



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

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At our May meeting, we welcome Dr. Melissa Rice, Associate Professor of Planetary Science at Western Washington University, where she has held a joint appointment in the Geology Department and the Physics & Astronomy Department since 2014. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Astronomy at Cornell University in 2012 and was a NASA Astrobiology Institute Postdoctoral fellow at Caltech from

2012-2014. Her research focuses on the sedimentology, stratigraphy, and mineralogy of Mars. She is a collaborator on the Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity missions, a Participating Scientist on the Mars Science Laboratory rover mission, and a Co-Investigator for the Mastcam-Z investigation in development for the Mars 2020 rover mission. When she's not exploring Mars, she enjoys traveling and exploring the best planet in the solar system: Earth!

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82800738703?pwd=bIJITWIDNFN3bEZ0YzVWdXF2OE9hdz09>



In June, following our speaker and award ceremony, we will conduct our annual meeting with the election and installation of officers. Without a quorum, we cannot have an election, so please plan to attend and support our leadership team. Here is the slate of officers:

President: Bonnie Underwood

VP of Membership: Ora Jonasson

Co-Vice Presidents of Programs: Sandy Huggins and Gina Van Hess

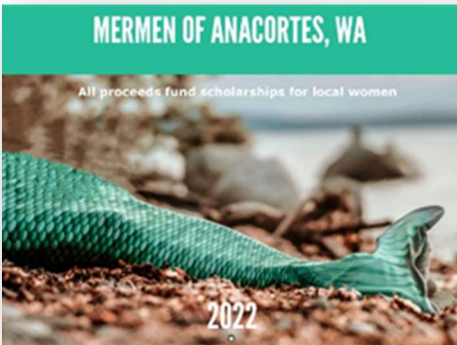
Secretary: Judy Higgins

Financial Officer: Patricia Griffith

Nominating Committee Chair:

Due to technical problems with the AAUW national database, it has been suggested that we collect dues through the branch by check this year.

**Please send your \$100 payment to
Patricia Griffith - AAUW Financial Officer
3932 Rockridge Parkway, Anacortes 98221**



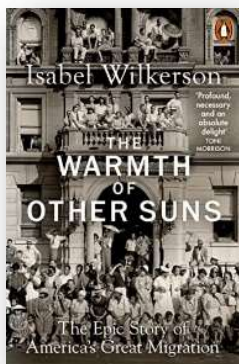
It's not too early to encourage a friend, family member, or neighbor to become a merman. The flyers are circulating, and the contest has begun. The deadline to register and submit photos is June 4.



Proceeds of the contest and calendar sales support local scholarships.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

From the winner of the Pulitzer Prize, this is one of the great untold stories of American history: the migration of black citizens who fled the south and went north in search of a better life.



From 1915 to 1970, an exodus of almost six million people would change the face of America. With stunning historical detail, Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson gives us this definitive, vividly dramatic account of how these journeys unfolded. Based on interviews with more than a thousand people, and access to new data and official records, *The Warmth of Other Suns* tells the story of America's Great Migration through the lives of three unique individuals: Ida Mae Gladney, who in 1937 left sharecropping and prejudice in Mississippi for Chicago, where she achieved quiet blue-collar success and, in old age, voted for Barack Obama when he ran for an Illinois Senate seat; sharp and quick-tempered George Starling, who in 1945 fled Florida for Harlem, where he endangered his job fighting for civil rights, saw his family fall, and finally found peace in God; and Robert Foster, who left Louisiana in 1953 to pursue a medical career, the personal physician to Ray Charles as part of a glitteringly successful medical career.

Wilkerson brilliantly captures their first treacherous and exhausting cross-country journeys, as well as how they changed their new homes forever.



Tech Trek WA camp is back in person this summer but we still need volunteers!

One week spent with fabulous young women on the PLU campus - plus a \$500 stipend can be yours!

Contact communications@aauw-wa.org for more information

The process to volunteer is relatively simple: go to the Tech Trek website at <https://techtrek-wa.aauw.net/volunteer/>

and scroll to the bottom of the page to complete the interest form; it will be sent to Patricia Gwin, Volunteer Coordinator, and she will immediately send the application paperwork. The application process includes an FBI background check for all new volunteers, several different trainings and reading material, as well as forms to complete.

Do you know of a college student who would benefit from this?



Nikole Hannah-Jones, Pulitzer-Prize-winning creator of “The 1619 Project” and a staff writer at *The New York Times Magazine*, will keynote the 2022 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in May. Hannah-Jones’s groundbreaking work reframed American history by putting the consequences of slavery at the center of our national narrative.

AAUW’s National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is where hundreds of young women come to turn a moment into a movement. Each year, we bring together hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration, and networking. Enter the conference as a passionate leader and leave it with the skills and confidence to pursue your goals.

NCCWSL has grown rapidly since its founding more than three decades ago, attracting over 10,000 student leaders. In 2019 the conference brought together 800 attendees representing 48 states and over 300 colleges and universities. The diversity of backgrounds and ideas at NCCWSL is part of what makes it such a transformative experience. The workshops, panels, speakers, and activities provide endless opportunities to learn from experts, while peer networking allows you to learn from one another and make lifelong connections.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be fully virtual; Tuesday, May 24 through Thursday, May 26, 2022.

- Tuesday, May 24 - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM ET
- Wednesday, May 25 - 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Thursday, May 26 - 11:00 AM-3:30 PM ET

Go to aauw.org for registration information.

Coming in June, our guest speaker will be Elise King Murphy. Elise graduated from AHS in 2014 as valedictorian and was an AAUW scholarship recipient. She has been hired as Head Coach for the AHS Sailing Team and has previously taught for the Parks and Recreation Department. She has a degree in Electrical Engineering and is happy to be back in Anacortes after sailing around the Pacific from here to Mexico, Hawaii, Tahiti, and Jakarta. We are especially happy to welcome her as our speaker when we present this year's scholarship awards.



Our primary fundraiser for scholarships was the 'Spring Tea' for many years. The Mermen event has now replaced the Tea and we are in the process of selling teacups, and tablecloths to a lovely tea shop in Burlington, My Cup of Tea. The silver tea service is still available if you know of someone interested. We will consider donations. Contact Bonnie Underwood

Member and friend, **Judi Slajer**, passed away on April 21. Judi was a longtime Alaskan, mother, cancer survivor, dedicated public servant, and local government pioneer who worked for decades to help create the effective governance structures in Alaska. She was involved in the creation of lasting organizations such as the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks, the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, and the Alaska Municipal League Investment Pool. In recognition of her significant contributions to local government in Alaska, Judi was honored with the Outstanding Contribution Award by the Alaska Municipal League in 2020.



Judi lived in Shelter Bay with her husband Tom and became a member of AAUW in 2003. Judi was a board member of the Shelter Bay homeowner's association and served as Treasurer. She continued to use her local government skills and training to further the HOA's efficiency and effectiveness for the people it serves. Judi held the position of AAUW Treasurer for several terms and was an active member for many years. Cards may be sent to her husband, Tom Rosadiuk, at 143 Lummi Drive, La Conner, 98257.

In the coming month you can expect to receive a survey in the mail which we hope will help the board in determining the best way to serve our branch. Here is a preview:

AAUW Anacortes Survey



1. What brought you to AAUW _____
 - a. A friend or family member
 - b. An event
 - c. A desire to meet new people
 - d. The mission of AAUW
2. Is being part of a national organization important to you? Y/N ____
3. Do you go to the national website for information about webinars and current issues? Y/N ____
4. Do you use our AAUW Anacortes website? Y/N ____
5. Do you regularly read the monthly newsletter? Y/N ____

6. In the past two years did you regularly attend AAUW meetings Y/N ___ Approximately how many? ____
7. When we go back to in-person meetings in the library, will you attend? Y/N ___
8. Would you like to continue to meet on Zoom if it is available? Y/N ___
9. Do you think developing interest groups in addition to our monthly program meetings would be beneficial to our branch? Y/N ___
10. Do you share AAUW program and event information with others? Y/N ___
11. Do you belong to other organizations that provide scholarships? Y/N ___
12. How many other meetings do you attend in a month? ____
13. Is it important for you to receive a reminder call/email about meetings? Y/N ___
14. Is having a printed branch directory important to you? Y/N ___
15. Are you aware that the directory is part of the Anacortes website? Y/N ___

Comments are welcome.

AAUW General Meeting 4/14/2022

PRESIDING: Linda Hendrick for Bonnie Underwood

PRESENT: Terri Bawden, Barbara Benson, Betsy Cave, Rosette Dawson, Patricia Griffith, Karan Hannah, Linda Hendrick, Judy Higgins, Sandra Huggins, Ora Jonasson, Jessica Koeberle, Diane Marr, Karen Maughan, Gina Van Hess. Guest: Heidi Yantz

Call to order: 7:04

Linda Hendrick welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting and explained that Bonnie Underwood was in California and unable to preside at this meeting. She especially welcomed Heidi Yantz who is contemplating joining AAUW's Anacortes Branch. Linda then asked each individual to explain how and why they decided to join AAUW.

Washington State AAUW Convention Report: Linda Hendrick

Linda and Rosette Dawson attended the Annual Convention where some of the issues that were discussed included: Banned Books issue, Maintaining Public Education, and Acknowledging Native Americans Sacrifice of Land, Culture and Independence by thanking them for what they have contributed to America.

Finance: Patricia Griffith

Patricia shared the latest monthly Financial Report and pointed out that our branch is in excellent position to finance the scholarships that will be given out in June, in large part by having very successful fundraising events. She mentioned that National AAUW has raised the dues requirement and that our membership dues this year will be \$100 for the year. Linda added that access to National AAUW is undergoing a change in their software which is causing problems that have not all been solved. Access to pay annual membership dues will require a password and membership number. Instructions for how to do this will be published in the Monthly Newsletter.

Scholarship: Barbara Benson

April is the month that we welcome applicants for our Annual Scholarships. This year we are working with the Anacortes Schools Foundation to select and administer our AAUW scholarships. We are able to offer 5 scholarships this year because of our excellent financial position. The recipients will be celebrated at our meeting in June.

Fundraising: Terri Bawden

Terri shared the screen for AAUW Website and explained how to navigate it to find out about AAUW and the activities that we pursue. She gave an update on the Merman Contest which is one of our successful fundraising projects. We are also still selling our Tote Bags through local grocery stores and have some other smaller fundraising projects. Terri mentioned that she would welcome volunteers to decorate the float for the 4th of July parade and will need judges to select winners of the Merman Contest.

STEM and Tech Trek: Rosette Dawson

We have 10 girls from Skagit County who will be attending Tech Trek at Pacific Lutheran University for one week -- July 10th to 16th. Sponsors are: Marathon Petroleum; Sinclair (SHELL); Hexcel; Dakota Creek Ind.; Micro Aerodynamics; EDCO Inc.; Underwood & Assoc.; and Sturdy Engineering. At our AAUW Oct. 13 meeting the girls will attend and tell us about their experiences at Tech Trek.

Programs: Sandra Huggins

May: Melissa Rice from Western Washington University will talk about Astronomy.

June: Elise King Murphy, a previous scholarship recipient in 2014, will talk about her career.

Membership: Ora Jonasson

Ora will be heading the Membership Committee with Diane Marr.

Summer Events: Plan to join a group of interesting AAUW members at one of several interest groups this summer for face-to-face meetings to have some fun activities.

Adjourned: 8:12

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Higgins, Secretary