



THE AAUW ISLANDER JANUARY 2012

The Whidbey Island Branch of the American Association of University Women's Monthly News



HAPPY NEW YEAR

BRANCH MEETING:

DATE: Saturday, January 7, 2012

TIME: 9:00am social hour, 10:00am program

LOCATION: Whidbey Golf & Country Club, 2430 SW Fairway Lane, Oak Harbor

PROGRAM: League of Women Voters Legislative Brunch

Happy Holidays LWVWI members!

We know many of you are traveling at this time, but we urge you to attend this informative event on January 7th from 9am to 11:30am. The cost is \$20. And you can pay at the door. It is a gift you can give yourself ! All three legislators are planning on attending and you will have the opportunity to hear their views of the upcoming session, ask them questions, and enjoy a lovely brunch with fellow League members, AAUW members plus other guests at the Oak Harbor Golf and Country Club.

Cheers,

The LWVWI Board



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I would like to welcome Kerry Joan McKinney to our membership. She lives in Freeland. She earned her BA in Psychology at Western and did graduate work in Hawaii and Colorado. She was a mental health therapist, certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and instructor and Manager for the Department of Defense retiring in 2009. We look forward to meeting her.

Thanks to Pat Lokanis for getting the word out on what is needed at Marji's house. There was good response and items got there in time. Thanks to donors!

The numbers are increasing to attend the League of Women Voters' Legislative Brunch. Your response is appreciated.

The committees dealing with our scholarships and Showcase for the Arts are working and will be reporting in February.

If you are interested in working on the Auditing Committee, please contact me.

The January Board Meeting will be from 9 until 11 on Monday, January 9th at the Coupeville Library. We have to meet early because there is a Library workshop at 11:30.

Jessica



BRANCH NEWS:

- **International Affairs:** Chair - Mary Pattison
Reminder: There will be no meeting in December. We will resume with our first meeting of 2012 on January 20th, same time, same place.
- **Book Group 1:** For more info contact Nancy Hodges or Cathie Estes.
- **Rose's Gourmet :** will meet January 26th at 12:00pm. If you are not a member and would like to join us, call Julie Williams (678-6827) for theme and home.

- **Baker's Dozen:** Our January lunch will be held at the home of Sandy Overton. She has chosen a potluck of something yummy after all the holiday indulgences. Lunch will begin at 11:30 on Friday January 6.
- **Lunch Bunch:** This group will meet at Sakura in Burlington on January 25th at noon. Contact Jessica Koeberle for more information.
- **Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon:**
 Tickets for the Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show on March 22nd will be available at the February meeting. Don't forget to invite your friends and fill a table for this annual and usually sold-out event! Our committee is in place and working to make the event a smash hit ! Remember that a good portion of our proceeds come from the raffle; so if you know a merchant who might contribute a raffle prize, or if you have a prize to contribute yourself, please contact Clare Christiansen, chair. Her contact information can be found on our website: aauw-whidbeyisland.org All donations are greatly appreciated.
- **Dream Kitchen Tour:**
 The 2012 Whidbey Island Dream Kitchen tour will be on Saturday August 25th and the Pre Tour for home owners and kitchen coordinators will be on Friday evening August 24th. Please mark your calendars and contact Bonnie Abney if you would like to volunteer for this event. Her contact information can be found on our website: aauw-whidbeyisland.org
- **Marji's House:**
 Pat Lokanis would like to thank all the members that have answered her call for household goods to be used by the ladies of Marji's House. As always, there has been a wonderful response to her two recent requests. We don't actually supply them with things to be used while they are residents of Marji's House but for when they move on to their new apartments or homes. They have often left their previous homes in haste, or have no means to retrieve their belongings, so that is where we fill the need. Thank you for your generosity!
 Another request has come in for a family that is in need of household items. If you can provide any of the following items please call or email (info. on our website: aauw-whidbeyisland.org) Pat will coordinate pick-up of your donations.
Items needed:

Shower curtain x 2	Microwave
Toaster	Ironing board
Sheets, Blankets & Towels	Curtains
Silverware	Dish Drainer

- **WOMEN IN HISTORY WANTS YOU!!**

This program during Women's History Month in March is extremely popular with the 5th grade teachers and students here on Whidbey Island. Now is the time to volunteer to be an actress for a week. All you need to do is pick a favorite woman to portray, prepare a 10 minute presentation as if you are that woman, and then perform for two or three 5th grade classes. We hold a rehearsal in late February and do our portrayals in groups of three, so there is no need to be nervous. I can provide help and guidance as you prepare. This is a perfect project for new members wanting to get more involved - that's how I started some years ago. It is now a source of satisfaction and fun for me every year.

Please contact Mary Ellen Loy if you are interested in being a Woman in History. **Member names and email addresses are on our AAUW website.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS:



Dottie Luce	01/10
Pat Howell	01/14
Helen Chatfield-Weeks	01/15
Janet Mules	01/19
JoAnn Gilbert	01/24
Linda McNamara	01/24
Ilene Sorenson	01/28
Alison Hayes	01/31
Barbara Lindberg	02/01
Sharon Nicholson	02/04
Marti Thomson	02/05
Mary Ann Safford	02/08
Jessica Koeberle	02/12
Sheryl Sato	02/15
Cathleen Sullivan	02/20
Carol Rice	02/21
Vonnie Secketa	02/24
Trudy Sundberg	02/28



NEW MEMBER:

Kerry Joan McKinney

Joan grew up as a Navy Jr., and was married to a Naval Officer for 20 years. She has lived throughout the U.S. from Newport, Rhode Island to Key West, Florida on the east coast and from Oak Harbor, WA to San Diego, CA on the west coast.

Joan Graduated from WWU in Bellingham with a BA in Psychology. She also holds degrees from University of Hawaii at Manoa and Honolulu University in Counseling and from the University of Colorado, Denver in Psychology. Her occupations include Mental Health Therapist, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Instructor and Manager for the Dept. of Defense. Enjoys: Photography, hiking, travel, concerts, films and plays

Joan has two sons and 3 grandchildren.

She retired to Whidbey Island after twenty years service with Dept of Defense; the Naval Academy in Annapolis and the Air Force in Fort Meade, Maryland.

Our new member enjoys photography, hiking, travel, concerts, films and plays and her contact information is now on our local Whidbey Island AAUW website (aauw-whidbeyisland.org).



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Pat Hamilton, editor