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Saturday, January 10, at 9:30 A.M., we welcome Anacortes High School Volunteer Coordinator, Jayne Branch. Many opportunities exist for parents, grandparents, students, and community members to volunteer time and skills to assist the school district.

Jayne will cover basic volunteer guidelines and review current school volunteer opportunities. Come and hear how you or someone you know can dedicate your time and talents to help our schools meet the needs of our students. Westminster Church is located at 1300 9th Street. Please enter through the alley door. The meeting is located downstairs in Fellowship Hall and is accessible by elevator or stairs.



Rosette snapped a photo of MacKenzie Wilson at the ASF port fundraiser. She was a 'science' STEM award recipient in 2012. She is now a junior at University of Washington, liking it, and still in science!



Come to Olympia

for what promises to be an exciting and educational **Lobby Day** on Monday,

January 26. Registration starts at 8:00 AM with coffee and sweet rolls available. You'll have an opportunity to hear from a panel of women on the march toward salary equity in a variety of fields; State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Randy Dorn, will share both what's happening with educational initiatives and what he sees as the potential impact of McCleary; and Pam Crone, our amazing lobbyist, will address the AAUW-WA Public Policy Agenda and where she sees the Legislature going this session, along with providing some insights into *Grass Roots Lobbying*. If you'd like to come in the night before, there is a block of rooms reserved at the newly renovated La Quinta in Lacey. The group rate is \$84 plus tax a night if you mention AAUW. La Quinta's address is 4704 Park Center Ave NE and their phone number is 360 412-1200.



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

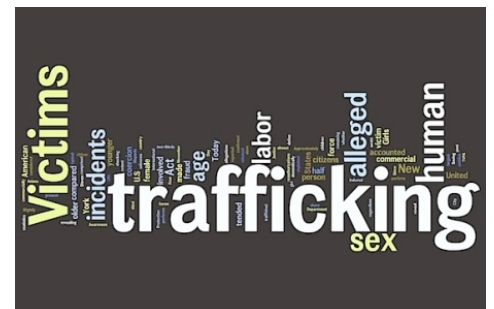
Your commitment to AAUW makes membership a difference....

You will find out just how wonderful the women of the AAUW branch are at teamwork if you agree to chair the upcoming spring fundraising event. Do any of the following suggested themes appeal to you? Weigh in on your favorite by responding to this email.

- Dick Iverson is deeply involved in a program called “Wounded Warriors”, a program like the Make A Wish Foundation, but for wounded veterans. Dick and friends here in Anacortes and around the country use their private aircraft (jet based here in Anacortes) to respond to vets needs/wishes. Dick is a passionate speaker
- Dr. Chip Bogosian (Island Hospital Board member) -could talk about where healthcare is headed
- Christianson Seed Company - seed production in the Skagit Valley supplies the majority of certain seeds produced here throughout the world
- Tulip bulb industry – have bag of tulips on each table to be auctioned off at end.
- Washington State Extension Center speaker on wine industry in WA/Skagit County.
- Paul Thorne – local blacksmith, teacher and artist
- Elizabeth Ockley – watercolorist who shares her paintings of the Paris Opera House and its history.

Andrea Doll brings us this important news:

The **Proclamation Against Human Trafficking** will be made by Mayor Gere at Anacortes City Council meeting on Jan 5. Mark your calendars. **National Stop Human Trafficking** rallies are being planned on January 11 at 12:00 noon at the MV Courthouse and 12th & Commercial in Anacortes. Plan to bring friends, wave, hold signs and generally call attention to our cause! We will also hand out flyers for the January workshops at that time. The training workshops officially have a name: NOT IN OUR BACKYARD Workshops



Not In Our Backyard General Public Workshop - Jan 26, 7 - 9 p.m. - in Mount Vernon
Not In Our Backyard Law Enforcement Workshop - Jan 27, morning- Anacortes Police Department
Not In Our Backyard Workshop for Social Workers, Healthcare, Educators - Jan 28, 8:11:30

The trainer is Margie Quinn. We are very fortunate to have access to someone of her caliber. She will actually be testifying/educating before Congress in Washington DC following her presentations. We really want to get the word out about the workshops, Chief Bower will take care of notifying law enforcement about the training that will most benefit them. However, we need to be sure that all educators, healthcare and social work professionals know about the workshop geared specifically to them, and the workshop for the general public.

The next regular SKCAT meeting will be January 7. 6:30 p.m.
Contact Andrea Doll for more information. (360-899-4125)

Hello members of AAUW! ~ from a scholarship winner

I hope this email finds you happy and healthy! Thank you again for your generosity in supporting my education. I am currently home in Anacortes enjoying a few weeks of much needed relaxation. Finals went really well for me, but they were exhausting! I am looking forward to next semester. I will be taking Neuroanatomy, which I am very excited and nervous for, and a few classes related to therapeutic exercises and learning about treatments used in physical therapy. It will be an interesting and challenging semester. I will continue to work, but have acquired two additional part-time



jobs. I will continue working in the stroke clinic, which I love, but have also taken on a few hours working in the Parkinson's clinic. Similar to the stroke clinic, I will be working with patients with Parkinson's and assisting them with exercises directed at maintaining their health. I will also begin training to learn how to do re-evaluations of the patients in that clinic. They try to modify the patients' exercise programs at least once a year, and I will be one of two students doing those examinations and

re-evaluations. It is an exciting opportunity that will provide me with some valuable physical therapy skills. I can't wait. I will also be working twice a week with a woman who has Huntington's Disease. I will be organizing and leading her through exercises to try and keep her strong and healthy for as long as possible. Exercise has been shown to be extremely beneficial to prolonging the worsening of Huntington's symptoms. This too will be a great experience, and I really look forward to it!



I have included a few more pictures of my adventures last semester. They include Thanksgiving in Boulder, CO, a holiday card with me and my housemates, Christmas lights in Salt Lake, a football game. The people in the photos are my lovely classmates/housemates. I wish you all a very Happy New Year! Best, Casey Anderson



Did you know that [Albert Einstein](#) wrote a letter of support to Nobel Laureate Marie Curie in 1911 when she was denied a seat as a physicist in the French Academy of Sciences. Einstein wrote that he was "so enraged by the base manner in which the public is presently daring to concern itself with you" and that he considered "himself lucky to have made [Curie's] personal acquaintance."

The number of women in the [114th Senate](#) will remain at 20 (14 Democrats and 6 Republicans), the highest level in history.



A **check for \$18,908.83** was delivered to AAUW Washington President Kelvie Comer a few days ago, a gift to **Tech Trek Washington** from the Eileen Fisher Stores in the Pacific Northwest. Tech Trek was designated their Non-profit for the Day in September.

The **Anacortes Branch** was highlighted in the recent Evergreen Leader. Read all about it on page 10.

The Anacortes Branch is well represented among the eight-member troupe of the **“Lady Tappers,”** part of **Fidalgo DanceWorks**. Current branch member Beth Meenaghan and former member Carol Bergner are both Lady Tappers, as is Rachel Muntean, daughter of branch member Dr. Sheri Muntean. The group will present its Winter Celebration show, featuring jazz, tap, and modern dance, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, 10 January, at Brodniak Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

REGISTRATION FOR LOBBY DAY AND HOTEL INFORMATION AAUW Washington 2015 Lobby Day January 26, 2015

The registration form and hotel information are located on page 17 of the Evergreen Leader. Registration must be received by Thursday, January 22, 2015. Forms will be available at the January meeting and we can discuss carpooling at that time.



SAVE THOSE 'ALMOST NEW-NEVER BEEN USED' ITEMS THAT YOU'VE BEEN HANGING ON TO FOR YEARS FOR OUR SHIPWRECKED DAYS BOOTH IN JULY!



The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Enter the Westminster Church office building on 9th through the main doors. The meeting will be held in Classroom 3. Parking is available in the adjacent lot.