

October 2016

# NEWSLETTER



FAIRBANKS (AK) BRANCH AAUW

## BRING A FRIEND TO BRUNCH!

FALL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

10:30 TO NOON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

UNIVERSITY HOUSE

431 GOLD DUST DRIVE

Bring a Guest & a Breakfast Item to Share  
(e.g. fruit tray, muffins, scones, egg casseroles, meat platter)

RSVP to Carla by Tuesday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

Bring a friend to our annual Membership Brunch at the University House on Saturday, October 15th. Internationally acclaimed pianist and our own branch member Etsuko Pederson will play some of her original compositions. Membership VP Carla Willetto will share AAUW programs and policy after we enjoy good food and good company in the elegance of University House.

Bring a few extra dollars for additional chances to win a door prize: watercolorist (and branch Financial Officer) Gael Murakami will again donate one of her paintings. Our branch is blessed to have so many talented artists, and we are honored to be able to highlight these two active members at the October Brunch.

In hopes of enticing you to bring guests, we'll have a special drawing for prizes.

- You'll receive 2 tickets for every guest you bring
- Each guest will receive one complimentary ticket
- Additional tickets may be purchased by attendees \$2 apiece or four for \$5.
- Please contact Carla to provide prize items (baked goods, gift cards, etc.)



**Driving Directions:** From the intersection of Farmers Loop and Ballaine – head north on Ballaine, then left on Yankovich. Gold Dust is the first right. Try to park efficiently and DO NOT park on the street (you will be ticketed).

Please contact Gretchen Murphy to coordinate food items ([gretmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:gretmurphy@gmail.com))

## FAIRBANKS 2016 BOARD & DIRECTORS

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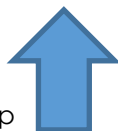
## 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Branch

Our Fairbanks AAUW branch was founded on March 24, 1937, making us 80 years old this spring! Pat Turner and Stephanie Stowman are updating and digitizing our branch history, and we will celebrate our birthday at the annual meeting in March.

Pat Babcock has put together a November history program about the accomplishments of women in the Tanana Valley to get us thinking about the accomplishments of the women who came before us.

Did you know that AAUW was instrumental in creating Creamers Field Wildlife Refuge, building the system of bicycle paths we enjoy, and founding the Fairbanks Concert Association? Our legacy lives on in our community involvement.

## Branch Membership



Our branch membership has increased over the past year thanks to your involvement.

There are many ways to take part in our ongoing activities or to lead some new ones. Would you like to help bring recognition of Equal Pay Day to Fairbanks? AAUW has toolkits to help you make engaging mission-based activities happen. Click on the [Programs in a Box directory](#) for kits that outline the “what, why, and how” of implementing such programs.

### Interested in a Branch outing to see [Equity](#) ?

*Equity* is a Wall Street drama about women who must carefully calibrate every aspect of their lives — professional and private — to stay in the game. *Equity* was executive produced by AAUW of New Jersey member Candy Straight, a former investment banker, and is based on interviews from hundreds of women who have worked in finance.

*Equity's* message [aligns closely with AAUW's latest research report](#) on the barriers and bias that women leaders face. Word is that *Equity* will be at The Blue Loon in the near future. We should get together for a watch party when *Equity* airs!

## Speaking of Equal Pay

September 15 marked Native American and Alaska Native women's equal pay day, the day that the wages of American Indian and Alaska Native women “caught up” to the money that white men took home last year. (It took an extra nine months, if you're counting.) Google & hash tag #NativeWomenEqualPay to honor all Native Americans, including Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, who reached “equal pay” back in August, right before black women did. Nov 1 is Latina women's Equal Pay Day.

## Voting Season

We are in the midst of Voting Season! AAUW is a nonpartisan organization but we encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote. As an organization, AAUW informs its members about issues that affect women and girls such as equal pay, college sexual assault, STEM training, and Title IX. To make monitoring these issues fun, AAUW has launched a nationwide bingo game.

See the national website at <http://www.aauw.org/2016/09/07/play-debate-bingo-with-aauw/> to join the game or host an event.

## Voter Guides

The AAUW Action Fund offers voter guides ( <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-guides> ) to provide nonpartisan information about candidates' positions on important issues like equal pay, education, campaign finance, and reproductive rights. Candidates' issue positions are ascertained using their voting records, public statements, and campaign position papers, as well as information posted by trusted sources on the internet.

## Branch Facebook Page

Find the Facebook public page for our Fairbanks AAUW branch at:

[www.facebook.com/AAUWFairbanksAKBranch](http://www.facebook.com/AAUWFairbanksAKBranch)

Anyone can view this page. Please “like” our page and visit often to catch up on what's happening.

## Send Newsletter Items

Have news or items for the Newsletter? Send them by the last Thursday of the month, to [kayt.sunwood@alaska.edu](mailto:kayt.sunwood@alaska.edu) with the subject line: AAUW Newsletter Item. Send "Member News" to keep us up on what you are doing, where you are going, as well as reports on Branch activities, pictures, and other items of interest. Future Newsletters will feature profiles of our members so that we can all get to know each other, as well as exciting and engaging new items to facilitate connections.

## Communications with Branch

There are several ways for branch members to find out information and communicate with our national organization, branch, and board.

### National Website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

The national website has general information about the national AAUW and ways members can contribute and also has a Membership Services Database where members can see a branch roster and update their contact information and pay or renew their dues on-line. If anyone needs help with accessing it, please contact Gael Murakami.

### Branch Website: [www.fairbanks-ak.aauw.net](http://www.fairbanks-ak.aauw.net)

The branch website has information on upcoming meetings, branch history, the house tour, interest groups and branch scholarships.

**Facebook:** The branch maintains two facebook entities:

A Private Group: AAUW Fairbanks Branch (do a search for groups and ask to join). Current members can add new members. Only group members can post to this group and see what is posted there.

A Public Page: [www.facebook.com/AAUWFairbanksAKBranch](http://www.facebook.com/AAUWFairbanksAKBranch) Anyone can view and "like" this public page. It is used to advertise public meetings, the house tour, and the scholarship. Members can "share" the posts from this page with their friends.

**Email address:** [FairbanksAK.AAUW@gmail.com](mailto:FairbanksAK.AAUW@gmail.com)

## Plans for Directory

Carla Willetto and Gael Murakami are working on plans for making the directory available on-line in addition to being available as a printed document at the beginning of the year. If you have contact information updates or there were errors in your listing from last year, please send corrections to both Gael and Carla so we can make sure to include them.

**Give a Grad a Gift:** At our meeting in September, we mentioned a special program that National AAUW maintains for members to give a free one-year national membership to recent graduates. The membership is **free both to the member and the graduate**. The graduate may then join a branch if they choose in the area where they live. Here is text from the [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) website:

**As an AAUW member, you can gift one year of free AAUW national membership to as many recent graduates as you like.**

We all know that the future of our organization depends on today's graduates. Give a minute; gain a new community of AAUW leaders. Here's how it works:

- **Identify the recent college or university graduates in your networks.**
- **These recent graduates** can be family, friends, neighbors, former students, friends of friends, you name it! You could even gift AAUW memberships to the entire graduating class of your local college or university. Anyone who has graduated within the past two years is eligible to receive one free membership from an AAUW member.
- **Collect their information.** You'll need to know the mailing address, phone number, e-mail, year of graduation, and alma mater for each of these future AAUW members.
- **Go on-line to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).** Contact Gael if you have trouble using this following link:
- <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

## Help a sister organization raise scholarship \$ 😊 Thank UWA for help with the House Tour

The UWA Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 5th, and Sunday, November 6th this year at Pioneer Park Centennial Center. The hours are 10 am to 4 pm. Would you be interested in floor walking for 2 hours on Saturday or Sunday? This is an excellent time to view all of the wonderful crafts and to help the vendors by offering them a brief break or other service. There are other jobs that also need to be done, starting with setup on Friday, simply opening doors for the vendors at 7:30 am on bazaar days, and ending with clean-up after hours on Sunday.

If you are able to help, you can sign up at: <http://uaf-uwa.ivolunteer.com/hb2016>.

AAUW Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

National website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

Fairbanks Branch website <http://fairbanks-ak.aauw.net>

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