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our amazing mermen.



The Merman Fundraiser has resulted in \$7,000 for our branch scholarships. The potential sale of calendars will result in an additional \$4000. This boost to our AAUW scholarship fund allowed the Scholarship Committee to make two additional scholarship awards this year. Read about our recent recipients.



Alli Schuh is beginning her third year as a double major in Modern Dance and Environmental Studies at the University of Utah. She is interested in researching community resilience through our personal connections to land and movement. She is also pursuing minors in American Indian Studies and Arts Technology. "Modern Dance has provided me a foundation for building a strong connection to movement and through my American Indian Studies I have come to understand how our moving bodies cannot be separated from the land we live on. Taking care of the land is inherently taking care of our bodies and vice versa. We have a relationship with the earth to take care of, and this relationship creates healthy communities. I am planning on continuing my education after undergrad to pursue research combining my many fields of interest. I am beyond grateful for this scholarship. Thank you!"



Anna Prewitt, a recent graduate of AHS, is now a rising sophomore at Pomona College, in Claremont, California. She loves chemistry, journalism, volunteering, and the outdoors, and is looking forward to exploring all of those things in Claremont in the fall!



So many people to thank these days. Eli at Pelican Bay Books allowed AAUW to set up calendar and tote bag sales at a table outside his store during the Arts Festival. Bunny Heiner was amazingly persistent in calling members to volunteer in shifts for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Bunny Heiner, Linda Hendrick, Bonnie Underwood, Nelle Jacobson, Sally Pullen, and Sandy Huggins volunteered and our financial officer, Patricia Griffith helped to set up our supplies and cash each day. **Thank you all!**

During the last five years, 5 branches of AAUW have disbanded in Washington state. For the most part it was not due to a lack of members, but to a lack of member participation. Without volunteers a branch cannot continue to support its mission. We may have joined AAUW for different reasons, but we share a common goal: to advance gender equality for women and girls through education. As we begin a new year, we are financially optimistic. We have welcomed several new members. We have secured the library meeting room for our meetings and have several programs lined up for fall. What we still need is more volunteers. Here are some opportunities for you to consider.



Volunteers are needed to work at our booth at the Farmers Market on August 28 and September 11; we will need people to set up and close down as well as members to host the booth. We will be selling calendars and tote bags as well as encouraging new members to join us under the Shape the Future Campaign . Participants that join under this program will receive 50% off of their national dues, but this offer is limited to the month we are hosting our booth at Farmers Market.



Volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee. Several board members generously agreed to continue in their roles during the pandemic, however, this means that a significant number of positions will become open in the coming year. Our branch by-laws require a chair and committee of three to begin this work.



We have recently seen the benefit of having a presence on social media. Postings about our mermen event skyrocketed our fundraising efforts to make it a very successful event. More than an occasional posting in the newspaper about an upcoming event, we need a person with the ability to share our mission with potential members and our community by promoting or recommending the events on social media. This position is often called an **INFLUENCER**. Do you know of anyone with social media skills who would like to volunteer to help our branch? Perhaps join our branch? Please contact Bonnie with details!



The annual Jingle Bell Dash is currently in the planning stage. This fun community event is another way to be a presence in Anacortes and raise funds for STEM. If you have limited time to participate in AAUW, this one-day event may be the perfect way to serve. The committee is forming now. Contact Patricia Griffith if you are interested.

Our branch has been financially supported by many local businesses interested in supporting STEM programs. This year our camps were offered on-line and participants received a box of supplies costing \$500. We look forward to a presentation in the fall. Rosette Dawson has spearheaded our Tech Trek program and would love to mentor some new people on her committee. Our STEM awards are given annually to eighth grade AMS girls and seniors at AHS. Committee members work with school staff for recommendations. Each year we host the Jingle Bell Dash to support this program.



Elected Officials

The AAUW Anacortes elected board members hold two-year positions. Often, board positions are held by two people to accommodate busy lives and travel plans. The following positions on the board are nominated by committee and a slate of officers is presented for vote at the May annual meeting: President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Programs, Secretary, and Financial Officer. Other board members serve by appointment of the president or by volunteering for the position. Are you officer material? The current board is always willing to mentor a new officer!



Fundraising, phone tree, scholarship, by-laws, publicity, and website management are just a few of the committees that can use your help. Whether you have plenty of spare time or a limited schedule for serving, there is an AAUW committee that is right for you.

Many organizations require service hours as a part of membership. AAUW has been able to count on members to offer their time and talent without that requirement. A service hour requirement was discussed at the board retreat, but we are hopeful that our members will continue to step forward and volunteer when there is a need!

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