

American Association of University Women Whidbey Island Newsletter



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new year for our Whidbey Island Branch of AAUW. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Our new slate of officers, installed in June, includes Sue Norman & Christy Pedersen - co-presidents, Christina Moats - VP, Mary Ellen Loy - Finance VP, Camille Brighten & Milli Stanton - Program VP's, Barb Bland & Ann Zimmerman - Membership VP's & Alice O'Grady - Secretary.

Our Hospitality Chair, Alice O'Grady needs to turn the coffee pots over to someone new. Please consider helping out with this. We hope to find two members to share this position. Call or email Alice or myself if you can help.

The **Terrific Treasures Sale is scheduled for Sept. 5th**. Since this happens before our first meeting, I want to remind members to gather their items to donate as soon as possible. There are a number of ways to support this first fundraiser of the year. Donate, help with pricing on Sept. 4th or help with the sale on Sept. 5th. Finally, come by and shop on sale day! Christina Moats is once again chairing this event. Carole LaFond has generously allowed us to use her garage for storage. Thank you both. It is much appreciated.

Our **September branch meeting** on the 12th is a potluck and introduction to our Tech Trek students. Marti Thomson has opened her lovely home to host this event. Parking is limited. Please try to carpool or park at the West Beach boat ramp parking lot. There will be a shuttle from there to Marti's house.

Our September meeting is your first opportunity to sign up for a committee, interest group or outreach program. These sign-up sheets form the basis of all our activities in the coming year. The board decided to have the sign-up sheets available at meetings throughout the Fall/Winter. So if you are unable to attend in September, you can still join later in the year.

We hope to see many of you at the Terrific Treasures Sale and at our branch meeting, Sept. 12th.

~ Sue Norman & Christy Pedersen

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Potluck Brunch

Saturday, September 12th
9:30 a.m. Social &
sign-up sheets
10:00 am Brunch/Program
Bring a dish to share!

Marti Thomson's house

Please refer to directory for street address in Oak Harbor

Reacquaint with old friends and meet new ones. We especially encourage our newest members to attend. Tech Trek students will be introduced and an update on that program will be provided. Special Interest Group sign-up sheets will be available and highlights of the groups will be explained.

[Parking is very limited at the house. Additional parking is available at the end of Hastie Lake Rd with shuttle service available to the house.](#)

****Carpools Strongly Advised***

****We need 2-3 volunteers to help clean up after the brunch. Call Camille.***

**Camille Brighten,
Program V.P.**

Terrific Treasures Sale

We have been collecting donations for months now and our sales event for the year is almost here! *September 5th, Labor day weekend!* If you have not signed up for a shift for the day of the event, the evening before to assist with organizing or for teardown afterwards please do so now! Christina Moats is still collecting items for the sale so contact her to donate last minute articles and sign up to help. We are looking towards alternative fundraising mechanisms and this might be our final Terrific Treasures Sale for the foreseeable future.



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Valerie Hoernig

New member Valerie Hoernig joined our group in April, 2015. She earned an A.A. in accounting at the College of Alameda, CA in 1980 and retired from Cascade Valley Hospital, Arlington, WA as a Systems Analyst. She's interested in International Affairs and a book group as AAUW Special Interest Groups. Valerie loves to spend time with her grandchildren, traveling with her husband, reading, politics, and making new friends.

Married for forty-seven years, she has two sons, three grandsons and one great grand-daughter. Val's husband spent thirty years in the USN and together they fell in love with Oak Harbor when they were stationed there in the 1980's.

Welcome, Valerie!

Nancy Kenyon

We are pleased to have Nancy Kenyon as a new member of our group. She joined in June 2015 after her move to Whidbey from Simi Valley, CA in April. Nancy plans to participate in our walking

group and International Affairs Committee. She enjoys making cards, travel, reading, crocheting.

Born in Westerly, Rhode Island, Nancy has also lived in Old Mystic, CT, West Germany, Holy Loch, Scotland, Moscow, ID and Pullman, WA. After achieving an A.S. in General Studies at Mohegan Community College, Norwich, CT in 1982, she earned a B.S. *summa cum laude* in Psychology from the University of Idaho, Moscow, ID in 1985. There, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Nancy worked as a supply technician at the U.S. Navy Submarine Base in Groton, CT and as an educational testing technician at the Navy Campus for Education. She was a Clinical Research Study Manager and Clinical Research Senior Associate at Amgen, Inc.; then a Clinical Research Associate and Clinical Project Coordinator at Baxter Healthcare. She moved on to become an Administrative Assistant at Coopers and Lybrand, Union Institute, Washington State University and the University of Idaho.

Sheila Saul

It may be an understatement to say that new member Sheila Saul and her husband like to travel! Because of careers in the U.S. Army and high tech, they have moved fifteen times in the U.S. and abroad. They just returned from Ireland and Brittany. This fall they plan to cruise to Italy, Turkey and Greece.

Sheila, who joined our AAUW chapter in June, is a retired Special Education teacher who earned a B.S. in Early Childhood Education from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY in 1972 and a M. Ed. in Special Education from the University of Washington, Seattle in 1977.

She is a volunteer at Coupeville Elementary School, Ebey's Landing, Admiralty Head Light House, and a member of Oak Harbor Yacht Club, and St. Mary's Church in Coupeville.

The Saul's have two cats and a dog. Their two sons live in Minnesota and Utah.

Linda Schrock

Welcome to Linda Schrock, who joined us in June 2015. Linda put in a career as a public health nurse in Ventura County, Southern California focusing on maternal-child health programs before she switched to becoming a full-time artist after retirement. Painting is her main interest - enjoying mixed media, oils, encaustic and printmaking.

Raised in rural Indiana, Linda earned a BSN in nursing from Goshen College, Goshen IN in 1970, an MSN in nursing from Cal State Fresno, Fresno CA in 1983, and a BFA in art from Boise State University, Boise ID in 2009.

Linda moved to Coupeville in May 2014 with her newly retired husband. Here she enjoys gardening and fishing, as well as hiking reading, traveling, grandchildren, family and friends.

Nancy Renkiewicz

A recent new member of our local chapter, Nancy Renkiewicz has also belonged to the Healdsburg, CA chapter for three years. There she has produced a publicity brochure for a Homes Tour as well as serving this year as co-chair of Girls in Science, Math, and Engineering. Nancy lives in Freeland roughly from May-October and the other half of the year in Healdsburg.

Born in Chicago, she earned a B.A. in Drama from the U. of Denver, CO in 1962, an M.A. from Cal State of Long Beach, CA in Speech Pathology in 1969, and a degree in Higher Education Administration from the U. of Colorado, Boulder, CO in 1979. Her career includes being a high school Drama instructor, Speech Pathologist in Orange, CA, V.P. of Academics at Mission College, Santa Clara, CA, and Director Instruction, Los Rios District, CA (Sacramento, etc.), President of Trans Pacific Hawaii College, small college for Japanese students.

Nancy was voted to Mortar Board and was elected Outstanding Junior Woman as an undergrad. She loves to work with students, is looking for a current affairs discussion group and book group to join.

Tech Trek Camp Visit at PLU July 12th

Pat Hamilton, Carol Rice and Jessica Koeberle visited our Tech Trek Campers during their week at PLU. They were seriously entrenched in all activities and were glad to see us. We will hear from them during our first AAUW meeting at Marti's. Our 5th camper had to depart from the group because of a serious medical problem.

The Campers' names are: Arianna Marshall, Langley Middle School, Anna Dion, Coupeville Middle School, Ayla Randolph, Oak Harbor Middle School and Hanna Samuels from North Whidbey Middle School. Come meet them at our potluck meeting!

Privacy Policy Please note that due to privacy issues we do not include branch members' home addresses, phone numbers or other personal information in the newsletter which is now posted in public view on our website.

AAUW Membership Social

DATE: October 16, 2015

TIME : 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Candi Rohr's house, N.Oak Harbor

Our new member social, designed to introduce potential members to Whidbey Island Branch of AAUW, is set for October 16th. All branch members are welcome, but remember the price of admission is bringing a prospective new member to this event. We want our membership to continue to grow, and this gathering will provide a special opportunity to share information about our organization and our mission.

The social will be held at the home of Candi Rohr. AAUW board members will provide hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. We hope that many of you will join us.

RSVP to Barb Bland or Ann Zimmerman via contact information in your AAUW directory.

Special Interest Groups

Gourmet # 2

"Baker's Dozen"

Fri, Sept. 4th, 11:30 a.m. at the home of Karen Wigen.

Theme: Pool Party & Picnic Food!

Bathing suits are required. Food will be enjoyed around the pool.

Group Leader: Pat Lokanis

International Affairs

Sept. 18th, 10:00 a.m.

Coupeville Library

India Changes Course

by Barbara Croussette

Chapter 4

Discussion leader: Jean Gervais

Chair: Mary Pattison

Book Group #1

Book Group #1, the original book group, continues to meet on the first Monday of each month, 10:00 am at Cathie Estes' home. All visitors are welcome to join us.

Two Miler Group

Thurs, Sept. 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Meet at Deception Pass State Park, West Beach, south end of lot. If you don't have a Discovery Pass call Camille for carpooling.

We meet every other Thurs. to walk.

Contact Camille Brighten.

Garden Group

Tues. September 22nd

Dried Flower Arranging. Sarah will get back to everyone with details, but as your gardens grow, please keep in mind drying flowers in anticipation of this event.

Call Sarah with any questions.

Event Leader: Sarah Haynes.

Please refer to our website

aauw-whidbeyisland.org

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

Other AAUW interest groups include:

Book Group #2 - Joie des Livres, 3rd Wednesday

Book Group #3 - Cheryl's Readers, 4th Wednesday

Book Group #4 - Romeos (Retired Old Men Eating Out) 1st & 3rd Thursday at local restaurant

Cultural Events, schedule varies with each event

Gourmet Group #1 - Rose's Gourmet, 4th Thursday

Gourmet Group #3 - Global Gourmet, 4th Friday

Second Thursday Supper Group

Lunch Bunch is now defunct, but could easily be started again.

If you have an inspiration for a new interest group present your idea to the board at anytime!



**Happy Birthday to Members
with September & October
Birthdays!!**

Schrock, Linda	09/10
Mathewson-Kerr, Mona	09/15
LaFond, Carole	09/19
Nicholai, Judy	09/27
Overton, Sandy	09/28

Williams, Julie	10/01
Klein, Kay	10/02
Christensen, Donna	10/02
Riffe, Linda	10/03
O'Grady, Alice	10/10
Fitzgerald, Jeannette	10/18
Thompson, Babette	10/18
Toft, Rosemary	10/21

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

**Calendar of Meetings & Events
2015-2016 Calendar Year**

September 5th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Terrific Treasures Sale
Christina Moats is now collecting items for the sale.

September 12th, Sat. 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Pot luck at Marti Thomson's house
Bring a dish to share, meet our Tech Trek girls,
and sign up for Interest Groups & Activities

September 14th, Mon. 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting
Coupeville Library

October 16th, Fri. 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Prospective Member Party
Candi Rohr's house

Useful Links:

AAUW National
<http://www.aauw.org>
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<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.

