



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

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On April 14th, Anacortes School Superintendent, Dr. Justin Irish, will lead a panel discussion about education in Anacortes Schools. Also included on the panel are Daniel Williams, Anacortes High School Principal, and Dr. Erin Duez, Assistant AMS Principal and Principal at Cap Sante High School.

The member link to our Zoom meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81039161889?pwd=VTYzRGxyRmxhczJHbzFaRkdLYnVGZz09>

A reminder with this link will be emailed to you the day before the meeting.

If you wish to invite guests to the meeting, they may request the link to this Zoom program by sending an email to aauw.meeting@gmail.com.



The AAUW Member Database is undergoing extensive changes. If you normally pay your dues online, please wait until we can provide you with some helpful tips on how to navigate the new system.

Dues are due each year before the end of June.



April 9 – Our Annual **AAUW-Washington State** 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*: 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. The registration cost for the morning session of the Annual Meeting is \$40. Following a break for lunch, the afternoon session will be free to all who wish to attend.





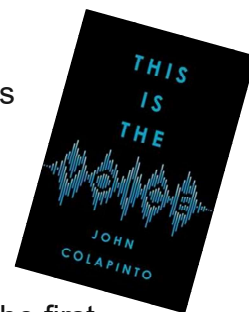
As you know, our Merman fundraising campaign was a huge success last year. Participating mermen, sponsors, donors, and calendar sales exceeding our expectations and has allowed us to increase our scholarship awards significantly. The 2022 Merman Committee has already met and set the calendar for the event this year. Watch for updates on how you can participate and spread the word.

We are finishing up the Tech Trek STEM Camp interviews on April 6th. We have a total of 10 girls in Anacortes and Skagit County that we are sponsoring: 2 from Anacortes, 2 from Burlington-Edison, 1 from Mt. Vernon and 5 from La Conner. Camp will be July 10 - 16 in 2022 at Pacific Lutheran University. Our donors have been supporting us for a long time. Because camp was cancelled in 2020 and we were virtual in 2021 (so costs were 1/2 of in-person camp) we didn't have to do as much fundraising this year. We really appreciate our donors: Marathon Petroleum (who added Skagit Valley to the mix), Sinclair (Shell Oil), Hexcel, EDCO, Inc, MicroAerodynamics, Underwood and Associates, and Sturdy Engineering.



WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Karen Maughan recommends *This is the Voice*. Beginning with the novel and compelling argument that our ability to speak is what made us the planet's dominant species, author John Colapinto guides readers from the voice's beginnings in lungfish millions of years ago to its culmination in the talent of Pavoratti, Martin Luther King Jr., and Beyoncé—and each of us, every day.



This excellent documentary on YouTube was also recommended as well worth watching. "*The Queen of Basketball*" tells the story of **Lusia Harris**, who scored the first basket in Olympic women's basketball history and was the first woman officially drafted by an NBA team.



The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
The American Library in Paris was founded in 1920 with books that had been sent to soldiers serving in WWI. This novel is about the library during WWII, the people who worked in it amid the hardships of Nazi occupation. Another story is about a young girl in 1980's Montana whose neighbor is a mysterious French woman. Their friendship brings Odile's story about the library and her love of books helps teenager Lily and her family. Recommended by Linda Hendrick and Sally Kilpatrick

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Currently, we are still without a candidate for Vice President of Membership. We don't want to downplay the time and talent it takes to fill this position; however, the board believes that many of you would be able to do this work, especially with support from your fellow board members. If you would like to hear more about this opportunity, contact Linda Hendrick (hend244@gmail.com) or Diane Marr (dpdmarr@gmail.com).