

## American Association of University Women Whidbey Island Newsletter



### CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a terrific start to the year with our September branch meeting & potluck. Thank you to Marti Thomson for opening her home for the event and kudos to Milli Stanton and Camille Brighten for organizing the first meeting of our 2015-2016 year. The food was wonderful and it was so exciting to hear from the four students that received scholarships to this year's Tech Trek at Pacific Lutheran University. Robert Elphick from the MAGIC group of Whidbey Island presented iPads to each of the girls. Thank you Macintosh Appreciation Group of Island County for a second year of such generosity. After the presentation, Robert met with the girls to demonstrate their iPads and offered each one an hour of instruction at a later date. We are truly appreciative of this connection with the MAGIC group. (See more Pg. 4)

At our September 14<sup>th</sup> AAUW Board Meeting we passed a motion to continue funding the Academic Scholarships and Tech Trek at the same level as last year. That is three Academic Scholarships at \$2000 each and five Tech Trek scholarships at \$900 each. We hope to continue the trend of having the Tech Trek students come to our September Potluck to share their experiences.

We also had sign-up sheets out for each of our Interest Groups, Committees and Outreach Programs. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, they will be available at the October and November meetings.

Our Membership VPs have organized a New Member event at Candi Rohr's home on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Please think about someone who might be a potential new member and plan to bring them along. There is an item in this newsletter with more details.

The Terrific Treasures sale was such a success. We extend a huge thank you to Christina Moats for organizing it and putting so much of her time into the project. We don't have a firm figure yet for the proceeds from the sale, but we will announce the final tally at our October meeting. A few checks are still coming in. With positive feedback from so many of our members, Christina has generously agreed to chair the sale for one more year. (See more Pg. 3)

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### OCTOBER PROGRAM

#### **Citizens Against Domestic Abuse (CADA)**

*introducing*

**Cindy Robinson,  
Director**

Cindy Robinson will present about CADA, how it helps Whidbey Islanders, and touch on ideas about how you can help. She will update us on Margie's House, started in the name of a former AAUW member, a program that we have continued to support over the years.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
*(in the first building)*

**18341 SR 525  
Freeland, WA**

**Saturday, October 10th**  
**9:30 a.m. Social**  
**Look for sign-up sheets for**  
**committees & SIGs**  
**10 a.m. Program**

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

We are still looking for a volunteer to Chair the Hospitality Committee.

Our new Programs team of Milli Stanton and Camille Brighten has offered to circulate a sign-up sheet for goodies at each meeting. *So, all this position actually requires is setting up the coffee pots.*



One of our new Board members asked about the AAUW Cookbook. We still have plenty of copies available for \$15 each and they will be for sale at upcoming meetings. If you need one outside of a meeting, Pat Lokanis has them in storage.

We hope to see many of you at our October 10<sup>th</sup> branch meeting in Freeland.

~ Christy Pedersen & Sue Norman

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**New Member Leslie Improta**

Leslie is a new member to our AAUW Whidbey Island Branch. Leslie lived her entire life in Providence, Rhode Island until she found Whidbey Island. She moved to Whidbey Island April 30, 2014. Her family consists of a daughter, son-in-law and their three daughters.

Leslie is a member of St. Mary’s Church in Coupeville and is involved in volunteer work there. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the HUB, After School Program in Langley.

Her many interests include traveling, challenging crossword puzzles, reading, gardening, helping people (especially young children), kayaking, movies, music and writing. On her membership application she also stated that she is interested in helping and being involved with the community especially with focus on the well-being and success of young people.

Leslie has already selected two committees that she is interested in joining. They are the Scholarship and STEM committees. We all welcome Leslie to our organization.

**Directory Update Requested**

Please send updated personal information (and photo) for the upcoming 2015-2016 directory, if needed, to Sarah Mackaman by October 12, 2015 at the latest. Thanks to everyone who has already submitted updates.

**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 the 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 information in your AAUW directory or the website so that we have a tentative head-count.

### Terrific Treasures Sale 2015

As chair of the Terrific Treasures Sale I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire membership! All of our members contributed to the success of the sale in some way. Many members donated wonderful items. On set-up day, many members unpacked the treasures and created fantastic displays. Others volunteered on sale day, with some staying from our opening at 8 a.m. to clean-up at 4 p.m.

In our membership survey last fall, the sale was one of the fundraising events that the membership supports and enjoys participating in, so we do plan to continue this annual event. The more consecutive years we have the sale, the better customer base we will have, leading, of course, to increased scholarship money. Next year, I would like to include furniture so please keep that in mind for donations.

The accessories section is one of our best for income. Scarves, purses, gloves, jewelry and art-piece clothing all sell very well. We can continue to sell purses through the Coupeville consignment shop throughout the year. Another great thing about these items is that they are easy to store as they are collected throughout the year. So, we can begin taking donations for accessories, decor and housewares right away in preparation for next year.

It was wonderful to see how much the members enjoyed themselves while working on the sale. Thanks again to all of you - I appreciate you!

~ Christina Moats

### Do You Have Event Photos to Share?

Sara Mackaman would like to have a few more photos for the new directory. If you have photos from one or more of our 2014-2015 events that you would like to share please contact Sarah.

### What are the Other Branches Doing?

There's a wealth of information on the AAUW WA State website. One section that I frequently peruse has various WA State branch newsletters posted. It's fun and informative to see what other branches are doing, how they're raising money, what interest groups they have, etc. There are nineteen branch newsletters of which we are one. Check it out when you have some spare time. Following are instructions to the site.

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

Scroll down to the bottom of the homepage.

Click on [What are the other branches doing?](#)

It will ask for a password which I am unfortunately unable to tell you here since our newsletter is posted in a public section of our website. I will give you the password in the cover email for this newsletter or you may contact me.

~ Diane Peters

### Benefits for AAUW Members

Go to: <http://www.officediscounts.org/aauw.html> for an Office Max discount card.

Click on the red rectangle Print Free Card and follow instructions on the next page. Remember to take the coupon to have it laminated for free. Your discounts may be applied to personal purchases as well as AAUW business. There are some nice savings with this AAUW discount card.

For Pharmacy discounts: <http://www.rxcut.com/rxc723/en/PrintCard.html>.

There are also items you can purchase from the national organization that include the newest AAUW logo. Go to: <http://www.aauw.org>.

Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on ShopAAUW.

~ Diane Peters

## AAUW Tech Trek Program

Tech Trek is a camp designed for girls between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades who are interested in STEM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Nominated by their teachers in these subjects for their excellence, the girls must complete an application, write an essay and go through an interview to be selected to attend the weeklong camp in July at Pacific Lutheran University. The students live in dorms on campus and participate in classes in robotics, genetics, chemistry and more.

The four winners of the Whidbey Island Tech Trek scholarships this year were Ayla Randolph (Oak Harbor Middle School), Ari Marshall (Langley Middle School), Anna Dion (Coupeville Middle School) and Hannah Samuels (North Whidbey Middle School). Proud parents looked on as each girl recounted what core classes, electives and field trips she had taken and what she found most exciting and enjoyable about her experience.

At this point Robert Elphick (president of MAGIC, the Macintosh Appreciation



*Photo by Gina Burrill*

Group of Island County) made a surprise presentation of an iPad Air to each girl, along with the generous offer of a personal tutorial in the set up and use of her new device. The iPads came pre-loaded with apps helpful for students interested in science and math.

Local members of AAUW as well as members of MAGIC are convinced this program is an important part of supporting AAUW's national purpose: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

~ Meg Eisenbraun

## Special Interest Groups

### **Gourmet # 2**

"Baker's Dozen"

Fri, Oct. 2nd, 11:30 a.m. at the home of Jean Fitzgerald

*Theme:* Oktoberfest

German food and beer shall be on the menu.

Group Leader: Pat Lokanis

### **International Affairs**

Fri, Oct. 16th, 10:00 a.m.

Coupeville Library

The U.S. and Africa

by *Adekeye Adebajo*

Chapter 5

Discussion leaders: Bonnie Abney and Edith Bryan

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 Milers Walking Group**

Thurs, Oct. 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Rhododendron Gardens Trail

Thurs, Oct. 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Ebey Bluff trail.

We meet every other Thurs to walk. An email will be sent out the Friday before the hike with more specific directions. Partners are welcome. To be put on the email list please contact Camille Brighten.

Please refer to our website [aauw-whidbeyisland.org](http://aauw-whidbeyisland.org) for additional Special Interest Groups, advance scheduling and other information.

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

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

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 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 |
|                       |       |
| Hamilton, Pat         | 11/01 |
| Reinecke, Janet       | 11/08 |
| Rohr, Candi           | 11/09 |
| 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 |

**Birthday Get Togethers**

Have you considered getting together with other AAUW branch members who share your birthday month? It's an opportunity to try a new restaurant, meet new members...celebrate, validate one another! Send in a photo of your event for the directory, history scrapbook or newsletter.

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

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

**October 10th, Sat. 9:30 a.m.**

CADA, Cindy Robinson  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

**October 12th, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.**

Board Meeting  
Coupeville Library

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

Prospective Member Party  
Candi Rohr's house

**November 14th, Sat. 9:30 a.m.**

What Makes Jazz Jazz?  
Presented by AAUW member Judy Nicholai and her husband Nick who will define, demonstrate, educate, and entertain with Jazz!

**December 12th, Sat. 11:00 a.m.**

Holiday Brunch  
China City, Freeland

**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.*

