



Anacortes Agent

Volume 36 Number 7
March 2019

At the March STEM meeting, our speaker for the evening will be Captain Heidemarie M. Stefanyshyn-Piper, US Navy. Retired Captain Piper was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. She attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a Navy ROTC Scholarship, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1984 and a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1985. She served in the U.S. Navy for 30 years, retiring in July 2015. As an Engineering Duty Officer, she served at various ship repair facilities and on maintenance staffs. She is an experienced Navy Diving and Salvage Officer. Selected as an astronaut by NASA, she is a veteran of two space flights and has completed five space walks.



Please join us for coffee and conversation at 6:45 at the Anacortes Library meeting room. The program will begin at 7:00 and be followed by a brief business meeting.

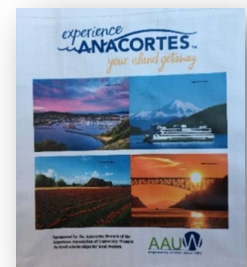
Our featured speakers at the upcoming Spring Tea will be Karen McBride and Marcello Coradini, who were recently on the cover of Fidalgo Living magazine as noted "otherworldly explorers."

Members...thank you for supporting our scholarship fundraiser by:

- Selling or purchasing at least 3 tea tickets
- Donating 3 dozen sweet or savory bites for the tea
- Sharing the news of this event everywhere you go!

In addition to our Spring Tea, we are sponsoring a scholarship fundraiser that also promotes local businesses. Attractive grocery/tote bags made from recycled plastic bottles will be sold at The

Market, Safeway and several participating downtown businesses for \$8 each. The bags will feature full-color scenic photos from the Anacortes area, the AAUW logo, and logos from business sponsors. Our branch has purchased the bags and arranged for printing and distributing them, thanks to the hard work of Terri Bawden. Tell your friends about them and don't forget to buy one for yourself. This fundraiser will allow us to give more generously to our scholarship candidates.



Anacortes
AAUW

Then and Now

Saturday, March 30
Anacortes Senior Center
2:00-4:00 P.M.
\$15.00

All proceeds benefit
local scholarships
and awards

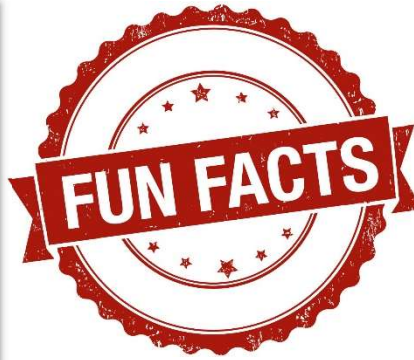


*AAUW 2019 Annual Meeting – April 12-13 at Holiday Inn & Suites, Bellingham

* Spotlight on Women in STEM 2019 – March 21, 8:30-1:30, McIntyre Hall, SVC



Gina Van Hess recently retired after 41 years as Librarian at the Anacortes Library. At her retirement party she was greeted by former AAUW member, Donna Rawhauser, who was on the hiring team for her position.



In 1881 Marion Talbot and Ellen Swallow Richards invited 15 alumnae from 8 colleges to a meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. The purpose of

this meeting was to create an organization of women college graduates that would assist women in finding greater opportunities to use their education, as well as promoting and assisting other women's college attendance. The Association of Collegiate Alumnae or ACA, (AAUW's predecessor organization) was officially founded on January 14, 1882. The ACA also worked to improve standards of education for women so that men and women's higher education was more equal in scope and difficulty.

At the beginning of 1884, the ACA had been meeting only in Boston. However, as more women across the country became interested in its work, the Association saw that expansion into branches was necessary to carry on its work. Washington,

D.C., was the first branch to be created in 1884, and New York, Pacific (San Francisco), Philadelphia, and Boston branches followed in 1886.

In 1885, the organization took on one of its first major projects: they essentially had to justify their right to exist. A common belief held at the time that a college education would harm a woman's health and result in infertility. This myth was supported by Harvard-educated Boston physician Dr. Edward H. Clarke. An ACA committee led by Annie Howes created a series of questions that were sent to 1,290 ACA members; 705 replies were received. After the results were tabulated, the data demonstrated that higher education did not harm women's health. The report, "Health Statistics of Female College Graduates" was published in 1885 in conjunction with the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor. This first research report is one of many conducted by AAUW during its history.

In 1887, a fellowship program for women was established. Supporting the education of women through fellowships would continually remain a critical part of AAUW's mission.

Back in 1883, a similar group of college women had considered forming a Chicago, Illinois branch of the ACA; however, they had reconsidered and formed their own independent organization. They formed the Western Association of Collegiate Alumnae (WACA) with Jane M. Bancroft as its first president. WACA was broad in purpose and consisted of five committees: fine arts, outdoor occupations, domestic professions, press and journalism, and higher education of women in the West. In 1888, WACA awarded its first fellowship of \$350 to Ida Street, a Vassar College graduate, to conduct research at the University of Michigan. In 1889, WACA merged with the ACA, further expanding the groups' capacity.

In 1919, the ACA participated in a larger effort led by a group of American women which ultimately raised \$156,413 to purchase a gram of radium for Marie Curie for her experiments.

In 1921, the ACA merged with the Southern Association of College Women to create the AAUW, although local branches continued to be the backbone of AAUW. The policy of expansion greatly increased both the size and the impact of the Association, from a small, local organization to a nationwide network of college educated women, and by 1929, there were 31,647 members and 475 branches.

During World War II, AAUW officially began raising money to assist female scholars displaced by the Nazi led occupation who were unable to continue their work. The War Relief Fund received numerous pleas for help and worked tirelessly to find teaching and other positions for refugee women at American schools and universities and in other countries. Individual branch members of AAUW also participated by signing immigration affidavits of support. During 1940, its inaugural year, the War Relief Committee raised \$29,950 for distribution with 350 branches contributing.

The organization was "largely apolitical" until the 1960s. On the other hand, women in the workforce had increased to the extent that they made up 38% of workers by the end of the 1960s. Women graduating from college were looking for good employment. Membership in 1960 was at 147,920 women, most of them middle class.



Rebecca Carroll 3/4
Beth Meenaghan 3/9
Vivian Kolhoff 3/11
Rosette Dawson 3/23
JoAnn Satzinger 3/29

DRAFT Board meeting minutes 2/4/19

Board meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Reports were submitted via email and to be discussed via email and at a later date as necessary.

Nominating Committee – Ora Jonasson

Patricia Griffith has agreed to be our next financial officer.

There is a strong candidate who is considering the position of president.

There are still three more important positions to fill: VP Programs, Publicity, Nominating Committee.

President's Report – Robin Pesarino

Lobby Day: Rosette Dawson and Robin headed to Olympia on January 28 for Lobby Day at the Capitol. It was a good and productive day. Robin listed the bills that AAUW is interested in.

AAUW 2019 Annual Meeting: April 12 -13 at Holiday Inn and Suites in Bellingham. Presentations by AAUW's new CEO, Kimberly Churches, and Amy Klosterman, Title IX Attorney. Also a presentation by newly elected Representative Sharon Shewmake on why she ran for office. Register online at <https://AAUW-wa.aauw.net>

Scholarship Tea:

Robin Pesarino – Chair; member ticket sales & distribution, floral table arrangements

Tanna Baker – MC and stand in for Robin on day of

Bunny Heiner – coordinate volunteers to put on the event

Linda Hendrick & Megan Taylor – Stipend Check for speakers

Gina Van Hess – kitchen

Claudia Cimini – PR & Media

Patricia Griffith – Poster distribution

Bonnie Underwood – design and print tickets and posters

Meredith Machin – ticket collection and sales at door

Rosette Dawson – gift basket raffles

Terri Bawden – past scholarship winners

Barbara Benson – papers goods

Karen Maugham – cups & saucers

Communication – JoAnn Satzinger

Publicity has been distributed for the 2/14 program: Compassionate Communication with Dawn Harju.

Financial Report - Linda Hendrick

Report was submitted and will be maintained with minutes. We need a discussion on raising dues.

Tote Bags – Terri Bawden

Tote Bags are in, look great, and are available.

AAUW Financial Report – February 4, 2019

Checking Account #2121

TOTAL INCOME AS OF 12/20/2018..... \$ 712.86

Income:

Book sale..... \$ 9.00

Total income for January 2019..... \$ 9.00

Expenses:

RIF cash donations.....\$ 60.00

Speaker, David Buerge, mileage..... 68.13

Total expenses for January 2019.....\$ 128.13

TOTAL INCOME AS OF 1/22/2019.....\$ **593.73**

Special Events Account #6140

TOTAL INCOMES AS OF 12/31/2018.....\$4,231.41

Income:

Marathon Oil Sponsorship..... \$3,000.00

Interest..... .51

Total incomes for January 2019.....\$3,000.51

Expenses:

Ads – Skagit Pub.....\$ 720.00

Beth for Facebook ad..... 53.67

Rosette for sponsor poster..... 45.00

Total expenses for January 2019.....\$ 818.67

TOTAL INCOME AS OF 1/31/2019.....**\$6,413.25**

Savings Account #6780

Income as of 9/28/2018.....\$ 7,717.10

Interest 1.99

Total income as for December 2018..... **\$7,719.09**

AAUW Accounts Total for January 2019

Checking #2121.....\$ 593.73

Special Events #6140..... 6,413.25

Savings #6780..... 7,719.09

TOTAL INCOME AS OF January 31, 2019.....\$ 14,726.07

ASF: Balances as of 12/31/2018

Account	Fund balance	Committed funds	Pending Deposits	NET
AAUW-STEM	\$3,177.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,177.50
AAUW-Scholarship	\$961.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$961.04



At our February meeting, Dawn Harju spoke about conflict resolution and offered six steps to solve conflict. Handouts were provided at the meeting suggesting the following:

1. Slow Down. Breathe. Slow down again.
2. Self-Connect.
3. Check your intention.
4. Make a choice: Speak or listen first.
5. Slow it down and take turns hearing each other out.
6. Look for a solution.

Three focus options for connecting with others:

1. Empathy: connecting with what's alive in you
2. Self-Expression: communicating what's alive in me
3. Self Empathy: Opening my heart to what's alive in me and what's alive in you

Check out the membership table at the March meeting to view these suggestions in greater detail look at the schedule for the 'Spotlight on Women in STEM' 2019 event at McIntyre Hall on March 21st.