

"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

March Meeting:

Our Annual Meeting will be jammed packed. Our guest speaker is Uurintuya Ganjargal, a UW Tacoma student who attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in 2013. She will talk about her experience at this exciting AAUW sponsored conference

Additionally, our program will include election of a new Secretary, Membership VP and candidates to State Convention. We will also appoint a new Programs Vice President; other chapter business to include discussions about changes to the Bylaws, Membership Dues and Public Policy with Linda Isenson. We will vote on the bylaws changes and other chapter business.

Saturday, March 15th 10:10 am - Noon

University Place Library

3609 Market Pl W (Just off Bridgeport Way)

*Please remember the library does not open until 10 am

Please mark your calendar for our annual Memorial Tea on Sunday, April 6th from 1 pm – 3 pm at the home of Phyllis Izant.

Presidents' Corner



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

I know, I've spent most of my Presidents' messages harping about member participation. Our mission is important and my job is to get people amped up to contribute their precious time, skills and resources to it. Many of our members have given and served for years. Thank you! I want to express my appreciation and admiration for the people serving now. Being active in the cause - equity in

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status, opportunity, pay and rights for women; educating and supporting girls - is essential, and again, I'd like to urge anyone who has not joined one of our committees to please come forward and be involved.

Your membership in AAUW also affords you the opportunity, indeed the responsibility, to share in critical branch functions...like nominating and electing officers and deciding what our mission funds are spent on. We need your input! I strongly urge everyone to attend the March business meeting and be a part of the decision making process. It's easy! Just show up. It's essential! Your vote counts. If you perform just one service for AAUW this year, please make it this one. - Dana Holt - Co-President

Message from the Board

The Tacoma Branch's Board of Directors has given careful and thoughtful consideration to the issue of increasing membership dues and therefore proposes an increase in our branch dues to \$21 from \$18 for the coming fiscal year. Branch dues are used to cover administrative expenses for the branch, such as newsletter mailings, branch insurance, the P.O. Box, the member directory. We reserve branch income from the GTCF and Celia Grau trust for mission expenses such as program, Tech Trek and NCCWSL scholarships. For the past several years, however, branch dues have not been enough to cover even our modest administrative expenses requiring us to draw from reserves.

Tacoma Branch dues of \$18 have not changed since sometime before 1989. This long delay in considering the issue of a dues increase has resulted in the mismatch between branch expenses and dues income. For example, our branch financial bond policy is now \$200. A first class postage stamp is now \$0.49. The cost of retaining a Post Office Box for branch business increases about every 2-3 years. Our handy purse-sized printed member directory also faces an increase every year. Our member recruitment and presence in the area has benefited by our paid use of the commercial social media platform, Meet Up, which costs our branch \$144 a year.

From time-to-time it becomes necessary to make adjustments with a dues increase to match expenses and this year, the Board feels that a mere \$3 in additional dues is necessary to maintain our quality of offerings and prevent the use of branch reserves to meet our yearly budget. This action, which requires a 2/3 majority of members at the annual meeting, is proposed for member approval in response to rising costs that can no longer be ignored AND to sustain investments in communication with branch members, activities, projects and even equipment that further our mission. Be assured that branch elected leaders operate in a manner that is fiscally responsible in the extreme and we are committed to continuing to provide you the membership benefits you have come to expect and, to the extent possible, request. We ask for your vote of approval for a \$3 increase in branch dues at our March annual meeting. Please join us on March 15th and vote for our branch's future.

February Meeting Recap by Carol Rikerd

The February meeting was held at Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Community. Darlene Reider presented her research into the life of Franke Tobey Jones, a philanthropist who resided in Menominee, WI and Tacoma. Mrs. Jones did not accept the limits placed on women's lives in the second half of the nineteenth century.

Frances Martha Tobey was born in Jay, New York in 1845 to a well-to-do family. She married in 1872, at age 27. This was a late marriage for the times and there are no traceable records of her early life. It is known that she met her husband

Charles Hebard (CH) Jones in Wisconsin, and that he was also from a well-to-do family. C. H. Jones joined Henry Hewitt, Chauncey Griggs and Addison Foster in founding the very profitable St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company.

Franke Tobey Jones kept her social life centered in Menominee, WI and Tacoma, and became a world traveler. She visited Asia, Egypt and Europe. She also made over 85 trips across the United States. Her trips are documented in the frequent and informative letters she wrote to friends and family while traveling.

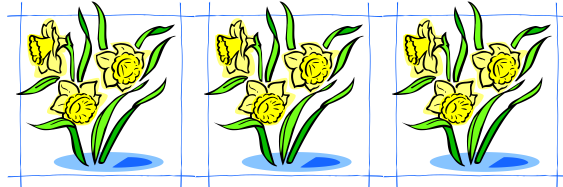
She took over leadership of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company when her husband died in 1922.

Charles Jones had pledged \$25,000 to the College of Puget Sound in 1921. Franke gave the school an additional \$180,000. Jones Hall still stands at the heart of the UPS campus.

In 1922 local PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) chapters, together with Virginia

Mason (another Tacoma pioneer) formed a corporation to build a home for the elderly. The building was at 424 North D Street, and named Restholme. In 1923 Franke donated land near Point Defiance Park and \$150,000 to develop a new retirement home.

Franke's story is told in full the Tacoma Historical Society's City of Destiny newsletter, V16 No1, Fall 2013.



The Two Minute Activist

Linda Isenson, AAUW Tacoma Public Policy Maven

Later this spring you should expect to see and hear more about who will be running for the Legislature. I urge you to get involved in local politics this summer. Whether you write a check, volunteer on a phone bank, plant a sign in your yard, walk your neighborhood or just talk to your friends and neighbors, as a group we can make a big difference this year. We have seen the Republican-led Senate Coalition either kill, or choose not to consider, issues of importance to AAUW members. This year's elections offer a terrific opportunity to change the state Senate back to a legislative body that will help us forward our agenda of equal pay for equal work, sick pay and raising the minimum wage. All these issues have passed in the House but are stalled in the Senate. Additionally, the Reproductive Parity Act is held up in the Senate for the second year. The delegations from the 27th and 29th Legislative Districts generally support our agenda but the only legislator from the 28th that votes for our issues is Representative Tami Green. She will be running against Senator Steve O'Ban. Sen. O'Ban consistently votes against our issues. This race can help change the Senate. There are also several seats up on the Pierce County Council. These races are seen as "little" but the issues these folks make affect you daily. Use your voice. Get involved. Make a difference.

New Member Corner



Please welcome newest member, **Hannah Febach**! Hannah is the Volunteer Coordinator at the Pierce County Aids Foundation. Her name may be familiar to you since Hannah attended NCCWSL in 2009. She became a Student Advisory Council member for AAUW and helped organize the 2010 NCCWSL conference. Hannah also coordinated Equal Pay Day at PLU, while she was a student. She previously held positions at the YWCA of Pierce County and Habitat for Humanity through the AmeriCorps program.



Opportunity Knocks

TIME TO STEP UP

Elections of officers for 2014-2015 will be held at the Branch Meeting, March 15, 2014. The following are nominations from the Governance Committee:

Membership VP: Carol Rikerd

Secretary: Donna Woolverton

Program VP (1 year) Wanda Johnson

Governance Committee: one vacancy, to be nominated from the floor

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

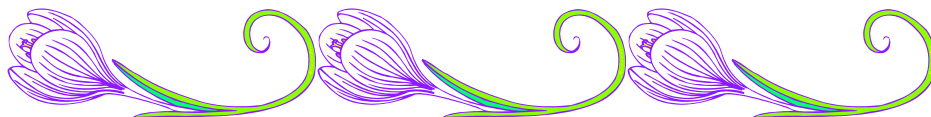


PLU: Our Partner

Pacific Lutheran University was selected as one of 20 campuses nationwide to host this year's Elect Her – Campus Women Win workshop series sponsored by the national **American Association of University Women (AAUW)**. Elect Her – Campus Women Win, collaboration between **AAUW** and Running Start, encourages and trains young women to run for student government on their campuses. The Elect Her initiative acknowledges the necessity to build the pipeline of women running for office in order to diminish the long-standing political leadership gender gap. This initiative consists of a full continuum of programming to empower females from high school onward to view themselves as political candidates. In all, the workshop aims to prepare young women for future political service and other leadership positions in their communities and in their professional lives. Elect Her will be held **on March 1st** at the Regency Room at the Anderson University Center from **11 am – 3:30 pm**. Phyllis Izant will attend as our branch representative.

The on-campus sponsors of this event include the PLU Women's Center and ASPLU. With a focus on political participation as a venue for change, our goal for this training is to begin to increase the number of women who serve in on-campus leadership positions, and provide the tools and knowledge to successfully accomplish this. This initiative will bring together a diverse pool of female students and leading elected officials for a day of education and inspiration.

The Women's Center at PLU will be screening the documentary **MAKERS: Women Who Make America**. **MAKERS** tells the remarkable story of the most sweeping social revolution in American history, as women have asserted their rights to a full and fair share of political power, economic opportunity, and personal autonomy. It's a revolution that has unfolded in public and private, in courts and Congress, in the boardroom and the bedroom, changing not only what the world expects from women, but what women expect from themselves. The film brings this story to life with priceless archival treasures and poignant, often funny interviews with those who led the fight, those who opposed it, and those first generations to benefit from its success. A discussion will follow with Amy Richards, who is the co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, a national organization for young feminist activists between the ages of 15 and 30. Ms. Magazine profiled her in "21 for the 21st: Leaders for the Next Century" and the **American Association of University Women** chose her as a 2004 Woman of Distinction. **Thursday, March 6th, 5 pm-8 pm** in the Women's Center.



Learning is ForEver Program

March wraps up the Winter quarter with several programs of interest to AAUW members. George Clooney's latest film "Monuments Men" is in theaters right now. It dramatizes the Nazi effort to steal thousands of works of art across Europe. Local historian, Peter Altmann's family owned a lot of valuable art including Gustav Klimt's "The Golden Lady", a portrait of his great aunt which was stolen by the Nazis in the 1930's. Altmann's mother, Maria, fought Austria for over a decade – all the way to the US Supreme Court - to have the Klimt paintings returned to her family. "The Golden Lady" was sold at auction for \$135 million. This class will be held **March 11th**.



Fran Postma presents "Women in Flight: Jackie Cochran". There were numerous female pilots who exceeded Amelia Earhart's well publicized accomplishments. Jackie Cochran may well have been the most accomplished of them all. Jackie's humble childhood made her only more determined to achieve greatness.. She set more aviation speed, altitude and distance records than any other pilot, male or female, in aviation history. Jackie was an irresistible force. Join the program on **March 19th** to learn more about this American heroine.

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

Technology and Social Networks 101

Cancelled due to lack of interest.

Diggers and Delvers/Not So Fast Food Group

Diggers and Delvers and the Not So Fast Food Group will not meet in March.



Hot Topics

Hot Topics will not meet in March. Our next meeting will be April 19th. Check the April newsletter for the topic.

Genealogy and Family History Group

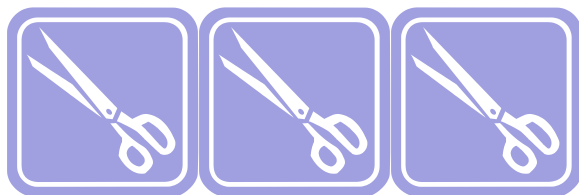
Friday, March 14, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. We'll meet at Tacoma Public Library, Northwest Room, to explore the many resources there and work on our research. Remember that their print collection contains hundreds of books on every state and many countries, for library use only.

- Mary Hammond, Chair

Paper Crafters

Papercrafters will meet on **March 5th at 10 am – 2 pm.** at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th St SW. Along with your favorite card making, photo sorting or other paper craft to work on, bring your own brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea are available. Our April meeting will be on April 2nd.

A few members of our group took advantage of a Crop Party at Scrap That in February. We thought that once each quarter it would be fun to meet there for Papercrafters. For \$5.00 each we can use the awesome equipment at this store. If you are interested please call Connie Dunkelberger.



Book Groups

Evening Book Group will meet **March 24th at 6:30 pm.** Colleen Carmean will host at UW Tacoma - Faculty Resource Center - Walsh Gardner (WG) 208. Sue Schub will review Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn. Colleen’s phone is 602.291.7198.

The easiest parking is in the pay parking lot for the library. Enter off 21st just up the hill from Pacific (C Street). WG is across from the Snoqualmie Library Building. Carpooling is a good idea! Here is a link to a campus map: <http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/campus-map/campus-map>

Daytime Book Group will meet **March 26th at 10 am.** Amber Stream will host at her office at 4041 Ruston Way, Tacoma in the conference room. Marianne Candioglos will review “City of Women” by David Gillham. Amber’s phone number is 206.719.5373.

March/April 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4 4-6 Board Mtg location tbd	5 10am – 2 pm Papercrafters	6	7	8
9	10	11 Learning is ForEver program 10:30-12:30	12	13	14 1-3 pm Genealogy	15 10am Annual Meeting at UP Library
16	17	18 Learning is ForEver program 10:30-12:30	19	20	21	22
23	24 6:30 pm Evening Book Group	25	26 10 am Book Group	27	28	29
30	31	1	2 10am – 2 pm Papercrafters	3	4	5

Upcoming Programs: 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 aauwtacomanevletter@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.

Bylaws Revisions Summary

FOR ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 15, 2014

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Here you will find summaries of the amendments. Complete documents will be sent via email with the newsletter.

TACOMA BRANCH BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

(Underlined sections are from AAUW Mandatory Bylaws additions. At the annual meeting, we will vote ONLY on the amendments, that is, the sections in ***bold italics.***)

1. Article IV. Sec 3. a. 5. Life Membership, Section (b) Fifty-Year Honorary:

(b) Fifty-Year Honorary. An individual member who has paid AAUW dues for 50 years shall become an AAUW life member and shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of AAUW dues; ***Tacoma branch dues are optional for Honorary Life Members.***

Reason: to clarify policy on branch dues for HLMs. Right now there is no policy.

2. Article IV. Sec. 3.b

b. Partner Member.

College/university Partner Members are qualified educational institutions, including two-year or community colleges that pay annual dues to AAUW. Each college/university member shall appoint one or two

representatives who shall each have the membership benefits of a national member and any other benefits that accrue to representatives of partner members. A representative of a college/university partner member may choose to affiliate with the branch under the following conditions: **if their branch dues are paid.**

Reason: This is allowing for partner representative to join but not specifying who pays the dues, whether the individual or the branch.

3. Article IX. COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. a.

a. Governance and Development Committee consists of 3 members elected at the annual meeting. **Members will serve for staggered 2 year terms.** The President shall appoint one of the members as chair who will serve as a member of the board. The committee shall oversee branch governance, review and recommend changes to Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, and develop leadership as well as serve as a nominating committee for elected officers. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by appointment of the president with approval of the board for the unexpired term.

Reason: Currently unspecified in the Bylaws or P&P; allows for continuity.

4. Article IX Committees.

Eliminate:

~~Establishing Committees. The president may establish standing and special committees as needed with consent of the Board.~~

~~**Section 2. Purpose.** With the approval of the board, each standing and special committee shall formulate programs and activities to carry out the mission of AAUW.~~

Replacement:

Section 2. Special Committees and Task Forces. *The president may establish special committees and task forces as needed with consent of the board.*

Section 3. Purpose of Special Committees. *With the approval of the board, each special committee shall formulate programs and activities to carry out the mission of AAUW.*

Section 4. Purpose of Task Forces. *Each Task Force shall carry out assignments approved by the board.*

Reason: Distinguishes between two types of temporary committees; all standing committees provided by the bylaws as required by Washington state law.

4. ARTICLE X FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall correspond with that of AAUW and shall begin on July 1.

Section 2. Financial Policies. The board shall set and maintain policies and procedures to control financial records consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and federal, state and local laws including an annual financial review.

~~**Section 3. Budget.** The board shall adopt an annual budget for presentation to the branch.~~

Reason: Eliminate Section 3 as redundant: Budget is covered in the Financial policies and procedures

TACOMA BRANCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS

At the annual meeting, we will vote on the amendments, that is, the sections in **bold italics** and ~~deletions~~

ELECTED OFFICERS—QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES

****Sec. B.1.b**

1. President

b. appoints standing committee chairs and special committees and task forces.

Reason: to put P&P in compliance with bylaws changes

****Sec. B 3.**

3. Membership vice President

i. ~~verifies qualifications for membership~~

Reason: this duty is no longer required

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Duties of Specific members

****B.1. Governance and Development Chair**

a. with the committee, shall review and recommend changes to branch bylaws to assure they are in compliance with current AAUW and state Bylaws. The review must be completed by the branch and returned to the state bylaws chair as designated by state and national organizations.

b. with the committee shall review and recommend changes to branch policies and procedures and financial procedures.

c. provides current copies of state and branch bylaws and policies and procedures to all elected and appointed board members as needed

d. oversees branch development.

e. develops branch leadership.

f. oversee the collection of materials to be archived each summer.

Reason: regularize this section to include all duties

****B. 3. Communication Chair**

b. will appoint committee members to publicity, web site, **Facebook and other social media**, the newsletter and directory as needed.

Reason: update with new media responsibilities.

****Delete following:**

~~OTHER APPOINTED POSITIONS~~

~~The president may establish standing and special committees as needed with the consent of the board.~~

Reason: this conflicts with the new bylaws section that establishes standing committees. Special committees are covered in the Bylaws as well.

****BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS**

A. Any branch member may start an interest group with the approval of the board of directors.

B. Interest groups shall set their own meeting dates, times, places, and programs.

C. Interest group chairs publicize and facilitate interest group meetings.

D. Guests may attend interest groups for up to six months before joining AAUW and the Tacoma Branch.

Reason: To provide a basis for urging guests who join from Meetup to join.

****AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, TACOMA BRANCH, COMMUNITY FUND**

A. An agreement between the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation and Tacoma Branch of the American Association of University Women establishes the American Association of University Women, Tacoma Branch Community Fund (a.k.a. Community Fund in branch publications) as an agency fund. All policies governing this relationship are considered covered by the agreement and are irrevocable by the branch.

B. An agreement between the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation and the Tacoma branch establishes the AAUW Tacoma Project Fund. This fund is a pass through and the branch board sets policies governing dispersal of funds to support the branch mission.

C. The president shall appoint the liaison for the Community Fund yearly. This position shall not be held by the same person for more than three (3) consecutive years.

Reason: Incorporate policy with respect to new fund established last year.

****MISCELLANEOUS BRANCH POLICIES**

F. The branch may honor members who died during the previous year. ~~Voluntary contributions collected at any form of memorial shall be given to the AAUW Tacoma Projects Fund at the GTCF. No money shall be allocated from the budget for such contributions.~~

Reason: Governance proposes this be moved to Finance Procedures.