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THE AAUW AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Monday, November 16th

7:00 pm

Noel Wien Library Conference Room

Come to our monthly meeting to hear from two of our Branch members who have received AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship Awards. Stephanie Ickert-Bond received an award in 2002 and Casey Brown received an award this year. These ladies will explain how they received these awards and what studies they pursued with them.

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are completing dissertations, planning research leave from accredited institutions, or preparing research for publication. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence, quality and originality of project design, and active commitment to helping women and girls through service to their communities, professions, or fields of research.

Our Branch raises money each year through the Annual House tour, not only to support local scholarships, but to contribute to these National AAUW educational opportunities. Come to our local Branch program to hear directly from two of our members who have been recipients.

If you know any local women who might be interested in applying for this program please invite them to attend. **This meeting is open to the public** and there will again be half price AAUW national membership available.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Our annual membership brunch was well attended. Approximately forty members and guests enjoyed good food, won door prizes, and made friends. We gained ten new members which brings our total to fifty one.

We owe a big thank you to **Carla Willetto** for organizing the whole event. Not only did she set up the room, provide flower arrangements and table cloths, cook a ham and bring additional food, but she presented a fine slide show covering the highlights of national membership and the history of our Fairbanks Branch. We also thank **Joyce Potter** who took over the task that Ellen used to do by helping coordinate food selections in addition to helping with the set up and clean up. A third big thank you goes to **Pat Babcock** who called all members who had not responded to verify their attendance. She also welcomed members at the door and helped with the door prize table. Margaret Soden also helped with set up/clean up and welcomed guests. We finally extend a big thank you to **Everyone** who helped organize the meeting, donated door prizes, and invited guests.



A MEMBERS'S GUIDE TO AAUW

When a new member joins AAUW, they should receive a copy of A Member's Guide to AAUW. This brochure tells the AAUW story from our founding in 1881 and summarizes the many ways you can get involved in our organization today. If you did not receive this when you joined or it has been a while and you would like a refresher, you can download a copy from the national website: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-members-guide/>

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Board of Directors has discussed the long time status of our dues and the requirements needed to meet our annual budget. They have proposed an increase of our Branch dues beginning 2016-17 from \$11 to \$16 per year. This will be presented to our general membership for a vote at our Annual Meeting in March.

BRANCH DIRECTORIES

Aldean Kilbourn has finished editing and printing the Branch Directory. If you have not already received your copy, they will be available for pick up at the November meeting. We owe Aldean a big thank you for taking on this yearly task with care, dedication, and patience. There were many last minute corrections plus additions of new members. To make her job easier please inform her throughout the year of any corrections or changes to your entry for next year's copy.

ADDRESS CHANGES RECEIVED AFTER DIRECTORY WAS PRINTED:

Karen Emerson, New Address: 1112 Shannon Dr., Fairbanks AK 99701

Azara Mohammadi, New Address: 3832 Pluto St, Redding CA 96002

BRANCH BY-LAWS

Gretchen Murphy, our President Elect, will be heading up a committee to review our branch by-laws and make sure they conform to National requirements. If you would like to serve on this committee or have suggestions for needed changes please contact her.

BOOK CLUB

Date: November 9 (Monday), 1:30 pm
Title/Author: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd [fiction, 2014]

Date: December 14 (Monday), 1:30 pm
Title/Author: The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe. [non-fiction, 2013]

Date: January 11 (Monday), 1:30 pm
Title/Author: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr [fiction, 2014]



WRITERS GROUP

Date: October 17, 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?

The Alaska House Gallery will continue to hang **Gael Murakami's** paintings as their featured artist through the month of November. Please drop by and enjoy the talent of one of our members and also to show support to a business heavily impacted by the Cushman Street construction.

Ellen Whitcher: Ellen continues to reside at Hope Haven Assisted Living Home, 1511 21st Avenue, and really enjoys having visitors and phone calls. She is still waiting for a place at the Pioneer Home. If you want to visit, you can drop by between 10am and 6pm. You can also call and suggest a time when you might go over for a visit. She now has her phone in her room, 456-4518. Since the ringer is turned off, she won't answer the phone, but please leave a message. One of the caregivers will check the message light and help her phone you back. She has had some minor strokes and her right side isn't doing so well, but otherwise she is doing ok. Her memory is still good and she loves to chat, just like she always has. PLEASE, when you visit, be cognizant of the fact that she might be getting tired or it is time for lunch or a nap.

Margaret Soden: Margaret went to Oregon to attend her Oregon State University College of Pharmacy reunion on Homecoming weekend, October 23 and 24. It was the 50 year reunion so quite a few of her classmates returned and got caught up on what everyone had been doing in the last 50 years. Out of the class of 66 (now 55 since several have passed away), over 20 returned. Just like Margaret, most of the class are now enjoying retirement from long careers in retail and hospital pharmacies, pharmacy academia, or pharmacy management (one classmate was a VP for Payless Drug Stores). There was a great tour of the Pharmacy building on campus and the one big lecture room looked much the same as it did 50 years ago.

Ritchie and Mike Musick have made it across the country in their '85 VW Vanagon and just headed north from Philadelphia after touring Independence Hall and seeing the Liberty Bell. Onward to Boston and then to Maine to eat lobster before heading home to Fairbanks! They are waking up with ice on the water bottles, but the fall colors have been beautiful.

