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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Saturday, September 19

11:15-12:30

North Pole Library Multi Purpose Room

Join your AAUW friends for sharing of news and photos from this year's convention attended by Carla Willetto. Get a quick lesson on paying dues on-line and other great features of our website and Facebook pages given by Gael Murakami. Vera will present our 2015-16 budget for a quick vote of approval. At noon we will be given a tour of the new North Pole library and its wonderful facilities.

Directions to North Pole Library (488-6101): From Fairbanks drive south on the Richardson Highway to the Santa Claus Lane exit ramp (the one with the roundabout), exit onto Santa Claus Lane, turn Right on W 5th Ave, turn Left on the Old Richardson Highway, turn Right onto NPHS Boulevard. The Library will be on your right just past North Pole High School. Watch for the speed limit signs on this road!

Bring a friend or two! This meeting is open to the general public so pass the word!

Ellen Whitcher Celebrates 100 years

Many Thanks to All of you who helped me celebrate my 100th Birthday! Your cards, cookies, flowers and Good Wishes helped begin a whole week of celebration. AAUW has given me Many good friends. Annette Bork is one who came to visit in August, and one whom I met at my very first AAUW meeting in 1954, when she asked me to be on her Arts Committee...And then I was hooked!

My Thanks also to AAUW for New friends, and programs that have helped to broaden my interests which have now expanded to include the Sciences, Religion and World Politics, etc. I have learned so much and I wonder if I had never joined, would I have discovered so many things? And there is so much more to learn. As Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, "The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as Kings..." I don't think that Kings are very happy...but I am.

Ellen L. Whitcher



AAUW members and friends help Ellen Whitcher celebrate 100 years.

NEW DIRECTORY

Aldean Kilbourn is working on our 2015-16 AAUW Branch directory. Be sure that your dues have been sent in to insure being included. We try to distribute these at our October meeting so don't delay in getting your information sent to us. If you have a change in your contact information please let Aldean know asap.

WEB SITE & FACEBOOK

Have you gone on line yet to check out our Branch Web Site? Thanks to Gael we have our own site with easy connections to National AAUW. We have two Facebook groups, one is open to the public to browse, the other you must ask to join and then you can post to it. Check them all out! Gael can help you if you need it!

HOUSE TOUR REPORT

We had a successful house tour with beautiful weather and great publicity. Our profits were approximately \$2893 allowing us to again fund two local scholarships as well as support National AAUW Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund.

Forty four people acted as hostesses, eighteen our members and twenty six helpful friends. Most of our friends were from the University Women's Association. We owe them a big thank you and in turn some support for their upcoming holiday bazaar.



Hostesses gather at the Buscaglia-Dabney home.



The houses on the tour were well marked.

NEW AAUW CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE FOR UAF

Sine Anahita has assumed the role as campus representative for the UAF/AAUW University Partnership. Her contact information is sine.anahita@uaf.edu. Because of this partnership any UAF undergraduate may join AAUW free as an e-member.

PUBLIC POLICY PERSON

Carolyn Gray has accepted the Public Policy position for our Branch.

FUN FUNDRAISING VICTORIAN TEA

This summer Rita Osbourne and Gael Murakami assisted Aldean Kilbourn in raising additional money for our local scholarship fund by hosting a Victorian Tea for friends of Aldean. Wonderful refreshments were provided, and fun was had by all. Donations to AAUW scholarships were accepted.

If you would be interested in participating in a similar fund raising activity please contact Gael or Rita for information.



An assortment of goodies awaited the guests.



Beautiful and tasty presentation of food.



Gael Murakami and Aldean Kilbourn with an invitation to their fund-raising tea.

NEWS FROM OUR 2009 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The following note was received from a prior scholarship recipient:

Six years ago I received a scholarship from AAUW. I always share what an impact it had on me. I will never forget the luncheon that was held in mine and another winner's honor. I was so impressed by all of you incredibly intelligent and educated women. My education was always unfinished business for me. Being picked for the scholarship was helpful financially, but it also gave me such an emotional boost and incentive.

Last Spring I graduated with two degrees – Psychology and Communicative Sciences and Disorders with high honors. I was also accepted into graduate school for Speech Language Pathology at University of Montana, which I begin August 31st. This has been over a 20 year process since I first began and one of the main things I have learned is we do not do it alone. Your group helped me along the way. I want to express my heartfelt thank you and let you know what a life changing impact all of you had on my life.

Kelli McCann

BOOK CLUB

Date: September 14 (Monday), 1:30 pm
Selection: "The Map Thief "by Michael Blanding [non-fiction, 2014, paperback due June 2015]
Location: Home of Barb Matthews, 1377 McGrath Road, 457-3537

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: September 16 (Thursday)
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).

AN INVITATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The University Women's Association is composed of women affiliated with UAF and many members are also members of our AAUW branch. They were most helpful to us serving as hostesses at our home tour. We share this opportunity to get better acquainted with them.

The University Women's Association invites you to their Fall Tea on Sunday September 13 at 2 pm in the home of Cynthia Dorman. The theme is "a teacup or coffee mug with a story". If you don't have a story for your teacup or coffee mug, you can always make up one. We will never know...

This is an opportunity to learn about UWA which is a social/service organization. We especially invite newcomers so if you know someone new to the area or someone who would enjoy making new friends, then please pass on this invitation. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to ritaosborne@gmail.com or telephone 907 479-4535 and directions will be provided.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Etsuko Kimura Pederson presented a piano concert in Japan this year and donated the proceeds from her CD sales to Sendai City Hall for Tsunami and Earthquake fund.



Carol Schlentner was featured in Julie Collins weekly article in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner on Sunday, August 30th. Carol is our active member who resides mostly at Lake Menchumina but still manages to serve on our house tour committee and attends our annual meeting via Skype!

Carla Willetto's daughter, Anna, went to Europe with the People to People Ambassador Program. This is a great honor, and she had a wonderful time.

Pat Babcock donated two gold dredge buckets to the airport. The Forget-Me-Not Garden Club planted them with bright and colorful flowers as part of their beautification project at the airport that has been going on for more than twenty years. A sign was made to give gold mining operations all over Alaska a prominent place in Alaska's history.

Ritchie and Mike Musick are flying to California to pick up their Volkswagon Westfalia and head north then toward the east coast to eat lobster, enjoy fall colors, and visit historic American places. She is sorry to miss the first few AAUW meetings but knows that our Branch will flourish in her absence.

Vera Alexander traveled to Germany and England. She and her daughter followed the steps of Mozart while visiting her grandson who has an internship in Bavaria.

