



THE AAUW ISLANDER OCTOBER 2012

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



BRANCH MEETING

DATE: Saturday October 13th

TIME: 9:30am Social Hour

10am Program—Linda Riffe, one of our members and the former Island County Treasurer, will be one of our speakers. Bonnie Abney will also make a presentation on the future of our Dream Kitchen Tour.

LOCATION: Trinity Lutheran Church 18341 State Route #525 (on the corner of Woodard Ave. and across from the Community Thrift Store).

The sign-up sheets for Interest Groups, Fundraisers, and Community Outreach for this coming year have been collected from the September meeting. All names that appeared on the sign-up sheets have been put on a master sheet for each category and e-mailed to the chair of that activity. The sign-up sheets will be out again at the October meeting (the last time this season). If you have not signed up for something, please consider what you might be able to do this coming year to assist and/or have fun! I will collect those at the end of the October meeting and add new names to the master and send them out to the chairs of those activities. Please ask if you have questions. Thank you for your participation—looking forward to a great year! Linda Riffe, VP



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our September Branch meeting had a great turn out. Members enjoyed sharing potluck dishes and signing up for a new year of interest groups, fund raisers and community outreach projects. Linda Riffe will have the sign-up sheets available at the October branch meeting. After the Sept. meeting, several of us continued on to Trinity Lutheran Church for Cheryl Read's "Celebration of Life". The service featured Cheryl's choirs from Christ Lutheran of Ferndale and Trinity Lutheran of Freeland, including our own Marilee Petersen. Thanks to all that made the effort to attend and remember Cheryl in our group and in our lives.

The Board of Directors meeting was held Sept. 10th. One of the important discussions concerned the administrative budget. Currently our branch dues fund this budget. This amounts to \$13 per member. For the last few years we have fallen short of having enough funds to cover our expenses. We had enough surplus from previous years to cover the shortfall, but this will not continue indefinitely. The audit committee suggested some possible remedies. These include:

- a. Withdraw from State AAUW (\$10/member)
- b. Consider a fund raiser with funds not dedicated to LAF/EOF or scholarships
- c. Increase our dues

I would love to hear some ideas from membership about possible fund raisers.

Finally...remember that Sarah Mackaman is working on our new Directory. If you have any changes in your information or would like to update your picture, please let her know. ---Sue Norman, president

Our sympathies go out to Kathleen Shaw on the death of her husband, Doug Francis, on August 23rd. A graveside service with full military honors was held at Bayview Cemetery in Bellingham on Saturday, September 15th. Family and friends may go online at www.burleyfuneralchapel.com to sign a register book and leave remembrances.

Many have asked about how Mary Pattison is doing. She headed home from Careage on Sept 4th. Once settled in at home she is open to phone calls from friends who have not been able to call since the accident.

Erlene Little wishes to thank ALL of the AAUW members who have sent flowers, memorial contributions, phone calls and e-mails following her recent 2 week bronchitis hospitalization, her father's death, and then her fall

breaking her right wrist. All of your support has really helped very much !





BRANCH NEWS:

- **Book Group I :** Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 10am in Cathie Estes' home. October title: Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard. November title: Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller. You are welcome to join us, even if you haven't read the book.
- **Book Group II:** "Joie des Livres" will meet on Oct. 7th in Joan Chochon's home at 1pm. The book to be discussed is Unbroken by Lauren Hillenbrand.
- **Book Group III:** "Cheryl's Readers" selection for October 24th is "Digging to America" which will be facilitated by Erlene Little. Book Group III meets at the Coupeville library at 10am on the 4th Wed. of each month. New members are encouraged to join or at least just visit.
- **Book Group IV:** "Romeos" (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meets at 1pm on the first and third Thursdays at the Oak Harbor China City. They have a special room in the back reserved for them.
- **Garden Group: Gourmet #1 :** "Rose's Gourmet" meets the 4th Thursday of the month.
- **Gourmet # 2:** "Baker's Dozen" will be hosted on October 12th at 11:30am by Pat Lokanis. The theme is Oktoberfest and they will be having beer and German food.
- **Gourmet # 3:** "Global Gourmet" meets the 4th Friday of the month.
- **International Affairs:** Mary Pattison, Chair
- **The Lunch Bunch:** Contact Jessica Koeberle for more information.
- **The Thursday Night Supper Group:** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- **Participate in the Fall (October 2nd) Legal Advocacy Fund Information Conference Call ---** On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 8 p.m. EDT/5 p.m. PDT, LAF staff will hold a conference call open to all members who want to learn about the latest LAF programs and updates. The presentation will last about 30 minutes with additional time for questions. To participate and to receive call-in information, please e-mail laf@aauw.org by October 1. --- Millie

The STEM Scholarship Event needs members interested in meeting with the high school students selected by their faculty in the early Spring 2013. You are encouraged to sign up at our October meeting! This is an easy and totally delightful experience, which exemplifies one of our core values, academic/financial opportunities for young women!
Carol Rice and Shirley Bennett, STEM co-chairs

Please take photos of your interest group activities. We need them for the Branch Scrapbook!
Nancy Hodges, Historian



THE TERRIFIC TREASURES & GREAT DEALS SALE SAT. Oct. 6th

We are making great progress towards having a successful sale on Sat. Oct 6th! As you may know, the Sale raises funds that go to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund which gives financial and administrative support to plaintiffs in gender-based education and employment discrimination cases. Funds also go to the Educational Fund.

I would like to thank those who have signed up to help with the Sale. Any donations you may have can be brought directly to the Grace Community Church on Highway 20 near the drive-in movie theater on Friday Oct 5th from 9am to 2pm. And, of course, we invite members to come and buy things as well - get a jump start on holiday shopping!

Contact Christina or Cathie with any questions.



Eileen Marie Clark
Coupeville, WA 98239
Husband: Wayne

Eileen was born and raised in the Pacific NW. She moved to Alaska, on her own in 1970. She also has lived in Utah, Wisconsin, Germany and Vermont. Eileen attended four different colleges for her undergraduate studies. She says that she was "on the seven year program"!

She earned a B.A. in English from Portland State University and after 14 years of teaching, she earned an M.A. from Bread Loaf School of English. She has been active in the Alaska State Writing Consortium and worked as an administrative assistant for BLSE from 1997-2011 on their Juneau, Oxford and Santa Fe campuses. Although she has retired, she has put her passion into educational consulting and technical writing. Eileen also enjoys fiber arts, reading, gardening and birds.

This is her first time to join AAUW. Welcome Eileen !

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:



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
Pat Hamilton	11/01
Lois Faucher	11/10
Marilee Petersen	11/11
Cee Shacker	11/18
Susan Norman	11/21
Barb Kerns	11/21
Angie Homola	11/23
Jan Heideger	11/27

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