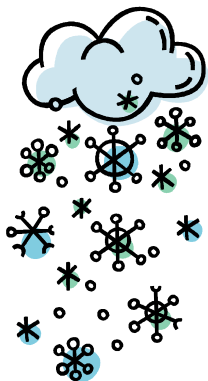


Tacoma Branch News



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"By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through economic and educational barriers so that all women have a fair chance."



December Branch Meeting

Holiday Luncheon at

Affairs Café in University Place

(No host)

Saturday December 17th at 11:30 am

Featuring a performance by members

Of the Curtis Senior High School Chorus

R.S.V.P. By 12/14 (for headcount) to:

Rosetta Brown at rosetta_b2000@yahoo.com

President's Words

Phyllis Izant

*In 1971 the magazine, *ArtNews*, published an essay whose title posed a question that would spearhead an entirely new branch of art history. The essay — "Why Have There Been No Great Women Artists?" — explored possible reasons why "greatness" in artistic accomplishment has been reserved for male geniuses such as Michelangelo. Nochlin argued that general social expectations against women seriously pursuing art, restrictions on educating women at art academies, and "the entire romantic, elitist, individual-glorifying, and monograph-producing substructure upon which the profession of art history is based " have systematically precluded the emergence of great women artists.

*And so with the following, one could argue that history still -- yes still -- repeats itself. To wit: the Dec. 8, 2011 issue of *Rolling Stone Magazine* that arrived in my mailbox recently. So you know the drill, the magazine assembled a panel of fifty-eight judges composed of "top guitarists and other experts" to rank their favorites and explain the legends to everyone else. So would you like to take a guess just how many of those judges on the panel were women? Four. That's right...Rolling Stone could only identify/find four women to participate in judging for their vaunted ranking. Here are a few more data points. The first woman guitarist enters the ranking at #75, Joni Mitchell. The next one is Bonnie Raitt coming in at #89. There are only two women in the entire list of 100.

Ok, so it looks like I'm not alone in my stunned outrage. Washington Post writer David Segal wrote a commentary on this very problem in 2004. Rolling Stone published a list of the 100 greatest guitarists of all time then too and just two women made the cut: Joan Jett and Joni Mitchell. That's right: again 98 men, 2 women. The weird part is how un-outrageous it seemed, how little debate it sparked. Even now... where's the outrage? Segal writes, "Any list of the greatest actors or singers or novelists that was so male-dominated would be ridiculed, and for good reason. Instead back in 2004, Van Halen fans seethed that Jack White of the White Stripes landed higher on the list than Eddie."

Well, I'll tell you I AM outraged. I'm laying down my marker. Kelley Deal, lead guitarist of the Breeders, doesn't buy the notion of no great women guitarists. Quoted in Elle magazine's coverage of the issue back in 2009 she said, "I think we do exist, but in a different capacity. Guys really like to hear themselves talk. Women guitarists seem more song-oriented. What they choose to play contributes to making the song better, not just riffing all over it. It's a deeper relationship." This is the time for AAUW members to know there are great women guitarists. For instance, Mary Ford was married to and played with Les Paul, the inventor of the modern electric guitar. Lots of people know Paul's jazz/pop work, but they don't know that Ford could match him note for note. Sharon Isbin is a great classical player and she's a **department chair at Juilliard**, so...you know, you gotta figure they know what they're doing. Elle magazine came up with a nice list of 12 of the greatest female electric guitar players to ever pick up the instrument back in 2009. Check it out. While you're at it, take a listen to some of them then go get in your car, head out for a latte and crank your Joan Jett tune outta the windows of your safe and sedate sedan. Celebrate! After all, on September 27th, 2011, it was announced that Jett is a nominee for induction to the Rock And Roll Hall of Fame's class of 2012.



The talented Jane Hahn and LeeAnn Ufford designed a lovely table display at Lakewold Gardens

INTEREST GROUPS

HOT TOPICS

Review Hot Topics
November 16, 2011

The Never-Ending Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

Attendees were Dorothy McBride, Connie Dunkelberger, Darlene Parsons, Catherine Sleavin, Jane Hahn, Kjeri Boyle, Mary Hammond, Carol Rikerd, Marilee Titus

The discussion was far ranging about war, the costs of war, and the length of war, the number of wars in this century and the relationship of war to other aspects of our culture. Sports, religion, economic life and certainly political life are inextricably linked to our war culture. We also discussed the way most citizens view soldiers and how that viewpoint changes from war to war. The way soldiers have reintegrated into society in peace was examined, too, along with their ability and willingness to tell the stories of their experiences.

Interesting web sites with facts and philosophical insight into the blossoming American culture of war are:

www.Costofwar.com ongoing tabulation of war costs
www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RLss110.pdf Congressional Research Service, 52-page report on budgeting for the current wars and *for ongoing expected future wars*
www.infoplease.com Estimated War-Related Costs, Iraq and Afghanistan
www.insightonconflict.org a timetable of the beginnings of war in Afghanistan from 1926 when the British left
www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree.cifamerica/2011.jul.25/us-foreign-pocicy-war 'The costly errors of America's wars' by Michael Shank US Vice President at the Institute for Economics and Peace
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-bromwich/americas-wars-how-serial_b_242347.html David Bromwich, Huffington Post "America's Wars, How Serial War Became the American Way of Life" July 2009 and still timely
Next Hot Topics meeting: January 18 at Affairs Café to discuss mandatory vaccinations

AAUW Tacoma and Meetup.Com

Did you know that AAUW Tacoma has a Meetup Group? What Is Meetup? Per their website:

Meetup is the world's largest network of local groups. Meetup makes it easy for anyone to organize a local group or find one of the thousands already meeting up face-to-face. More than 2,000 groups get together in local communities each day, each one with the goal of improving themselves or their communities.

Meetup's mission is to revitalize local community and help people around the world self-organize. Meetup believes that people can change their personal world, or the whole world, by organizing themselves into groups that are powerful enough to make a difference.

AAUW Tacoma uses Meetup.com to create awareness of our wonderful meetings and interest groups. Several of our new members have first become aware of our branch because of it. Another advantage is that reminders of AAUW Tacoma events are sent via email both one week and one day beforehand. No more forgetting about a meeting! Check it out!

<http://www.meetup.com/AAUW-Tacoma/>

AAUW Daytime Book Group, 2011-2012

Co-Chairs: Marianne Candioglos,
and Lee Ann Ufford

- **The Daytime Book Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.**
- **December 7** – Hostess – Green Spot; Book – Bring your favorite children's book; Reviewer – All Wednesday book group will meet at the Green Spot in University Place on December 7th (not our usual date!). Bring a Christmas or childhood favorite to share.
- **January 25** Hostess – To be determined; Book – *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher; Reviewer – Jane Hahn
- **February 22** Hostess – Jane Hahn; Book – *Swan Thieves* by Elizabeth Kostova; Reviewer – Darlene Anderson
- **March 28** Hostess – Marilee Titus; Book – *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson Reviewer – Ruth Anderson
- **April 25** Hostess – Carter Taylor; Book – *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon; Reviewer – Lee Ann Ufford
- **May 23** – Book Selection – Hostess – The Green Spot

AAUW Evening Book Group, 2011-2012

The Evening Book Group meets on the days listed at 6:30 pm with the exception of the May Potluck which begins at 6:00.

- **January 23** Hostess – Joye Bucklin; Book – *Monuments Men* by Robert Edsel
Reviewer – Marilee Titus
- **February 27** Hostess – Dorothy McBride; Book – *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson; Reviewer – Karen Hargus
- **March 26** Hostess – Kay Suiter; Book – *Pierce Co. or Tacoma Reads* Reviewer – Mary Letterman
- **April 23** Hostess – Darlene Parsons; Book – *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal* by Conor Grennan; Reviewer – Catherine Sleavin
- **May 23** – Potluck by the Group. Hostess – Jane Hahn

MORE INTEREST GROUPS!

Papercrafters –

The Papercrafter group will meet at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church from 10:30a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 1st. There are plenty of tables to work on your projects. You don't have to be crafty to attend. You can work on any project you want, including cleaning out files or boxes. If you don't have a project we will have extra supplies to make Christmas cards this month. Bring your own brown bag lunch. We have hot water available for tea or coffee. If you plan to come give Connie Dunkelberger a call at 565-7518.

Not So Fast Food Group

For the next meeting the group is considering branching out into German food.

Diggers and Delvers

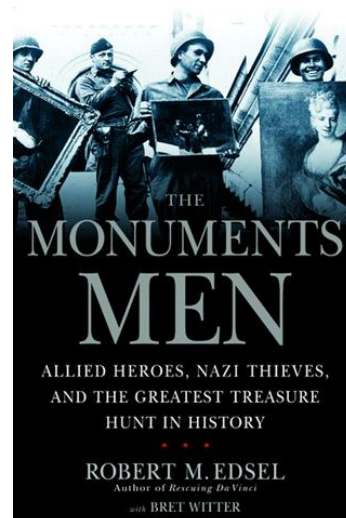
Diggers and Delvers has postponed its plans to go to the conservatory until January. Information about the January date and time will be included in the January Newsletter.

L.I.F.E./Elderhostel

Marilee Titus volunteers with L.I.F.E./Elderhostel and while it is not affiliate with AAUW, it reflective of our mission. She would like to share this upcoming meeting.

12/6/11 10:30 – 12:30 *The Hidden Artistry of Handel's Messiah*. Garfield Books

Each class costs \$10 and there is a \$5 per quarter registration fee. For more info, call Laura Stewart at 253 241-4166.



The book we are reading for the January Evening Book Group

AAUW-TACOMA
Board Meeting
November 15, 2011
University Place Library

MINUTES

Present: Phyllis Izant (President), Dorothy McBride (Finance), Joye Bucklin (Membership), Rosetta Brown (Program), Darlene Parsons (Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.
- Board meeting dates set: No meeting in December with next board meeting to be Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- Consent agenda: October 19, 2011 board minutes

FINANCE (Dorothy McBride)

- Monthly financial report distributed
- Optional branch dues for life members to be on the January board meeting agenda.
- Greater Tacoma Community Fund and the Celia Grau Trust: future income from both may be reduced and use of the money readjusted.
- Financial Procedures: Dorothy to write a draft proposal to be discussed after May 1, 2012.

MEMBERSHIP (Joye Bucklin)

- One new renewal for a total of 51 members
- Non-paying members will be dropped .

PROGRAM (Rosetta Brown)

- November 17 as planned.
- December 17: no host luncheon at Affairs with program featuring members of the University Place High School Choir. It was suggested the information in the newsletter be enhanced with color/art. Rosetta will send an RSVP email to the membership for an approximate head count. Members are encouraged to bring guests.
- January 21, 2012: Community Health Care Eastside Clinic at E. 44th and Portland Ave.
- February 18: visit to the Buffalo Soldiers Museum arranged by Jackie Jones-Hook. Time 11 a.m. Donation is suggested.
- March 17: annual business meeting. Possible site to be University Place Library.
- No April meeting due to hosting the State Convention.
- May 19: Scholarship Luncheon at the Fircrest Golf Club.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS (Phyllis and Dorothy)

- Making connections has been difficult at UWT, but is continuing
- Rosetta to recontact Kim Bobby at UPS.

NEWSLETTER: articles to be submitted by Nov. 26th. (Note: Nov. 22 was the preferred date requested by Mary and Rachel Letterman.)

GOVERNANCE: Phyllis will follow up with Wanda Johnson concerning scholarships.

STATE CONVENTION:

- Phyllis and Dorothy met with the state committee to visit the UWT site.
- The theme is "Leveling the Learning Field" and an exciting tentative program was shared.
- The cost will be \$145.00 for the weekend.

OTHER:

- The branch was represented at the Lakewold Gardens Beautiful Table Showcase with thanks to arrangers Lee Ann Ufford and Jane Hahn with assistance from Connie Dunkelberger and Ann Copeland.
- Science Fair: the branch will participate with an award for Outstanding Research: top female student project in the 9-12 category as determined by the finalist judges
- Recipient of the fund raiser at our December Branch meeting will be decided at the November Branch meeting.
- The film "Miss Representation" will be shown at the Grand Cinema November 29th. Dorothy will email information to the branch membership.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

December 2011 Activities Calendar

1	Paper Crafters at Lakewood Presbyterian Church 10:00
2	AAUW Benefit at Jazzbones 7:00
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7	Daytime Book Group at Green Spot Tea 10:00
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17	Holiday Luncheon at Affairs Café in University Place 11:30
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**AAUW-TACOMA
BRANCH MEETING**

November 19, 2011
Sunshine Hall, YWCA

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Phyllis Izant.
Members (12) and guests were welcomed.

BUSINESS:

- **Finance Report** (Dorothy McBride): Income from the Greater Tacoma Community Fund and the Celia Grau Trust has been decreasing which will have an effect on scholarships and may make it necessary to do some additional fund raising. There are 51 branch members to date.
- **Branch Goals Updated:** (Phyllis Izant)
 - Noted that the membership goal is the retention of 60 members
 - Addition of College/University Partners is still being pursued.
 - Shared information on the hosting of the 2012 AAUW State Convention
 - The archives project will probably not be finalized until next summer.
 - Science Fair: the branch will give one award in Outstanding Research: the top female student in grades 9-12 as determined by the finalist judges.
- **Holiday Philanthropy :** Phyllis will survey the membership to make a choice for this year's optional donations at our December branch luncheon to one of the following : YWCA,. Family Renewal Center, the branch Scholarship Fund, or the National Conference for Women Student Leaders scholarships.
- **Program Updates:** see November board minutes
- **Other information:**
 - Dorothy McBride shared information on the documentary film "Miss Representation" at the Grand Cinema on November 29th.
 - Connie Dunkelberger invited members to Steve Dunkelberger's Birthday Bash at Jazzbones which will benefit AAUW as well as other organizations, December 2, 7:00 p.m. Charge is \$7.00.

PROGRAM

- ❖ Pacific Lutheran University Students, Bethany Petek and Jessica Lavigne talked about their experiences at the National Conference for Women Students Leaders last June.
- ❖ Encore! Encore! Miriam Burnett, Executive Director of the YWCA talked about the history of the YWCA and the new upcoming programs and projects.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. followed by a tour of the building floor to be remodeled for the Children's Therapeutic Center.

Darlene Parsons, Secretary





Membership Note

National AAUW recently sent us the updates on the latest membership campaign. Since last year's 130th Anniversary campaign was so successful the campaign has been extended through June 30, 2012.

Incentives are: Branch: All branches that have an increase in membership by 7% (Feb 2011-2012) will earn one free membership for a new member.

Individual: At the end of the campaign all members who have recruited one or more new members will have their names entered into a drawing. Sixty-five winners will win one free membership to give to a new Branch member.

We're working on a prize for Branch members who recruit new members as well. Ideas?

College/University : New AAUW college/university partner member dues are discounted to \$130 through the end of this campaign. Undergraduate students attending a C/U partner member institution are eligible for a free e-student affiliate membership and graduating students receive a free, one-year membership through the Give a Grad a Gift program.

Special bonus for students in Graduate School: Graduate students are eligible to receive a special membership rate of \$18.81 for the length of this campaign.

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

Vision: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education, through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Diversity In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.