



AAUW Washington Annual Meeting set April 12 -13 in Bellingham

Bellingham Branch members are so excited to be hosting the 2019 state AAUW meeting! The meeting will start with a dinner Friday April 12th at the Holiday Inn at the Airport, 4260 Mitchell Way. **AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches** will be the speaker. Her topic is “This is Your Moment: Taking Action on Economic Security in 2019.”



The main meeting will be held on Saturday. **See the state website or Page 2 for the agenda.** However, if you are unable to attend the dinner or meeting, or just want to spend more time with other members from across the state, there will be an informal **dinner at 6 pm Saturday at the Loft.** Please RSVP to Catherine Chambers if you are interested in attending. Here is a link to the Loft menu for your general information. <http://www.theloftbellingham.com/>

We will elect a secretary and two board members at the meeting. If you are interested in joining the state board, contact Judy Prince, president@aauw-wa.org.

Questions or concerns? Contact Marziah Kiehn, finance@aauw-wa.org or Judy Prince, president@aauw-wa.org. Registration closed April 4.

There will be a Bellingham Branch table at the hotel. Thanks to Esther Golde, we will have a new general display and updated general brochure to distribute. One item at the table will be a basket **for donations of money to support the college student pantry fund.** Because of the different locations of our April and May meetings, our board decided it would be simplest to request money instead of food items, to simplify the process. This month's donations go to Whatcom Community College.

Agenda - See Page 2

State Meeting

Agenda for Friday

- 1:00 - 4:00 pm AAUW WA Board Meeting
 5:00 - 6:00 pm Registration and Open Bar
 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dinner, with Keynote Speaker Kim Churches at 6:30pm

Saturday Agenda

- 8:00 - 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast Buffet
 Opening Remarks: Welcome from Judy Prince, AAUW WA President
 and Judith Entwife, Bellingham Branch President
 8:30 - 9:00 am Legacy Circle Invitation
 2020 Joint WA-OR State Convention: Eileen Baratuci, AAUW WA Vice
 President and Program Director
 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. AAUW-WA Strategic Plan Update and Planning Session
 AAUW WA Board Members
 10:00 - 10:15 am Break
 10:15 am- Noon Keynote Address:
 Leta R. Sanchez, Immigration Attorney, Mt. Vernon and Holly P. Pai,
 Immigration Attorney, Bellingham: "Immigration Rights- Helping Families,
 Women and Children in a Time of Need"
 Noon Lunch Buffet
 1:00 - 2:00 pm Amy Klosterman, Principle and TIX Education Specialist: "Making Good
 on the Promise of Sex Discrimination Laws: The Power of the #metoo
 movement and the demand for a framework of Support."
 2:00 - 3:00 pm Rep. Sharon Shewmake, Washington State Representative for the 42nd.
 Leg. Dist.: "Why I Ran: A First-Time Candidate's Story"
 3:00 - 3:15 pm Break
 3:15 - 5:00 pm AAUW-WA Annual Business Meeting, facilitated by Judy Prince,
 President



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.

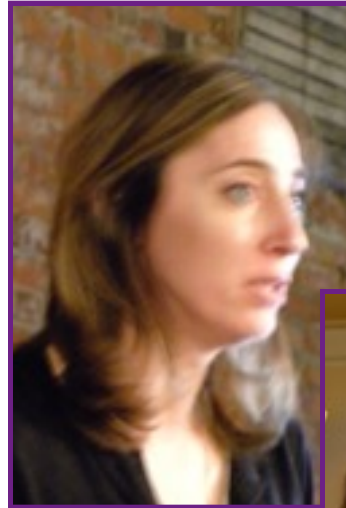


Bellingham Branch elects officers

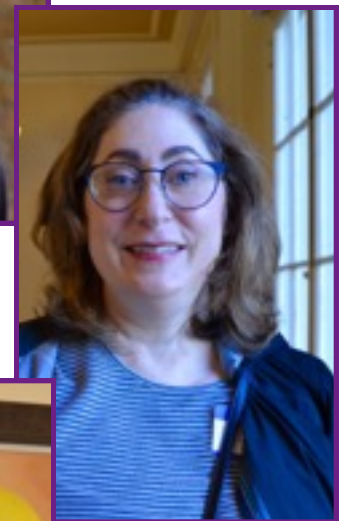
Several new officers were elected by acclamation at the March business meeting. They join others who are remaining for another year (or, we hope, more!). Installation will be in June.



Co-presidents will be Judith Entwife (left) and India Nishi. India is a fairly new member to Bellingham Branch, and Judith remains on board as her “coach.”



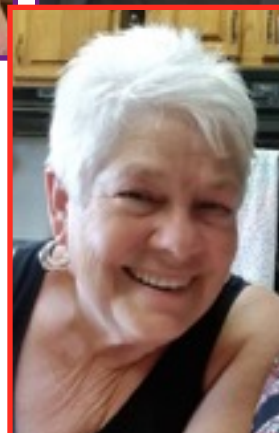
Program Vice-presidents will be new member Lisa Hammond (below) and her sister, long-time member Margo Hammond.



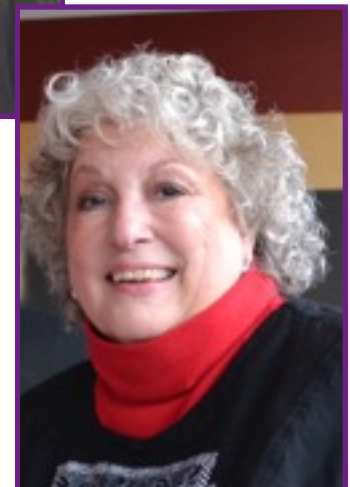
Robin Kagan (above) will remain as a Membership Vice-president, joined by Judi Edwards. Judi is also our IT person.



Returning officers are Treasurer Helene Berg-Kolin (left) and Secretary Jean Cox-Treverton (below).



And **NOT** on an AAUW board for the first time in about 43 years is Susan Moen. She joined AAUW in 1975 and has served on local and State boards in Montana and Washington.





Western Washington AAUW-Bellingham 2019 Scholarship Recipients

On February 25, AAUW-Bellingham members Carol Simmer, College Relations/Scholarship Chair, and Dr. Gerry Prody, WWU science professor, were proud to meet the two Western scholarship recipients at the 2019 WWU Scholarship Dinner held at the Wade King Student Recreation Center.

Holly Flann (second from left) is pursuing her Master of Science degree in Reptilian Physiology. She spent last summer in the Alvord Desert Basin in Oregon studying desert horned lizards for her Master's thesis. Her career goal is to work in wildlife rehabilitation, perhaps in a zoo or aquarium to aid in reptile and amphibian rehabilitation.

MacKenzie Jewell (second from right) is majoring in Physics. After graduation from WWU this year she will head to Oregon State University where she will study for her Master's degree. This summer she will be in the Beaufort Sea in Northern Alaska where she "will be diving into my research" trying to understand the sea ice dynamics in that area. After her Master's degree she hopes to obtain a PhD one day! She also said she will look into the Corvallis Branch AAUW while in Oregon.

Both young scholars are personable, powerful women and AAUW is proud to have them selected as our scholarship recipients.

The times, they are a-changin' —

Attention Members!

Spring means dues payment time. We are anticipating changes in the payment process to encourage credit card payments through the national organization. This will allow you to make one online payment for state, national and local Branch dues. If you choose not to use the credit card option, you will still be able to pay by check to the Branch for all the dues. Watch for more details coming soon.

We want to go to the movies....

The speaker at our March meeting left most of us ready to buy the popcorn and find a good seat:

Cheryl Crooks, Executive Director of the Cascadia International Women's Film Festival, brought trailers from some of the movies to be shown, and those clips were powerful..

Ms. Crooks told us that the film festival is in only its third year, but is gaining in popularity and recognition.

The festival shows only films by women directors. The candidate films are curated by an international team, and only the best are chosen. The other parts of the festival team's mission are to provide educational opportunities relating to the viewing, making, and distribution of films, and to promote Bellingham, Whatcom County and the Pacific Northwest as a destination for filmmakers and film enthusiasts.

This year's festival is set April 11 - 14, and most events are at the Pickford Theater.



Cheryl Crooks



AAUW Bellingham supports Cascadia International Women's Film Festival! Board members were so wowed by Ms. Crooks' presentation, we have provided the travel funds for hot new director Muriel Naim to attend the festival to participate in a panel discussion at WWU on Thursday, April 11 at 2:00 and to attend a showing of her film *Janek/Bastard* on Saturday, April 13 at 4:00. There will be a program insert acknowledging our support for these events. (See the Cascadia website for full schedule info.)

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. *See Page 5 for Cascadia Film Festival story.* 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. Next meeting is April 25, and we will discuss *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*, (about the 19th Amendment) by Elaine Weiss. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

Should you add it to your reading list?

Last month's read was *Inferior: How Science Got Women Wrong-and the New Research That's Rewriting the Story* by Angela Saini. Mostly a synopsis of medical research projects. Some newer info was enlightening.



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

Bellingham Branch AAUW

P.O. Box 29862 Bellingham, WA
98228

www.aauw-wa.org

Executive Board 2017-2018

President

Judith Entwife

360-734-0444

jentwife@frontier.com

Treasurer

Helène Berg-Kolin

360-392-8856

hbergkolin@gmail.com

Program Chair

Catherine Chambers

360-738-4713

chamberscatherine318@gmail.com

Membership Co-Chairs

Susan Moen

360-778-2510

susanmoen@comcast.net

Robin Kagan

360-676-5205

rlkforltc@comcast.net

Secretary

Jean Cox-Treverton

360-392-0043

jeancoxtreverton@ymail.com

Newsletter/Web Editor

Gwen Parker 360-933-4314

parker.gwen@comcast.net

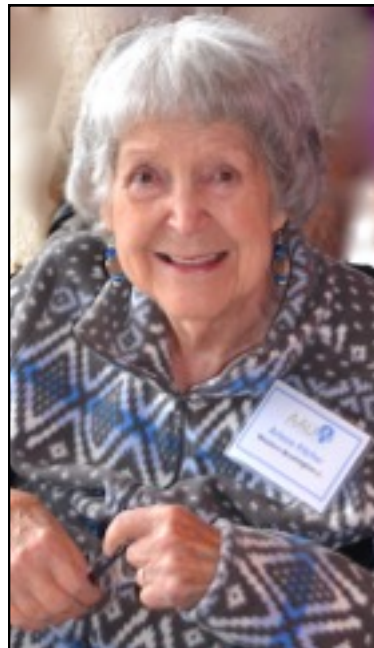
Arlene Pilcher

Long-time AAUW member Arlene Signe Pilcher, 94, of Bellingham, passed away February 25th. Born in Bellingham, the youngest of five children, to Swedish immigrants Knute and Signe Evertz, she was the last survivor among her siblings. Arlene graduated from Bellingham High School in 1942. and regularly met for lunch with former classmates. During WWII, she joined the U.S. Navy WAVES and served for two years. She then married John C. Kowsky, Sr. and they had two children, Loriann and John "Christopher" Jr.

In 1956, she married Raymond MacDonald and moved to Wenatchee where they had children Kathryn and Scott. During her years in Wenatchee she worked at ALCOA and attended classes at Wenatchee Valley College. Ray passed away in 1976.

In 1979, Arlene married Lewis "Stephen" Pilcher. The couple moved to Bellingham, where she resumed college studies and earned a BA in Psychology from Western Washington University. She and Steve traveled widely. Arlene was a member of the Unitarian Church, a staunch Democrat, and a member of many civic organizations including AAUW, Beta Sigma Phi, Whatcom Museum Docents, and WWU Foundation.

She was preceded in death by her husband Steve in 2010, and her daughter Lori Smiley, also an AAUW member, in November of 2018.



Lunch and Learn in White Rock

....an invitation from Carol Simmer

Members of CFUW White Rock/Surrey are celebrating their 60th birthday this year and these Lunch and Learn Series are part of it. If any of you want to go, let me know and we can car pool. Right now I can go.

Here is the message from their president:

Hello Carol — Our club is having the second of our Lunch and Learn Series Saturday, April 27th and the topic will be Women's Health, focusing on brain health.

It will be held at the Guildford Golf and Country Club at 12:00 pm. It will offer a set menu and cash bar as well as the speaker. We'd be thrilled if you and/or any of your members might be interested.

Cheers, Kris Baillie



Happy April Birthday!

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

Recommended to AAUW...

Do you want some mental stimulation? Members and friends say these events will perk you up.

Crosscut presents two days of thought-provoking conversations, tackling the most important issues of our times. Journalists, politicians, authors, and newsmakers from our community and across the nation take a hard look at the people, policy and events that shape our lives. Speakers include:

- Janet Napolitano - Secretary of Homeland Security under President Obama
- Valerie Jarrett - Senior Advisor to Barack Obama
- Doug Baldwin - Seattle Seahawks, Athlete, Activist & Humanitarian
- Macklemore - Artist & Activist
- Bob Ferguson - WA State Attorney General

Fri, May 3, 2019, 7:30 PM –
 Sat, May 4, 2019, 6:00 PM PDT
 at Seattle University. See the website.

Fanning the Flames is a motivational workshop presented by Dr. Melissa Bird, a life coach and public speaker. Dr. Bird writes that she “helps women find their voice to engage in advocacy in their lives and their communities. I believe in the power of women to come together. I create opportunities for women to come together.”

When: May 4, 2019.

Where: Whatcom Community College 237 W Kellogg Road Foundation Building Room 109 Bellingham, WA 98226

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Cost: \$40.00

A sponsorship is \$250 and sponsors receive 6 tickets to the workshop and recognition on Dr. Bird’s website.

Here's the link for even more info: <https://birdgirlindustries.com/fanning-the-flames-workshop-bellingham-wa-05-04-19/>

Calling all volunteers!

**High School Scholars
May 11, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon**

The High School Scholars awards event will be held again this year at the Whatcom County Museum, Old City Hall Rotunda, 121 Prospect St., Bellingham.

We will need help from the Branch membership to make this another successful event. Please advise Carol Simmer or Jean Cox-Treverton by email or phone of your availability for the following needs:



- Six members for the sign-in table and to meet and greet our High School Scholars
- Two members to assist our college and university representatives and to introduce them to our scholars and their families before the event
- Volunteers to hang the AAUW banner, and place signs and tri-fold boards
- All members are asked to bring finger foods (two or three dozen "bites"). Please use disposable platters when possible, but if personal dishes are used, please label them with your name.
- One person to bring punch or lemonade, with ice
- Two volunteers to set up and monitor the beverage table
- Two volunteers to set up and monitor the food table
- One volunteer to work the Rotunda Room lights

Volunteers should be on site by 9 a.m., or 9:20 at the latest. The museum will have tables, chairs, speaker podium and microphone set up. Members will be needed to dress and staff tables, greet and make introductions among our guests and scholars. The museum opens to the public at noon: we are asked to have our properties on the way out by 11:45 a.m.

Since we will not have our usual general meeting in April (the State Association Meeting replaces it) we need to have volunteers contact us ASAP in order to plan the logistics for May 11. **Thank you to all who will help with this important annual event.**