



In the pink....Branch member Kathy Jenkis is color-coordinated with the ribbon being used for luncheon table decoration. Volunteers met at Jean Cox-Treverton's home for a work party.

OCTOBER 13TH —

*Our Bellingham AAUW Centennial
Celebration Luncheon*

**11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM
BELLINGHAM GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
3729 MERIDIAN ST., BELLINGHAM**

Prepare to have a good time! Committees have been working hard to be sure everything is ready for our Bellingham Branch Birthday Party, from the Mayor's Proclamation to special mixed drinks. Highlights for the event include a short presentation by the Good Time Girls about the past 100 years in Bellingham, and the premier showing of the completed video about AAUW, made by WWU students and featuring, Mary Jane Vetter, Elsie Heinrick, Rebecca Bunn, Cathie Oberg, Teizeen Mohamedali and Judith Entwife.

Everyone is welcome to wear historical attire. Committee Chairwomen Cathie Oberg and Carol Simmer suggest that people should start arriving as early as 11 a.m. in order to check in and find a seat with their friends.

Bonus: On the way out after lunch, members may pick up their copy of the new Member Handbook.

Questions? Call Carol Simmer (360) 961-4519 or Cathie Oberg (360) 441-1777 🌸🌸🌸

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Meeting BTC and WCC recipients of AAUW-Bellingham scholarships

by Carol Simmer

College Relations and Scholarship Chair

Bellingham Technical College

Roni Lenore and I were privileged to meet **Jessica King** at the BTC Scholarship Breakfast on October 4th, at BTC’s Settlemyer Family Hall. Jessica will graduate in 2020 with an Associate’s degree in nursing, a lifelong dream of hers. She plans to move on to university to complete her BSN degree. Jessica is married with a 4 year old daughter. She, her husband and daughter live in Oak Harbor - from which she commutes on school days! The gasoline cost alone for her travel is a burden and our scholarship has meant a very great deal to her! Her fire-fighter husband is the sole support of the family. “Ever since I was a little girl I wanted to be a nurse. Working alongside outstanding nurses in my clinical practice rotation only confirmed my decision to work in the health-care field was the right choice for me. My experience at BTC has been a true blessing.”

Whatcom Community College

Taryn Born is a second year nursing student at WCC. After finishing her first year, she was in a serious bike accident. The nurses that took care of her inspired Taryn to continue her nursing degree. She and her husband paid for all her first year courses out of pocket and “because of your generosity my husband and I will not have to worry about where tuition will come from for this upcoming year. I cannot thank you enough for your help.”

Our high-tech heroes

Time marches on, and so does technology!

The executive board is trying to move Bellingham Branch into the 21st Century, and volunteers are researching some advancements:

Judi Edwards is investigating a more reliable way to show Powerpoint/video presentations at the YWCA, and **Kathy Cole** is checking out a new microphone for our general meetings and a credit card reader for use at fund-raisers.

Susan Moen and **Robin Kagan** are researching smart phones.

Happy October Birthday!

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| Maggie Moore | 20th |



It's a Wrap! Tech Trek 2018

“Adventures in Science and Engineering” is speaker’s theme...

Whatcom County Tech Trek Campers ended their Tech Trek Camp experience by speaking at the September 8th Bellingham AAUW meeting. Also, they (and the rest of the audience) were treated to a talk by Teizeen Mohamedali, Environmental Engineer with the Washington State Department of Ecology. A member of Bellingham AAUW, Teizeen spoke on “Adventures in Science and Engineering.”

Tech Trek Campers were Andrea Garcia, Cassy La, Mia Revey, Grace Schamber, Gillian Spilker, Emma Stewart and Jaeli Tilley. They were sponsored by the members of Bellingham Branch as well as community sponsors Wilson Engineering, Faithlife, Bayview Dental, Rotary Club of Bellingham, and Bellingham Lions Club. Four of the seven campers were present at the meeting. They described their opportunities to take core classes such as Robotics, where they programmed and built robots; the Human Body, where they learned about the organ systems and dissecting a sheep’s heart, and App Inventor, where they studied designing applications for computer programs.



From left, Emma Stewart, Grace Schamber, Cassy La, and Gillian Spilker.



Mia Revy and Andrea Garcia, from Horizon Middle School in Ferndale, are the first local girls from outside Bellingham School District to attend Tech Trek Camp.

Reading from some of their thank you notes indicates how they felt about their Tech Trek experiences:

“I learned so much about the organ systems in my body as well as what doctors and nurses do during an average day. In just these few days I have been inspired by all the women in STEM that I have met. I am so grateful for all of you.(Sponsors)” Gillian

“Thank you for helping us go to camp. I was so excited to be selected go to Tech Trek this summer. Now I picture myself in a profession related to STEM. I hope I get to come back at 16 to be a counselor.” Cassy

“I have learned many things like how to count with binary numbers and new things about the body like organs and how they work. Thank you so much for sponsoring me!” Jaeli

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Speaker Teizeen Mohamedali showed examples of how a computer is used in mathematical water quality modeling, and helps develop varied scenarios. She holds a Master of Science degree from Stanford University, and a Bachelor of Science from Western Washington University.

STEM is theme at September meeting

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“...I also went on a field trip to Harbor Wild Watch. I learned about salmon, birds, and how to determine a body of water’s health. One of my favorite parts of camp this week has been getting to make new friends and learn with them about similar interests. Thank you for the opportunity to learn and for your generous donation that’s helped me and other girls get to Tech Trek.” Grace

Six students attended Tech Trek Camp in July at Pacific Lutheran University near Tacoma while the seventh, Gillian, attended Tech Trek Camp at Eastern Washington University in Cheney. These eighth grade girls now join the growing group of Tech Trek Alums. We will likely see and hear more about them as they continue their education and move into high school, possibly next as AAUW High School Scholars.

You can also read about the Tech Trek Campers in the Community in Action section of the Bellingham Promise Newsletter on line at <https://promise.bellinghamschools.org>

by Pam Sankey, Co-chair of Bellingham Branch Tech Trek Committee

Room for more?

*Check with Jean Cox-Treverton to see if there are more spaces left in her November **paper craft class**, in which participants will make a **holiday garland**. Classes run from 10 to 4, and cost for this one is still being determined. jeancoxtreverton@ymail.com*



Holiday Greenery Sale: This swag, the wreath and the centerpiece we sell make great gifts, and can be decorated with the included bow, or with your own items. Outdoors, the wreaths and swags can last for months.

Thanks in advance for taking part, whether you are a super salesperson or just buy an item for yourself. Last year, we netted over \$2000, with all proceeds going towards scholarships at local colleges.

Lost your email with order form? See page 7. Have other questions? Call or email Kathy Cole, 360-734-8623, knccole@hotmail.com, or Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314, parker.gwen@comcast.net

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.

Now is the time to sell holiday greenery

Our annual Holiday Greenery Fundraiser (*aka Wreath Sale*) is half over!

Oct. 30 is the last day to turn in your order to Kathy Cole or Gwen Parker.

On Sept. 12, all members with email addresses received an order form and photos of the three items we sell.

Here's a recap of the information:

Due to the fact that Thanksgiving comes pretty early in November, we will not get the greenery order until after Thanksgiving. We will let everyone who orders, know what date you can pick up your items, once the vendor gives us a delivery date.

We have done this sale for the past several years, and it works pretty simply. Members ask friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc., to **support local AAUW scholarships by buying swags, centerpieces or wreaths.** The order form is to help each member keep track of their orders, so they can **call or email in their orders by the deadline, which is Oct. 30** this year.

Once all the orders are tabulated, we call in the order, and the vendor soon lets us know the day the items will arrive. We then email a date and location for pickup to every member who has placed an order. (There's usually hot cider and cookies that day.)

Members are responsible for bringing the payments on the day they pick up their order, and for getting the greenery to their list of buyers. Then we're done! Pretty simple.

INTEREST GROUP NEWS

REEL MOVIE LOVERS

Reel Movie Lovers meets randomly, when there's a good movie to watch. Let host Roni know if you have ideas, questions or suggestions, or if you plan to join the group for a movie (text to 510-435-4747, or email roni.lenore@gmail.com). If she gets a head count soon enough, she can direct people to where we will be sitting.

You are encouraged to purchase your ticket 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 Oct. 25. This is a **poetry month**, with members encouraged to bring a short poem to read, as well as to read some poetry by Maya Angelou, as we will study her work.

Should you add it to your reading list?

Last month's Adelante!

book: *The Amulet of Samarkand (Bartimaeus*



Trilogy, Book 1), by Jonathan

Stroud. This gets a thumbs up as just for fun, and one you can give to your middle-schooler when you are done with it.

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 shows and possibly have lunch to complete the outing:

susanmoen@comcast.net, or 206-399-4909

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