

# Bellingham Branch elections set for March 11 meeting

*Budget review and a visit from Women of History are also on the agenda*

One of the most important meetings of the year, Branch elections, is coming up this Saturday. This yearly business meeting begins at 10 a.m., at the YWCA, 1026 N. Forest St.

The slate of new officers presented by the nominating committee include:

*President:* Judith Entwife

*Membership Co-chairs:* Lynn Bellinger and Susan Moen

*Program Co-chairs:* Catherine Chambers, Robin Kagan and Joanne Pullen

**See Page 2 for more information about these women.**

More nominations may be made from the floor, provided the nominee has previously agreed.

The proposed annual budget will be presented, and other business may be brought before the members.

To celebrate Women’s History month, a few ladies from past centuries will “join” us.

**Members whose last names begin with M through Z are asked to bring finger foods.**

Coffee will be provided.



### **Also in this issue:**

100th Anniversary celebration.....Pg 4

Connections with WWU.....Pgs 3 & 5

Mark up your April calendar..Pgs 7 & 8



## Learning about our libraries

*by Gwen Parker*

From tracing your ancestors to creating a tool on a 3-D printer, to saving money on magazine subscriptions, you can do it all at Whatcom County Libraries.

**Christine Perkins** is Whatcom County Library System Executive Director.

At our February AAUW meeting, she wowed us with statistics about how many people use the library, and how many programs they have. My advice is to go to their Web site, [www.wcls.org](http://www.wcls.org), and just explore. By the way, WCLS has a brochure, *Explorations*, which is a field guide to all they can offer. You can view that online, too.



Did you know that in addition to regular kids’ story times, there are sensory story times for special needs children? Did you know the old Bookmobile is still hanging in there, but maybe not for long?

Did you know both Bellingham Library and WWU’s library system work with WCLS, so you can basically access any book in the county? And back to those magazines —free access to 150 different ones, online. Believe it! 🍀🍀🍀

## Nominees for Bellingham Branch offices



### Judith Entwife - President

Volunteerism has been a given in my life since I joined Brownie Scouts 65 years ago. Over the past 20 years, I have put in many hours and days in national volunteer activities, including those with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners, Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC), and professional associations of teachers of English, reading, writing, arts and teacher educators.

At the state level, I've 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.

I have been active in community organizations in Juneau, Alaska, and both Skagit and Whatcom Counties. 🐦🐦🐦



### Lynn Bellinger and Susan Moen - Membership

**Lynn** was elected to a branch office previously, but had a bout of ill health. Now is she back full force! Her varied career has included teaching and cartography.

**Susan** is our retiring Branch president. "I am very pleased that we have 16 new members this past year. Working with Lynn Bellinger as Co-VP's of Membership I look forward to helping new members get involved with our many committees and projects. I have been involved with AAUW for 40 years at the State and local levels and I am dedicated to making our 100th Anniversary a very special time for the branch and for all the members."

### Programs -

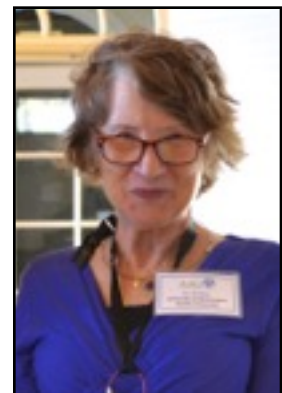
### Robin Kagan says, "I

have really enjoyed being a part of such a vital group of women, devoted to education! I have experienced the benefits of education: as a motivation, an uplifting accomplishment and a way to further my career. I love the ability to give that gift to girls and women through AAUW.

Our programs are a fun way for us to engage each other, potential members and guests!"



**Catherine Chambers** is a mover and shaker in the Democratic Party and a strong advocate for women's rights.



**Jo Pullen** has a Master's Degree in Social Work from University and Washington and has worked for both federal and state agencies. She is an avid reader and active for social causes.

## *Out and about in Bellingham - Item 1*

### **Networking meeting held at WWU**

Nine Bellingham Branch members (including Western liaison **Rebecca Bunn, Ph.D.**) attended a joint meeting with members of the Karen W. Morse Institute for Leadership (KWMIL) on March 3. Held in the Solarium in Old Main, the meeting was an exploration of ways AAUW and KWMIL can support career development for early faculty, women, and underrepresented groups on the WWU campus. Among the graduate students attending was Faythe Duran, who spoke at our September meeting.



***Grad students at the networking meeting were Faythe Duran, Shannon Call and Christina Villalobos.***

The grad students all spoke about a desire for mentorship and more information about the variety of jobs available to them once they get their degrees and move into the workforce. **Karen Stout, Ph.D.**, Bowman Distinguished Professor of Leadership and Director of the KWMIL, noted that a virtual mentorship network, to be called Chronus, is already being planned, and could be extended to the graduate student level.

AAUW members told the group about our Start Smart and Elect Her programs, as well as THE National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and AAUW scholarships.

Another idea that was well received was an orientation to the community for new faculty at WWU, Bellingham Technical College, Whatcom Community College and Northwest Indian College.

The assembled women agreed to plan more network meetings, and further some of the ideas discussed.

Dr. Bunn, Associate Professor in Environmental Sciences, and Dr. Stout chaired the meeting.

Other AAUW members attending were President Susan Moen, Cathie Oberg, Catherine Chambers, Elsie Heinrick, Carol Simmer, Jean Cox-Treverton, Judith Entwife and Gwen Parker.



***Leading the discussion: Professor Rebecca Bunn, Ph.D., liaison between WWU and Bellingham AAUW, gathered ideas from participants.***

*Out and about in Bellingham - Item 2***AAUW Bellingham kicks off 100th Anniversary celebration at *Trio Nova Mundi* concert**

Using the “flash mob” idea, the AAUW - Bellingham Executive Board e-mailed an invitation to branch members for a chamber music event on March 5 at First Congregational Church. With an all-female ensemble, playing their first-ever program devoted entirely to music by women - and just in time for Women’s History Month, it seemed the perfect way to begin the run-up to our 100th anniversary of AAUW in Bellingham.

The artists of *Trio Nova Mundi* are Becky Billock, piano; Maureen Conlon Gutierrez, violin, and Elisa Kohanski, cello.

Bellingham was the last stop on their *Femmes Notables* concert tour. It is also home to Ms. Billock’s parents, who held a reception for the artists and audience after the concert.

Selections for the *Femmes Notables* tour included:

Mel Bonis – *Soir-Matin*

Elisenda Fabregas— *Voces de mi Tierra*

Gwyneth Walker— *New World Dances*

Fanny Mendelssohn— *Trio in D minor, Op. 11*

The year-and-a-half-long 100th anniversary celebration is still being planned, but the culminating event will be a banquet and program in October of 2018, at Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Heading the Centennial Committee are Carol Simmer and Cathie Oberg.

**Recommended reading**

Have you looked at your Winter 2017 AAUW magazine, *Outlook*, yet? If national politics is a stressor, read “The Political Road Ahead” by Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President, Government Relations and Advocacy.



**Music lovers:** Bellingham AAUW members Jean Cox-Trevertan, left, and Esther Golde pose with **Trio Nova Mundi** members Elisa Kohanski, in red, and Maureen Conlon Gutierrez after the trio’s Sunday concert. Not pictured is pianist Becky Billock.

*Out and about  
in Bellingham -  
Item 3*



**AAUW at Western Washington University Scholarship Dinner:** *Carolyn Feffer*, center, is one of two recipients of scholarships this year from our Bellingham Branch endowment fund at WWU. **Branch President Susan Moen**, left, and **College Relations Committee Chair Carol Simmer**, far right, represented AAUW at the dinner. **Elsie Heinrick**, second from left, and **Ingeborg Paulus**, in blue, are AAUW members and individual scholarship donors as well.

**Carolyn writes**, "It was such a pleasure sharing a celebratory meal together last week. Your support of my studies means so much to me. Thank you for your work all year long to raise funds to support my studies and career! As the student speaker at the event said, words cannot express our gratitude. I truly thank you and all the women of AAUW for the generous gift. Through my commitment to my studies and career I will be honored to pay forward the gift you gave to me to best serve our community and our children. My degree is a Masters of Education in School Counseling, and I am hoping to work locally in an elementary school as a school counselor."

Our second scholarship recipient is **Mariah Maxwell**. She wrote to us: I have been enjoying my last year at WWU immensely. This summer I had the amazing opportunity to visit China with the WWU Wind Symphony as a guest of the Chinese government. This was an eye-opening and thrilling experience. This Fall was bittersweet as I performed in my last concerts with the Wind Symphony and the WWU Orchestra. And in one last bang, I had the opportunity to perform for the principal oboist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Alex Klein....I am enjoying my last few months of undergrad student teaching at Lynnwood High School. This winter quarter has been a unique time, because for the first time at WWU, I am able to focus on my studies without the additional responsibility of 2-3 jobs. Due to scholarship donors, I was able to leave my jobs for winter quarter and focus on student teaching. It has been a game-changer, and I feel as if I am able to focus on being the best student teacher I can be.. Thank you, I could not have done any of this without your support.



## Marian Leese Boylan (1926 - 2017)

***A long-time AAUW member and a tremendous role model for women, Marian Boylan, age 90, passed away February 26, 2017 in Bellingham.*** Born in Oakland, CA to Alexander and Vera Leese, she graduated from the University of Washington in 1948. She was the widow of Professor Bernard Boylan. They were married on Sept. 1, 1950, and moved to Columbia, Missouri, where Marian worked as a journalist and her husband attended graduate school. They moved to Bellingham in 1956 where Marian worked for 27 years at KVOS-TV as a writer and in management. Following her husband's death in 1985, she returned to school and received an M.A. degree in English from Western Washington University. She then taught English in Changchun, Manchuria in 1988 and 1989 and in Beijing in 1992 and 1993.

Marian was chair of Bellingham's first Art Commission and on the Foundation board of directors of the Whatcom Museum of History and Art.

In November, 2013, Marian was honored at a reception in the Western Washington University Art Gallery, for her donation of a major trove of 20th century art collected by her parents. Until its unveiling at the event in her honor, Marian had no idea she would be presented with a catalog of the art works she had donated to Western. In the presence of about 50 guests, Marian received the first copy of the catalog from Western Gallery Director Sarah Clark-Langager, Ph.D., who was instrumental in producing the catalog and in planning the launch event in Marian's honor.

A strong supporter of university education for women, Marian was a lifelong member of the American Association of University Women and president of the Bellingham Branch from 1975 to 1977. For a number of years she was active on the Washington State board of AAUW and a member of the Association's national board of directors and its Foundation. In 1985, the state AAUW honored her as a recipient of a grant endowment from the national organization. In 1980, she was elected to a five-year term on the Washington Commission for the Humanities and was its president in 1984.

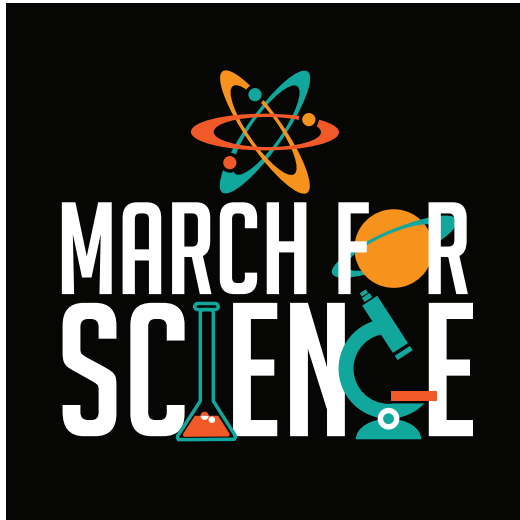
Memorial donations may be made to the Marian L. Boylan Western Gallery Endowment at Western Washington University or to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. -



*In less than a year, Bellingham AAUW has lost two amazing women:*

***Carol Radke, left, and Marian Boylan.*** Carol passed away September 20, 2016, at the age of 94. Marian was 90 when she passed away Feb. 26, 2017. Carol, like Marian, was a graduate of University of Washington and a long-time Bellingham resident and civic leader.

*The two friends are pictured at the reception honoring Marian at Western Gallery in 2013. Marian is holding the catalog listing the artwork she donated to Western Washington University.*



## AAUW will March for Science!

***Plans are “afoot” to join the April 22 (Earth Day) March for Science in Bellingham.*** We will also have a table with AAUW information, buttons, and so on. If you believe we need to support our scientific community across the nation, mark your calendar to join us as either a marcher or a “tabler.”

Current plans are for a march format similar to the Women’s March in January, with tables set up behind Bellingham Library, across from City Hall. More discussion about this event will happen at our March 11 meeting.

### **JL Oakley coming in April**

Local author and historian Janet Oakley will be guest speaker at our April meeting. Among her books is *Tree Soldier*, set in the 1930s in the North Cascades.

## Bellingham Branch, AAUW

P.O. Box 29862 Bellingham, WA 98228

[www.aauw-wa.org](http://www.aauw-wa.org)

### Executive Board 2016-2017

#### President

Susan Moen 360-778-2510

[susanmoen@comcast.net](mailto:susanmoen@comcast.net)

#### Treasurer

Helene Berg-Kolin 360-392-8856

[hbergkolin@gmail.com](mailto:hbergkolin@gmail.com)

#### Program Chairs

Esther Golde 360-392-8418,

[solidgolde@yahoo.com](mailto:solidgolde@yahoo.com)

#### Jo Pullen

[jopullenbham@gmail.com](mailto:jopullenbham@gmail.com)

Liz Wright 360-671-5518

[liz4bham@gmail.com](mailto:liz4bham@gmail.com)

#### Membership Chairs

Helene Berg-Kolin 360-392-8856

[hbergkolin@gmail.com](mailto:hbergkolin@gmail.com)

Liz Wright 360-671-5518

[liz4bham@gmail.com](mailto:liz4bham@gmail.com)

Sue McDonald 360-325-2848

[sue@openaccess.org](mailto:sue@openaccess.org)

#### Secretary

Jean Cox-Treverton

360-392-0043

[jeancoxtreverton@ymail.com](mailto:jeancoxtreverton@ymail.com)

#### Newsletter/Web Editor

Gwen Parker 360-933-4314

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

## AAUW-Washington Annual Meeting

The AAUW-WA Annual Meeting will be Sat, April 22 at the Cedar River Watershed Educational Center near North Bend. Here is the website for some photos of the venue: Cedar River Watershed—Seattle Public Utilities.

Please check your email and/or the AAUW-WA website in the coming weeks for detailed information. Author Stephanie Coontz will be a speaker. You can find more information about her at: <http://www.stephaniecoontz.com/>. And we usually have a member from the National AAUW staff attend.

### Welcome to a new member!

Joining at our February meeting was  
Nina Kuhlman of Bellingham.  
We are pleased to have you, Nina!

### March Birthdays

Setsuko Buckley 3rd

Karen Gantenbein 14th

Jean Cox-Treverton 18th



## INTEREST GROUP NEWS

### GREAT DECISIONS

The nascent Great Decisions group has joined forces with an existing group, of which our own Ruth Norman is a member. They meet once a month at The Chateau. Contact Jean Cox-Treverton, 360-392-0043, for more information.

### REEL MOVIE LOVERS

Our next Sunday matinee date is March 19th. In the temporary absence of Liz Wright, Susan Gelhar ([suegee@live.com](mailto:suegee@live.com)) is our organizer. Let her know if you have any movie you would really like to see, and she will send out suggestions to everyone. After movie times come out on the 14th, another email will be sent with the What, Where and When.

A plan to meet at WWU last month fell apart, but that doesn't mean we won't re-group!

**ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB** meets monthly at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon. The next meeting will be March 23rd, and the book will be *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*, by Linda Hirshman. It's a big book - don't wait to start it! Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.