**AAUW Special Interest Group on Racial Diversity**

**10/25/2020, 11:00 am via Zoom**

Attending: Alice Tarlach, Judith Hromoko, Jane Pearlman, Irene Ribaudo, Beth Kimber, Maureen Mitchell, Diane Becza and Ann Christensen.

Alice started this interest group after attending a meeting of the Atlantic Branch with which she holds dual membership. Alice was impressed by their presentation on the topic of prejudice along the lines of gender and race. Their group is called, For an Equal Society.

We prepared for the meeting by watching:

<https://www.ted.com/talks/peggy_mcintosh_how_to_recognize_your_white_privilege_and_use_it_to_fight_inequality?language=en>

And Jeffrey Robinson's video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oIkXtiFppY>

Everyone shared their personal experiences and opinions about racial prejudice and injustice. All members expressed a desire to understand their own feelings and those of others in order to strive for a more integrated society with less discord.

There was a general feeling that the American educational system was fairly devoid of the major racial events that have taken place our history leaving us with gaps in our information which we need to correct.

There was a lot of discussion about the current racial concerns in the US and general support for the Black Lives Matter movement. Integration of the Branch is not seen as possible because of the makeup of the community.

It is suggested that we read, So You Want To Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo by our next meeting. Two other book suggestions are: Cast: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson and The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (for which there is also a movie).

The next meeting will be on Monday, 11/16/2020 at 11 am via ZOOM.

Ann Christensen