

# 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."*

## February Branch Meeting

**February 9, 2013 Branch at 10 am (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month!)**

At the Swasey Library on West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

### **DAR Real Daughters Project: Overcoming Barriers on the Way to the Cemetery**

Speaker Jerri McCoy

All DAR members are descended from Revolutionary patriots. But imagine joining the DAR through the Revolutionary War service of your own father. This was a distinct privilege of a Real Daughter. Not to be confused with the "daughter of a Revolutionary soldier or patriot" (a term which of course encompasses thousands of women), a Real Daughter was distinguished because she was a DAR member as well as the actual daughter of a patriot. The records of the final resting place of some of these women had been lost to history. Chapters around the United States were given the task of locating these lost daughters. Jerri McCoy participated in the search and will share her trials, tribulations and triumphs with us at the February meeting.

The national DAR actively promotes historic preservation, educational outreach, literacy, and awards \$150,000 in scholarships yearly. The DAR website at [www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org) has information on DAR's many philanthropic projects.

Jerri Thorpe McCoy

Jerri was born and raised in San Diego, California. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from San Diego State University and worked in the computer industry for 30 years before retiring a few years ago.

Jerri has been active in genealogy for over 35 years. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Colonists, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America, the Mayflower Society, the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Olympia Genealogical Society, and the Washington State Genealogical Society. Jerri is a past president of two genealogical societies and has held numerous lineage society offices.

Jerri has published two books on her family and is working on two more. She wrote an article documenting an elusive Mayflower line ancestor, which was published in the "Mayflower Descendants."

Jerri worked on a special project for the DAR for two years, locating and documenting the burial place of their "DAR Real Daughters." This experience prompted her presentation called "Overcoming the Boulders on the Way to the Cemetery."

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

February 9th - Swasey Library, 10:00 A.M.

March 16th - Lakewood Library, 10:00 A.M. Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, April 7th - Members' Tea at the home of Julie Anderson

May 18th - Luncheon, Fircrest Country Club

The programs committee is thinking about next year. Do let us know if you have ideas for mission-based speakers!

## FEBRUARY 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE PHYLLIS IZANT

True story. I have a will and a document called "disposition authorization". It details my preferences at death for the disposition of my remains. I suspect my husband or children will be able to follow it without too much trouble since I left a document asking all of my relatives, surviving my death, to honor the instructions. It's clear and easy. Here's the plan: I desire cremation with my remains interred at New Tacoma Cemeteries. I have requested no visitation, a memorial service by a liberal religious clergy person and, for **genealogical purposes**, an inscription accurately reflecting the date and location of my birth and date of my death. I'm thinking it would be fun to have an info kiosk profiling my brilliant life in a concise 45 minute video with an endowment to operate it for at least 500 years. Too much? (Kidding, of course.)

After hearing my neighbor tell me recently about how her mother is still in an urn on her living room fireplace shelf I knew this document and these instructions were important for me. It's a strong signal to my family that I value closure as well as remembrance. Yet remembrance for those who did not know me personally and living beyond me? Well, that will be a construction. The least I can do, I figure, is help them with some accurate dates. After all, who knows whether photos, papers or digital materials that I leave behind survive beyond me?

Our February branch meeting concerns these very issues of lost and found women. So join us at this month's branch meeting and learn about the Lost and found Daughters of the American Revolution and our speaker Jerri McCoy!

### EXPANDING OUR REACH THROUGH MISSION GRANTS

Coming in March: the Tacoma Branch membership will consider the recommendations of Wanda Johnson's Scholarship Task Force. These proposals expand the idea of scholarships to include a broader range of mission-oriented projects to be funded by branch grants. If adopted, each year any branch member or group of members will be able to bring forth a plan to use the branch grant funds to promote this mission:

To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Our AAUW community seeks to break through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

### **Calling all New Members, Intermediate Members And Longtime Members!**

Do you have an idea that would further this AAUW mission? Perhaps a special research project, a mentoring program, an arts competition, assistance for victims of sexual assault, a STEM project, a scholarship for a lone mother seeking economic self-sufficiency. Call or e-mail Phyllis Izant today showing your interest and she will give you more details.

We will be discussing the mission grant program for 2013-2014 at the March meeting.

# INTEREST GROUPS AND NEWS

## HOT TOPICS

### *Immigration Reform and ICE Detention in Tacoma*

Reform of immigration law and policy promises to be a top issue for 2013. Hot topics include amnesty, the Mexican border fence, deportation, civilian border patrols, terrorist threats, economic burdens, the Dream Act, and detention. Detention and deportation hit very close to home. Congress has ordered that, to maintain its funding, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deport 400,000 people per year. Before deportation, immigrants are held in detention centers run by private contractors. There is such an ICE detention center on the Tacoma Tide Flats. Up to 1800 people are held for months in this facility. Who are they? Why are they there? Are their civil rights protected? What can/should be done?

For background, see the recent special series on the center in The News Tribune: "A rare look inside Tacoma's Northwest Detention Center". Find it on the Tribune website: [www.thenewstribune.com/](http://www.thenewstribune.com/)

Join us  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
4-6 pm  
YMCA Lakewood  
9715 Lakewood Dr SW  
Lakewood, WA  
253-584-9622  
(There is a Forza on the premises!)

## **Genealogy & Family History Interest Group**

In January, we braved the ice and freezing fog to visit the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, where librarian Jim Johnson gave us a very informative presentation on resources available there. HQRL has a variety of classes coming up, which some of us plan to attend selectively. Curious? Ask Carol Rikerd or me to email you the class schedule.



We've finally settled on a regular monthly meeting day and time:  
**third Fridays, from 1 to 3 p.m.**

**Friday, February 15**, we'll meet in the main meeting room at University Place Library to share stories about our genealogical research: the process, what we've discovered, and what we want desperately to find out. Since it's the day after Valentine's Day, maybe we'll have ancestral love stories to share? I can think of a few. If you have "couples" photos of any ancestors, bring them for show and tell - the older the better. Those are some of my great-great-grandparents above. Come and hear about their love story!

Mary Hammond, Chair

## AAUW Daytime Book Group 2012-2013

**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.**

FEBRUARY 27

**Death Come to Pemberley by  
P.D. James**

Reviewer: Jane

Hostess: Kay (**note change**)

MARCH 27

**Among the Mad by Jacqueline  
Winspear**

Reviewer: Helen

Hostess: Marilee

APRIL 22

**King Peggy by Peggilene  
Bartels and Eleanor Herman**

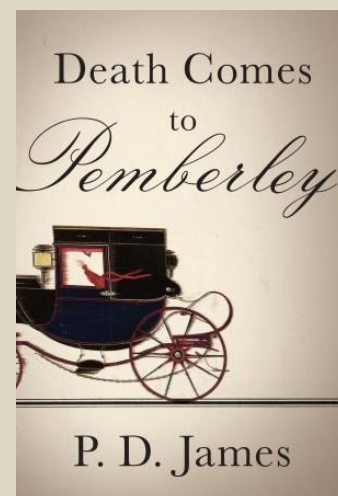
Reviewer: Lee Ann

Hostess: Jane

MAY 22

Reviewers: Book selection for  
next year

Hostess: TBD



## AAUW Evening Book Group, 2012-2013

6:30 (except the 6:00 May Potluck)

FEBRUARY 25

### WILD—LOST TO FOUND ON THE PACIFIC COAST TRAIL

by Cheryl Strayed

Reviewer: Susie

Hostess: Jeanne

MARCH 25

### PIERCE COUNTY/TACOMA READS SELECTION

Reviewer: Mary L

Hostess: Kay /Joye

APRIL 22

### THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS

by Rebecca Skloot

Reviewer: Jeanne

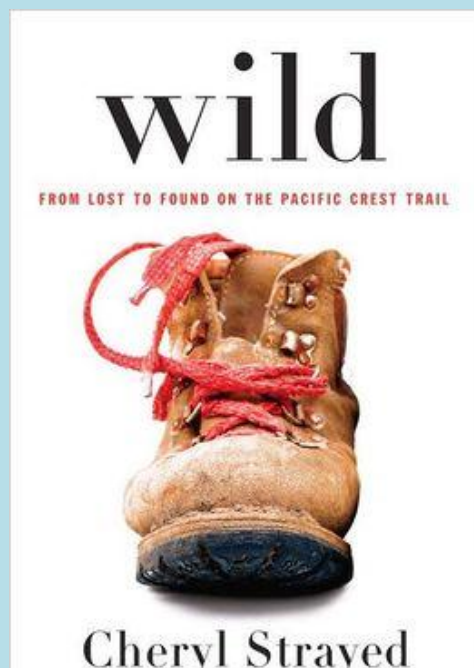
Hostess: Colleen

MAY 20

### POTLUCK BY THE GROUP

Reviewers: Everyone

Hostess: Jane



## MORE INTEREST GROUPS!

### Papercrafters

We will be back at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church on February 7th from 10:30 - 2:00 doing our individual projects. The church is located at 8101 104<sup>th</sup> Street in Lakewood. Bring your brown bag lunch, coffee and tea are available. Call Connie if you need directions.

The group is exploring a different meeting day and a new location that may be more convenient. Members interested in working on any sort of paper project (even if it is sorting through your files) should contact Connie at [dunkelberger@harbornet.com](mailto:dunkelberger@harbornet.com). Please suggest a time and a day of the week you might be available. We are also taking suggestions of a location which may be more convenient for you to take advantage of this uninterrupted working time.

### Not So Fast Food Group

Sorry no meeting this month.

### L.I.F.E./Elderhostel Classes

#### Challenges Facing the Death Community

February 4 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Garfield Book Company Community Room

Presenter Anthony Hardesty will share his life journey as a man who is deaf, living in a hearing world. Raised in Puyallup, Mr. Hardesty graduated from Gallaudet University, in WA D.C. and works at the Puyallup Public Library. Monday, February 4th, 2013 10:30-12:30 Garfield Book Company FREE to PLU faculty, staff and students. \$10 to community members <http://www.plu.edu/lifeelderhostel>

#### Dr. Douglas Oakman on the KJV Bible

February 12 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Garfield Book Company Community Room

February 12, 2013 (Tuesday) 10:30 - 12:30 Garfield Book Co.

Community Room Free lecture for PLU students, staff and faculty.

\$10 for public. Douglas Oakman, PLU professor of religion Offered by Learning Is ForEver <http://www.plu.edu/lifeelderhostel> Laura Stewart (253) 241-4166 [stewarla@plu.edu](mailto:stewarla@plu.edu)

#### Lincoln's Appointment of Leaders

February 19 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Garfield Book Company Community Room

The Honorable Gerry Alexander will speak on the history of Washington Territory, to include the judges that President Lincoln appointed. February 19, 2013 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Garfield Book Co. Community Room Class fee \$10. FREE to PLU students, staff and faculty <http://www.plu.edu/lifeelderhostel> Contact Laura Stewart (253) 241-4166/ [stewarla@plu.edu](mailto:stewarla@plu.edu)

# *Activities Calendar*

February 1	Friday	
February 2	Saturday	
February 3	Sunday	
February 4	Monday	L.I.F.E/Elderhostel Challenges Facing the Death Community @ Garfield Book Company Community Room 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
February 5	Tuesday	
February 6	Wednesday	
February 7	Thursday	Papercrafters @Lakewood Presbyterian Church 10:30AM - 2:00PM
February 8	Friday	
February 9	Saturday	The February Branch meeting @ the Swasey Library at 10 AM
February 10	Sunday	
February 11	Monday	
February 12	Tuesday	L.I.F.E/Elderhostel Dr. Douglas Oakman on the KJV Bible @ Garfield Book Company Community Room 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
February 13	Wednesday	
February 14	Thursday	
February 15	Friday	Genealogy & Family History Interest Group @ University Place Library 1-3 PM
February 16	Saturday	
February 17	Sunday	
February 18	Monday	
February 19	Tuesday	L.I.F.E/Elderhostel Lincoln's Appointment of Leaders @ Garfield Book Company Community Room 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
February 20	Wednesday	Hot Topics @YMCA Lakewood 4-6 PM
February 21	Thursday	
February 22	Friday	
February 23	Saturday	Elect Her, PLU
February 24	Sunday	
February 25	Monday	Evening Book Group 6:30 (And the newsletter editor's birthday!)
February 26	Tuesday	
February 27	Wednesday	Daytime Book Group 10 AM
February 28	Thursday	



## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS - by Mary H, V.P. Membership**

Tacoma Branch membership continues to grow. In January, we welcomed three new members:

### **Dana Holt**

I have an AAS (Associate's Degree in Arts and Science) from Pierce College - Fort Steilacoom, with concentrations in English and art. I'm a graphic designer at Tacoma Rubber Stamp.

I discovered AAUW through my long-time friend, Carol Rikerd, who first introduced me to the great women and lively discussions in the AAUW Hot Topics interest group.

My family moved to Tacoma in 1966. I consider myself bred in 'Grit-City', in spite of not being born here. I was educated in the local schools, volunteered at Tacoma Little Theatre, worked at Tacoma Actor's Guild and have been employed by Tacoma Rubber Stamp doing computer graphics for 23 years.

A friend, Carol Rikerd, was telling me how wonderful AAUW was and commented, "It's too bad you don't have a degree, so you could join." I told her I had an Associate's Degree (Pierce College Fort Steilacoom) and, boom! now I'm a member.

For fun, I like to read, write and aggravate my cat, Jake.

### **Hope Teague-Bowling**

I am an English teacher at Clover Park High School in Lakewood. I'm also a union rep for the Clover Park Education Association (CPEA), as well as Vice President of the League of Education Voters (LEV) - an education advocacy organization - and a member of New Community Church. I've lived in eight different countries and visited 19. I adore traveling, trying to speak other languages and taste testing my way through a country. I'm a wannabe baker, a decent ethnic food cook, and a canning novice. I married my grad school sweetheart, Nathan Gibbs-Bowling, who is also a teacher. In my "spare" time I read and write blogs about education issues.

I was invited to join AAUW by Wanda Johnson, who I am pleased to know through her daughter (my grad school confidante). After the first AAUW meeting, I was motivated to join because I love the intellectually stimulating conversations with smart, experienced women.

### **Mary Lu Wilson**

I was raised in West Chester, Pa, a small community west of Philadelphia. The community had many Italians plus an Italian bakery, Jews, Irish-Americans, African-Americans and people whose ancestors established the town in the early 1700s. My father's family was originally Quaker and was one of those who started the town. Interacting with such a variety of ethnicities embued me with an appreciation of everyone's unique qualities.

I work full-time as a Speech Language Pathologist for Tacoma Public Schools. Tacoma's mix of ethnicities and socio-economic levels is stimulating to me. Right now I am busy preparing my /R/ correction program to present to the Tacoma Public School Speech Language Pathologists and Speech Assistants.

Besides my /R/ correction program, I am passionate about learning to speak Spanish and traveling to Spanish-speaking countries. Another interest of mine is learning more about women's issues in the world and how I can support women in third world countries in adequately providing for and educating their children.

I was a member of AAUW in Vancouver, WA before moving to Tacoma.

## **AAUW BRANCH BOARD MEETING, January 17, 2013**

Attending: Phyllis Izant, Connie Dunkelberger, Mary Hammond, Lee Ann Ufford, Dorothy McBride, Wanda Johnson, Carol Rikerd.

### Governance and Development

The board discussed future leadership needs for the Branch. The open offices this spring are President, Program Vice President, and Treasurer. Phyllis and Dorothy will be working on a nominating plan. We need to reach out to younger members and get them involved in leadership roles. One idea is to 'pipeline' new leadership in an overlapping manner. The Presidency, or any other office, could be a team, with the outgoing officer supporting the incoming officer for the first year of her two-year term. In the second year, an incoming officer would work with the current officer to learn the job for the next term. When the new officer assumes her duties, the retiring officer starts a repeated cycle as an administrative supporter. This would build a solid support team for women rotating in and out of office.

### College / University Relations, NCWSSL, Scholarship & Public Policy - Wanda Johnson

The Scholarship Task Force recommended the Branch support scholarships to Tech Trek for two local girls. The candidates will be nominated by local middle school science teachers. We will also be granting \$2800 for candidates from PLU and UWT to attend NCWSSL, \$1400 for each school. The Women's Center will be selecting PLU candidates. The two AAUW members who hold positions at UWT will be asked to coordinate candidate selection there or find an administrator for the job. If no one can be found to administer the grant, that money will be held over for next year's projects. Recipients will be required to report to the Branch on their NCCWSL experience. The board voted to approve this fund distribution for 2013.

The Task Force agreed that the Branch should reconsider the policy of using our funds for yearly small scholarships. To do this, the current Policies & Procedures section *Branch Scholarship Program* needs to be replaced with a new section. The objective of the new section is to expand the use of our yearly funds to new projects that still adhere to our mission. The new section will allow any member to develop a mission oriented proposal for funding and present that proposal to the Board at the February meeting. If approved by the Board, the proposal will be presented to the members at the annual business meeting in March.

A new P & P section was introduced to the Board. The Board approved the proposed section to be presented to members for a vote at the March 2013 business meeting. The text is in this newsletter. Dorothy McBride provided information on the history and goals of Tech Trek. The Puyallup Tribe has been approached by State AAUW for a grant to support Tech Trek. An endorsement for the grant by Tacoma Branch was requested. The Board voted to endorse Tech Trek in support of a Tribal grant.

### Treasurer Report – Dorothy McBride

GTCF has made AAUW an agency fund, and we will now get our annual disbursement from the fund without having to submit a yearly request. The income from the Celia Grau trust is \$4018. Dorothy submitted a year-to-date budget and expense report.

Dorothy pointed out that only the Branch, not individuals, can donate to the fund. Individuals can donate into a separate 'holding' fund. The text is in this month's newsletter.

### Program Vice President – Lee Ann Ufford

The February program will be genealogy based. March is the annual business meeting. April is the Annual Tea, and May will be the Spring Lunch. Phyllis, Lee Ann and Carol will work on individual invitations to members for the April Tea.

Carol Rikerd, Secretary

## AAUW TACOMA BRANCH MEETING JANUARY 19, 2013

### Forensic Nurse Examiner Service

This month's speaker was Kathleen Britton, ARNP. Kathleen gave members an overview of the Forensic Nurse Examiner Service based at Tacoma General Hospital. There are twenty nurses in the program who work with sexual assault cases coming into the emergency rooms at local hospitals in the Multicare and Franciscan hospital systems in Pierce County. Each nurse is certified in a special training program at Harborview. A Forensic Nurse is available twenty four hours a day.

In the U.S. it is estimated that a woman is assaulted every two and one-half minutes. One in ten men will be assaulted in their lifetime. One in four college women age 18-21 experiences sexual assault. This is the highest risk group. The ability to protect yourself, based on age, is a determining factor in who is likely to be assaulted. The risk is highest for children.

In some states, the law defines rape and sexual assault separately. In Washington State sexual assault is defined as all assaults with violence, meaning any contact without consent. Our state no longer has a definition of statutory rape. Instead there are three classes of sexual assault felonies based on the age and condition (elderly, disabled) of the person assaulted. At age sixteen, both boys and girls are legally able to consent to sex. The felony charge for assaults on children under age sixteen varies with the age of the child.

Law enforcement and juries tend to use the extent of injuries as a deciding point in rape cases. Women who fight back suffer more injuries than those who are unable to fight. Kathleen emphasized that women who are attacked need to focus first on surviving. Sexual assault can be very quick, giving the victim little time to react. In younger women, the ones most likely to face assault, the emotional reactions can vary widely. There is no medical standard to identify the severity of the attack with the survivor's emotional state.

Forensic nurses treat assault cases in patients age fourteen and over. At age fourteen, an assaulted girl has the right to accept or refuse treatment and the collection of forensic evidence, regardless of what her parents or law enforcement want. Assault cases are treated in private rooms in the emergency area. Her nurse stays with her through all the proceedings at the hospital. Many patients also have an attack survivor counselor, trained by the Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County, with them. The Forensic Nurse can be called upon to testify in court proceedings, but the nurse's primary responsibility is to the patient. In legal testimony, the Forensic Nurse is not allowed to state categorically that the patient was raped; she only testifies about the physical evidence. The counselor is never called on to testify, she or he is devoted only to the patient's well-being. The patient is given written materials about surviving assault and local resources for help. She also is offered medication for STD infection, treatment for HIV infection, Plan B if she is 14 -18 years or older. This is paid for by Crime Victim Compensation. In the medical care system, a person who has been attacked is always called 'survivor' or 'patient'. Only to the police is the person referred to as 'victim'. This is done to reinforce to the police that a crime has been committed.

Most assault survivors are not physically injured. This leads to reporting problems, because the survivors hesitate to report the crime. These assault statistics redefine common misperceptions:

- 5% suffer serious injuries
- 33% suffer minor injuries
- 26% will be infected with an STD
- 5% are impregnated
- 13% will attempt suicide shortly after being attacked
- 50% of attacks are never reported
- 16% do not report due to fear of their attacker, the police, or legal entanglements
- 60% seek no medical care
- 10% of drug related assaults involve date rape drugs
- the most common drug impairment in assault cases is alcohol
- 97% of rapists never spend a day in jail
- Most rapists caught and prosecuted have committed an average of ten rapes.

Survivors of assault almost always deal with questions of self-blame. Many women, especially younger ones, may be guilty of careless behavior, faulty decisions and bad judgment. None of these mistakes should result in rape as punishment. Commenting members agreed that our society needs to cultivate a social more that such lapses in young women, and young men, should never result in rape or any other sexual assault.

Kathleen showed members a rape kit. The kit contains cotton swabs, which are used to collect biological specimens from the patient. The swabs are set in a special container to dry, which keeps the evidence from contamination and deterioration. They are then sealed in special cardboard boxes with the patient's information. The examiner signs across the seals in a way that protects the boxes from tampering. All the evidence is collected in a larger box, similarly sealed and sent to the State Crime Lab. The evidence is never analyzed unless called for by the Prosecuting Attorney. The State does not have funding to develop evidence unless a charge is filed.

### Branch Meeting

Phyllis Izant proposed contacting the Board of Directors for the YWCA and introducing Kathleen to them. Her presentation might help the counselors at the Y to encourage reporting assault.

It was suggested that we think about a similar meeting program looking at the problem with reporting assault in Native American communities.

Lee Ann Ufford announced the spring meetings:

- February – The DAR Lost Daughters Project
- March - Annual Business meeting
- April - Sunday Tea (honoring old and new members)
- May - Spring Lunch

Phyllis Izant announced the upcoming board vacancies: President, Treasurer, and Programs Vice President. Members are encouraged to step into leadership positions.

Dorothy McBride reported the disbursements from Celia Grau Trust, \$4018, and GTCF, \$2200. We made \$189 from the December soap sale. The Board approved funding two middle school students to Tech Trek. Dorothy gave an overview of the program. Tech Trek information will be available on the AAUW.WA site soon. She also discussed how to make a donation to support another student to Tech Trek.

Carol Rikerd,  
Secretary



## ELECT HER Campus Women Win 2013

Saturday, February 23, 2013: AAUW and Running Start bring another edition of the "Elect Her" workshop to the PLU campus. For the third year in a row, AAUW has selected our partner PLU as a site for training college women with skills to run for campus offices and beyond. Students work with the Women's Center Director Jennifer Smith to run the workshop that features talks by women holding local elective office such as Julie Anderson. AAUW branch members are welcome to attend. This is a good opportunity for branch members to volunteer for a PLU project and enjoy a very stimulating workshop as college students learn the basics about running for office.

Elect Her is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23rd from 11am-4pm in the Scandinavian Cultural Center, lower level of University Center. Check-in will begin at 10:30am.

### Membership on Sale! Half price dues special!

For new, first-time members who join AAUW between January 1 and March 15, dues for the remainder of our fiscal year ending June 30 will be reduced by 50%. So total dues (National, State, and Tacoma) for these newbies is only **\$38.50**. If you've been thinking about joining or have a friend who might like to join, this is the time to do it!

Mail your half-year dues check for **\$38.50**, payable to **Tacoma AAUW**, to

**Tacoma AAUW**  
**Attn.: Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 65303**  
**Tacoma, WA 98464-1303**

Please complete this form to accompany your check. Thank you, and Welcome to AAUW!

#### Directory information:

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Your birthday: month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about us? (Circle one or more)

Facebook    Meetup    newspaper    friend

If you were "recruited" by a current AAUW member, by whom? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Note: \$23 of your half-year National AAUW dues is tax-deductible if you itemize.

## SUMMARY OF REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO BRANCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AT ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 16, 2013

The Tacoma Branch Board will propose revisions to *Branch Policies and Procedures* to be considered at the annual meeting March 16. They include updates to conform with Financial Procedures adopted in September. See our Tacoma Branch website for a copy of these procedures. The proposed revisions include

- substitution of “financial review” for “audit”
- clarification of AAUW Tacoma Branch Fund with GTCF as an agency fund, not a donor fund
- simplification of sections pertaining to the Finance committee.

In addition the Board proposes the adoption of the following amendment recommended by the Scholarship Task Force. This will replace the section on scholarships:

### BRANCH MISSION PROJECTS

A. Mission Projects will use branch mission funds to promote equity for women and girls in Pierce County. Projects may include but are not limited to grants to local colleges/universities or scholarships to individuals.

B. Mission projects for each fiscal year (July-June) will be determined annually by the membership at the preceding Annual Meeting.

C. Any member or group of members may propose uses for the funds to the Board for recommendation to the membership. Any proposed project must show how the project advances the branch mission and must designate a committee, task force or individual to implement the project.

D. Leaders of each project will report the results to the membership before the end of the fiscal year.

The Policies and Procedures Document outlining the deletions, additions, and substitutions will be distributed with the March Newsletter. Watch for it!

