



THE AAUW ISLANDER JANUARY 2013

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



BRANCH MEETING:

DATE: January 5, 2013

TIME: 9:30am

PROGRAM: Joint Meeting and Luncheon with The League of Women Voters

We will have the opportunity to hear from our Legislators Norma Smith, David Hayes and Barbara Bailey. The cost of the lunch is \$20. and reservations were due by December 29th. This information and deadline were in the December Islander newsletter. If you have any questions please call Hilary Willingham (her phone # is in your December newsletter as well as on our website at aauw-whidbeyisland.org).

LOCATION: Whidbey Golf and Country Club at 2430 SW Fairway Lane in Oak Harbor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our Holiday Luncheon at Cameron's in Oak Harbor was a great success. Thanks to Pat Lokanis and Betty Bond for all their hard work in finding a suitable venue. Many of us also brought a toy for the Toy for Tots donation box.

Our next meeting is with the League of Women Voters for their annual Legislative Brunch. I hope many of our members will attend. This is always such an informative event.

Bonnie Abney and I have been looking for a new Chair for the Kitchen Tour since last September. I am sorry to report that we have been unable to fill the position. So we are canceling the 2013 AAUW Kitchen Tour. However, we are definitely planning on having a 2014 Kitchen Tour. Thank you to the many members that have volunteered to chair the various sub-committees. We will be in touch when the planning begins for the 2014 Kitchen Tour. This decision will not negatively impact our AAUW Scholarship Program for the short term. The Board of Directors will be discussing other ideas for fund raisers during the 2012-2013 year. The Fashion Show, our next fund raising event, looks to be on track and well organized. This year's Chair, Helen Bates, has a meeting scheduled for January.

Thank you all for your support this year. Have a great Christmas and New Year. --- Sue Norman



BRANCH NEWS:

- **Book Group I** : Book Group 1 will meet at Cathie Estes' home on Monday January 7th at 10am. The book to be discussed is Where'd You Go Bernadette? By Maria Simple.
- **Book Group II**: "Joie des Livres" will meet for lunch at 1pm on January 16th in the home of JoAnn Gilbert. The book to be discussed is Yes, Chef by Marcus Samuelson.
- **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" will meet on January 24th with the theme of "Anything that starts with a J".
- **Gourmet # 2**: "Baker's Dozen" will meet on Friday January 4th at 11:30am in the home of Mary Ellen Loy. Because of all the holiday indulgences it has been decided that "Healthy Eating" will be the theme!
- **Gourmet # 3**: "Global Gourmet" meets the 4th Friday of the month. --Marti Thomson, chair
- **International Affairs**: Our next meeting is Friday January 18th, 2013 at 10:00am in the Coupeville Library. All AAUW members are welcome to attend! Mary Pattison, chair
- **The Lunch Bunch**: This group meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at noon. The following is the schedule for 2013. The group will rotate every other month from restaurants on the north end of the island to restaurants on the south end of the island.
January - Adrift in Anacortes (north)
February – Café Langley in Langley (south)
March - Rhododendron in Bow (north)
April –Mukilteo Coffee Café (south)
May - Cameron's in Oak Harbor (north)
August – Silverwater in Port Townsend (central)
September - Guemes Island Grocery (north)
October – Oyster Creek Inn in Bow (north)
November – Patron in Ken's Corner (south)
December - Frida's in Anacortes (north)
***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 that Bonnie Abney has a new phone number. The new number can be found in the Member Center of our website: aauw-whidbeyisland.org
Her cell phone number remains the same as it is listed in the 2012-2013 printed directory.***

2013 Dream Kitchen Leadership Team:

Helen Bates - Promotion
Shirley Bennett - Sponsorship Sales
Meg Eisenbraun - Tour Survey
Pat Hamilton - Homeowner PreTour
Jan Heideger - Finance
Jessica Koeberle - Homeowners Gifts
Mary Ellen Loy - Tour Day Volunteers
Sue Norman - Ticket Sales
Linda McNamara - Hospitality Center
Diane Peters - Publicity

Our best laid plans and intentions for the 2013 Dream Kitchen Tour have been put aside as agreed by the branch's Executive Committee (elected officers). While so many of you stepped up to take on chair positions for key committees, we have been unable to secure members to take on chairmanships for the overall leadership role and the kitchen selection effort. Both of these positions have critical responsibilities early in the planning year. We have passed the point at which we could continue without them. Sue Norman is including an announcement on the cancellation in the January 1 Islander.

While this is a disappointment for us all, there is the intent that we return to this fund raiser in 2014. I hope you will consider remaining on the tour leadership team. I commit to provide whatever support I can in that time frame.

Thank you so very much for your involvement and all the best for a wonderful 2013. ---Bonnie

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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| Dottie Luce | 01/10 |
| Pat Howell | 01/14 |
| Helen Chatfield-Weeks | 01/15 |
| Dottie Sanders | 01/19 |
| JoAnn Gilbert | 01/24 |
| Linda McNamara | 01/24 |
| Ilene Sorenson | 01/28 |
| Barbara Lindberg | 02/01 |
| Helen Bates | 02/01 |
| Marti Thomson | 02/05 |
| Mary Ann Safford | 02/08 |
| Jessica Koeberle | 02/12 |
| Sheryl Sato | 02/15 |
| Cathleen Sullivan | 02/20 |
| Carol Rice | 02/21 |
| Sally Merrill | 02/24 |
| Vonnie Secketa | 02/24 |
| Trudy Sundberg | 02/28 |

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub".

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug."

submitted by Erlene Little

