



# CHANGING THE WORLD ONE WOMAN AND GIRL AT A TIME

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Join us on Thursday, October 13, as we celebrate the achievements of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Trek students. We could not afford to send all the qualified students throughout Skagit County if it were not for our generous sponsors. They have been invited to attend the meeting and our hope is that we have support from our members as well. Once again, you may join us virtually or in person at the Friends of the Library meeting room. Meetings open at 6:45 and the program begins at 7:00. If you are joining us via Zoom, here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81251769762?pwd=bk9FTUpXNXZpWmpkaWQ3WFVuS2gxdz09>



Linda Hendrick will continue her annual Book Talk meeting in November with a topic that should appeal to all of us.



Women are always working, be it in the home or in the workplace. There are so many book options on this topic, and I know you will be able to find a favorite from the past or a new book to enjoy. Some suggestions:

This list is from Goodreads and leans toward non-fiction

<https://www.goodreads.com/search?q=working+women&qid=A3pUTb6MQ8>

There are many lists on line to help women who are working and Googling *books about working women* will retrieve those.

If you would prefer a novel do a Google search for: *best fiction books about working women* OR *best novels about working women* (you get the idea). And I imagine you may get suggestions from friends who just read the best book! Right now *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus is really popular I hope we won't have many of you talking about it (Terri, you mentioned it right away so you could call Dibs).

I feel this topic will generate conversation, stories about past jobs and experiences and a great list of books for us to read. I can't wait!

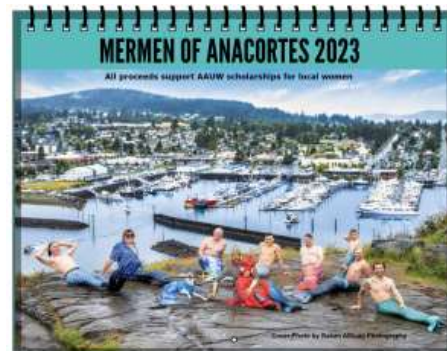
*Linda*



The Anacortes Farmers Market (AFM) is a community-based organization developed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. On Saturday, September 17, branch members hosted our annual booth, sharing our mission and selling calendars and tote bags. Thank you to Membership VP, Ora Jonasson, for organizing the booth and Terri Bawden, Bunny Heiner, Judy Higgins, Diane Marr, Sandy Huggins, Mike and Bonnie Underwood, and Ora for volunteering that day.

They were able to sell 11 calendars and spoke to several women interested in our organization.

**Have you purchased your Mermen calendars yet? It's not too early to start your holiday shopping! You will be supporting our scholarships and local businesses, too. You can pick up a calendar at The Johnson Manor, The Red Snapper, and Marine Supply & Hardware. These calendars make a great gift for friends and relatives or maybe a thank you gift for those who provide services for you throughout the year – your postal worker, your hairdresser, your manicurist, your house cleaner, and don't forget your pet sitter!**



At our September meeting we passed a proposal that will allow for people who do not meet the educational requirements set by AAUW national to join our branch. This membership status will be called **"Friends of AAUW"** and we hope that it will help

us grow our branch to include supporters of AAUW throughout the area. Here is what one branch has on their website:

*Thank you for your interest in AAUW. Our Mission is to advance equity for women and girls through our projects and events. We also have a number of interest groups that allow a wide variety of involvement. We would like to offer you an opportunity to become a Friend of AAUW. As a Friend, you can support the AAUW Mission, but need not meet the degree requirement of a full member. If you have questions about the type of membership for which you qualify, please contact the Membership VP listed at the end of this application. As a Friend you are invited to participate in interest groups, fundraising events, monthly programs, and to serve as a committee member or an interest group chair. You will be listed in the branch directory and receive the branch newsletter and directory. We welcome you as a Friend of AAUW!*



I found this wording to be inviting, but also challenging, as we have no interest groups to attract new members. **If you have an idea for an interest group and would like to share it with the board, please consider attending our October board meeting on Tuesday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you are unable to attend, contact me and I will propose your idea.**

Once again, I wish thank Linda Hendrick, Patricia Griffith, Karan Hannah, and the library staff for helping us to host our first hybrid meeting. I was pleased to see that we had an equal number of members from each location. It's exciting to watch our branch change and grow and I look forward to the year ahead.

*bonnie*

**Here is the link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87069488780?pwd=MIN2Zm1Jc1NaQmtjSnAzY1M3SGxoQT09>

# Gone But Not Forgotten

Friend and long-time member, Pat Bell, passed away at the age of 90 on Saturday, October 1. Pat contributed to our branch in many ways since joining in 1971. She was our branch president and active in the International Relations small group. For many years she has been our historian and maintained branch scrapbooks. She is responsible for organizing the list of past presidents found in the back of our directory. We look forward to sharing more stories about Pat and her amazing life at our December holiday meeting.



We were excited to be back to an in-person camp this year. As you know, camp was cancelled in 2020 and it was virtual in 2021. In 2022 we were back to in-person camp; the only problem was both AAUW-National and Pacific Lutheran University required the Covid19 vaccine to participate so some of the nominated girls were unable to attend. We have seven campers from Skagit County: Anacortes Middle School, La Connor MS, La Venture MS and Edison Elementary.

The pandemic has wreaked havoc with our camp schedule. But we were pleased that the 2021 virtual camp went so well and so happy to be back to in-person camp in 2022. We hope the campers and the sponsors can be here in person to the Tech Trek meeting at the library. We are grateful to Marathon Petroleum, HF Sinclair (was Shell Refinery), Hexcel, MicroAerodynamics, Underwood and Associates, Dakota Creek Industries, EDCO, Inc and Sturdy Engineering. Tech Trek STEM camp was begun in Washington State in 2013 and we have sent campers every year.

Rosette Dawson, AAUW-Anacortes Branch, STEM Committee (713-806-8473)



The board has earmarked the following goals for this year. Our focus will be on increasing membership by at minimum of 10%, filling vacant committee chair positions, updating bylaws, and supporting and re-defining our committees.

How will you help us achieve these goals?

**Currently we need members interested in creating a STEM committee for 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards and helping with Tech Trek.**



Registration is open for the Fall Webinar Series. Full-series price is \$50 members/\$60-non-members and an individual webinar price (\$15/\$20). Here's the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-wa-fall-webinar-series-tickets-401674127127>

**On October 11, Karen Dove, Executive Director of ANEW in Seattle**, will speak on women's access to well-paying jobs in the building trades. ANEW provides quality training, including apprenticeships, and employment services to women and people from underserved communities in Washington.

**On November 15, Kelly Jones of American University**, will speak on her research on the economic consequences for women of restricted access to reproductive services. Professor Jones is an applied microeconomist whose research examines the effects of various economic policies on gender equality and women's economic wellbeing.

**On December 13, State Senator Claire Wilson** will speak on child care policies in Washington state. Her expertise on the topic comes from 25 years working as an early childhood education administrator and as a legislator working to develop new policies to improve childcare access. She will be joined by Sarah Brady, the policy and advocacy manager for Child Care Resources of King County.



AAUW General Meeting 9/8/2022

**PRESIDING:** Bonnie Underwood, President

**PRESENT:** Terri Bawden, Betsy Cave, Carolyn Colley, Rosette Dawson, Patricia Griffith, Karan Hannah, Bunny Heiner, Linda Hendrick, Judy Higgins, Karen Laws, Diane Marr, Sally Pullen, Megan Taylor, Pam Truog, Bonnie Underwood, Gina VanHess, Laura Jane Viverette, Trish Wilson, and Guest Speaker: Gracie Ermi

Call to Order

: 7:00 pm

Welcome: Bonnie Underwood welcomed everyone to the first AAUW hybrid meeting (in-person at the Library meeting room, and on Zoom). She said that there would be a regular business meeting after the speaker's presentation and asked all members to stay for that. Bonnie called on Gina Van Hess to introduce our guest speaker.

Gina introduced Gracie Ermi, who is a Research Engineer at the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence based in Seattle. She is currently working on using satellite mapping technology to analyze geographical variations in land use by measuring trees, snow and ice, water and buildings to see how land is being used now compared to previous uses. This research will help decision makers in planning for future climate change. She was formerly involved in working with environmentalists on wildlife conservation efforts. Her presentation concluded with some things that she wished she had learned in school in hopes of encouraging young students to become more involved with STEM fields.



Call to order: 7:45

- Financial Report: Patricia Griffith
- The Budget for 2022-2023 was approved by the Board and all expenses have been

covered by our dues. We have \$10,000 in our scholarship fund and \$3000 for STEM awards. We still have Merman calendars to sell.

Farmers Market: Bonnie Underwood for Ora Jonasson

- On Saturday, September 17 we will have a booth at the Farmer's Market to promote membership in AAUW and sell calendars and tote bags. We need volunteers to work at the booth.

Book Talk: Linda Hendrick

- The Topic for the Book Talk meeting in November will be: Working Women. This is a very broad topic and will give opportunities for many different kinds of books.

Tech Trek: Rosette Dawson

- The October 13 meeting will feature the participants in Tech Trek this past summer. Seven girls from Skagit County (1 from Anacortes) were funded by Marathon. They will tell about their experiences. All the Donors will also be invited to attend.

- We are looking for a new Tech Trek "camp director." Our present director has served in that capacity since Tech Trek started in 2013. We need new people to be able to continue this program.

- Friends of AAUW: Bonnie Underwood

The Board has been discussing the idea of developing an adjunct group of persons who are interested in our mission and want to help AAUW with our various programs but who may not meet the education requirement to be regular members of AAUW. The Board would ask for a vote of the members present at this meeting to approve/disapprove this idea. After some discussion of this idea, the proposal was put to a vote.

Sally Pullen moved that: AAUW create "The Friends of AAUW" to incorporate women who want to join AAUW to help implement our mission and programs but may not qualify for full membership. Bunny Heiner seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Adjourned: 8:10

Respectfully submitted

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Judy Higgins, Secretary

