

## Full house expected for March 10 Luncheon and Vintage Fashion Show

Thanks to all members who have purchased tickets for the Vintage Fashion Show and sold tickets to family and friends. The 180 goal for ticket sales has been met!

**Now we need your help with the event itself.** A few more *greeters* are needed to guide people to their table after check-in and *a few to staff the tables displaying AAUW information*, and one or two *people to monitor the dessert and auction tables*. At least *two are needed to sell tickets for the auction baskets* (1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10).

**Please email Carol Simmer or Cathie Oberg with your volunteer job choice.** Volunteers need to be at the event no later than 11 a.m. We expect people to start coming at 11:30 a.m. or perhaps before. That is ok because guests have a lot to see (desserts, auction baskets, and AAUW displays) and to buy a special beverage from the bar before lunch is served.

Thanks again to all for your enthusiasm for this event!

***Cathie Oberg and Carol Simmer,  
Co-chairs***



## Speakers bring opportunities for community involvement

Would you like to be a docent at the Whatcom Museum, or house a foreign student attending Whatcom Community College? Branch members learned about these intriguing opportunities, and more, at the February general meeting. “Engaging in Our Community with Arts and Education” was the theme.

Speakers were Shelley Halle, Docent Coordinator and Educator at the museum, and Lynnette Berry of WCC’s International Program.

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***Lynnette Berry, above,  
and Shelly Halle, right.***

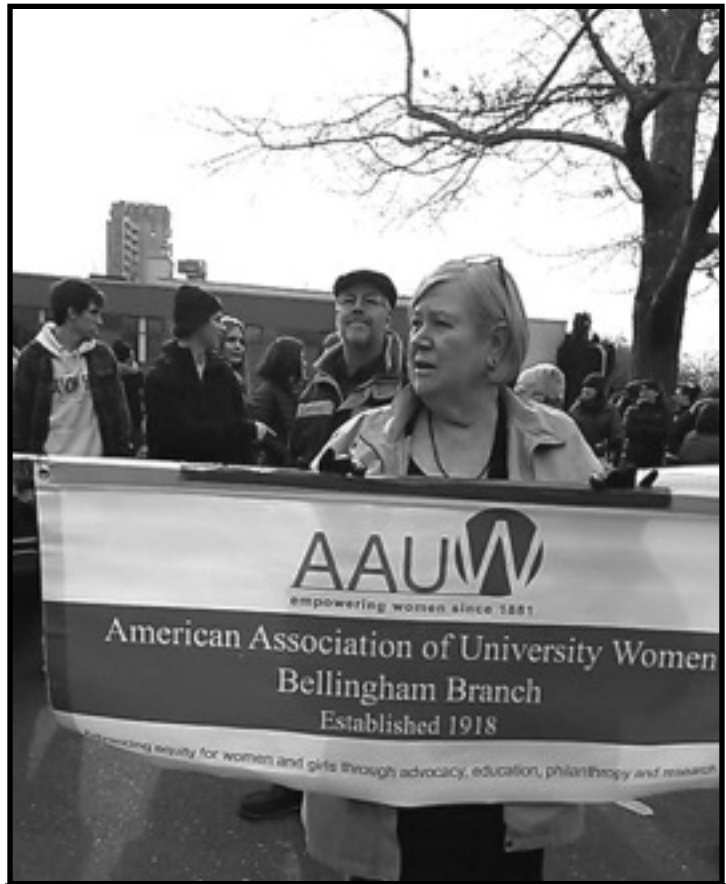
### Bellingham Branch takes AAUW info to Human Rights Film Festival

*by Judith Entwife, Branch president*

The Bellingham Branch of AAUW is always looking for ways to connect with others in our community for the mutual support of equity for women and girls. We found a super opportunity with the Human Rights Film Festival at Fairhaven College. Our branch supported the festival this year with money for the film *Equal Means Equal*, and promotion of the festival in general and this film in particular.

Catherine Chambers, Esther Golde and Judith Entwife provided an AAUW information table in the lobby for the Feb. 20th showing, featuring our Tech Trek story board, our 100<sup>th</sup> year banner (in its inaugural appearance) and a variety of AAUW literature. It attracted interest and questions that our members were happy to answer.

A half dozen AAUW members joined a diverse audience to watch the very intense film. Besides providing an introduction to the movie and AAUW opportunities to respond positively to the ongoing problems of gender inequity, our members participated in a lively discussion following the screening. Multiple community members from the audience joined in supporting the Student Gun Control Walkout the next day (*see photo at right*), stopping at our AAUW banner to thank us for our support of the Human Rights Film Festival, women's education and the safety of our students.



*Connor Haines photo*

**Bellingham AAUW Branch supports local student gun control rally – Bellingham AAUW members were proud to support a rally February 21 in downtown Bellingham. Attended by at least 2000 participants, the event was organized by students from local high schools, in response to the recent killings at a Florida high school. We believe students should be able to feel safe- and be safe - at school.**

### *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.

## INTEREST GROUP NEWS

### ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

Adelante! meets (usually) monthly at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon. Newcomers are welcome. The next meeting will be March 22. The book to be reviewed is a novel, *Sourdough*, by Robin Sloan. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.



### *Should you add it to your reading list?*

Last month's Adelante! book: *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi got a distinct "Maybe" from those at the meeting. It was informative historical fiction, but a bit of a downer.

### YA GOTTA HAVE ART!

Any member can propose a date and meeting place for **Ya Gotta Have Art!** to take advantage of local art shows, museums, special art projects and the incredible sculptures of our city and campus. Please contact Susan Moen if you are interested in joining other members to view the shows and possibly have lunch to complete the outing:  
susanmoen@comcast.net, or 206-399-4909

A warm welcome  
to new member  
Laurie Heck!

### April Meeting...

### Election of officers and personal finance

At our branch meeting April 14, Attorney Emily Rose Mowrey, owner of local law firm Limitless Law PLLC, will demystify estate planning.

She will answer frequently asked questions such as:

- "Do I need a will"?
- "Should I put my house in a trust"?
- "How does probate work"?
- "What do I need to know about Medicaid and long-term care planning"?

Since the March meeting is our fashion show gala, **the April meeting will be the annual business meeting and election of officers.**

### Attention all members

...and especially new members!

Are you interested in getting to know other members and to contribute to the success of our work on behalf of women and girls?

There are several committees looking for new ideas and new members. Please contact Catherine Chambers to attend a coffee get-together and find out more about how you can be involved with AAUW.  
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## WCC and Museum speakers

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Ms. Halle talked about a variety of educational programs at the museum, including the Family Interactive Gallery, or FIG, which offers a hands-on space in the Lightcatcher Building designed for children of all ages and their families. Visitors can explore activity stations, create art in the FIG Studio, or participate in activities. The museum's online calendar shows a schedule of educator-led and self-guided activities, open studio hours and special family events.

She also discussed the People of the Sea and Cedar workshops offered to elementary school children. *(Members were pleased to tell her that Bellingham AAUW originated this program many years ago.)* Individual classrooms of students are bussed to the museum, where they see the Coast Salish exhibit, hear tribal legends and then get a hands-on experience working with cedar and wool in the manner of the indigenous tribes.

She also talked about the docent program. It is a year-long commitment to guide tours through the exhibits, but is an education in itself. For example, docents in training to lead tours of the current "Jeweled Objects of Desire" exhibit took field trips to a local crystal shop and a goldsmith's workshop. To learn about basketry, for the current exhibit, they tried their hands at weaving, after hearing Mount Vernon weaver Catherine Lewis speak.

Lynnette Berry gave us some very interesting facts and figures about the International Student Program at WCC. The college has about 4,000 students, of whom about 270 come from other countries to study here. About a quarter of these students come from China, and most of the rest from other Asian nations. There are a few from European countries and South America.

The college offers a high school completion program similar to the "Running Start" program for local students. The college requires that foreign students under 18 years of age reside with a host family. A large part of Ms. Berry's job is to arrange that housing and try to find "a good fit" between the hosts and students. The college does arrange group outings for foreign students, to lighten the burden on host families who want to be sure the visitors have enjoyable experiences while in the United States.

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## AAUW 2017 IMPACT!



# 17,000

people learned to negotiate their salary through AAUW workshops



# \$3.7 MILLION

was awarded to women and community projects



# 270,000

messages were sent to lawmakers by AAUW members and supporters

### Local and state AAUW dues stay the same

### but National dues to rise

The national AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59.

Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's national budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's [salary negotiation workshops](#), groundbreaking [research](#), [advocacy](#) efforts, [campus leadership programs](#), and so much more.

We believe we can do great things together, and we thank you for your continued support.

Bellingham AAUW members will see a dues increase from our present \$70 to \$80 starting in March for the year 2018. *Our Board voted to keep the local dues of \$11 the same, and the state dues of \$10 also stay the same.* We will send in \$59 to the national office for each member. The newest members who have joined since January and paid their dues will not be expected to pay this increase. You are getting more than a year's membership for your dues paid in January and February of this year.

If this creates a hardship, our branch does offer help on request. In April we will begin collecting our yearly dues which must be mailed into national headquarters by June 30. AAUW runs on the July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> calendar.



Esther Golde, left, presents a certificate to Bellingham Branch President Judith Entwife for her work on organizing the local Women’s March. Judith’s husband also got a shout-out for his support.

[Washington Women in Need’s Education Grant fall application cycle is open throughout March](#)

[Washington Women in Need \(WWIN\)](#) is a nonprofit organization that provides education and health care grants to low-income women in Washington State to help them improve their lives.

WWIN makes grants to determined women who are looking to build a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities for generations to come. This spring, we will make a number of Education Grants to women from across Washington. Grantees will receive up to \$5,000 over a one-year period, which can be used for tuition and required books. Applicants must meet [WWIN's eligibility criteria](#) to be considered.

**WWIN has decided to increase the financial eligibility criteria to include more women in need. Please visit the [education grants page](#) for the updated financial criteria.**

Prospective applicants should visit [the WWIN website](#) for additional information and to [submit an application](#). The application deadline is 11:59 pm on March 31, 2018.

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Happy  
 March  
 Birthday!

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