

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."

The September Branch Meeting features A Turbulent Lens: The Photographic Art of Virna Haffer

When:

Saturday, September 17, 2011, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Where:

Tacoma Art Museum, 1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402
Check in at the front desk and you will be directed to the events room.
An elevator is available.

Information:

In a career spanning more than six decades, Haffer found success as a photographer, printmaker, painter, musician, sculptor, and published writer, though she is known first and foremost as a photographer. Self-taught, she began her ambitious career in the early 1920s, both running a successful portrait studio (where she photographed the likes of the Weyerhaeuser and Chihuly families) and also exhibiting her unique artistic images around the world. (www.tacomaartmuseum.org)

President's Words

Greetings branch members! As your new President I'm excited to start my role with the branch and work with fellow board members to bring you ongoing quality programming, projects, ideas and issues. I want to take a moment to tell you what a delight it has been working closely with past President Dorothy McBride for the last two years. Dorothy has been tremendous fun to work with, she's playing an ongoing mentoring role with me, she has a fabulous sense of humor and she's got grace and a calm steady style that moves our branch forward. I'm truly blessed she is continuing on in her new role as our branch's Finance Officer.

My activation with the branch came from a modest start. I joined in 2003, (I think) but my attendance at branch meetings was limited as I was also dealing with small children at home. Then, suddenly, our sons were older and the call came in 2009: would I be willing to be VP of Programs? The answer was "Yes!" The call came at the right time and place; is there a psychic in the branch?

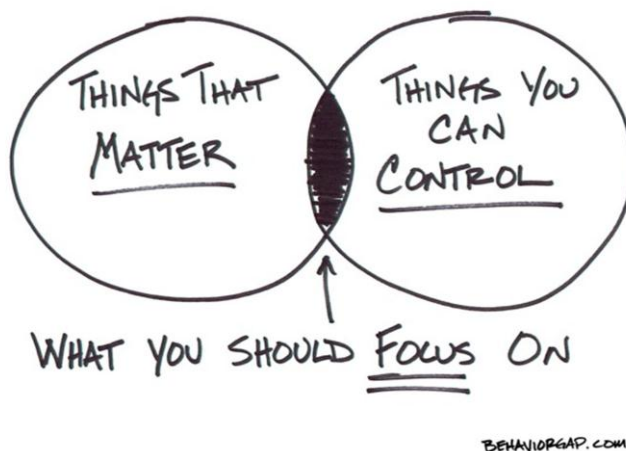
I've served as a Board President in a previous organization but this is my first time to serve in a leadership role where you might expect a brief monthly missive from me in our newsletter. My goal is to write in a style with that is compelling for you to read as well as an adventure to write. At the end of it all my goal is to end with a call to action that you can sink your teeth into. If you don't experience a relationship jump from the page to your soul in the next six months call me up and lemme have it!

Ok, here we go.... did you hear this one? There was a **victory** in *Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth*. So hey.... we're having a champagne moment right this very second by celebrating the victory of LAF-supported plaintiff Lulu Sun in a case in which she alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. After a public hearing, the hearing officer ordered the promotion of Sun to full professor and awarded her lost wages. The university received a civil penalty, and administrators must attend a training session on employment discrimination law. BAM! Now that's how we like it, eh? So do you like to hear about legal and judicial issues? Let VP of Programs, Rosetta Brown, and me know and we'll see about doing something for our local branch.

Here's a local story that helps illustrate the wonderful benefits of our linkages with human services organizations. This is a short story about an incredible neighbor of the YWCA. Last year YWCA Pierce County Executive Director, Miriam Barnett, shared a story about a gentleman who lives up the street on Broadway. He actually grew pumpkins for shelter children and then hosted a Halloween party for the shelter kids and their mothers at his home. He came by a few months ago in July with a large bag of slippers. He had been at a college trustees retreat in Charleston, South Carolina where the hotel had a pair of slippers in each room. He asked the trustees if they did not want to use the slippers, if they would give them to him for the YWCA shelter. Then he schlepped them back in his suitcase and hand delivered them with a wonderful donation. When Miriam thanked him he told her, "It's no big deal. We are neighbors." She told him, "I haven't seen other neighbors growing pumpkins and carrying home dozens of slippers for us!" What a great community!

Have you seen that nine minute online TED video ["Hans Rosling and the magic washing machine"](http://www.ted.com/talks/hans_rosling_and_the_magic_washing_machine.html)? The blurb for the video asks, "What was the greatest invention of the industrial revolution?" Hans Rosling makes the case for the washing machine and uses this invention as the springboard for talking about climate change. With newly designed graphics from Gapminder, Rosling shows us the magic that pops up when economic growth and electricity turn a boring washday into an intellectual trip to the library. What I find fascinating is that Hans uses the word "people" in his presentation early on when the word he should really be using is "women." He finally uses the word "women" at the 3:20 minute mark. Male privilege? Did he bring enough of a gender lens to his talk? His washing machine springboard to climate change makes sense for a nine minute talk and by the end he starts talking more about the haves and have-nots. But what else does it suggest to you? You watch, you decide...then shoot me e-mail and let me know what you think. The full hyperlink is: http://www.ted.com/talks/hans_rosling_and_the_magic_washing_machine.html

Finally, I want to share with you a graphic discovered in my online reading. We're living in very changing times at the state, national and global level. If you are a follower of current events there must be days that, like me, you're shouting at the TV or the computer screen. Realizing I needed a Rx for sanity, our family got a little dog. She's therapeutic and so I am walking more and feeling the benefit. Not everyone can have a dog in his or her home so what's the best medicine? Perhaps this wonderful graphic will do the trick. I've got it up on my wall near the computer and again in the kitchen taped to the refrigerator. Hope you enjoy it and be sure to visit BehaviorGap.com for more valuable graphic insights!



INTEREST GROUPS

Hot Topics will be meeting in a different location in September (at least), because another group reserved "our" meeting room at Green Spot Tea first! Since we seem to be outgrowing that room, we may have to re-think meeting locations.

For our **Wed., Sept. 21** meeting, I have reserved the Adriana Hess Meeting Room, in the far right corner of the back of the new **University Place Library** at 3609 Market Place (east side of Bridgeport Way W). Our topic is extremely timely, given all the recent articles in the *News Tribune*: "**Medical Marijuana.**" Please do some reading on the topic before the meeting, and be prepared to discuss pros and cons of legalizing, controlling, taxing, banning, regulating, and/or facilitating access to marijuana for medical purposes. It's a complex topic, and bound to challenge us!

Our official meeting in the meeting room will begin at 1:00. But if you want to continue our tradition of meeting around **noon for lunch and off-topic conversation**, please join us by the big fireplace in the public atrium of the U.P. Civic Building, just outside the library's entrance. Bring your own brown bag lunch, or stop first at Green Spot across the street - or elsewhere - and order something "to go." No food is allowed in the library meeting room, so come early enough to finish munching before 1! - Mary Hammond, Chair



Not So Fast Food Group "Dog Party"

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.**
- **September 28** Hostess – Kay Suiter; Book – *The Monuments Men* by Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter; Reviewer – Marilee Titus
- **October 26** Hostess – Darlene Anderson; Book – *No Biking in the House Without a Helmet* by Melissa Greene; Reviewer – Carolyn Patterson
- **November 16** Hostess – Carter Taylor; Book – *Hotel On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford; Reviewer – Marianne Candioglos
- **December – Date to be announced!** Hostess – Green Spot; Book – Bring your favorite children's book; Reviewer – All
- **January 25** Hostess – To be determined; Book – *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher; Reviewer – Jane Hahn
- **February 22** Hostess – Jane Hahn; Book – *Swan Thieves* by Elizabeth Kostova; Reviewer – Darlene Anderson
- **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.*
- **September 26** Hostess – Marilee Titus; Book – *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Reviewer – Sue Schub
- **October 24** Hostess – Jeannie Sagle; Book – *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent* by Juli Alvarez; Reviewer – Dorothy McBride
- **November 28** Hostess – Jane Hahn; Book – *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald; Reviewer – Susie Guidetti
- **January 23** Hostess – Joye Bucklin; Book – *Kaniksu Magic* by Nancy Covert; Reviewer – Darlene Parsons and Nancy Covert
- **February 27** Hostess – Dorothy McBride; Book – *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson; Reviewer – Karen Hargus
- **March 26** Hostess – Kay Suiter; Book – *Pierce Co. or Tacoma Reads* 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 – Marilee Titus
- **May 23** – Potluck by the Group. Hostess – Jane Hahn

MORE INTEREST GROUPS!

Papercrafters Thursday Sept. 10:30 1st 10:30 a.m.

Papercrafters meet at Lakewood Presbyterian church-bring sack lunch, photos, scrapbooking material, cards to organize and create! Contact Joye Bucklin for more info! The next meeting is October 6th

Not So Fast Food Group

The Not-so-Fast-Food group was established last year by branch members interested in meeting and enjoying a wide variety of food experiences. The idea is that any member can propose a meeting: it could be a dinner at their home, assembling a group at a local restaurant, a progressive dinner, a potluck or whatever. So far the group has enjoyed an Italian feast, a crab cookout on Whitbey Island, a soup and sips evening and the Dog party. Put on your thinking cap and suggest a way to bring food and fellowship together for the group.

Diggers and Delvers Diggers & Delvers are planning their September excursion for Friday, September 16th. As of now, the destination is Auburn's Botanical Garden. Call Darlene Anderson for more information.

L.I.F.E./Elderhostel

Our very own Marilee Titus volunteers with L.I.F.E./Elderhostel and while it is not affiliate with AAUW, it reflective of our mission. She would like to share some of their upcoming meetings.

9/13/11 10:30 – 12:30, Garfield Bookstore, The Hubble Telescope

9/20/11 10:00 – noon, Pt. Defiance Zoo Working for the World's Wildlife

10/4/11 10:00 – noon, Good Samaritan Hospital, Puyallup
The Gait Stimulator/War Children of Liberia

Each class costs \$10 and there is a \$5 per quarter registration fee. For more info, call Laura Stewart at 253 241-4166.

**TACOMA BRANCH AAUW
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR**

2011-2012

	<u>BUDGETED</u> <u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2010-2011</u> <u>TOTALS</u>	<u>2009-10</u> <u>TOTALS</u>
Checking Account beginning balance = 8/17/11	9557.87	8127	9111.88
INCOME			
Net dues @ \$18/member	\$882	\$1,098	\$1,084
Number of paid members 8/17/11=34 Expected=15			
Celia Grau trust from 12/2010	\$3,042	\$2,626	\$3,360
GTCF <i>Board request</i>	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,000
Total Income =	\$5,924	\$6,024	\$6,444
EXPENSES			
Administrative expenses (from dues)			
Insurance (due in Nov.)	\$150	\$0	\$0
Newsletter editor @\$50 per mo	\$450		
Communications	\$450	\$366	\$276
Officers expenses	\$175	\$152	\$158
Membership Activities	\$100	\$66	\$0
Archive supplies		\$50	
Total =	\$1,325	\$584	\$433
Mission expenses (from GTCF & Grau)			
Conventions (State)	\$400	\$500	\$379
Scholarships	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Scholarship Luncheon	\$100	\$75	
Nat'l Conf for C.W.S.L.	\$1,500	\$1,045	\$1,000
Programs & Hospitality	\$500	\$220	\$298
Partnerships/branch bldg.		\$0	\$0
STEM	\$200	\$250	\$122
Total =	\$5,700	\$5,594	\$5,800
Total Budgeted Expenses =	\$7,025	\$6,178	\$6,666

NOTES:

1. Administrative Expenses should not exceed branch dues income;
2. Cost of Newsletter Editor from reserves
3. Mission expenses should not exceed Grau/GTGCTFC FIn icnocmome e
4. This budget represents 73% of bank account leaving 27% of reserves or \$2500
5. Figures for past years are actual dollars spent

September 2011 Activities Calendar

1	Papercrafters 10:30 a.m. at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church
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16	Diggers and Delvers
17	Branch Meeting 11-1 at Tacoma Art Museum, see Page 1
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21	Hot Topics 12 (lunch), 1:00 Discussion at the University Place Library at 3609 Market Place
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26	6:30.p.m. Marilee Titus hosts the Evening Bookclub
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28	10 a.m. Kay Suiter hosts the Daytime Bookclub
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AAUW-Tacoma
Board Meeting
August 23, 2011
UP Library

MINUTES

Present: Phyllis Izant (President), Dorothy McBride (Finance), Mary Trodden (Governance), Darlene Parsons (Secretary), Joye Bucklin and Ginny Linstrom (Membership)

Call to order at 6:10 p.m. by Phyllis Izant

September Board Meeting: agreed to meet Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of July 22, 2011 approved.

Finance (Dorothy McBride):

- Following review of proposed budget for 2011-12 Joye Bucklin moved acceptance. Motion seconded and approved. To be presented at the September Branch meeting for approval.
- The Audit Committee, Kjeri Boyle, Roxanne Chavis, and John Ufford will meet August 30, 2011.
- Branch liability insurance: Dorothy has contacted AH and T, is researching what is needed by the branch, and will take the appropriate action.
- National AAUW has notified the branch of overpayment of dues of \$49.00. Will be taken out of the next dues payment.

Membership (Joye Bucklin and Ginny Linstrom):

- There are 43 paid members to date.
- Discussed various engagement strategies (Meet Up, Facebook, Interest Groups, Website).
- Member Showcase Calendar will be given a closer look to decide if the branch wants to be involved.
- Shared and discussed AAUW's 130th Anniversary Membership Campaign, particularly the incentives.
- Discussed options for encouraging membership renewal.

Program: Rosetta Brown was unable to attend. Phyllis will get an update.

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

- Phyllis and Dorothy to meet with the new UWT Chancellor Debra Friedman on August 26.
- National Educational Foundation Fellowships and Grants information has been received and several programs for girls that might qualify were discussed.

Newsletter/Communications/Social Media (Phyllis Izant):

- Newsletter: Rachel Letterman prefers to work on a month to month basis. Other options were discussed. Submission of articles is due by August 25th. Payment to Rachel will be made after branch approval of the board's decision at the last board meeting.
- Mary Hammond is proceeding with the branch trifold after review by the board for changes.
- Mary Trodden is proceeding with printing the 2011-2012 Directory.
- Website: Mary Trodden will look into SiteWise and another option mentioned by National AAUW.

Governance and Development (Mary Trodden):

- Chairs are still needed for Public Policy, C/U Relations-Scholarships, and Communications. A possibility is to gather a committee first and proceed from there.
- Comments were shared on the State Leadership Conference in Ellensburg on July 30, 2011, including "Lazy Leader", State Initiatives, and the Special Projects Fund.

Pending: STEM Projects, CWC Connection, Archives, Web Page, Finance Procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Darlene Parsons
Secretary

A Remembrance

Luversa Sullivan: Mentor and Advocate for Girls in STEM 1949-2011

By: Dorothy McBride
Connie Dunkelberger and I were on our way to the AAUW national convention in Washington D.C. when Rosetta Brown, Tacoma Branch member and Program VP, sent us an e-mail letting us know that Luversa Sullivan, head of the Tacoma Intel Computer Warehouse on Hilltop, had suddenly passed away on June 13. Luversa was a true friend of Tacoma AAUW and an ally in her passion for teaching.

young people, especially girls, not only how to develop their abilities and be successful, but how to be passionate about technology. Many branch members will remember our meeting at the Allen Renaissance Center, February 2010, when we saw Ms. Luversa in action with her students as they demonstrated all the “cool” technology things they knew, from making music to making robots to producing videos and radio shows. We had learned of Luversa’s work when she received a national AAUW Community

Action Grant for her Clever Girlz program, part of Clever Innovations, her after school Robotics program. She was a strong positive influence in the lives of girls who otherwise would not have had the confidence or resources to pursue studies in engineering or mathematics. Several branch members volunteered during the First Lego League Robotics Competition (for boys and girls from kindergarten through high school) that Luversa brought to Tacoma for the first time in 2009 and repeated in 2010. It was exciting to see the dedication and focus of the kids in making their robots navigate a challenging course. Despite the sorrow and shock of losing their mentor

—who seems to many to be irreplaceable—the Clever Kidz used their technology skills to produce a memorial program for Luversa complete with an inspiring video of her life, work and influence. They have resolved to continue her work through the examples of their own lives.



Membership Note

National AAUW recently sent us the updates on the latest membership campaign. Since last year’s 130th Anniversary campaign was so successful the campaign has been extended through June 30, 2012.

Incentives are: Branch: All branches that have an increase in membership by 7% (Feb 2011-2012) will earn one free membership for a new member.

Individual: At the end of the campaign all members who have recruited one or more new members will have their names entered into a drawing. Sixty-five winners will win one free membership to give to a new Branch member.

We’re working on a prize for Branch members who recruit new members as well. Ideas?
College/University : New AAUW college/university partner member dues are discounted to \$130 through the end of this campaign. Undergraduate students attending a C/U partner member institution are eligible for a free e-student affiliate membership and graduating students receive a free, one-year membership through the Give a Grad a Gift program.

Special bonus for students in Graduate School: Graduate students are eligible to receive a special membership rate of \$18.81 for the length of this campaign.

Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education, through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Diversity In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.