



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

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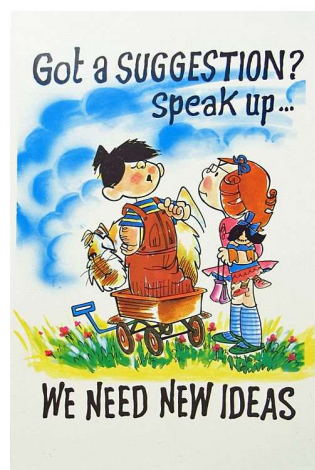
A new look for a new year. At our July business meeting, your board discussed some of the changes that will affect our branch in the coming year. New circumstances create new opportunities. Our membership is down slightly, so it will be important for all of us to consider potential new members.

Fundraising will look different, too, as will our meetings, but our mission remains the same.

Plans are in the works for a virtual Jingle Bell Dash. Our new directory will be sent to you as a pdf. Our August board retreat we will be broken into a series of Zoom meetings, each one featuring different components.



CREATIVITY AND NEW IDEAS will be the hallmark of our branch. AAUW Anacortes has been around for over 50 years. We have had to change with the times more than once in order to continue to grow and fulfill our mission. Fifty years ago we had no STEM program or Tech Trek scholarships. No one would have known what a 'virtual' fundraiser was. We had to type our newsletter, mimeograph them and hand address them for mailing. Fifty years ago we could not call a member and leave a message. Now we are able to consider inviting a speaker to address our membership from Seattle without leaving her home. Think of the opportunities! We have already begun to arrange for program speakers for the fall. YOU are what makes our branch achieve our mission. Tell your friends about AAUW and the amazing things we are doing to support women and girls achieve their dreams. Invite people to join us. This is not the time to let others do the work. Each one of us needs to step up and be involved. *bonnie*



At our August board meeting, we approved the following document drafted by Claudia Cimini. This has been sent to the Mayor and City Council with the hope that they will mandate a proclamation.

2020 is the Centennial year of Women's Suffrage

Congress first designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day" in 1973. Bella Abzug (D-NY) began the push in 1971 to commemorate the day in 1920 when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution finally granted American women the right to vote.

This peaceful civil rights movement by women had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, and calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality - we hold up half the sky.

The American Association of University women has been working for over 130 years to improve educational opportunities for women and girls. The Anacortes Branch of AAUW respectfully requests (***City, county, leg***) designate August 26, 2020 Women's Equality Day in honor of the women -and men- who brought the 19th Amendment into our Constitution.

Proclamation Designating August 26, 2020, as Women's Equality Day

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have historically been treated as second-class citizens and have often been denied the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to ALL citizens equally, and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which culminated a 72-year, non-violent campaign to extend the right to vote to women, as symbol of the continued fight for equal rights: and

WHEREAS, the women of United States are to be commended and supported in their organizations and activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the (***City of Anacortes, etc***) recognizes the commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America won their right to vote, as an opportunity to continue to work for equal rights for ALL citizens.

Getting to Know You

Five members were asked these questions. On page 3 you will find their responses. Try and match their answers to their names.

1. What is your favorite movie or TV series?
2. What new skill would you like to learn?
3. What is your favorite vacation?
4. What book would you recommend to a friend?
5. What time do you usually go to bed?



AAUW joined with our partners at the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights to call on Congress to address 10 key principles pertaining to the health and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in their legislative response.

AAUW is one of 155 civil rights organizations urging immediate congressional action on voting rights.

AAUW, the National Partnership for Women and Families, and several other allies penned an open letter to employers articulating the need for flexible and fair working conditions for parents who are striving to meet the dual demands of family and work during this crisis.



This year our board retreat will be divided into two sessions. On Monday evening, August 17, we will be discussing Membership and Programing and on Thursday, August 20, we will cover Fundraising and create our 2020-2021 budget. Members are invited to participate in either session by registering with Bonnie Underwood for the Zoom link. Come and share your ideas with us

Directory



Corinne Salcedo 8/17

Rosemary Kaholokula 8/12

Jamie Cromack 8/19

Claudia Cimini 8/27

The deadline for submitting new photos for the 2020-2021 directory is Tuesday, September 1. Only those members who have paid their dues will be included. Because we are doing a digital directory, we will be able to make regular updates. If you have not already paid your dues, PLEASE DO!

Getting to Know You

1. Pandora's Box, 1929, starring Louise Brooks, or any movie featuring her; also Out of Africa, 1985, starring Robert Redford and Meryl Streep; also White Mischief, based on the same people that Out of Africa is based on
2. Using a sewing machine with some degree of competence (first, I need to find a new manual for my sewing machine, since I lost the manual in one of my far too many moves)
3. Of all the places that I have visited, I'd most like to return to Venice
4. West with the Night by Beryl Markham (I like this book so much I bought two copies! Yesterday I finished reading a biography about Beryl Markham); also anything by Jane Austen, my favourite author, especially her book Persuasion
5. Midnight to 1 a.m.; I'm usually awake by 6 a.m. but try to sleep at least one hour longer.

1. Father Brown on PBS
2. Avoiding scams
3. Europe
4. Mystery stories by C.S. Harris
5. 11:30pm

1. 'Madame Secretary' (I'm happy Netflix exists; all that stuff with no ads. Yay) Favorite movie: used to be anything with Robin Williams, Whoopie Goldberg or Meryl Streep...
- 2 I've been working on learning Spanish since 1998...
3. Costa Rica intensive Spanish at CONVERSA, just outside of city, with daughter (she was more proficient than I was. Alaska with husband and daughter in 1993 and 1996; Europe with daughter in 1997. Diving in the Bahamas - but haven't been since 2001. Skiing/playing in snow at Winter Park, Colorado (when daughter was in middle and high school).
4. Anything by Rhys Bowen (especially her stand-alone books)
5. hmmm I'm a night-owl. Usually not before midnight.

1. Way too many but some are: The West Wing, Casablanca to name 2
2. Decorating my sourdough - all I seem able to do is make a cut but I've seen so many that are artistic.
3. Another hard one: I love the tropics (Bali and the Maldives were amazing) and the desert too (the Southwest U.S.) and beaches
4. Right now Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande
5. 10:30ish

1. As of July 3, Hamilton is my favorite movie! I recently made a list of 5 films that amazed/delighted/charmed/inspired/awed me when I first saw them (Up, Fantasia-the 1940 version, Sleepless in Seattle, 12 Angry Men, Star Wars Ep IV-A New Hope) and now Hamilton is at the top of that list.
2. I can crochet, but would love to learn to knit.
3. Exploring new places—especially in the UK and France
4. A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, a beautifully written intriguing story
5. I usually go to bed around 11:00 and then read awhile—sometimes until 1:00am or later (one of my favorite things about being retired is I can read as late as I want)

Match the following members to these responses:

Rosette Dawson Linda Hendrick
Patricia Griffith Vivian Kolhoff
Bunny Heiner