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LAF BBQ this month



Don't miss the fun and a chance to support LAF at the home of Bunny and Lonny Heiner on Saturday, August 9 at 4:00 P.M. The cost is **\$25.00 per person** and members are also asked to bring a side dish to share. Beverages and barbequed chicken and salmon will be provided by the Heiners and the Dawsons. We hope to raise at least \$500 so that we can honor a member of our branch through National. Please R.S.V.P. to Bunny Heiner (293-4120). You may bring your check the night of the barbeque or mail your donation to Post Office Box 503, Anacortes, 98221.

It is important to make your check out as follows: **AAUW Funds**. On the memo line it must read **Anacortes LAF 3999** to be credited to our branch.



Directory News

NEW MEMBERS and anyone else who feels their current photo is outdated please contact Lonny (293-4120) before August 18 to arrange an appointment. Our directory is funded by selling ads to local

businesses. **DIRECTORY ADS** are \$25 for a business card and \$50 for a ½ page ad. If we all sold an ad to someone with whom we do business, we would have money for another scholarship! Contact Bonnie Underwood at 293-4075 to make arrangements.

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How to navigate AAUW and Related Websites

Conducted by Rosette Dawson

Wednesday, July 30th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Anacortes Library meeting room

This two hour time slot will allow plenty of time for questions following the presentation.

This workshop is open to the public and especially valuable for new and potential members as well as current members who are not familiar with the AAUW resources available on-line.

Questions? Contact Rosette at rdawson53@comcast.net or 293-6599

OPEN HOUSE



Drop in on Thursday, **August 28, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

at the home of **Bonnie Underwood**

2319 21st Street, Anacortes

for coffee and conversation.

Let's get to know each other better!

CALL IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS ~ 293-4075

How important is it to serve coffee and snacks before a meeting?

The **Hospitality Chairperson** position involves arriving about 30 minutes prior to a meeting, making coffee, overseeing supplies, and greeting people. Clean up following the meeting takes about fifteen minutes. This is the perfect position for a new member who would like to be more involved. The current chair will make up a check list and be there to answer any questions.



Andrea Doll (8/14)

Corinne Salcedo (8/17)

Mary Leone (8/18)

Jamie Cromack (8/19)

Claudia Cimini (8/27)

The Sally Ride, named after the first female U.S. astronaut in outer space, is a 238-foot ship being built by Dakota Creek Industries. Ride was a scientist with a doctorate in physics from Stanford University. She first orbited on the Shuttle Challenger in 1983 at age 32. The research ship will be operated by Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the University of California San Diego. Ride was a faculty member there before becoming an astronaut. The Sally Ride will carry 25 scientists and 20 crew, and will have a cruise range of 11,000 miles.





A Fellowship Changes a Woman's Life (and Women's History)

As lovers of American women's history, we owe a lot to Anne Firor Scott, the Duke University history professor who revolutionized American women's history. An AAUW fellow from 1956–57, Scott challenged traditional notions of history with *The Southern Lady: From Pedestal to Politics, 1830–1930*. This 1970 book examined the stereotypes that defined Southern American women of the 19th and early 20th centuries and demonstrated that the truth of their existence was far more complicated than the stereotypical image of the submissive Southern lady. It also helped pave the way for the rise of social and women's histories as legitimate disciplines.

In 1955, when Scott applied for an AAUW fellowship, she was a young wife and mother of three children, whose doctoral dissertation on progressive politics in the South had taken a back seat to other responsibilities. The fellowship funding played a critical role in launching her career.

"Leafing through the *Journal of the American Association of University Women*, I came across an announcement of a fellowship program," she wrote in the afterword to a new edition of *The Southern Lady* in 1995. "In a somewhat now-or-never mood I asked for money to pay a nanny, so that I could finish my dissertation. To my astonishment, it was provided, and I finally finished."

Scott expressed her gratitude to AAUW in a 1966 post-fellowship survey. "I suppose the AAUW fellowship was the single most important prerequisite for anything I have done professionally since 1957. ... I am eternally grateful to the Fellowship Committee for taking a chance that a married woman with three young children would in fact come through."

Her experience demonstrates not only the life- and career-changing impact of an AAUW fellowship, but the groundbreaking effect that it can have on an entire academic discipline. Scott went on to become the chair of the history department at Duke University, retiring in 1991. Duke and the Organization of American Historians give awards in Scott's name for undergraduate research and outstanding doctoral dissertations, respectively.

In the afterword to the new edition of *The Southern Lady*, Scott also mentioned a number of women who inspired her while she was writing the book. Of one such woman, Julia Cherry Spruill, she wrote, "She was at once a pioneering scholar in the field and an invaluable example of a kind of experience common to 20th-century Southern women who aspired to scholarship."

The same can now be said of Scott herself. Historians of the current generation owe a great deal to Scott and other scholars like her, who demonstrated that the lives of women, minorities, and other traditionally ignored groups are worthy of academic attention.

This post was written by AAUW archives intern Elizabeth Beckman.



Branch members will be saddened to learn that several members have recently lost loved ones.

On 6 July, Diane Dempsey-Marr lost her husband, Dargan, age 74, who had been ill for several years. Dargan, who served two tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force, retired from military service after six years with the rank of captain. Diane and Dargan would have celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on 26 July. The family has arranged an internment service at Tahoma National Cemetery on 22 August at 11 a.m.

Diane's address is 4603 Kingsway, Anacortes.

Jack (John) Weldon, husband of long-time former AAUW branch member Janet Weldon and father-in-law of current member Cecilia Weldon, died at age 85 on 9 July. Jack and Janet moved to Anacortes in 1994. Jack served in the U.S. Army. At his request, there will be no services. Janet Weldon's address is 1704 Tartan Place, Anacortes, and Cecilia and her husband, Jeff, live at 3904 Oakes Avenue, Anacortes.

On 21 July, Wally Post died after a long illness. His wife Barbara has been a branch member for many years and is a Life Member of AAUW. Barbara recently moved; her address is 3807 East College Way, No. C-8, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273.

Barbara and Wally had been married 64 years.

AAUW friends send their love and sympathy to these branch members and their families at this sad time.