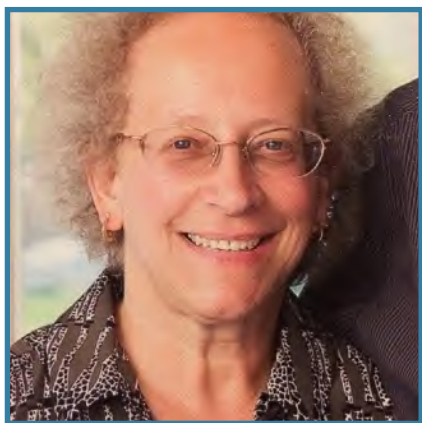




Local Planned Parenthood CEO to speak Jan. 14

10 a.m. at Mt. Baker Theatre
Encore Room



Linda McCarthy is CEO of Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, one of 49 affiliates across the United States. She has been CEO for 19 years and with the affiliate for 45, starting as secretary and working her way up through the organization in a variety of positions.

She will not be with us in person, but on ZOOM, starting at 10:15.

Linda will brief us about the status of reproductive health care and abortion in Washington State, as well as across the country. She will also outline ways to support the work that is needed in a post Roe vs. Wade world.

Watch for an email from Judi Edwards with a Zoom link, if you prefer to listen from home. 🐦🐦🐦

Whatcom Branch

Public policy

Lobby Day is Monday, January 30, 2023. Lots of information was included in the December *Evergreen Leader*, and more will come in the January Issue, out 1/15. See a copy at <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/evergreen-news-archive>.

One of the few good things to come out of the pandemic is our increased reliance on Zoom that gives all our members an equal chance to participate. Here's the link so you can register now:
<https://2023-aauw-wa-lobby-day.eventbrite.com>

Our first Legislative Update for 2023 will be coming out on Saturday, January 14th, and this first one will go to all members in Washington State. We know that you'll want to get it every week, so be sure to follow the directions to subscribe.

Think about all the things you do on the internet. How would you and your family cope if internet access wasn't available to you? Unfortunately, that's the case for many families in even semi-remote areas in Washington State. Since equity for all, particularly women and girls, is one of our primary principles, we have added universal access to broadband for all to our public policy priorities for 2023. Plan to attend Lobby Day 2023 to learn more about this important issue.

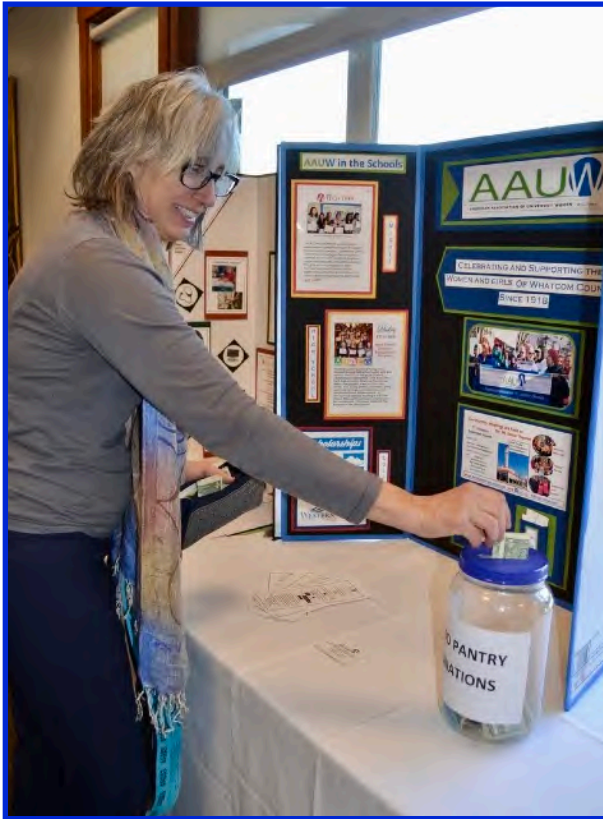
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December social is a sweet treat!



The Bellingham High School Showstoppers highlighted the Whatcom AAUW winter holiday meeting with a variety of song and dance numbers. Their verve and professional quality really wowed us! Quiche, cookies and coffee were key components of a delightful social hour afterwards. Thanks to all who helped make this a fun event!





Whatcom Branch member Margo Hammond makes a food pantry donation at the November fashion show and tea.

College Pantry

We will be collecting donations for the food pantries at our four local colleges at our January meeting.

Cash is always welcome, and our featured items again this month are peanut butter and jelly — the things students want most. (Other nut butters are also wanted.)

Suggested 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

Pasta, Rice, Crackers

Non-food Items

Students who qualify for food coupons cannot use them to buy toiletries, therefore obtaining them at the pantry can help.

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

A tax tip from our treasurer - making donations

Folks need to know that AAUW Whatcom is a 501(c)4 and therefore donations to the branch are not tax deductible. The Special Project Fund for Tech Trek *is* tax deductible, but checks must be made out to the Special Project Fund.

To make a tax-deductible donation it must be sent to:

AAUW-WA SPF

P.O. Box 1665

Bellevue, WA 98009-1665

AAUW Book Club

Our book club will meet at noon Thursday, Jan. 26, at Affinity Apartments, in the main floor library.

Contact Kay Davin, kaysart611@gmail.com, for entry to the building.

The book will be *The Yellow Wife*, by Sadeqa Johnson.

Contact Gwen Parker, 360-224-6027, for more information.

New members welcome!



Meetup merriment: Branch members try their hands at pottery painting, at the Creativitea shop in Fairhaven. From left, Susan Moen, Judy Fruhbauer, Suzanne Thorp, Carolyn Kinne, Sally Zoller and Kathy Jenkis.

Another Meetup event is scheduled for Jan. 25th. Check the Meetup website later in the month –paste this link into your browser: <https://meetu.ps/e/LLsvP/LSKPJ/i>

Welcome to AAUW!

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, goldracket@aol.com

or Sandy Hays, sanhaydaisy@gmail.com



Judith Entwife Jan. 7
Pat Banasky Jan. 9
Kathy Cole Jan. 9
Sally Ann Zoller Jan. 10
Mary LeDonne Jan. 19

Welcome to five new members!

Whatcom Branch of AAUW is pleased to welcome these new members, all Bellingham residents, who have joined since our November newsletter was published:

Beth Brownfield
Valinda Makar
Patti Robison
Nancy Simmers
Naomi Gary

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

State AAUW news and notes

Our 2023 Annual State Meeting will be hybrid style. Please mark April 14th through 16th on your calendar. We will be convening in Walla Walla, so if planning to attend in person, plan on most of a day for travel on the 14th. We will also be planning some strictly optional events for Friday night. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

Haven't you always secretly thought how things would be better if you were in charge? Well, this is your chance. There are going to be several seats available on the state board next year including president and director for programs. Please consider volunteering to be nominated. It's your turn and we know you'd do a great job!

At our most recent state board meeting, the board adopted revised Policies and Procedures. You can find them at: <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/files/2022/12/AAUW-WA-PolProc-12-15-2022-APPROVED.pdf>

They are by no means perfect, but they much more closely represent what we do and how we do it than the previous document. We'll probably take another crack at them after the Annual Meeting.

State has a new College and University Chair/Liaison, Nadine Stecklein. Please contact her at: collegerelations@aauw-wa.org

Next board meeting Jan 28 via zoom

Judi Edwards, CCP, MBA
Whatcom/Bellingham Branch President

Calendar of coming events

Jan. 14 General meeting at Mt. Baker Theatre Encore Room, 10 a.m.

Jan. 25 Soiree for members and guests. Check Meetup website for more info.

Jan. 26 AAUW Book Club, noon at Affinity Apartments Library. Book is *The Yellow Wife*, by Sadeqa Johnson.

Jan. 28 Exec Board meeting, 9 a.m. .via Zoom.



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. sthorp5@comcast.net

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