

# Let's do this again!

One of our most-enjoyed events each year is a membership luncheon. It is a chance for in-depth conversations in a pleasant atmosphere. **Special guest will be Judith Prince, Washington State AAUW President.**

Please join us at **11:30 am. on October 8th** for this no-host event at the **Hearthfire Restaurant, 7 Bellwether Way.** (This luncheon replaces our usual monthly meeting.)

**Please RSVP** to Helene Berg-Kolin, 360-392-8856, or [hbergkolin@gmail.com](mailto:hbergkolin@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday, Oct. 5.



*Members chat at last year's luncheon.*



## *We can "wreath" some scholars in smiles*



—All we need to do is **SELL, SELL, SELL** holiday greenery to **fund our scholarships** for local college and university students, as well as middle school Tech Trek students.

In response to requests, we have set an early deadline, so that recipients can have the wreaths, swags and centerpieces before Thanksgiving.

**Hope Rollis and I** are co-managers for this project. I have my name and contact information on the order form, which was emailed to nearly all members, and which will be available also at the October meeting.

**Deadline to get orders in is Oct. 31.** That is the absolute latest we can take orders. Thanks in advance for your hard work! —*Gwen Parker*  
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**Two-thumbs-up:** September guest speaker Faythe Duran, right, reacts happily when presented with an AAUW tote by Bellingham Branch President Susan Moen. In the center is Program Co-Chair Pam Sankey.

## College tales

Our four 2016 Tech Trek students and a WWU grad student wowed us and charmed us with tales of life on different college campuses, at our September meeting.

First, **Faythe Duran**, a master's candidate in biology at Western Washington University, talked about her experience in being the first person in her family to earn a college degree, her gratitude for receiving a scholarship and determination to be a worthy recipient of it. Her goal is a career in natural resource management and research.

Next, our four **Tech Trek scholarship recipients for 2016** discussed a PowerPoint presentation they created, and talked about their experiences at the STEM camp.



**Speakers plus support group:** From left, Huyen Lee, Jennifer Gaer and her daughter, Mei Personius; Sommer and Calista Cronck; Dr. Camille Miller and daughter Jasmine; Faythe Duran and her mentor, Dr. Rebecca Bunn.

All the girls enjoyed the hands-on aspects of lab work, plus field trips to Mt. Rainier and the Museum of Flight. They also felt more at ease with the idea of college, after sampling dorm life. 🌸

## Year's Programs Announced

- **October:** Member Luncheon. Special guests will be Washington State AAUW President Judith Prince.
- **November:** Program by Mialee Jose on Conflict Resolution, with group participation
- **December:** Decorate a tree at the Old Whatcom Museum, with a design focus on STEM programs. We will have refreshments and tour an exhibit at the Lightcatcher Museum building.
- **January:** Susie Purvis, Director of Film at Pickford Film Center, will discuss women at Pickford, how the film center operates, and the role of volunteers. She will also explain the role Pickford plays in supporting non-profit organizations.
- **February:** Director Christine Perkins of Bellingham Library will speak about funding and outreach to persons who are house-bound, and the importance of Friends of the Library.
- **March:** Women in History
- **April:** Writer Janet Oakley will talk about her writing, and publishing history.
- **May:** High School Scholars Recognition Event
- **June:** Fund Raiser - to be determined.

### 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.





## Our roster grows!

Bellingham Branch has five new members this month. **Karen Gantenbein** has rejoined - welcome back! New faces are **Dr. Rebecca Bunn**, our new WWU liaison; **Sommer Cronck** and **Jennifer Gaer**, both moms of two Tech Trek students, and **Marziah Kiehn**, who is the new State AAUW Treasurer.



## Interest Groups

**We are down to only two interest groups:** Anyone interested in starting something new? Feel free to bring ideas to any Board member, or to a general meeting.

**Adelante! Book Club** meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon on the fourth Thursday. The October book will be *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, by Atul Gawande, M.D. Review leader is Gwen Parker. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

### Reel Movie Lovers

*"Florence Foster Jenkins received thumbs up from our moviegoers in September.* We meet for a matinee on the third Sunday of each month. Bellingham Branch members will be notified of the exact movie, time, and location for the get-together in an email the week before the showing. Save the date if you are interested, and *feel free to offer suggestions on something you would like to see.* Contact: Liz Wright, 671-5518.

Reminder: "The Bookies" have disbanded.

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## Branch officer resigns position

Lynn Bellinger has tendered her resignation as co-membership chairperson, due to recent health problems. We wish you the best, Lynn!

## Long-time AAUW member passes away

Carol Radke will be missed. She passed away Sept. 20, at the age of 94. Services will be Friday, October 14, 1 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1720 Harris Avenue. followed by a reception at the Bellingham Ferry Terminal, 355 Harris Ave. Her family extends an invitation to attend, to all Bellingham AAUW members.

Carol was an Honorary Life Member of AAUW. She served as Bellingham Branch President for two years, beginning in 1971. She was a graduate of University of Washington, with a B.A. in Journalism. She was very active in her community.

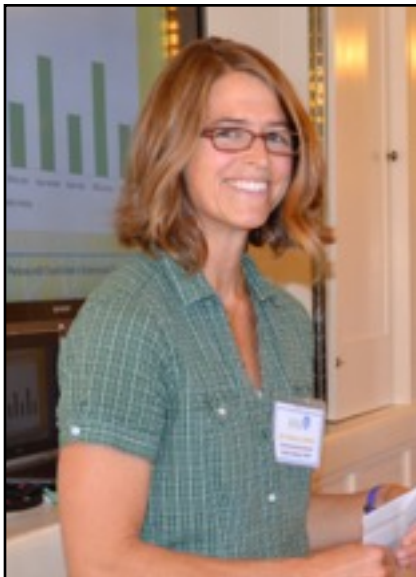
Carol was preceded in death by her husband, August Radke, who was a history professor at Western Washington University. Carol is survived by their three children, Kris Ilgenfritz of Seattle, Kirk Radke of New York City and Mark Radke of McLean, VA..



### Two of Carol's longtime friends shared these remembrances of her:

**“How would we describe Carol—cheerful, spirited, interested, smart, engaging. Her presence graced our book club from its very beginnings in 1996 and despite the vicissitudes life brought—losing her beloved husband and being confined to a wheel chair in her later years, Carol's inquiring mind and cheerful endurance never faltered. She welcomed us into her home with a smile and a personal interest in what we all were doing and what we thought about the latest news. Of course education was dearest to her heart. She was a long time member of AAUW and was a past member of the Bellingham School Board., Her New Yorkers stacked on the table and the many books on her shelf attested to her enduring interest in the world around her. She leaves a big hole in our hearts.” — Jayne Freudenberger**

**“Knowing Carol was a delight and a privilege. She was my mother's age, but I did not sense the generational difference because she was so engaged and interested in everything and everyone, whether family, friends, community, national or international events. She was a vibrant member of our book group since 1996, and we treasured her, and her late husband Rad's, insight into history and their ability to keep our book group discussions focused on the book at hand and the big picture. Carol was optimistic, and it just felt good to be in her company. Her unflagging participation in community events, despite her increasing physical frailty, was an inspiration. In sum, Carol cared, and I am going to miss her greatly. —Varya Grace Fish**



**Dr. Rebecca Bunn, to be new WWU liaison**

Our guest speaker from September, 2014, is now our new AAUW liaison to Western Washington University.

Dr. Bunn is Professor of Environmental Sciences at WWU's Huxley College. She holds a PhD in Land Resources and Environmental Sciences from Montana State University; an MS in Environmental Engineering, University of Colorado; a BS in Civil Engineering, Michigan Technology University-Houghton.

Welcome, Dr. Bunn!

**Wreath sale details**

***For those who have not sold wreaths in previous years, here's how it works:***



Each member takes orders for any or all of the three items we are selling. **Be sure to tell your buyers that proceeds go to our scholarship funds** for local girls and women.

- ITEM 1: 22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$28.00 (W4)
- ITEM 2: Approx 30"x20" Noble Fir Door Swag \$28.00 (S4)
- ITEM 3: 12" Diameter Centerpiece \$22.00 (C5)

**Please take payment when an order is placed. Make checks payable to Bellingham AAUW**

**Please phone or email orders to Gwen Parker, and bring your order form when you pick up items for delivery.**

**Orders are due to Gwen NO LATER THAN Oct 31st.**

**Gwen's Phone: 360-933-4314**

**Email: [parker.gwen@comcast.net](mailto:parker.gwen@comcast.net)**

**Payment can be turned in to Gwen at any time during the sales campaign, but no later than the day you pick up your wreaths for delivery.**

Pick-up will be at a home in the Edgemoor area, as it has been for the past two or three years. Directions will be furnished to those who need them, along with the actual date for pick-up, which will be between Nov. 8 and 15th. The exact date is determined by the vendor, Sherwood Farms.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- MARGARET PHILBRICK –12TH
- HOPE ROLLIS – 18TH
- MAGGIE MOORE – 20TH



**....And Thanks to Professor Prody**

Rotating out of the university liaison position is Chemistry Professor Gerry Prody, who is still a Bellingham Branch member.