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# NEWSLETTER AAUW

FAIRBANKS (AK) BRANCH AAUW

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW AAUW YEAR!

With summer waning, we are energized by new ideas and new projects for AAUW. Our mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. With that mandate in mind we are working on thought provoking Fairbanks friendly programs and projects. Thanks to Joyce and Pat for planning this year's meetings. At the September meeting the Board and Directors will present the year's plans. Learn about our new directory format, newsletter, membership access, website and Facebook. Our historians are updating our branch history and are looking for help to research library archives.

SEPTEMBER AAUW MEETING 10:30 TO NOON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT THE LITERACY COUNCIL 517 GAFFNEY RD

Our first meeting will be at the Literacy Council on September 17. The Literacy Council changes lives through literacy for people of all ages. Come to the meeting to find out more about Forget-Me-Not Books and the Literacy Council education programs. Saturday, September 17 at 10:30, 517 Gaffney Road. There is also a group planning a gala performance about early women in our branch and the Tanana Valley.

2017 marks an important milestone for us--the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our branch! Help us plan a grand celebration!

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#### <u>Newsletter</u>

Thanks to Kayt Sunwood for taking over the newsletter. She will be working on an enhanced format for future editions. Directory

The annual directory will be available in two formats: electronic or printed. The electronic version will be in PDF and you have the option to print it at home. If you would like us to print your copy, please let Gael Murakami know. One of the advantages of putting the directory online is that we will be able to keep it up to date as new members join midyear and it will always be available for printing behind a members only electronic gate.

### House Tour

Thanks to all of you who volunteered. And special thanks to Margaret Soden for being the person in charge! We had many glowing comments about the type of houses and easy accessibility. AAUW netted over \$3000 for our scholarships and altruistic projects.

Next year's House Tour will be on July 8, 2017, and we are looking for a new organizer. Margaret put together a notebook with details and timeline. Two houses are already secured so the project just needs a coordinator. If you might be interested in chairing or cochairing, or even being on the committee, please let Margaret or Gretchen know.

AAUW Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. National website <u>www.aauw.org</u> Fairbanks Branch website <u>http://fairbanks-ak.aauw.net</u>

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