



THE AAUW ISLANDER MARCH 2013

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



BRANCH MEETING:

DATE: Saturday March 9th 2013

TIME: 9:30am Coffee; 10am Program

PROGRAM: "Women in History Presentation" Preview
Celebrating Women's History Month in March branch members spend a week giving performances to Whidbey Island 5th graders. Our members perform in the voices of individual women who have made a difference for all women. This is an interesting and fun program!

The slate of candidates for next year's officers will also be presented at this meeting.

LOCATION: Whidbey Telecom Conference Center, 1651 Main St., Freeland

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.

*****NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2013-2015 OFFICES*****

The Nominating Committee will soon be meeting. Please be in touch with Blair McDaniel, Diane Peters or Jessica Koeberle if you are interested in one of the three offices open for the next 2 years: Finance V.P., Program Co- V.P. and Membership Co- V.P.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our February branch meeting featured an informative presentation on Women's Heart Health. I know I appreciated the statistics and life-style changes offered by Linda Gibson of Whidbey General Hospital. Meg Eisenbraun introduced our newest member, Pam Truog from Wisconsin. I want to thank Marilee Petersen for filling in for Alice O'Grady for Hospitality. We had an exceptionally good turnout of members and Helen Bates was busy selling Fashion Show tickets.

There are several dates to mark on your calendars for March. The New Member Coffee is March 7th and the Fashion Show is March 21st. Our regular branch meeting is March 9th and there will be a Board of Directors Meeting on March 11th at 10am at the Coupeville Library. The Women in History Group will be presenting to the local elementary schools in March and the Scholarship and STEM committees will be finalizing their decisions. Jessica Koeberle, Diane Peters and Blair McDaniel have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee to fill offices coming up for 2013-2014. They will be looking to fill Finance V.P., Membership V.P. and Program V.P. If you have an interest in one of the offices, please contact one of the members on the Nominating Committee. March promises to be a busy and fulfilling month for our Branch and its activities. I hope to see many of you at our meeting March 9th. ---Sue Norman, president



SPRING FASHION SHOW

Our 2013 Spring Fashion Show 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 members and raffle tickets will be sold by several of our husbands! 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 9th. 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. ---Helen Bates, chair

IMPORTANT TICKET INFO: 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.



BRANCH NEWS:

- **Book Group I** : This group will meet at Cathie Estes' home on Monday March 4th at 10am. The book to be discussed is The Round House by Louise Erdrich. New members are welcome!
- **Book Group II**: "Joie des Livres" will meet for lunch at 1pm on March 20th in the home of Clare Christiansen. The book to be discussed is Kingmaker's Daughter by Philippa Gregory.
- **Book Group III**: "Cheryl's Readers" meets the 4th 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.
- **Garden Group**: For all AAUW members interested in gardens and gardening, there will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, March 26th, 10:00 am, in the home of Pat Howell, 1000 Scenic Heights Rd., Oak Harbor. Pat's phone # and email address can be found in your directory or on the member website: aauw-whidbeyisland.org The group will be planning meetings, garden and nursery visits, and other miscellaneous fun adventures for the months of April through September. All old and new members of the group are invited to come and contribute thoughts and ideas. Please respond if you are planning to come. Hope to see you there! ---Pat Howell, chair
- **Gourmet #1** : "Rose's Gourmet" --For information contact Julie Williams.
- **Gourmet # 2**: " Baker's Dozen" will meet in the home of Pat Lokanis on Friday, March 1st at 11:30am. The theme is "Foods found in Literature". The theme will be food mentioned in a book ie: donuts that the character Stephanie Plum loved to eat in Janet Evanovitch's mystery series. This may end up a very unhealthy lunch! :)
- **Gourmet # 3**: "Global Gourmet" meets the 4th Friday of the month. --Marti Thomson, chair
- **International Affairs**: Our next meeting is Friday, March 15th at 10:00am in the Coupeville Library. We will be discussing Chapter 5: "Humanitarian Intervention" with Rita Peterson as our leader. ---Mary Pattison, chair
- **Lunch Bunch**: This group will head for the Rhododendron Cafe in Bow on March 27th. In April 24th they will check out a "new discovery" Mukilteo Coffee Cafe and Ca' Buni in Langley. For May they will dine at Cameron's in Oak Harbor and then take a "summer vacation" in June and July. New members are welcome! Contact Jessica Koeberle for more information.
- **The Thursday Night Supper Group**: meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

*****Milli Stanton is in Seattle while her husband is in a rehab center. If you wish an update or address, please call Jessica Koeberle*****

STEM SCHOLARS RECOGNITION NIGHT

Members, mark your calendars: 6 p.m., April 9, 2013. It's our annual STEM Event, at the Coupeville United Methodist Church. Kelsi Franzen has agreed to be our speaker. "Ascertain the Uncertain and Embrace the Small Moments: One woman's words on leading a life of passion, purpose, and a bit of unpredictability." Kelsi is in her early 20's, is employed as a Project Associate at Triangle Associates, Inc. Seattle WA (full time), plus Program Coordinator for Girls On Ice, University of Alaska, Fairbanks AK (part time). She's a Whidbey Island native, articulate, enthusiastic and smart. She'll get us all fired up. Please email us by March 15th if you will volunteer to bring: cookies, fruit plates, veggies or punch. Co-chairs: Shirley Bennett and Carol Rice (whose contact information can be found in your directories or on our website at: aauw-whidbeyisland.org).



Pam Truog

Pam is a member of the AAUW Fort Atkinson Branch in Wisconsin; but since she and her husband, Tony, spend half of the year in Coupeville, she has become a “dual” member!

Pam was born in East Grand Rapids, Mich., and has lived in Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin and Washington. She received a BS in Physical Education from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in 1966. She spent the summers of 1967 and 1968 studying Special Education for the Physically Handicapped at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Pam then earned her MST in Biology in 1978 and her MBA in Finance in 1988 at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. In 2005 she became a registered nurse through Madison Area Technical College in Watertown, Wisc.; but has not practiced. Pam has taught K-12, has done internal auditing and marketing in the field of banking from 1974-1989, and has been a Certified Financial Planner since 1992, now retired. Pam and Tony have a son, Peter, who is married and living in Seattle and a daughter, Katie, who lives with her husband in Minneapolis.

Pam first joined the Fort Atkinson branch in 1990 and served as their President, Vice President and Treasurer. Since she lives on Whidbey from January through April or May, she says winter special activities are best. She is interested in hosting a book club and serving on a scholarship committee during those months that she is here. We are so glad to welcome her to the fold!

---Meg Eisenbraun, membership Co-VP



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
Marisa LaRue	04/04
Blair McDaniel	04/06
Julia Hodson	04/09
Rita Peterson	04/09
Marj McNae	04/11
Becky Bolte	04/14
Lou Hartley	04/25



The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Thank you for reading ! Pat Hamilton, editor