

American Association of University Women Whidbey Island Newsletter



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our annual Scholars Recognition Night is one of the most rewarding evenings during the AAUW program year. Read more on pages to follow. This year was no different. We needed to put out extra chairs to accommodate all the guests and their families! It was a joyous and well organized evening that celebrated the bright young women that will be our future university women.

Thanks are due to all the members who worked so hard to ensure a successful event. Carol Rice & Shirley Bennett, co-chairs of the STEM committee, did a terrific job from the first meeting with the STEM Scholars to the flowers for the tables and food for the event.

The STEM Scholar introductions were informative and gave each girl the attention she deserved.

Angie Homola and her committee spent hours preparing for the final meeting to choose the Scholarship awardees. The girls awarded these scholarships were so deserving, and the audience was really able to get to know them and learn about their plans for the future.

Jessica Koeberle and her committee presented the Tech Trek candidates. It was such a good idea to have this group of 7th graders introduced to us in advance of their summer camp.

The parents, teachers and principal present were so appreciative of our efforts. I expect many of the Junior STEM Scholars to apply for the Senior Academic Scholarships next year.

Thank you to Alice O'Grady for organizing the refreshments and to all the members that brought food. There was more than enough, as usual.

Coming in May is our Showcase of the Arts, May 1st and 2nd. If you are not participating as a docent, please try to stop by and view the artwork at Coupeville Library.

Our branch meeting on May 9th is our designated Annual Meeting with the election of the 2015/2016 Slate of Officers. Since this part of the meeting just takes a few minutes, our Program V.P.s have invited a guest speaker from the Whidbey Sounders Toastmaster Club. We hope to see you there. ~ Christy Pedersen & Sue Norman

APRIL PROGRAM

Mary Jo Strain Toastmasters Club

“Your Brilliant Life: You and Your Organization Can Change the World!”

Mary Jo Strain of the Whidbey Sounders Toastmasters, will lead us through a discussion discovering and nurturing our “Brilliant Life”. She will show us ways to use her message to benefit ourselves and our organization.

**Trinity Lutheran Church
18341 SR 525
Freeland, WA
(across from the large thrift store)**

**Saturday, May 9th
9:30 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. Program**

**Pat Lokanis,
Program V.P.**

Showcase of the Arts

Our annual art show for island high school will be held May 1st and 2nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Coupeville Library. There will be a reception on Friday from 5 pm to 8 pm. The prizes will be awarded at approximately 7 p.m.

We urge our members to attend. The art is always incredible plus this is a good opportunity to acquaint the public with our mission. Please put this evening on your calendars and celebrate with our talented students. ~ Pat Lokanis, Chair

Heads up for the June Program

On Saturday, June 13th we will hold our annual Installation of Officers. Please mark your calendars for this special meeting. It will be held at the Whidbey Golf Club from 9:30 a.m. to noon and as always, we will enjoy a scrumptious brunch. The cost will be \$18.00. Please call or email Pat Lokanis for reservations by June 6th. This is our branch's preferred time for you to pay your annual dues of \$72 (separate checks please).

Fashion Show

The total profit for this year's fashion show is \$3,340.00. A very nice job! ~ Clare Christensen

In Memoriam

I am saddened to report the recent death of our fellow AAUW member, Sue Dufek. Sue attended our September Potluck and enjoyed meeting the Tech Trek girls. Then her health declined over the next few months. Just when it looked like she was improving, she passed away in late March. We will miss her cheerful attitude and spirit.

Cards and condolences can be sent to her husband, Mike Dufek, at the address in our current Member Directory. Services are scheduled to be held in Glendale, California. ~ Sue Norman



Slate of Officers for 2015/2016

Co-Presidents:

Christy Pedersen & Sue Norman

Finance Vice President:

Mary Ellen Loy

Vice President:

Christina Moats

Program Vice Presidents:

Milli Stanton & Camille Brighten

Membership Vice Presidents:

Barb Bland & Ann Zimmerman

Secretary:

Alice O'Grady

Voting will be at our May 9th Branch meeting.

With Great Appreciation to AAUW Members

"Many thanks to all members of our AAUW branch for participation in our Scholar Recognition Reception, on April 14. Some members helped earn funds throughout the year so we could offer the scholarships to students, some spent hours helping select those same students. Committees met, interviewed students, and wrote introductions for them. Others took photos, made cookies, set up microphones, and put up tables and chairs. Many came to support the young women being honored. It is truly a branch effort, and everyone should feel proud of a tremendous effort to support the career efforts of some really outstanding young women.

With great appreciation,

Carol Rice and Shirley Bennett
Co-Chairs, STEM Scholars and
Scholar Recognition"



Left: Academic Scholarships/ Senior Students
 From left to right: Angie Homola (Committee Chair), Eri Horikawa (Oak Harbor High School), Isla Dubendorf (South Whidbey High School), and Amanda Hoesman-Foley (Coupeville High School)

Below: 7th graders/Tech Trek
 From left to right: Anna Dion (Coupeville Middle School), Emma Smith (HomeConnection), Hannah Samuels (North Whidbey Middle School), Arianna Marshall (Langley Middle School), Ayla Randolph (Oak Harbor Middle School).

Below: Junior Students/STEM Scholars
 From left to right: Makana Stone (Science-Coupeville High School), McKenzie Bailey (Technology-Coupeville High School), Destiny Cleary (Mathematics-Coupeville High School), Lucy Clements (Technology-South Whidbey High School), Mallorie Mitchum (Mathematics-South Whidbey High School), Amara Garibyan (Science-South Whidbey High School), Patricia Sablan (Science-Oak Harbor High School), and Katherine Matazzoni (Technology-Oak Harbor High School).



All Photos by Gina Burrill.



The Academic Scholarships awarded \$2000.00 to three outstanding young women, one from each of the three high schools on Whidbey Island.

The STEM Scholars, junior students, received small stipends for being leading achievers in science, math and technology.

The Tech Trek scholarships, awarded to five island middle school girls, provides an opportunity for girls to learn about STEM subjects in a fun-filled, hands-on college environment.

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Scholar Recognition Reception

An enthusiastic and supportive audience of parents, friends and members of American Association of University Women honored young women and girls from schools all over Whidbey Island at their April 14 meeting. AAUW works all year to raise funds to give a \$2000.00 scholarship to one female senior at each of the three public high schools and to give stipends to juniors who are selected by their teachers as outstanding students in math, science and technology. Tech Trek, supported by our branch last year for the first time, sends rising eighth grade girls to a STEM focus summer camp on a college campus for one week. The purpose of these scholarships and awards is to support girls with an interest and strong motivation for higher education to be able to attend colleges and especially to foster those who show a talent with Stem subjects.

Carol Rice and Shirley Bennet co-chaired the STEM Scholar's and Scholarship Recognition Committee. Angie Homola was chair of the Scholarship Committee and Jessica Koeberle chaired the Tech Trek Committee.

The evening closed with a round of applause for all these outstanding girls and a special applause for the principal, teachers, and parents of these girls. An opportunity to get acquainted was enjoyed with varied good refreshments. We are sure Whidbey and the world will hear more from these young women in the future. ~Milli Stanton

Below: Scholars Committee Chairs

From left to right: Shirley Bennett, Jessica Koeberle, Carol Rice and Angie Homola.



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Special Interest Groups

Gourmet # 2

“Baker’s Dozen”

Fri, May 8th, 11:30 a.m. at the home of MaryAnn Safford.

Theme: Bring a fresh & seasonal dish from a country of your choice, plus memories of how you celebrated May Day.

Group Leader: Pat Lokanis

International Affairs

May 15th, 10:00 a.m.

Coupeville Library
Sectarianism in the Middle East
Chapter 3

by Lawrence G. Porter

Discussion leader TBD

Chair: Mary Pattison

Two Mile Hiking Group

Wed., May 13th at 11:00 a.m.

Meet at Greenbank Farm’s Whidbey Pie Cafe. Email your name to Camille and she will keep you updated on future times and locations. The group will try to utilize North, South and mid sections of the island during the summer to meet group member’s needs.

Contact: Camille Brighten

Garden Group

Tues and Wed, May 26 & 27:

Overnight to Victoria, BC and visit to Butchart Gardens.

Contact Pat Howell asap for the

best possible hotel rooms rates and ferry reservations. Valid passport required. Spouses are welcome.

Schedule includes a group visit to the gardens, a group dinner, plus free time to do other things if you wish, especially if you decide to spend an extra night.

Event Leader: Pat Howell

Please refer to our website

aauw-whidbeyisland.org

for additional Special Interest Groups, advance scheduling and other information.



**Happy Birthday to Members
born in May and June!**

Abney, Bonnie	05/14
Shaw, Kathleen	05/17
Bothel, Jane	05/18
Clark, Eileen	05/28
Pattison, Mary	06/02
Teker, Virginia	06/04
Gust, Kelly	06/06
Lamson, Celia	06/07
Cave, Betsy	06/10
Gervais, Jean	06/17
Moore, Judi	06/18
Sayers, Karen	06/20
Nichols, Betty	06/23
Grone, Wanda	06/28
Taverne, Anne	06/29
Estes, Cathie	06/30



Calendar of Meetings & Events

May 1-2, Fri.-Sat., 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Showcase of the Arts, featuring artwork from Whidbey Island high school students
Art professionally judged with cash prizes
Coupeville Library

May 1, Fri. 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Reception for Showcase of the Arts
Coupeville Library

May 9th, Sat. 9:30 a.m.

Mary Jo Strain, Toastmasters Club
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

May 11th, Mon. 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting

June 13th, Sat. 9:30 a.m.

Installation of Officers Brunch
Whidbey Golf Club
Annual dues are due at this time

July and August

We take these two months off

Useful Links:

AAUW National

<http://www.aauw.org>

AAUW National

<http://www.aauw.org/author/aauwnational/>

AAUW of WA State

<http://aauw-wa.aauw.net>

AAUW Whidbey Island

<http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org>

Or do a search for more options.

**Articles are due to Diane Peters,
Editor, by the 20th of each month.**