



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

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Booktalk!



Book Talk with
Linda Hendrick

By now you should have received a quote that has something to do with science. Please bring it along with you to our meeting as we will take turns sharing our quotes and giving a brief overview of the book you selected. If you haven't had the time to read something, just come and read your quote. It's a great way to hear recommendations about books you might not have considered reading. We have recently welcomed Margaret Herron Gardner, Pamela (Pam) Truog, Vickie Capps, and Julie Peddy to our branch and this will be a good chance to say hello.

Join in the fun We are promoting a digital scavenger hunt to raise funds for STEM scholarships. There are many ways to support this event.

It takes a phone app to register and can be done over several weeks – individually or with a team. Answer questions, find clues, and earn bonus points by gathering donations from supporters.



Here are two other ways you can help ~

We are hosting a table at the Nutcracker Holiday Gift Show on Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14, to sell our remaining calendars and tote bags, and promote *Jingle All the Way*.

If you are free to sit at the table for a couple of hours at the Depot on Sunday, we could use your help.

OR

We are still looking for items for the gift baskets we are awarding to winners.

Winter Warm Up Basket: Suggested items include coffee beans, an Anacortes mug, a variety of teas, hot cider mix, a selection of flavored syrups, hand warmers, soup mix, and local coffee house gift cards.

Chocolate Lovers Basket: This basket could include candy bars and individually wrapped candies, hot chocolate mix, chocolate covered pretzels, chocolate covered mints, brownie mix, chocolate chips for baking, chocolate covered popcorn, and a gift card to Fidalgo Fudge.

Just for Fun Basket: Use your imagination and consider puzzles, games, cards, pizza gift cards, picnic basket with non-perishable items.

For those who prefer not to shop, cash donations toward filling the baskets are also appreciated.



PRESIDING: Bonnie Underwood

PRESENT: Terri Bawden, Rosette Dawson, Patricia Griffith, Linda Hendrick, Judy Higgins, Sandra Huggins, Diane Marr, Karen Maughan, Sandy Norris, Bonnie Underwood, and many students who were participating in the program along with sponsors and families and friends of the students.

As people were gathering on the Zoom site, Bonnie Underwood presented a slide show that described AAUW mission and activities.

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Welcome: Bonnie Underwood greeted the members and guests who came to hear about the Tech Trek program, directly from the participants.

Tech Trek: Rosette Dawson

Rosette talked about the Tech Trek program as her slide show was illustrating some of the activities that the students were engaged in while participating in the program. There were four students from Anacortes: Aniyah Hargrove, Kira Wade, Xianna Kelley and Chelcee Kokonen; three from La Conner Middle School: Addison Wigal, Josie Adams and Izzy Villard; one from Mt. Vernon middle school, Kimora Hansen-Mora; and one from Edison Elementary, JoAnne Garrison. This year we also had a former student who participated as a TA: Caitlin Brar.

Some of the students were unable to come to the AAUW meeting because of other commitments but those who joined us gave individual reports on what they had done and what they had learned by participating in the Tech Trek activities. They were all appreciative of the opportunities to try out different projects that were included in their classes which were in Chemistry, Cyber Security, Wearable Tech, Understanding Climate Change, Cryptography, Forensic Crime, Hydroponics, Infectious Diseases, and they also liked hearing from women who are engaged in careers that deal with these technical areas.

Bonnie thanked the community for coming and for supporting the AAUW and Tech Trek in particular. She thanked Andrea Petrich, from Shell Company, who is a continuing sponsor of Tech Trek. Other sponsors this year included: Marathon Petroleum, Micro Aerodynamics, Dakota Creek, Sturdy Engineering, Underwood Associates, Hexcel, and EDCO, Inc. Bonnie also mentioned a new fundraising effort that AAUW will be having later this year—a Scavenger Hunt called “Jingle All the Way.”



Adjourned: 7:41

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Higgins, Secretary

Program chairs, Linda Hendrick and Gina Van Hess, have arranged for two of the legislators representing the 40th District to share news from their respective roles in our government.



As a fifth generation Anacortes resident, Liz is rooted and invested in the 40th District. She is known throughout the region as a champion for our environment, housing, water management, refinery safety, and for looking for solutions to common issues that improve people's lives and repair past harms. She served on the Anacortes City Council, and has been a board member for several organizations including Population Health Trust Skagit County.



Liz has a desire to foster working relationships between state government and the people she serves. With a goal to promote environmental stewardship, balance community growth and economic vitality, support rural issues and find solutions that put people first; she's helping make Washington a sustainable place to live and work. Liz is the Vice Chair of the Environment, Energy & Technology Committee and serves on both the Housing & Local Government and Transportation Committees. She also co-founded the Ferry Legislator Caucus to advocate for much needed funding and improvements in service, and was appointed to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) – both of which are bicameral and bipartisan.

Her expertise and collaboration have resulted in the passage of legislation to set guidelines for boaters to protect Washington's Southern Resident Killer Whales, promote energy efficiency improvements in commercial buildings, expand access to safe and affordable housing for farmworkers, increase access to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and much more.



Representative Debra Lekanoff represents the 40th legislative district of Washington state, which includes parts of Whatcom, Skagit and San Juan counties. She is a proud mom

who fights every day to ensure younger generations, including her daughter Emma, can continue to flourish. She is inclusive in her decision making process by listening to stakeholders, citizens and governmental bodies. She is known for her experience and capacity to work with vast parties, and on vast issues, and get the job done. Sworn into the Washington State House of Representatives in January 2019, Representative Lekanoff is the only Native American woman to currently serve in the Legislature.

Representative Lekanoff has called the Skagit Valley home for almost 20 years. In addition to serving in the Legislature, Representative Lekanoff served as Governmental Affairs Director for the Swinomish Tribe. With over 20 years of government relations experience, she engages on a variety of issues at the international, federal, tribal, state, and local levels.

Representative Lekanoff's background and experience provide valuable knowledge and perspectives that allow her to lead on a wide range of policy issues, including but not limited to, environment, natural resources, climate change, education, housing, and agriculture. Representative Lekanoff is Vice Chair of the House State Government & Tribal Relations Committee. She also sits on the Appropriations Committee and the Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.