

American Association of University Women Whidbey Island Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy November everyone! Enjoy the crisp air and those last seldom days of sunshine. We have had an exciting last month, however, we are going to be dialing it down a bit so all of our members can enjoy the holidays with their families. I will keep this short and simple.

First and foremost, thank you so much to all of our membership for volunteering to work the



Ann, Christy & Christina price items for the sale. *Photo by Sarah Mackaman*

Terrific Treasurers sale. It was so much fun to work together on such a large project. I am quite proud of everyone, but a huge thank you to Christina Moats for all her dedication. She has been planning for months and it surely showed. She has written a lot of remarks on the subject (below), so she may brag on the success and go into more detail. Again, thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication.

As it pertains to the Terrific Treasures and all the other

fundraising we do, I just wanted everyone to take a second to think about how now is the time when many of our scholarship applicants begin to think about their future and their ambitions for the following year. This is such an exciting time for them, and it is such a good reminder of the mission behind AAUW.

Lastly, another huge thank you to one of your dedicated members, Shirley Bennett. She has been working so hard on finding an interesting and worthwhile speaker for our November meeting and she has prevailed. It will be a great program that will highlight the female service member and her ever evolving role in the U.S. Navy. We hope to see everyone there. Either way, have a fabulous Thanksgiving and enjoy a little extra pie just because!

~ Christy Pedersen,
President

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November is our month to feature EOF.

The Educational Opportunities Fund supports education and lifelong learning opportunities for women through graduate fellowships and grants and undergraduate scholarships.

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

**Megan Bench
Chief Air Traffic
Control Specialist
NAS Whidbey**

November is our month to feature EOF and we have a very interesting speaker lined up for our meeting!

Megan Bench will share with us her adventures of 11 years serving in the Navy and the opportunities that are available for women.

Thinking back to last year's November program about sexual harassment in the armed services, this will give us another perspective of the armed services and careers for women who serve our country.

**November 8, 2014
Coupeville United
Methodist Church
608 N. Main, Coupeville**

Coffee will be available at 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

~ Pat Lokanis
Program VP

A BIG THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL TERRIFIC TREASURES SALE

Thanks to the extensive membership participation our Terrific Treasures Fundraiser was a great success! Our membership was very supportive and almost everyone contributed in some way. I am so grateful to all our helpers and those who donated such beautiful items! Many people showed up on Friday and we were set up and finished pricing in just a few hours! Thank you to the husbands who came to help and for those who brought trucks to transport valuable items to and from storage.

On the day of the sale, our people came throughout the day to help sell. At the end of the day, many members were there to pack up the items that can be sold next year or possibly used in the fashion show for silent auction items. This year we decided not to have another charitable organization pick up our

"leftovers" as has been done in the past.

It worked out quite well to collect items throughout the year. As always, I am happy to come to your home or meet you somewhere to pick up sale items. We had a nice collection of items to sell this year and we can always use more.

The new special accessories section was especially fruitful and raised a good portion of the total amount. This section had purses, scarves, gloves, hats and jewelry. Another positive thing about these particular donation items is that they are easy to put away as they don't take up much space.

When the Fundraising Committee met last November we discussed a goal of raising \$10,000 per year. This amount would allow us to continue giving Scholarships at previous levels plus be able to

send 8th graders to Tech Trek.

We hoped to have three events per year with each bringing in about \$3,300 to meet that overall goal.

The Author Event raised about that much and the Fashion Show did even better. The Terrific Treasures Fundraiser made \$1,824. I know that next year we can do even better and hopefully make that goal of \$3,300.

Seeing those young Tech Trek recipients share their summer camp experiences at our September meeting was quite impressive. The Tech Trek program experience does have the power to change young women's lives. I am very excited to be contributing to that effort with the Terrific Treasures event and I think our members are, too. Thanks again to everyone!

~ Christina Moats, Chair
Terrific Treasures Fundraiser

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

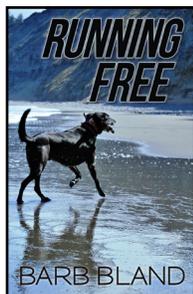


Photo by Sarah Mackaman

AAUW member Barb Bland presented her book "Running Free" at AAUW's October program. Proceeds from her book support WAIF.

Member Dottie Sanders and Husband are Featured Artists

AAUW member Dottie Sanders & her husband, Kent will be the featured artists at Artworks Gallery for the month of November. The Second Sunday of each month features an Art Walk at the Greenbank Galleries at Greenbank Farm from 1 to 4 p.m. Light snacks & wine are provided.



Dottie works in watercolor & acrylics. Kent is a jeweler & welder. □

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Ann Zimmerman

Ann's master's degree is from Colorado State College in School Administration and Curriculum Occupation. Her working background includes a variety of educational positions as well as that of being Marketing Director for Houghton Mifflin publishing company. She is an experienced fundraiser and is willing to use her expertise on behalf of AAUW. Active in

sailing, skiing, river rafting, golfing, and gardening, she plays as hard as she works.

Wanda Grone

Wanda loves numbers and all types of finance. She is a CPA and a Certified Fraud Examiner and has worked in the Island County Treasurer's office. Her degrees are from the University of Texas and the University of Houston. She has returned to Washington, where

she spent part of her childhood, and loves beach walking, road trips, dogs and house rabbits, in addition to public service and reading. □

FASHION SHOW

It's never too early to start thinking about next year's fashion show! Remember, this is one of our main fundraisers and is the time when all members are asked to participate.

The event will be next March, as usual, and if you would like to be on the committee please contact Clare Christiansen by email or phone. We make our real profit from the raffle and the silent auction and we would appreciate your help in soliciting raffle items, so please think about asking your favorite merchants and salons if they would contribute gift certificates.

Our AAUW social interest groups have been so helpful in the past with the contribution of baskets for the silent auction and we are depending on them for next year's event.

We would love for every book club, gourmet group, lunch or supper group, and any other regularly meeting group to donate a themed basket for our silent auction. Please start thinking about it now - it's never too soon to think about fund-raising.

~ Clare Christiansen, Chair

AAUW IN THE NEWS

Meg Eisenbraun's article was published in the South Whidbey Record and the Whidbey News Times about AAUW sending three Whidbey girls to Tech Trek. Click on the following links to view:

<http://www.southwhidbeyrecord.com/community/276833131.html>

<http://www.whidbeynewstimes.com/news/279215892.html> □

TECH TREK UPDATE

Our Legislature recently approved a bill that emphasizes Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in high school. The goal is that by the time a student graduates, he or she would have more of the kinds of skills that match what employers are looking for.

By improving STEM instruction, Rep. Norma Smith believes we are giving students greater hope and opportunity for good-paying jobs.

AAUW is doing their part in stimulating the interests of middle school girls. The Tech Trek Committee will soon start their work on identifying 7th

grade girls from middle schools throughout Whidbey Island to apply for next summer's Tech Trek learning experiences.

~ Jessica Koeberle, Chair

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family and friends of Eileen Brown, popular columnist for Whidbey Weekly. She passed away September 27th. Eileen attended AAUW's September brunch meeting to interview the Tech Trek recipients. You may view her self written obituary here:

<http://wallinfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/1954042/Brown-Eileen/obituary.php>

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Let's begin thinking about where we might hold the springtime New Member Coffee. It has traditionally been hosted by a member of AAUW and for the last several years was held at Joan Chochon's home.

Unfortunately this venue is no longer available. Will you consider hosting this annual springtime event? It is a casual gathering of members who invite

interested people to come and learn what AAUW offers.

If you would like to host this Coffee please contact one of our Membership VP's, Diane Peters or Barb Bland. ☐

Special Interest Groups

Please refer to the AAUW website www.aauw-whidbeyisland.org for additional interest group information.

☒ Gourmet # 2

"Baker's Dozen"

Fri, November 7th, 11:30 a.m. at the home of Carole LaFond.

The theme will be Russian food. Group Leader, Pat Lokanis

☒ Garden Group

Persons to contact: Betty Nichols or Pat Howell

☒ International Affairs

Fri., Nov. 21st, 10:00 a.m.

Coupeville Library
Chair, Mary Pattison

☒ Lunch Bunch

First Thurs, November 6th

Capt. Whidbey in Coupeville
Always a treat!

Group Leader, Jessica Koeberle

Note: If you would like your SIG's update posted in the newsletter please send your updates to the editor.

Make sure to send your SIG's annual plans to Bonnie Abney who will post them on our website. ☐



Happy Birthday!
November & December

Hamilton, Pat	11/01
Petersen, Marilee	11/11
Truog, Pam	11/15
Shacker, Cee	11/16
Bland, Barb	11/18
Norman, Sue	11/21
Homola, Angie	11/23
Heideger, Jan	11/27
Brighten, Camille	11/30
Peters, Diane	12/02
Halvorson, Linda	12/08
Wolfe, Sandy	12/11
Stanton, Milli	12/14
Wigen, Karin	12/18
Merrion, Virginia	12/20
Bond, Betty	12/31

Calendar of Meetings & Events

November 8th, Sat. 9:30 a.m.

Megan Bench, Chief Air Traffic Control Specialist, N.A.S. Whidbey Coupeville Methodist Church

November 10th, Mon. 10:00 - Noon

Board Meeting, Coupeville Library
Members at large are welcome to attend.

December 13th, Sat.

Christmas Luncheon, Whidbey Golf Club

January 10th

League of Women Voters
Whidbey Golf Club

February 14th, 9:30 a.m.

Possible Guatemalan weaver,
Trinity Lutheran Church

March 14th,

Women in History, Coupeville Methodist

April 15th,

Scholarship Night
Coupeville Methodist Church

May 9th, 9:30 a.m.

Bill McDaniel will speak on Indonesian Tsunami and his book "Faces of the Tsunami"

June 13th

Installation of officers brunch
Whidbey Golf Club

