



THE AAUW ISLANDER April 2012

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



BRANCH MEETING:

DATE: Tuesday, April 10th

TIME: 7:00pm (Members to arrive by 6:45pm)

LOCATION: Coupeville United Methodist Church, 608 N. Main St.

PROGRAM: SCHOLARS RECOGNITION RECEPTION

Outstanding young women from all three Whidbey Island high schools and Skagit Valley College will be honored at this reception. Our speaker will be Kira Homola, a former AAUW Whidbey Island Branch grant recipient who is now a senior at the University of Washington. High school juniors will be recognized for excellence in Science, Technology and Math. Scholarships will be presented to high school senior grant recipients. A scholarship to the National College Conference for Women Student Leaders in Maryland will be presented to a Skagit Valley Community College Student. Another scholarship will be awarded to a SVCC senior who is going on to a 4-year college. We encourage all of our branch members to attend this event, since it is the most important one of the year with respect to our mission.

***More volunteers are needed to bring refreshments, since we will have a larger crowd than in previous years. Please call Carol Rice at 678-8332, or email her at ricecarol257@gmail.com if you can help.

***To assist us in welcoming and seating the students, their families and other guests, please plan to arrive by 6:45pm.

"Let's Fill Carole's Garage!" (with donations for the Sale). We have a great new venue for the Sale on Saturday, October 6th. It is the Grace Community Church on the main highway just south of Oak Harbor. The facility has a nice space we will be using and it has lots of parking. I can pick up donations and Jessica has offered to do so as well. Call me anytime - Thanks! Christina Moats



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Fashion Show was a complete success and we have an additional \$2300 in our scholarship treasury. Thanks go to remarkable Clare and her committee!! The community donated some great raffle gifts and the Casual House selected some winning fashions.

It is AAUW Convention time - August 13th to 15th in Tacoma. Details can be gotten from conventioncommittee@aauw-wa.org. This is a time to get to know other branches and what they do and learn about the latest research AAUW is pursuing.

The Showcase of the Arts is well on its way with Pat Lokanis dedicated to following up on the many things involved. The Showcase will be Fri. and Sat. May 4th and 5th at the Coupeville Library. There will be a reception Friday evening open to all from 5:00pm to 8:00pm catered by Oak Harbor's culinary class. Thanks to all those who signed up so far to help with the event. Dottie Sanders will work with the jurors.

Carol Rice and Shirley Bennett and their committee are working hard on Scholars Recognition evening. There are 16 students to receive recognition. This is a highlight of the year and I hope everyone plans to share it!

Christina Moats is looking for more articles for the yard sale on Oct. 6th. They will be stored at Carole LaFond's. There have been many very nice things donated so far. A special thanks to Marilyn Cowger! A receipt for your donation can be made out for tax purposes. Thanks to Bonnie to make that a reality. Our national organization is a 501c (3) non-profit entity. Call Christina to have your special items picked up. The sale will take place at Grace Community Church on the east side of hwy 20 just south of Oak Harbor.

BRANCH NEWS:

- **Book Group I** : This group meets at Cathie Estes' home on Monday April 2nd at 10am to discuss Crow Planet, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt. For more info call Cathie.
- **Book Group II**: "Joie des Livres" meets the third Wednesday of the month. April 18th at 1pm is the next meeting. The book will be Paris Wife by Paula McLain.
- **Book Group III**: "Cheryl's Readers" meets the 4th Wednesday of each month.
- **Book group IV**: "The Romeos" (Book Group for Guys) meets the 1st Thursday of the month at a member's home or a local restaurant.
- **Cultural Events**: Schedule varies.
- **Garden Group**: April 24th visit to Mount Vernon Nurseries: Christianson's, Azusa, Skagit Gardens and lunch. For questions contact Vonnie Secketa.
- **Gourmet #1** : "Rose's Gourmet" meets the 4th Thursday of the month. April's meeting, on the 26th, will be at the home of Barb Kerns. The theme is North African food. For questions contact Julie Williams (info. on the AAUW website).
- **Gourmet # 2**: "Baker's Dozen" meets the 1st Friday of each month.

- **Gourmet # 3:** “Global Gourmet” meets the 4th Friday of the month.
- **International Affairs:** This group meets the 3rd Friday of the month. The April meeting will be April 20th in the Coupeville Library at 10:00am. The subject being discussed is "Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq: right time, right pace?" with Vonnie Secketa as moderator. Chair, Mary Pattison
- **The Quilter's Group:** Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month
- **The Lunch Bunch:** This group will meet April 25th 2pm at the Silverwater Café in Port Townsend and then do a movie at 4pm. ++Please contact Jessica Koeberle, chair, for more information or to make reservations.
- **The Thursday Night Supper Group:** Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

THE DREAM KITCHEN TOUR:

August 24 Pre-tour
Friday evening for Homeowners, Kitchen Coordinators
and the Chair of Hospitality Center

August 25 Publicized Tour
Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm for public and general membership

Kitchen selections are being finalized. Ticket sales will begin in June. We need all hands on deck on the day of the tour for two-hour assignments as kitchen docents, hospitality center hostesses or parking attendants. As we approach summer the Kitchen Tour Team will be reaching out to each member of the branch to determine availability and confirm assignments. Last year's introduction of a Hospitality Center was very well received and we will have this center again in the 2012 tour. Full color, laminated promotional bookmarks will be available for distribution in late May. We are working on last year's nemesis - tour signs that would not stand in the hard August ground. We are continuing Marti's efforts to upgrade the supplies provided to the Kitchen Coordinators.

**The 4th annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show was held on March 22nd and was a big success! 100 guests enjoyed a luncheon of quiche, salad, and chocolate mousse followed by a showing of the latest spring styles from Casual House in Oak Harbor. The fashions were modeled by our own lovely AAUW members. Local merchants donated 18 prizes for the raffle which preceded the show and three very brave husbands volunteered to sell the raffle tickets. The event raised \$2300 for our scholarship fund.
Clare Christiansen, Luncheon/Fashion Show Chair**

*******Please note: Christina Moats and Julie Williams have new email addresses. They can be found in the branch directory of the Member Center section on the website.**

LEGAL ADVOCACY FOUNDATION (LAF) AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOUNDATION (EF) UPDATES: FROM MILLI STANTON

THE SUPPORT OF OUR BRANCH FOR THESE TWO NATIONAL FUNDS IN THE PAST HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. THIS YEAR THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THE WAY THE FUNDS WERE COLLECTED AND SENT IN. IN OCTOBER, LOU HARTLEY (EF CHAIR) GAVE A GOOD SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL FUNDS AND THEIR DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS. SINCE WE HAD COLLECTED IN MARCH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR NO OTHER COLLECTION WAS MADE WHICH AFFECTED OUR GIVING. THEREFORE, AT THE RECENT BRANCH BOARD MEETING, WE VOTED TO HAVE A MAIL APPEAL FOR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDS THIS NOVEMBER AND TO HAVE THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF SALES (WHICH WILL HAVE A DIFFERENT NAME) GO TO A SPLIT BETWEEN LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND AND THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ANY DONATIONS DESIGNATED FOR THESE TWO FUNDS BY ANY MEMBER AND SENT THROUGH THE BRANCH OR SENT DIRECTLY AND IDENTIFYING OUR BRANCH WILL GIVE OUR BRANCH CREDIT AND ARE DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR INCOME TAX. LIKEWISE, ANY DONATIONS OF ITEMS TO THE RUMMAGE SALE ARE DEDUCTIBLE AS ALL OF THE RUMMAGE SALE MONIES ARE GOING TO THESE NATIONAL FUNDS. CHRISTINE MOATS SAYS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A WHOPPER OF A SALE AS MANY VALUABLE ITEMS ARE ALREADY STORED AWAY FOR THE OCTOBER SALE. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO ADD TO THE STASH SO THAT WE CAN REALLY PUBLICIZE THIS SALE AS SOMETHING SPECIAL. YOU MAY CONTACT CHRISTINE TO GET A RECEIPT OF ITEMS ALREADY DONATED IF YOU NEED ONE. MANY OF YOU ASKED FOR LAF UPDATES FROM OUR OCTOBER PROGRAM.

ITEM 1 -FOR SEVEN YEARS AAUW SUPPORTED THE UNIVERSITY CALIFORNIA WOMEN WRESTLERS IN THEIR TITLE IX LAW SUIT AGAINST THE SCHOOL. ON FEB. 16, THE TWO PARTIES REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO SETTLE WITH THE UNIVERSITY PAYING 1.35 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES. PLAINTIFFS AND THEIR LAWYER HAVE SENT AAUW MANY MESSAGES EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR OUR MEMBERS' STEADFAST SUPPORT, STRESSING THAT THE FINAL VICTORY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT IT.

ITEM 2 - A NEW TITLE IX CASE WAS ACCEPTED IN FEB. BY AAUW CONCERNING BULL VS. THE BOARD TRUSTEES OF BALL STATE UNIVERSITY. KATHY BULL, WAS HEAD COACH FOR WOMENS' TENNIS AT BALL STATE U IN INDIANA FOR 21 YEARS. SHE BELIEVES SHE WAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY A FIRING IN MIDSEASON AS A RETALIATION FOR SPEAKING OUT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT.

ITEM 3 -LEGAL ADVOCACY IS NOW SUPPORTING A SECOND MILITARY SEXUAL CASE. A LAWSUIT WAS FILED ON MARCH 8 BY 8 CURRENT AND FORMER US MARINE CORPS AND NAVY SERVICE MEMBERS AGAINST THE US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND MANY OFFICERS. THIS IS SIMILAR TO THE CCIACA CASE WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF A DOCUMENTARY , THE INVISIBLE WAR, WHICH PREMIERED BEFORE SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND AAUW MEMBERS AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.



Alice O'Grady has joined our branch! She was born in Seattle and lived in Kirkland, Mukilteo, Phoenix, Everett and Long Beach, CA. She moved to Coupeville in Feb. 2012.

Alice has a BA in English from Seattle Pacific University (1975), a Masters in Library Science from the University of Washington (1992) and received her Teaching Certificate in 1993. She has worked in various school districts, has published one article in "Educational Leadership", and a self-published short novel. She has also worked at GTE and Bell Telephone Co. Currently she is a retired/part-time teacher in the Oak Harbor School District. Alice's partner's name is Jim. She has adopted two children from Korea and is expecting her first grandchild in August. Her interests include gardening, reading, writing, and conversation.



The results are in from the Nominating Committee. The Board has approved a full slate which includes a good representation of experienced and new members.

President - Sue Norman

Vice President - Linda Riffe

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Membership Co-Vice President - Meg Eisenbraun

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Program Co-Vice President - Pat Lokanis

The work on the Nominating Committee is long, detailed and full of peaks and valleys. Many thanks to Betty Nichols, Vonnie Secketa and chair Bonnie Abney!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR APRIL BIRTHDAY MEMBERS:



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| Marisa LaRue | 4/4 |
| Blair McDaniel | 4/6 |
| Julia Hodson | 4/9 |
| Rita Peterson | 4/9 |
| Marj McNae | 4/11 |
| Becky Bolte | 4/14 |
| Ellen Vlasak | 4/24 |
| Lou Hartley | 4/25 |

Pat Hamilton, editor