

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Lewis County Branch

April 2010

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..... Priscilla Tiller

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## April Branch Meeting

Thursday, April 1, 2010

6:45 p.m.

**The Gathering Place (Community Room) at  
Stillwaters Estates**

Hostesses: Sue Verley, Rebecca Staebler & Bonnie Blake

**“Global warming: finding the black swan.”**

**Speaker: Dr. Gary Ritchie, Senior Scientist,  
Weyerhaeuser Company (Retired)**

**The idea that humans are causing global  
warming is only a theory. In science, a theory is  
of no value unless it can be tested. Dr. Ritchie  
will discuss this theory within a scientific  
context, test it against observations and  
conclude that it is not supportable with  
scientific data.**



Stillwaters Estates has changed the time that the Colonial gate closes from 7:00 to 6:00 p.m. Instead of using the Colonial Gate you will need to come to the **front gate on Cooks Hill Road**, which also closes at 6:00 p.m. Guests need to contact a member before the meeting in order to obtain the gate code.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our April meeting is on April Fool's Day!!! This is not a joke! I smile every time I think of it. My mother loved April Fool's Day. There was sugar in the saltshaker and salt in the sugar bowl. The cutlery was taped to the tablecloth. There was yellow food coloring in the toilet!! All day we anticipated tricks from my mother. Hopefully there won't be too much foolery at the meeting that night.

We will get to hear the results of our annual book sale, hear a very educated person speak on Global Warming, and have our election of officers for the coming year. I hope that many of you are planning to attend.

As written up elsewhere in the newsletter, we do need to have a coordinator for the Expanding Your Horizons event next October. Although it seems a long ways off, the planning for that starts happening during the summer months with Centralia College. We offer a big thank-you to Jan and Alice for coordinating several years in a row.

We need to offer another huge thank-you to Donna Loucks (and her husband Bryon who helps in so many ways as well!) for again coordinating the annual book sale. I also extend our thanks to the many members who have helped with the book sale.

I won't be at the April meeting, but Donna will be taking my place. See all of you in May!! Happy Spring!

Nancy

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

The slate of officers as nominated for the coming year is:

**President** Nancy Leventon

**Membership Co-Vice-Presidents**  
Judy Lyon & Kristi Nelson

**Program Co-Vice-Presidents**  
Corene Jones-Litteer, Ann Tuning & Judy Bell

**Secretary** Mary Metzger

**Treasurer** Donna Loucks

We will vote on these nominations at the April meeting

## Scholarship Committee News

Scholarship Winners have been chosen

Two outstanding women have been selected to receive scholarships for the academic year 2010-2011. Sydney Brown will receive the Dr. Kate Gregg full-tuition scholarship to Centralia College. She is in the nursing program and plans to become a licensed nurse practitioner.

Bonnie McLeod will receive the \$1000 tuition scholarship for upper-division studies. She will complete the Civil Engineering Technology program at Centralia College in June after which she will transfer to the Evergreen State College, where she will study environmental science and city planning.

Certificates will presented to both women at the regular meeting in May.

The Dr. Kate Gregg scholarship is supported by proceeds from our annual used-book sale. The upper-division \$1000 scholarship is financed from interest earned from the Lewis County Branch Endowment Fund. Donations to the endowment fund can be made at any time. All donations are tax exempt. All endowment fund investments are insured. For further information, contact Priscilla Tiller, 736-9636 or ptiller@localaccess.com

## ART GROUP

Bonnie Blake

Art Group will meet on April 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Phyllis Rice's home. We will be working on directory covers. There will be a potluck lunch. Call or email Bonnie Blake if you have questions.



## BRIDGE GROUP

Joy Carter

The Bridge Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Call Joy for location details. Newcomers and beginners are always welcome.



## TRAVEL GROUP

Donna Loucks 736-2147

Travel Group will meet Thursday, April 22 at Donna Louck's home, 150 Jones Road, Centralia. Social time begins at 7:15 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m. She will show photos of her recent 7-week driving trip to Florida and back. If you have not been to her house since the new driveway was completed, call or e-mail to get detailed instructions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## EARLY MORNING DISCUSSION

Norma Green

The Early Morning Discussion Group will meet Thursday, April 8, at 7 a.m. at Kit Carson's Restaurant to continue our year of discussing **American Icons**. As we always find, there is a vast amount of interesting information available on all of the subtopics we choose.

The topic for April is National Parks, with Donna Loucks and Sandy Godsey leading the discussion.

Select a National Park that is your favorite, you have visited, and have experiences to share, or one that intrigues you and lures you to visit. Then join us for an educational, enlightening and fun early morning discussion while enjoying a breakfast of your choice.

We have 2 months remaining in our year. May's topic is yet to be decided, and the topic for June is Shirley Temple. We'll also select next year's topic at one of these gatherings.



## HIKING GROUP

Judy Bell

**Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

This month's hike will be our usual Earth Day clean-up on the Seminary Hill Natural area. **This falls on the 4th Saturday instead of the usual 3rd Saturday, our regular hiking day.** This is always a fun event.

Join us as we prepare Seminary Hill Natural area for the hiking/walking season. Bill Wamsley (noxious weed control specialist) will lead us as we prepare the trails. There are many opportunities to help, with varying degrees of difficulty and exertion (trail bed maintenance, ivy and blackberry cutting/pulling, debris/litter removal, etc.). Some tools and gloves are provided, or you may bring your own. Wear appropriate shoes or hiking boots, raingear and a hat. Refreshments will be provided.

If you need directions and suggestions for tools to bring, let me know. Judy Bell 736-4643.



## EVENING BOOK GROUP

Nancy Leventon 748-0320

The April meeting of the Evening Book Group will be on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. All attending members will help with the discussion of *A Sudden County* by Karen Fisher. We will meet at Jan Snider's house. **Please be sure to call Jan or send her an e-mail to let her know that you will be attending that evening.**

### Planning Ahead

The May meeting will be devoted to selecting our reading list for the coming year. Plan to bring several books to nominate. Try to bring the actual book with you. If you cannot locate a copy for that meeting, plan to at least bring a photo of the cover of the book and note the number of pages. Remember to think of "discussibility" when choosing a book for nomination. Look up the availability of the book (i.e.: out in paperback, available through Timberland Library).



## New Member

By Judy Lyon

Our newest member, Eleni (ah-lenny) Palmisano, is on her second career; her first was as wife and homemaker. After rearing her two children, she returned to school, initially with plans to study accounting. However, while doing some math tutoring, she got hooked on teaching. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with a Math emphasis from Central Missouri State University. After graduating, she taught math in Kansas City high schools. She later earned her masters from Capella University in Post Secondary and Adult Education.

Although she was born in Athens, Greece, and lived there until she was four years old, Kansas City has been home to Eleni for most of her life. Her son, Josh, still lives in Kansas City. However, while visiting her daughter, Jennifer, who was attending Evergreen State College, Eleni said she fell in love with the Pacific Northwest and decided to move here even though her daughter was planning to leave. Jennifer now lives in New York City.

Eleni boldly moved to Olympia eight years ago with the closest family member, a sister, living in Seattle. She said she had needed a break and a change. Eleni spent a year exploring career options, and then found her current job teaching Math at Centralia College, where she has worked for almost seven years. Three years ago she moved to Centralia and lived there quietly until last year when she adopted an opinionated, part-Siamese female cat.

Eleni counts teaching as a current passion and says that she enjoys the interaction with students. Her other interests include reading, travel, theater, and film—“the more independent, the better.”

This is her first time to be involved with AAUW, and said she was drawn to AAUW because of the great work it does to encourage young women to pursue math and science careers. She joined the Lewis County branch hoping to meet like-minded people and become more involved in the community. Additionally, she anticipates her

interaction with our community will help her bring more balance into her life.

**Please give Eleni a warm welcome when you see her at our next meeting.**

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Please call Marilyn Lindell to let her know of any members and their families whom we want to keep in our thoughts.

## April Birthdays



**Happy Birthday!**

**Donna La Lond (21)**

**Ann Tuning (25)**

## **BITS n PIECES**

### **EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS**

Jan Snider and Alice Forth have spearheaded the EYH event for several years now. They are not able to continue in that capacity this year. They are both happy to help, but do not want to coordinate this activity. Which means we are looking for someone to take on that job this year? If this is something that you would love to do, please let Nancy know.



### **Endowment Fund**

Donations to the Lewis County Branch Endowment Fund are applied to academic scholarships for women from the area. All donations are tax exempt. All endowment fund investments are insured. For further information contact Priscilla Tiller,

[ptiller@localaccess.com](mailto:ptiller@localaccess.com)

### **Book Sale Report**

As this newsletter goes to press, the book sale is being wrapped up for another year! We had another very successful sale, bringing in about \$8500 -- the second highest amount ever. Sales were slow on Saturday, probably because of the nice weather, but strong sales on Thursday offset it. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way! Our organization is now well-funded for another year!

Donna Loucks

## CALENDAR

Tuesdays, April 6 & 20 .....Bridge Meeting  
Thursday, April 8 .....Early Morning Discussion  
Thursday, April 15 .....Art Book  
Tuesday, April 20 .....Evening Book Group  
Thursday, April 22 .....Newsletter Deadline  
Thursday, April 22 .....Travel Group  
Saturday, April 24 .....Hiking Group

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