



THE AAUW ISLANDER JUNE 2013

THE WHIDBEY ISLAND BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMAN'S MONTHLY NEWS



BRANCH MEETING:

DATE: Saturday, June 8th

TIME: 9:30am Social; 10:00am Brunch served

PROGRAM: Membership Brunch and Installation of Officers

The cost of the brunch is \$20. and can be sent to P.O.Box 1332 Coupeville, WA 98239 or payment can be made the day of the brunch.

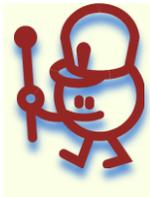
****RSVP to Christina Moats by June 2nd. Her contact information can be found in the directory or on our website at aauw-whidbeyisland.org

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

Membership dues of \$72. are due by the end of June. Checks can be sent to the P.O. Box 1332, Coupeville, WA 98239 or turned in at the Brunch on June 8th. If you are attending the brunch and paying your dues there please write two separate checks—one for the brunch and the other for yearly dues. Thank you!



AAUW Leadership Summit is scheduled for Monday, July 8th from 10am-1pm at Coupeville Library. This is a meeting of the previous and current Board (elected officers), fund raising chairs and committee chairs. Please bring your annual report.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We had a busy branch meeting in May with the State co-President Kelvie Comer, a representative from WAIF and our Annual Meeting to elect officers. I was so pleased with the number of members that made an effort to make this important meeting.

Earlier in the month we had our Showcase of the Arts at Coupeville Library. Thank you to Pat Lokanis and Jessica Koeberle for all the time and effort that produced such a successful event. The reception on Friday night was well attended with students, parents and teachers. Linda McNamara took pictures of the winners with their art. We even had a few young men receive awards. Thank you to the committee, the docents, the judges and the Coupeville Library Staff.

As my first year as President is winding down, I want to thank everyone that participated all year long. The Program V.P.s, Pat Lokanis and Betty Bond did a great job providing entertaining and educational content to our programs. Membership efforts under Christina Moats and Meg Eisenbraun resulted in even more new members. I think we are up to 89 members! Our V.P. of Finance, Mary Ellen Loy kept track of our finances, wrote checks and helped in a number of other areas. Linda Riffe gave me sage advice and support as Vice President and also took on the Art and Performing Arts Scholarships when no one else volunteered. Mona Mathewson-Kerr has been such an efficient and capable Secretary and is an invaluable source of information during our Board Meetings.

Our major Fund Raiser this year was the Fashion Show in March. Helen Bates and her committee did outstanding work this year. I also want to thank the husbands that participated and the models.

Our STEM Scholars Committee chaired by Shirley Bennett and Carol Rice did a wonderful job again this year. Lynn Ries and Linda Riffe and their committees chose our scholarship recipients after reviewing applications from all three Whidbey Island High Schools. Thank you to all the members that participated in our STEM and Scholarship Awards Night.

The Terrific Treasures Sale back in October raised over \$1200 for AAUW Funds. Thanks to Christina Moats and Cathie Estes and everyone else that helped price and sell on the day of the event.

Pat Hamilton has done an incredible job with our Newsletter. Each month she has edited our items and added her own personal touch. Pat has even managed to send it out on time when she is traveling.

Bonnie Abney continues to keep up our Website with accurate information. She does so many other things behind the scenes that I don't even know how to list them all.

Julie Williams and Milli Stanton have done such good work with AAUW Funds and LAF. I know they are already planning on presenting our branch with more information in the coming year. I appreciate all they have done.

If I have missed someone in trying to thank the many members that have made our success possible this past year, I am sorry. I hope to see many of you at our June Officers Installation Brunch.

Thanks to everyone for a great year! ---Sue Norman



Karin Wigen

Karin was born in Calgary and grew up in the Seattle area. She graduated from Western Washington University in Bellingham with a B.S. in Biology in 1998. Karin spent most of her adult life in Juneau, Alaska.

She says she has “worn many hats”. First she worked in the restaurant business and then as a Massage Therapist. After she received her degree at age 40, she worked for the Forest Service in Alaska. Her “final career” was a brief stint with the Alaska Legislature. After losing her daughter in 2003 she moved back to Washington to be near family. Karin currently volunteers at Habitat for Humanity.

She enjoys gardening, birding, music, yoga, reading, cooking and dogs. Karin is interested in joining one of our reading groups!



BRANCH NEWS:

- **Book Group I:** This group meets the first Monday of the month at Cathie Estes' home.
- **Book Group II:** “Joie des Livres” will meet for lunch at the home of Betty Nichols. Pat Hamilton will lead the discussion of Where Did You Go Bernadette? By Maria Semple.
- **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:** Pat Howell, chair
June 25th: Visit Far Reaches Farm and Henery's Garden Center in Port Townsend and lunch at Point Hudson Cafe. Contact person: Babette Thompson
July 23rd: Visit Bayview, Cultus Bay Nurseries, Betty Bond's garden and neighbors' gardens. Lunch on the south end of the island. Contact person: Betty Bond
August 27th: Visit Christianson's Nursery, Azusa, and Skagit Gardens and lunch at Skagit Gardens. Contact Person: Betty Nichols
- **Gourmet #1 :** Rose’s Gourmet will not meet in June and July. On August 23rd, Christina Moats will be the hostess for a BBQ meal at Julie Williams' home. Husbands are welcome.
- **Gourmet # 2:** The Baker’s Dozen will meet at 11:30am on Friday, June 7th, at the home of Linda McNamara. The Hawaiian Islands will be the theme and foods appropriate will be on the menu. In July we meet at Lynn Ries’ home overlooking the Saratoga Passage. We will have a picnic theme to celebrate the warmest month on Whidbey Island! In August we move to the opposite side of the island to lunch at the home of Kay Klein. She lives on West Beach overlooking the ocean; so we will be having seafood. Please bring fish and tackle as we need to first catch our lunch. Refreshments will be provided at cliff’s edge.
- **International Affairs:** Our Members will meet Friday, June 21st at the Coupeville Library at 10:00AM. The topic is "Future of the Euro". The discussion will be led by Shirley Bennett & Clare Christiansen. *The International Affairs members do not meet in July or August.*
- **Lunch Bunch:** This group is on vacation for June and July! ☺
In August they will travel to Port Townsend for their lunch outing. Jessica Koeberle, chair
- **The Thursday Night Supper Group:** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Norma Domingo Recipient of SVC Scholarship

AAUW has awarded a \$2000 Scholarship to a graduating student from Skagit Valley College, continuing on to a 4 year institution. This year, Norma Domingo is the recipient. After a four years in the Navy, Norma enrolled in Skagit Valley College pursuing a degree in Business. She has a G.P.A. of 3.84 and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Norma also has been an active member of the Student Body, participating in Student Life Dept. and the All Washington Academic Team. She will be attending the University of Washington, working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Bonnie Abney worked with the administration at Skagit Valley College to choose the Scholarship recipient that best personified the mission of AAUW. Sue Norman attended the Honors Reception and presented the award on May 17th. Norma will be present at our June Officers Installation Brunch to meet our members.

JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Mary Pattison	06/02
Sue Dufek	06/04
Virginia Teker	06/04
Marilyn Cowger	06/07
Celia Lamson	06/07
Betsy Cave	06/10
Judi Moore	06/18
Karen Sayers	06/20
Betty Nichols	06/23
Cathie Estes	06/30
Sarah Mackaman	07/04
Christina Moats	07/19
Joan Chochon	07/23
Gunda Vesque	08/02
Erlene Little	08/09
Clare Christiansen	08/12
Christy Pedersen	08/15
Nancy Hodges	0815
Meg Eisenbraun	08/17
Sarah Haynes	08/19
Virginia Quinn Merrion	08/28



Relax and enjoy your summer. The newsletter will return in September! . . . Pat Hamilton, editor