



THE AAUW ISLANDER MAY 2012

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



BRANCH MEETING:

DATE: Saturday, May 12th

TIME: 9:30am social hour; 10:00am program

LOCATION: Whidbey Telecom Community Media and Conference Center, 1651 Main Street, Freeland, WA 98249

PROGRAM: Judy Rising, a member of the Benaroya Research Institute Speakers Bureau, will give a presentation about research the institute has been conducting in the field of autoimmune diseases in women. We will also hold our election of officers for 2012-13. Coffee and tea will be served. Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible. There is also plenty of free parking on the roads near the center.

SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS: by Pat Lokanis

Please mark Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th on your calendars and plan to visit the Coupeville Library to view our All Island Showcase of the Arts. The library hours are 10 – 5 pm both days. There will be a member of AAUW there to greet you.

RECEPTION:

This year we have added something new! There will be a reception on Friday, May 4th from 5 – 8 pm. It will be catered by our award winning Wildcat Catering from Oak Harbor High School for the students, teachers their friends and family. Students will be presented with their awards at this time. The general public is also welcome to this reception. We urge you to attend this important event honoring our island high school students art students.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Scholars Night was a success and we have to thank Carol Rice and Shirley Bennett as co-chairs! From all reports the presenters were great, the guests were proud and appreciative, the speaker was profound and the desserts were outstanding.

It is a busy time for our branch. Next weekend is the Showcase of the Arts when we will see what the high school students are doing. Pat Lokanis and Dottie Sanders are working hard to make the space at the Coupeville Library work and get the student works up for the judges in time. Be sure to come to the Library May 4th or 5th to experience it all. The artist reception is on Friday evening with special treats and awards for the best works.

The next weekend, Saturday May 12th, will be our Annual Meeting where we will take nominations from the floor and elect our new Board for 2012-13. The slate of officers is as follows:



**President: Sue Norman
Vice President: Linda Riffe
Secretary: Mona Mathewson-Kerr
Finance Vice President: Mary Ellen Loy
Membership Co-Vice President: Christina Moats
Membership Co-Vice President: Meg Eisenbraun
Program Co-Vice President: Betty Bond
Program Co-Vice President: Pat Lokanis**

Our final Board Meeting will be on Monday, May 14th at the Coupeville Library at 10:00am. Saturday, June 9th, will be the Installation of Officers for 2012-13 at the Whidbey Golf and Country Club. This is our last meeting until September.

We did not have anyone attend the State AAUW Conference this year and we were missed! At the conference they grouped the branches into Districts. Whidbey Island is in the Northwest district along with Anacortes, Bellingham, Clallam, Everett, Mt. Vernon, Port Townsend and Stanwood. An award we received was delivered after the conference and I will show it at our Annual Meeting.

We will soon hear about the choice of a student from Skagit Valley College to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders to be held May 31st at the University of Maryland.

The scholarship recipients have been selected and the Grants Committee, under the leadership of Sue Norman, has done an outstanding job.

Hope to see you at these upcoming events, Jessica!

BRANCH NEWS:

- **Book Group I:** Contact Cathie Estes for information .
- **Book Group II:** “Joie des Livres” meets the third Wednesday of the month. May 16th at 1pm is the next meeting at Pat Hamilton’s home. The book to be discussed is Riding With the Queen by Jennie Shortridge.
- **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:** On May 22nd these gardeners will visit *Far Reaches Farm* in Port Townsend and have lunch at the *Point Hudson Café*. Contact Babette Thompson for more information.
- **Gourmet #1:** “Rose’s Gourmet” meets the 4th Thursday of the month.
- **Gourmet # 2:** “Baker’s Dozen” meets the 1st Friday of each month. The May lunch will be a week later due to the Showcase of the Arts. They will meet on Friday, May 11th at 11:30am at Vonnie Secketa’s. The theme will be French food.
- **Gourmet # 3:** “Global Gourmet” meets the 4th Friday of the month.
- **International Affairs:** On Friday May 18th at 10AM in the Coupeville Library the International Affairs group will discuss Indonesia. The facilitators are Edith Bryan and Millie Stanton.
- **The Quilter’s Group:** meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- **The Lunch Bunch:** May 23rd this group will travel to Ruby's Tea and Treasures in La Conner. Tea lovers will have a vast selection of tea for sure! That will be the last trip we take until August 22nd when we experience the Long Horn Cafe in Bow/Edison! Contact Jessica Koeberle for more information.
- **The Thursday Night Supper Group:** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The AAUW Whidbey Island Branch Grant Committee met on March 30th to select the three High School Grant recipients. Nine AAUW members participated in the reviewing and judging of applications. The \$2000 Grants were awarded to:

Taylor Lawson, Coupeville High School
Cheyenne Stolmeier, Oak Harbor High School
Taya Fiona Jae, South Whidbey High School

All three students attended our Scholars Recognition Reception on April 10th.

Linda Riffe and Marilee Petersen reviewed the applications for both art scholarships. The Susan Blank Memorial Art Scholarship for \$1600 was awarded to Nicole Ledgerwood of So. Whidbey High School. The Dale M. Fischer Art Scholarship for \$1200 was awarded to Amy Arand of So. Whidbey High School. These two awards were also presented at our Scholars Recognition Reception.

I want to thank all the AAUW members that participated in reviewing the applications. We had a total of 34 applications for the High School Grants and the members were so generous with their time to choose the best possible grant recipients.

Sue Norman
Chair, Grant Committee



THE DREAM KITCHEN TOUR

Saturday, August 25th from 10:00am - 4:00pm

We now have six kitchens confirmed for our 2012 Dream Kitchen Tour. All are in the Central Whidbey/Coupeville area. Thanks to Meg Eisenbraun, Pat Lokanis and Joan Chochon for their work in homeowner meetings and interviews. Linda McNamara will again chair the Hospitality Center which was so well received last year. This year's center will be at the Methodist Church on 6th Street in Coupeville. Joan Chochon has confirmed that the Whidbey News Times, South Whidbey Record and Whidbey Crosswind wish to again be a co-sponsors of the tour. Whidbey Telecom and WIndermere are our first patrons-- a very special enhancement of our community support network. We are replacing last year's nemesis, the tour sign stands that would not work for us in the hard August ground! We will continue Marti's efforts to upgrade the supplies provided to the kitchen coordinators. Full color, laminated promotional bookmarks will be available in late May. Membership ticket sales begin in June. Ticket outlets on the island, in Anacortes and Port Townsend will activate in mid-July.

We need all hands on deck on the day of the tour as kitchen docents, Hospitality Center hostesses and 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. **Bonnie Abney, chair**

Let's Fill Carole's Garage with donations for the Garage Sale ! We have a great new venue for the sale on Saturday, October 6th. The Grace Community Church on the main highway just south of Oak Harbor will be the new location for the sale. 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



SCHOLARS RECOGNITION RECEPTION:

STEM scholars and grant recipients were honored at a reception on April 10th at the Coupeville United Methodist Church. The Whidbey Island Branch of AAUW initiated the STEM program in 2001. The purpose was to recognize high school juniors for outstanding achievement in mathematics, science and technology.

This year's speaker at the event was Kira Homola, a senior student at the University of Washington, and former recipient of one of the grants. Kira will graduate this June with a degree in Oceanography. In her talk "Under the Deep Blue Sea", she described last summer's research trip aboard the R/V Thomas G. Thompson. This research cruise was organized by scientists from the University of Victoria, B.C, who are building a network of cables and sensors on the seafloor that extend from Vancouver Island all the way to Endeavor Seamount, 300 km offshore. Kira plans to further her studies with graduate work in geological oceanography.

STEM SCHOLARS

(Juniors recognized for achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

Coupeville High School

Amanda d'Almeida, Mathematics
Amanda d'Almeida, Science
Jai'Lysa Hoskins, Technology

Oak Harbor High School

Christina Wicker, Mathematics
Madeline Mosolino, Science
Cierra Mioduski, Technology

South Whidbey High School

Bonnie Klamm, Mathematics
Bonnie Klamm, Science
Carley Schwoerer, Technology

AAUW Whidbey Island Branch High School Grants

Taylor Lawson, Coupeville HS
Cheyenne Stolmeier, Oak Harbor HS
Taya Fiona Jae, South Whidbey HS

Dale M. Fischer Memorial Art Scholarship

Amy Arand

Susan Blank Memorial Art Scholarship

Nicole Ledgerwood

A huge thankyou goes to the interview teams who met with the students at each of the high schools, prepared information about the scholars and introduced them at the awards. A special thanks to Mary Ellen Loy, Meg Eisenbraun, Marilee Petersen, Pat Lokanis, Vonnie Secketa, Sarah Mackaman and Nancy Hodges who went the extra mile for this project !

Carol Rice and Shirley Bennett—Co-Chairs STEM Scholars

*******ATTENTION AND LOOK AHEAD TO JUNE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

JUNE INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS AND BRUNCH

DATE: Saturday, June 9, 2012

TIME: 9:30 social hour, 10:30 brunch and program

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

PROGRAM: Annual AAUW Whidbey Island Branch installation of new officers and membership brunch. Please make reservations with Meg Eisenbraun or Betty Bond by June 1st. Their contact information can be found in the membership section of our website (aauw-whidbeyisland.org) or in your membership directory. A check made out to AAUW for \$18 may be paid at the May meeting or at the June brunch. Finance Officer Mary Ellen Loy will also collect membership dues for 2012-13 at the brunch. If you are not attending the brunch, please send your check for \$72 made out to AAUW to:

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Coupeville, WA 09239

At the May 14th Board Meeting, we will decide who to pick as this year's Named Gift Honorees to be announced at the June luncheon. If you wish to nominate someone for this honor, send Lou Hartley their name and any comments (her contact information is in your directory or on our website (aauw-whidbeyisland.org)). To see the list of past recipients check the last page of your yearbook. (Two recipients missing from that list are Jean Gervais and Carol LaFond) . During the 2011-2012 fiscal year seventeen of our members contributed \$1,132 to AAUW Funds (specifically Legal Advocacy and Educational Opportunities Funds). Thus we are eligible to honor TWO members. --Lou Hartley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS:



Annie Campbell	5/10
Bonnie Abney	5/14
Kathleen Shaw	5/17

Pat Hamilton. editor