



THE AAUW ISLANDER DECEMBER 2012

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



BRANCH MEETING:

DATE: Saturday December 8th

TIME: 11am social; 11:30am luncheon

PROGRAM: Our Christmas Luncheon which will include chicken crepes, salad, roll, dessert and a beverage. The cost of the lunch is \$20. (tax and gratuity are included) and can be paid the day of the lunch. There will also be a cash bar. Advanced reservations are requested; but not required as this will be a help in the restaurant's set up. Please email or call Pat Lokanis. Her phone number and email address can be found in your directory or on our website: aauw-whidbeyisland.org.

****There will be a box available for collection of items to be donated to Toys are Us. Please be sure they are unwrapped!**

LOCATION: Cameron's Café at 830 Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor

The restaurant is in a small mall, for those of you not familiar with Oak Harbor. It can be accessed from Pioneer Way or from a parking lot behind the building which is on Fidalgo Street.

JANUARY MEETING WITH OUR LEGISLATORS

Our meeting for January will be on **JANUARY 5TH** ---- on that date we join with the League of Women Voters to have an opportunity to hear from our Legislators Norma Smith, David Hayes and Barbara Bailey. They head to Olympia the next week.

It will be held at the usual location - Whidbey Golf and Country Club at 2430 SW Fairway Lane in Oak Harbor at 9:30am. The cost will be \$20 for the delicious brunch.

Please send in your reservation and check to: LWV (League of Women Voters), P.O. Box 1933, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Please make your reservation a week ahead so they will have an accurate count. That makes it Dec. 31st for the deadline ! If you have any questions, please call Hilary Willingham at 360-679-2299.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We had a good turn out for our Branch Meeting in November. The Whidbey Telecom Conference Center is a great facility and I want to thank the program V.P.s, Betty Bond and Pat Lokanis for their work in providing the speaker and the venue. Jeff Greene presented an informative program on mobile devices. Even after the program was over our members stayed on to have their questions answered.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. Now we will all be getting busy with Christmas preparations. Please note the place and time of our Holiday Party and I hope to see you there on Dec. 8th.

Our various fund raising projects and community outreach events are coming together. The Fashion Show has a firm date of March 21st. The High School Stem Awards and the Academic Scholarships are moving forward. Shirley Bennett and Carol Rice are once again Co-Chairs for the Stem Awards and Lynn Ries is Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Linda Riffe passed out sign-up sheets at our November meeting and we now have some members to help with the Art Scholarships Committee. Bonnie Abney is still looking to fill some positions for next year's Kitchen Tour. If you have missed the sign up sheets at the most recent meetings and would like to help with any of these events, please call or email Linda Riffe.

Our January Branch meeting will be the Legislative Brunch with the League of Women Voters. This is always such an informative event, especially in an election year. Please try and attend. I hope you all have a great Holiday Season. ----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:

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| 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 : Book Group 1 will meet at Cathie Estes' home on Monday, Dec.3rd at 10 am. We will be discussing Mr.Churchill's Secretary, by Susan Elia Macneal. For more info, contact Nancy Hodges (her contact info. can be found in your directory or on our website at aauw-whidbeyisland.org).
- Book Group II: “Joie des Livres” will meet on December 19th at 1pm in Marti Thomson’s home. The book to be discussed is Lost in Shangri-la by Mitchell Zuckoff.
- Book Group III: “Cheryl’s Readers” meet at the Coupeville library at 10am on the 4th Wednesday 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.
- Gourmet #1 : “Rose’s Gourmet” – There will be no meeting in December.
- Gourmet # 2: “Baker’s Dozen” will meet at the home of Helen Bates on Friday, December 7th at 11:30am. The theme for the Holiday luncheon will be an International Christmas.
- Gourmet # 3: “Global Gourmet” meets the 4th Friday of the month.
- International Affairs: There is no meeting in December !
Our next meeting is Friday January 18, 2013 at 10:00AM in the Coupeville Library.
Mary Pattison, chair
- The Lunch Bunch: The Lunch Bunch will be in south Whidbey at the Basil Cafe in Bayview on Wed., December 12th---- earlier due to the holidays! We hope to see lots of our members from the south this month. 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 on in your directory.
- The Thursday Night Supper Group: meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

@#%# PLEASE NOTE: The April 13th date for Scholars Recognition Night in the new directory is incorrect. The correct date is Tuesday, April 9TH @\$#%#

NEW MEMBERS COMING IN . . .

I have been thinking of our new members as they enter the new experience of AAUW membership. Most long term members have something in common. They get involved! For newer members there are many ways to participate on our Whidbey Branch. We now need sign-ups for the Showcase of the Arts in the spring, Scholars Night, Scholarship Committee and a Kitchen Tour Chair plus committees supporting our biggest fundraiser. Volunteers can expect plenty of support from our Board; so whether you are a brand new member or just looking for a way to be more connected, consider signing up for something!
Jessica--- Past Pres.

*******EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FUND*******

For those of you that usually make a donation to the Education Opportunities Fund (EOF) and have not done it yet for your 2012 tax deduction, there is still time. Make checks payable to "AAUW FUNDS," on the memo line write #4336. This designates that the donation is for EOF. Under the memo box write "Whidbey Island Branch." Mail to AAUW, P.O. Box 48045, Washington D.C. 20090-8045. You can also pay on line. Go to "AAUW FUNDS" (I google it) and on that page there is an explanation of each fund and at the bottom of the page are the words "secure website," click on it and you will have the site for credit card payment. ----Julie Williams, EOF Chair



Welcome our newest member, Cathy Blackburn! You can find her contact information in the Member Center on our website: aauw-whidbeyisland.org.

Cathy was born in the San Francisco Bay Area and grew up on the island of Oahu, where she went to college and met her husband Steve. They have been married 40 years and have three sons who work in the Northwest. She is semi-retired from a 30-year career in museum design and management and has recently moved back to the Northwest after two years in Ithaca, N.Y.

Cathy received a BFA in 1979 from the Design University of Hawaii, Manoa. She then earned a computer graphics certificate from the University of Washington in 2002, and a cultural resources management/museum studies graduate diploma from the U. of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., in 2011. Cathy originally joined AAUW in 2010, served as Scholar Recognition Co-Chair and participated in quilting, gourmet groups and the Women in History project. She enjoys hiking, birding, traveling, sewing and gardening.

The STEM Scholarship Event needs members interested in meeting with the high school students selected by their faculty in the early Spring 2013. This is an easy and totally delightful experience, which exemplifies one of our core values, academic/financial opportunities for young women!

For more information contact

Carol Rice or Shirley Bennett, STEM co-chairs (their contact info. can be found on our website at: www.aauw-whidbeyisland.org)

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



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| Diane Peters | 12/02 |
| Linda Halvorson | 12/08 |
| Milli Stanton | 12/14 |
| Betty Bond | 12/31 |
| Dottie Luce | 01/10 |
| Pat Howell | 01/14 |
| Helen Chatfield-Weeks | 01/15 |
| Janet Mules | 01/19 |
| Dottie Sanders | 01/19 |
| JoAnn Gilbert | 01/24 |
| Linda McNamara | 01/24 |
| Ilene Sorenson | 01/28 |



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL !!
PAT HAMILTON, EDITOR