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# The Anacortes Agent

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Celebrate the season with us on

**Thursday, December 11, at 6 p.m.**

AAUW is hosting its annual potluck at the Fidalgo Yacht Club, which is located at 6046 Sands Way in Skyline. Look for the RV and boat storage facility on the left side of the street. The yacht club is located upstairs and there are two parking lots. Please reserve the upper lot for drop offs and those who cannot take the stairs. Friends and family are welcome. Members should bring a casserole, appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Beverages will be provided. This year we will support local food banks. Canned goods will be donated to the Anacortes 100 Food Bank and financial donations will go to the Salvation Army.



## Be a part of the AAUW mission...help raise \$\$ for scholarships

At the November board meeting, speakers and themes were suggested for the 2015 Spring Event and we have several viable options. Mary Rytand, the 2014 Event Chair, offered to sit down with our next chairperson and share her experience. The date has been confirmed for April 18 at the Senior Center and we have several excellent ideas for a speaker. Now all that is needed is a Chairperson to oversee the many volunteers who work so hard to insure an outstanding fundraiser. **Won't you please consider saying 'yes' when asked?**

**Welcome:** Ora Jonasson invited **JoAnn Satzinger** to attend the LAF fundraiser this summer and we are glad to announce that she has decided to join our branch. Jo Ann has already shown her willingness to participate by volunteering to help with coffee at a meeting. She received her degree in Economics from UCLA and M.S. Ed. from Missouri State University. Please add her contact information to your directory: 4904 Paisley Place, Anacortes, 417-839-945, [jcsatz@gmail.com](mailto:jcsatz@gmail.com).

Karen Maughan's granddaughter, Alanna Saunders, is a recent graduate in Musical Theater from U of Miami. She has been cast as Tiger Lily in the



upcoming NBC production Peter Pan Live showing one time December 4<sup>th</sup>, Channel 5, 8pm.

Do you have something to share with your fellow members? Contact newsletter editor Bonnie Underwood at [underwood31@comcast.net](mailto:underwood31@comcast.net) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.



**Cordelia Hightower (12/3)**  
**Leslie Lukasik (12/6)**  
**Mary Rytand (12/21)**  
**Pat Jackson (12/22)**  
**Debbie Claus (12/26)**

### **Your commitment to AAUW makes membership a difference....**

If you missed the October meeting, you should know that the young women who received scholarships to Tech Trek gave a wonderful presentation showcasing their experiences there. Following their talk, Nancy Gentry spoke about Gentry House. She sent us a note recently which demonstrates the impact of our branch in the community. "Thank you for asking us to speak at your meeting. It was an enjoyable and inspiring evening. I am so appreciative of the time and money that you have invested into the young girls in the state of Washington. As you will remember, my granddaughter Bella attended with me. The next morning she was telling her parents about the young girls and their stay at the university."

### **Stem recipient update**

Mackenzie Wilson received a STEM scholarship from our branch a few years ago and is still on track to graduate with a BS in Biology from the University of Washington with a minor in Marine Biology. Mackenzie's mother, Jennifer Wilson, is affiliated with the Anacortes Arts Festival and contacted AAUW about volunteering. In her note to us she says, "I know that often you lose touch with these young folks without knowing if they continued on with their original academic path. I just wanted to let you know that she is indeed on the same path and really appreciated your financial support her first year in school."

### **WHY I JOINED AAUW BY BUNNY HEINER**

Although I had heard of AAUW before moving to Anacortes 20 years ago, I did not realize it was an organization for all women college graduates and thought it was for teachers only. Shortly after moving here, Sue Hill, the cousin of a good friend who was then a local branch member, invited me to my first meeting. I was so impressed with the speaker that I went to the next meeting, at which time I joined our branch.

A few months later, our president, Sarah Bronte Eckstein, left for a round-the-world cruise and I was chosen to fill the remainder of her term. I was then elected to two terms as president. Right from the start, I was thus a very involved member of our wonderful AAUW branch and I continue to be quite involved. Over the years, I have chaired several fund-raisers and been chair and/or a member of a number of committees, including by-laws, hospitality, nominating, newsletter, publicity, and ten years on the scholarship committee. For six years, our branch hosted a lecture series, with up to six lectures

annually; our largest audience was 200 people. The lectures series “morphed” into the Writers Forum, which I chaired three times.

While president, I went annually to the state convention and it was there that I was privileged to hear speakers who had received grants and scholarships given at the national level, including speakers who had received help from the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), which made me a big fan of this program. Since LAF is one of the few national programs our branch is involved in, I have been very pleased to help with and/or host our annual LAF barbeque for several years.

The reason I joined AAUW was the monthly programs, which I personally consider the strength of our branch. I think of them as a continuing education series. It is these excellent programs – and all the wonderful women in our branch who have become friends and who do so much for our community – which keeps me involved.

In addition to AAUW, I have been involved with several arts organizations since moving to Skagit County. I have a passion for reading, gardening, and entertaining. When Lonny and I moved into our current home we were shocked to realize that we have about 8,000 books! Lonny and I have two sons, each of whom has a son and daughter.

### AAUW BOOK TALK – NOVEMBER 2014 BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY ATTENDEES



Barbara Martyn and Judi Slajer  
Master and Commander series by Patrick O’Brian  
Many volume series about an English naval captain & his experiences during the Napoleonic Wars – great description of life aboard fighting ships.

I Heard the Owl Call My Name by Margaret Craven  
Lovely little book

Letty Hafer      Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome  
A childhood favorite of Letty’s about children’s adventures on a lake. Ransome is a well-known illustrator and this is his first book as an author.

JoAnn Satzinger      Cape Horn: one man’s dream, one woman’s nightmare by Reanne Hemingway-Douglas  
Story of a sailing adventure that caused fear and danger.

Bonnie Phinney Lindbergh      Gift From the Sea by Anne Morrow  
Thought provoking look at life using shells found on the beach to illustrate her thoughts.

Bunny Heiner      The Tempest by William Shakespeare  
Bunny gave us a little history of the play.

Meredith Machin      Grandad, There’s a Head on the Beach by Colin Cotterill  
Hilarious fiction set in Thailand about a very odd (my words not Meredith’s) family

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin



Bestseller about a bookstore owner, living near the sea.

Nelle Jacobson

Hen Frigates by Joan Druett

This book tells of the women who sailed with their captain husbands and they numbered more than history recalls.

Pat Bell

Cape Horn.... by Reanne Hemmingway-Douglas



Pat shared stories of Navigator, the boat she and Bob took through the Panama Canal and the storm that was somewhat like Cape Horn

Karen Maughan Passage to Juneau by Jonathan Rabin  
Rabin, a journalist, describes the sea poetically.

Laura Jane Viverette Lost at Sea by Patrick Dillon  
Story of the crab boats from Anacortes that were lost in 1987

Jane Crannell

Cork Boat by John Pollack

Surprising story of 2 thirty year olds who turned a boyhood idea into an international accomplishment, getting cork from around the world.

Margaret Frey

The Tugboat Annie series from the Saturday Evening Post by Norman Reilly  
Raines Based on a woman who owned Foss Tugboats in the Puget Sound.



Bonnie Underwood Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Amazing story of a man who competed in the Olympics, was shot down at sea and survived a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

Judy Higgins The Old Man and Sea by Ernest Hemmingway  
The struggle of an old man getting a very big fish and trying to get it home with a beautiful ending

Cecilia Weldon

Row to Alaska by Wind and Oar by Pete & Nancy Ashenfelter

Wonderful story of perseverance, and determination mixed with the beauty and danger of the sea.

Rosette Dawson

San Juan Islands and Beyond: a photographer's journey by Karyn F. King

This book has gorgeous photos (with captions) and a few pages of commentary: a great coffee table book.

Linda Hendrick

The Wave: in pursuit of the rogues, freaks, and giants of the ocean  
by Susan Casey

Descriptions of what was thought to be impossible waves up to 100 ft. Author spends time with surfers who ride these waves and then describes what damage they can cause.