

New Officers Installed

Former Bellingham AAUW officers turned over the reins to incoming board members at the final executive board meeting of the season. The meeting was held as the home of retiring Branch President Gwen Parker.



Clockwise from left, Carol Simmer continues as Academic and Scholarship Committee Chair; Liz Wright and Esther Golde are two of our three new Program chairs; Jean Cox-Treverton takes over as Secretary; Susan Moen (in pink) is incoming President. Jo Pullen is the third person in the Program triumvirate; Lila Brumback is retiring secretary; Sue McDonald is one of our two Membership chairpersons, and Hope Rollis, kneeling, continues as Treasurer. Not shown is Membership Co-Chair Helene Berg-Kolin.

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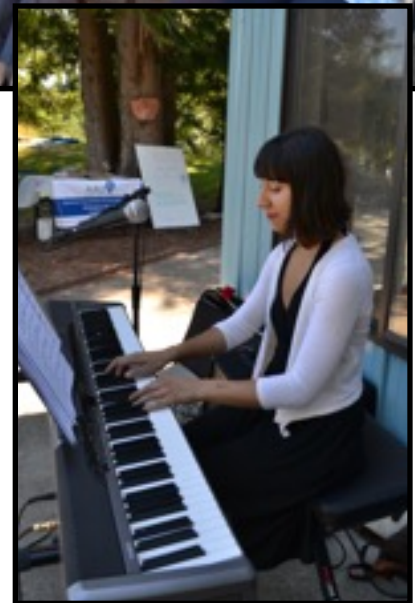
The Sun shines once again on annual wine-tasting party

A sunny day, pastoral scenery, and mellow music created a lazy, laid-back vibe for our fourth annual wine-tasting fundraiser, held June 20 at Vartanyan Estate Winery. Although wine sampling and sales are the focus of the event, conversation and visits to the appetizer tables were also high on the list of activities. Tickets sales for the raffle baskets were brisk, and helped us raise approximately \$1600 for our scholarship fund.

Thanks to everyone who brought delicious snacks, and all the volunteers who (under the direction of Liz Wright) kept things running smoothly. Thanks to all those who contributed to the raffle baskets, and to Margarita Vartanyan for her generous support.



AAUW members and guests enjoy the sun at Vartanyan Winery.



Above: Ruth Norman, Arlene Pilcher and Lori Smiley listen as pianist Julianne Thoma entertains.



Happy winner - Clockwise from left, Susan Moen, Inge Paulus, Rosemary Hostetler and Sharlene Joshua look on as raffle winner Sarah Balz checks out her prize.

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.

Happy Birthday to You!

July:

Helene Berg-Kolin 2nd

Carol Simmer 3rd

Catherine Oberg 26th

August:

Esther Golde 3rd

Elsie Heinrick 15th

Pam Sankey 24th



If we've missed your birthday, please excuse us! We need to update our list to include our newer members!

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Out and about in Bellingham and beyond

Ahh, Summer! I am sure there are many folks I have not heard from, but some summer adventurers from Bellingham Branch have included **Susan Moen**, who took a trip to Haida Gwaii (formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands) and **Maggie Moore**, who visited Africa . Closer to home, I attended the Bellingham Music Festival concerts and saw many AAUW'ers there, including **Hope Rollis, Jean Cox-Treverton, Mary Jane Vetter, Esther Golde, Elsie Heinrick, Varya Fish, Pam Sankey, Susan Moen and Carol Radke**. There may have been more that I just didn't spot....

It took a little while to get the photo, but here is Bellingham Branch member **Jean Cox-Treverton** with one of our scholarship recipients at Western Washington University, **Jessica (Jessie) Ulmer**.

Jessie, from Naches, WA, is an English major with emphasis in creative writing, although she has taken classes in math, computer science and journalism. The photo was taken at a scholarship dinner in the spring.

Your roaming editor
Gwen Parker



Interest Groups

Adelante! Book Club

Meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon, usually on the fourth Thursday. The **August 27th book** will be *Truth and Beauty* by Ann Patchett. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker 360-933-4314.

PM Book Club

The Evening Book Group meets at 6:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Colophon Cafe in Fairhaven. At the August meeting, members will discuss books they have read recently. The **September book** will be *Shantaram*, by Gregory David Roberts.

We welcome all comers - please join us. Contact: Barb Craig, 360-927-2526.

Coffee and Conversation

Meets the *third Friday* of the month at 3 pm at The Woods Coffee shop in Barkley Village (near Regal Cinema) ...and the *fourth Saturday* of the month at 11 am at the Public Market building on Cornwall Avenue, across from Arlis's Restaurant.

Has anyone been going to these coffees recently? Let's talk about changes, and whether the group should continue, at the September meeting.

Do you have ideas for a new interest group? Please contact a board member.