

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

News and Events

February Meeting: "Franke Tobey Jones Was a Lady!" presented by Darlyne Reiter



Franke Tobey Jones, May 2, 1893 *Courtesy of University of Puget Sound Archives*

Ever wondered how Franke Tobey Jones Center got that name? Or who Franke Tobey Jones was? Join us to hear about this extraordinary woman and her role in Tacoma history!

When: Saturday, February 15th, 10:00 A.M.

**Where: The Wellness Center at Franke Tobey Jones
5430 North Bristol St, Tacoma, 98407**

**(Note: there is free and available visitor parking at the top of the hill
and near the Bistro, on the side of the Wellness Center)**

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Courtesy of Darlyne Reiter

Darlyne Reiter began researching Jones' life when she learned "Franke" was a philanthropic woman, not a man, from Tacoma's past.

In addition to her work on Jones, Reiter has conducted local research projects on Puyallup

native Peter Stump, Ruston's Nelson Bennett Tunnel, and historic Tacoma personalities. She researched, wrote and published *South Tacoma*, a part of the Images in America series from Arcadia Publishing.

Reiter moved to Washington from North Dakota in 1969. She is an active member of the Tacoma Historical Society, including roles as board member and Contributing Editor and writer for *City of Destiny* newsletter. She is a speaker for the Landmark Series and Heritage Series. She is a graduate of the University of Washington-Tacoma and lives in Tacoma with her husband, Steve Romines. Her passion is local history.

Our program is presented in partnership with Senior University at Franke Tobey Jones.

Presidents' Corner



Diane Palmquist & Dana Holt (co-Presidents, AAUW Tacoma Branch)

My dad passed away a little over 5 years ago. He died suddenly, about 6 weeks before the housing bubble erupted. It took me nearly 2 years to shovel out, clean up, wrest from the scourge of squatters, clean up AGAIN then, finally, sell his house and settle the estate.

After dealing with that situation for so long I wasn't in the mood to be responsible for anything but getting to work and making enough money to feed myself and the cat.

So, two years later Carol Rikerd invited me, a virtual recluse, to attend an AAUW Hot Topics meeting where we discussed the meaning of the word 'feminism', why it had such a poor connotation, whether the Women's' Movement

still existed, retained its relevance today and how it compared to the movement of 1970. It was this discussion that prompted my reentry into the world of social interaction.

My intent, upon joining AAUW, was to have the pleasure of social contact with intelligent women about compelling issues.

I'm sure a good number of us came to AAUW via one of our book groups or through attending a genealogy meeting. Perhaps your interest lies in paper crafting, slow foods or gardening. The Tacoma Branch offers a great set of interest groups. The folks running them and attending have an abundance of good ideas, passion and camaraderie to share.

Please, come to the meetings. Get to know your fellow members. Be involved. Then remind yourself that the AAUW is a service organization, that we are dedicated to promoting equity for women and girls.

Our mission is to empower women! Tracing family histories, wrangling about current events and chatting over a hot oven full of heavenly aromas builds bonds, creates friendships and cultivates the kinds of powerful attachments we need to accomplish this mission.

So, there comes a time, my friends, when we need to grasp the hands of our compatriots and step into the fray. As usual, we're looking for a few good leaders, a bunch of fabulous followers, folks who are willing to pitch in, a little or a lot, and others to show up to branch meetings, cast votes, give opinions, share concerns and ideas.

Yes, you can join AAUW, avail yourself of its social aspects, participate in and enjoy its peripheral activities...but we are not, primarily, a social club. **We accomplish things. We matter. You matter.**

I don't expect anyone to go from near-hermit to co-President, like I did, but I will say we need boots on the ground, friends who care about raising the stature of women, themselves and their companions from book club and paper crafters.

Come; get the full AAUW experience for which you paid those dues. Empower yourself by empowering us! – Dana



Important Information

January 2014 Meeting: "Human Trafficking in Washington: From the Mercer Maids to Sexual Exploitation in Internet Ads" with Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles By Carol Rikerd

Diane Palmquist introduced Jennifer Smith, Director of the Women's Center. The Center's mission "is to empower women and their allies to become advocates for gender equity and social justice. We accomplish this through education, mentoring, outreach, and celebration as well as by fostering a safe space and inclusive community." Dr. Smith introduced Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles. Senator Kohl-Welles started her program on Human Trafficking with an explanation that sex trafficking is only part of the total trafficking problem. She explained that past incidents may have influenced current problems. As an example, the first women brought to our area were the 'Mercer Maids' from New England who came to Seattle to be teachers and brides for the timber workers here. They were the precursor to mail order brides.

Human trafficking is a growth business currently netting over one billion dollars a year. It is estimated that over 20 million people around the world are victims of human trafficking. The subject is sensitive – victims are everywhere, and statistically, this audience may have people who were trafficked.

Human trafficking has changed over history. One of the problems in dealing with this issue is the line between free will and exploitation, consent and coercion. The role public policy and law can play to control and prevent trafficking is also a concern.

There are multiple parts to trafficking.

- Smuggling is arranged entry to another place arranged by another person for profit, with no investment in the smuggled person after the arrangement.
- Stowawaying is gaining free passage, with no profit made by the person arranging the travel.
- Slavery is compulsion to perform labor; the investment in shipping and purchasing the person can be heavy, with limited profit.
- Trafficking involves force, fraud, coercion for purposes of subjugation. Trafficking requires little or no investment, but the reward (profits) can be immense.

The largest amount of human trafficking is for labor, includes many minors, and includes the sex trade.

The Seattle area is a destination for traffickers because it is the closest U.S. port to central Asia. People pay fees, are shipped in containers on large vessels, and are sent on to labor or the sex trade.

An important part of the trafficking problem is the source and destination of victims. Much of the trade starts in Asia and people are taken through transfer points into Japan, America, and Europe where the demand for sex trade is very high, and the consumers have the wealth to pay for sex. The breakdown of trafficked persons is roughly 46% to prostitution, 27% to domestic work, 10% to agriculture, 5% to factories. The remaining 12% are put to various other types of work.

(This report is edited and condensed. If you would like Carol's full report, please email the editors.)

Save the Dates for First Ever Joint State Convention!

Connect, Collaborate, Lead - AAUW Bridging the Columbia
Oregon-Washington Joint Convention
April 25-27, 2014, Portland OR



Planning is underway for our joint State Convention, to be held on the last weekend in April 2014 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Portland – Airport. One topic is sure to be on the convention agenda: the Public Policy Impact Grant for fiscal year 2013-2014 that was jointly awarded to AAUW Oregon and AAUW Washington to address Equal Pay.



The Two Minute Activist

Linda Isenson, AAUW Tacoma Public Policy Maven

Did you know that the average woman who runs for political office has to be asked **8 times** before she says 'yes'? Women currently hold just 18 percent of the seats in Congress and 24 percent of seats in state legislatures.

There is significant evidence to show that women must hold a minimum of 35% of the seats in a legislative body to change the conversation and types of legislation that will be considered. We are nowhere near that, either in Washington State, or the other Washington.

To remedy this problem, AAUW and Running Start launched the **Elect Her–Campus Women Win** program, which trains college women to run for student government. As regular participants in this fantastic program, Pacific Lutheran University will hold a one-day, **Elect Her** training on March 1st. Students will practice hands-on campaign skills, hear from inspiring local speakers, and discuss research on women in government. Engaging women in politics and electing them to office earlier in life is the key to strengthening and increasing women's representation in government. Many of the campuses who apply for **Elect Her** show a disparity between the number of women and men serving in prominent leadership roles on campus. An important part of encouraging young women to step up and lead starts with participation in student government.

"**Elect Her** is the only national program encouraging and training college women to run for student government," says Jessica Kelly, an AAUW program manager. "During the trainings, participants build leadership skills and start to see themselves as potential candidates. The goal is to engage these women in politics early and create a pipeline of leaders who will run for office someday. In short, we're ultimately hoping to increase women's representation in government."

Elect Her addresses the need to expand the pipeline to women running for office and to diminish the longstanding political leadership gender gap. We need more women to run for office. They need inspiration, they need expertise, they need experience, and **we** need to start as soon as possible.

This is an election year – what can you do to get involved in a local campaign and make a difference? If you aren't sure what to do or who to call, start with contacting me. I can help you wade through the swamp!



Opportunity Knocks

TIME TO STEP UP

You joined the Tacoma Branch of AAUW because you care about equality for women and girls. Want to get more involved?

Elections of officers for 2014-2015 will be held at the Branch Meeting, March 15, 2014. There are two offices up for election and each of them offers an opportunity for you to join the branch leadership. Contact a member of the Governance committee to show your willingness to help: Dorothy McBride, Joye Bucklin, Connie Dunkelberger, or Wanda Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

This is a job that definitely can be shared. There is the “greeter/nametag job”: you have no doubt noticed the friendly faces that greet you at branch meetings with nametags, sign in sheets and membership information. There is also the “greet-people-and-invite-them-to-join-the-branch job. There are brochures and membership forms that help with this part in maintaining a strong membership for the branch. Membership VP is a two year term and a member of the board.

SECRETARY

Want to know absolutely everything that is going on? The branch secretary witnesses what happens at board and branch meetings and writes it down. This record is important for the orderly functioning of the branch, the expenditure of our funds, and documenting branch activities. The Branch secretary is a member of the branch board. Again, this is a position with a two year term that can be shared by two or a committee of scribes.

PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT

In addition, the branch needs someone to complete the second year of the Program VP term. According to the Bylaws, the President fills such vacancies, but our presidents need some volunteers to step up for this job too. Members have lots of ideas for branch programs. The Program VP makes it happen by contacting the speakers, booking the room for the meeting and writing a publicity paragraph for the newsletter. This job can be shared: Co-Program VPs or a program collective that shares the job. Program VP is a branch board position.



WE CAN SEND MORE GIRLS TO TECH TREK!

The Board has agreed to support two girls to for Tech Trek Stem Camp in 2014. In addition, we hope to have foundation support to send more. You can help by making a tax deductible donation—any amount can help. Here's how to give:

1. *Online by credit card or PayPal:* go to <http://techtrek-wa.aauw.net/>

Use the “Donate” button for the AAUW Tech Trek Program Fund (You will need your member number. Look in the member directory or contact Irene Hutchinson or Phyllis Izant or your number)

2. Make checks payable to AAUW and put Tech Trek WA and Tacoma branch in the memo line. Mail to: AAUW, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045

3. If you want to donate to the branch directly, you can send your gift to the **Tacoma AAUW Projects Fund at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation**. Again there are two ways: Online at <https://www.gtcf.org/donate-now> or make your

check out to GTCF with Tacoma AAUW Projects Fund/Tech Trek on the memo line. Mail to The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, 950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1100, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Learning is ForEver Program

The upcoming month is chock full of fascinating classes! Expand your horizons and sit in on one of these interesting lectures: **How the American Red Cross responds to a Disaster**, January 30th; **Art: Medieval Times to Michelangelo**, February 7th; **Undersea Wonders: From Bonaire to the Salish Sea**, February 20th; **A Tale of Six Strings: A history of the Guitar**, February 27th(This one is facilitated by our own Marilee Titus!)

These classes are offered by Learning is ForEver, a Community Outreach of PLU to active seniors in Pierce County, and is affiliated with Elderhostel/Road Scholar Programs. AAUW Tacoma Branch Member Marilee Titus serves on the program committee. Tickets (\$10) are available at the door or by emailing Laura Stewart at Stewarla@plu.edu. LIFE usually meets at the Garfield Book Company Community Room but check the schedule for changes/other locations. The program goes from **10:30 am to 12:30 pm**. The PLU community is free with PLU I.D. For more info on the L.I.F.E. organization see: <http://www.plu.edu/lifeelderhostel>

Interest Groups

Diggers and Delvers/Not So Fast Food Group

Diggers and Delvers and the Not So Fast Food Group will combine again at Windmill Gardens in Sumner on **February 21st at 12:30 pm**. We will explore the spring garden offerings and enjoy lunch in the Windmill Bistro. The nursery is located at 16009 60th Street East in Sumner. Please **RSVP** to Jane Hahn by **February 19th**.



Genealogy and Family History Group

Friday, Feb. 14th, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm, Meeting Room at University Place Library. Note new time, due to room availability. BYO laptop or tablet. Using the library's Wi-Fi connections, we will work on our own research, sharing our tips and frustrations along the way. We can all try out Google Earth! Lunch first? If you'd like to join us at 11:30 for a fine pre-meeting lunch at Spring Lake Cafe in Fircrest, please email me. - *Mary Hammond, Chair*



Book Groups

Evening Book Group will meet **February 24th at 6:30 pm**. Amber Stream will review "Daughters" by Consuelo Saah Baehr. Linda Isenson will host at 2981 Marietta Street in Steilacoom. **Maps do not take you to the correct address, due to address changes 20 years ago!** From the Steilacoom Library, take View Road up the hill to the stop sign. Go left at the stop sign. Take the immediate left up a driveway to a cul de sac. Linda is the 1st of the right. Park in front of the mailboxes, behind her car or on the sides of the driveway. Please do not park in the other driveways!! There is also street parking on Marietta just below her duplex. Linda's phone is 206.226.6120.

Daytime Book Group will meet **February 26th at 10 am**. Jane Hahn will review "Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin. Kay Suiter will host at her home, The Villas at Union Park, 2010 S. Union, Apt. #403, Tacoma, 98405. Kay's phone number is 253.581.8393.



Paper Crafters

Papercrafters will meet on **February 5th** and again on **March 5th**. The next two months are great for sending handmade cards to family and friends.

Come join us and make Valentines or St. Patrick's Day cards (or other paper projects you may have) at the **Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th St SW**. We meet from **10 am to 2 pm**. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea are available. Call Connie Dunkelberger for more information and directions to the church.



Technology and Social Networks 101

Everything you've always wanted to know but been afraid to ask! We will **February 18th** from **10 am to 12 pm** at **Tower Coffee Bar and Grill, 1101 Tacoma Avenue South**. It is across from the Main Library in Downtown Tacoma. Please **RSVP** to Linda Isenson or Irene Hutchinson by **February 14th**.



Hot Topics

MARRIAGE EQUALTY: DOES IT COVER POLYGAMY?

Polygamy: the state of marriage with more and one spouse.

Polygyny: man with multiple wives
Polyandry: woman with multiple husbands
Polyamory: persons with more than one intimate relationship at a time with the consent of all involved

If the Equal Protection clause of the constitution guarantees the right of same sex couples to marry, does it also guarantee the right of individuals to choose to marry a spouse who is already married to someone else? The Utah Supreme Court recently struck down a state law that the government used to prosecute polygamous cohabitation (think: Sister Wives). Although the court let stand the ban on polygamous marriages, those who oppose marriage equality see this decision as evidence that that the marriage equality movement is the slippery slope to permitting polygamous marriages. Others say, "Bring it on." It's all part of freedom of choice. We'll discuss this debate and consider AAUW's public policy stance on the issue.

Some readings: "Legalize Polygamy!" http://www.slate.com/articles/double_x/double_x/2013/04/legalize_polygamy_marriage_equality_for_all.html

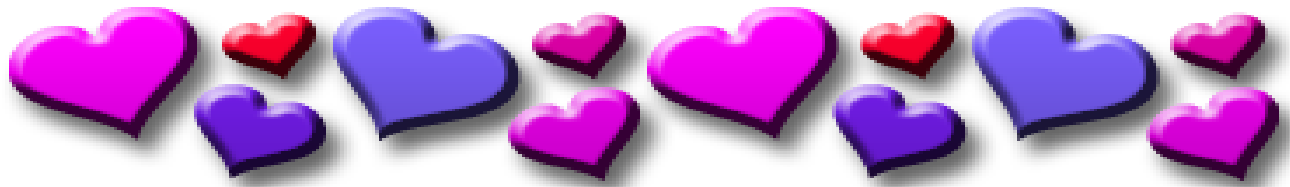
"Full Marriage Equality" <http://marriage-equality.blogspot.com/p/polyamory-and-polygamy.html>

"Polygamy and Marriage Free-fall" <http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/366440/polygamy-and-marriage-free-fall-andrew-t-walker>

February 19th from 4-6 pm

YMCA Lakewood, 9715 Lakewood Dr SW
253-584-9622 (there is a Black Bear Espresso on the premises)





February/March 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Super Bowl Sunday	3	4	5 10am – 2 pm Papercrafters 4-6 Board Mtg @ Feisty Gals	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14  12:30 - 2:30 Genealogy	15 10am Meeting @ Franke Tobey Jones
16	17	18 10am Tech101 @ Tower Coffee	19 4-6 pm Hot Topics @ Lakewood Y	20	21 12:30 Diggers & Delvers/NSFFG	22
23 6:30 pm Evening Book Group	24	25	26 10 am Book Group	27	28	March 1
2	3	4	5 10am – 2 pm Papercrafters @ Lakewood Presbyterian	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 10am Annual Meeting @ UP Library

Upcoming Programs

Annual Meeting, 10 A.M. March 15th at University Place Library

Spring Tea, 10 A.M. April 6th, location TBD



Be Connected with AAUW!

AAUW Tacoma Website is the place to go to learn about our branch. There is an officers list with contact information, a summary of the interest groups (including the reading lists for both book groups), our mission statement, community involvement and branch goals and a member's center with a newsletter archive, branch bylaws, forms, and membership benefits. <http://tacoma-wa.aauw.net/>

AAUW Tacoma Facebook has daily updates of AAUW and other community events, as well as other items of interest. Feel free to add items of interest, as well as comments and 'like'. Truly, AAUW Tacoma has one of the best Facebook Pages in the country! Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.Tacoma>

AAUW Tacoma Meetup. The goal of Meetup is to help "people find others who share their *interest* or *cause*, and form *lasting, influential, local community groups* that regularly meet *face-to-face*." AAUW Tacoma uses this tool for community outreach and many of our newer members have found us this way. We are so glad that they did! It is also a wonderful way to see all of our upcoming meetings in one place and to receive reminders. <http://www.meetup.com/AAUW-Tacoma/>

Other sites worth checking out:

AAUW Washington State Website <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>

AAUW Washington State Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/aauw.washington>

AAUW Washington State Tech Trek <http://techtrek-wa.aauw.net/>

AAUW National Website <http://www.aauw.org/>

AAUW National Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.National>

AAUW Tech Trek Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWTechTrek>

Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to Sarah Nainby and Linda Isenson at aauwtacomaneewsletter@gmail.com. Feel free to send photos as well!

Submissions should be to us by the 16th of the month unless otherwise noted and should not exceed 100 words. **Please notify us if you will be late.** If you have a later event that you would like included, please let us know by the 16th so we can plan accordingly. We reserve the right to edit as we see fit.