



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

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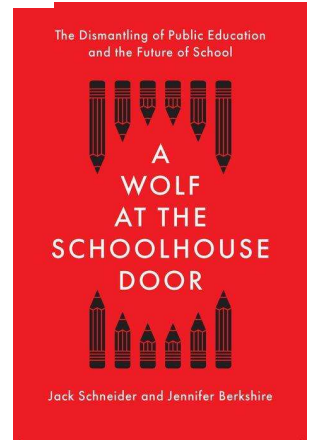
Anacortes Agent



Join us in March for a discussion about the future of education as we consider the book, "A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door." We will hear a brief interview with co-author, Jennifer Berkshire, followed by a group discussion led by members who have read the book.

"As teachers from coast to coast mobilize with

renewed vigor, this smart, essential book sounds an alarm, one that should incite a public reckoning on behalf of the millions of families served by the American educational system—and many more who stand to suffer from its unmaking."



Members are encouraged to invite their friends, neighbors, and any teachers you know to attend this important discussion.



At the February board meeting, a motion was made and passed to increase our branch dues to \$100 for fiscal year 2022-2023. As you know we chose to absorb the increase

in national dues this year with the understanding that we would make an adjustment the next year. By raising dues \$10, we will be able to pay the next increase in national dues and maintain our branch obligations.

These include speaker fees, Post Office box rental, insurance, hospitality costs, supplies, directory printing and room rentals. According to Section 4 of our branch bylaws, "Members shall be notified of the intent to consider a change in the dues, the proposed amount, and the rationale for the change at least 60 days prior to the vote." Dues are due each year before the end of June.



Welcome! New member ~ Trish Wilson

Trish grew up in upstate New York and moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2008, graduating from the University of Washington with a BA in social sciences. After moving to Anacortes in 2017, she quickly fell in love with our community. She began working at the Anacortes Public Library in 2019 and was inspired to become a librarian. Trish is enrolled in an online MLIS graduate program at SUNY Buffalo while working full time as a library assistant. At the library, she works in interlibrary loans, marketing, and circulation - her favorite part of the job is the many ways she can connect with people. In her spare time, Trish loves to read, bead, and play with her silly cat Octavius.



April 9 – Our Annual AAUW-WA Meeting

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, AAUW-WA will hold its annual conference from 8:30-2:00. Our keynote speaker will be Jennifer Berkshire, co-author of *A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: The Dismantling of Public Education*, a very important book on current school politics. She is also the co-host and co-producer of *Have You Heard*, a monthly podcast on education issues. Obviously, Berkshire is a major author/expert on a significant topic central to the AAUW mission. Her message is new to many and highlights problems that will require innovative policy approaches. She will be followed by a panel of Washington educators, including Michaela Miller, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. They will discuss the state of education in our state. To help our members familiarize themselves with the issues Berkshire will address, we will be organizing a statewide book group meeting at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on March 30 to discuss Berkshire's book, *A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door*. The cost for the morning session will be \$35. Following a break for lunch, the afternoon session will be free to all who wish to attend.

Save
the
Date

THANK YOU

February speaker, **Terry McDonald** has graciously contributed her speaker stipend to our scholarship fund. You can show your appreciation by stopping by the Majestic to see her show during the entire month of March. She will be there in person on Friday, March 4, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and she is offering door prizes!

This month we are featuring our Tech Trek committee. **Rosette Dawson is chair** and is currently in the process of securing candidates from throughout Skagit County. She would love to mentor others to help with paperwork and interviews. She has already received an \$11,000 commitment to send 8th grade girls to Tech Trek camp at Pacific Lutheran University this summer. The current plan is to return to girls attending in person this July, so there is a need for dorm monitors, teachers, health aids, and a nurse. If you are interested, please complete the inquiry form on the Tech Trek WA website, <https://techtrek-wa.aauw.net>. A link to the volunteer form can be found on the bottom of the volunteer role description page (see the link above). Deadline to apply is March 31. There will be ample training once you apply. We really need YOU!



WHAT
ARE YOU
READING?

The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family by Ron Howard and Clint Howard is the biography of four people: the Howard boys and their parents. The book goes back to the very beginning of the Howard family and is very detailed. Because this was an audiobook, the reader hears the voice of each brother, taking turns with each of their lives. Recommended by Linda Hendrick as a good read and very positive.



Do you need help using Zoom?
Please contact a board member and we will find a Zoom mentor to work with you

AAUW General Meeting 2/10/2022

PRESIDING: Bonnie Underwood

PRESENT: Terri Bawden, Barbara Benson, Betsy Cave, Rosette Dawson, Linda Hendrick, Judy Higgins, Sandra Huggins, Nelle Jacobson, Jessica Koeberle, Vivian Kolhoff, Karen Laws, Diane Marr, Karen Maughan, Laura Jane Vivrette and our speaker: Terry McDonald.

Call to order: 7:02

Bonnie Underwood welcomed all who were in attendance at our Zoom meeting and called on Sandra Huggins to introduce our speaker.

Sandra Huggins introduced Terry McDonald who is a local artist working in acrylics. She has lived in Anacortes for about 15 years and before that was working in radio broadcasting in Port Angeles. Ms. McDonald gave a very interesting presentation augmented with pictures of some of her paintings. She specializes in "Joyful Art" and has sold many reproductions of her favorite works.

8:00 Business Meeting

President's Report: Bonnie Underwood

- The Program Committee would like to have more committee members. Anyone wishing to contribute ideas for programs would be welcome to join this committee.
- Bonnie emphasized the benefits of Board membership to make strong friendships and enjoy the energy of working with other Board members.
- Small "interest groups" will give everyone a chance to interact with other AAUW members during our summer break. See newsletter for more information about what will be available and when they will meet.
- Our March 10th meeting will be a panel discussion of *The Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door* led by Bonnie Underwood. Also, on March 30 there will be a State-wide meeting of AAUW to discuss this same book,

Tech Trek Report: Rosette Dawson

Tech Trek applications are being distributed to the schools. Rosette will need a lot of help with processing these applications.

Adjourned: 8:09

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Higgins, Secretary