



Getting airborne: This photo of Tech Trek campers visiting the Museum of Flight in Tukwila is a great metaphor for what AAUW aims to do — give young women confidence that the sky’s the limit as they plan their futures. See more on this page and Pages 2 & 3 about the camp and our September Tech Trek-themed meeting.

Photo courtesy of Judy Fruhbauer

Science teacher to speak at September 16th meeting

Will Middlebrooks, a 7th grade science teacher at Shuksan Middle School, will speak at our September general meeting.. He has been involved with Tech Trek since we began the program in Bellingham. He recommends great candidates and supports them throughout the application process. Members may recognize him as he always attends our September meeting. He says he is very honored to be asked to speak and is looking forward to it.

The meeting will be held at the Mount Baker Theatre Encore Room, starting at 10 a.m. *We are going to try our pre-pandemic practice of having members bring finger foods. It is the turn for those with names beginning with N through Z.*

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Tech Trek is theme for Sept. 16 meeting

Mount Baker Theatre Encore Room, 10 a.m.

We hope to have our **Tech Trek campers** at the meeting. They are Sherlyn Montalvo, Gwenyth Brown and Brenda Sanchez, Fairhaven Middle School; Leah Montano-Camacho, Shuksan MS; Lauren Alanis, Kulshan MS; Tessa Cherry, Whatcom MS, and Lucy Trowbridge, not pictured. Our own AAUW-Whatcom member Judy Fruhbauer was once again a camp counselor.

As well as the **“N thru Zs” bringing snacks**, we encourage members to bring a small donation for our College Pantry. We will also have a donation jar for anyone who would like to help us cover our meeting expenses, such as room rent.



Gwenyth Brown



Brenda Sanchez



Lauren Alanis



Sherlyn Montalvo



Tessa Cherry



Leah Montano-Camacho



This is what Community is all about!

Thanks to the Community Food Co-op for choosing AAUW's **Tech Trek** program as a recipient for their Community Shopping Day, and thanks to all the folks in our community who shopped at the Co-op on "our" day. The Tech Trek program received \$2700, or 2%, in proceeds from the stores' sales that day.

All of that \$2700 goes directly to Tech Trek, to support the week-long science summer camp program, where middle school girls get a taste of college campus life and classes, as well as exciting field trips.

Branch member George Edwards takes part in the Community Shopping Day for Tech Trek.



Woo-Hoo!! Members of the Tech Trek Committee show off the \$2700 check AAUW received from the Community Food Co-op after our Community Shopping Day in July. From left: Pam Sankey, Danette Keegan, Maggie Moore, Esther Golde and Judy Fruhbauer. Committee members not pictured, Jean Cox-Treverton and Kathy Jenkis.

NEWS from the College Relations/Scholarship Committee

WCC scholarship recipient announced

Our summer has been a bit busy with the suggested choices for our Whatcom Community College scholarship. We were asked to choose our 3 best candidates from a list of 22! We did hear that one of our choices, Megan Jones, would be the recipient of our scholarship. She has a double major, Business and Accounting, and hopes to transfer to a 4-year institution in the future. She is a single mom with a hungry 15-year-old! She volunteers to help manage the Sumas Food Pantry that currently is run out of a motel and she also works 40 hours a week! We hope she will visit with us this year at one of our meetings.

An important project for this committee this year will be to re-write our qualifications for our scholarships for WCC, BTC, and NWIC. The current language in our documents do not meet the “inclusiveness” standards currently imposed upon public institutions. If you would like to participate in this discussion for changes needed, please join us! I will be calling a meeting within the next several weeks. Please contact me, Carol Simmer.

Thank you,

Carol Simmer,

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Summer Barbecue: WWU President Sabah Randhawa welcomed guests to the 2023 WWU Foundation Summer Barbecue on August 15th. Cathie Oberg and Carol Simmer attended for AAUW-Whatcom.

Remember our College Pantry!

If the spirit moves you, please bring non-perishable food items, toiletries or cash for our College Pantry program, to the next meeting. We alternate among our local colleges so that each month one of them receives a donation for students in need.

