

# NEWSLETTER



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## FEBRUARY MEETING

11:00 am

Saturday, February 21st

Women's Center

Wood Center at UAF

### “The Evolution of Title IX”

A presentation and discussion given by

Ana Richards,

Coordinator of the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity

UAF

and

Keith Mallard

Police Chief of UAF

AAUW was very instrumental in the passage of the legislation known as Title IX. This began as a piece of legislation included in the Education Amen

dments 1972 and provided that no one should be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. This resulted in a big change for girls by opening the door for competitive sports teams and for equal physical education facilities as well as to all educational and extracurricular programs.

Ana Richards is the Coordinator of the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity at UAF. She will be assisted by Mae Marsh of the same office.

Police Chief Keith Mallard has been instrumental in the process of change as directed by Title IX. He will also introduce the new Green Dot Program that is being introduced to UAF. This is a national bystander intervention program being adopted on many college campuses.

Parking on UAF campus is free and readily available on weekends. Please fee free to copy and post the flyer attached at the end of this newsletter.

## **NOTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING**

Seven AAUW members, including new member Katherine (Kathi) Cameron, and a guest attended the January meeting titled "Getting to Know You" on Jan. 15th, 10am at Raven Landing. Special Thanks go out to Pat Turner, Suzanne Black and their Raven Landing friends who organized the meeting space in The Commons in Bldg. 2. Members provided coffee and delicious snacks. President Ritchie Musick asked members to share something previously unknown about themselves with the group. Not surprisingly, our members all had varied and interesting backgrounds and experiences, and conversation was lively. Kathi brought one of her homemade PVC flutes and played for the group. She first made these as a classroom project in music while incorporating skills such as math, design and art. She now makes them to sell locally at craft markets and bizarres. Gael Murakami passed around one of her books of sketches for members to view. A good time was had by all who attended! Margret Van Flein made and brought flyers advertising the opportunity to apply for the AAUW scholarships.



## **OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE IN MARCH**

Please mark your calendars for 6 pm, Monday evening, March 16th for our annual meeting. It will be a potluck at the home of Aldean Kilbourn. Officers will be elected and Kayt Sunwood will be our featured speaker.

## **HOUSE TOUR**

Our annual house tour is scheduled for July 11th. We need new members on the committee that plans this tour. This program entirely funds our scholarship program. Members can choose an area to focus on: locating houses, assigning hostesses, advertising (flyers, TV, radio, newspaper), ticket and flyer printing, ticket distribution, flowers, and miscellaneous jobs. We should all be helping with a part of its organization as well as its operation. Please call or e-mail Margaret Soden to volunteer for the committee. Our first meeting will be coming up in early March.

## **DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIPS**

Members have generously donated \$200 thus far to our 2015 scholarship deficit of \$500 caused by last year's house tour failing to make enough income. Donations are cheerfully accepted reducing our need to fund raise for this shortfall and are tax deductible. Include the word "scholarship" on your check.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Information is out on our two scholarships, the Ann Rhian and the Nancy Johnson. Each is for \$1000 and offered to a woman returning to school or upgrading her education. At the end of this newsletter you will find a flyer attached. Please print one off and post it somewhere you think it would be noticed.

## UPDATE ON FAIRBANKS WEBSITE

The Fairbanks Branch Website can be reached at <http://fairbanks-ak.aauw.net>

Information about applying for the Branch Scholarships is contained in the SCHOLARSHIP section. Please refer potential applicants to the website.

There is a link to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) from the branch website. Please check out the latest news about women's issues. There are various email newsletters that you can receive to keep you up-to-date.

Gael Murakami has done an awesome job setting us up and maintaining our website. Be sure and check it out. You will even be able to renew dues online if you so desire when the time comes. We will keep you informed step by step as needed...or contact Gael with any questions or comments you may have about the site.

## BOOK CLUB

**Date:** February 9 (Monday), 1:30 pm  
**Title/Author:** "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline [fiction]  
**Location:** Home of Glenda Burbank, 1280 Overhill Drive, 479-3804

**Date:** March 9 (Monday), 1:30 pm  
**Title/Author:** "Rocket Girl: The Story of Mary Sherman Morgan, America's First Female Rocket Scientist" by George D. Morgan (non-fiction, 2013)  
**Location:** Home of Jodi Gouwens, 924 Kellum St. Unit 304 (Linck Estates), 474-9144



## WRITERS GROUP

**Date, February 18 (Thursday) 11:30 am**  
**Location: Pikes 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)

## NEW MEMBER

We have a new member. She is a 2014 graduate of University of Alaska Fairbanks with a BA degree in Anthropology. Please update your directory to include her contact information.

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# DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

It seems that for some reason a number of our e-mails have been altered by a mysterious “cyber being” to read gci.com instead of gci.net. Please correct the following names to read as given below:

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## HAVE YOU HEARD?

**Margaret Soden:** Margaret and husband, Larry, returned to Fairbanks February 8th after hosting relatives and friends in Maui for nearly 3 fully occupied weeks. She’ll be plenty busy with AAUW duties as the House Tour Chairman, and various other projects when she gets back home.

**Carol Schlentner:** Carol has just returned to Alaska after a lengthy trip home to visit her mother and family in New York. After her visit, Carol had a great adventure riding Amtrak trains from Chicago to Denver, and all the way out to Reno where she ultimately hopped a flight back to Fairbanks. Carol will return to Lake Minchumina around the 8th of February. She is currently on the Nominating Committee for next year’s officers.

**Karen Emerson:** New member Karen Emerson retired from the Anchorage School District, where she had been a teacher and Administrator. She moved to Fairbanks to be closer to her 3 grandchildren and son, Will Emerson (a local chiropractor). She graduated with an M.E.D from, Colorado State University and an MA in Education from UAA. Karen has accepted the invitation to be on our House Tour Committee, but will not be able to attend the February meeting as she leaves on the 17th for a month to visit her other son and his wife, in Kuwait.

**Monique Musick:** New member Monique Musick, a life-long Alaskan, was born and raised in Ester. She received a B.A. in Journalism from UAF with a minor in English. She is also finishing an Applied Business degree through the Community and Technical College. Monique previously owned/operated her own business, running a photo studio and gallery in Ester called PhotoSynthesis, and really enjoyed the work. She currently works for the University of Alaska Office of Public Affairs doing what she enjoys most: photography, writing, communications and graphic design. She recently purchased her old family home in Ester. She has much fun gardening and working around the house. It’s a lot of work, but probably the most rewarding thing she’s done yet. In her free time she enjoys photography, motor sports, outdoor activities, camping, music and time with friends.

**Carla Willetto** recently returned from balmy, albeit windy, North Dakota where her daughter, Anne, competed in the Junior Nationals Curling Championships. Anne was the only 6th grader in the bonspiel, and she and her team garnered lots of compliments about their skill-level and maturity for such a young team. It was quite the spectacle to see 20+ teams, all consisting of 12-21 year olds, all curling at once. Here in Fairbanks there’s only one team of teenagers amongst a room full of adults. They did not win lots of games, but sure learned a lot about performing under pressure (while being live-streamed!).





## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fairbanks Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is offering **two (2) \$1,000 scholarships** to local women with **plans to upgrade their education or to pursue educational projects.**

The awards will be based primarily on merit.

Each applicant should write a letter stating her educational background, why she wants to continue her education, her educational goals, her needs, and how she plans to use her education in the future.

If the applicant wishes to pursue an educational project instead of taking formal classes, she should describe the project and how she plans to use the award money to complete it.

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY: MARCH 1, 2015**

Letters should be sent to:

**AAUW Fairbanks Branch Scholarship Committee**

**Barbara Van Flein, Chair**

**P.O. Box 82345**

**Fairbanks, AK 99708-2345**

- AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.
- AAUW is a nationwide organization open to anyone holding an associate's (or equivalent), bachelor's, or higher degree from an accredited college or university.

For information regarding these scholarships, please contact:

**Barbara Van Flein – 457-2788**

Or visit [fairbanks-ak.aauw.net/scholarships](http://fairbanks-ak.aauw.net/scholarships)



# *The Evolution of Title IX*

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**Office of Diversity & Equal Opportunity**

University of Alaska Fairbanks

**Keith Mallard**

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***All Are Welcome***



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