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Red poll. Photo courtesy of Bernard Marschner

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

**Saturday, April 18
11 am to 1 pm
Raven Landing
Building 2 Commons**

April is the month in which we honor our scholarship winners at a special luncheon. This year it will be hosted by Pat Turner and Suzanne Black in their Building #2 at Raven Landing. Please enter the main door and someone will direct you to the correct room.

Our menu will consist of soup and salad, beverages and dessert. The cost of \$20 will cover everything including gratuity. We have reserved for 25 people and must meet that quota, so we hope that as many of you as possible will attend. Please write any checks payable to AAUW.

RESERVATIONS need to be made with Pat Turner no later than **SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 12TH**. She may be reached at home 479-2360 or cell 687-2744.

Since dues are effective starting July 1st we usually begin to collect them at this luncheon. You may pay our treasurer directly at this time. It is now possible to pay them on-line and directions for doing so will follow soon.

MARCH ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Eighteen women were in attendance at the potluck at Aldean Kilbourn's. As usual, the food was fantastic and the friendships deepened. Carol Schlentner joined us from Lake Minchumina via phone (but sadly didn't get to share the cuisine). Reports were given by all the officers, and the slate of officers for 2015-16 presented by the nominating committee was adopted by unanimous consent. Kayt Sunwood gave a presentation on the activities of the Women's Center at UAF. Kayt is our AAUW- University liaison. She has been actively promoting many of National AAUW's publications, films, and projects during her UAF activities. The annual meeting is the time when we come together to remind ourselves of our mission and our relation to other branches.



A SCARF LEFT AT ANNUAL MEETING

Does the lovely hand knit scarf that was left hanging on a door at Aldean's belong to you? If yes please call Carla Willetto at 452-8989 or 978-4511, or send a message to cewilletto@alaska.edu.

DUES ARE DUE SOON!

On-Line Payment Option: You can always pay your annual dues the traditional way to our treasurer by check, but if you prefer to use a credit card, the on-line payment option is now active for renewing your 2015-16 membership.

To renew on-line: Go to <http://www.aauw.org>. Click LOGIN at the top of the page. Enter your MEMBER ID and PASSWORD. If you do not have a password, register first. When you register, a confirmation email is sent to the email on record for you in the aauw database. Once logged in, scroll to the bottom of any page and click MEMBER TOOLS, then click MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE. Select RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP and pay with your credit card. If you have questions, call Gael at 479-0804.

SOCIAL MEDIA/FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook user, please check out our local branch's Group and Page. In addition to the Facebook Private Group "AAUW Fairbanks Branch" which only posts to members who have joined the group, we have created a Public Facebook Page "AAUW Fairbanks AK Branch" for our branch. That page will be used for information that is appropriate for the general public, such as publicizing the Annual House Tour, Scholarship information, or meetings open to the public. Please continue to use the Group for information that is private and use the public Page for information that can be public. Please "Like" the Facebook Page to give us more visibility.

AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

Voting opens April 15 and closes June 19.

For more information, please go to

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

There you can learn about the candidates for the national AAUW Board of Directors, and check for details on the proposed changes to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program. A Voter Guide is posted on-line and also will be included with the Spring/Summer issue of *Outlook*.

To vote on-line, you will need your **membership ID** and **voter PIN**, which will be printed on the **back cover of your Spring/Summer Outlook**.

BOOK CLUB

- Date:** April 13 (Monday), 1:30 pm
Title/Author: “Wind Is Not A River” by Brian Payton (fiction, 2014)
Location: Home of Jodi Gouwens, 924 Kellum St, Unit 304 (Linck Estates) 474-9144
- Date:** May 11 (Monday) 1:30 pm
Title/Author: “Still Alice” by Lisa Genova (fiction 2009)
Location: To be determined
- Date:** June 8 (Monday) 1:30
Title/Author: Any book by or about Gloria Steinem. She is scheduled to speak at UAF Summer Sessions on June 12 (Friday). Her website is <http://www.gloriasteinem.com/>
Location: To be determined

WRITERS’ GROUP

- Date:** April 15 (Thursday)
Location: Pike’s Landing

Aspiring writers, or all who like to jot down their thoughts, are welcome at the writers group. Bring something you wrote to share, either a few lines or a poem, essay, letter, or short story. Length is not important... nor is any level of proficiency. We like to eat and share! Call Rose Levno for further info (488-7227).



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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Karen Emerson stayed one month in Kuwait City, Kuwait visiting her son and his wife. The average temperature was 70 degrees. She left just as the “hot season” was beginning. She hopes to go back again sometime in the fall. Her son is a civilian contractor working on a large project in Kuwait City involving 2-3 million people. It spreads out and covers most of Kuwait.

Gretchen Murphy has a Rotary Exchange student living with her this year. She is Eszter Szabo, a Hungarian girl from Budapest. Eszter Szabo is friends with Gretchen’s granddaughter, Nieca, and they participate in many school activities together. An interesting side note is that **Phyllis Hagglund’s** daughter is one of their favorite teachers at West Valley High School. Eszter hopes to visit a native village because she has lived in Greenland and visited villages there. Gretchen has not yet learned Hungarian. It is very difficult to learn more than a few words of Hungarian.

Vera Alexander seldom says anything about herself. On March 15th at the AAUW annual meeting she did not mention that there had been a feature story about her in the Daily News Miner that day telling about an award just presented to her regarding her work in bringing the science research vessel, Sekuliak, to fruition after years of work. The writer mentioned Vera’s “crisp white hair” which must have puzzled many (including Vera). She was wearing a “crisp white shirt” in the accompanying photo. Two weeks ago Vera went to New York to the Explorers Club of which she is a member. Was it the annual Explorers Club dinner at which there is exotic food served and where the scientists give reports on their latest research/findings? Did Vera have Penguin Pate or Kangaroo Kabobs? Did she tell about the launching of the Sekuliak? Please tell us more, Dr. Alexander, or do we have to google you?

Pat Babcock reports she and Wynola Possenti had a fine visit with **Carol Schlentner** at her Denali West Lodge near Lake Minchumina and fifty miles from Denali. Carol showed them true Alaskan hospitality and a healthy



lifestyle, while introducing them to chaga, a medicinal mushroom that grows on birch trees, that is the heavyweight champion of all antioxidants. It is highly valued throughout Asia and Europe as a health food and as a medicine. They



welcomed the first sign of spring with seeing the Compton Tortoiseshell Butterfly that came out of hibernation on the dining room windowsill. Working at her wood cookstove Carol served a delicious moose roast and whitefish with all the trimmings to a gathering of several people who came from the village of Lake Minchumina via dog team and snow machine. Taking a sauna afterwards was a delight to the many guests. Pat and Wynola truly enjoyed a very nice stay and met some wonderful people.

