

Remember:

the March meeting is on a Friday!


...and it is AAUW Election Day!
...and we're doing lunch!

In order to match to open hours of the Washington State Archives, Northwest Regional Branch, our March meeting is set for **Friday, March 14th, at the Archive Building**, corner of 25th Ave. and Bill McDonald Parkway. Time is 10 a.m to noon.

Parking at the Archives building is limited, so **we ask that you carpool**. Ruth Steele from the Archives will have 10 passes for parking lot 33G, across 25th Street from the Archives.. Each driver of a car for the lot must get a parking pass from Ruth when they get there. If the lot is full (all passes handed out) meet a designated AAUW member at the Sehome parking lot between Starbucks and Busara Thai Restaurant between 9:45 and 10 a.m. to be shuttled to the archives. An archives person must give out the parking passes and have the driver sign-in.

Ruth Steele is the archivist who will be giving the tour. The program includes a display and discussion of AAUW materials stored there.

Coffee and hot water for tea will be available and may be consumed only in the conference room before the tour.

***Anyone who wishes may gather for an after-meeting informal lunch at Busara Thai Restaurant** in the Sehome shopping center. A space for us will be reserved. 



Pay Equity Panel members pose: Moderator Catherine Chambers, AAUW (in green) joins WWU Professor Shurla Thibou, Wash. Rep. Suzan DelBene and AAUW pay equity expert Tonna Kutner.

Rep. Suzan DelBene is AAUW panel member

Interested people from throughout Whatcom County joined Bellingham AAUW members on Feb. 8 to hear a panel discussion on pay equity between women and men. Distinguished panel members included U.S. Rep. Suzan DelBene (WA 1st Dist.); Tonna Kutner, Seattle AAUW expert on pay equity, and Professor Shurla Thibou, Western Washington University Women's Studies Program.

Speaking first, Rep. DelBene reminded listeners that the leadership of the currently Republican-dominated House has not let the pending Paycheck Fairness Act reach the floor for a vote. The only alternative, she
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Bellingham mayor and council woman speak at AAUW's *Elect Her - Campus Women Win* event

The AAUW initiative, *Elect Her - Campus Women Win*, attracted over 40 participants Feb. 8th on the WWU campus. Bellingham Mayor Kelli Linville, and Bellingham Council Member Roxanne Murphy were guest speakers. AAUW Bellingham's Carol Simmer gave the welcome from AAUW.

Katie Shorey from the Running Start organization facilitated the day-long program. Running Start and AAUW partner to sponsor *Elect Her* on campuses throughout the country. WWU's Associated Students President is Carly Roberts. Carly was inspired to run for the office by attending *Elect Her* last year! Carly also was sent to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in 2013 by WWU and AAUW national. *Elect-Her* is an effective program!

Elect Her - Campus Women Win is the only program in the country that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and future political office. *Elect Her* addresses the need to diminish the longstanding political leadership gender gap. *Elect Her* is a one-day, 4.5-hour training event. Fifty campuses across the nation will host *Elect Her* sessions in 2013–14. Participants practice hands-on campaign skills, hear from inspiring local speakers, and discuss research on women in government.

2013 *Elect Her* by the Numbers

88 percent
of the 2013 participants who ran for student
government president WON.

100 percent
of participants reported that they
would recommend *Elect Her* to a friend.



Bellingham City Council Member Roxanne Murphy speaks to WWU students at the *Elect Her* training program.

Community members hear AAUW's Pay Equity panel discussion

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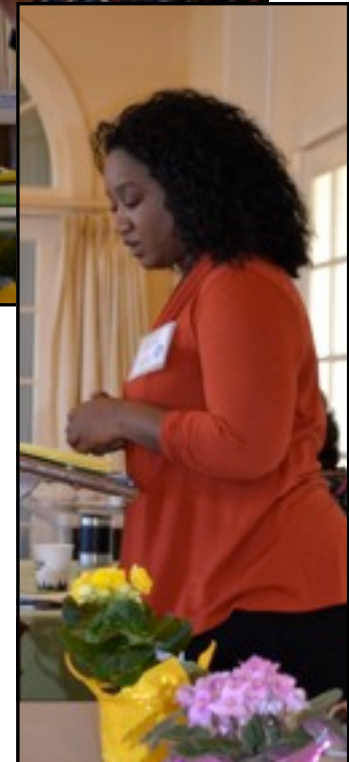
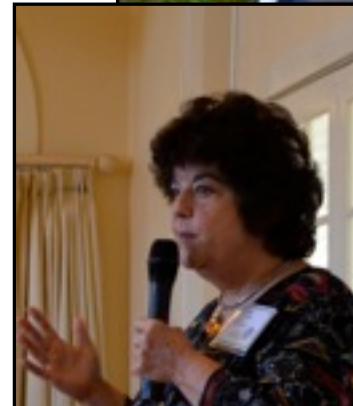
pointed out, is to get 218 House members to be cosponsors of the bill, which would allow that coalition to bring the matter for a vote. "This critical legislation deserves fair deliberation in Congress, and I believe that it is more important than ever for Americans across the country to call on their leaders to take action on equal pay and women's economic issues," DeIBene said.

Voters' best recourse, she said, is to write or email their representatives about their feelings (on this or any bill), because that gives the legislators the data they need to press their point.

Tonna. Kutner gave an overview of the issue and of AAUW's actions to further the bill. She told listeners of the extensive research AAUW has done on paycheck fairness and other women's issues, and touched on AAUW's support of the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was the first bill President Obama signed after taking office.

She also discussed the existence of unconscious biases, such as the one uncovered when teachers' actions in the classroom were tabulated, and the teachers themselves were shocked to find that they called on boys more often than girls.

Professor Thibou expanded on that theme by pointing out that as viewed by other cultures, American women are not assertive enough in pressing for their rights. ☞



You are Welcome

Bellingham AAUW offers scholarships and supports numerous programs which help women and girls gain equity in all areas of life.

Anyone possessing a four - year bachelor's degree or a two - year associate's degree is welcome to become a member.

We enjoy a wide variety of programs and events, as well as each other's company.

Calling our artists and collectors....

Do you collect stamps or dolls or old rolling pins? Do you do photography? Do you paint? Are you a quilter?

We are going to try a new addition to our June 21 wine-tasting event: a little show of artwork and collectibles from our members. We are going to sample wines at Mt. Baker Vineyards this year, and they have the space for us to display your talents and hobbies.

We would like to get at least eight or ten people to display their items. If you have artwork you wish to sell, Bellingham AAUW will take 20% of your receipts. If you don't want to sell, no worries.

The board has not fleshed out a lot of rules for this show, but we hope you will let one of us know by the end of April if you would like to show artwork or a collection, and also get suggestions or questions to us as soon as possible. Contact Liz Wright, Susan Moen or Gwen Parker. Our phone numbers and email addresses are on page 6 of this newsletter.

Please take part: It will be fun to see the talents and interests of our fellow members! And above all, save the date: June 21. ☞



Interest Groups

Adelante! Book Club

Meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham. March 27 book is *The Quilter's Apprentice*, by Jennifer Chiaverini. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker 360-933-4314.

Dames Who Dine

Contact: Lori Smiley 360-739-1379 for time and place.

PM Book Club

The Evening Book Group meets at 6:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month downstairs in the Colophon Cafe in Fairhaven. The March 13 book is *Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson. We welcome all comers - please join us. Contact: Barb Craig, 360-927-2526 ☞

Branch elections set for March meeting at Archives Building

Elections for Branch officers are always held in March, so we will have a short business meeting in conjunction with our tour of the Washington Regional Archives on Friday, Mar. 14.

Our nominating committee has put forth the names of **Helene Berg-Kolin** and **Sue McDonald** for Membership Co-chairs, and **Hope Rollis** for Treasurer.

Helene has been our very capable Membership Co-chair for the past two years, and has agreed to "re-enlist." Sue McDonald has been our treasurer, and is interested in trying a different job. Hope Rollis says "I'm tickled to be nominated for the Treasurer position."

Liz Wright is stepping down from the Membership Co-chair position at the end of her term. We thank her for her excellent service!



Generally, we have yearly reports from boards and committees at the March meeting, but the board has agreed to delay those until April, when we are back in our usual meeting place at the YWCA.

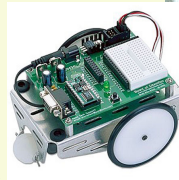


Girls Go Tech Workshop

What's in Your Future?

GGT Workshop includes:

- Hands on Labs
- Technology Speakers
- Robotic Obstacle Course
- Lunch for two
- "Future Student" info about WCC Technology Programs



Sat, April 19, 2014

9am-3pm Cost \$10.00

Bring a Parent or Guardian, too!

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To register, go to
www.whatcom.ctc.edu/girlsgotech
or call 360-383-3190

Workshop limited to 24 Girls
(plus parents/guardians)
Registration deadline is April 10, 2014

*This event is made available by funds from the Carl D Perkins Act

AAUW Bellingham Branch Board of Directors has once again voted to support the WCC Girls Go Tech Program with a \$500 check. Anyone interested in helping out at the one-day program may email Liz Wright.



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Looking ahead to April

Guest speaker at our April 12th meeting will be Byron Manering, Executive Director of Brigid Collins Family Support Center, who will discuss "Sexual Assault Awareness on Campus."

Since we will be at the YWCA, please remember that you can bring good used clothing for the Y's "Back to Work Boutique."

That will also be a good month to bring your used books for our book sale.
