

"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

Ice Cream Social aka June Branch Meeting



Saturday June 7, 2014 from 1 pm to 3 pm

Join us for socializing and a little business at the home of Phyllis Izant located at 4705 Memory Lane West in University Place. We will meet to socialize and approve branch budget in anticipation of the coming fiscal year on July 1st.

To plan for enough ice cream and toppings you are asked to RSVP by **June 5th** to Phyllis at pjizant@gmail.com or by calling 253-566-8874.

Presidents' Corner



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

It's been a period of learning for me. At work, after 24 years doing computer graphics...creating art and making printing plates for corrugated boxes, I've been helping in the Engraving Department off and on for just short of 2 years. (Lately it's been more 'on' than 'off'.) I've done a great variety of jobs there, but hadn't yet gotten the opportunity to actually learn to engrave. Due to a co-worker's need for carpal tunnel surgery I've been given the 'crash course' and will be taking her place for a

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stretch; thus, I am officially an engraver now. I understand the basics. Day by day I'm absorbing the intricacies and nuances of each individual job. It seems that every task requires a slightly different approach, has a twist or tweak I must, if not master, at least be aware of...and coaxing the somewhat outmoded and temperamental machinery is a challenge all its own. While I struggle to be patient in dealing with numerous small difficulties, I really do enjoy the chance to acquire new skills, capabilities and knowledge.

Being co-president of AAUW has been a similar challenge, an opportunity for development I relish. As I've previously mentioned, I'd only ever been president of bowling leagues before. That entails, perhaps, 2 meetings, planning an end-of-season awards banquet and, though bowlers tend to be a fairly affable lot, tamping down the rare but inevitable flare of disgruntlement. The task of co-heading the Tacoma Branch is just a wee bit more complicated than that, and I can only say how grateful I am that Diane Palmquist is in this thing with me; that Dorothy McBride and Phyllis Izant have made themselves perpetually available to answer questions, field a number of tricky details and, from time to time, hand-hold as necessary; that most everyone I've met has been kind and supportive. I think the 2013-14 season has been a good one, with informative, well attended programs and meetings. It's been a pleasure to see and talk to many of you, dear members. I know I'm not the most outgoing or polished of individuals, but I am ardent in my desire to bring about change, in pursuit of equity for women and girls. I'm proud to be affiliated with this prestigious fellowship and hope to become a better, more capable co-president in the coming year. I'm looking forward to a dynamic 2014-15 and hope I can coax you to help make it so.

Friends, I know you're all gearing up for summer and winding down the AAUW season, but there's one more piece of serious business to be dealt with before we don our flip-flops and sunscreen. Yes, we've planned an ice cream social and I want it to be as fun and flavorful as it sounds, but it's far from being a frivolous social event. We have one more piece of very important business to deal with. Please attend. We'll be presenting a budget for the coming year...and we're doing it with sprinkles on top! - Dana Holt - Co-President



The Two Minute Activist

Linda Isenson, AAUW Tacoma Public Policy Maven

This campaign season is swinging into gear. I hope you will consider volunteering and/or donating money to candidates who support the principles and values of AAUW. Contact me if you need help,

information or have questions related to candidates, campaigns or elections. Enjoy your summer and GET ACTIVE!!





Tech Trek Update

Dorothy McBride

Tech Trek needs more adult supervision! The camp, to be held at PLU from July 20th – 26th, needs more dorm monitors (women over 21 years of age) and student counselors (high school or college students).

From Karen Manelis: We are still short about 3 dorm moms. Everyone serving as a dorm monitor (AKA Dorm Mom, chaperone) does need to do an FBI background check, which takes several weeks to get back so the sooner these women can be identified, the quicker they will be able to complete this aspect. Anyone interested should access the Volunteer application forms on the Tech Trek Washington website. (www.techtrek-wa.aauw.net)

If you know a high school or college student who might be interested, please ask them to apply at the Tech Trek Washington website (www.techtrek-wa.aauw.net) and fill out the application under the Volunteer tab to be a student counselor. They would need to provide their own transportation to PLU, arriving on Saturday afternoon (July 19) and departing Saturday late morning (July 26), receive board and room for the week and a small stipend (\$250), be able to attend classes and labs that the campers attend, interact with professional women participating as well as receive letters of recommendation or for volunteer service credit.



Convention Recap

Linda Isenson, Donna Woolverton and Dorothy McBride

“Connect, Collaborate, Lead: AAUW Bridging the Columbia”. That was the title of the Washington Oregon Joint Convention held in Portland in late April. The Tacoma Branch was well represented by Diane Palmquist, Phyllis Izant, Dorothy McBride, Donna Woolverton, and Linda Isenson.

We had a great time driving down to Portland in Phyllis’ Kentucky Derby Mint Julep Green Minivan where we met up with Connie and Jim Dunkelberger and Mary Letterman.

The selection of workshops sounded interesting and we were all excited for the opportunity to hear from Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director & CEO and Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations.

Our enthusiasm was soon dampened when we found many of the workshops light on material. Most of us were very frustrated by the lack of solid useful suggestions and practices of the other branches. We had a great time “connecting and collaborating” together but were generally disappointed by the lack of new or helpful information imparted. Then a light bulb went on!

While we have our own challenges (member participation, recruitment, etc.) we are doing so many things well and we are, in fact, “leading” the pack with many programs.

Linda went to a workshop on Public Policy, where it devolved to explaining to several attendees how to sign up for the 2-minute activist alerts on your computer...after an explanation on connecting to the internet. Phyllis attended a financial workshop that showed few branches were on the MPP and are still doing things the “old fashioned” way. The weekend progressed this way.

Dorothy attended the Social Media workshop led by Jim Dunkelberger and Mary Letterman and found it useful with materials for learning about social media beyond FACEBOOK. The Tech Trek workshop fulfilled its purpose by showing branches the advantages of participating in the camp by raising funds and sending girls.

All in all, it was our impression that the programs with local talent were more useful than the ones relying on AAUW staffers who tended to rely on marketing power points to showcase national accomplishments rather than dealing with concerns of local branches in Washington and Oregon.



In Memoriam

Kay Suiter

Katherine “Kay” Ruth Suiter passed away on April 16th, 2014. She was 93 years young. Born on June 27th, 1920 at her family farm in Kansas, Kay spent most of her life in Orange County, California. She married her college sweetheart, Jack, in 1942, the two raised Linda and James, in Oxnard, California. Kay was a teacher for 31 years, but continuously taught others in many aspects of life, especially her granddaughter, Ashley. After moving to Washington State in 2002, Kay spent most of her time visiting family, cheering on her USC Trojan football team as a passionate alumni, playing and leading multiple bridge groups weekly and was a beyond active reader. Kay joined AAUW Tacoma in 1982 and was active in the Book Groups. She hosted the Morning Book Group in late February. Kay displayed a youthful demeanor even in to her nineties, inspiring her family to live life with a similar attitude. A kind and caring soul, Kay leaves behind her son, daughter and granddaughter.

Bob Hammond

Our condolences also go out to Mary Hammond, longtime AAUW Tacoma Branch member on the passing of her husband, Bob, in late April.



Interest Groups

Paper Crafters

The Papercrafters will meet through the summer (**June 4th, July 2nd and August 6th**) at Scrap That!, 4040 Orchard Drive. It costs \$5 to use all cutting and scrapbooking tools for the day. You may bring your brown bag lunch to eat in the

store or there are eating places in the same strip mall. The store is open from 11 am – 8 pm.

We will meet back at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church on **September 3rd**. Have a great summer crafting your projects of paper. For further information call Connie Dunkelberger at 253.565.7518.

Book Groups

Evening Book Group will meet September 22nd.
Daytime Book Group is also off for the summer.
At time of publication, they had not met to set the next year's dates.

Diggers and Delvers

The Diggers and Delvers not meet this summer.

Hot Topics

Summer Vacation – no meeting until **September 17th**. Bring your suggestions for the 2014-15 season.

Genealogy and Family History Group

The Genealogy & Family History group won't be meeting over the summer. – Mary Hammond

Not So Fast Food Group

NSFFG will meet once during the summer months. There are plans to meet in August for a backyard BBQ or picnic at a park. If you want to receive information about this event please contact Jane Hahn or Connie Dunkelberger so you can be placed on our NSFFG list.

If you have suggestion for dinner themes or places to explore and eat during the next AAUW program year please give them to Jane or Connie, as well. Remember guests are always welcome!



May/June 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28 Morning Book Group Potluck 10 am	29	30	31
1	2	3	4 Papercrafters	5	6	7 Ice Cream Social 1 pm

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>**Tacoma Branch AAUW Proposed Budget 2014 -2015**

	2014- 2015 BUDGET	2013-2014 <u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME		
Net dues @ \$21/member	\$1,365.00	\$1,044.00
Number of paid members 65		
Celia Grau Trust from 12/13	\$3,586.02	\$4,018.00
GTCF <i>Distribution</i>	\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00
<i>Fund raising</i>		
Total Income =	\$7,151.02	\$7,062.00
EXPENSES		
Administrative expenses (from dues)		
Insurance due Nov 2016		\$200.00
Newsletter editor @\$50 per mo.		
Communications	\$400.00	\$400.00
Governance Cmttee		\$100.00
Member Directory	\$150.00	\$150.00
Officers expenses	\$50.00	\$50.00
Membership and hospitality	\$100.00	\$50.00
*Gift Fund		\$25.00
Total =	\$700.00	\$975.00
Mission expenses (from GTCF & Grau)		
Conventions (Nat'l. Conv.)	\$750.00	\$750.00
Scholarships and Grants	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
May Luncheon/event		\$50.00
Programs	\$700.00	\$700.00
Tech Trek	\$100.00	
Public Policy	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total =	\$6,650.00	\$6,600.00
 Total Budgeted Expenses =	 \$7,350.00	 \$7,575.00

NOTES:

Administrative expenses are 51% of dues or less than dues income by \$655.

*Gift Fund was a new one-time recognition for our student newsletter editor for 2012-2013.

Mission expenses are \$863.98 more than the of Grau/GTCF distribution, or 13% more than our distribution.

Figures for the past year are budgeted expenditures and not actual dollars spent.

Scholarships and Grants includes mission projects and grants to NCCWSL, and Tech Trek.

Communication includes: mail box rental, newsletter distribution, website, Meetup dues

Editors' Note

We are also taking a newsletter vacation! Look for a late summer/early fall edition sometime in August!

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