

April 9th meeting to be held at Bellingham Public Library

AAUW Bellingham and Whatcom LWV to present distinguished guest speaker Jeanne Kohl-Welles



“Women as Political Change Agents” will be the timely topic, in this election year, of King County Councilwoman Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Ph.D., when she addresses a joint meeting of Bellingham Branch - AAUW, and League of Women

Voters of Bellingham/Whatcom County.



Councilperson Kohl-Welles served in the Washington State Senate from 1994 until she resigned at the end of 2015. Since 1985, she also has taught women’s studies, sociology and education at the University of Washington. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology of Education from UCLA. She comes to Bellingham under the auspices of the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau, of which she is a member.

Kohl-Welles will discuss the development of women’s leadership roles in politics, in counterpoint to male leadership roles, and engage the audience in a discussion of how to increase representation of women and women of color in politics today.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. The library is located at 210 Central Avenue in Bellingham, and the meeting room is downstairs. The most direct access is from the side facing City Hall, but those needing handicapped access may use the front entrance and the elevator. Coffee and cookies will be served.



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Election Results

The business of holding Bellingham Branch elections at the March meeting was short and sweet. **Lynn Bellinger** was voted in as Membership Co-Vice President, with **Sue McDonald**, who continues in that post. **Helene Berg-Kolin** became our new Treasurer, after having served as Membership VP for four years.

Installation will be held at the June meeting.

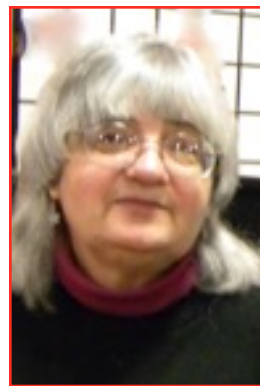
Remaining on the board will be **Susan Moen**, president; Sue McDonald, Membership; **Jean Cox-Treverton**, Secretary; **Esther Golde** and **Liz Wright**, Program Co-chairs. Jo Pullen has asked to step down from her position with Esther and Liz as a program co-chair, for health reasons. **Carol Simmer** remains as head of the Academic and Scholarship Committee, and **Gwen Parker** is newsletter editor. ♪♪♪♪



Lynn Bellinger



Sue McDonald



Helene Berg-Kolin



Susan Moen



Jean Cox-Treverton



Esther Golde



Liz Wright



Gwen Parker



Carol Simmer



Women of History: Program for the March meeting of Bellingham Branch was a group of four presentations about notable American women. From left, **Tonna Kutner** of the Seattle AAUW Branch spoke about Susan B. Anthony's attempts to get women the right to vote; **Carol Simmer** came in proper attire to portray the Bellingham woman who was the first Washington State AAUW president, and remind us that we have a 100th birthday celebration coming in 2018. **Gwen Parker** dressed and spoke as Phoebe Judson, an early Whatcom County pioneer known as "The Mother of Lynden." **Catherine Chambers** spoke about the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, concentrating on her work at the United Nations after the death of FDR. She became chair of the UN's Human Rights Commission and helped to write the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Thanks for the "memberships"

Thanks to all of you who have submitted your membership forms and dues payments. We have a good start!

Even though it's not a regular meeting, we can still accept your dues at the April 9 event at Bellingham Public Library and also at High School Scholars in May. National, state and local dues total \$70. Life members owe \$21.

Thanks again,
Sue & Helene

...and the winner is —

Elsie Heinrick's name was picked from the hat to receive a plant at the March meeting. Members were eligible for the drawing if they brought their dues payments to the March event.

Interest Group Calendar

Adelante! Book Club meets at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon on the fourth Thursday. The April 28th book will be *Soldier Girls*, by Helen Thorpe. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker 360-933-4314.

"The Bookies" meet at 6:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Colophon Cafe in Fairhaven. The April 14th book is *On the Move: A Life*, by Oliver Sacks. We welcome all comers - please join us. Contact: Barb Craig, 360-927-2526.

Reel Movie Lovers

The March movie chosen was *The Revenant*, starring Oscar winner Leo DeCaprio. 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 April 17th 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: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

Cookies needed for joint AAUW/LWV meeting

Will those members attending the April 9 meeting at Bellingham Public Library please bring a few cookies? Store-bought is fine!! **THANK YOU!** and.... **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

Bellingham Branch is a Girls Go Tech sponsor

Once again, the executive board has given \$500 to Whatcom Community College's annual Girls Go Tech program. The workshop is a one-day event held on WCC's campus every spring to help junior-high age girls explore careers in technology fields. Each participant is encouraged to bring a parent or guardian.

Two of our members are slated to serve as campus guides for the April 16 event. Special guest speakers will be retired United States Navy captain and astronaut Wendy Lawrence and Western Washington University professor Melissa Rice, who was a member of the Mars Curiosity Rover team.



Happy Birthday to You!

- 4-6 Rosemary Hostetler
- 4-21 Suzanne Thorp
- 4-24 Sue McDonald
- 4-27 Liz Wright
- 4-30 Robin Kagan
- 4-30 Lori Smiley

Two from Bellingham will attend state convention

Branch President Susan Moen and member Catherine Chambers plan to attend the state AAUW convention April 25 - 26 at Suquamish, Wa.

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.

Tech Trek is on a roll!

Several excellent middle school candidates are being interviewed for the summer STEM camp at Pacific Lutheran University. Next month we will be able to name the girls chosen, along with information on local sponsors. Several of our members have made donations toward scholarships for the girls, but there is still time to add to the amount we have, which could mean another girl could attend the week-long camp. 🙏🙏🙏

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April Calendar

- April 9 Joint meeting with LWV at Bellingham Library
- April 14 Bookies reading group at Colophon Cafe
- April 16 Girls Go Tech at WCC
- April 17 Reel Movie Lovers, place to be decided
- April 26 Board meeting at Terra Organica
- April 28 Adelante! book group at Arlis's Restaurant

and more coming events!

May is High School Scholars month! We'll be asking for volunteers. Our incredible crew has already contacted local schools and arranged for the May 14 date with Spark Museum.

In **June**, the board will arrange a **potluck luncheon** for our end-of-season meeting. This will be a chance to visit with each other in a leisurely way.

Out and about in Bellingham....

Last fall, software developer Sydney Cole spoke at our branch meeting. She is founder of **Creators and Innovators Club for Girls**, an after-school robotics program at Kulshan Middle School. This year's group of budding techies held their culminating event March 31 at Kulshan. The girls demonstrated their robotic projects (including one favorite, which dispensed M&M's!) Two **powerhouse speakers** gave the girls and other attendees a look at what women can do in the tech world. **Julia Aiken** spoke about her journey from snowboarder to industrial engineer, and how industry needs women to develop products for their gender. **Mary Elliott Keane**, founder of the Bellingham Foundry Makerspace, spoke about this establishment which provides the tools for community members with a drive to create.



Creators Club member Helena Singer shows off her team's ballerina to her Mom, Hilary Parker.