

September meeting will feature this year's Tech Trek students

Let's get together Sept. 9 at the YWCA to tell each other what we did this summer, and hear from our four Tech Trekkers about a highlight of *their* summer — Tech Trek Camp.

Just a sample of how they felt about it — a note from camper Tasha Oster:

"I loved Tech Trek because it gave me the opportunity to work in a fun, comfortable environment with other girls who want to learn like me."

This year's campers are Mimi Baydek, Kulshan Middle School; and Riley Wolfe, Charlie Marie Matthews and Tasha Oster, all from Shuksan Middle School.

AAUW sponsors the yearly camp for girls going into eighth grade. The camp focuses on STEM professions (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Seventh grade girls are nominated in the spring by their science or math teachers, based on their academic work as well as their interest and enthusiasm about STEM subjects. The girls complete an application which includes an essay about their interest in STEM subjects. They are then interviewed by Bellingham Branch AAUW members, and a final selection is made.

Cost for each camper is \$900. Funds are raised through AAUW scholarship fundraisers and generous donations from AAUW members, community members and local businesses. Bellingham Branch's Tech Trek committee is led by Pam Sankey, Esther Golde and Jean Cox-Treverton.



Bellingham AAUW's Tech Trek students at camp: From left, Natasha Oster, Mimi Baydek, Charlie Matthews and Rilev Wolfe.

September meeting Q&A

- Where:** Bellingham YWCA, 1026 N. Forest St. Access is easiest from the alley entrance
- When:** 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 9
- Who brings snacks:** Last names **A thru M** please bring finger foods. Coffee is provided. Guests are welcome!
- What else:** After the meeting, a **tour of the Y** has been arranged for us.

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Also on tap for the September meeting —

We will have a preview of the vision for the Bellingham Branch's upcoming 100th anniversary year. Here's a note from the Centennial Committee to get everyone thinking about 2018.

Centennial Committee Notes and Needs!

The Anniversary Committee has been working over the summer to organize a wonderful celebration of AAUW-Bellingham's 100th birthday in 2018. **We plan to celebrate from now until October 2018** with tidbits of interesting facts of our history at each meeting, possible extra events throughout the year focusing on women, and adding to general meeting programming by connecting our history with AAUW history.

We need YOUR help! We are planning a fashion show or adding interest throughout the year with fashions of the last century connected with a story about our Branch. Sound like fun? Do you have fashions tucked away from years ago that may be fun to use? Past pictures or memorabilia of events in Whatcom County in the last century are most welcome. The committee has been searching the Bellingham AAUW archives and we are **running short on branch info of the last 25 years!** Do you have membership booklets, newsletters, pictures of events or of past members, newspaper clippings, past event flyers or brochures, etc.? They are all welcome and needed. We can copy info and return your original or put your items in the archival treasures at the Northwest State Archives located near WWU in Bellingham.

Planning these activities is fun. Why not lend your time and talents to the committee? All are welcome. We need ideas, artists, computer whizzes, researchers and writers, and "how can I helpers". Contact Cathie Oberg or Carol Simmer to volunteer or get more information and /or look us up at the first general meeting September 9th! Thank you!

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Word gets around!

Go online and check promise.bellinghamschools.org to see an article on our Tech Trek program, along with the picture we have on page 1, of this year's campers.

Pre-Planning for the Holidays

Susan Moen and Kathy Cole will co-chair the **Holiday Greenery Sale**. When talking with friends, please let them know our AAUW Branch will again be selling our gorgeous wreaths and swags, and ask that they consider ordering in October, or reserve them now. This has always been our surefire fundraiser. More info at the September meeting! Thanks!

AAUW - Bellingham Scholarship/College Relations Committee

The Scholarship/College Relations Committee will have an exciting year! We hope to have WCC, BTC, and NWIC, the higher education institutions in Whatcom County, join AAUW as College/University partners. Currently WWU is the only higher education partner we have. In this centennial year for AAUW-Bellingham, it would be thrilling to have all four institutions as partners before the final centennial celebration in October 2018! What does this mean? As partners with AAUW, their students can become student members for free and enjoy the resources and programs of AAUW (especially AAUW-Bellingham programs). As partners these institutions can take advantage of the national initiatives of AAUW such as Start Smart and Elect Her-Campus Women Win.



AAUW-Bellingham can offer to help with their partners in student activities and celebrations. Currently, as scholarship donors, we are already invited to some Foundation celebrations. As partners with these institutions, we will be able to become **more** involved with their educational events and further promote our education mission for women.

Talk with Carol Simmer at the September meeting or give her a call to become a committee member. Perhaps you have a particular interest in one of more of our local colleges and would like to get involved. Just being a liaison with one of these institutions would be VERY interesting. Thanks in advance for your support!
Carol Simmer (360) 961-4519

Attention Readers & Listeners:

We are trying to determine if our event notices are being published. Please let me know if you read or listen to the following:

- Bellingham Herald *Take Five* supplement
- Lynden Tribune newspaper
- Ferndale Record newspaper
- Blaine Northern Light newspaper
- KAFE 104 radio
- KUGS FM radio

Send an email to hbergkolin@gmail.com or call 360-392-8856.

Thanks very much - we need to know if these are worthwhile efforts for our publicity. I do monitor Entertainment News NW, the Bellingham Herald online calendar, and the Cascadia Weekly.

— Helene

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.



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Plans for upcoming meetings

- Bellingham Branch will hold its **membership luncheon** in October. **Save that Oct. 14 date**, and look for more info in the next newsletter.
- **The November 11 program will feature writer Candace Wellman** who wrote *Peace Weavers: Uniting the Salish Coast through Cross Cultural Marriages*. Ms. Wellman recently spoke at Village Books in Lynden.
- **Different date in December:** Our usual second Saturday meeting date will slide to Dec. 16. We will have a cookie exchange and tour the annual museum Christmas tree display, of trees decorated by different local groups - including AAUW!

INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR

GREAT DECISIONS

Contact Jean Cox-Treverton, 360-392-0043, for more information on the September meeting.

ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB meets monthly at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon. The next meeting will be Sept. 28, and the book will be *The Ones I Bring With Me*, by Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Lepperd, in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

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New branch president brings high energy to Bellingham

by Gwen Parker,
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There is a trim, but modest-looking house in the Alabama Hill neighborhood of Bellingham that by rights, ought to have the walls bulging out as if it were about to explode. That's not because it is overstuffed, but because the two people who live there must be the most energetic couple in town.

Bellingham AAUW is fortunate that the female half of that duo is our new branch president, Judith Entwife. An admitted Type-A personality, she is enthusiastic to get to work on our numerous academic and scholarship programs. She also wants to get more members involved in those projects, because she knows the value of our programs and the satisfaction of volunteer work.

The male half of this partnership, Judith's husband Marvin, never sits still, as far as I can tell. When they moved to Bellingham (for the second time) and downsized, about a year-and-a-half ago, they bought a house that needed some TLC, and Marvin is providing it, in the form of roofing, plumbing, and all kinds of carpentry work. He began his work life as a carpenter, and worked his way up to supervision of major government and commercial construction projects, including buildings and bridges. He also makes beautiful furniture.

Judith was born in Gardena, CA, a little town surrounded by giant Los Angeles. When Judith was a child there, it was the only place in California where one could legally gamble. She still remembers the big green neon sign on one of the casinos.

Judith said her father was "a financial troubleshooter" for Douglas Aircraft Company, as it was then known. His work took the family to Oklahoma, North Carolina and eventually to the Hanford Project in eastern Washington. Since she lived in Charlotte, NC, from the time she was about 10 until she went to college, she considers that to be her home town.

Ironically, for someone who has been an educator for most of her life, Judith almost never went to college. She was accepted to Stanford, her top choice, but got into a major huff when her parents refused to let her move so far from home. Only the intervention of an aunt and college librarian led her to decide to attend University of Southern Florida. She was the first in her family to get a degree.



New Branch President Judith Entwife has a passion for the arts, and is proud of the Rie Muñoz poster presented to her for her support of the visual and performing arts.

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And then...she said she became a hippy. She and her first husband moved west, and fought forest fires, planted trees to restore forest land, and eventually bought five acres near Lyman, in Skagit County. She recalls they would take the battery out of the car every night to power the one lightbulb they had in the rough cabin they had built.

Judith's husband tired of the hippy lifestyle, and left for the bright lights of the city. Judith stayed in Lyman with their two children, and eventually married a neighbor — now her husband, Marvin. (Many members of his family were early Bellingham settlers.)



Native Alaskan art

The couple moved to Bellingham when it was time for their son to start school. Judith got her required fifth year for teaching, and taught at Western's locally famous Campus School, which her children attended. Later, she started a school for gifted middle-schoolers, called Chuckanut School. That lasted for eight years, until Marvin accepted a job in Alaska. Their new home was in Juneau, although Marvin worked throughout the state on a variety of construction projects. Judith began teaching a program for gifted children in the Juneau school district, and quickly moved into a wide variety of jobs. When a minerals and energy specialist was needed in the Alaska Department of Education, they called on Judith, who turned to a knowledgeable friend for an intensive course in geology. She trained teachers and teacher's aides, then became a curriculum director, and developed the first standards for students and then teachers. She then moved to the national level, developing standards for school administrators. At that point, she decided she needed to earn a doctorate, to get the credibility she needed to carry her points.

At the state level, she has participated in the Professional Licensure Task Force, University Professional Education Coordinating Committee, and University Rural Education Preparation Partnership and has held office in the Professional Teaching Practices Commission, Teacher Research Network, Literacy Association, Writing Association, Council of Teachers of English, Center for Excellence in Art Education, and Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

Although Judith was loving this, Marvin was getting tired of working outdoors in Alaska, so in 2000, they retired back to his property in Lyman. At that point, they had grandchildren in Carl Cozier School, so she drove up to Bellingham regularly to volunteer there.

After a few years, they were unfortunately injured in a terrible car accident, where they were rear-ended by two vehicles. That made them decide it was time to cut back on the amount of work needed to maintain a large house, animals and garden. So, back to Bellingham again, where a daughter also lives. Between them, Judith and Marvin have three daughters, three grandchildren and a son who is an Air Force colonel, and "lives all over," she said.

One of the first things Judith did once they were settled in Bellingham was to look for a book club, and AAUW's Adelante! was reading the sorts of books that interested her. From that, she got involved in the rest of AAUW, and now, she is leading the group as we head into our 100th year. She says that while the anniversary is a great chance to look back at all AAUW has done for the community, she sees it as a springboard into the next hundred years of advocacy for women's education and equality.