



Title IX expert to speak at January 11 meeting

Amy Klosterman, a Seattle AAUW Branch member who owns her own law firm, will speak on the evolution and increased awareness of Title IX since it was enacted in 1972. An attorney and consultant, she will share her insights gained from over a decade

of enforcing Title IX with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

Also known as the Education Amendments of 1972, the main purpose of Title IX is to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity.

Klosterman’s talk will come just a year after the death of Dr. Bernice Sandler, who was known as “the Godmother of Title IX.”

A *New York Times* article about Sandler said:

“The law would change the landscape of education. It required that male and female students have equal access to admissions, resources and financial assistance, among other things.

“As time went on, Dr. Sandler identified more areas where sexual discrimination could be fought with Title IX. One was college athletics...Another focus was sexual assault and harassment.”

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the Bellingham YWCA, 1026 N. Forest St. **Persons with last names beginning with letters A through K are asked to bring finger foods** to go with coffee, which will be provided.

Remember the College Pantry

In January, food items brought to the general meeting will be taken to Whatcom Community College for their food bank.

Non-perishable food items and toiletries are welcomed, as well as cash donations. We donate each month to one of the local colleges: WCC, BTC and WWU.

In December, our drive was to gather washable socks for homeless persons. The response was outstanding! *See a photo on page 3.*

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A “Dazzling” December Day

The Bellingham High School Showstoppers vocal group brought added festivity to the December Bellingham Branch meeting. They performed their choreographed medley entitled “Disney Dazzle” in honor of the planned BHS choir trip to Disneyland next Spring. Held in the rotunda Room of the Whatcom Museum Old City Hall, the meeting gave members a chance to view the Festival of Trees, including our own “Tea Tree.” Decorated with paper teacups and “Women Win the Vote” banners, it advertised our upcoming March tea, which will celebrate the 100th anniversary of United States women winning the right to vote.*

Thanks to everyone who brought treats to share, and to the museum for providing the beautiful setting.



AAUW “Tea Tree”

*Passage of the 19th Amendment also served as the catalyst for other Acts which continued to expand voting rights, such as the 1924 Indian Citizenship Act, the 1952 McCarran Act, and the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Six months of accomplishments - How far we've come!

by India Nishi

Bellingham Branch Co-President

While in early January people tend to look back at the entire previous year, we're only reviewing the last six months, since our fiscal year ends in June.

During the first half of our 2019-2020 year our branch accomplished many things as a team.

Here are just a few examples:

From a membership standpoint,

- ☑ We added nine new members.
- ☑ We hosted our first recruiting "soiree" which was well attended.

Looking at philanthropy,

- ☑ We had our first successful fundraiser of the year, raising roughly \$2,400, which was a 20% increase from last year...a huge thank you to all of you who sold and purchased our holiday greenery, as well as to Kathy Cole for spearheading the drive.
- ☑ Through Pam Sankey, Jean Cox-Treverton and their Tech Trek team, we have collected enough money in six months to send five girls to science camp, with additional pledges still to come.
- ☑ We provided food for hungry college students through our Food Pantry collections (thanks to Carol McKinney for leading this effort), and collected new socks for homeless people in our community.
- ☑ We funded our first scholarship to the Northwest Indian College, with Catherine Chambers acting as our liaison.
- ☑ Kathy Jenkis and her team worked hard preparing for our upcoming 19th amendment tea, making hundreds of beautiful tea cups designed by our artist extraordinaire, Esther!

And finally, looking inward:

- ☑ We voted for a new name for our branch, which better reflects the overall community, AAUW Whatcom. It is still being approved by State, but we hope start using it soon.
- ☑ We began strategic planning for our 2nd century as an organization, consulting with the board and membership. This has resulted in a new mission statement, vision and priorities for the future, which will be revealed next month. That's a lot for six months, and we're not done yet! Stay tuned for even more over the rest of this year!

Warm hearts, warm feet....


Generous members brought boxes and bags full of new socks to the December meeting. They were then distributed to homeless persons in the community. Thanks to Carol McKinney and Catherine Chambers for organizing this effort.



You're invited to

Traditional English Tea and a Vintage Fashion Show

to celebrate
the Ratification of the 19th Amendment
and the Women of Whatcom County



Raffle for Gift Baskets

Raffle for a "Susan B. Anthony Purse"

March 21, 2020 1:30 – 4:00
Bellingham Golf and Country Club
\$35*
Tickets available at
brownpapertickets.com/event/4463009

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* Proceeds from this event will go toward scholar-ships for women attending local colleges and programs for Whatcom middle and high school girls excelling in STEM.

Please join Bellingham AAUW for a Traditional English Tea and Vintage Fashion Show

This event will celebrate the ratification of the 19th Amendment and the Women of Whatcom County. It will be held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on March 21st, 2020 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. A traditional English Tea served with sandwiches, scones (clotted cream/jam) pastries and, of course, tea! Louise Sager will present fashions from the Suffrage Era.

Proceeds will support scholarships for women attending local colleges, programs for Whatcom County Middle School students, and the High School Scholars program. Those without access to a computer can purchase tickets from Judy Fruhbauer at 360-306-3358. Full tables of eight with all seats purchased at the same time receive a \$5.00 discount per person.

Interest Group News

Ya Gotta Have Art

Five AAUW members were among the crowd for the final docent tour of the retrospective “Wanted: Ed Boreal for Disturbing the Peace.”

One usually expects perhaps two dozen people for a tour, but this time, there were probably upwards of 100 people there.

Art Curator Amy Chaloupka was worried about how to lead such a large group to see the 120 or more pieces in the exhibit, but she got a huge helping hand when the artist himself showed up, and regaled his audience with stories of how his work and viewpoint developed. His later works are not for the easily dismayed - he calls them political cartoons. Prior to the show’s opening, docents attended sessions at the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center to learn how to de-escalate any extreme reactions to the show.

Any AAUW 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:



AAUW member Gwen Parker in front of a Boreal installation.

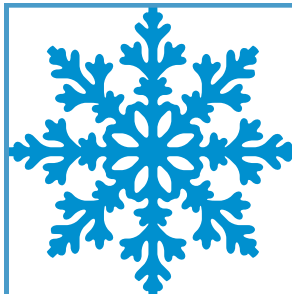
Adelante! book group reading list still in work

The Adelante! book group has not yet finalized its calendar for 2020. So, at the combined November/December meeting, we made an *ad hoc* decision to read Gloria Steinem’s new book, *The Truth Will Set You Free, But First It Will Piss You Off!* There are 25 holds on 6 copies at the library, but it is a short book, and Judith and Gwen are willing to share their copies.

Adelante! usually meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Date for the next meeting is January 23rd..

The meeting time has been permanently set half an hour later, to 12:30 pm. We meet at Arlis’s Restaurant on Cornwall Avenue. New members are always welcome. Please consider this an invitation to join us for coffee or a meal and lively discussion.

For further information please contact Marziah Kiehn, mgkiehn@icloud.com, (360) 366-8086.



Happy January Birthday!

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| Pat Banasky | 9th |
| Kathy Cole | 9th |
| Mary LeDonne | 19th |
| Sandra Randall | 22nd |

Condolences

Bellingham Branch member Ingeborg Paulus lost her husband, Roy Potter, on Dec. 12. He was 100 years old.

Inge and Roy married in 1983. He had previously been married to his UW sweetheart, Helen Muir, with whom he had two sons, Matt (Kristen) and Andy (Julia). Helen died in February 1981.

After returning to Seattle in 1945 from his Army service overseas, Roy returned to UW to change course from Arts to Science. He worked his way through university and graduated in Physics in 1949. He then served as a general physicist conducting research in solid state physics and mass spectrometry at the Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC. As Acting Head at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Corona, CA, he continued his research until 1964 and then from 1964 to 1970 as Division Chief. He invented new research techniques and organized Infrared Physics and NATO standard procedures for evaluating Infrared detectors.

At the University of Rhode Island, he studied electronic materials resulting in a Ph.D. in physics in 1972. In 1970 Roy's division was transferred to NELC in San Diego, CA. After having served in London, England with NATO responsibilities, he returned to San Diego to resume his career as Head of the Electronic Materials Sciences Division. While he was in England, his division was drastically reshaped, whereupon Roy resigned as a civil servant, and took up a new career as a scientific consultant, first for NATO and then for SPIE in Bellingham, WA, to where he moved from San Diego. This new career entailed organizing scientific meetings in optical physics. Roy's main responsibility was to enlist scientists for meetings in optical physics which entailed traveling to major parts of the world. Roy resigned from this career in about 2005. Roy was a Fellow and member of various physics societies. He also invented a number of scientific patents and had numerous publications to his name. In short, Roy was an outstanding physicist and was regarded highly by his colleagues for his abilities. In his leisure time, Roy was physically active as a world traveler, runner, walker, hiker, boater and swimmer well into his late 90's. He was a devoted husband, father and scientist.

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