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January Meeting

Saturday, January 17th

10:00 am

Raven Landing

Building #2 Commons Room

“Getting to Know You”

In January we have one of our favorite themes dedicated to learning about our fellow AAUW members. “Getting to Know You” was the theme of a State AAUW convention held in Fairbanks around 1970. It is also a popular song from “The King and I”. Some of you may remember the song and others may remember the convention. We all can agree, however, that the concept is an ongoing great idea!

Come willing to share a few things about yourself, perhaps something new that you have tried in the past few years.... or something that others might not know about you but would find interesting. Do you have a special interest, talent, hobby or past time? Have you had a recent adventure? Are you working on a new project? Bring something to show us!

New members are encouraged to use this time to tell us about your background and accomplishments and what brought you to AAUW. Help us get to know you!

Park in front of the large Dining Room/Community Center and enter the front door. Access to Building #2 will be down the hall from the commons.

DECEMBER MEETING WAS LOTS OF FUN!

Our annual holiday party in the home of Mike and Ritchie Musick was fun and food filled! Twenty people gathered to exchange gifts, share a potluck, and donate gifts to the Women's Shelter. We had twelve members and eight guests. The white elephant gift exchange is always fun, and the handcuffs were in demand! The following day Ritchie took two huge garbage bags filled with gifts for the Christmas store at the Fairbanks Center for Nonviolent Living. These included children's toys, lotions and potions and toiletries for ladies, other miscellaneous gifts, decorations for Christmas trees, and holiday wrapping paper. Thank you one and all for your generosity! (See last page for photos taken.)

PLAN AHEAD FOR FEBRUARY

Next month's meeting on Saturday, February 21st will be held in Wood Center on UAF campus and open to the general public. It will be on "The Evolution of Title 9" and give us all background on the implementation of this important legislation for equity. Ana Richards from the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity will be our keynote speaker possibly with help from the UAF Chief of Police, Keith Mallard. You won't want to miss this one. Plan to bring your friends!

BOOK CLUB

- Date:** January 12 (Monday), 1:30 pm
- Title/Author:** "Boots, Bikes, and Bombers: Adventures of Alaska
Conservationist Ginny Hill Wood"
(Oral History by Karen Brewster (Editor))
- Location:** Home of Margret Van Flein, 924 Kellum St. Unit 208
(Linck Estates), 457-4671
- 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

WRITERS GROUP

- Date:** January 15 (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).

UPDATE ON FAIRBANKS BRANCH WEBSITE

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

If you forget the exact name, just do a Google search for Fairbanks AAUW Branch and you should be able to find it.

We have changed the password for the NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE to be: 1881 which should be easy to remember since it is the date that AAUW was founded.

We have added information about the history of the branch in a sub-menu in the ABOUT US section. All of this information came from “Sixty-Three Years” American Association of University Women compiled by the Fairbanks Branch in 1999.

Also, information about applying for the Branch Scholarships is contained in the SCHOLARSHIP section. If you know anyone interested please refer them to the website.

Our branch has also joined the National AAUW’s Membership Payment option so that members can renew their memberships on-line with a credit card. There is a link to that section of the national website from the right-hand RELATED LINKS on the HOME page. It can be reached from the Member Services Database.

Please check out the new site and forward any comments using the email in the CONTACT US section.

FUND RAISING

We passed our budget with a notation to fund raise for \$500 in order to maintain both our scholarships. We have received \$100 in donations but still need some ideas for raising the remainder. We are looking for a few creative heads to serve on an ad hoc committee to plan a simple fund raiser in the spring. We are thinking of something to tie in with “Equity Pay Day” on April 14th. If interested in helping please contact Ritchie. We are also thrilled to accept donations made out to AAUW noting Scholarship in the memo. That way it is entirely tax deductible.



Bohemian Waxwing. Photo: Courtesy of Bernard Marschner.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Cat Stewart, Ellen Whitcher's caregiver and social secretary, was surprised and amused to read all about herself in the December newsletter. She is not a new member, nor a former member. That was Kathy Cameron's bio as she is the new member. We hoped both Cat and Kathy would be at the Christmas party, but Kathy was home with a cold. Cat, with her sparkling antlers, remained the imposter. We hope they will both be at the January meeting to introduce themselves and reveal the REAL Kathy Cameron.

Kathy Cameron is our new member to whom this biography belongs. She obtained her original BA from California State University at Chico in music with a double minor in art/English. She did post graduate studies in Forestry, Special Education, and Native Studies. She has taught band, classroom music, fine art and been a classroom teacher for K-2 and special ed. She also worked five years in the forest service. Cat was a member of AAUW in Fort Bragg CA in the early '80's. She is currently a substitute teacher and does "on-call" work at Corner 101 Apts. In summer you may find her working at Gold Dredge 8 in Fox. Please accept this editor's apology, Kathy! We look forward to getting to know all our new members.

Now that **Vera Alexander** is so-called retired, it is finally time for her to travel on non-scientific business. In November, she went to Orlando, Florida for 9 days of Avatar training, and after that flew to London to visit her daughter, Elizabeth. Elizabeth has given up a long career with Microsoft to work on her doctorate at Royal Holloway University, part of the University of London. Her field is political geography, and her master's project was on citizen perceptions on the Scottish referendum. They visited, took a road trip to Warwick (stayed at a 16th century farmhouse B&B) and went to Nottinghamshire to visit Vera's long-time friend. Upon their return to Elizabeth's house in Windsor, they hosted a genuine U.S. Thanksgiving dinner. Vera enjoyed getting together with cousins during the visit. Elizabeth was a member of our AAUW branch in the far distant past.

Aldean Kilbourn and her husband, David, spent a great week at Christmas in Flagstaff, AZ. Their children and their spouses rented a large home for the occasion. The temperatures went from 50°F to 5°/14°F with snow on Christmas day. Elk roamed the golf course, and many different birds visited a couple of bird feeders.

Any contributions for Have You Heard in future issues,
please call Ellen Whitcher at 456-4518



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PHOTOS FROM THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

