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Did you know that Anacortes Middle School won the School of Distinction award 2010, 2011 and 2012? Or, did you know that our high school won the School of Distinction award in 2011 and 2012? Come and hear our new school superintendent, Dr. Mark Wenzel, speak about school excellence and the importance of the two levies that are now before the voters. The Anacortes School



Board hired Dr. Wenzel in March of 2013 after fielding 45 inquiries from across the country. Before holding a position as Superintendent at Methow Valley, he worked as communications director for the Bethel School District in Spanaway, and spent years teaching in Korea and Japan. Join us on Saturday, February 8, at 9:30 A.M., downstairs in the Fellowship Hall of Westminster Church (1300 9th Street). Parking is available in the church lot; please enter through the alley door.



At Tech Trek, girls are immersed in a world that empowers and encourages them to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists. The program puts AAUW's groundbreaking *Why So Few?* research report into action. Tech Trek's formula follows the report's recommendations, introducing girls to role models and career choices and giving campers the opportunity to reside on a college campus. Alumnae are more likely than their peers to take advanced science and math classes and eventually to go to college. **At our January meeting we collected \$450 toward sending a camper to Tech Trek. We have 3 grant requests currently in the works, but need \$550 more by February 10th to meet our branch commitment to support one camper. Contact Rosette Dawson at rdawson53@comcast.net or 293-6599 to learn more or make a donation.**



Heather Maddox (2/8) Reanne Hemingway-Douglass (2/11) Jessica Koeberle (2/12)
Barbara Martyn-Godfrey (2/15) Barbara Lewis (2/16) Linda Hendrick (2/22) Gayle Woods (2/28)



Writers' Forum

February 22, 1-3 p.m.

Anacortes Library meeting room

The February 22, 2014 Writers' Forum will be about cookbooks: what is involved in creating a cookbook, how a cookbook is edited, and what is involved in publishing cookbooks. Panelists are two cookbook authors, a publisher and cookbook editor. Watermark Book Co. will be there with copies of the featured books. Invite your friends to this annual event which promised to be interesting, informative, and fun.

Lavone Newell is the author of *Skagit Valley Fare* a cookbook celebrating the beauty and bounty in the Pacific Northwest.

Christina Orchid authored *Christina's Cookbook: Recipes and Stories from a Northwest Island Kitchen*.

Suzanne Butler is a registered dietitian who has worked with Graham Kerr on various cookbook projects and edited *Simply Splenda Cookbook*.

Gemelli Press is a boutique publishing company founded in Seattle in 2007 by **Kari Hock**, who lived in Sicily and features books on Italian lifestyle and cuisine.



Lobby Day

Our branch Public Policy Chair, Claudia Cimini, and Co-President, Rosette Dawson, attended the Lobby Day event on January 27th in Olympia. Top left photo is Claudia with Velma Veloria, 11th District Representative. Top right is Claudia and Rosette. Bottom left is Claudia with Representative Jeff Morris and Tara Nelson, his Legislative Assistant and a 2001 scholarship award winner. Senator Kevin Ranker of the 40th Legislative District, Claudia and Rosette appear in the last photo on the right.

Color and Light from an Artist's Perspective

Our annual Spring Scholarship event will be held on Saturday, April 26, from 2-4 p.m., at the Anacortes Senior Center. Well known artist Jennifer Bowman will give a presentation and live demonstration. Bowman is donating a limited edition print on canvas to be auctioned at the event. This is our primary fundraiser, so let's make this event our best ever! Don't limit yourself to selling tickets to women. This event will appeal to everyone. Each member is required to sell or purchase **at least** three tickets. Don't forget to buy one for yourself. Tickets and sign-up sheets for sweets and savories will be available at the February meeting.