



THE AAUW ISLANDER September 2012

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



BRANCH MEETING:

DATE: Saturday September 8th

TIME: 9:30am

LOCATION: **Please note that we will meet at the First United Methodist Church in Oak Harbor. The address is: 1050 SE Ireland Street. Coming from the south on Hwy. 20 turn right on Barrington which is just after the highway makes a sharp turn north. Walgreen's is on the corner. Go past the postoffice and continue until just after City Hall. Turn right on Ireland which is a one way street. The parking lot will be on your left.

PROGRAM: Potluck Social—we will share summer adventures, meet our newest members, hear about the 1012-13 programs and have an opportunity to sign up for interest groups and projects. Please bring a dish to share

INTEREST GROUP SIGN-UP'S:

Interest group sign-up sheets will be available at the September 8th general meeting. We are trying a new format for this coming year. At each table there will be one sign-up sheet with all interest groups on it and one sign-up sheet with committees on it. Each person at each table will be asked to sign up for those activities she is interested in prior to leaving the meeting that morning. **Please note: If you are already a member of one of the interest groups and plan to continue this year, you do not need to sign up for that one again. If a chair position is vacant, please consider signing up to be chair of that interest group or committee or co-chair with a friend! Remember, we are only successful because of your participation. Thank you so much for being a part of our activities! Linda Riffe, Vice President



2012 Dream Kitchen Tour

Our initial figures tell us that we had 335 tickets sold for this year's Dream Kitchen Tour. The total proceeds include these ticket sales, cookbook sales at the Hospitality Center (\$350.00) and a large array of advertisements in the Passport and the support of our two Patrons, Whidbey Telecom and Windermere. A final accounting will be possible by mid September.

Congratulations and thanks are in order for all those who gave their time and ticket sales skills to this fourth successful tour! Bonnie Abney, chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back to a new year with AAUW. I know we all had a busy and productive summer. The Officer Installation event in June was lovely, as always. Congratulations to our Named Honorees, Meg Eisenbraun and Pat Hamilton. Annually Honorees contribute outstanding service to our branch. Meg was co-Program Vice President and Pat was newsletter editor to name just a part of their much appreciated efforts. Our branch and its members contributed more than \$1,000. To AAUW Funds and this entitled us to two Named Honorees this year.

After acknowledging and thanking our 2011-2012 Board, our new slate of Officers for 2012-2013 was installed.

President-----Sue Norman
Vice President-----Linda Riffe
Secretary-----Mona Mathewson-Kerr
V.P. Finance-----Mary Ellen Loy
Co-VPs Programs-----Pat Lokanis
 Betty Bond
Co-VPs Membership-----Meg Eisenbraun
 Christina Moats

The following chairs have yet to be filled: Public Policy, EOF (Education Opportunities Fund), Grant Committee and one position on the Audit Committee. Please think about volunteering for one of these positions. Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held Sept. 10th at 10am in the Coupeville Library Meeting Room.

Our fund raising efforts have been ongoing throughout the year. Last March's Fashion Show cleared \$2217.00. Thanks so much to Clare Christiansen for another terrific event! Helen Bates will be the new Fashion Show Chair.

The Kitchen Tour is the major event of the Summer. Bonnie Abney and her team have worked hard to present another successful Tour. There will be a report later in the newsletter with further details.

Our third fund raising event is the Sale of Sales scheduled for Oct. 6th. The proceeds from this event comprise our main Branch donation to EOF and LAF. If you haven't taken the time to find some items to donate to the sale, please do so soon. Cathie Estes and Christina Moats are Co-Chairs of the event and can provide more information on where to drop off your donations.

Sarah Mackaman is already busy on our new Member Directory. If you have any changes in your information, please let her know by email.

I know we were all saddened to hear the news about Cheryl Read. There is an article in this newsletter about Cheryl and her active participation in so many of our group activities. It includes information about her services, which are later on in the afternoon of our Sept. Branch meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our Sept. meeting, bring a potluck dish and a friend!

Address/email changes:

Kathleen Shaw: Please be advised that my e-mail address has been changed. The new email address is on our website: aauw-whidbeyisland.org

BRANCH NEWS:

- Book Group I : Contact Cathie Estes for information .
- Book Group II: “Joie des Livres” will meet on Sept. 19th at 1pm for lunch and to discuss Clara & Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland. Joanne Gilbert will be the hostess.
- Book Group III: Cheryl's readers meets on the fourth Wednesday at the Coupeville Library.
- 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 September 25th this group will visit Skye Nursery in Shoreline, Wight's Home and Garden in Lynnwood, Emery's Gardens in Lynnwood and have lunch. Everyone is invited! The person to contact is Betty Nichols (aaaw-whidbeyisland.org)
- Gourmet #1 : “Rose's Gourmet” meets the 4th Thursday of the month.
- Gourmet # 2: “Baker's Dozen” will meet for lunch at the home of Jean Fitzgerald on Friday, September 7th at 11:30 am. The theme this month will be Mexican.
- Gourmet # 3: “Global Gourmet” meets the 4th Friday of the month.
- International Affairs: The September Meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 21st, 10:00AM at the Coupeville Library. The discussion will be “Cybersecurity: The New Frontier” with Bonnie Abney and Pat Lokanis as Leaders. Mary Pattison, Chair
- The Lunch Bunch: Contact Jessica Koeberle for more information.
- The Thursday Night Supper Group: meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Our dear friend Cheryl Read passed away on July 23rd. Cheryl was a valued member of our Whidbey Island branch and was always active in its programs. She participated in Women in History Month, our annual Fashion Show, was a Dream Kitchen Tour coordinator, and a member of the AAUW Grants Committee. In addition, she was involved in all of our book groups, and actually began the third one which was renamed “Cheryl's Readers” in her honor.

Cheryl was born in Washington and grew up in Bellingham. She had a Master's in Learning Resources and loved teaching at all levels, from pre-school to college. She had a passion for books and was known for reading up to eight books at the same time. She married her high school sweetheart, Bill, and they had three children and 5 grandchildren

Cheryl's family is celebrating her life in a service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland on Saturday, September 8th. This follows our first branch meeting of the season, and I'm sure those of us who valued Cheryl's friendship will want to attend to help her family celebrate her courageous spirit and her generous life.



On return home from “Cheryl's Readers” (book group #3) on Wednesday August 22nd Mary Pattison was in a very bad car accident on Hwy 20 and Banta Road. Despite the horrific condition of the car, she made it through! She has a fractured hip, bruises, lacerations and a mild concussion. As of Monday, 9/27, Mary has been moved from Critical Care to room 114D at Whidbey General Hospital. She expects to move to Careage within a day or two. She is reading and resting; but is NOT up to phone calls at this time.

THE TERRIFIC TREASURES & GREAT DEALS SALE –Christina Moats and Cathie Estes, Chairs



We are making great progress towards having a successful sale on Saturday Oct 6th! As you may know, the Sale raises funds that go directly to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. This fund gives financial and administrative support to plaintiffs in gender-based education and employment discrimination cases that have the potential to set precedent. LAF also provides an on-line lawyer-referral service and legal-resource library.

The following is a list of those signed up to work the Sale:

Friday, Oct 5th:

10am -12pm---- Marti Thomson, Betty Bond, Jessica Koeberle, Blair McDaniel and Nancy Hodges.

12-2pm----Sue Norman, Betty Nichols and Jan Heideger

2-4pm---- Lou Hartley and Alice O'Grady **we need more help here!

****Cathie Estes and I will be working the entire day on Friday.**

Saturday, Oct. 6th:

8-10am----Carole LaFond, Jessica Koeberle, Virginia Tecker, Cathie and I.

10am to 12pm----Sue Dufek and Milli Stanton **we need more help here!

12-2pm---- Jean Gervais, Mary Ellen Loy and Helen Chatfield-Weeks.

2-4pm----Erlene Little, Mona Mathewson-Kerr, Nancy Hodges and Pat Hamilton.

We do need as much help as possible on this shift as we will be doing clean-up and transport of things that have not sold. **If you can help with any of these openings, please contact Cathie or Christina (their contact info can be found on our website at: aauw-whidbeyisland.org).

The membership has done a great job filling Carole's garage as she has a large inventory at this time. Future donations can be taken to Carole's in Oak Harbor. If that is not convenient, please contact Christina and she will pick up what you have. It would be great to have some small furnishings such as end tables to put out along the highway to catch people's attention as they drive by! Contact Christina for tax donation receipts.

Finally, we are in need of help to transport items from Carole's garage to the sale site at Grace Community Church near the Drive-in. If anyone can help Christina with that at 8am Friday morning, it would be much appreciated. Thank you for all your donations!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jean Livingston Ascher

Jean grew up in Adrian, Michigan. She graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a BA in English and then earned her Masters in Social Work from the University of Illinois, Chicago. She worked as a school social worker and therapist in the Chicago area for 20 years.

Jean and her husband Tom moved here from Bellingham and spend winters in Sedona, Arizona, where she has been a member of a local university women's group for 10 years, involved in hospitality and fundraising. The Aschers are currently stewards in the Nature Conservancy on the island. They have a daughter in Colorado, son in California., four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Angie Diane Homola

Angie received her AA in General Studies and Architecture at Pierce College in Woodland Hills, California. She then earned a BS in Architecture at WSU in Pullman, Washington with a term spent abroad at London Central Polytechnic.

Angie has worked as a machinist and carpenter, and is an architect. She currently serves as the District 2 Island County Commissioner.

She and her husband Jerry, a Naval officer and aviator, have had tours in Ventura and Los Gatos, Calif., Honolulu, Hawaii, and Washington, DC, as well as Whidbey NAS. They have two children, Kira (who is a recipient of one of our scholarships) and Wyatt, who will be a senior and class president at Oak Harbor High School next year.

Angie enjoys hiking, gardening, scuba diving and backpacking. She has been involved in issues such as land use planning, low income housing and marine environment studies. Her community service also includes noxious weed removal, trash pick-up, and food for Help House.

Sally Albright Merrill

Sally was born in New Jersey and lived on Long Island, New York, and in Los Angeles.

She graduated from Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts, with a BA in Chemistry and was employed as a Nuclear Medicine Tech by the Rockefeller Foundation in New York City and the UCLA Medical Center.

She enjoys reading, gardening and "watching the wildlife parade from the front porch with a glass of wine."

Sally and her husband John have three children, five grandchildren and one great grandson.

Lynn Marie Ries

Lynn was born in Burns, Oregon, and lived in Eugene until she was 27. She then moved to Seattle and attended the University of Washington where she received her BA, MA and PhD in Sociology.

She is employed as a Senior Marketing Consultant for Canopy Group Consulting and is currently working for Habitat for Humanity.

Lynn's interests include fundraising, reading, cultural affairs, her AAUW gourmet group, scuba diving, gardening and yoga.

AAUW SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:



Mona Mattewson-Kerr and Jessica Koeberle represented our Whidbey Island Branch and journeyed to Ellensburg at the beginning of August to participate in the State AAUW Summer Leadership Conference. The State Co-Presidents are Kelvie Comer and Barbara Sando.

The session opened with a presentation by Jim McDonald of the Paul Allen Foundation on "Bright Spots Leadership" which became the theme for the day. "Bright Spots" are successful non-profit organizations that are able to adapt to changing circumstances and continue to thrive in their missions.

Organizational tools by "Bright Spot" non-profits may include a) a clear purpose, b) flexibility, and c) engagement in the community.

Some suggestions in using these tools were: Often we treat everything as urgent - just treat it as important, stay the healthy person you are, have a plan - get control, often habits and attitudes hold us back, recruit others, develop habits to be in balance, be proactive, have an end in mind, put 1st things 1st, think win - win - win, first understand then be understood and sharpen the saw!

Jim McDonald's gift of appreciation was a Dottie Sanders Deception Pass painting which gave us great pride for her work!

The importance of AAUW was discussed and the workshop participants came up with the following: AAUW promotes education and equity, scholarship, important history, leadership training, legal advocacy, research on relevant issues, reproductive rights, interest groups, diversity of occupations, meeting programs of interests, versatile websites, community projects / community service, and collaboration.

We received comprehensive lists on how to fund for "bright spot" projects and ideas for fundraising events and sales. It was a very hot day at Central but we learned a lot !

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:



Sally Dillon	9/03
Rebecca Sundberg	9/06
Mona Mathewson	9/15
Carole LaFond	9/19
Sandy Overton	9/28
Cathleen Queeno-Wall	9/28
Julie Williams	10/01
Kay Klein	10/02
Linda Riffe	10/03
Fran Spicer	10/18
Jeannette Fitzgerald	10/18
Babette Thompson	10/18
Rosemary Toft	10/21
Yvonne Winslow	10/28
June Cook	10/29

NATIONAL AAUW STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:
The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.
Pat Hamilton, editor