



THE AAUW ISLANDER DECEMBER 2013

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



BRANCH MEETING:

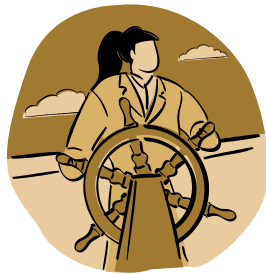
DATE: Saturday December 14th

TIME: Noon

PROGRAM: *Christmas Luncheon* with soup, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage
Please call or send your reservations to Pat Lokanis by December 9th. (Pat's personal information can be found in your directory or on our website at: aauw-whidbeyisland.org).
The cost of lunch is \$20. to be paid by cash or check the day of the luncheon.
***Please make checks out to Glass Alley Café.

LOCATION: Glass Alley Café at 5575 Harbor Avenue in Freeland

There is ample parking in the rear of the restaurant. We will meet at noon and the menu is soup, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$20 to be paid the day of the lunch in the form of check or cash. There will be a cash bar available. We ask that reservations be made by Monday, December 9th. Please call or send your reservations to Pat Lokanis.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our LAF Chair, Milli Stanton, presented the video "The Invisible War" at our November Branch Meeting. Many of us were aware of the problems facing these women in the military, but they now have faces and we know their stories. Thanks to Milli for bringing us this program, to Bonnie Abney for helping with the technical aspects of playing the DVD and to Jean Gervais for presenting Milli's opening and closing remarks.

Sarah Mackaman had our new Directories ready for distribution. Thank you Sarah for a great job on this year's Directory. If you haven't yet picked up your directory, they will be available at our December Holiday Luncheon.

Thank you to all the members that brought books to the November meeting. The books, along with the plates and cups that Christina Moats brought, raised \$31.00 for our administration fund. We will continue the "book sale" at our February branch meeting.

Our upcoming fundraiser, the J.A. Jance event, is coming together quickly. How inspiring to see how our membership stepped up to help with ticket sales, publicity, refreshments, room set-up and the many other details that are part of a successful event. This should prove to be an excellent opportunity to introduce AAUW to the wider community while raising money for our scholarship fund.

We are still looking for members to form a nominating committee for next year's officers. If this is something you can participate in, please call or email me.

I hope to see many of you at our December Holiday Luncheon at Glass Alley in Freeland.

Sue Norman

**AAUW presents:
An Evening with J.A. Jance
Scholarships Fundraiser**

We Look forward to seeing you at this, our first scholarship fund raising event of the year. Marti will have some tickets for sale at the event. Let's make this a bandbox event and boost our scholarship coffers!

**When: December 3rd, 2013
5:30pm Gathering
6:00pm Talk
6:30pm Book signing**

**Where: Methodist Church
1050 Ireland Street
Oak Harbor**

Ticket Price: \$15.00



BRANCH NEWS:

- **Book Group I:** This group meets on Monday December 2nd at 10am in Cathie Estes' home. Everyone is to bring a favorite Christmas book to present. Nancy Hodges, chair
- **Book Group II:** "Joie des Livres" will meet on December 18th at 1pm in Marti Thomson's home. The book to be discussed is Evening is the Whole Day by Preeti Samarasan. Marti will be the discussion leader.
- **Book Group III:** This group meets at the Coupeville Library on the 4th Wednesday of the month.
- **Book Group IV:** "Romeos" (Retired Old Men Eating Out)
- **Gourmet #1 :** "Rose's Gourmet" meets on the 4th Thursday of most months (November and December are scheduled earlier in the month because of Thanksgiving and Christmas). Any one wanting to join us is welcome.
- **Gourmet # 2:** The "Baker's Dozen" will meet on Friday, December 6th, 11:30am at the home of Helen Bates. The theme for this lunch will be Healthy Holiday Fare. We realize this may be an oxymoron; but we are going to try! All holiday sweets must have 0 calories and savorys, no fat.
- **International Affairs:** We will *not* be meeting in December. We will resume our third Friday meetings on January 17, 2014 at the Coupeville Library. Merry Christmas to all!
Chair: Mary Pattison
- **Lunch Bunch:** There has been a change --- we will not be going to Frida's in Anacortes in December. We will be gathering at Skagit Gardens in Mt. Vernon on Wed., December 11th, to keep in the holiday spirit. Our tables will be surrounded by decorated Christmas trees and the many creative decorations are a real attraction. The survey of restaurants for next year is well on its way. Bring your choices to Skagit Gardens. ---Jessica Koeberle, chair
- **The Thursday Night Supper Group:** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. At this time this group is full; but someone else would be welcome to start another Supper Group!

DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Diane Peters	12/02
Linda Halvorson	12/08
Milli Stanton	12/14
Karin Wigen	12/18
Virginia Merrion	12/20
Betty Bond	12/31
Dotte Luce	01/10
Pat Howell	01/14
Helen Chatfield-Weeks	01/15
Dottie Sanders	01/19
JoAnn Gilbert	01/24
Linda McNamara	01/24

******Happy Hollidays to all and please welcome Diane Peters as your newsletter editor starting with the January 2014 issue. Thank you for all the good reporting!!***