



# NEWSLETTER

FAIRBANKS BRANCH / FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

## OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING

**Saturday, October 18th**

**Time: 10:30 A.M.**

**Place: Fairbanks Resource Agency**

**805 Airport Way**

**PLEASE BRING A BREAKFAST ITEM TO SHARE**

**(e.g., fruit tray, muffins, scones, bread pudding,  
egg casseroles, meat platter)**

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### Future Information

#### **Next Board Meeting:**

October 9 at Ellen Whitcher  
at 7:00 P.M

#### **Next Branch Meeting:**

Monday November 17, 2014  
Greg Hill speaking on  
"Guys Read" Program  
at Noel Wien Public Library

In hopes of enticing you to bring a guest, or two, a special drawing for prizes will be held.

- You will receive *2 tickets for every guest you bring* to the brunch.
- *Each guest* will receive one complimentary ticket.
- Additional tickets may be purchased by anyone present for \$2.00 apiece or four for \$5.
- Gael Murakami has donated a lovely watercolor, and Jodi Gouwens and others have provided additional items.

Other info:

- Carla Willetto will do a presentation about AAUW, we'll meet our guests, and socialize!
- Please **contact Ellen Whitcher to coordinate food items.** 456-4518
- **Carla would like to have members RSVP by Tuesday Oct 14th.**
- **Driving directions:** From Airport Way go south on Gillam Way (big pawn shop). Take the first right on 14th Ave, and then turn right into the 2nd driveway.

### **Fairbanks AAUW Branch Website:**

A preliminary version of a Fairbanks AAUW Branch Website has been created. It is not yet linked to the national Website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), but you may access it through <http://fairbanks-ak.aauw.net/>. I would appreciate feedback from branch members. While you are viewing it, please test the link on the right to the National AAUW site, and while you are there, check out the "Member Tools" located near the bottom of the page. The "FIND A BRANCH" link will take you to a page to find AAUW branches around the U.S. This is where our site will eventually be linked. If you know your AAUW membership number (found in our annual Branch Directory) you may log-in to the "Members Only" section after you register. There you will find tools for updating your address, phone, and email contact information, view/print a copy of the branch roster and officer list, and print a new membership card. Call or email me if you have questions or problems using it. Gael Murakami (479-0804, [murakami@mosquitonet.com](mailto:murakami@mosquitonet.com))



## AAUW BOOK GROUP

Due to Margret's schedule, we are switching book group locations.

Margret Van Flein will now host our October meeting.

This is in addition to the earlier switch of Oct & Nov titles due to local availability of the books.

Date: **October 13 (Monday), 1:30 pm**

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

Location: Home of Margret Van Flein, 924 Kellum #208 (Linck Estates) 457-4671

Date: **November 10 (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: Home of Jodi Gouwens, 924 Kellum #304 (Linck Estates) 474-9144

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

Title/Author: To be determined later

Location: To be determined later

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: To be determined later

**AAUW WRITERS** - Meet at **noon**, on the 3rd Thursday, October 16th, 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

**Gael Murakami** is working on a new website for our AAUW branch. She is currently AAUW's webmaster, and is coordinating with a national website resources manager to create the site.

**Carol Schlentner** will be arriving in Fairbanks from Minchumina on October 6<sup>th</sup>. She will remain in Fairbanks throughout October, and will be accompanying Ellen to AAUW events and meetings. So, if you want to know more about Lake Minchumina, wild edible plants and mushrooms, medicinal herbs, etc. just ask Carol- she loves to share her knowledge..

**Stephanie Stowman** is Directing Fairbanks Drama Association's production of HEIDI and has a new job.

**Jodi Gouwens** missed the September meeting because she was driving in Denali National Park...she was winner #291 in the lottery for a permit to drive into the park on September 15<sup>th</sup> with two friends. One of her friends drove them about halfway between the Eielson Center and Kantishna (Wonderlake), so Jodi was able to watch the entire time. They saw many bears, but no moose or caribou or wolves. Only bears and smaller critters. She did get glimpses of the mountain now and then through breaks in the clouds. It was a great trip, especially since Jodi didn't have to drive!

Also, this year at the Farmers Market, Jodi sold not only her wonderful baskets, but an array of delicious breads, muffins, cookies and other baked delectables. If you missed out this summer, maybe you'll get to sample one of her delectables at the October Brunch....(hint, hint, Jodi....).



## YOU ARE INVITED

to the

**AAUW Fall Membership Brunch**  
**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Fairbanks Resource Agency**  
**805 Airport Way**

### ***What's this about?***

- The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting *equity and education for women and girls*.
- Join us for a **presentation about AAUW** and a **casual potluck**.
- The Fairbanks Branch of AAUW has been here since 1936... and we'd like to meet you!
- Drawing for prizes!

Please RSVP by October 16th to Carla Willetto at [cewilletto@alaska.edu](mailto:cewilletto@alaska.edu) or 452-8989.

Driving directions: From Airport Way go south on Gillam Way (big pawn shop). Take the first right on 14th Ave, and then turn right into the 2nd driveway.

***Our mission is simple*** - We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

***Our mission is sound*** - Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Check out our website at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).