



# NEWSLETTER

FAIRBANKS BRANCH / FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

## SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

**Monday, September 15th**

**Time: 7pm**

**Place: The Folk School of Fairbanks**

**Located at 2365 Pruitt Lane, off of Miller Hill Road, between Yankovich and Sheep Creek Roads. Phone number: 907-451-0445**

You may have heard about The Folk School of Fairbanks. Now is your chance to meet the Director- John Manthei-, visit The Folk School at its new home, and hear about the history and opportunities that the Folk School offers. Come have cookies and coffee in the Log house in the woods and find out about their classes and programs such as Pottery, Baking in a Wood-fired Oven, A Week in the Woods, A Week on the River and many creative classes for adults, children and families.

For further information, you can go to

<http://thefolkschoolfairbanks.org>.

Call Ellen Whitcher at (907) 456-4518 if you can provide a ride or need a ride.

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### Future Information

#### Next Board Meeting:

None currently scheduled

#### Next Branch Meeting:

October's Fall Potluck  
Brunch will be held  
Saturday, October 18  
at FRA, 805 Airport Way  
at 10:30 AM





## AAUW BOOK GROUP

Date: **September 8 (Monday), 1:30 pm**

Title/Author: Hotel Pastis: A Novel of Provence by Peter Mayle [fiction] -- OR --any book

by this author (earlier works were non-fiction)

Location: Home of Barb Matthews, 1377 McGrath Road, 457-3537

Date: **October 14 (Monday), 1:30 pm**

Title/Author: The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan [non-fiction]

Location: To be determined

Date: **November 11 (Monday), 1:30 pm**

Title/Author: The Scientific American Healthy Aging Brain by Judith Horstman and Scientific American [non-fiction]

Location: To be determined

**AAUW WRITERS** - Meet at **noon**, on the 3rd Thursday, September 18th, at Wolf's Run, 3360 Wolf Run (corner of University Avenue and Geist Road). Bring something you've written to share and enjoy conversation about writing.



## HAVE YOU HEARD

Our two new members, **Rita Osbourne**, and **Diane Knudsen**, joined our Fairbanks branch and jumped right in to help with the House Tour. Rita even convinced her husband to help out! Diane will continue to be a member of the Tigard, Oregon area branch, as well as joining our branch this year!

Where O' where is our wandering President, now? **Ritchie** and her husband are on an extensive trip: hiking and visiting. They won't return until October.

**Margret Van Flein** is off in Texas, visiting her twin

great-grandchildren and, of course, their brother. Her summer included entering running & swimming events in the International Senior Games, entertaining relatives from Cincinnati, Ohio, & visiting with grand-daughters from Anchorage. She also volunteered at the Bear Gallery (Pioneer Park) every Sunday, & was in charge of the flower entries at the fair. She expects to return in time to attend the September meeting.

Annual "August Do!!" on August 17th at Skiland, as **Ellen Whitcher** celebrated Birthdays, Anniversaries & her own 99th Birthday!! Many friends were in town & stopped by with well wishes & a surprise birthday luncheon with friends at Ellen's house on her "real" birthday, August 21st. Congratulations Ellen...And many more!!!

This summer **Carol Schlentner** had a hiking, paddling, wilderness adventure! She & a fellow traveling companion from Germany, took a 10 day trip on the N. Fork of the Kuskokwim River. They started out in Minchumina, with all of their supplies packed on their backs and headed to the N. Fork of the Kuskokwim where Carol's canoe was. The canoe had been previously positioned by snow machine, by dragging it over the snow and ice during winter. The trip took them to McGrath, where Carol's companion was then to meet up with his wife at trip's end. The 10 days on the river included 42 hours in a rain storm that drove them to shelter in a tent on shore. The river rose 5 ft. before the storm passed. At the end of the trip, Carol hitched a ride back to Minchumina with a friend who had a plane. The German couple headed out to further adventures in Bethel.

As a correction to last May's Have You Heard, **Aldean Kilbourn** was reappointed to a three year term on the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries.

## AAUW's Top Policy Advisor in Fairbanks

In mid-August, local Fairbanks members were able to enjoy a potluck lunch at Aldean Kilbourn's and interact with Lisa Maatz, who works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, the White House, and in coalition with other organizations. As a sought-after speaker, she was invited to make an address in Anchorage, and added a visit to Fairbanks. She shared with us a book she's recently been featured in, *Secrets of Powerful Women*, along with story after story of her experiences over the years. All those present thoroughly enjoyed asking questions about AAUW, and Lisa had some great strategies for our branch.

Lisa's "grassroots advocacy career began when she was the Executive Director of Turning Point, a battered women's program recognized for excellence by the Ohio Supreme Court. Lisa is a Phi

Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio University, and currently serves on the university's Diversity Alumni Advisory Board. She has two master's degrees from Ohio State, and holds an adjunct appointment with the Women and Politics Institute at American University. Honors include the National Committee on Pay Equity's Winn Newman Advocacy Award (2013), National Association of Partnerships in Equity's first-ever Public Policy Advocate for Equity Award (2012) and the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce's 10th anniversary Trailblazer Award (2011). Lisa has also received the Women's Information Network's Karen Mulhauser Award (2010) for mentoring and service, and WIN's Young Woman of Achievement Award (2001); she has served on that organization's Advisory Council since 2003. She was a recipient of the Mentor Award from the Public Leadership Education Network (2003), and was recently named to their board of directors (2012). Lisa was awarded a Congressional

Fellowship in Women and Public Policy from the Women's Research and Education Institute (1997) and was a mayoral appointee to the Washington, D.C., Commission on Women (2006–10). Lisa has been with AAUW since 2003. During that time, she also spent 16 months serving concurrently as the interim director of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund" (courtesy AAUW website)

