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IT'S AAUW CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!



December 15th at 6:30 pm.

Home of Mike and Ritchie Musick

4231 Aspenwood Dr

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At mile 349 Parks Hwy turn left onto Cripple Creek Road. Turn right on the fourth street which is Aspenwood. The first house on the left is the place! Lots of parking is available and even a ramp for easy access.

A main course will be provided, please bring a **side dish or dessert** to share.

Our annual holiday charitable project is also held on this evening. Please bring something for the Christmas store at the **Center for Nonviolent Living**. This is for the in-house store that the women go to in order to select gifts for them to give to others. They also appreciate **wrapping paper and ribbon**. Suggested items might include: **anything new or like new** such as toys, stationery, slippers, bath/perfumes, gloves, hats, blouses, etc. ...anything new that could be used as a gift. They also would appreciate **Christmas tree ornaments** to use in their holiday décor.

It is also the night of our own **White Elephant gift exchange**. Some very strange items have shown up over the years as well as some very clever and highly sought after ones. Competition is lively during the "Chinese style" exchange. Wrap it well...looks can be deceiving!

Come join us...**bring your significant other**....enjoy food and fun!

SUMMARY OF OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

The event with Greg Hill telling about the “Boys Read” Project was very entertaining. Greg even got two new volunteers from those in attendance at the function held at the Noel Wien Auditorium. Eight members were present to welcome our six guests. Carla Willetto had a wonderful membership table set up with information on AAUW. and Gael Murakami gave a brief but informative description how they can find out more about us through our new website. She also handed out our 2014-15 directories to members present.

DIRECTORIES

A big thank you goes to Aldean Kilbourn for getting our 2014-15 directories to press in time for distribution at our November meeting. This was no small chore as she was on vacation all during this time. Proof reading via e-mail is not easy so we apologize for any errors. Several were corrected prior to handing them out but please make the following changes.

Vera Alexander’s e-mail is vera.alexander1@gmail.com

Ritchie Musick’s e-mail is ritchiemusick@gci.net (not com)

Please let Ritchie know if there are any other corrections so we can share them with you.

BOOK CLUB

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

Title/Author: Your choice of a contemporary Young Adult book

Location: Home of Jodi Gouwens, 924 Kellum #304 (Linck Estates) 474-9144

Your choice of a contemporary Young Adult novel – Possible titles can be obtained by asking any young adults you know what are their favorite books. Noel Wien Public Library reference librarians will also be able to offer good suggestions. Come tell the group about the book and what you thought of it.



WRITERS GROUP

Date: December 18 Thursday
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Pike's Landing

Aspiring writers or just anybody who likes to jot down their thoughts is welcome at the writers group. Bring something you wrote to share whether 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).

2015 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION, ANYBODY?

Several people are showing an interest in attending the National AAUW convention in San Diego this coming summer. Let Ritchie know if you might also be interested.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Cat Stewart is one of our new members. 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.

Julia Stewart had a busy summer with the commercial construction of a new roof combined with the rainy season making an aggravating and chaotic mix. With the roof finally complete and winter under way, she has taken a well-deserved month off to visit family in Bellingham WA and is now visiting her grandchildren (and their parents) in Arizona. We hope to see her at the potluck.

Phyllis Haggland got to revisit Disneyland, this time with her grandchildren. Much has changed since she was last there with her own children. She found new versions of old favorites such as a pirate den in place of the Swiss Family Robinson Tree House. Everything seems to change with time...except us, of course!

Margaret and Larry Soden have been enjoying Thanksgiving in CO with her son and his family. Did she have to travel out to have a snowier Thanksgiving?

Vera Alexander is enjoying tea in England with family last time we heard. She is hard to keep up with and probably holds the record for frequent flyer miles.

Rita and Dan Osborne have just returned from a 5000 mile trip while tent camping much of the way. While in Colorado they took an OLLI class on Mexico.

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