



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

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*Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82881487269?pwd=TW5IMjdDTk9pb0hxSIM5UlcwTjRuUT09>

Sorry for Your Loss, How Can I Help?



Member Claudia Cimini will offer this program full of practical experience-based advice for supporting the bereaved. Learn what to say, what not to say, and how to be most supportive of friends, family, and neighbors living through grief. Claudia says, "It's the information I wish I'd had before learning it through painful experience."

During this time of Covid-19, many have lost friends and loved ones. We are in an ocean of grief due to the stress of this unusual time: sheltering-in-place, self-isolation, job loss, work-from-home, school closures, living alone. We can recognize our feelings as grief and support one another through them. As the Irish proverb teaches: "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live."



*Need help understanding Zoom? Membership Co-Chair Linda Hendrick has offered to walk you through the process. If you do not have a camera on your device, you may still listen to meetings through zoom. See page 2 for ways to contact Linda.



Our meetings continue to be open to the public, so invite your friends and family to attend by having them register with Nelle Jacobson at nelleadyj@gmail.com.



Book Talk *noun* (buk) (tawk)

1. A conversation about a book that one's read, infused with joy and emotion. Best if done daily.

COMING NEXT MONTH

AAUW Annual Book Talk with Linda Hendrick – October 8, 2020



Every year I hope to come up with a book topic that will appeal to all members and which will enable everyone to have a book that they can share. In 2019 I thought Humor would be a great next topic but considering the current world we share I decided to change that to **Books that Calm and Comfort Us**. I know when I am down there are several books I re-read because they make me feel better. And if you don't have a comforting book a humorous would meet the same end.

You will be invited to a Zoom AAUW meeting on October 8th to talk about the book(s) that Calm and Comfort you. I know Zoom will enable us to have a great sharing meeting. To make it work as well as I know it can, please:

- Let me know if you plan to attend (hend244@gmail.com or call me at 360-293-6518))
- I will provide those attending with a quote
- Zoom allows us to 'Chat' which means you will be able to enter your book's title and author while online
- We will record the meeting so those who cannot attend will be able to learn about the shared book title
- And an annotated list of member's books and authors will appear in our AAUW Newsletter

About those quotes, I will be asking some members to help me find quotes to go with the topic. Let me know if you would like to help do this.

Getting to Know You

Keeping in touch looks a little different these days. Last month we asked five members to share the answers to five questions. This month I hope each of you will email me with the answers to the following queries...

1. Who is your hero?
2. What makes you angry?
3. Are you an introvert or an extrovert?
4. Are you a cat person or a dog person?
5. What is your favorite season?

Find out who responded to the questions from last month on the last page of this newsletter.



Wear your most festive mask!

Jane Crannell turns **100** on October 15.

AAUW is celebrating our amazing member with a walk by party on Friday, October 16 at 11 AM. As Jane sits by her front door we will walk by individually and share our greetings from 6 feet away. Then well-spaced we will sing Happy Birthday. Jane's family will be there to help us celebrate. If you can't make it, you can send a card to Jane at 1510 Skyline Way, #A-104, Anacortes.



COMING SOON

2020-2021 Directories will be available and emailed to members in good standing this month. This will allow us to post and update the directory regularly in the members only section of our website, too.

Terri Bawden 9/8
Polly Myers 9/13

President's Message

Your AAUW board is made up of a group of amazing women. We met for two sessions in August and discussed everything from meetings to membership, our budget and fundraising.

Due to the generosity of several board members who were willing to share their Zoom accounts with us, we were able to create a balanced budget. Fundraising this year will include our first-ever **virtual Jingle Bell Dash**. **Programming is set through November and will continue to be via Zoom.** For those who are still new to Zoom meetings, Linda Hendrick has generously volunteered to mentor anyone who needs some schooling.

A portion of our planning sessions was devoted to how we can engage you, our members, to be active participants. One of the resources we have as AAUW members is our education and what better way to put it to use than to help children in our community during this difficult school year. Karen Yost, Program Coordinator at the Anacortes Family Center, has 39 children who will be working remotely from home. Their parents are required to work as a condition of living at the Center, so we have an opportunity to step in and offer our support and assistance. **If you are interested in being a mentor to a student, please contact me and I will put together a task force.**

Another way to support our branch is through directory ads. Although we aren't printing our directory this year, it will be emailed to everyone and we will not be limited to black and white images. **Do you know a business that might benefit from advertising with us?** Our rates are \$25 for a business card, \$50 for a ½ page, and \$75 for a full page of advertising. Contact me if you know of someone.

If you are like me, you have had some time to clean out closets and downsize, but it's hard to find a place to donate things. **Hang on to them.** We are trying to find a way to host a garage sale or post items on-line instead of selling at Shipwreck Days this year.

Do you have someone in your family or friend group who is impossible to buy a gift for? Consider making a donation to our tax deductible AAUW scholarship account in their honor!

Membership has had an exciting start with three people interested in joining our branch. As we won't be limited by bad weather, driving at night, or fees for out-of-town speakers, this year we will be able to offer a wide selection of topics to everyone, so be sure to ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to participate. **Members are given a Zoom invitation in this newsletter, but guests are required to request an invitation from Nelle Jacobson so that we can protect our site.** I encourage you to think about who you want to invite.

I hope to see you at our Thursday meeting! ~ *bonnie*



Mary Church Terrell

(1863-1954) was a well-known African American activist who championed racial equality and women's suffrage in the late 19th and early 20th century. An Oberlin College graduate, Terrell was part of the rising black middle and upper class who used their position to fight racial discrimination.

The daughter of former slaves, Terrell was born in Memphis, Tennessee. Her father was a successful businessman who became one of the South's first African American millionaires. Her mother owned a hair salon. Terrell's parents divorced during her childhood. Their affluence and belief in the importance of education enabled her to attend the Antioch College laboratory school in Ohio, and later Oberlin College, where she earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Terrell spent two years teaching at Wilberforce College before moving to Washington DC, in 1887 to teach at the M Street Colored High School. There she met, and in 1891, married Heberton Terrell, also a teacher.

Her activism was sparked in 1892, when an old friend, Thomas Moss, was lynched in Memphis by whites because his business competed with theirs. Terrell joined Ida B. Wells-Barnett in anti-lynching campaigns, but Terrell's life work focused on the notion of racial uplift, the belief that blacks would help end racial discrimination by advancing themselves and other members of the race through education, work, and community activism. It was a strategy based on the power of equal opportunities to advance the race and her belief that as one succeeds, the whole race would be elevated. Her words—"Lifting as we climb"—became the motto of the National Association of Colored Women (NACW), the group she helped found in 1896. She was NACW president from 1896 to 1901.

As NACW president, Terrell campaigned tirelessly among black organizations and mainstream white organizations, writing and speaking extensively. She also actively embraced women's suffrage, which she saw as essential to elevating the status of black women, and consequently, the entire race. She actively campaigned for black women's suffrage. She even picketed the Wilson White House with members of the National Woman's Party in her zeal for woman suffrage. Terrell fought for woman suffrage and civil rights because she realized that she belonged "to the only group in this country that has two such huge obstacles to surmount...both sex and race."

In 1909, Terrell was among the founders and charter members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Then in 1910, she co-founded the College Alumnae Club, later renamed the National Association of University Women.

Following the passage of the 19th amendment, Terrell focused on broader civil rights. In 1940, she published her autobiography, *A Colored Woman in a White World*, outlining her experiences with discrimination. In 1948, Terrell became the first black member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), after winning an anti-discrimination lawsuit. In 1950, at age 86, she challenged segregation in public places by protesting the John R. Thompson Restaurant in Washington, DC. She was victorious when, in 1953, the Supreme Court ruled that segregated eating facilities were unconstitutional, a major breakthrough in the civil rights movement.

She lived to see the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, holding unconstitutional the racial segregation of public schools.

When you give to AAUW, your generous contribution will be used to:

- Push policymakers to **raise the minimum wage** to keep millions of families from living in poverty.
- Champion tuition- and debt-free educational options and loan-forgiveness programs to **reduce crippling student-loan debt**.
- Bolster the protections afforded by Title IX to **ensure equal access to education** for women and minorities.
- **Ensure the right to vote** is a prerequisite to establishing all the other policies we advocate.

**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FOUND
IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

1. Pandora's Box, 1929, starring Louise Brooks, or any movie featuring her; also Out of Africa, 1985, starring Robert Redford and Meryl Streep; also White Mischiev , based on the same people that Out of Africa is based on
2. Using a sewing machine with some degree of competence (first, I need to find a new manual for my sewing machine, since I lost the manual in one of my far too many moves
3. Of all the places that I have visited, I'd most like to return to Venice
4. West with the Night by Beryl Markham (I like this book so much I bought two copies! Yesterday I finished reading a biography about Beryl Markham); also anything by Jane Austin, my favourite author, especially her book Persuasion
5. Midnight to 1 a.m.; I'm usually awake by 6 a.m. but try to sleep at least one hour longer.

Bunny Heiner

1. Way too many but some are: The West Wing, Casablanca to name 2
2. Decorating my sourdough - all I seem able to do is make a cut but I've seen so many that are artistic.
3. Another hard one: I love the tropics (Bali and the Maldives were amazing) and the desert too (the Southwest U.S.) and beaches
4. Right now Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande
5. 10:30ish

Linda Hendrick

1. Father Brown on PBS
2. Avoiding scams
3. Europe
4. Mystery stories by C.S. Harris
5. 11:30pm

Vivian Kolhoff

1. 'Madame Secretary' (I'm happy Netflix exists; all that stuff with no ads. Yay) Favorite movie: used to be anything with Robin Williams, Whoopie Goldberg or Meryl Streep...
- 2 I've been working on learning Spanish since 1998...
3. Costa Rica intensive Spanish at CONVERSA, just outside of city, with daughter (she was more proficient than I was. Alaska with husband and daughter in 1993 and 1996; Europe with daughter in 1997. Diving in the Bahamas - but haven't been since 2001. Skiing/playing in snow at Winter Park, Colorado (when daughter was in middle and high school).
4. Anything by Rhys Bowen (especially her stand-alone books)
5. hmmm I'm a night-owl. Usually not before midnight.

Rosette Dawson

1. As of July 3, Hamilton is my favorite movie! I recently made a list of 5 films that amazed/delighted/charmed/inspired/awed me when I first saw them (Up, Fantasia-the 1940 version, Sleepless in Seattle, 12 Angry Men, Star Wars Ep IV-A New Hope) and now Hamilton is at the top of that list.
2. I can crochet, but would love to learn to knit.
3. Exploring new places—especially in the UK and France
4. A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, a beautifully written intriguing story
5. I usually go to bed around 11:00 and then read awhile—sometimes until 1:00am or later (one of my favorite things about being retired is I can read as late as I want)

Patricia Griffith



Rosette Linda Vivian Patricia Bunny