



HOLIDAY Potluck

Our annual Holiday Potluck Party, a gathering for members and their spouses, will be on Thursday, the 13th of December, starting at 6 p.m., at the home of Bunny and Lonny Heiner, 804 K Avenue in Anacortes. (It's the white house with white columns and a white fence at the corner of K Avenue and 8th Street). Please bring the potluck dish of your choice: salad, main dish, dessert, a bottle of wine, whatever suits your fancy. We shall provide some wine plus spiced cider and coffee and tea. No need to bring a place setting, they will be provided.

This is a sit-down dinner, so please be sure to **RSVP** (by Monday, the 10th, please), so we will know how many places to set up for. Call Bunny at 360-293-4120 or e-mail her at bunnyheiner@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this get-together.



Jingle Bell Dash - December 15

Volunteers will be needed on the day of the event. Contact Beth Meenaghan for more information. (BethMeenaghan@gmail.com or 360-391-3188)

NEWS FROM Reanne Hemingway-Douglas:

Reanne Hemingway-Douglass called late the afternoon of Saturday, 1 December, to let her fellow branch members know that her husband, Don Douglass, was transported by helicopter to Harbor View Hospital in Seattle about a week ago because of a brain hemorrhage. He was hospitalized there for all this past week, and she was down there with him. Don has just been moved, by ambulance, back to Anacortes and currently is at Rosario Assisted Living. Reanne said that things are not looking very good. Cards can be mailed to them at 13589 Clayton Lane, Anacortes.

NEW ADDRESS

Juli Jobin Engle is no longer using a Post Office Box. Her correct mailing address is:

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Cordelia Hightower 12/3
Barbara Benson 12/16
Mary Rytand 12/21
Jeannine Jacobson 12/31

DRAFT MINUTES

General Meeting – November 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.- Harbor House Community Room

Present: Sarah Holihan (guest), Linda Hendrick, Margaret Campbell (guest), Jeannine Jackson (guest), Bunny Heiner, Ginny Kluth, Laura Jane Viverette, Judy Higgins, Rosette Dawson, Barbara Gaffney, Robin Pestarino, Judith Rolfston, JoAnn Satzinger, Tanna Baker, Peggie Hunnicutt, Meredith Machin, Sandy Norris (guest), Bonnie Underwood

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and reminded us of the upcoming Jingle Bell Dash and offered thanks to Tanna for arranging our meeting space. JoAnn announced that we were close to confirming a speaker from Humanities of Washington for our February meeting. The meeting was then turned over to Linda Hendrick, who gave a brief overview of our topic, "Award Winning Books." A sign-up sheet was passed so that participants could write down their book titles, which Linda will organize and send to Bonnie for the December newsletter. The meeting was closed at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Underwood
Secretary pro-tem

2018 AAUW Book Talk – Award Winning Books

JoAnn Satzinger: Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman (National Academies Communication Award)

Daniel Kahneman, the renowned psychologist and winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics, takes us on a groundbreaking tour of the mind and explains the two systems that drive the way we think. System 1 is fast, intuitive, and emotional; System 2 is slower, more deliberative, and more logical. Engaging the reader in a lively conversation about how we think, Kahneman reveals where we can and cannot trust our intuitions and how we can tap into the benefits of slow thinking

Laura Jane Viverette: John Adams by David McCullough (Pulitzer Prize winner)

David McCullough unfolds the adventurous life journey of John Adams, the brilliant, fiercely independent, often irascible, always honest Yankee patriot who spared nothing in his zeal for the American Revolution; who rose to become the second president of the United States and saved the country from blundering into an unnecessary war; who was learned beyond all but a few and regarded by some as "out of his senses"; and whose marriage to the wise and valiant Abigail Adams is one of the moving love stories in American history.

Team of Rivals: the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin (Pulitzer Prize winner)

Goodwin illuminates Abraham Lincoln's political genius in this highly original work, as the one-term congressman and prairie lawyer rises from obscurity to prevail over three gifted rivals of national reputation to become president. He won because he possessed an extraordinary ability to put himself in the place of other men, to experience what they were feeling, to understand their motives and desires.

It was this capacity that enabled Lincoln as president to bring his disgruntled opponents together, create the most unusual cabinet in history, and marshal their talents to the task of preserving the Union and winning the war.

Judy Higgins: *Hamilton* by Ron Chernow (Nat'l Book Critics Circle award nominee)

Few figures in American history have been more hotly debated or more grossly misunderstood than Alexander Hamilton. Chernow's biography gives Hamilton his due and sets the record straight, deftly illustrating that the political and economic greatness of today's America is the result of Hamilton's countless sacrifices to champion ideas that were often wildly disputed during his time.

Rosette Dawson: *A Merciful Silence* by Kendra Elliott (Daphne Du Maurier Award winner)

For Mercy Kilpatrick, returning to rural Oregon has meant coming to terms with her roots. Raised as a prepper, Mercy is now relying on her survivalist instincts to defend her town from the people the law can't reach. But this time, an investigation calling up a dark past for her and police chief Truman Daly may be hitting too close to home.

Peggie Hunnicutt: *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens

The novel follows a classical tripartite structure, and the titles of each book are related to *Galatians* 6:7, "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Book I is entitled "Sowing", Book II is entitled "Reaping", and the third is "Garnering." (Descriptions are very long so recommend looking it up on Wikipedia)

And *The Fortune Ones* by Ellen Umansky (Booklist Best Debut novel)

One very special work of art—a Chaim Soutine painting—will connect the lives and fates of two different women, generations apart, in this enthralling and transporting debut novel that moves from World War II Vienna to contemporary Los Angeles

Barbara Gaffney: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr (Pulitzer Prize winner)

Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, he illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.

Robin Pestarino: *Passionate Nomad: the Life of Freya Stark* by [Jane Fletcher Geniesse](#)

This is a brilliant, balanced biography, rich in sheikhs, diplomats, nomad warriors and chieftains, generals, would-be lovers, and luminaries, with author Jane Fletcher Geniesse digging beneath the mythology to uncover a complex, quixotic, and controversial woman who explored Arabia, Turkey and more.

Meredith Machin: *The Secret Game: a wartime story of courage, change, and basketball's lost triumph* by Scott Ellsworth (PEN Lit. winner for Sports)

Based on years of research, *The Secret Game* is a story of courage and determination, and of an incredible, long-buried moment in the nation's sporting past. The riveting, true account of a remarkable season, it is the story of how a group of forgotten college basketball players, aided by a pair of refugees from Nazi Germany and a group of daring student activists, not only blazed a trail for a new kind of America, but helped create one of the most meaningful moments in basketball history.

And: *Under the Harrow* by Berry Flynn (Edgar Prize winner)

A riveting psychological thriller and a haunting exploration of the fierce love between two sisters, the distortions of grief, and the terrifying power of the past

Sandy Norris: *Love and other consolation prizes* by Jamie Ford

For twelve-year-old Ernest Young, a charity student at a boarding school, the chance to go to the World's Fair feels like a gift. But only once he's there, amid the exotic exhibits, fireworks, and Ferris wheels, does he discover that *he* is the one who is actually the prize. The half-Chinese orphan is astounded to learn he will be raffled off—a healthy boy “to a good home.” Against a rich backdrop of post-Victorian vice, suffrage, and celebration, *Love and Other Consolations* is an enchanting tale about innocence and devotion—in a world where everything, and everyone, is for sale.

Bonnie Underwood: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt (Pulitzer Prize winner)

Theo Decker, a 13-year-old New Yorker, miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. *The Goldfinch* is a mesmerizing, stay-up-all-night and tell-all-your-friends triumph, an old-fashioned story of loss and obsession, survival and self-invention, and the ruthless machinations of fate. (Bonnie found it very well written, but a difficult read due to the unfortunate circumstances of the main character.)

Sara Holahan: *My name is Red* by Orhan Pamuk (Nobel Prize winner)

The Sultan has commissioned a cadre of the most acclaimed artists in the land to create a great book celebrating the glories of his realm. Their task: to illuminate the work in the European style. But because figurative art can be deemed an affront to Islam, this commission is a dangerous proposition indeed. The ruling elite therefore mustn't know the full scope or nature of the project, and panic erupts when one of the chosen miniaturists disappears. The only clue to the mystery—or crime? —lies in the half-finished illuminations themselves.

Linda Hendrick: *Outlander* by Diana Galbadon (Romance Writers of America prize)

A WWII British nurse goes to Scotland with her husband, visits a stone circle & is transported to 1745. There she tangles with her husband's ancestor, a nasty man, and becomes involved with rebelling Scots. The first novel in a beloved series with a heated romance, historical interest and so much more
And *Caves of Steel* by Isaac Asimov (Hugo Award winner)

A millennium into the future two advancements have altered the course of human history: the colonization of the galaxy and the creation of the positronic brain. Isaac Asimov's *Robot* novels chronicle the unlikely partnership between a New York City detective and a humanoid robot who must learn to work together. The "caves of steel" are vast city complexes covered by huge metal domes, capable of supporting tens of millions each: the New York City of that era (wherein much of the story is set), encompasses present-day New York City, as well as large tracts of New Jersey.

Bunny Heiner: *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift (1735 edition)

The direct and unadorned narrative describes four remarkable journeys of ship's surgeon Lemuel Gulliver, among them, one to the land of Lilliput, where six-inch-high inhabitants bicker over trivialities; and another to Brobdingnag, a land where giants reduce man to insignificance. It is a witty parody of political life in Swift's time and a scathing send-up of manners and morals in 18th-century England. (Bunny sees much of our present time in this book).

Margaret Campbell: *Bregdon Chronicles* by Ginny Dye

The Bregdan Chronicles historical fiction series will pull you in and never let you go. You'll experience the Civil War era (and all the years to come) through the eyes of both White and Black, free & slave, Southern & Northern - and you'll fall in love with every character. How many books will there be? Ginny has no idea - she intends to write these character's stories for as long as she can!



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