

American Association of University Women Whidbey Island Newsletter

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sue Norman & Christy Pedersen

October has been an eventful month for our AAUW Branch. The October meeting included a presentation by CADA (Citizens Against Domestic Abuse) Director, Cindy Robinson. She informed us about the role of CADA in helping victims of domestic abuse in a variety of ways. We discussed Margie's House, the housing facility named after an AAUW member who lost her life during a domestic incident. There were handouts with a CADA Wish List for everyday items we could donate. This list is also on their website under "Ways to Donate". We plan to have a donation box at our Holiday Luncheon in December for donations.

After the meeting, several of us attended the Memorial Service for Marilee Petersen's husband, Don. We also lost longtime member Celia Lamson this past month. Look for a more thorough article about Celia and her desire to help Tech Trek in our next issue.

On a more positive note, we had a wonderful reception for potential new members at Candi Rohr's home on Friday, October 16th. It was a well-received event and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as they learned about AAUW. I want to thank all the Board Members for bringing food, Christy Pedersen for the wine, and our members who brought a guest. Barb Bland, Ann Zimmerman and Candi Rohr deserve an extra special "thank you" for all the effort they put in. We signed up two new members at the social plus two more earlier in the month, just in time for our new Member Directory. Please see their bios on page 3. I understand that our membership numbers are approaching 100!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Branch Meeting on November 14th. The program is "What makes Jazz, Jazz" with Judy Nicholai and her husband, Nick. It promises to be a lively presentation filled with good music and a rich history of Jazz. >>



NOVEMBER PROGRAM

What Makes Jazz, Jazz?

with AAUW member

Judy Nicholai and her husband Nick

AAUW member Judy Nicholai will be sharing the history of Jazz. Judy along with her professional musician husband, known as the Just In Time Duo, will perform some classic Jazz. So be prepared to do some foot tapping and a bit of singing along.

Coupeville United Methodist Church

*608 N Main Street
Coupeville, WA*

Sat., November 14th

9:30 a.m. Social

10 a.m. Program

**Look for sign-up sheets for
hospitality, SIGs, and
committees**

**Camille Brighten
& Milli Stanton,
Program V.P.s**

We anticipate the arrival of our new Member Directories to be handed out at the November meeting. Sarah Mackaman has worked hard to get these ready in time. We really appreciate her effort and that of our Membership V.P.s, Barb Bland and Ann Zimmerman. They coordinated with Mary Ellen Loy, our Finance V.P., to confirm the list of paid members. Bonnie Abney has been working on updating the website, including the Leadership Chart. This is a group effort and we appreciate everyone's time and effort.

Christina Moats will have the sign-up sheets available at the November meeting, if you missed them during previous meetings.

STEM branches out to Hungary

by Jessica Koeberle

AAUW's research has long shown that stereotypes and unwelcoming work environments hinder U.S. women getting jobs in science, technology, engineering and math fields. New research in STEM fields shows that these same problems affect women worldwide. AAUW is expanding a STEM program for girls in Hungary thanks to a collaboration with the Alcoa Foundation. There are not enough workers for available jobs in the metals industry.

That is where AAUW comes in. A personalized program went to Székesfehérvár, Hungary, this year to ignite local girls' excitement and sense of belonging in STEM!

Tech Trek alumnae are way above the national average in schools to take additional advanced math and science courses.

In Memory of Celia Lamson

We mourn the loss of longtime member Celia Lamson who passed away October 1st. You may

view the obituary in the Whidbey News Times for a rich article about her life. There will be a followup article in our December issue that will cover Celia's history with AAUW.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Nov. 14th at Unitarian Universalist Church in Langley.

Publicity

Publicity Chair, Meg Eisenbraun placed a nice article entitled "AAUW Tech Trek Program" in Whidbey Weekly Newspaper Sept. 24-30 Issue, Page 4 under Bits & Pieces. If you missed the issue, you may find it online at http://www.whidbeyweekly.com/Our_Digital_Library.html. Click on the issue.

Also check out the online news magazine for Whidbey Island residents who are interested and engaged in the island: <http://whidbeydailynews.com>. We plan to place a future AAUW article in this magazine.

Terrific Treasures Sale 2015

by Christina Moats, Fundraising Chair

Thanks again to all the membership! The majority of our members participated in the success of the sale this year. *I appreciate you!* Now it is time to start collecting items for next year's sale. We can sell purses year around through the Coupeville consignment shop, so please call Christina for pick-up if you have any purses to donate. Our accessories section represented a significant percentage of our income, so please consider donating any scarves, jewelry, gloves or artistic clothing you may have. We had some lovely sweaters this year - all of which sold. We are also working on selling furniture online on the local Whidbey Island websites. Please contact Christina if you have furniture to donate and she will come and photograph it and get it up on Drewslist and/or Buy Sell Trade Whidbey. This way, we can keep money coming into our scholarship fund all through the year!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

New Member Welcome*by Barb Bland, VP Membership***Evie Novak**

Welcome to **Evelyn Novak**, one of our four new members in October, 2015.

Evie was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, but came to the University of Washington after high school and never left the Seattle area. She earned a B.S. in Psychology, but worked with SeaFirst Bank while attending UW, then went on to 40 years of work at the Bank of America in various capacities: management, tech application manager, project manager, process design, manager of finance teams for cash vaults. Though she has moved from Shoreline, WA, after a thirty-year marriage, to her summer home on Whidbey, she still works full time for BoA.

Evie's interests include reading, travel, cooking, and gardening. From a family with roots in Germany, Evelyn had the good fortune to spend several summers learning to cook in a variety of Old World food establishments. Her daughter is at an eastern university.

Faye Lovvorn

New member **Faye Lovvorn** is a retired museum professional. She has worked as a history museum registrar, collections manager and interim director. In the archival field, she has held contract positions as a consulting archivist and research archivist. With a B.A. from the University of Washington in history and an M.A. in history and archival management from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC it seems to be an understatement that she's "interested in the Women in History group."

With a father in the military, Faye grew up in California, Puerto Rico, North Carolina and Texas. Her husband and she have lived in numerous locations, as well. She speaks French and Spanish and has been teaching ESL since 2008. We're sure Faye will be a great asset to our local chapter. Welcome!

Trish Brooks

Trish Brooks attended our October general meeting and got hooked. Shortly afterward, she became our 95th member.

Trish earned a B.A. in business and home economics at Central Washington University, Ellensburg. Recently retired after 30 years in the banking industry, she first focused on the financial side of the business and then spent her last 10 years as a relationship manager in private banking.

Born and raised in the state of Washington, Trish lives at Maxwelton Beach. Among her many interests are cooking, biking, gardening (except weeding!), reading, walking, kayaking & fishing.

With her many and varied skills and interests, we hope that Trish will become happily involved in our chapter. We know she will become a valued member.

Janis Keough

Joining the cluster of active chapter members from the Sunrise Hills area of North Whidbey we welcome new member Janis Keough.

Born in Kirksville, MO, Janis earned B.A. and B.S.E. degrees in history and political science from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville. Then she went on to Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL for an M.A. in political science. With her new degree Janis moved to Washington, D.C. to begin work in publishing at the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. (now the Bloomberg BNA). During her career she has held positions in editorial, production, and publishing systems.

Her interests include reading, genealogy, knitting, basket weaving, hiking, walking, and running.

Janis has proudly served eight years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.



2 Milers Walking Group, Bowman Bay to Lighthouse Point in Deception Pass State Park

Despite a bit of a slow start in the springtime, the walking group is growing in numbers and walks regularly every other week. *L to R: Nancy Kenyon, Marisa Leandro, Diane Peters, Sue Norman, Meg Eisenbraun & Camille Brighten*

South End Supper Club is Newest Whidbey Island Branch SIG

Interested in joining other members for an evening out on the South End? A new SIG is starting for those who enjoy dining in South

Whidbey and Mukilteo restaurants – the South End Supper Club. We are still deciding on a weeknight to call our own; couples and singles welcome. Contact Wanda Grone for more information.

Special Interest Groups

☒ Gourmet # 2

“Baker’s Dozen”
 Fri, Nov. 6th, 11:30 a.m. at the home of Helen Bates.
Theme: Turkey Time
 Dishes from the cuisine of the country Turkey.
 Group Leader: Pat Lokanis

☒ 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.

☒ International Affairs

Fri, November 20th, 10:00 a.m.
 Coupeville Library
 “Syria’s Refugee Crisis”
 by *Rochelle Davis*
 Chapter 6
 Discussion leaders: Betti Jordan & Jeanette Fitzgerald
 Chair: Mary Pattison

☒ Two Milers Walking Group

Thurs, Nov. 6th at 10:00 a.m.
 Washington Park in Anacortes.
 Thurs, Nov. 19th at 10:00 a.m.
 Padilla Mud Flats. Both are off island but are great hikes!

The walking group will be taking a break in December, but be prepared to join us in January to walk off all that holiday celebrating. If you are interested in getting on the list contact Camille Brighten.

Please refer to our website 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 November & December Birthdays!!

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
Peters, Diane	12/02
Halvorson, Linda	12/08
Kramer, Estelle	12/10
Wolfe, Sandy	12/11
Stanton, Milli	12/14
Lavvorn, Faye	12/17
Wigen, Karin	12/18
Merrion, Virginia	12/20

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

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

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!

November 16th, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Board Meeting
Coupeville Library

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

Holiday Brunch
Reserve with Camille Brighten or Milli Stanton
TBA

January 16th, 9:30 a.m.

Third Saturday of the month

League of Women Voters Annual Meeting
Brunch with our Legislators

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>

