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Caribou..

Photo: courtesy of Bud Marschner

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Saturday, October 17

10:30 am

Fairbanks Resource Agency
805 Airport Way

It is time for our annual Membership brunch to which all members are encouraged to bring a contribution to the breakfast buffet and a guest as a potential member. For every guest you bring you will receive two tickets for a lovely watercolor painting by Gael Murakami plus other prizes. Each guest will receive one complimentary ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$2.00.

In addition to wonderful food and friendship we will hear a presentation on the important impacts of AAUW by Carla Willetto, our membership VP.

Please contact Joyce Potter at 479-3523 to coordinate food so we don't end up with all muffins. Some suggestions might include a fruit tray, scones, muffins, egg casseroles, meat platters, juice, or your super specialty. Please rsvp by Tuesday Oct 13, but do come even if you forget to respond.

Directions to FRA is to go south on Gillam Street from Airport, turn right at the first intersection which is 14th Ave, and turn into the second driveway. The address is on Airport but access is from 14th St across from Mary Siah.

We hope to see all of you there plus a lot of new potential members.

NEWS FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Fairbanks Branch members gathered at the North Pole Library in September for AAUW news and updates followed by a tour of the wonderful new Library in North Pole.

Gael Murakami updated us on on-line registration procedures and showed us how to use the Membership Database at AAUW. One can now register on-line with a credit card ,and our branch still receives your local dues! There are also many other sources of information available to members.

Carla Willetto gave a Powerpoint presentation on her experiences at the National Convention held in San Diego in June. Attendance at this event always brings inspiration and sends new ideas home to local branches. Thank you, Carla, for representing us there.

We were then given a behind the scenes tour of the North Pole Library which is the newest addition to library services. It is a wonderful resource for our members who live in that direction.



BOOK CLUB

- Date: October 12 (Monday), 1:30 pm
Selection: "Being Mortal : Medicine and What Matters in the End"
by Atul Gawande [non-fiction 2014, paperback due out Sept. 2015]
- Date: November 9 (Monday), 1:30 pm
Selection: "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd [fiction, 2014]
- Date: December 14 (Monday), 1:30 pm
Selection: "The End of Your Life Book Club "by Will Schwalbe. [non-fiction, 2013]

WRITERS GROUP

- Date: October 15, 2015
Location: Pike's Landing (for lunch)

Aspiring writers, or all who like to jot down their thoughts, are welcome at the writers group. Bring something you wrote to share, a few reflective thoughts 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).

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Gael Murakami will have a showing of her watercolor paintings at The Alaska House Gallery, 10th and Cushman, during the month of November. You are invited to the opening reception, 5-8 pm, Friday, November 6th. The title of the show is "Celebrating Denali" and consists of 24 paintings of the Denali Park area.

Sarah Stanley is a new member. She is an instructor at UAF in the English Dept and also serves as the current president of the Breadline, Inc Board that operates the Stone Soup Cafe. Sarah is a really outstanding worker for our community, and we welcome her to our Branch.

Azara Mohammadi is a member we gained last year through the Give a Grad a Gift program. Unfortunately we are now losing her from our branch. She will be moving to California to marry a long-time friend who is less sentimentally attached to Alaska's beauty than she is. She says, "Although I do not know when I will see Ellen or any of the members of AAUW again, I will always remember this group of remarkable women who were so welcoming. Thanks you for your support. I will be following you through the newsletter."

Ellen Whitcher is improving after a recent downturn in her health but still needs lots of care that she cannot get at home. She is now living at Hope Haven Assisted Living, 1511 21st Ave. Visiting hours are from 10 am-6 pm. They ask that we not come from 12-1 pm when they have lunch. Dinner is at 4:30. The phone numbers are 374-9785 and 456-1440. Please call to find out how she is doing and to ask when it would be a good time to visit her. She is on the list to move to the Pioneer Home when a room is available on the nursing wing. Contact Margaret Soden for more recent updates on her condition.

Ritchie Musick is writing this newsletter from a library in Hill City, South Dakota. After she sends this to Pat Babcock, newsletter editor, she and Mike will visit the Crazy Horse Monument and Mt. Rushmore. They are slowing moving eastward and having a great time camping in their '85 Volkswagon Vanagon. They report that "life is good!"