



A lot of fun and a little bit of business...

by Gwen Parker, Newsletter editor

The prospect of a white elephant sale and a yummy potluck lunch brought AAUW members out in force for our June year-end celebration.

I was one of several people who lost out in bidding wars over hotly contested items for sale. Brandi Braley bested me for a vintage McCoy spoon rest, but we hugged it out, and I still got a just-what-I've-been-looking-for kitchen canister.

Top on our business agenda was installation of new officers. They are **Co-presidents Judith Entwife and India Nishi**, **Membership Vice-presidents Robin Kagan and Judi Edwards**, and **Program Vice-presidents Margo Hammond and Lisa Hammond**.



Checking out the sale items: Susan Moen, left, and Carol Simmer pick out things to bid on, while Esther Golde and Jo Pullen, in background, think before they bid.

No, no, Ms. Nishi! Doing dishes isn't in the Branch President's list of job duties, but nonetheless, India was in the YWCA kitchen after the party, helping get everything shipshape before we left.

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**More Memories
from our
Year-end
Celebration**



Music teacher Mark Kelly and some of his students provided delightful dining music.

Robin Kagan, left, and Kay Davin fill their luncheon plates.



Time for a snapshot: From left, Lisa Hammond, Brandi Braley and Robin Kagan smile for the camera.



Our Bellingham TechTrek Campers for 2019.

From left: Liv Hampton and Julianna Schenkel, Shuksan Middle School; Sydney Wolfson and Angelica Khizhnyak, Kulshan Middle School, and Paige Leonard, Vista Middle School in Ferndale.

We'll be hearing more from these young ladies in September.



Scenes from Tech Trek Camp: Our own Judy Fruhbauer was a dorm monitor this year, and provided these photos of Robotics Engineering class and Physics class, where the girls studied the characteristics and properties of light.



Our High School Scholars aren't waiting to make names for themselves.

Jean Cox-Treverton writes: "Two of our 2019 High School Scholars, Julia Schwartz, Bellingham High School, and Kyana Grayer, Squalicum High School, were featured in the Northwest Ballet Theater production of Swan Lake in June, at Mt. Baker Theatre. Julia danced the part of Odette/Odile, and Kyana was featured in a variety of character parts and in the Corps de Ballet. The production was lovely, and our High School Scholar dancers were exquisite. Congratulations to our very talented young women for a beautiful evening of dance."

From Susan Moen's Facebook page, a note on her granddaughter, High School Scholar Elena Wolgamot: "At the PanAm Games (in Peru) Elena took fourth in the 500 m K1. And she finished 7th in the 200 m. We were so very proud that she placed as the youngest kayaker."



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.

Lynn Bellinger

Bellingham Branch member Lynn Bellinger passed away at home on July 16, according to Paul Beckel, minister at Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship. There is no information about a memorial service at this time. Our condolences to her husband Dean. Lynn was a charming woman, full of wonderful stories about her colorful life.



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Heads up for September!

Start stockpiling your \$20 bills to bring to the meeting! You can stamp them with an image of Harriet Tubman. (Yes, it's legal.)

In case you have missed this story: According to reports from the New York Times, the Washington Post, and many other news outlets, work was well underway on a new \$20 bill bearing the image of Harriet Tubman when Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced that the design of the note would be delayed for technical reasons by six years and might not include the former slave and abolitionist.



Many Americans were deeply disappointed with the delay of the bill, **which was to be the first to bear the face of an African-American**. Mr. Mnuchin, testified before Congress, saying new security features under development made the 2020 design deadline set by the Obama administration impossible to meet.

In fact, work on the new \$20 note began before Mr. Trump took office, and **the basic design already on paper most likely could have satisfied the goal of unveiling a note bearing Tubman's likeness on next year's centennial of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.**

Minutes after Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that he was delaying the new Harriet Tubman \$20 bill until 2028, a New York designer wrote, "We'll see about that." Dano Wall, 33, has created a stamp that can be used to superimpose a portrait of Tubman over Andrew Jackson's on \$20 bills.

New Co-President to speak at state AAUW meeting

India Nishi is slated to speak at the AAUW-WA Leadership Conference in Wenatchee on August 24th. Her topic is "Partnering with our Local Colleges." India has worked with WWU to find out how AAUW can become more relevant to students on campus and to help students find out what our organization has to offer.

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. Next meeting is August 22, and we will discuss *The House of Broken Angels*, by Luis Alberto Urrea. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-933-4314.

Should you add it to your reading list ???

June's read was *The Overstory*, by Richard Powers, and July's was *The Transcription*, by Kate Atkinson. Each got a qualified thumbs up.

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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