



# CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

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The first Tech Trek camp in Washington was offered in 2013. Initially it was held only at Pacific Lutheran University, but two years later an additional camp was hosted by Eastern Washington University. As the demand and enthusiasm for camp grew, a

second week of camp offered at PLU. Over 1,000 girls have been served by twenty-two AAUW Washington branches since the inception of Tech Trek. In 2020, in-person camp was canceled, however, a virtual camp was offered in 2021 to those girls as well as candidates selected in 2021. We are so grateful to local businesses in who support our mission to encourage young girls in science, technology, engineering and math. They include Shell Oil, Marathon Petroleum, Dakota Industries, Hexcel, EDCO, MicroAerodynamics, Underwood and Associates, Synergy Sports Technology, and Sturdy Engineering.

This year the cost of virtual camp included a box of materials and was about half the cost of sending a girl to camp. Because there are no longer any other branches of AAUW in Skagit County, our branch has been reaching out to middle schools, handling the paperwork, and sending girls from throughout the county. Interviews were done virtually, which made the process easier. Traditionally we invite the girls to share their experience at our October meeting along with parents and sponsors. Committee members are needed for Tech Trek. Contact Rosette Dawson if you would like to be a part of the interview process next year.

Most of the girls worked from home this year, but the LaConner School district opened their door to Tech Trek students and a teacher hosted the students in a classroom in order to provide the computer link to their on-line classes. Here are photos of some of the girls receiving their boxes.



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On Saturday, August 29, Linda Hendrick, Bonnie Underwood, Megan Taylor, Terri Bawden, and Sally Pullen took shifts hosting a booth at Farmers Market. This annual event kicks off a membership drive before our first meeting in September. Thanks to Rosette Dawson we showcase numerous photos of AAUW Anacortes events, including Tech Trek camp, STEM winners, and Jingle Bell participants. A new membership brochure mentions our mission as well as our



fundraising activities. For those who choose to join AAUW during the *Shape the Future* campaign, there is a reduction in first year dues. The campaign ends on September 30. Mermen calendars drew people to our booth and five women signed up to learn more about AAUW. Calendar and tote bag sales made the day profitable for scholarships as well.

Anacortes voters opted for experience in the 2021 primary election, at least in terms of mayoral candidates. They chose current council members Matt Miller and Ryan Walters over newcomer Tammy Guffey in a runoff that leads to the November general election. At our first meeting of the 2021-22 season, our branch will host these two candidates via Zoom on Thursday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. **Registration is required. Here is the link: [aauw.meeting@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.meeting@gmail.com) – Be sure to tell others about this change in venue as we originally publicized an in-person event. Due to health concerns the board agreed that a virtual meeting would be safer for our community.**



Be sure to read the current edition of **The Evergreen Leader**. We are featured with photos of the mermen float and calendar in the AAUW Washington Newsletter July 2021 Volume 30, No. 1



## Pictorial Directory!

Photo directories will be available at the AAUW Farmers Market booth on September 11 from 9:00-2:00. Following that event, you will be able to pick up your copy from neighborhood locations which will be posted in the October newsletter. The directory will also be included on our website in the 'members only' section.