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# The Anacortes Agent

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**Welcome Back! Thursday, September 12 at Westminster Church Fellowship Hall**

1300 Ninth Street – Parking in the church lot - use stairs/elevator at the alley entrance behind the Museum

**6:00 P.M.** Salad Supper - Salad greens, beverages, dressings, and bread will be provided. Please bring something to add to the salad. **6:45 P.M.** A brief business meeting will be held. **7:00 P.M.** Guests are welcome to join us as we begin the year with a historical look at the Burdon Family of Anacortes. Our program speaker, Bret Lunsford, is the Anacortes Museum Education Curator. He will share with us about Anacortes' first woman doctor and the dilemma of supporting women's suffrage and prohibition while suffering economic costs to the family business. Lunsford grew up in Anacortes and is the author of *Images of America: Anacortes and Croatian Fishing Families of Anacortes*.



It's as easy as 1-2-3, but it only adds up when you're involved!

**One** Candidate Forum will be sponsored by AAUW and LWV at City Hall on October 2.

**Two** Committee chair positions are still vacant: By-Laws and LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund)

**Three** new members joined our branch at the Farmers' Market booth on August 31



**Volunteers are needed**



**Anacortes Farmers Market on Saturday, September 7.**

Enjoy the sunshine and help with our annual membership drive.

We will be set up from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are asking for two people for a 2 ½ hour shift.

Contact Laura Jane Viverette (293-4867) for scheduling information.

*~2013-2014 Branch Directories will be available at the September meeting~*

## 2012-2013 Year in Review....by Rosette Dawson

**General Meeting Programs:** We had a wonderful selection of speakers this year.

**Field Trips:** We visited Chihuly Gardens and Glass in April.

**General Scholarship:** Our Branch scholarship committee selects the recipients that allowed us to award 3 scholarships (\$2000, \$1000, \$600).



These are funded by our annual spring fundraiser:

Donations can also be made to the Anacortes Schools Foundation – AAUW Scholarship fund.

**STEM program:** Teachers and principals selected the recipients for our branch awards. We were able to award Science, Mathematics and Technology scholarships (\$500 each) to three 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls at our Washington State STEM Scholars Recognition presentation (certificates, pins, 4 GB USB drives with new AAUW logo that have information about AAUW on them). Our STEM speaker (Marine Biologist) was excellent. The

scholarships are funded by donations to the Anacortes Schools Foundation – AAUW STEM fund. We were able to award 2 Science, 2 Math and 1 Technology (new this year because of the new Robotics class) certificates to five 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls at the Moving-Up ceremony at their middle school. They each receive a certificate and a \$100 achievement check. The awards are funded by donations to the Anacortes Schools Foundation – AAUW STEM fund.

These girls are invited to the annual STEM meeting each year during their high school career and several of them have become our AAUW State scholars since 2007 when the program began.

Teachers nominated 7<sup>th</sup> grade candidates that were later interviewed by Branch members for Tech Trek. We sent 3 campers; one was funded by Branch member donations, one funded by our Anacortes Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, and one funded by Tech Trek itself. We were thrilled! The 3 girls (pictured below) are scheduled to speak at our first general meeting in September.



**LAF Fundraiser:** A BBQ held in August was well attended and a lot of fun. We made more than \$600 to send to National. The donation will be made in memory of Ann Nord.

**Website:** We were pleased to get our website up and running. We have a webmaster that continues to do the updates. We have gotten several membership information emails from this.

**Membership Drive:** We set up a table at Saturday Market in Anacortes for two Saturdays in September. We got about 4 members from this and directed some other women to check out Branches in the areas where they live.

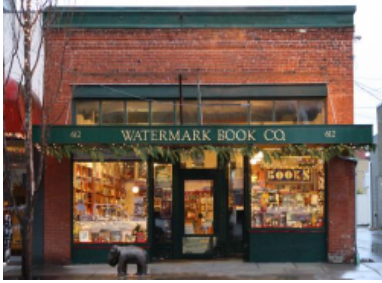
**Community:** We participated with the League of Women Voters sponsoring candidate forums. We presented a Writers' Forum held at the library in February, featuring Washington authors.



**The International Relations group** will resume their monthly meetings on September 24 with a discussion on NATO. The Great Decisions program highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year and provides background information, current data and policy options for each issue and serves as the focal text for discussion groups. Laura Jane Viverette is willing to loan her copy to anyone wishing to join the group this month. You can contact her at 293-4867 for more information.

## ***November Book Talk Topic: Civil War***

**AAUW 101:** What is **BOOK TALK**? For many years Skagit Valley College Librarian, Linda Hendrick, has graciously



led us in discussing 'good reads'. At our November meeting we will discuss books about the American Civil War. If you haven't read something in this field recently, select a book and be prepared to give a brief overview. You are not limited to non-fiction, so consider fiction as well as biographies and autobiographies. This has proven to be both a great way to enhance one's reading list as well as a fun way to learn more about each other. If

you haven't already read a Civil War story, when selecting a book remember your local bookstore. When you shop with Watermark, the benefits flow back to Anacortes. Watermark actively supports local schools, Island Hospital, Friends of the Forest, and AAUW. Did you know Watermark now offers eBook in partnership with the American Booksellers Association and Kobo.com? Kobo offers a complete line of eBooks from major publishers. More than 2.5 million titles are currently available and if you set up your account through Watermark, they receive a share of the revenue.



Susan Puck (9/2) Terri Bawden (9/8) Polly Myers (9/13) Sue Mondello (9/23)

***The next board meeting will be held on October 7, at 7:00 p.m.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church - 1300 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Enter office building on 9<sup>th</sup> Street - Classroom 3***