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WOMEN AT THE BAR: WOMEN LAWYERS ACROSS THE YEARS

Join us for a panel discussion followed by Q&A with Commissioner Jenifer Howson, Judge Laura Riquelme, Judge Susan Cook (retired), Rosemary Kaholokula, and Jennifer Flynn.

Anacortes Public Library Meeting Room
6:30 social time 7:00 program begins

President's message

We had an interesting conversation at our recent Book Talk. As always, Linda provided some entertaining quotes for us to share and ponder. Although the topic was a difficult one for many, there was a consensus that a good author can do justice to most any subject. Several found the history and culture behind the story to be the most valuable part of the book. We closed with a discussion of other possible topics. Can't wait for next year!

Business meeting highlights include a presentation about our upcoming spring fundraiser. This year we will be at a new venue, serving a dessert rather than a tea and buffet. The committee has arranged for a trio of history presentations by AMS students. We also discussed the AAUW WorkSmart program; board members were encouraged to view the on-line video before we make the decision to invest our time and financial support. Lastly, we reviewed an analysis of the Jingle Bell Dash and will continue discussion at our next meeting.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend at least one business meeting. If you are interested in becoming more involved in AAUW, these meetings will provide you with a greater understanding of our mission and goals. And, please tell your friends and neighbors about the February meeting. Rosemary has arranged for a panel of women to share their experiences over the decades. Don't miss it!

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AAUW Lobby Day 2020

Claudia Cimini, Anacortes Branch Public Policy Chair

Our Olympia sisters graciously hosted us at St John's Episcopal Church, an easy half mile walk from the Capitol campus.

Some of our 40th District AAUW sister members from Bellingham and Seattle Branches were also in town: India Nishi, Judith Entwife, and June Arnold. Together we visited all three of our Legislators' offices: Senator Liz Lovelett, Representative Debra Lekanoff, and Representative Alex Hamel.

Women's health, early childhood education, and scientifically accurate sex health education are issues addressed in AAUW's priority bills for this legislative session.

Top priority is SB5395/HB2184 which updates and improves the good accomplished by the Healthy Youth Act. It mandates scientifically accurate sex health education in all public schools - including consent education. Consent education helps protect women from sexual violence: teaching men to ask for consent, and empowering women to say "no". Parents may opt out. Values education is encouraged to be taught at home.

Liz Lovelett is a secondary sponsor on one of AAUW's priority bills: SB6128 (extending postpartum Medicaid for low income mothers from 2 to 12 months) as well as S6158 (developing model protocols for trauma treatment of victims of sexual violence and improving legal advocacy & community response). Traumatic Brain Injury is an all too common result of violence against women. We're more likely to associate it with professional football players or combat veterans. The CDC estimates that 1 in 3 women over 15 have experienced intimate partner violence. Even though as many as 30 million American women have brain injuries as a result, there is almost no research into this public health issue.

Debra Lekanoff is a secondary sponsor of AAUW priority bill HB1527 which expands the Working Families Tax Credit. She is also a sponsor of HB1339 (addresses the problems Native Americans living on reservation land may face when registering to vote when they do not have a conventional street address) as well as HB 1713 (improving law enforcement response to missing and murdered Native American women). While not on AAUW's priority list for this session, these are issues that affect women.



You can learn more about AAUW's priority bills here:

<https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/files/2019/09/AAUWWALobbydaybills2020.pdf>

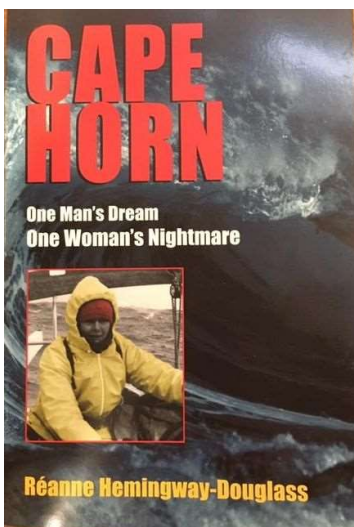
To contact our legislators about these or other bills:

<http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/pages/contactus.aspx>

"News Update"



We have finally received authorization to sell our bags at Safeway during the month of June. Our goal is to have a two-person team from 1-3:00 and another from 3-5:00 p.m. each Friday. Sign-ups will begin soon.



Reanne Hemingway-Douglass won the 2019 New York City Big Book Award for Action/Adventure audiobook for "Cape Horn: One Man's Dream – One Woman's Nightmare".



The State(s) of Equal Pay Laws

For years, state legislators have been making steady strides toward enacting equity laws. In fact, when you step back to see the bigger picture, it looks a lot like a map of the United States. In all, 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico now have some form of equal-pay measure in place. (Mississippi is the lone holdout.)

With the help of our members' advocacy, last year was particularly active: 11 states passed some form of fair-pay legislation, compared with six in 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015. Of course, we need to keep pushing in 2020 to strengthen state and local laws. If you're interested in working to close the gender pay gap in your state or city, check out AAUW's state-specific policy guide roadmaps, read our latest research, or explore AAUW's advocacy tools. To learn more about state-level developments, check out AAUW CEO Kim Churches' recent article for MSNBC's Know Your Value.



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Book Talk – January 2020 Books discussed

Judy Higgins Smoke, mirrors and murder: and other true cases by Ann Rule

In some murder cases, the truth behind the most tragic of crimes crystallizes with relative ease. Not so with these fascinating accounts drawn from the personal files of Ann Rule, America's #1 bestselling true-crime writer. What happens when the case itself becomes an intractable puzzle, when clues are shrouded in smoke and mirrors, and when criminals skillfully evade law enforcement in a maddening cat-and-mouse chase? Even the most devoted true-crime reader won't predict the outcome of these truly baffling cases until the conclusions revealed in Ann Rule's marvelously insightful narrative.

Karen Maughan and Karen Laws In cold blood by Truman Capote

On November 15, 1959, in the small town of Holcomb, Kansas, four members of the Clutter family were savagely murdered by blasts from a shotgun held a few inches from their faces. There was no apparent motive for the crime, and there were almost no clues. As Truman Capote reconstructs the murder and the investigation that led to the capture, trial, and execution of the killers, he generates both mesmerizing suspense and astonishing empathy.

Patricia Griffith The wicked boy: an infamous murder in Victorian London by Kate Summerscale

In the summer of 1895, Robert Coombes (age 13) and his brother Nattie (age 12) were seen spending lavishly around the docklands of East London -- for ten days in July, they ate out at coffee houses and took trips to the seaside and the theater. The boys told neighbors they had been left home alone while their mother visited family in Liverpool, but their aunt was suspicious. When she eventually forced the brothers to open the house to her, she found the badly decomposed body of their mother in a bedroom upstairs. Robert and Nattie were arrested for matricide and sent for trial at the Old Bailey. At a time of great tumult and uncertainty, the case crystallized contemporary anxieties about the education of the working classes, the dangers of pulp fiction, and evolving theories of criminality, childhood, and insanity.

Laura Jane Viverette Closing Time: the true story of "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" by Lacey Fosburgh

In 1973, Roseann Quinn, an Irish-Catholic teacher at a school for deaf children, was killed in New York City after bringing a man home to her apartment from an Upper West Side pub. The crime made headlines and the ensuing case quickly evolved into a cultural phenomenon, spawning both a #1 *New York Times*-bestselling novel and a film adaptation starring Diane Keaton and Richard Gere, and sparking debates about the sexual revolution and the perils of the "pickup scene" at what were popularly known as singles bars.

Bonnie Underwood Death benefit: a lawyer uncovers a 20-year pattern of seduction, arson and murder by David Heilbroner

A corporate lawyer tells how he stumbled onto the trail of a female serial killer and devoted five years to bringing her to justice after she murdered his neighbor's daughter for insurance money. 20,000 first printing.

Bunny Heiner Rise and fall of the Third Reich, a history of Nazi Germany by William Shirer

The book chronicles the rise and fall of Nazi Germany from the birth of Adolf Hitler in 1889 to the end of World War II in 1945.

Nelle Jacobson Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage murders and the birth of the FBI by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma after oil was discovered beneath their land. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. In this last remnant of the Wild West—where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperadoes like Al Spencer, the “Phantom Terror,” roamed—many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll climbed to more than twenty-four, the FBI took up the case. It was one of the organization’s first major homicide investigations and the bureau badly bungled the case. In desperation, the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only American Indian agents in the bureau. The agents infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Ora Jonasson Devil in the White City: a saga of magic and murder at the fair that changed America by Erik Larson

Two men, each handsome and unusually adept at his chosen work, embodied an element of the great dynamic that characterized America’s rush toward the twentieth century. The architect was Daniel Hudson Burnham, the fair’s brilliant director of works and the builder of many of the country’s most important structures, including the Flatiron Building in New York and Union Station in Washington, D.C. The murderer was Henry H. Holmes, a young doctor who, in a malign parody of the White City, built his “World’s Fair Hotel” just west of the fairgrounds—a torture palace complete with dissection table, gas chamber, and 3,000-degree crematorium. Erik Larson’s gifts as a storyteller are magnificently displayed in this rich narrative of the master builder, the killer, and the great fair that obsessed them both.

Judith Rolston I’ll be gone in the dark: one woman’s obsessive search for the Golden State killer by Michelle McNamara

For more than ten years, a mysterious and violent predator committed fifty sexual assaults in Northern California before moving south, where he perpetrated ten sadistic murders. Then he disappeared, eluding capture by multiple police forces and some of the best detectives in the area. Three decades later, Michelle McNamara, a true crime journalist who created the popular website TrueCrimeDiary.com, was determined to find the violent psychopath she called “the Golden State Killer.” Michelle pored over police reports, interviewed victims, and embedded herself in the online communities that were as obsessed with the case as she was. Utterly original and compelling, it has been hailed as a modern true crime classic—one which fulfilled Michelle’s dream: helping unmask the Golden State Killer.

Linda Hendrick Missoula: rape and the justice system in a college town by Jon Krakauer

Missoula, Montana, is a typical college town, home to a highly regarded state university whose beloved football team inspires a passionately loyal fan base. Between January 2008 and May 2012, hundreds of students reported sexual assaults to the local police. Few of the cases were properly handled by either the university or local authorities. In this, Missoula is also typical. The author investigates a spate of campus rapes that occurred in Missoula over a four-year period. Taking the town as a case study for a crime that is sadly prevalent throughout the nation, Krakauer documents the experiences of five victims: their fear and self-doubt in the aftermath; the skepticism directed at them by police, prosecutors, and the public; their bravery in pushing forward and what it cost them.

After everyone talked about their book I realized all were about murder. That made me think of a true crime book that isn’t:

The library book by Susan Orlean

On the morning of April 29, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. As the moments passed, the patrons and staff who had been cleared out of the building realized this was not the usual fire alarm. As one fireman recounted, “Once that first stack got going, it was ‘Goodbye, Charlie.’” The fire was disastrous: it reached 2000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set

fire to the library—and if so, who? Orlean chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity; brings each department of the library to vivid life through on-the-ground reporting and studies arson. Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, *The Library Book* is Susan Orlean's thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. It is also a master journalist's reminder that, perhaps especially in the digital era, they are more necessary than ever.

Some attendees did not have a book to discuss and most said that was because murder stories just didn't appeal. A discussion arose about stories that would be true crime and not be about murders. We came up with several ideas: finance, scams, government, etc. So, if you don't want to read about murder or rape but would enjoy true stories there are options open to you. Next year the topic will be humor!

Linda

AAUW Financial Report – December 2019

Emailed to Board on January 6, 2019

AAUW Account Summary as of 12/31/2019:

Account	Balance	Scholarships	Operations	Committed	Avail Funds
Checking #2121	\$4839.26	\$2245.99	\$2593.27	\$1483.44	\$1109.83
Special Events #6140	\$5057.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5057.93
Savings #6780	\$7726.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7726.80
Total	\$17623.99	\$2245.99		\$1483.44	\$14026.44

AAUW Account Details:

CHECKING ACCOUNT #2121	
Balance as of 11/30/2019	\$4852.76
INCOME:	
Tote Bags	\$26.00
Total Income	\$26.00
EXPENSES:	
Membership Dues	\$39.50
Total Expenses	\$39.50
Balance as of 12/31/2019	\$4839.26

NOTE:

- Received payment from The Market for \$848 for Inv #002 on Jan 4
- Outstanding check #2103 – cleaning of Cabana

SPECIAL EVENTS ACCOUNT #6140

Balance as of 11/30/2019	\$3334.18
INCOME:	
JBD RunSignUp	\$4667.00
JBD On-Site Registration (cash)	\$390.00
Total Income	\$5057.00
EXPENSES:	
Race Support-Orcas Running	\$2274.71
Race Support-Rivalry Events-Timing	\$244.50
Race Support-Facebook Ad	\$60.61
Race Support-Awards	\$600.00
Race Support-Ribbons/Printing/Awards	\$153.43
Total Expenses	\$3333.25
Balance as of 12/31/2019	\$5057.93

NOTE:

- Total 2019 JBD Runner SignUp (\$7,181) plus Race Day of \$390 = \$7,571
- Waiting on the \$2,000 check from Marathon
- Outstanding check #1073 for \$29.02 written on Jan 2

SAVINGS ACCOUNT #6780

Balance as of 11/30/2019	\$7724.86
INCOME:	
Interest Deposit	\$1.94
Total Income	\$1.94
EXPENSES:	
No transactions this period	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance as of 12/31/2019	\$7726.80

Anacortes Schools Foundations Statement:*Balances as of 11/30/2019*

ACCOUNT	FUND BALANCE	COMMITTED FUNDS	PENDING CHECKS	PENDING DEPOSITS	NET BALANCE
AAUW STEM	\$3177.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3177.50
AAUW Scholarship	\$2697.04	\$2000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$697.04

Committed Funds: includes any outstanding checks that have been issued, but not yet cashed.**Pending Checks:** scholarships of which ASF is aware, but checks have not been issued**Pending Deposits:** funds that were donated, but not deposited before end of reporting period