



January

- 12th General meeting, 10 am at YWCA
- 19th Allied Arts Tea, 2 pm
- 24th Adelante! Book Group, noon at Arlis's
- 26th Executive Board meeting, 11:30 at Affinity

February

- 1st Cascadia Film Festival, 7 pm, Jansen Art Center, Lynden
- 9th General meeting, 10 am at YWCA
- 24th AAUW-sponsored film, The Other Walla, 2:30 at Bham Human Rights Film Festival
- 28th Adelante! Book Group, noon at Arlis's

Proposed Title IX changes are January 12th meeting topic

10 a.m. - noon at YWCA, 1026 N. Forest

John Fairbairn, Ferndale School District Executive Director for Human Resources, and Dr. Sue Guenter-Schlesinger, WWU Vice Provost for Equal Opportunity and Employment Diversity, Title IX, will speak at our Saturday meeting on proposed changes to Title IX regulations.

We also will be writing postcards to tell the U.S. Department of Education our opinions of these possible changes

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has proposed narrowing schools' obligations in responding to sexual misconduct. Her proposal is a change from Obama-era guidance for Title IX, the federal civil-rights law that prohibits gender discrimination in schools that receive public funding. The proposal has been denounced by many who believe it will allow schools to avoid dealing with cases of sexual misconduct.

Members with names A thru L, it is your turn again to bring snacks!

A new effort to aid local college students

Going to college can mean unforeseen expenses. The need for emergency food supplies has been identified on local college campuses, and WWU, WCC and BTC have started on-campus pantries.

Carol McKinney is heading a six-month AAUW drive to ask members to bring non-perishable food items and toiletries to each general meeting. A basket for donations will be at the front table. (Think tuna, peanut butter, soups, stews, pasta sauce, pasta, vegetarian packets (Thai & Indian). Each month we will donate to a different college. Jan.- WCC, Feb.-Western, March - BTC. And repeat! Thank you!



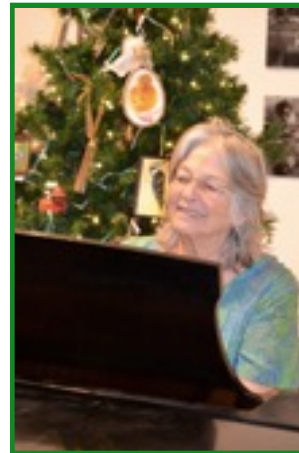
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December party at the Old City Hall Museum



The Sehome High School Chamber Choir provided excellent entertainment at the December Bellingham Branch meeting, held in the Rotunda Room of the Old City Hall Museum. The singers also helped us devour goodies donated by Great Harvest Bread Company and by branch members.



AAUW to sponsor two films at the 2019 Bellingham Human Rights Film Festival

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

1. *The Other Wall*, set in Walla Walla, WA is about the lives of undocumented high school students, their fear and concern for themselves and their families; and the discrepancies between their lives and those who are US Citizens or otherwise documented. ***The Other Wall*** is playing at 2:30 pm Sunday, February 24 at WWU's Fairhaven College Auditorium.

2. *The Unafraid* is set in Georgia and follows three high school seniors brought to the US illegally as children, shielded under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Watch the Dreamers jump through hoops, trying to go to college finding they are ineligible for in-state tuition and cannot afford the full cost. This motivates them to take up activism and demand a change, but mounting obstacles get in their way. Their tenacity is inspiring; their struggles disheartening. When the students occasionally break down, we are reminded that beneath their hard exterior, they're still very young. ***The Unafraid*** is playing at 2:30 pm Saturday, March 2 at WWU's Fairhaven College Auditorium. *(This film selection was suggested by AAUW Bellingham)*



Attention Marchers (and those who support them)

Allied Arts is hosting a Women's March Tea Party in honor of the National Women's March on January 19th. It will be held at 2 p.m., in the Allied Arts Gallery, 1418 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham. There will be tea and some thoughtful entertainment including short presentations by each of the artists. Please wear your Pussy Hat.

(NOTE: As of this writing, we do not have any information on a local march that day.)

Thank you, Roni! Our Reel Movie Lovers leader, Roni Lenore, is also responsible for sourcing the AAUW flag which now advertises our events. She is also our liaison with local film groups.

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.



Fantastically fine fedoras: Your newsletter editor received her hat as a birthday gift from Branch Prez Judith Entwife, with strict instructions to wear it to meetings with the press pass attached. Elaine Wilson picked up her feathered finery on an overseas

We need Creatively Curated Containers!

Bellingham Branch will host the Washington State AAUW meeting in April. In conjunction with the convention dinner, we will hold a gift basket fundraiser. To that end, the fundraising committee is asking that *if you have any wonderful items that don't match your needs or style, to please consider donating them for the fundraiser.*

Please bring your individual donated items this Saturday or to the February meeting. ***We already have an Olive Garden basket including 2 coupons to the restaurant!!

Suggested basket ideas:

- French Market: coffees, chocolates
- BBQ
- Tea Time
- Jams & Jellies:
- Precious Puppy (items for dogs or dog lovers)
- Spices & Herbs
- Silver Screen (delights for moviegoers)
- Gardening
- Home Fix-It: basic tools for use around the house
- Empty baskets we can fill

*Questions? Contact Judy Fruhbauer,
360-306-3358*

Don't be shy about this.....

Most of us know the Biblical admonition in Matthew, Chapter Six: *"But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."*

But in the case of AAUW, we really need to know when people make "in-kind" contributions.

With the exception of snacks brought to our meetings, it is important to know approximately what members spend on items such as stamps, envelopes, decorative items, etc., even if you have no desire or intention of turning in a bill for reimbursement. When it comes time to write a budget, we need to know the "worst case scenario" - in other words, what we might need to spend for things if they were not donated.

So, please email our treasurer, Helène Berg-Kolin, with:

- item(s) donated
- value

Thank you!

Happy January Birthday!

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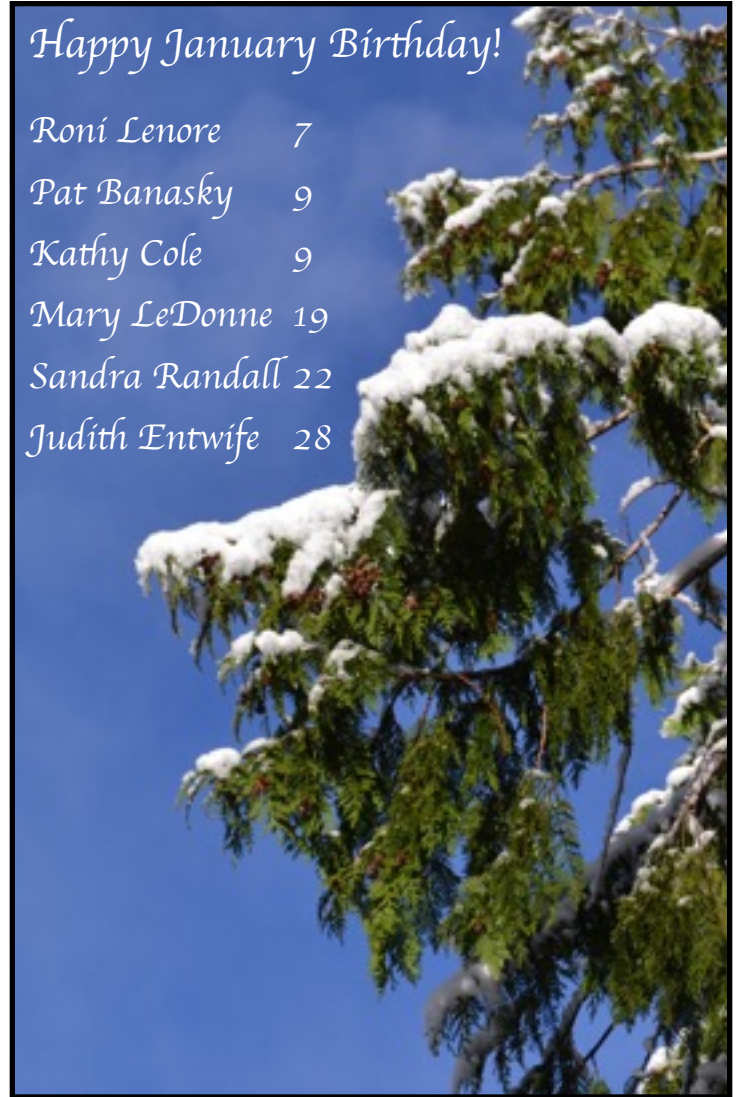
Pat Banasky 9

Kathy Cole 9

Mary LeDonne 19

Sandra Randall 22

Judith Entwife 28



Nominating Committee goes to work

Before you know it, it will be March - the month when AAUW holds its elections. This year we must elect a new president and a new membership vice president. Tasked with finding nominees are Jean Cox-Treverton, Judith Entwife, Susan Moen and Carol Simmer.

If you are interested in finding out more about these jobs, and perhaps filling the position, please talk to any of the nominating committee members. Either job can be shared by two people - so encourage a friend!

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.*

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

By popular request.....

At the December meeting, several people asked for our Adelante! reading list for 2019. It is attached to the end of this newsletter. So, Happy Reading, and feel free to join the book group for one or all of our discussions.

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Adelante! 2019 Reading List

Date	Title/comment	Author	Reviewer/Comment
January 24	<i>Educated</i>	Tara Westover	Memoir, Hardcover, 352 pgs.
February 28 (Black History Month)	<i>Dear Ijeawele, or A Feminist Manifesto</i>	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Paperback, 80 pgs.
March 28 (Women's History Month)	<i>Inferior: How Science Got Women Wrong-and the New Research That's Rewriting the Story</i>	by Angela Saini	Nonfiction Paperback, 224 pgs.
April 25	<i>The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote</i>	Elaine Weiss	About the 19th Amendment Nonfiction Paperback, 432 pgs.
May 23 (Asian Pacific Heritage Month)	<i>When the Emperor was Divine</i>	Julie Otsuka	Internment of Japanese Americans Fiction, Paperback, 160 pgs.
June 27	<i>The Overstory</i>	Richard Powers	One of Wash. Post's 10 best books for 2018. Fiction, Hardcover, 512 pgs.
July 25	<i>The Transcription</i>	Kate Atkinson	WWII spy novel. Paperback, 352 pgs.
August 22	<i>The House of Broken Angels</i>	Luis Alberto Urrea	First generation to live two lives across one border. Fiction, hardcover, 336 pgs.
September 26	<i>What It's Like to Be a Dog: And Other Adventures in Animal Neuroscience</i>	by Gregory Berns	For geeks and animal lovers. Nonfiction Paperback, 320 pgs.
October 24	<i>Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis</i>	J.D. Vance	The loss of the American dream. Memoir Paperback, 288 pgs.
December 5 (Nov/Dec) (Native American Heritage Month)	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon</i>	by David Grann	The Osage killings. Nonfiction Paperback, 400 pages

