



We put the Fun in Fundraiser!
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April 14 / Bellingham YWCA / 10 a.m.

Last names N - Z: Your turn to bring snacks!

So much is planned for our April meeting...

Election of officers, special drawing, personal finance and more

Since the March meeting was our fashion show gala, the April 14th general meeting will be our annual business meeting and election of officers.

Also, 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"?

Emily is a Whatcom County native, and was chosen the Whatcom/Bellingham Chamber of Commerce Young Professional of the Year in 2015. She is also a member of Bellingham Roller Betties, and an adjunct professor at Whatcom Community College.

Slate of Officers

Those nominated for Bellingham Branch offices are **Helene Berg-Kolin** for treasurer and **Susan Moen** and **Robin Kagan** for membership co-VPs. Helene is currently serving as treasurer, and Susan has agreed to serve one more year in the membership post, with Robin's assistance.. Nominations may be made from the floor, with the nominee's prior agreement.

See more about the meeting, Page 2.....

Attention Members !!

You could win a free year's membership!

Pay your 2018-2019 dues at the April meeting and be eligible for a drawing for a free membership for the year.

If you are a new member and have paid your dues from January 2018 to now, please note that you do not have to pay again until next year July 1, 2019.

Please bring your check book to pay for yearly dues at our April meeting.

Since we are having our business meeting in April, it is a good time to pay our membership dues. The May meeting is our High School Scholars Recognition Event, which makes it difficult to process our dues paying at that meeting. We really appreciate you making things easier for the Branch by paying your dues early. **If you will not be able to make this meeting, please send your check to: AAUW Bellingham, PO Box 29862, Bellingham WA 98228-1862.** If it is received before April 14th your name will go in the hat for the drawing. *(There is a membership form on the last page of this newsletter.)*

The National Dues has increased for the first time in about 10 years: we now have a **yearly dues of \$80.** If you are a life member, the dues payment is \$21 = \$11 for our branch + \$10 for the AAUW-WA state dues. Our National dues cover about 13% of the cost of running the National Office. They augment this with corporate and individual donations. We also finance our local organization with personal and corporate donations.



We have had an incredible increase in our membership - well on our way to 100 for our 100th year. **We have had 12 women join us since January and we are so pleased.** Many of our new members immediately volunteered for our wonderful Vintage Fashion Show Fund Raiser.

If paying this amount is a hardship, please call Susan Moen, Membership VP to ask for a scholarship for your dues. We have a small fund set aside in our budget.

It is important for all our members to be able to participate and we appreciate any new or long standing members in our branch and encourage you to keep active with us.

Susan Moen cell 206-399-4909.



**We proudly announce –
The 2018 Tech Trek campers!**

Seven seventh grade girls from Bellingham and Ferndale will attend AAUW Tech Trek Camp in July.

For the first time, we have expanded to a second Whatcom County town: **Andrea Garcia and Mia Revey** from Horizon Middle School in Ferndale will be the first young women from outside Bellingham School District to have the opportunity to attend the camp, which is at Pacific Lutheran University, near Tacoma.

Bellingham students are **Jaeli Tilley**, Fairhaven Middle School, **Gillian Spilker**, Whatcom Middle School, **Cassie La**, Shuksan Middle School, **Grace Schamber and Emma Stewart**, Kulshan Middle School.

The students were nominated by their math or science teachers. They then submitted an application and essay and were interviewed by AAUW members.

The campers, their families, AAUW Tech Trek Committee members and former campers will meet on June 2, 9:00 - 11:00AM at the Cordata Coop to get better acquainted and learn more about Tech Trek Camp. Campers will make a presentation about their Tech Trek experience at the September AAUW meeting.

The growth in this program at Bellingham Branch AAUW is due in large part to the generous donations from members, friends, and corporate sponsors. **Thank you!**

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.



**Happy April
Birthday!**

Cindy Paffumi	2
Kathy Jenkis	5
Rosemary Hostetler	6
Judy Fruhbauer	19
Suzanne Thorp	21
Sue McDonald	24
Cara Carbone	26
Liz Wright	27
Lori Smiley	30
Robin Kagan	30

In other news.....

Catherine Chambers has completed training as a facilitator for AAUW's Start Smart salary negotiation workshops.

Bellingham AAUW will host next year's one-day Washington State AAUW Meeting.

Vintage Fashion Show a success!

We applaud the AAUW-Bellingham membership and Centennial committee for “filling the Holiday Inn’s Salish room to the brim” and for providing good fun and fellowship while making money for our educational projects! Many of the guests could have walked the fashion show runway in their own lovely vintage styles. Louise Sager and her eight models and 2 gentlemen attendants delighted the audience with the 1880 to 1970 fashions and the stories told.

The tickets sold, the Dessert Dash, and the Raffle Baskets earned over **\$4000!** These dollars will help fund scholarships at WWU, WCC, BTC and NWIC as well as our other educational projects: Tech Trek, High School Scholars, and Girls Go Tech. **Catherine Chambers** gathered the desserts donated by members and businesses, and **Susan Moen and her creative team** produced 5 gorgeous raffle baskets and sold the raffle tickets!

The tables outside the dining room were filled with displays of AAUW-Bellingham’s projects and kept guests busy while waiting to check-in for the luncheon and show.

Karen Gantenbein created the centerpieces for the 18 tables and the flowers were given away to the person at each table with a birthday closest to the VFS date, March 10th.

Our sister club in Canada, **CFUW-White Rock/Surrey**, made quite a showing with 11 members crossing the border! They also brought a gift for the auction! It was a delight to see so many guests and family of our members. And the many guests from the public helped make our name in the community a bit brighter.

Thanks again to all, but remember, our Centennial celebrations continue, culminating in October with a lovely lunch and program to celebrate US. The Centennial committee still needs membership support for projects to come. We will keep you posted!

Cathie Oberg and Carol Simmer, Centennial Committee Co-chairs



INTEREST GROUP NEWS

REEL MOVIE LOVERS

Yay!! Roni Lenore has volunteered to organize movie outings for us. If you have ideas, questions or suggestions, please contact her: roni.lenore@gmail.com
A plan will be emailed several days in advance.

ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB

Adelante! meets (usually) monthly at Arlis's Restaurant, 1525 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham, at noon. Newcomers are welcome. *Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.*

The next meeting will be April 26. The book to be reviewed is *The Sixth Extinction*, by Elizabeth Kolbert. Amazon says: "Over the last half-billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. This time around, the cataclysm is us."

Should you add it to your reading list?



Last month's Adelante! book: *Sourdough*, by Robin Sloan was a good read and a little lighter than some of our choices. It gave us plenty to discuss.

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

Out and about....

Susan Moen invited new members to attend Think and Drink, at Boundary Bay Brewery, sponsored by Humanities Washington. Four new members were able to be there.

The topic was "Pretty, Angry: Feminism and Protest from Miss America to #MeToo."

One speaker was a director of the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department at WWU and one woman was an affiliate assistant professor from the Department of Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies at UW.. It was an enlightening evening of ideas and discussion.



Girls Go Tech is
April 14th

Esther Golde will volunteer for morning sign-ins at Whatcom Community College's Girls Go Tech workshop for middle school girls, before racing back for our AAUW meeting. GGT is focused on helping girls have fun with science and technology.
Bellingham Branch also makes a donation to the program each year.



Bellingham AAUW braves the rain to support students in the March for Our Lives on March 24. Approximately 3000 people heard speakers in favor of more gun control, and then marched through the downtown area. Above, Esther Golde and Judith Entwife hold our AAUW banner, as Judith’s husband Marvin holds another sign. Below, crowds reach the end of the march route.



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Paper Gift Box Workshop Craft Workshop No. 1

Date: Friday, May 4, 2018

Place: 28 Little Strawberry Lane, Sudden Valley

Time: 10AM to 4PM

Cost: \$35 includes a \$15 donation to Bellingham AAUW

Contact: jeancoxtrevertton@gmail.com

As a fundraiser for Bellingham AAUW's 100th year, and in celebration of Mother's Day, Jean is holding a Paper Gift Box Workshop. The gift box is an exploding box within a box (see photos), great for gifting small treasures for mothers, sisters, daughters, friends for holidays, birthdays, Mother's Day, or just because. The morning will be dedicated to assembling the boxes. We will break with a brown bag lunch, then continue to decorate and complete the boxes in the afternoon.

Participation is limited to 6 (six) and open to members and friends. However, additional workshops will be scheduled if more than six are interested in the workshop. Please email me at jeancoxtrevertton@gmail.com to reserve a space. \$15 of the workshop fee will be donated to the Bellingham AAUW branch.



May always brings...

The HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS RECOGNITION CELEBRATION!

On Saturday, May 12th, the Whatcom Museum's historic Old City Hall building on Prospect Street will once again be the venue for our High School Scholars Recognition Celebration in its lovely Rotunda room. This event has not been held at this venue for 10 years! The event will start promptly at 10 a.m. but the doors will be open before 9:30 a.m. so we can bring our best finger food snacks for refreshments and be ready to welcome our high school scholars and their families. All members are asked to provide 2 dozen snacks. (Brothers and boyfriends seem to gobble them up quickly.)

Members will be needed to help as greeters, and at sign-in, beverage, food and membership tables. We always rely on members to supply bouquets from their gardens. Sign-up sheets will be at the April meeting or Carol will call you to help. This is a fun event since we get to host so many young scholars and their families.

The speaker will be Jill Davishahl, a tenured faculty member at Bellingham Technical College. In her own words, *"I am an educator and an engineer. I strive to inspire others to learn with intent"*. She is young and vivacious, with a young family and a passion about inspiring the next generation of engineering students to think outside of the box. I know we, our scholars, and our guests will enjoy hearing about her journey to her career.

*Carol Simmer and Jean Cox-Trevertan,
High School Scholars co-chairs*

More fun from the fundraiser!



Above, White Rock/Surrey CFUW President Sue Foley-Currie with Bellingham AAUW President Judith Entwife

A note from Lois Hunter of the CFUW: "Just to let you know how much we enjoyed the opportunity to join you at the Vintage Fashion Show and luncheon, one of the events you are holding to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of your branch of AAUW. It was a pleasure for eleven of our club members to join you at this very successful fundraiser and to be so warmly welcomed.

We also look forward to our next exchange of the vase which travels back and forth between the sister clubs. Next year, 2019, our CFUW White Rock/Surrey Club will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary and hope that many of your members will be able to join us in events being planned for this special year.



**Vintage
Look —
Inge
Paulus
and
Susan
Moen**

***American Association of University Women
Bellingham Branch 2018 New Member Application***

Please complete this form and submit with your dues. Send by mail to AAUW, Bellingham Treasurer, PO Box 29862, Bellingham WA 98228. Or deliver at your first meeting for a one-time discount.

Membership Data Sheet

Please fill in items as you wish them to appear in the annual directory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ **zip:** _____

Landline: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-mail: _____

Birth month and day _____

College/University Attended, Degree(s), Major, Grad Date

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please submit with check made out to AAUW Bellingham.

Dues (\$80/year or \$50 if joining at a General Meeting) _____

Local Scholarship Donation _____

Total \$ _____