

Thursday, December 12

Skyline Cabana Holiday Potluck
Thursday, December 12, 6:00 P.M.



Bring an appetizer, main dish, side dish or dessert to share, along with serving utensils. Beverages will be provided. Directions: Turn left off of Sunset Avenue on to Skyline Way. Continue past Old Salts Market and turn right on Cabana Lane.

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President's message

Our holiday party is a great time to socialize and spouses and guests are welcome. The board has approved having someone come and do clean-up for us to meet the Cabana requirements, so it will be a relaxing evening for all.

It's a busy week for our branch with the Jingle Bell Dash on Saturday, December 14. Many thanks to all of you who have volunteered to bring cookies and help with registration and set up. Donald Jonasson has graciously agreed to be our Santa this year.

Our January meeting is one of my favorites. Check out the suggestions for a good read while you relax into the new year!

Happy Holidays! bonnie

Cordelia Hightower (12/3) Barbara Bensen (12/16)
Jeannine Jacobson (12/30)



The Market in Anacortes is the exclusive vendor for our scholarship tote bags. They have recently agreed to purchase the bags up front rather than on consignment. At last count, we have sold 643 bags and of those, 326 have been purchased through the Market and 200 were purchased by one of our STEM sponsors, Hexcel Corporation. We are very grateful for their support of our fundraiser that provides scholarships for local women who are continuing a college degree. You might want to consider using these attractive bags in lieu of Christmas wrapping paper! They also make great gifts for your holiday guests. The bags are made from recycled plastic bottles and are an excellent replacement for single use plastic bags. In addition to the Market, bags are available for purchase at all AAUW General Meetings and will be sold at the Jingle Bell Dash on December 14.

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORIES AND WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



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At our January Book Talk meeting, the topic is True Crime. An article from Wikipedia explains what defines a book as true crime. Hopefully you will find one that interests you. If you have any questions, contact Linda Hendrick at 360-293-6518.

From Wikipedia: True crime books often center on sensational, shocking, or strange events, particularly murder. Even though murder makes up less than 20% of reported crime, it is present in most true crime stories. Typically, these books report on a crime from the beginning of its investigation to its [legal proceedings](#). Serial killers have been a highly profitable sub-genre. An informal survey conducted by [Publishers Weekly](#) in 1993 concluded that the more popular true crime books focus on serial killers, with the more gruesome and grotesque content performing even better.

Some true crime works are "instant books" produced quickly to capitalize on popular demand; these have been described as "more than formulaic" and hyper-conventional. Others may reflect years of thoughtful research and inquiry and may have considerable [literary merit](#).

A milestone of the genre was [Norman Mailer's](#) [The Executioner's Song](#) (1979), which was the first book in the genre to win a [Pulitzer Prize](#).

Other prominent true crime accounts include [Truman Capote's](#) [In Cold Blood](#),^[9] the best-selling true crime book of all time [Helter Skelter](#), by the lead [Manson family](#) prosecutor [Vincent Bugliosi](#) and [Curt Gentry](#); and [Ann Rule's](#) [The Stranger Beside Me](#), about [Ted Bundy](#). An example of a modern true crime book is [I'll Be Gone in the Dark](#) by [Michelle McNamara](#).

Non-violent true crime books: <https://dbri.bibliocommons.com/list/share/679797892/1329999809>

Goodreads True Crime with categories: <https://www.goodreads.com/genres/true-crime>

40 Best True Crime Books of All Time (Sometimes reality is more frightening—and more intriguing—than any novel.) From Keith Rice on ReaditForward.com
<https://www.readitforward.com/essay/article/best-true-crime-books-of-all-time/>

50 essential True Crime Books from AbeBooks.com <https://www.abebooks.com/books/50-essential-true-crime-books/index.shtml>

If you don't receive the Anacortes American, you may not be aware of the wonderful article Terri Bawden submitted. What a great way to share what our branch is doing and give credit to the local businesses that support the AAUW Tech Trek camps.



The October 10th meeting of the Anacortes Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) included a presentation from the Tech Trek campers of 2019. Fourteen girls from Skagit County took classes in physics, chemistry, cybersecurity, Marine Biology, robotics, astronomy, physiology and app invention. Tech Trek is a week-long STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) camp for girls held on the PLU campus in Tacoma and EWU campus in

eastern Washington. The girls live on campus for a week, using the university facilities and equipment. Branches throughout the state obtain funding to support each girl. The process begins in January when science and math teachers nominate 7th grade girls. These girls complete applications and are interviewed by branch members. AAUW- WA is preparing now for Tech Trek 2020. We are hoping to increase sponsorship so we can send more girls from Skagit County. We are grateful to our sponsoring companies so that girls are able to attend without regard to their financial circumstances. In addition to the sponsors listed in the photo, we received funding from Sturdy Engineering. Dakota Industries and MicroAerodynamics have supported girls in the past.

Skagit County Donors and Campers, Tech Trek 2019

Back row Donors: Bonnie Underwood (Underwood & Associates), Leslie Smith, William Smith (EDCO, Inc), Sarah Crist (Shell Oil Co Puget Sound), Debbie DeCorde, (Hexcel), Matt Gill (Marathon Petroleum), Sarah McCabe (Synergy Sports Technology)

Middle row: Avalyn Townsend, Megan Jewell, Cora Voile (Bow-Edison School District); Lacie Evans, Brooke Mathis (Sedro-Woolley SD); Caroline Dana (Bow-Edison SD)

Front row: Hallie Walls, Kailey Carlson (La Conner SD); Niusha Ahsaei, Aileen Kim, Bella Gentry (Anacortes SD).

Girls unable to attend: Latesha Guerrero-Gobert (La Conner SD), Dakota Wyman (Bow-Edison SD), Ginny Shaw (Anacortes SD).

Thank you, Terri.