp, which is planned for in-person attendance at Eastern Washington University. **If you are interested in helping with camper selection, contact Judy Peasley at jcolepeasley@gmail.com.**

Participants in this summer's virtual camp received a Tech Trek ToolKit containing all the materials needed to successfully navigate the virtual world for a core class and the afternoon STEM activities.

Classes were small with 10-12 per class. Virtual breakout rooms for 3-5 campers and a teaching assistant



were provided when working on hands-on projects. Core classes took place each morning for three hours:

- Bodies by Design
- Chemistry is pHun!
- Cyber Security
- Thinkabit Wearable Tech
- Understanding Climate Change
- Chemistry is pHun!

Afternoon experiences were also hands-on learning and varied to include virtual field trips of all sorts, financial management for teens,

allowed campers to make things and explore STEM principles.

Book Sale News

Pop-Up Sales

At this time, we are still planning on holding our October pop-up sales with the following procedures in place for safety:

All members who volunteer to set up or work the sales must be fully vaccinated.

Maximum occupancy of the rink lobby will be 30 (10 volunteers and 20 shoppers).

Everyone older than 2 must wear a mask.

All windows and the front doors will be open and we will have fans running.

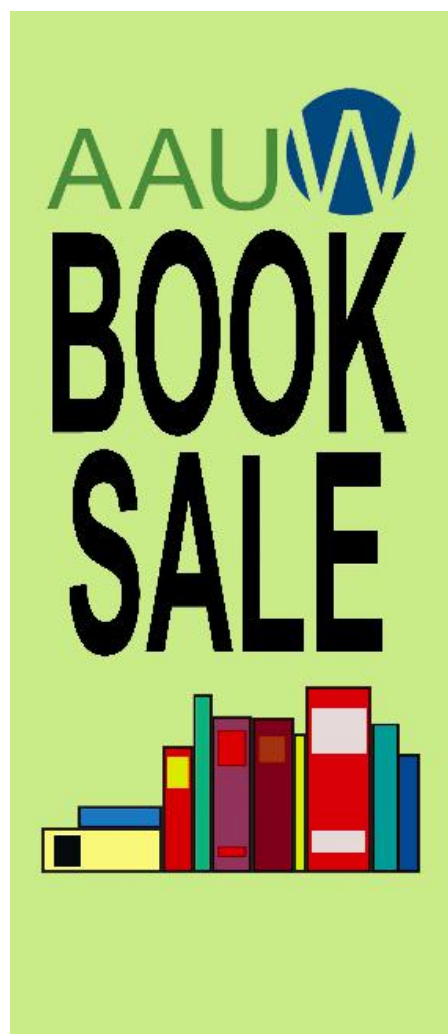
Hand sanitizer will be provided.

We have purchased chip readers for each of our credit card stations so that we don't need to handle the credit cards and checkout will be faster because the shoppers will not need to sign the tablet.

In order to get the word out about the sales, we plan to hand out small cards, posters and yard signs at the fall social. Members can help promote the sale by handing out these cards to their friends.

There are 296 shifts necessary to set up and run the pop-up sales, compared to 223 shifts for the February book sale. So far, 85 shifts have been filled.

If you would like to volunteer, use the link below. Please sign up ASAP to get the days, shifts and jobs that you



and follow the instructions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ca9ac23a2f94-october1>

Find the shift or shifts you want.

Click on the box next to Sign Up. You may click on several shifts, or just one. If you are volunteering for several shifts, it is much more efficient if you check all the shifts and then continue.

Then you need to click on the Submit and Sign Up button at the bottom of the page.

This takes you to another page. Click on Sign Up Now.

You will receive an email confirming your sign up. If you don't receive an email, you didn't do all the steps to sign up.

If you sign up and then find that you can't come, please cancel your shift so the space will be available for someone else. Just save your confirmation email and you can go back in to cancel. Click on the square with an X below the shift you want to cancel. Then click Yes – Delete on the next screen.

Here are the job descriptions and additional information:

Set Up and Take Down

Moving boxes of books from rink to the rink lobby.

Must be able to lift boxes of books and bend.

Door Greeter/Counter

Count number of people at sale – maximum occupancy will be 30, including volunteers.

Be sure each person (older than 2) is wearing a mask. We will provide masks if someone forgets.

Tell shoppers about Book Corral.

Book Corral

Keep books being held in order by last name - get phone number.

Book Counter and Bagger

Count books and enter on tally sheet. Give tally sheet to shopper.

Put books in bags.

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Add up purchases.

Take money and give change – Give receipt only if they need it to be reimbursed.

Take checks (see that amount in numbers and words is the same, and phone # is on check).

Stay at station with cash box at all times or get sub.

Credit/Debit Card Cashier

Stay at station with tablet at all times or get sub. Run credit cards. Give receipt.

Floor Worker

Must be able to lift boxes of books and bend. It is OK for customers to use scanners.

Assist customers with finding categories or books. Hand out bags.

Take full bags to book corral - label with customer's last name/phone #.

Keep aisles clear of boxes.

Consolidate books in boxes on tables as books are sold with titles facing one direction.

Put books that are under the tables on top of the tables as space becomes available.

Keep colored author slips on boxes & keep authors together when restocking table from below.

Keep colored slips on boxes in Biography, Sci Fi/Fantasy, DVDs, CDs, Performing Arts.

Keep each subdivision together when restocking table from below.

As boxes are emptied, give colored slips to Book Corral.

Put empty boxes inside glass doors by rink wall. DO NOT cut them down. We will be using these next weekend for the Collectibles Sale.

Only on Oct 23 when we have Picture and Chapter books - Place sticker on each child's free book (age 14 and younger) – Picture & Chapter.

If a shopper needs to use the restroom, please escort them in and back.

- Leave your nametag and apron when you finish your shift.

You may put your purse and coat inside the glass doors near the rink, but you are strongly encouraged to bring as few things as possible. We cannot keep purses, valuables or personal items under the cashiers' tables. Perhaps a hip pack or large pocket would be helpful. The aprons have pockets.

If you need a beverage, please bring only containers with lids/caps.

Here is the list of dates and categories, in case you are especially interested in helping with a particular subject:

- Oct 9 & 10 Fiction
- Oct 16 & 17 Collectibles
- Oct 23 Cookbooks
 - Picture Books
 - Chapter Books
- Oct 24 Science Fiction
 - Young Adult
- Oct 30 DVDs & CDs
 - Literature
 - Visual Arts
 - Performing Arts
- Oct 31 US/World History
 - NW History
 - Military History
 - Political Commentary
 - Biography

Box Count and Book Sorting

At the end of August, we had 2367 boxes of sorted books. That is a gain of 148 boxes of books, which is about 2960 books. Collectibles added 18 boxes, which is amazing when you consider that each book needs to be researched to determine the price.

Teachers Sale

We held a Teachers' Sale of Picture and Chapter books, and brought in \$411.50.



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This could be the time for you to try book sorting! It's easy, fun, you will see other people, and you can take home books.

You need to sign up for your sorting shift.

Click on the link below and find the shift or shifts you want.

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Then you need to click on the Submit and Sign Up button at the bottom of the page.

This takes you to another page. Click on Sign Up Now.

You will receive an email confirming your sign up.

To sign up for September:

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If you sign up and then find that you can't come, please cancel your shift so the space will be available for someone else. Just save your confirmation email and you can go back in to cancel. Click on the square with an X below the shift you want to cancel. Then click Yes – Delete on the next screen.

If you haven't sorted before, the sort leader will show you just what to do. We sort at the former YWCA's Ice Chalet, located on Birch, between Colville and 1st. Please park on the street. The parking lot in the back by the alley is reserved for YWCA employees. The Y is staffed every day of the week, so they use this lot on weekends, too. Enter through the glass doors on Birch and go to the far end of the rink, which is our sorting area. The rink is not heated or air conditioned, so dress accordingly.

If you would like to start sorting books and receive a weekly email with the sort days and times, please contact Kay Raddatz, markkay@charter.net. The weekly emails always include a photo of a funny book cover. Except for holidays and AAUW events, we sort at the following times: Thursdays, 7 – 8:30 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:30 am; and Sundays, noon – 2 pm. We hope to see you soon!

We currently have 201 members



DIRECTORIES

Dorothy Steding has 85 printed directories (black and white, no photos version) to the first ones who make requests. She will arrange to get it to you, or leave on her front porch or at the Ice Chalet Book Sort. **Dorothy will also have directories available at the September 19th social.**

The Directory with color photos and member names, addresses, etc. can be found on the AAUW-Walla Walla website - Members Only (Password wallawalla).

It is updated on a monthly basis. If you review that directory and find an error please let her know.

NEW MEMBER MENTORS

All 17 new members since January 2020 have been matched up with a longer term member to see them through their first year. The mentor arranges to meet with the new member once and then makes sure the new member is aware of the 3 Socials (Fall, Winter, Spring)

If you feel you have been missed please let Dorothy know - or if you would like to be a mentor please let her know as well.

Dorothy's contact: steding12@gmail.com or 425-417-5737, 2111 Paramount Street (east of WaHi off Abbott between Fern and Sturm).
Helen's contact: ghbrownell@gmail.com or 509 301-9013

DIRECTORY: contact Dorothy Steding steding12@gmail.com

Please review your listing in the directory on the branch

website: <https://wallawalla-wa.aauw.net/>

click on Member Area

password is wallawalla

IF your **photo** is NOT in the directory or if you would like a

This works well and is so nice to be able to put a face with a name, especially since we've been masked and socially distance for so many months.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE AAUW EXPENSES NEEDING REIMBURSEMENT

Expense Reimbursement forms are located on our Walla Walla AAUW webpage, on the right side near the bottom. Please complete and obtain your Chairperson's signature on the form before forwarding the form with attached receipts to the treasurer, Kate Venneri for reimbursement.



Book Groups' selections for 2020



The Lunch Bunch Book group

Meetings will be in the courtyard of the Odd Fellows apartments on Clinton St.

October 14: *The Water Dancer*, Ta-Nehisi Coates, led by Cecile Ervin

November 11: *Her Last Flight*, Beatriz Williams, led by Helen

December: Seasonal Solstice Soiree with the evening group

The Evening Book group

Contact **Ruth Ladderud** for the meeting location

September 19: *Meet Me at the Museum* by Anne Youngston

October 21: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson, led by Ruth Ladderud

November 18: *Talking to Strangers: What we should Know About the People We Don't Know* by Malcolm Gladwell, led by Winnie Graham

December 16: Seasonal Solstice Soiree

January 20, 2022: *Family Furnishings* by Alice Munro, led by Donna Murray

New interest group suggestions: Some folks have discussed starting a **writers' group for members who would like to work in a sort of writing workshop environment. If you are interested in joining or leading such a group, contact Sue Hardin, and we'll get you going.**

INTEREST GROUP CONTACTS

Interest groups are not all meeting regularly these days, but some are still having virtual gatherings.

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DINING GROUP – Dining group is starting up again in September. We plan to meet bi-monthly.

Travel from your kitchen, savor the world with this fun group, spouses/partners included. September thru May, Host once, be a guest the rest of the time.



LUNCH BUNCH BOOK GROUP – Meets second Thursday of the month, 12-1 pm. Locations are changing, but we'll always keep you informed. There is plenty of room for everyone. New members are always welcome. Contact: Val Weaver 522-1358, cell 520-0096. oldbalddoc@gmail.com or Sue Hardin 907 650-7020. sarhardin@gmail.com



EVENING BOOK GROUP – Meets third Thursday of the month, at varying locations, at 7:00. Contact: Ruth Ladderud: 522-2603 ladderud@pocketinet.com

HIKING GROUP – We are a group of hikers who live near Walla Walla and love the outdoors. Everyone is welcome, including kids and dogs. This is a mixed community group with a rotating set of leaders and an exciting range of hiking opportunities. Contact leaders are on the site. Please contact the hike leader or Karen Yager at least 3 days before the hike to reserve a spot. Check out our photos www.happyhikers.us. Contact : Karen Yager, 337-6200 karen@KarenYager.com

GARDEN INTEREST GROUP (GIG) – Contact: Kate Frey: cell (707)272-4445 and Email katefrey@mac.com.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE GROUP – Bridge meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday—when not following Covid protocols we meet at the Country Club with most also meeting for lunch prior to bridge.(You do not need to be a member of the WWCC to join bridge.) In some cases, a hostess

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means getting a count for how many plan to play and/or eat lunch. Hostess finds subs, if needed. She also supplies cards, tallies, score sheets, and pencils. Any AAUW member can join as a regular member or as a sub. Send e-mail or text to Linda Howell. lindahowell9@gmail.com

PINOCHLE GROUP – Contact Ruth Ladderud 522-2603 ladderud@pocketinet.com. The pinochle group is small and meeting on Ruth Ladderud’s patio,. She sends out an email and usually ends up with a pop-up game several times a month - sometimes even on the advertised final Monday! The games aren’t always that impressive, but the conversation and laughter makes it all worthwhile. We are happy to teach anyone who would like to give it a try.

KNITTING INTEREST GROUP – The group will be holding meetings outdoors as long as the weather is agreeable. Otherwise, knitting group meets at the Purl2 yarn shop in downtown Walla Walla, 27 W. Main St. Members gather to visit and share projects, techniques, and information. Meeting time is 2:00 on the second Thursday of the month. Contact: Cecile Ervin: 525-2338 rickandcec@gmail.com

Members' Corner

Board member [Delia Gutierrez](#) announces that the Washington park neighborhood is having an **alley clean up** this Sunday, September 12,

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work party, they're meeting at 9:00 AM at
Ave in Walla Walla.

This is a great chance to help our community and do something about all that vexing litter that diminishes our neighborhoods.



If you need more information, you can call Delia at 509-730-3605

Check out the **Art Squared Virtual Event** this year to see works by our members:

Linnea Keatts

Marcia Middleton-Kaplan

Dorothy Steding

Kate Venneri



ArtWalla's annual community 6x6 art show

from Sept. 24 thru Oct. 1 at www.artsquaredwallawalla.com

Member Terri Trick offers update on her school board candidacy

Terri Trick is running for reelection to school board director position 2. Terri has been an AAUW member since moving to Walla Walla in 1983. She has a Master's degree in Education, and has been an educator all her professional life.

Terri writes: Hello to my AAUW friends! I made it into the general election for School Director, Position 2. Election day will be Tuesday, November 2, and ballots should be sent out mid-October. My opponent is James Stovall.



I am running on my record: to keep our graduation rate high (it has surpassed that of the state average); to ensure that kids get back succeeding again coming out of COVID, using our excellent Enhanced

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more it should be spent, and closing the achievement gap that exists for children of color and children in poverty.

To that I would add my commitment to make sure all kids return to school safely, however we as a board determine that must happen.

Terri

If you have further questions about Terri or where she stands on pertinent issues, e-mail her at <reelecttrick13@gmail.com>.

You can also visit her web page at Reelectterrick.com.

This section of the newsletter is always available for news about our members: births, deaths, marriages, changes in status, accomplishments, reasons we're proud, businesses, and other information that will be of interest to a community that truly cares about one another. If you have anything to share, send it to Sue Hardin at sarhardin@gmail.com.

Other ways to find out about what our AAUW branch is doing:



Our website, wallawalla-wa.aauw.net is a rich source of branch-related information. The site includes a *Members* section, which is password protected because it contains personal member information in the form of the membership directory, newsletter archives, leadership roster, etc. To open the members section, use the password [wallawalla](#).

And.....



Be sure to check out and LIKE the local branch's **Facebook** page, where you can get event information and see and post interest group pictures. The site is at www.facebook.com/AAUWW2 or just go to Facebook and search for AAUW, Walla Walla Branch. There is also a new AAUW Member page, where you can set up and host small events and chat with small groups. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/aauwwallawalla/>) Directions for using the chat features are in tutorials on the page.

BRANCH LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting via Zoom at **7:00 pm Wednesday, October 13th**. All members are welcome to attend.

Our board of officers through Spring, 2021

President: Mary Cleveland
President-elect: Chessa Hickox
Past President: Kathy Jones
Treasurer: Kate Venneri)
Secretary: Kathy Saunders
Vice president for membership:
Helen Brownell



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Karen Yager (directory.)

AAUW funds: Donna Rapp

Tech Trek: Judy Peasley

Great Explorations co-chairs: Ruth Ladderud - president

Carol Morgan - treasurer

Community Mini-grants: Linda Brown

Scholarships/HS scholars: Michelle Higgins

NCCWSL: Jenny Romine

Public Policy: Delia Gutierrez, Deb Mallard

Members at large: Renee Hadley, Lou Holm, Kari Isaacson

Book Sale co-chairs: Kay Raddatz and Melanie Plantaric

Kitchen tour: Donna Murray

Big Ideas: *On hold for now*

Community Outreach: Chessa Hickox, Amanda Perez-Trejo

Member Engagement: **Volunteers needed**

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