

The Anacortes Agent

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October 11th Meeting will feature

Anacortes Police Chief Bonnie Bowers

Coffee and Conversation at 7:00 ~ Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall at 9th & M Avenue

Please park in the church lot – Elevator available for those who need assistance to the basement level

Anacortes Police Chief, Bonnie Bowers, will share her experiences and perspective on Women in Law Enforcement. Bonnie



is a local Skagit woman, raised in Mount Vernon and a graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Skagit Valley College, and Washington State University. She has a rich career in law enforcement, from serving as an intern in the Skagit County Sheriff's Office to working as Police Chief in LaConner and then in 2008 becoming Anacortes Police Chief. She also has an interesting life outside the police department, which recently included some major athletic adventures during the summer while preparing for her role as "mother-of-the-bride" for her

daughter's September wedding. We look forward to what she has to share with us about her job and our community. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for coffee, tea, and goodies and stay to hear her story.



With appreciation, we recognize Rosette Dawson, Laura Jane Viverette, Robin Pestarino and Linda Hendrick for spending time at our local Farmers' Market. Rosette reported the idea of networking at Saturday markets to the board after it was suggested at a recent leadership conference. Laura Jane, Membership Co-Chair, agreed to join her the first week. Robin provided a canopy and helped with early morning set up and Linda joined them the following Saturday. At least one person has joined as a result of this brilliant idea!



Gay Woods, for securing Kathleen Horr as our September speaker. Gay joins Letty Hafer as Co-Vice President of Programs this year. Letty's son was ill during the summer and she is thankful for the time Gay spent scheduling our fall speakers. That's the beauty of having co-chairs. When the unexpected happens, you have a partner to help you.



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Happy Birthday to...

Nelle Jacobson (10/1) Suzan Williams (10/1) Betsy Rogers (10/10) Jane Crannell (10/15)
Daphne Ghan (10/23) Karen Maughan (10/23) Sally Kilpatrick (10/27) Diane Dempsey Marr (10/31)

September Board Meeting Highlights

- The date of the Candidate Forum has to be changed due to a scheduling conflict
- Leslie and Margaret are working to correct minor inconsistencies in our Bylaws
- Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Bunny and Claudia have designated levels of giving to coincide with educational degrees: Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters, and Doctorate levels; the refineries will not be approached for fundraising by this committee as the STEM committee will contact them.
- Board members generously donated money for Hospitality purposes (\$95 was raised-thank you!)
- Photo deadline for the directory is the September 28; new directories will be handed out at the October meeting
- The board discussed how to designate the LAF funds raised at the summer barbeque
- Bunny was authorized to change the date of the Spring Tea to accommodate a potential speaker



November Book Talk with Linda Hendrick

We are so fortunate to have Linda as our guide as we look at a new genre for many of us. Linda has researched this topic in preparation for the February Writers' Forum and we are previewing it at our annual Book Talk. What is it, you ask? ROMANCE! Please take some time to look over the list she has created which offers reading suggestions. If you are new to our branch of AAUW, this is a great meeting to attend. We sit in a circle and each person shares something about the book she has read. Linda assures us that there are some fine authors writing romance novels, so sit down with the beverage of your choice and escape your daily grind with a bit of romance. (Book list attached on pages 4 & 5)

***The next board meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, at the home of
Robin Pestarino, 801 E Avenue at 7:00 p.m. (588-8177)***



Please join AAUW friends and guests for two
No-Host One-Hour Coffees in September and October at
The Market Starbucks. We will meet at 2. P.M. on
Oct. 25th.

It's a great time to bring new and potential members for lively
conversation in a smaller group than at our meetings. Laura
Jane and Meredith, your membership
co-chairs, look forward to seeing you!
Questions? Call Laura Jane at 293-4867.

Candidate Forum date revised ...

The Candidate Forum originally planned for September at Anacortes City Hall has been changed to
Wednesday, October 3.

Volunteers should arrive at 5:00 PM to set up. Candidates' Meet & Greet is at 6:00 PM and the Forum starts at
6:30 PM. Leslie has agreed to share the MC duties with Stephanie Hamilton, Executive Director of the Anacortes
Chamber of Commerce. Cookies and light snacks are needed.
Contact Robin Pestarino for need more information. (588-8177)

Welcome our latest members...



Sandy Huggins - joined in September
Invited by Vivian Kolhoff

Carolyn Colley
Rosette's daughter recently
moved to the Seattle area



Barbara Lewis – joined last Spring
Our new Publicity Chair!

Cecelia Weldon – joined in September
Discovered our AAUW branch at the Farmers' Market



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Best Romance Novels **(from the genre as it arose in the 20th century)** **provided by Linda and Best Lists**

(There is a debate over which of these first two are the best romance novel)

Dream Man by Linda Howard (Contemporary)

A psychic sees a vision & goes to the police to report it only to face a cop who, while attracted to her, doesn't trust her. Some great lines I will never forget.

Outlander by Diana Gabaldon (Historical)

Meant to be a historical novel the publisher told the author it would sell bigger as a romance. This is a great story about a woman who goes back to 1740s and the Scottish uprising. This book was intended as a historical novel and it is longer than most romance works.

A Knight in Shining Armor by Jude Deveraux (Contemporary & Historical)

A visitor to England is left in a cemetery by her lover & her tears bring a surprising rescuer.

It Had to be You by Susan Elizabeth Phillips (Contemporary)

This book and the next one are part of a series about sports stars. In this one a brilliant scientist wants a baby but not by a smart father (she grew up odd & way ahead at school) & picks a football player as the dad.

Nobody's Baby but Mine by Susan Elizabeth Phillips (Contemporary)

A tear jerker about the widow of an evangelical minister who cheated his congregation - she is thought to be a money grabber. She meets a broken man - the rest isn't new but very well done.

Mine Til Midnight by Lisa Kleypas (the Hathaway Series # 1) (Regency)

Kleypas is a local author and her Regency novels are wonderful. This one is about a poor family whose oldest brother becomes an Earl. 1st book is about the eldest sister & the Gypsy gambler followed by books about all the siblings, something done a lot in romance.

Sea Swept by Nora Roberts (Chesapeake Series # 1) (Contemporary)

Roberts writes a lot of 3-4 book series and this first one was one of her best.

Almost any Regency novel by Mary Balogh

Mary Balogh is Welsh, I believe, and I have rarely been disappointed in her books.

Son of the Morning by Linda Howard (very different) (Contemporary & Historical)

This Howard book is very different: a scholar sees a crime & is on the run. She experiences great changes & her research into medieval manuscripts has surprising results.

Flowers from the Storm by Laura Kinsale (long considered the best -1992) (Historical)

Morning Glory by LaVyrre Spencer (she writes very different romances) Early 20th century)

Set at the beginning of WWII this book shows Spencer's unique take on romance. The hero is an ordinary man except he was in prison and the heroine is a single mother with children.



Family Blessings by LaVyrrie Spencer (a May December romance turned on its head)

I love this odd book: a woman's son is killed (he's a policeman) and she finds his best friend the only person she can be open with. Their friendship grows into something else.

Cry No More by Linda Howard (Contemporary)

A mother's baby is taken from her while she is shopping in an open air Mexican market. Her desperation & grief turn into a movement to help find lost children.

Heaven Texas by Susan Elizabeth Phillips (Contemporary)

This sports centered book has a golfer & an English visitor who wants to ruin herself so she won't have to marry the man she dislikes back in England.

Almost Heaven by Judith McNaught (Regency)

Diamond Bay/Midnight Rainbow by Linda Howard (I like the 1st one best - Contemp)

For awhile there were a lot of romances about couples on the run. Midnight is one of them but Diamond Bay is a little different. I read it first and loved it: a woman finds a man's body in the water & rescues him.

Night Play (Dark Hunter series) by Sherrilyn Kenyon (Paranormal)

Crazy for You by Jennifer Crusie (Contemporary)

Sugar Daddy by Lisa Kleypas (Contemporary)

A contemporary about a poor, trailer trash heroine who finds a savior in an old man. Heroine is a treat & misunderstood, a romance theme.

Goddess of Spring by P.C. Cast (Paranormal)

Naked in Death by J.D. Robb (futurist police romance by Nora Roberts)

First in a long running series ('In Death' in all titles), best to start with this one. Eve Dallas is a determined and dedicated police woman in 2060's & her first suspect is Roarke, a wealthy Irish American. There are more than 25 in the series and the murders are often gruesome but you can get hooked.

The following link is to wikipedia's article on romance novels and can be helpful in determining what you might look for. There are several formats and most of my recommendations are available as single title but many were once series titles (once an author becomes famous like Nora Roberts and Linda Howard their earlier titles are re-issued as single titles) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romance_novel