

Highlights of AAUW Activities

AAUW at the National Level

- Provides scholarships and fellowships to women pursuing post-graduate education
- Advocates for women who have been discriminated against in the workplace
- Lobbies Congress for education, civil rights, reproductive rights, and economic security for women

AAUW at the State Level

- Lobbies the Washington State Legislature on issues affecting women & hosts annual Lobby Day
- Sponsors two Tech Trek summer camps where young women can learn about STEM careers

AAUW at the Local Level

Lewis County Branch

- Focuses on education for women in Lewis County
- Holds a monthly branch meeting
- Has special interest groups that meet regularly
- Sponsors a STEAM career day conference for middle school girls
- Raises money with an annual used book sale
- Gives college scholarships and scholarships to middle school girls to promote STEAM careers
- Supports community needs with contributions to organizations such as Hope Alliance.

Branch Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., September to May, at The Gathering Place in Stillwaters Estates, Centralia. Most meetings are hybrid – both in-person and on Zoom.

Programs for 2023-2024

September 7: *Centralia College: Present & Future Status* by Connie Smejkal

October 5: *Reasons to Believe in the Future of Centralia* by Kelly Smith Johnston

November 2: *Beyond Books: Learning About Your Local TRL Libraries* by Muriel Wheatley and Susan Faubion

December 7: *Winter Holiday Banquet*

January 4: *Margaret Atwood Shares Her Thoughts* – YouTube Presentation

February 1: *A Family's Journey with Pediatric Kidney Disease* by Danielle Rovito

March 7: *The Faces of AAUW and Funding Women's History* by Corene Jones-Litteer

April 4: *The Master Gardener Program at Half a Century* by Mary Jo Christensen

May 2: *The Centralia Steam Plant: History, Today and What the Future Holds* by TransAlta Representatives.

June 2: *Year End Potluck*

JOIN AAUW

Membership in AAUW is open to all persons holding an associate, baccalaureate or higher degree. Annual dues are \$92. Persons not meeting the degree requirement may join the Lewis County Branch as a Friend for \$10 per year.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

School _____

Degree _____ Year _____

____ I'd like to join now. Enclosed is my check for \$92 to Lewis Co. AAUW.

____ I'm interested in learning more. Send me announcements of future meetings.

Mail to Lewis County AAUW, c/o Donna Loucks, Treasurer, P.O. Box 244, Chehalis, WA 98532

INTEREST GROUPS

Art Group

Meets 4th Monday of each month, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. with potluck lunch. Bonnie Blake, leader.

Ravenous Readers Book Group

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Nancy Leventon, leader.

Pages & Beans Book Group

Meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Corene Jones-Litteer, leader.

Cinema Chicks Movie Group

Meets at various times to view and discuss films. Nancy Kruger, leader.

Early Morning Discussion Group

Chooses a topic for the year and discusses different aspects of it each month.

The topic for this year is The American West. Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, 8:30 – 10 a.m. Norma Green, leader.

Miles & Smiles Walking Group

Walks together on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at a variety of trails. Judy Bell & Laura Hewett, leaders.

Movers & Shakers is devoted to promoting the mission of AAUW through local, state & national legislative research and action. Meets monthly. Cathy Cavness and Kathy Halsan, leaders.

Travel Group

Meets 4th Thursday of some months at 6:45 p.m. Donna Loucks, leader.

Guests are welcome to attend all Branch and Interest Group meetings. If you are interested in AAUW, please visit our web site or contact us by email.

PROJECTS

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH)

The Branch works with Centralia College to host a career day for middle-school girls each October, focusing on pursuits in science, technology, engineering, art & math (STEAM). aauwlceyh@gmail.com

Book Sale

A used book sale is held each year to raise money to support our activities and scholarships. All books are obtained by donation. Call Betty Garrett, 360-827-5838 to donate books at any time.

Scholarships

Multiple college scholarships are given each year through our 501(c)(3) non-profit Women Supporting Women Scholarships. For details, email wswscholarships@gmail.com

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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