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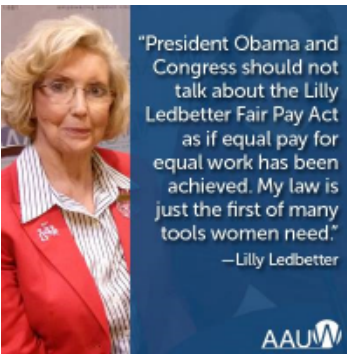
STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Saturday, March 8, 9:30 A.M.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

1300 Ninth Street – downstairs – use church parking and enter through the alley door

Each year in March, AAUW presents STEM awards to several AHS students. These young women are selected by their teachers for outstanding work in Math, Science, and Technology. Please join us as we welcome these students and their families to our meeting. Our STEM speaker will be Judy Davidson, CRNA, who grew up in a small community in Florida at a time when the “smart” women became teachers or nurses. In school, she was drawn to scientific subjects and took algebra, solid geometry, science, physics, anatomy and physiology. Judy spent 13 years as a nurse, with specialties in Internal and Cardiac Care. At age 23, she became Head Nurse in the Cardiac Care Unit at Tampa General Hospital and later was recruited to a small hospital in Idaho Falls, ID. When her husband fell ill and passed away, Judy found it necessary to re-evaluate her career options. She returned to school, and spent two years at the Mayo Clinic School of Allied Health Sciences, specializing in anesthesia. Graduating with a Certificate in Nurse Anesthesia, Judy practiced anesthesia for almost 30 years.



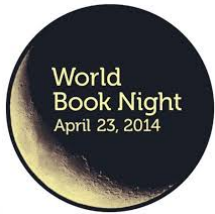
“President Obama and Congress should not talk about the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act as if equal pay for equal work has been achieved. My law is just the first of many tools women need.”
—Lilly Ledbetter

Let's Promote Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women’s earnings finally catch up to men’s earnings from the previous year. Thanks to the gender pay gap, it takes women an extra three months of wages to make up that 23-percent difference. Equal Pay Day 2014 will fall on Tuesday, April 8, so mark your calendar! This year this is particularly significant because it falls between two legislative anniversaries that have helped women make progress in the workplace — but not quite enough progress. January 29, 2014, was the fifth anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and July 2, 2014, is the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. As usual, AAUW will host special events and distribute Equal Pay Day resources to help celebrate the work that has been done and that still needs to be done to ensure women receive equal pay for equal work. Last year, AAUW members nearly outdid themselves, with more than 130 activities happening across the country!



Charla Jones (3/3) Teresa Fulton (3/8) Erin Rieger (3/8)
Beth Meenaghan (3/9) Vivian Kolhoff (3/11) Rosette Dawson (3/23)



World Book Night is an annual celebration dedicated to spreading the love of reading, person to person. Each year on April 23, tens of thousands of people go out into their communities and give half a million free World Book Night paperbacks to light and non-readers. World Book Night is about giving books and encouraging reading in those who don't regularly do so. Reading for pleasure improves literacy, actively engaging emerging readers in their desire

to read. Reading changes lives, improves employability, social interaction, enfranchisement, and can have a positive effect on mental health and happiness.

Once again AAUW will be World Book Night 'givers' at our Spring Scholarship Event. I encourage you to read our selection, "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford, and think about who you might select to receive a large-print edition.



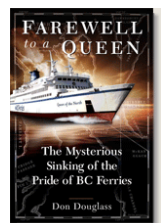
... Spring Scholarship Event ...



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 will be available at the March meeting. If you are unable to pick them up, call someone to get them for you and save our branch the postage. Remaining tickets will be mailed to members following the meeting.

Branch member Reanne Hemingway-Douglass, author of "Cape Horn: One Man's Dream, One Woman's Nightmare" recently gave a presentation in Seattle entitled "Cape Horn and Beyond." Her husband, Don Douglass, is the author of a new book, "Farewell to a Queen: the Mysterious Sinking of the Pride of B.C. Ferries."



Rosette's Ramblings...

A few thoughts from one of your Co-Presidents

I would like to mention that the Writers' Forum was wonderful! As was the lunch/dinner at Frieda's (gourmet Mexican cuisine) afterwards. So many 'war stories'! Just a note that Suzanne mentioned her food class presents a nice meal on Wednesdays over at SVC, very reasonably priced. So you can get lunch and help the students at the same time. And thanks again to Watermark Bookstore for adding to the day by attending and selling books.

Thank you all for your generous donations to the Tech Trek fund. The Branch has enough to send one camper AND Tesoro has again agreed to support a camper. Still waiting for Shell and a few others to respond. Our 4th may be a composite of smaller donations from other individuals.

Ideas for a leadership project - helping middle and high school girls. If someone would like to grab this and run with it - it would be great! We need a plan. Our college girls have the benefit of Smart \$tart (negotiating job salary and benefits) and ElectHer (running for office). Perhaps getting specific knowledge at a younger age will help girls better plan their future(s). I don't know if AHS or AMS have such courses or content. First, the person would need to do some research.

We need a new Bylaws Chair.