



AAUW
BELLINGHAM (WA) BRANCH

Invites you to
Our First Fall Meeting of the Year
Saturday, September 13
10:00 to 12:00

Featured Speakers
Amy Hanlon
Director of Technology Outreach
SPIE, Int'l Society for Optics and Photonics
(and a supporter of our Tech Trek Girls)

and

Our Tech Trek 2025 girls:
Liv Jones – Shuksan MS
Aubrey Briggs-Bauer - Shuksan MS
Olivia Selby – Fairhaven MS
Jayna Raine Perez – Fairhaven MS
Raya Pac-Green – Whatcom MS

sharing their camp experiences

Friends and families are invited.
Light refreshments will be served.

See page 2 for more
information on our Saturday
meeting.



More information about our Sept. 13 meeting

The next Whatcom Branch meeting is set Sept. 13 at the Bellingham Public School District Office, 1985 Barkley Blvd. (across from the Regal Barkley Theater) from 10 a.m. to noon.

- There is parking behind the school district office — no need to cross the street from the theater parking area.
- Coffee will be provided. **All members are asked to bring finger foods for this special event honoring our Tech Trek guests.**

We will hear from this year's Tech Trek campers about their experiences at the summer science camp, and from a speaker with a special connection to Tech Trek.

We will be privileged to hear Amy Hanlon, Director of Technology Outreach for SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics. Her degrees are MS, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Stanford 2014; MS Chemistry, MIT, 2006; MS Materials Science, UC Santa Barbara, 2004.

The local SPIE office has generously donated camper scholarships for the past several years, and we are delighted to honor them for their support.

Serving a global membership of over 25,000, the group brings together engineers, scientists, students and business professionals to advance light-based science and technology.



Supporting the University: From left, Gwen Parker, Uzma Ahmad, Carol Simmer and Phyllis Kiehn were among several AAUW members, past and present, attending the Western Washington University Foundation salmon barbecue in August. AAUW receives two tickets for the event each year, in recognition of the endowment the branch set up several years ago, which provides scholarships for two or more students most years. Carol is our College Relations chairperson, and Uzma is the wife of WWU President Sabha Randhawa, not pictured, but busy visiting with many Foundation members.

Note: There's nothing to stop AAUW members from adding to our endowment!

Reinstating a former practice

At the July AAUW Whatcom executive board meeting, it was voted to reinstate our former practice of asking members for **a \$5 donation at each monthly meeting**. Purpose of this is to defray the cost of room rental. Occasionally, we get a free spot, but not often!



Casual Coffee dates

In July, two coffee socials were held for AAUW members and friends at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club — arrangements compliments of BG&CC member Carol Simmer. At the first event, we sat at a table for eight, but ended up with eleven or twelve crowded around it — not because we couldn't have started a second table, but because it was more fun to all be together!

From top left: Cathie Oberg, Elsie Heinrick, Judy Paulson, Carol Simmer; Jean Cox-Treverton, Susan Spaetgens Thorp, Kay Davin and Susan Moen.



Book Club news

The AAUW Book Club will meet September 25, 12:30 p.m. at Affinity Apartments Library, 3930 Affinity Lane. **Guests are welcome!**

Contact: Gwen Parker, 360-224-6027 — parker.gwen@comcast.net

The August meeting was cancelled. So, **we will read the August book in September:** *How to Read a Book: A Novel*, by Monica Wood
National Bestseller * From the award-winning author of *The One-in-a-Million Boy* comes a heartfelt novel about a chance encounter at a bookstore, exploring redemption, unlikely friendships, and the life-changing power of sharing stories.

That makes our October book:

Trick Mirror, by Jia Tolentino

NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY AND HARVARD CRIMSON, a collection of nine essays about Southern life.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY!

MARGO HAMMOND	3
JUDY PAULSON	10
CATHERINE CHAMBERS	12
CAROLYN KINNE	16
CANDACE WELLMAN	18
GEORGE EDWARDS	20

September Calendar

- Sept. 6 State meeting in Toppenish
- Sept. 13 General meeting, 10 a.m. at Bellingham School District Offices
- Sept. 25 Book Club at Affinity Apartments library.
- Sept. 27 Executive board meeting via Zoom. (All members welcome Contact Judi Edwards for a Zoom connection.)



Welcome to AAUW

How to join or renew

AAUW Whatcom Membership Renewal or joining as a new member is easily done online at <https://www.aauw.org/membership> or mail a check to:

AAUW Whatcom Treasurer
PO Box 29862
Bellingham, WA. 98228

Regular Membership: \$95.00
Other Membership:
Event Special: \$57.00
Friend of AAUW: \$10.00
College Students: \$18.81

Contact:
Carol Simmer
carollsimmer@gmail.com

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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