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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Saturday, January 11, 9:30 A.M.
Westminster Church, 1300 9th,
downstairs in Fellowship Hall
Parking available in the church lot;
please enter through the alley door

For the next three meetings we will meet on Saturdays. Join us in January to hear from Nancy Stannert. Nancy just completed her term as President of the Washington Chapters of P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization dedicated to encouraging women. Nancy will speak about P.E.O. scholarship and award programs. Guests are welcome.

**\$325 was collected for the Salvation Army Food Bank
at our December Holiday party**



Eliane Daou (1/1) Meredith Machin (1/2) Ora Jonasson (1/7)
Margaret Frey (1/16) Carolyn Colley (1/19)

The bestselling novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford has been selected as the book we are requesting to give out at the U.S. World Book Night event in April. This novel, written in 2009, is about the love and friendship between Henry Lee, a Chinese boy, and Keiko Okabe, a Japanese girl, during the Japanese internment in World War II. The application to be a book donor has been submitted and we hope to hear that we will be able to distribute books at our April event featuring artist Jennifer Bowman.



Marion Williams, a charter member when the Anacortes Branch of AAUW was formed in 1956 and who twice served as Branch president, died 29 November 2013 at the age of 93 at Rosario Assisted Living in Anacortes. She was born on 24 June 1920 in Seattle and grew up on Vashon Island, where she graduated from high school at the age of 16.

Marion then went to Washington State University, where she was very involved in student government and where she met her husband of 70 years, Charles "Chuck" Williams. They were married in 1942 in San Antonio, Texas. Chuck died in June of 2013.

After receiving her B.S. degree from WSU, Marion worked as a physical therapist at Fort Sam Houston in Texas and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. After Chuck's discharge from the Marines, the couple returned to WSU so he could finish his degree. They moved to Anacortes in 1946.

The couple had four children, Mike (wife Julie), Greg, Kay (husband Dave Blocki), and Paul (wife Mary Ellen), all of whom survive her, along with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A stay-at-home mother in the early days of her marriage, Marion was very involved in her church and with the PTA and other organizations. She later returned to school and got her teaching credentials from Western Washington University and was an elementary teacher at Fidalgo and Whitney schools for 15 years.

Private graveside services were held on Vashon Island. Memorials may be made to the Rosario Assisted Living Party Fund, Mount Adams, 1105 27th Street, Anacortes.

From the Evergreen Leader

Pay equity and family sick leave issues are in the forefront of AAUW's Lobby Day on January 27, 2014. Equal pay for women translates into a sustainable income for families. It is a complicated issue which goes beyond the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act signed by President Obama and the Equal Pay bill signed in May of this year by Gov. Peter Shumlin of Vermont. Likewise, what are the rules which determine when a person qualifies to miss work to care for a family member under the Family Leave Act? These and other questions, like child care support, play a critical role in the size of the family paycheck each month. How do we get involved?

If these subjects pique your interest, then you need to come to Lobby Day in Olympia on January 27, 2014. Two distinguished professors from the University of Washington will speak to us. Dr. Sutapa Basu, affiliate professor and executive director at the UW Women's Center, will speak to us on the equal pay issue in Washington state. Dr. Marilyn Watkins, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Health Services at UW and policy director at the Economic Opportunity Institute, will address the current status of the Family Leave Act in our state. Both served on Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn's Gender Equity in Pay Task Force.

Pay equity issues here in Washington and across the US will be addressed by Carol Andreason, retired Port Townsend School superintendent. In addition, Pam Crone, AAUW Washington lobbyist, attorney, and faculty member at Seattle University's School of Law and their Distinguished Policy Advocate, plans to update participants in advocacy training and lobbying.

**Contact Rosette if you are interested in attending (rdawson53@comcast.net 0r 293-6599)
A registration form may be found on-line or complete the form on the following page.**

Advocate with AAUW-Washington in Olympia

Lobby Day 2014

January 27, 2014

First United Methodist Church

1224 Legion Way, Olympia

Schedule Of Events

LOBBY DAY REGISTRATION

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Branch _____

Menu Selection – Panera box lunches will be served. Please select one.

Sierra Turkey Tuna Salad Ham and Swiss Smoked Turkey

Salad and Baguette * Please note any allergies:

Please submit registration by Thursday, January 23, 2014, with a check for \$20.00, payable to AAUW-WA.

Send to: Judy Fegley, 19829 147th Ave SE, Yelm, WA 98597.

Questions? For more information, call Judy at 360-894-7403 or by email at jacee44@earthlink.net.

One Organization ~ Working at Three Levels

By Connie Dunkelberger, Chair of Nominating Committee (aauwwa@gmail.com)

Have you ever heard an AAUW member ask, "What do I get for the dues sent to AAUW?" When I hear this or similar statements, I wonder if the person has ever looked at the national website or read the Outlook magazine. There are so many resources to help branches work toward the AAUW mission at the local and state levels. One of the helps available to branches is setting up a website. I have heard only praises about how helpful staff members have been when a branch chooses to use AAUW Site Resources to set up its branch website. To learn more about what Site Resources can offer your branch, call our support staff at 202.785.7775, or visit site-resources.aauw.org.

The mission of AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. This is the same at the branch, state, and national levels. We are members of one organization. There are resources available on the website for all areas of this mission. There are also helps for branch and state officers to work toward advancing equity in local communities. If you have not read the section titled Leader Essentials: A Collection of Resources for AAUW Officers, I encourage you take a look. A link to this section is available on the AAUW-Washington site to make it easy to find.

If you want to get more for your dues, I encourage you to look beyond your branch. Become more involved at the state or national levels of AAUW and you'll be amazed at what our membership dues and members' work can accomplish for equity for women and girls.

Join Laurie's Listening Tour

Take the time to provide our new Mayor with valuable input as she prepares to assume the responsibilities and address the challenges that lie ahead.

Go to www.LaurieGere.com and take her survey.