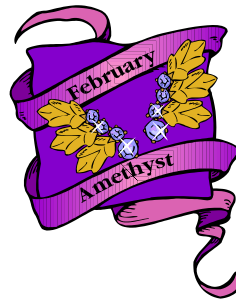




## THE AAUW ISLANDER FEBRUARY 2013

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



### **BRANCH MEETING:**

**DATE:** February 9, 2013

**TIME:** 9:30am Coffee; 10am Program

**PROGRAM:** "Women's Heart Health" presented by Linda Gibson, Nursing Officer at Whidbey General Hospital.

**LOCATION:** Coupeville Methodist Church at 608 North Main Street

A New Member Coffee will be held Thursday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. All members are welcome, but remember that the price of admission is a potential new member!

The AAUW board will provide refreshments, and we hope many of you will join us. The coffee will be held in the home of Joan Chochon, 1610 NE Parker Rd., Coupeville. This has been a very successful event for the past few years and a great way to introduce interested new women to AAUW.

Please be thinking of a neighbor or friend to invite to this coffee.  
Call Meg Eisenbraun, Christina Moats or Joan Chochon for directions.

### ### NEW NAME TAGS ###

It was decided by the board that we should order some nicer-looking name tags for our members to replace the old ones. They will be 1" x 3" with magnetic clasps (no holes in your clothes!), teal background with white letters and rounded corners. Meg Eisenbraun and Christina Moats, Membership VPs, will be taking orders for those who would like the new name tags at the Feb. 9th meeting. Please bring \$6 cash or check made out to AAUW and print your name as you would like to have it engraved on your name tag. If you will not be attending the meeting or have any questions, please call Meg (personal info can be found in your directory or our website: [aauw-whidbeyisland.org](http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org)).



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Our January Branch meeting with the League of Women Voters was a great opportunity to hear from our Legislators. AAUW was well represented with about 18 members attending. We were introduced to our new and returning State Representatives and Senator. After each Legislator presented their opening remarks, there was a question and answer period. Whidbey Golf & Country Club catered their usual delicious brunch.

February is a quiet month for our group, but preparations are under way for a busy March. Helen Bates has arranged accommodation for 110 seats for the Fashion Show. This is an increase from last year, so please think about friends and neighbors that might be interested. We would like to sell all of the tickets as we have in the past. The date is March 21st at Whidbey Golf & Country Club at 11:30am. Look for more details about the event later on in this newsletter.

The Women in History group has met and is preparing for their March performances. There will be enough participants this year to present to the 5th grade students in Oak Harbor, Coupeville and Langley. There will also be a performance at our March branch meeting. Mary Ellen Loy does such a good job organizing this event, she deserves our thanks!

I hope to see many members at our February Branch Meeting. February is Women's Heart Health month and the program promises to contain some timely and valuable information for us all. --Sue Norman



## **SPRING FASHION SHOW**

**CIRCLE THURSDAY**, March 21st on your calendar, as this is the day of our 2013 Spring Fashion Show! It will be held at the Whidbey Golf and Country Club, located at 2430 SW Fairway Lane, Oak Harbor. No host cocktails will begin at 11:30am, followed by lunch at Noon and the fashion show at 1pm. Casual House will present the fashion show modeled by six of our lovely members and raffle tickets will be sold by several of our dashing husbands! As usual, there will be a wide variety of raffle prizes, along with a number of door prizes. Remember this is a great event to bring friends and prospective members to!!

**Please note:** This year we encourage members at large to donate new items or baskets for the raffle. Please attach the donor's name and address to each item and bring to the show. Also, please forward this donation info to Shirley Bennett, raffle coordinator, by March 9<sup>th</sup>. For any questions, please contact Helen Bates or Shirley Bennett. Their contact info can be found in your directories or on our website: [aauw-whidbeyisland.org](http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org). ---Helen Bates, chair

**IMPORTANT TICKET INFO:** Tickets for the March 21st Fashion show will be available at the February 9<sup>th</sup> branch meeting; so bring your check books! Tickets are only \$30 for which you get a yummy lunch and the entertainment of watching your fellow members model the latest fashions all while supporting our scholarship fund. Remember that this popular fund raiser has been a complete sell out every year; so don't delay in purchasing a ticket for yourself and additional ones for friends. Why not invite a group of friends and fill a table of 8? If you plan to sell a table let Marti Thomson know and she will have the tickets in a separate envelope. Should you need additional tickets at anytime call or email Marti Thomson—[aauw-whidbeyisland.org](http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org).



## **BRANCH NEWS:**

- **Book Group I** : Book Group 1 will meet at Cathie Estes' home on the first Monday of Feb.
- **Book Group II**: “Joie des Livres” will meet for lunch at 1pm on February 20th in the home of Joan Chochon. The book to be discussed is Dressmaker of Khire Khana by Gayle Tzemaeh Lemmon.
- **Book Group III**: The February selection for “Cheryl’s Readers” Book Group III is: The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. This group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Coupeville Library.
- **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 February 28th at the home of Shirley Bennett. The theme will be "favorite recipe." For information contact Julie Williams.
- **Gourmet # 2**: “Baker’s Dozen” will meet Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am in the home of Rosemary Toft. The theme will be “Winter Foods”.
- **Gourmet # 3**: “Global Gourmet” meets the 4th Friday of the month. --Marti Thomson, chair
- **International Affairs**: Our next meeting is Friday, Feb. 22nd at 10AM in the Coupeville Library. We will be discussing Chapter 2: "Egypt" with Edith Bryan as our leader. Please note the change to the 4th Friday (Feb 22nd) for February only. The library was unavailable to us for the 3rd Friday. Mary Pattison, chair
- **The Lunch Bunch**: Adrift in Anacortes was a real hit for January! We are headed for the Cafe Langley on the 4th Wednesday of February, the 27th. A Mediterranean menu is always attractive. March 27th is the Rhododendron Cafe in Bow and April 24th is the new discovery Mukilteo Coffee Cafe and Ca' Buni in Langley.
- **The Thursday Night Supper Group**: meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

### **News from Milli Stanton---**

Her husband, John, has had medical attention since early November. He has lately been in and out of ICU in Seattle and Milli hopes his breathing will be regulated in a couple of days. It has been a long haul for them and cards would be a comfort. She is staying at her son's and cards can be sent there. For the address, contact Jessica Koeberle or Bonnie Abney. Member personal information can be found in your directories or on our website: [aauw-whidbeyisland.org](http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org).

As you know, it is the 40th Anniversary of the landmark Roe Vs. Wade decision. AAUW, Legal Voice, ACLU-WA, NOW, NARAL Pro-ChoiceWA, Planned Parenthood Votes NW, and National Women's Political Caucus were all locally in support. In Olympia, a variety of reproductive health care bills were introduced last week. Reported by Jessica Koeberle

**Small group members:**

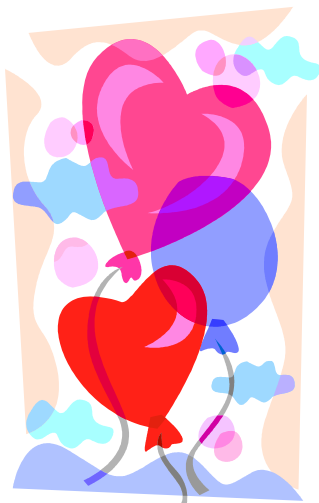
Please email me photos of your events for the Branch Scrapbook. You will then become a part of our history! Thank you, Nancy Hodges (addresses can be found in your directory or on our website at [aauw-whidbeyisland.org](http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org)).

**STEM SCHOLARS RECOGNITION---Save the date!**

The Stem Scholars Recognition Event will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7pm in the Coupeville Methodist Church. All members of AAUW are invited to attend and celebrate the junior students who will be recognized for achievements in science, mathematics and technology, and the seniors students who will be awarded scholarships to their chosen university.

The committees are now in the process of contacting schools, getting nominations from teachers, and in late February will be visiting each of the schools to meet the students selected. Carol Rice, Co-Chair STEM Scholars

# FEBRUARY/MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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
Joan Prater	03/03
Pat Lokanis	03/04
Mary Ellen Loy	03/05
Lynn Ries	03/07
Shirley Bennett	03/11
Judy Yeakel	03/14
Peggy Tyson	03/26
Edith Bryan	03/31
April Wilder	03/31

**May Love Warm Your Hearts !**

**Pat Hamilton, editor**