



THE AAUW ISLANDER NOVEMBER 2012

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



BRANCH MEETING

DATE: Saturday November 10th

TIME: 9:30am Social Hour; Program at 10am

PROGRAM: Technical Knowledge—everyone should bring a mobile device or laptop to the meeting and be prepared to ask questions about their own personal technical items.

LOCATION: Whidbey Teleconference Center on Main Street in Freeland (next to Webb's Department Store)



The Terrific Treasures and Great Deals Sale was a success! A big thanks goes to every member who helped set up and price items, those who worked the day of the Sale and to those who did the clean up. We also had many members come to shop and buy things which helped our sales numbers.

We raised almost \$1200, a significant increase over last year's funds raised. It was great to have raised more money than last year, considering the continued challenges in the economy. The new venue, Grace Community Church, worked very well with lots of parking and great exposure to highway traffic. We had a nice selection of items donated by AAUW members. Thanks to all for your generosity and support of this project which raises funds for LAF and EOF. Christina Moats

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

For those of you not familiar with EOF, here is a summary of the good work that it covers. EOF falls under the umbrella of "AAUW Funds," a non-profit, 501(c)(3), tax deductible part of our organization that began in 1888. It is one of the oldest and largest private sources of educational fellowships and grants for women and girls, in the world. It also acts as a clearing house for undergraduate scholarships and grants available from branches across the country. In addition it manages a network of past and current AAUW fellows and grantees.

Since our branch is giving \$601.00 of the garage sale profits to EOF this year, there will be no "Non Gala Event" this year. However, I know there are many of you who donate to EOF every year and I encourage you continue to do that in the month of November. Make checks payable to AAUW Funds and in the memo write the code for EOF (4336). Under that write Whidbey Island Branch. You can either give it to Mary Ellen Loy ,our treasurer, at a meeting or mail it to her at her address in your directory or on our website (aauw-whidbeyisland.org). You can also mail it directly to AAUW Funds, P.O. Box 98045, Washington D.C. 20090-8045. --- Julie Williamson, EOF chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I was pleased with the turnout at our October Branch Meeting. I know many of our members were attending Deanna Mitchell's Memorial Service. We welcomed a new member from Langley, Marie Miller. Bonnie Abney brought us all up to date on the Kitchen Tour and Julie Williams spoke about EOF. Linda Riffe explained the duties and responsibilities of the Island County Treasurer's Office. It involves a lot more than just opening envelopes and depositing checks. We also asked for a "show of hands" on whether to have food available during our social time before the branch meeting. It was a strong "yes" vote and many members signed up to bring goodies to our next meeting. Alice O'Grady is our new Hospitality Chair and will be calling or emailing those that signed up for the November meeting.

Our November Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 12th at 10am at Coupeville Library. All of our Board meetings are listed on the website...just click on the Calendar button.

We still have some Committee Chair positions unfilled for this coming year. We need a Chair for the Arts Scholarships (Susan Blank and Dale Fischer Memorial Scholarships) and an overall Chair for the Kitchen Tour. We also need a person for Public Policy. The previous Chairs are more than willing to guide and advise you through the coming months. Please consider these positions.

See you at the November meeting... Sue Norman



2013 DREAM KITCHEN TOUR

Preliminary planning is underway for next year's Dream Kitchen Tour. The tour will likely be held on the south end of the island: Clinton, Scatchett Head and Langley. We have settled on Saturday, August 24th 2013 as that avoids the Island Country Fair, several other island events as well as the Labor Day weekend and the beginning of the school year. Research has begun in the search for kitchens and a Hospitality Center site. Any and all recommendations are welcome!

Most important is completing the leadership team! As you can see we have great people who have stepped up to take on seven of the twelve leadership roles. Four have yet to be filled to include the most important of all, Dream Kitchen Tour Chair. The responsibilities and history of each position have been documented and those who have previously held given positions stand ready to provide support. If you have management skills, organizational skills and can attend to

detail we need you to be part of this team. If you would like to learn more about any of these positions give Bonnie Abney a call. Her personal contact information can be found on our website: www.aauw-whidbeyisland.org

Leadership Positions filled:

Event Finances	Jan Heideger
Hospitality Center	Linda McNamara
Promotion	Helen Bates
Tour Day Volunteers	Mary Ellen Loy
Ticket Sales	Sue Norman
Homeowner Pre-tour	Pat Hamilton
Homeowner Gift	Jessica Koeberle

Leadership Positions TO BE filled:

Kitchen Tour Chair
Dream Kitchens Selection
Sponsorship Selection
Publicity



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 Nov. 14th in the home of Sheryl Sato at 1pm. The book to be discussed is Fall of Giants by Ken Follett.
- **Book Group III**: "Cheryl's Readers" meet 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.
- **Garden Group**: Gourmet #1 : Rose's Gourmet will be meeting on the 15th at the home of MaryAnn Stafford. The theme will be the "Day of the Dead." Each member is asked to research typical food for that day on the internet.
- **Gourmet # 2**: "Baker's Dozen" will meet November 1st at 11:30am in the home of Sandy Overton. The theme will be Thanksgiving side dishes and desserts.
- **Gourmet # 3**: "Global Gourmet" meets the 4th Friday of the month.
- **International Affairs**: This group will meet on Friday, November 16th at 10:00AM in the Coupeville Library. The topic for discussion will be Chapter 4 in the Great Decisions book - "Cybersecurity; the new frontier". The discussion leaders will be Bonnie Abney and Pat Lokanis. All AAUW members are welcome to attend.
- **The Lunch Bunch**: Our November and December lunches are scheduled early due to the holidays. On November 14th our group heads for Skagit Gardens in Mt. Vernon for a special holiday experience. On December 12th we go to Bayview to the popular Basil Cafe. If you are interested in being a new sign-up, please contact Jessica Koeberle (her contact info. can be found on our website at www.aauw-whidbeyisland.org)
- **The Thursday Night Supper Group**: meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.



Marie Louise Miller:

Marie was born in the South of France and grew up in Gabon, Africa, where her father was a petroleum engineer. She earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from the Ecole Polytechnique Fem. in 1970 and then came to New York City College to earn a Masters of Electrical Engineering. That is where she met her first husband and stayed in the U.S. She moved to Houston with him and worked in the oil industry as an engineer with projects in Louisiana, Middle East and Arctic. Marie went to law school while in Texas and earned a J.D. in 1990 from the U. of Texas. She met and married her second husband, Paul Miller, in Houston. After moving to Washington, DC, she practiced law for 12 years before retiring and moving to Whidbey.

Marie has two daughters, one in Arizona who has two children and the other in Virginia who has one child. Our new member is interested in participating in community life, and is on the board of the Langley Library. She also enjoys gardening, quilting and reading.

We need someone (or two persons) to co-chair the Visual & Performing Arts Scholarships for next year. Could you be that person? Mentoring/help and resources are available. Please don't be shy—give me a call to talk about this wonderful opportunity. Linda's phone number and email address can be found in your directory and on our website (aauw-whidbeyisland.org). You will feel great helping young women realize their dreams!

Sign-up sheets will be at the November meeting in Freeland. See you then. . Linda Riffe

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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
Diane Peters	12/02
Linda Halvorson	12/08
Milli Stanton	12/14
Betty Bond	12/31

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