PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

(Submitted by Evie Novak, President)

I am excited to start the 2018-2019 year. This is an exciting time for women. We are in a time of great possibilities. I remember in the 1970’s, I thought women would break every glass ceiling, obtain equal pay and have no barriers to opportunities. Well, the bad news is we do not have that equality in all professions.

The GREAT NEWS is that AAUW continues to work towards equality! AAUW is mission-focused toward meaningful impact for women and girls. The AAUW 2018 Strategic Plan was launched—“Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls”.

The Mission is to advance gender equity through research, education and advocacy. The Strategic Focus Areas are: Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership, Governance and Sustainability.

Please take a few moments to review the full plan on the following link:

https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/

In the coming months, we will explore opportunities to help achieve Equality for Women and Girls in our communities.

We are powerful and can make a difference, while having fun!

"Gender equality is not a woman’s issue, it is a human issue. It affects us all."

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:

(Submitted by Jan Gardner, Tech Trek Chair)

Tech Trek 2018 was a resounding success! Under the guidance of Jessica Koeberle, our outgoing chair, our Tech Trek committee selected 11 rising 8th-grade girls to be sent to the 3 STEM camps given at PLU and EWU. Jessica also volunteered to be a dorm monitor at PLU for the first week of camp at that site. And what stories they all have to tell! Please join us on September 8th starting at 10am, at the Coupeville United Methodist Church for our first meeting of the season and to hear the girls and Jessica talk about their camp experiences. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Social time starts at 9:30. This is our annual potluck brunch, so please bring something to share with members, campers, and parents.

Saturday, September 8, 2018
10:00 a.m. to noon
9:30 a.m. Social, 10 a.m. Program

Coupeville United Methodist Church
608 N. Main Street, Coupeville
Elree Harris & Candi Rohr
Program Co-Vice Presidents
INSTALLATION OF 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Submitted by Nancy Kenyon, Newsletter Editor; photos by Barb Bland and Diane Peters)

On Saturday, June 9, 2018, AAUW-Whidbey Island members met at the Whidbey Golf Club in Oak Harbor for the annual Installation Brunch Buffet. We said goodbye to the 2017-2018 Board of Directors and hello to the 2018-2019 Board members. Also at the luncheon we recognized the 2017-2018 Honorees who have been active and done exceptional work for the Whidbey Island Branch.

The 2018-2019 newly installed board members (from left to right): Sue Norman, Vice President; Candi Rohr, Co-Vice President Programs; Gunda Vesque, Co-Vice President Membership; Sheila Saul, Co-Vice President Membership; Evie Novak, President; Nancy Kenyon, Secretary; Wanda Grone, Treasurer; Elree Harris, Co-Vice President Programs.

The Honorees for the 2017-2018 year are Gunda Vesque and Jan Gardner. Gunda was recognized for her extraordinary dedication to hospitality and fundraising, and Jan for her many contributions to the STEM Award Committee, Women in History, fashion show and for taking on the role of webmaster. Jan will also assume the responsibility of Tech Trek coordinator for the upcoming year.
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

(Submitted by Sheila Saul, Co-VP Membership and Evie Novak, President)

Branch Directory Updates:

Sept. 15 is the deadline for current members to change their profiles for the upcoming directory. Oct. 1 is the deadline for new members to submit profiles and pictures. Please send your information to Sarah Mackaman, Editor of the Branch Directory. The 2018-2019 Branch Directory will continue to be printed and in its current format. Thank you so much Sarah for all your hard work creating our Branch Directory.

We are looking into having the 2019-2020 Branch Directory on-line. It would be located in our website under the member’s only tab. This location is protected from the public. The Branch Directory would be in a printable version. Currently we have a PDF version of the directory on the website: whidbeyisland-wa.aauw.net. Please contact Jan Gardner if you need the password to the member’s only tab.

Fall Social for New/Prospective Members:

Please refer prospective members to Sheila Saul or Gunda Vesque; we will contact them as soon as possible and invite you to accompany them to the social. The social will be held on Saturday, September 22, 3-5 PM at the home of Sheila Saul in OH. This gathering is for new and prospective members, their sponsors, and our Executive Board. If you plan to attend with a guest, please respond to Sheila Saul before September 18.

2018 CALENDAR

AAUW Meetings and Events

September 8, 2018, Sat. 10:00 to noon
Brunch Potluck and Tech Trekkers
Coupeville United Methodist Church
(Board meeting to be held immediately after)

October 13, 2018, Sat. 10:00 to noon
Deception Pass Ranger
Coupeville United Methodist Church
(Board meeting to be held immediately after)

November 10, 2018, Sat. 10:00 am - noon
Maureen Murphy, Owner
Bayview Farm and Garden, Bayview

November 10, 2018, Sat. 12:30 to 2:00
Board Meeting
Evie Novak’s house

December 15, Sat. Time: To be Announced
(note date is one week later than usual)
Holiday Luncheon
Useless Bay Golf and Country Club

Articles and Photos for the October 2018 issue of The Islander News are due to Nancy Kenyon, Editor, by the 20th of October 2018.

Help Wanted !!!!
We need help with Hospitality. Lou Hartley has retired from this program after years of being a Chair Person. Please let Gunda know if you have an interest in this program. You can reach out to Gunda Vesque or Lou Hartley for information about the Hospitality program.
September and October Birthdays

Schrock, Linda 09/10
Mathewson-Kerr, Mona 09/15
LaFond, Carole 09/19
Williams, Julie 10/01
Klein, Kay 10/02
Christensen, Donna 10/02
Aiello, Cindy 10/05
O’Grady, Alice 10/10
Thompson, Babette 10/18
Toft, Rosemary 10/21

Happy Birthday Ladies!!!!!

The following thank you letter was received from 2018 AAUW-WI Academic Scholarship Winner – Nora Anastasi

Angie Hensel + Scholarship Committee and Donors,
Thank you so much for your very generous contribution to my education. Your donation will go such a long way and truly benefit me in furthering my education. I am so honored you chose me as this year’s AAUW Scholarship winner. I am so excited for the years to come and for this next chapter of my life, you made it possible.

With gratitude,
Nora Anastasi 😘
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Gourmet #2 Baker’s Dozen
Baker’s Dozen will be lunching at the home of Linda McNamara on Friday September 7 at 11:30 am. The theme will be “Picnic by the Sea” since she is now temporarily living in her beach house. Bring jackets and sun hats. One never know what the weather will be! Please call Pat Lokanis for further information.

Book Group #1 The Book Club
AAUW Book Group 1 will meet at Nancy Hodges home, 10 am September 3 (Mon.), to discuss Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. All are welcome.

Book Group #3 Cheryl’s Readers
Weds, September 26, 10 am at the Coupeville Library. The title is Broken Harbor by Tana French. For more information contact: Pam Troug, Chair

International Affairs
Fri, September 28, 10 am to noon at the Coupeville Library. Please note the change of date due to unavailability of the Coupeville Library. We will discuss Chapter 1, The Waning of Pax Americana in the 2018 Great Decision Book. Facilitators: Clare Christianson and Mary Pattison. For more information contact: Betti Jordan, Chair

Garden Group
The final meeting of the garden club year will be Tues. September 25th. We will be visiting members’ gardens, having lunch at Pickles and concluding with tea at Julie Williams. We will meet next March to plan the following year. Contact Vonnie Secketa if interested.