

*Finally!*

*—It's Tea Time!*



*- and a Vintage Fashion Show!*

**Saturday, Nov. 12, 1:30 to 4 pm at Bellingham Golf and Country Club.**

There are a few tickets left and they are still \$35. Contact Judy Fruhbauer at 720-837-3379 to join the fun!

We will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. The Covid pandemic put our plans on ice for a while, but we are back two years later.

And yes, sometimes girls just wanna have fun! Louise Sager, of the Ferndale Historical Society has been collecting garments for many years. The models in the Vintage Fashion Show this year will be wearing clothing styles from 1860-1960, focusing on the era of the Suffragists. *If you have your grandma's mink stole, a vintage hat, or other item from yesteryear, trot it out for this event!*

# AAUW

## Whatcom Branch

**Afternoon teas were key in gathering political and financial support for the ratification.** In celebrating the effort of those teas each guest will receive an Origami tea cup, created by AAUW members, filled with treats. Each table will also have a replica of the tea pots sold in stores during that era - like the old days, the winning bid will get to take one home!

**Remember to tuck some cash or a check into your bag to buy raffle tickets!**

There are nine raffle baskets, each valued well over \$250. Your ticket number may be called for an incredible collection of quality items: Spa Day, Gifts of the Northwest, Tasty Tour of Italy and a special one that includes BOTH an overnight stay AND a San Juan cruise! That one is worth well over \$500! *Such fun - you can purchase an arm's length of tickets for only \$20!* Buy raffle tickets for a friend that's not attending!

One of our members secured a replica of the handbag Susan B. Anthony carried (from the museum named for her in New York) to also be included in the raffle!

All proceeds from this event will go toward scholarships for women attending local colleges, or for programs for Whatcom County public school students.



## College Pantry donations

**Yes! Please bring your cash donations to the Nov. 12 meeting at BG&CC.**

Because of the special nature of this Saturday’s meeting, the board asks that we bring only cash or checks for our college pantry basket. Next month, we will be ready to accept items such as those listed below.

Each month a food pantry at one of our four local colleges gets the benefit of our donations brought to the monthly meeting. The pantries have expressed the following needs. Food is primary but non-food items are also greatly appreciated. Students who qualify for food coupons cannot use them to buy toiletries, therefore obtaining them at the pantry can help.



### Food Items

*Proteins* such as peanut butter, canned and dried beans, lentils, chili, and all other canned foods containing meats, fish (tuna), poultry, and dairy (cheese or milks of all kinds); quinoa

*Fruits*- canned and dried of all kinds; fresh firm fruits such as apples and pears

*Vegetables*- Canned of all kinds; also, fresh veggies such as potatoes, onions, and garlic are appreciated.

*Baked goods* such as breads are popular

*Pasta, Rice, Crackers*

### Non-food Items

Toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, shaving supplies

**Cash Donations** The pantries will purchase what they can to fill-in the needs on their shelves, so money is always welcome, by cash or check.

## Calendar of coming events

**Nov. 12** Our much-postponed **Vintage Tea and Fashion Show** is back on! 1:30-4:00 p.m. Bellingham Golf and Country Club

**Dec. 8** AAUW Book Club, noon at Affinity Apartments in **the first floor library**. Book is *Soul of a Woman* by Isabel Allende

**Dec. 10** **Holiday meeting**, 10 a.m. at Mt. Baker Theatre Encore Room

## New College Liaisons announced, but one more needed

Thanks to the following women who have volunteered:

Mialee Jose has volunteered to be the College Liaison between AAUW Whatcom and Whatcom Community College.

Catherine Chambers is the new liaison for Northwest Indian College.

Kathy Jenkis is the new liaison for Bellingham Technical College.

A volunteer for a liaison with Western Washington University is still needed. Contact Carol Simmer, carollsimmer@gmail.com

At our October meeting....

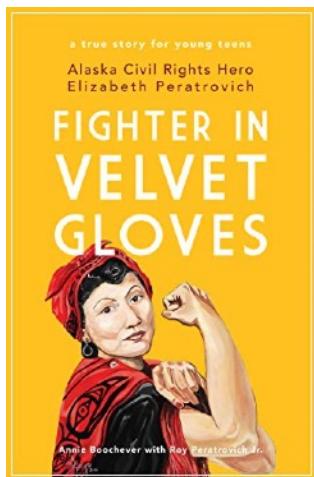
## We celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day

by Gwen Parker  
Newsletter editor

Author Annie Boochever's book, *Fighter in Velvet Gloves: Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich*, is a book meant for middle school students. However, it is a fascinating read for anyone, because it covers a slice of American and Tlingit history that is little known outside of Alaska.

Having heard her speech to our branch last month, I wanted to read the book. While it is sad to read about the poor treatment of native Alaskans by white settlers, it is uplifting to read about a native woman who persevered to get civil rights legislation passed. It is quite a story, written in collaboration with Elizabeth Peratrovich's only living child, now 88-year-old Roy Peratrovich Jr.

One of the fascinating parts of the book and Boochever's speech, is the many unexpected intersections between her, the Peratrovich family and even Alaska Airlines. You should read all about it! (Available at Village Books.) Yes, free advertising, but what can I say?



**Whatcom Branch Program VP Uzma Ahmad with author Annie Boochever.**

### Welcome to six new members!

Whatcom Branch of AAUW is pleased to welcome these new members:

- Jan Bonzon* of Blaine
- Jodie Brand* of Camano Island
- Kathryn Ann Tomas* of Bellingham
- Mary Velasco* of Stanwood
- Elizabeth Vesely* of Bellingham
- Sally Ann Zoller* of Bellingham



We hope you will find companionship, intellectual stimulation and purpose as a member of our branch.

***We know this is early, but...***

We are too excited to wait to tell everyone that the Community Co-op has chosen Whatcom AAUW for a Community Shopping Day next July!

Our branch will receive a percentage of the store’s income for July 15, 2023. The more people that shop that day, the more we will receive. This could be in the \$2000 range!

More about this in upcoming months, but I’ll mark this on my calendar as soon as I get one for next year.

Thanks to Pam Sankey for setting this in motion!

*Gwen Parker, Newsletter editor*

**Public Policy corner**

The public policy group is now looking at Title IX and what things we can do to strengthen it locally. Here are some ideas to think about:

#1. Sponsor bills

#2. Identify and work with Title IX coordinators in public schools and higher education institutes

#3. Recommend broad and specific language changes to legislation and policies that address institutional sexism...

Let’s talk more about this as a Board and an organization.

*Catherine Chambers,  
AAUW Public Policy volunteer participating  
on the state Public Policy Committee.*

***Welcome to AAUW!***

**The Whatcom Branch of American Association of University Women invites you to join us.**

**Membership is open to college graduates and those with associate degrees from accredited schools. We offer speakers and various interest groups.**

**Our mission is to offer scholarships and support numerous programs to help women and girls gain equity in all areas of life.**

**Contact Lynda Buehring,  
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Happy  
November Birthdays

Monica Ackerman — 1st

Ingeborg Paulus — 15th

Lynda Buehring — 16th

## **What the College Relations/Scholarship Committee does – and how you can help!**

Our Branch members are getting to know each other again after the long isolation period of the pandemic. And we have several new members to get to know! We also need to update everyone on the work of our various committees. Here is a review of the opportunities the College Relations/Scholarship Committee has for all members.

The “**Scholarship**” half of the name reflects the monies given to female students in the four higher-education institutions in Whatcom County: Bellingham Technical College (BTC), Northwest Indian College (NWIC), Whatcom Community College (WCC) and Western Washington University (WWU).

An Endowment was started at WWU in the 1990s and with annual contributions (mainly by the well-known AAUW Used Book Sale and individual contributions) by early 2000s the interest derived from the endowment balance could fund a scholarship. That fact motivated the AAUW Branch Board to focus our annual fundraising towards funding scholarships to the other three institutions. Gradually the agreements for annual scholarships to BTC, NWIC and WCC emerged. Annually the Board reviews the budget and decides on the scholarship amounts to be awarded. Currently the other three institutions each receive \$1000.00. The amount awarded by the WWU Foundation varies depending upon the interest gained in the past fiscal year. It has been between \$1000 and \$1500 for the last several years. Our Branch participates in the selection of the student awardee from WCC. The other institutions have their own scholarship selection policies that do not require our input. Criteria has been written into all agreements for all our scholarships given to every institution.

“**College Relations**” reflects on any and all donations given or projects initiated by every institution. We assign branch members as liaisons for each institution to learn their needs. Current activities include: Girls Go Tech at WCC; Student Food Pantries; support for High School Scholars from all institutions; providing info tables at student forums; AAUW sponsorship for the National Conference for College Women Student leaders (NCCWSL) and special assistance for an International graduate student.

You can be a part of this dynamic committee! It supports the Program and Membership committees by suggesting program ideas and speakers and by participating in activities on the campuses. We need your input and only as much time as you have to give. The committee meets from one to three times a year, but special projects need assistance sporadically. Immediately we need a liaison for WWU and one person to coordinate the Food Pantry deliveries.

*Submitted by Carol Simmer, College Relations/Scholarship Committee Chair*

## Stay tuned for more Meetup plans

The fourth Wednesday is right at Thanksgiving so Co-Membership VP Sandy Hays is going to shoot for Wednesday, Dec 7 for the next Meetup. She is thinking we will do something different from meeting at SpringHill Suites, but says she hasn't quite worked out what. She hopes to get something posted sometime this week.

Sandy says, "Our last soiree was a very nice and relaxing social. The weather outside was less than perfect but the SpringHill was toasty and just what we we all needed!"



### ***Spread some sunshine!***

Do you know an AAUW member who is ailing or has suffered a loss? If so, please email our Sunshine Lady, Suzanne Thorp, who will mail a card from our branch.  
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