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**Gig Harbor Branch**

**MARCH 2016**



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### **March GH Branch Meeting**

**Program Topic to be announced. Look for future emails.**

Saturday March 19, 2016

10am-Noon

Harbor History Museum

### **Upcoming Events-Mark your Calendar!**

**Saturday April 16, 2016** GH Branch Meeting 10-Noon  
Harbor History Museum-AAUW Business Meeting, elections and  
State Convention Report

**Saturday-Sunday April 23-24, 2016** AAUW-WA Convention  
Suquamish Clearwater Resort Convention Center

**Saturday May 21, 2016** GH Branch Meeting 10-Noon  
Harbor History Museum-Mental Health Update for Pierce  
County

# AAUW GH Calendar

## March 2016

**Board Meeting-Wednesday, March 9th at 3pm. Peninsula Library.**

**Bon Appetit- Tuesday, March 15th at 6 pm.** Sage hosts Parsley at Estelle Bentley's house with co-host Cindy Saunders. Thyme hosts Rosemary at Mona Margolis' house with co-host Karen Drum. For more information call Sue Engen at (253) 265-1677 or Diane Edison at (253) 851-1056.



**Evening Book Group—Monday, March 28th at the Peninsula Library. 6:30 pm refreshments; 7:00 Meeting Time..** Our book for March is **The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion**. Linda Glein will lead the discussion. Marlene Buffington and Diane Edison will provide refreshments. For more information please phone Sue Hines (253) 761-5080 or Salli Montgomery (253) 857-8057.

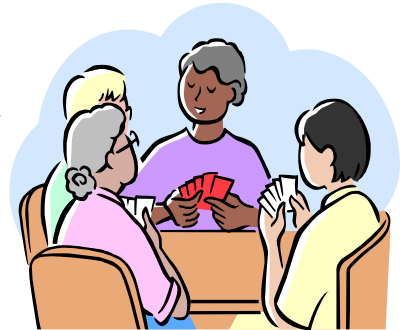
**Who Done It (Mystery Book Group)—**call Carol Robinson at (253) 265-6141 for more information.

**Bridge-Day—** Our group meets on the third Tuesday of each month in a member's home for an afternoon of bridge. Please call June Lane (253) 851-4059 for more information.

**Bridge-Evening—**The evening bridge group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. Please call Mary Williams (253) 509-0524 or Bev Storkman (253) 851-2402 to confirm a date and time and reserve a seat at the table.

**Lunch Bunch—**The Lunch Bunch meets at 12:30 pm every second Wednesday of the month at the Inn of Gig Harbor. Everyone is invited. No need to call ahead.

**Palette to Palate** is on hiatus for a few months due to waning interest. If an exhibit looks intriguing, contact Ellen Lowrie at (253) 884-2610 and we'll see if there is any interest in attending.



### **Happy Birthday to members celebrating March birthdays.**

Gunda Meissner	03-02
Danielle O'Leary	03-04
Liv Svigals	03-05
Susan Pettersson	03-08
Eulalie (Lee) Fisher	03-16
Grace Hooper	03-20
Joyce Myhre	03-24
Julie McClellan	03-26
Betty Ramsey	03-29
Bobbie Busch	03-29
Arlene Brown	March





## **Gig Harbor Branch-Announcements**

**Newsletter Deadline: March 21st for the April 2016 newsletter.** Send your articles and pictures to marthashellen@comcast.net. Remember to include last names, locations, dates and times for the information you send.

### **Membership Directory Changes**

**Please make the following additions and changes to your directory:**

**Garland, Marjorie**-new address:

P O Box 303

Burley, WA 98322-0303

**Mercer, Sybil**-new email: [syb22mer@outlook.com](mailto:syb22mer@outlook.com)

**Williams, Nancy**-phone number change: Cell: (253) 779-4666. Delete old cell phone #.



### **AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book Recommendations**

**¡Adelante! books help to open dialogues on women, diversity, and**

***The Invention of Wings*** By Sue Monk Kidd

Hetty "Handful" Grimke, a slave in early 19th-century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls of the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimkes' daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something important in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's 11th birthday, when she is given ownership of 10-year-old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next 35 years, as both women strive for lives of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement, and the uneasy ways of love. As the stories build to a riveting climax, Handful will endure loss and sorrow, finding courage and a sense of self in the process. Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented.



## ***Gig Harbor Branch-Public Policy***

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### Washington State Legislature

As the Washington State Legislature continues, you can follow the progress of bills by accessing the Washington State Legislature homepage at <http://leg.wa.gov/>

This website contains all kinds of helpful information about the Washington State House and Senate along with links to email forms so you can easily contact your senator and representatives. Click on DETAILS and then BILL SPONSORSHIP to see the bills that your legislators are sponsoring. You can also see the Representatives voting record by clicking on VOTING RECORD.

If you live in Gig Harbor, your 26<sup>th</sup> District legislators are:

**Sen. Angel, Jan** Republican

**Rep. Young, Jesse** Republican

**Rep. Caldier, Michelle** Republican

### **Learn more about the process on judicial nominations**

Join AAUW for a conference call to learn more about the process on judicial nominations. Members will learn more about what they can do to urge the President and senators to uphold their constitutional responsibility to fairly and expeditiously select and consider a nominee.

**March 3, 2016, at 4 pm, Pacific Time   RSVP today! We will follow up with call-in information as the event approaches.**

If you cannot attend the call, make sure to take action by sending a message to President Barack Obama and the Senate urging them to select and consider a nominee!

### You Can Register for the AAUW Supreme Court Conference Call

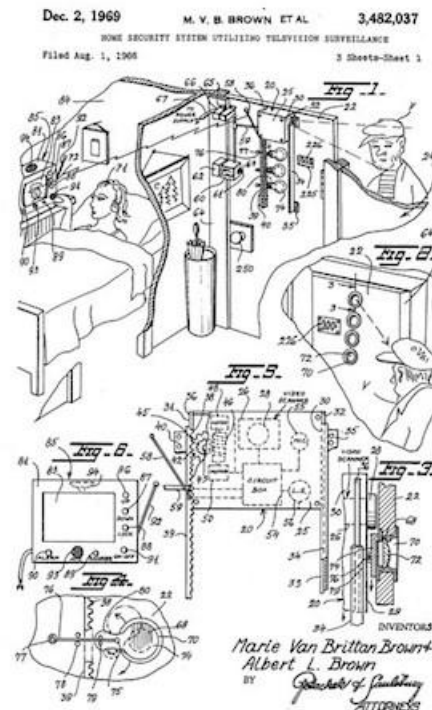
(Here is the link where you can sign up for the conference call about the Supreme Court appointment process:

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/03/scotus-vacancy-conference-call/>

# INVENTIONS BY WOMEN

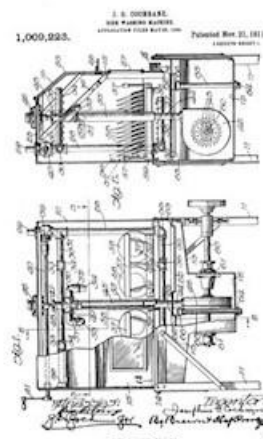
Submitted by Ann Worswick

## Closed-Circuit Television Security (CCTV)



**Marie Van Brittan Brown** invented CCTV because of the slow response of police officers in 1969 to help people ensure their own security. This invention influenced modern CCTV systems used for home security and police work today.

## The Dishwasher



The Dishwasher was invented by **Josephine Cochrane** in 1887. Before her time, she marketed her machine to hotel owners and even opened her own factory without the help of a man!



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**Eat and drink at the head of the bay**

