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goodbye, august

hello, september

Our first speaker of the year will be Erin Smith, Director of Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services. Skagit DV&SA is committed to ending domestic violence and sexual violence in Skagit County. Through direct advocacy-based counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, emergency shelter services, referrals to community resources and prevention and outreach efforts throughout the county they provide services to survivors, their families, and the larger community. Join us on **Thursday,**



September 11, at 7 p.m. to learn more about this important community resource. We will continue to meet at the Presbyterian Church at 9th and M, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Best access is through the alley door where there are both stairs and an elevator. **Come a little earlier for coffee and make it your goal to talk to someone you don't know!**

THE AAUW BRANCH DIRECTORY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO PICK UP YOUR COPY AND SAVE US THE COST OF MAILING IT TO YOU. WE COULDN'T GET THIS FINISHED ON TIME WITHOUT OUR PHOTOGRAPHER, LONNY, AND OUR PROOF-READER, BUNNY.



Many thanks go to Bunny and Lonny Heiner for opening their charming back yard to us for the annual LAF barbeque. Homer Dawson caught and barbequed fresh salmon and tuna and Lonny prepared wonderful chicken. This excellent food was accompanied by many delicious side dishes provided by members. Over \$600 was raised for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, which allowed us to name an honoree from our branch. Don't miss the September meeting to find out this year's honoree. If you wish to make a contribution to LAF, it is important to make your check out to AAUW Funds; on the memo line it must read Anacortes LAF 3999 to be credited to our branch.

Your commitment to AAUW makes membership more meaningful....

Your membership co-chairs have spent the summer reviewing how we recruit and maintain members and are hoping to make some changes. They have begun this process by creating a new membership brochure which clearly states the goals and responsibilities of membership. It is their desire to meet with potential members before they complete their applications, to get to know them and share our branch mission and goals. They hope to find a way to involve each member in a meaningful way and plan more social events and activities. On August 30 and September 6, we will host a booth at the Farmers' Market to advertise our branch and recruit potential members. We are grateful to Robin Pestarino for loaning us her canopy and to all those members who will volunteer their time. Volunteers are still needed for the September event. Call Rosette 293-6599 to help.

Happy
Birthday

Susan Puck (9/2)
Terri Bawden (9/8)
Polly Myers (9/13)
Sue Mondello (9/23)



Tech Trek



Rosette and Letty visited the Washington Tech Trek camp this summer where four Anacortes girls selected by their teachers and sponsored by our branch and local businesses, enjoyed a week-long camp. Thank you to Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company for being a major supporter of Tech Trek campers again this year. Additional thanks go to Micro AeroDynamics, Inc.; Sturdy Engineering; and Hexcel Corporation in Burlington. We are grateful for donations in kind (auction baskets for convention) from Watermark Book Company, Donatello Flowers and Gifts, and Read Me a Story. And a huge thank you to our members because we actually raised enough to send 3 girls!!! (photos of girls appeared in August Agent)