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Pasque Flowers. Photo courtesy of Denise Bates.

Annual Membership

Meeting

Monday, March 16

Home of Aldean Kilbourn

3217 Riverview Dr

6:30 pm

Potluck Dinner

March is our Annual General Membership Meeting. Come hear the official reports on all our yearly activities and vote for our officers for 2014-2015. Kayt Sunwood will present the featured program explaining the work of the UAF Women's Center and telling how our missions relate. Kayt is our official AAUW - UAF liaison.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. A main dish will be provided but side dishes and desserts are needed. You may call Ellen Whitcher, 456-4518 for further information or to see what may be needed.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Welcome

Introductions of new members

Minutes of meeting March 26, 2014

Financial Summary

New Dues Paying Option

Brief Reports from the following:

Webmaster

Scholarship Committee

House Tour Committee

Book Club

Writers' Group

Historian

Business

Fund Raising

Equal Pay Day celebration

Other

Announcements

Election of officers and nominating committee

Adjournment

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL SLATE

We have a nominating committee who makes sure that we have somebody willing to run for each position. This is only a nomination and by no means a definite appointment. We encourage anybody interested in serving on our Board to volunteer to run for any position. Additional nominations are sought. After all nominations are closed we will vote on the final slate.

The slate presented to date is:

President: Ritchie Musick
Vice President Elect: Gretchen Murphy
Vice President Program: Gael Murakami
Vice President: Membership: Carla Willetto and Pat Babcock
Secretary: Rita Osborne (two year term)
Nominating Committee:

Treasurer is a two year position and Vera Alexander will serve her second year.

BOOK CLUB

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

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: To be determined
Location: To be determined

Date: June 8 (Monday), 1:30 pm
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

FEBRUARY MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED

Eighteen women came to the UAF Wood Center to hear Mae Marsh and Ana Richards present information on the "Evolution of Title IX" and its implications for UAF. We had fifteen members, three guests, plus the two speakers, one of whom has now become a member. It was very enlightening, and all who attended were informed of the mandates put on the University to insure nondiscrimination. We also received information on the Green Dot program which is a positive approach taken to prevent sexual assault. AAUW, the University Women's Center, and the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity are all striving for the same goals.

FEBRUARY MEETING PHOTOS



Mae Marsh and Ana Richards present information on the “Evolution of Title IX” and its implications for UAF.



Receptive audience.



WRITERS' GROUP

Date: March 19 (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 jotted 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).

FUND RAISING

Thanks to several donations to the scholarship fund from our members, we have raised \$300 leaving a deficit of only \$200. We will discuss a way to raise this amount at our annual meeting. A rummage sale has been suggested.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

One of our newest members, **Azara Mohammadi**, was introduced at our February meeting. She is currently employed as a production assistant at Design Services within the Geophysical Institute at UAF. She held several student positions as an undergraduate and graduated in May of 2014 with a BA from UAF in philosophy and cultural anthropology. Azara focused on ethics and food systems, which lead to her concern for Northern food (in)security. In order to address food justice issues as they affect Alaskans, she advocates for the institutional procurement of Alaskan-sourced foods, specifically on the UAF campus through the Chancellor's Student Food Committee.

Our other new member is **Ana Richards** who arranged our February Meeting and gave it the title of the "Evolution of Title IX" Ana is the director of the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity at UAF. Carolyn Gray is delighted because she gave Ana's contact information to Ellen for our February program. Ana is from Panama, and Carolyn was in the Peace Corps in Panama. Ana also expects to be at our annual meeting.

At a recent meeting of the Fairbanks Lions Club two honorary memberships were awarded to **Barbara Matthews** and Claudia Piatt. This is the first time ever that Lions have made "Lionesses". They can attend meetings but cannot vote, hold office, or pay dues. Congratulations, Barbara!

At the end of March **Pat Babcock** and Wynola Possenti are flying out to Lake Minchumina to spend some time with **Carol Schlentner**.

Ritchie Musick needed to take something to the AAUW Writer's group so wrote an article on her feelings about potential oil development in ANWR. She later submitted it as a Community Perspective in the newspaper, and it was published on March 6th. She thanks our AAUW group for the incentive.



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