

# Anacortes Agent

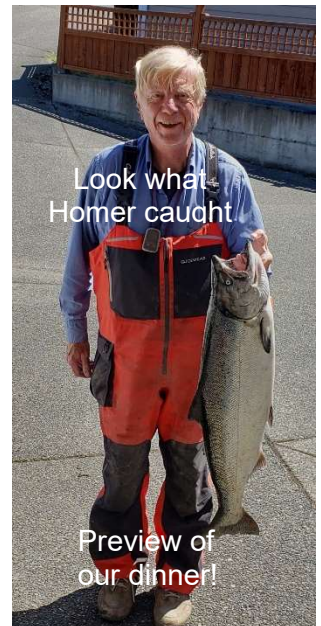
# August

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The annual potluck barbeque will once again be hosted by Bunny and Lonny Heiner on Saturday, August 17, at 4:00 p.m. Members are asked to contribute a side dish or a dessert. The proceeds from this event go to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Admission is \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 for two. Checks should be made payable to AAUW-LAF and mailed to AAUW, Post Office Box 503, Anacortes, 98221. Each year we set a goal of at least \$500, so that we may designate an honoree. Spouses and guests are welcome.

The Legal Advocacy Fund works at the national level to challenge sex discrimination in the workplace and in higher education. Unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 are issues that many women and men face today. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and by assisting people who are using the legal system to seek justice and change.

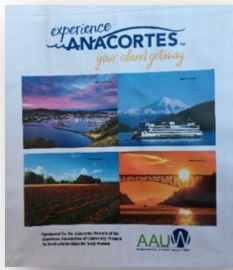


## President's Message



Although we don't have official meetings over the summer, clearly the Anacortes branch has been busy. Our membership chairs hosted the first of two booths at the Farmers Market and many of you contributed or worked to make our Shipwreck booth successful. With this enthusiasm, our branch is off to a good

start in 2019-2020. I am looking forward to the board retreat this month and encourage anyone who wants to be more involved to join us as we plan for the coming year. We will discuss fundraising, the annual budget, programs, and how we can encourage new members. We have many opportunities for you to be involved outside of being a board member. Do you have any ideas you would like to share? Call and let me know you are coming or drop me an email with your ideas!



**TOTE BAG UPDATE:** Safeway has declined to sell our scholarship tote bags after a verbal agreement and almost six months of negotiating with them. While it's very disappointing, our bags continue to sell at The Market, and they have been wonderful to work with. We plan to sell them at our AAUW events and on Friday afternoons in August at the entrance to the Safeway store. These bags make wonderful hostess and thank you gifts for friends and family.



The **deadline** to submit ads to defray the cost of our branch directory is **August 24**. The cost is \$25 for a business card ad and \$50 for ½ page.

Mail payment along with the business card or logo to AAUW, Post Office Box 503, Anacortes, 98221.

### Update Your Contact Info

Take a moment to read your directory listing. Have you changed your phone, your email, or address? Drop me an email to update our records.  
[underwood31@comcast.net](mailto:underwood31@comcast.net)



Board members will meet on Saturday, August 10, for a planning retreat. If you are you interested in finding out more about becoming a committee chair, you are welcome to attend. Meet at the home of Bonnie Underwood, 1406 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Anacortes. e will meet from 10:00-4:00 with a break for a salad potluck luncheon. Call Bonnie to RSVP at 360-293-4075.



**The Board will not be meeting on Monday, August 5, due to the Board Retreat on August 10.**

*Happy Birthday!!!  
August babies*

- Rosemary Kaholokula 8/12
- Corinne Salcedo 8/17
- Jamie Cromack 8/19
- Claudia Cimini 8/27



Here's a preview from Tech Trek. We always look forward to hearing from our students in the Fall.

# Membership

We are glad to welcome a potential new member, Lavonni Montemayor, to our branch. She signed up to join during the Membership Drive held at the Anacortes Farmers' Market on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July. Set up for the event started at 7:30 a.m.; the crew included members Robin Pestarino and Linda Hendrick, along with Membership Co-Vice Presidents Ginny Kluth and Bunny Heiner. Homer Dawson arrived in plenty of time to not only bring us his fantastic weights for the canopy, but also to install them. (They are not called weights for nothing!)

We very much thank Robin for once again providing the canopy. Tables were loaned by Rosette Dawson and Bonnie Underwood. In addition to providing information about AAUW, the booth featured our branch's banner and posters, which Rosette made available for the event. Terri Bowden brought a box of her attractive tote bags, several of which sold during the day. Beth Meenaghan again provided a box of the Jingle Bell Dash mugs to sell. A big thank to Rosette for that great AAUW table cloth, which decorated the front table.

The booth attendants during the hours the Farmers' Market was open (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) were Linda, Ora Jonasson, Eva Coley, and Terri. Thanks again, all of you. Ginny and Bunny were part of the team all day; all of us enjoyed visiting with one another in between attending to those visiting our booth.

In addition to the \$48.00 collected for the sale of the tote bags, we received \$10.00, which was donated by two male mechanical engineers who stopped to admire the STEM posters and commented that they wanted to help provide scholarship funds so more women would have the opportunity to become engineers.

A second membership drive booth will be open at the Farmers' Market on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. See you there!



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What a lot of clean closets and cupboards we all must have! The donations for the AAUW booth for the Shipwreck Fest on Saturday, 20 July, included an amazing number of pictures and picture frames, rescued "sea rope," children's toys, and a wide variety of household items. Nelle Jacobson, who chaired the last such event in which our branch was involved, said we had about twice as much stuff as was donated last time. It took seven vehicles to get everything from Bunny Heiner's garage down to our booth on Commercial Avenue.



Members brought their donations for Shipwreck to the Heiners' garage on Thursday and Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of July and the pricing crew was busy from 2 to 6 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Those involved in pricing were Nelle and her daughter Caroline Mason, Ora Jonasson, Karen Maughan, Judith Rolston, and Bunny. Nelle provided the pricing stickers, markers, and tape. Vehicles for moving everything were provided by Nelle and Caroline, Ora, Karen, Patricia and Doug Griffith, and Bunny.

Although 6:30 Saturday morning was the time we had decided to meet to set up everything, when Bunny arrived about 6:10 a.m., there was already a crew arranging everything: Patricia and Doug, Karen and her husband Paul, Ora and her husband Don, and Nelle and Caroline. Right at 6:30, as agreed upon, new member Margaret Campbell and her husband Don arrived, so by the time the crowds started showing up, we were all prepared for business.

Once again, Robin Pestarino provided her canopy (and thanks again, Homer Dawson, for those weights), with tables from Nelle, Rosette Dawson, and Bonnie Underwood; Karen brought the comfortable padded folding chairs for us to sit on during the non-busy sessions, of which there were very few! Our new treasurer, Patricia, provided the change for the cash box. Ora worked the first shift, along with Nelle and Bunny, who were there all day. Also working shifts were Margaret, Eva Coley, and Linda Hendrick.

With the wonderful help of Doug Griffith, who had accompanied Patricia to pick up the unsold items, we were able to meet the 5 o'clock deadline to have our space cleared. Although we had sold a lot of merchandise, there were a lot of items left, including a set of nearly new tires donated to the cause by the Campbells, which did not fit the vehicles of any of the interested potential buyers. Nelle graciously took them home in her vehicle, to be dealt with later, and Patricia and Doug took nearly everything else, which Patricia had agreed in advance to deliver to Good Will over in Burlington. As it turned out, she wound up having to take everything up to the Bellingham Good Will. Many thanks, Patricia!

As of Saturday evening we had made about \$500.00, with the final total not yet available as of 30 July.

A special thank you goes to Nelle, who not only worked the full four-hour pricing period, but was at the booth for eleven hours on Saturday. Her help and expertise were invaluable.







Former AAUW member, Sue Mondello, moved to St. Louis in September to start an exciting and rewarding new job with a great company, and to live in the area where her mother would be moving at a late stage in her life. Sue so loved Anacortes and Skagit County - parting was such sweet sorrow.

Just before she left, she had some symptoms which concerned her. She decided to wait to investigate further until after she was settled in St. Louis. She was diagnosed with stage 3/4 endometrial cancer.

In March, she began aggressive treatment with 6 rounds of chemotherapy. This is been very hard on her, and even now her diagnosis is uncertain, with one more round still ahead. Fortunately, since she was raised in St Louis, she has a strong network of friends and family to support her during this very challenging time. Her friends have set up a Caring Bridge site to share updates on her progress, and create a place for prayers, best wishes, and positive energy to flow to her.

For the latest updates please follow her on  
<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/welovesuzanne/journal>

Sue is fighting back with all of her intelligence and determination to explore integrative medicine and alternative therapies which can help strengthen her immune system and make her more resilient to future recurrences. These alternative programs are largely not covered by insurance, so another close friend has set up a GoFundMe Account on her behalf. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/1nfj9sdck0>