

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."

AAUW Tacoma Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, March 17, 2012

Where: South Tacoma Library, South Tacoma Meeting Room

Location: 3411 South 56th Street, just east of South Tacoma Way at 56th Street.

Time: 10 am - 12 Noon

Note: This is our annual meeting. We will conduct annual business of the branch, including but not limited to: electing officers, establishing dues, amending bylaws and receiving reports.

There will be no formal program although we will briefly hear from two PLU students that received branch financial assistance and attended NCWSSL in June 2011. All members are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the business of the branch.

AAUW STATE CONVENTION: It's Springtime in TACOMA!



SMASHING BARRIERS TO EQUITY IN EDUCATION

April 13-15, 2012. William W. Phillip Hall,
in the UW Tacoma Convention Center on Pacific Avenue.

From the welcoming reception on Friday evening through the closing events on Sunday the weekend is packed with interesting speakers and panels, opportunities to see old friends and make new contacts, updates on education issues in Washington State. You'll learn about Title IX, Access to Higher Education, Revenue and Opportunity, My Voice My Vote and the new AAUW report on sexual harassment in school.

Watch for *Evergreen Leader* in your mailbox in early March.

Register by March 23 for the best rate. \$145 for a great weekend.

March 2012 President's Message Phyllis Izant



(l to r): Dorothy McBride, Past President and current VP Finance; Laurie Jenkins (D-27th Washington Legislative District); Julie Anderson branch member and Pierce County Auditor; Phyllis Izant, Branch President

We're doing it...darn it! You bet your sweet bippy, baby. Badda bing, badda boom! On February 25, 2012 AAUW Tacoma along with college/university partner Pacific Lutheran University and AAUW National continued the journey in helping to build the pipeline of women candidates for future political office. Thirty-eight women students attended the "Elect Her – Pacific Lutheran Women Win" workshop. With PLU's efforts at getting funding to put on this workshop and AAUW doing so, it acknowledges the **absolute necessity** to build the pipeline of women running for office in order to diminish the long-standing political leadership gender gap in an effort to halt the war on women. The "Elect Her" initiative consists of a full continuum of programming to empower young women from high school onward to view themselves as political candidates.

Want to know more facts about how many women hold public office? Click [here](#). I don't have a desire for public office, but I truly love the behind the scenes work. You want to run for office? Call me...we'll talk. Let's koffee klatch. I'm your gal.

INTEREST GROUPS AND NEWS

HOT TOPICS

March 21, 2012 at Affairs in University Place
Lunch at 12, discussion 1-3

BYOT Bring Your Own Topic

The news story provoked you to shout OMG over your corn flakes!!! The editorial that made you slam your fist on the table and resolve to write a letter to the editor. The debate that makes you want to stop watching television. Perhaps your blood is not boiling, but you'd just like to know more about something (such as the nuclear challenge from Iran; the Greek bailout, the Keystone pipeline, Super Pacs). Bring it on and let's discuss in March.

Future meeting dates: April 18, May 16

Museum of Glass Classes

Museum of Glass docent training classes will start on March 10, 2012. There will be six sessions, all on Saturday mornings from 10 am-noon at the museum. For more information contact Elisabeth Emerson at elemerson@museumofglass.org or call 284-4713.

PLU Science Fair Volunteers Needed!

Regional Science Fair at PLU is March 24th.

The South Sound Regional Science Fair is again in need of judges on March 24th at PLU Olsen Auditorium. Judging for K-8 is by grade level and you do not need experience in judging or teaching as you will be trained on the day of the fair. The K-5 judges need to be at the fair from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. and grades 6-8 judges are needed between 11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. High school projects are judges by category. This judging is more extensive and some experience or education is desired. Category judges are needed between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Contact Steve Colgan, Fair Director, for more information or to volunteer at: colgansj@plu.edu .

Volunteers are also needed to man registration tables. They are needed between 8:00 am - 2:00 pm and no experience is necessary. Registration volunteers will be working with Laurie Selle. Laurie can be contacted at: Laurie_Selle@sumnersd.org . She can give community service hours, letters of volunteering, etc. to High School students so if you know someone needed CS hours please encourage them to contact Laurie. All volunteers will get fed and you will meet some very nice people.

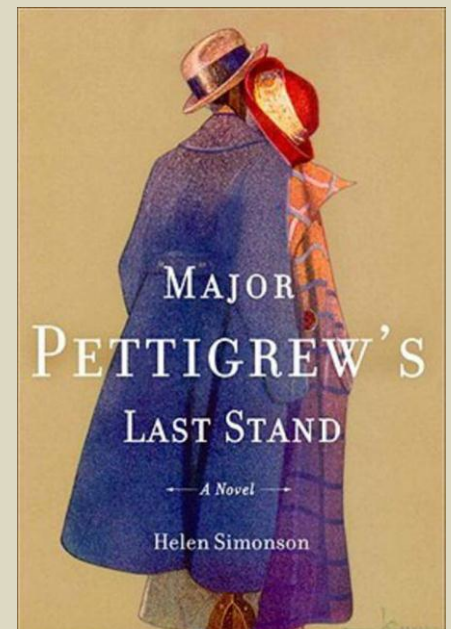
Tacoma AAUW will again be giving an award to the top female in the High School category.

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.

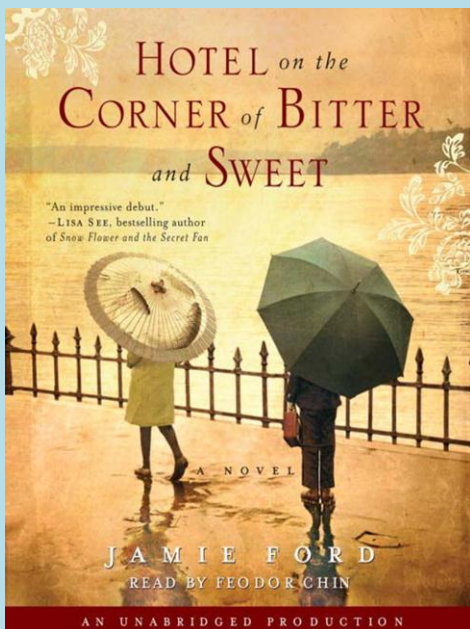
- **March 28** Hostess – Marilee Titus; Book – *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson Reviewer – Ruth Anderson
- **April 25** Hostess – Carter Taylor; Book – *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon; Reviewer – Lee Ann Ufford
- **May 23** – Book Selection – Hostess – The Green 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.

- **March 26** Hostess – Kay Suiter; Book – *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* (The Pierce Co. Reads book)
Reviewer – Mary Letterman
- **April 23** Hostess – Catherine Sleavin; Book – *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal* by Conor Grennan;
Reviewer – Darlene Parsons
- **May 23** – Potluck by the



MORE INTEREST GROUPS!

Papercrafters –

Our newest interest group welcomes members who want to work on projects of their own choice. It can be making note cards, scrapbooking or just plain cleaning/sorting files. We meet at the Lakewood Presbyterian church at 10:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. (each bringing their own brown bag lunch) on the first Thursday of each month. March 1st and April 5th. Call or email Connie Dunkelberger for information and directions to the church.

Not So Fast Food Group

The NSFFG celebrated Fasching with a German meal in February. Next get-together will be a celebration of Cinco de Mayo (May) at a local Mexican restaurant. Details in the April newsletter.

Diggers and Delvers

Diggers & Delvers are planning a trip to Watson's Nursery on Sat. Mar. 31st. to take advantage of the Fuchia Workshop. We'll lunch at the Flower Pot Cafe. Come and join us. dha1928@gmail.com

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.

Each class costs \$10 and there is a \$5 per quarter registration fee. For more info, call Laura Stewart at 253 241-4166 or check out their webpage <http://www.plu.edu/~lifeeldr/>



Activities Calendar

March 1, 2012	Papercrafters meeting at the Lakewood Presbyterian church at 10:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
March 2, 2012	
March 3, 2012	
March 4, 2012	
March 5, 2012	
March 6, 2012	
March 7, 2012	Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
March 8, 2012	
March 9, 2012	
March 10, 2012	Glass Museum Classes start
March 11, 2012	
March 12, 2012	
March 13, 2012	
March 14, 2012	
March 15, 2012	
March 16, 2012	
March 17, 2012	AAUW Tacoma Annual Meeting
March 18, 2012	
March 19, 2012	
March 20, 2012	
March 21, 2012	Hot Topics lunch meeting at Affairs
March 22, 2012	
March 23, 2012	Register for the State Convention!
March 24, 2012	PLU Science Fair
March 25, 2012	
March 26, 2012	Evening Book Group
March 27, 2012	
March 28, 2012	Daytime Book Group
March 29, 2012	
March 30, 2012	
March 31, 2012	Diggers and Delvers' trip to Watson's Nursery

AAUW TACOMA BRANCH PHILANTHROPY

Dorothy McBride, Finance Officer

Our mission is to advance equity for women and girls through education, research, advocacy and philanthropy. For Tacoma branch members, there are several opportunities to contribute to the philanthropy part of the mission. Here is a summary of the funds where your contribution will be tax deductible and make a difference in promoting equity. The branch membership form for new and renewing members has places for you to submit your donations along with your dues

Greater Tacoma Community Foundation (GTCF). AAUW-Tacoma has a permanent fund in the GTCF. We use the income from this fund to support our branch scholarships. We have been able to draw around \$2000 per year from the fund. We will not be able to expand our scholarships for women in college in Pierce county—so necessary in these times of rising tuition and unsustainable student debt—unless we can find a way to increase the capital in the fund. If you want to make a donation that will sustain and grow Tacoma Branch scholarships, the GTCF is the way to go.

AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF) offers a variety of national fellowships and grants to support research such as American Fellowships, Career Development Grants, Community Action Grants and International Fellowships. The EOF houses the Tacoma Centennial Fund that branch members and friends topped off at \$100,000 in 2011. As part of the EOF endowment, our centennial fund supports research for women scholars in Washington State.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is a national AAUW fund that works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. It partners with other civil and women's rights organizations to support strategic litigation that affects women in all workplaces. It also has an education mission, offering branches Campus Outreach Grants, which help branch members hold a campus anti discrimination event, and provides a resource library and online advocacy tools to the public. In recent years, LAF initiatives have helped many college campuses develop policies to confront sexual assault. Through the Title IX program in a box, LAF engaged branches throughout the country in an effort to assess compliance of high schools with requirements for equity in sports and athletics.



Scholarship Applications Available

Our Tacoma Branch is giving two \$1500 scholarships this year. Applications are available at <http://bit.ly/yuvxWS> . Give this link to any woman who will be a junior, senior, or graduate student at The Evergreen State College-Tacoma, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound or University of Washington-Tacoma next year. The scholarship committee delivered applications, posters, and information to these four-year universities as well as Pierce, and Tacoma Community Colleges. Students can get these materials from the financial aid office at their schools. Deadline is **April 1, 2012**.

We encourage you to be involved in giving away our scholarship money. We are a generous Branch and we want you to help us find worthy women. So, spread the news.

Wanda Johnson, Scholarship Chair

Wanted Volunteers for Convention

The AAUW State Convention will be held at the UW-T campus April 13-15th. With the convention being on a college campus there is no convention hotel many of the attendee will choose to stay in one of Tacoma's downtown hotel, but there may be some members who would like a home stay. If you have room for one or two guests for the weekend please consider hosting a convention guest (s). Although we would like as many members to attend the convention, but it is not a requirement to your hospitality. Please call Connie Dunkelberger at 565-7518 to volunteer your home. There are other convention opportunities to work at the convention for a few hours, as well. Check with Mary T or Phyllis for positions needing to be filled.

Membership Note

Looking for a great deal? Bring friends, colleagues, or relatives to a branch meeting or event between January 1 and March 15 when they can join for half (\$38.50) of the annual dues rate (\$77.00). Their membership will expire June 30, 2012.

Tax note reminder: \$46 of your national dues (\$49 total paid) is tax deductible. Additionally your donations to AAUW Educational Fund (AAUW-EF #4275), AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (AAUW-LAF), AAUW-Tacoma Community Fund (GTCF-AAUW) are also tax deductible.

AAUW-TACOMA, Branch Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2012, Buffalo Soldiers Museum, Tacoma

MINUTES

OPENING (Joye Bucklin, Membership Vice-president)

- Called to order at 11:10 a.m.
- Welcome: 17 members, 4 guests (Lois Chapman, Sheila Whybrow, LaFrench Rollins, and Rachel Letterman), and the husbands of Connie Dunkelberger, Kjeri Boyle and Lee Ann Ufford were present.
- Announcements were made of the final branch meetings of the year.
- Rosetta Brown, Program Vice-president presented a check to Jackie Jones-Hook from the branch in support of the museum.

PROGRAM: Rosetta Brown introduced Jackie Jones-Hook who presented a fascinating program about the Buffalo Soldiers Museum begun by her father, William Jones. A video "Love of Liberty was an eye opening documentary of the origin and history of the Buffalo Soldiers. A tour of the museum followed. -- Darlene Parsons, Secretary

MINUTES

Present: Phyllis Izant, Dorothy McBride, Mary Trodden, Darlene Parsons, Ginny Linstrom, Joye Bucklin

Call to order: (Phyllis Izant) at 6:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Place to be determined.

Consent Agenda: January 12, 2012 Board Minutes

Treasurer: (Dorothy McBride)

- Monthly financial report and current membership list distributed.
- Membership as of February 1, 2012 consists of 45 branch members, 7 dues paying life members, 2 dual members, and 3 non-dues paying life members (later corrected to 2) for a total of 56 members.
- Convention budget allocation: \$400 is available in the budget. It was agreed a survey be sent to members following publication of the February Evergreen Leader (convention issue) to determine the number of branch attendees, volunteers, and interest in reimbursement of costs.
- The debit/credit card has not yet been secured.

Membership: (Joye Bucklin/Ginny Linstrom): updated as noted above.

Program: (Phyllis Izant)

- Schedule as noted previously
- Ginny Linstrom moved to donate \$100.00 to the Buffalo Soldiers Museum for the February branch meeting from the program budget. Motion seconded and approved.

College/University Relations and Public Policy: (Phyllis Izant/Dorothy McBride)

- Update on college memberships: Dorothy is meeting with faculty members at UWT, but membership has not been paid; Phyllis continues making contacts at UPS.
- Announced and shared information on the program at PLU, February 16, 2012, by AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Program Manager Holly Kearn, author of "Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Spaces Safe and Welcoming for Women", the Elect Her Workshop at PLU, February 25, 2012, and the 30th Expanding Your Horizons Math and Science Conference for middle school girls at Bellevue Community College, March 23 2012.
- Branch Scholarships/NCCWSL Program updates: the Branch Scholarship Committee has distributed brochures to schools and NCCWSL is proceeding forward at PLU with Dorothy and Phyllis working to get UWT and UPS involved.

Newsletter/Communications/Social Media: (Phyllis Izant)

- Newsletter deadline is February 24th
- Website: Following email agreement by board members Mary Letterman will facilitate the conversion of our current website to SiteWise before the convention.

Governance/Development: (Mary Trodden)

- Offices to be filled for 2012-2014 are Membership (2 year term), Program (1 year term), and Secretary (2 year term). Some contacts have been made and prospects and options were discussed.
- National life members paying branch/state dues is a non-issue as most do pay voluntarily. The option of paying these dues will be a discussion topic at the March annual branch business meeting.

Other:

- There is no information on the Community Action Grant we supported.
- The agenda for the March business meeting was discussed briefly.

Adjournment: 7:22 p.m.