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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."

News and Events

January Meeting: Pacific Lutheran University's Women's Center and Humanities Washington for "Human Trafficking in Washington: From the Mercer Maids to Sexual Exploitation in Internet Ads" with Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

State Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles, offers historical, cultural, socioeconomic and public-policy perspectives on human trafficking. [She] will explore complex questions related to the ethics and policy around this issue, past and present...face misconceptions about human trafficking, confronting the fact that human trafficking is a billion-dollar, global industry. [She'll] focus primarily on sex trafficking and how and why it happens here.... Finally, we will examine what is being done to intervene and prevent human trafficking, including new laws, innovative law enforcement approaches and actions being taken by human-rights groups.

Jeanne Kohl-Welles has been the sponsor of many anti-trafficking bills in the Washington State Senate, helping make us the leading state in the country in efforts to eliminate human trafficking. Kohl-Welles received Seattle Against Slavery's 2010 Lincoln Freedom Award for her legislative efforts. She has served in the Washington State Senate since 1994, following three years in the state House of Representatives. Kohl-Welles serves on the University of Washington's Human Trafficking Task Force and ArtsWA. She holds a doctorate in sociology of education from UCLA and has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Washington since 1985, teaching courses on women studies, sociology and education. She is a national and international presenter on the topic of human trafficking, speaking frequently with international delegations as part of the World Affairs Council's international visitors program.

When: Saturday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Pacific Lutheran University in the Regency Room, Anderson University Center, Park Avenue S. and 122nd Street, Tacoma, 98447

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Presidents' Corner

Another New Year is rolling towards us. I remember, many years ago, thinking, "Golly. I'll turn 38 in the year 2000. Wow!" Funny thing though, I didn't realize until the actual event was approaching, nigh and imminent (well after I'd starting referring to my cat, facetiously of course, as 'my little Y2K Emergency Ration') that I'd never really considered what came after this milestone. I hadn't conceived of it as a barrier, a blank, a transition...I'd simply never considered, in any way, what might be waiting in the new millennium. So here I am on the cusp of 2014, admitting that I'm not, never have been, much of a visionary.

Perhaps that's why I joined AAUW. I've been introduced to some creative, energetic and talented women; women with causes; women with vision. Marking anniversaries like the New Year is central to understanding our place in the world, and the events that have shaped our lives. Anniversaries can be times to celebrate past glories and successes, and to reflect on the meaning of mistakes and losses. But the future lies on the far side of every rite, every observance.

As a member of AAUW you have a stake in this future, the chance to share your dynamism and your vision with the unfortunately myopic among us. There have been strides made in the advancement of women to positions of influence, pushing aside barriers some refuse to see. We have so much more to do; more women and girls to educate, more opportunities to offer them, more confidence and encouragement to

give them. We must help them see beyond the void of stereotype and gender bias so they can grow, both personally and professionally, to becoming leaders and visionaries in their own right. I invite you to contribute your talents and skills in this endeavor for the coming year. Our strength is a direct result the willingness of our members to contribute their time and talent to promoting our mission. I hope you'll step forward and share your insight.

Happy New Year!

Dana Holt (co-President, AAUW Tacoma Branch)



Important Information

December 2013 Meeting: McCarver
Peacekeepers Program presented by Carol
Ramm-Gramenz By Carol Rikerd

The December luncheon was held at Joesepi's, featuring Carol Ramm-Gramenz, a counselor at McCarver elementary school in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood. Wanda Jackson introduced Carol. They met when Carol took graduate classes at Pacific Lutheran University, taught by Wanda. Carol has a rich background in social work, including work at PLU's Women's Center, when it was first created. She spoke about the innovative McCarver programs that have helped children in difficult life situations become successful students, better citizens and to realize there is a way out.

The McCarver programs are a community story. The school is located in the highest poverty area in Tacoma. Ninety-eight percent of the students qualify for free lunches and many are homeless. The turnover of teachers and students was very high. Many families that were eligible for social services were unaware of them and no connection between this community and the agencies existed. With Carol's determination and hard work, community has made those connections to help families in need. They have also partnered with other community groups and foundations to create programs to provide stability and create a refuge at the school from the social and domestic

violence that have plagued the Hilltop since the 1980s. In the 11 years she has been at McCarver some of these barriers have been overcome.



Rainbow over McCarver Park

As a thrust against the cultural violence of the gangs embedded in the Hilltop area, the Peacemaker Program was created. Two aims of the Peacemakers are to introduce the language of non-violence and to give back to the community. The biggest projects have been to create spaces devoted to safe and peaceful play, and to build a community garden.



When Zina Linnik, a McCarver student, was abducted and murdered in 2007, the Hilltop community came together and rallied around McCarver. The Peacemakers decided to build a park to remember her. McCarver Park was created from a piece of derelict property belonging to the City of Tacoma and Tacoma School District. Metro Parks worked with the city (Tacoma donated \$400,000) and the Peacemakers to raise the money for Zina's Playground and for a waterpark at Wright Park. Both places are safe play areas for Hilltop children and McCarver students.

The Peacekeeper children took their ideas to the city, the state, local corporations asking for partnerships to create these parks, University of Puget Sound and University of Washington Tacoma became partners in fulfilling their visions. The children at McCarver designed every feature of the playground and park. Local artists and

artisans implemented these ideas and constructed the parks. The story of the Zina Linnik Project can be seen at www.metroparksfoundation.org/from-the-ground-up.

The McCarver Peacekeeper motto during the planning and building of the parks was: Play in Peace. "One tragedy, one group of kids, two parks, play in peace". The Peacekeepers walk twice a month from Zina's Playground to Wright Park. The walking path is kept safe by local businesses and residents along the way.


Former Peacekeepers come back and mentor current students to continue their efforts to refuse to be defined by violence. A volunteer core runs the program, and the successes keep attracting more community partners. Peacekeepers have dinner meetings once a month, with food provided by St. Leo's Food Connection.



SPEAKERS BUREAU PRESENTS

Human Trafficking in Washington:

From the Historic Mercer Maids to Sexual Exploitation in Internet Ads




A conversation about historical, cultural and public-policy aspects of human trafficking.


Jeanne Kohl-Welles
Washington State Senator

JOIN US:

Jan. 18, 2014 @ 10 a.m.
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The Two Minute Activist

Linda Isenson, AAUW Tacoma Public Policy Maven

Advocate with AAUW- Washington! Lobby Day 2014 is January 27th!! Please see the Evergreen Leader at this link for details and to sign up:

<http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/files/2012/11/Winter-2013-Final.pdf>

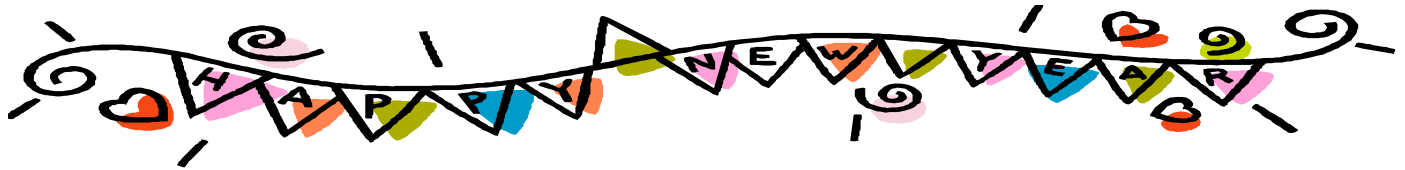
You must register to attend. The deadline is January 23rd. Cost is \$20.

Schedule of Events

8:00 AM Check-in and coffee

8:30 AM Welcome and Introductions Judy Blair, Lobby Day Coordinator

8:45 AM Issue: Paid Sick Days Dr. Marilyn Watkins, Policy Director, Economic Opportunity Institute
 9:30 AM The Gender Pay Gap Carol Andreason, Former Superintendent, Port Townsend School District
 10:00 AM Break
 10:15 AM Issue: Pay Equity Dr. Sutapa Basu, Executive Director, UW Women's Center
 11:00 AM Advocacy training Pam Crone, AAUW-WA Lobbyist and Seattle University School of Law Faculty
 12:00 PM Box lunches
 12:45 PM Adjourn to the Capitol to visit legislators
 **Please contact me if you are registered and planning to attend. I'll be happy to set up meetings with all legislators whose constituents are attending as well as organize carpools to Olympia.



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.

BRANCH MISSION PROJECTS FOR 2014-2015

Do you have an idea about ways to break barriers to equality for women and girls in Pierce County?

Are Tech Trek and NCCWSL the best use of our branch mission funds? Want to see more attention to scholarships?

Perhaps you would like us to support a research project to find out more about the status of women and girls in our area.

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.

Or, do you know about a great program that helps women prepare for college and think the branch could help?

As a result of changes in the Policies and Procedures adopted in 2013, the membership will choose the projects that the branch will fund in 2014-2015 at the annual meeting in March.

If you have a great idea for how we can best use our mission budget (around \$5000 each year) to promote our goals, submit it to co-Presidents Dana Holt and Diane Palmquist by **February 1, 2014**.

Here are the guidelines from the Branch Policies and Procedures:

*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.

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

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 **January 14th** class will feature Carolyn Driedger from the U.S. Geological Service who will speak on "The Ring of Fire and Mt. Rainier". This class is 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 Stewartla@plu.edu. LIFE meets at the Garfield Book Company Community Room. 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>



Connie Dunkelberger, Joye Bucklin, Marilee Titus, Carol Rikerd and Irene Hutchinson at the Genealogy and Family History Group.

Interest Groups

Diggers and Delvers/Not So Fast Food Group

The Not So Fast Food Group and Diggers and Delvers will join together for a Luncheon Tea at the **Hawthorne Tea Room**, 2208 N 30th Street, Tacoma on **January 24, at 12:30 P.M.** The cost will be \$16.50. The Tea Room holds only 14 so make your reservations early. **Reservations are needed by January 21st and NO late reservations will be made.** Call Jane Hahn or Connie Dunkelberger for more info or to reserve your space.



Genealogy and Family History Group

We'll meet **Friday morning, Jan. 10,, 10:00-noon**, in the meeting room at University Place Library, 3609 Market Pl W #100, University Place, WA 98466. Note the new time, due to room availability.

Dorothy McBride will continue her interactive demonstration of **Using Google Earth for Genealogy**. We'll use *Google Earth's* searches to discover images of places our ancestors were born, lived, farmed, and owned businesses. Google has many exciting interactive features yet to explore, e.g. layering and 3-D buildings. Bring your genealogy files with addresses, BLM land records, etc. Participate!

We can have lunch together afterwards - think about where! - *Mary Hammond, Chair*

Book Groups

Evening Book Group will meet **January 27th** at **6:30 pm**. Robin Larson will review "Where'd you go, Bernadette: a novel" by Maria Semple. Mary Garrett will host at 3639 66th Ave. West in University Place. Mary's phone is 253.565.4065.

Daytime Book Group will meet **January 22nd** at **10 am**. Lee Ann Ufford will review "Girls of Atomic City" by Denise Kiernan. Helen Ellingson will host at the **Steilacoom Library**, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd.



Paper Crafters

Enjoy New Year's Day and one week later join Papercrafters on **January 8th** from **10 am - 2 pm** at the **Lakewood Presbyterian Church**, 8601 104th St SW. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea are available. Members work on their own projects from scrap books, genealogy research, organizing files or other projects that we can't get done at any other time. The February meeting will be back to the first Wednesday, February 5th. Call Connie Dunkelberger for more information and directions.



Technology and Social Networks 101

Everything you've always wanted to know but been afraid to ask! We will meet **January 21st** 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.



Hot Topics

Rising Inequality, the Declining Middle Class, and Washington's Budget

President Obama has declared that income inequality is the major issue of our time. The effects of the long-term decline in middle class income have reached the front pages of

In Memoriam

Darlene Humphrey Anderson peacefully passed away at home on December 19th after a two year battle with ovarian cancer. Darlene earned her BS in Elementary Education from the University of Utah in 1950. Darlene joined AAUW in 1961. Both funeral and reception were held on December 28th, 2013.

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>

newspapers and websites. We'll explore the evidence for these concerns, who/what is to blame, and remedies to achieve "economic growth from the middle out". Linda Isenson will share insights from the recent Budget Matters 2013 Conference sponsored by the Washington Budget and Policy Center. To prepare, look at the videos of the excellent presentations by Heather McGhee, Jared Bernstein, and Governor Jay Inslee at that conference here:

<http://budgetandpolicy.org/schmudget/budget-matters-2013-conference-success>

January 15th from 4-6 pm

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR

January/February 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7 4:30 - 6:30 pm Board Meeting @ Fiesty Gals	8 10am – 2 pm Papercrafters @ Lakewood Presbyterian	9	10 10 am - 12 pm Genealogy @ UP Library	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 10am Meeting – Human Trafficking with Sen. Kohl- Welles @ PLU
19	20	21 10am Tech101 @ Tower Coffee	22 10am Book Group @ Steilacoom Library	23	24	25
26	27 6:30 pm Evening Book Group	28	29	30	31	February 1
2	3	4	5 10am – 2 pm Papercrafters @ Lakewood Presbyterian	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 10am Meeting @ Franke Tobey Jones Center

Upcoming Programs

The Life of Franke Tobey Jones, 10 A.M. February 15th at Franke Tobey Jones Center
Annual Meeting, 10 A.M. March 15th at University Place Library

Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to Sarah Nainby and Linda Isenson at aawtacomnewsletter@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.