

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."

November Branch Meeting

Elizabeth Rivard, Executive Director

Prison Pet Partnership

Saturday, November 17 10:00 A.M.

Lakewood Library

The Prison Pet Partnership is a non-profit organization located on the grounds of the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig harbor. They rescue and train homeless animals to provide service dogs for persons with disabilities, and operate a boarding and grooming facility to provide vocational education for women inmates. The program benefits all involved – the animals who are given the chance to lead lives of service, the inmates who learn valuable skills so they may find gainful employment upon release, and the individuals with disabilities who receive well-trained dogs to help increase their level of independence.

Beth has a B.S. in Business Administration and is finishing her Master's in Public Administration at Evergreen State College. She lives in Gig Harbor with her 2 dogs and a cat and has two grown daughters. When not working and going to school, she enjoys movies, camping and travel.

Beth and a canine companion will demonstrate training, discuss this valuable program and take your questions. Join us for a great morning!

Note from the Programs Chair:

Many thanks to all of you who attended our joint meeting with the Puyallup and Gig Harbor branches! What a great crowd we had for Stephanie Coontz! And special thanks to Phyllis Izant for her work to bring it together.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings:

Saturday, December 15th – Annual Holiday Luncheon and program, Adriatic Grill in Tacoma

Saturday, January 19th – Kathleen Britton of Multicare, Forensic Nursing, at Multicare

Saturday, February 9th – Gerri McCoy, Finding the Lost Daughters of the Revolutionary Patriots.

Bring a friend, join us! We look forward to a great year! Lee Ann Ufford

NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ya know how we've always suspected something to be true but we can't say we have the persuasive research yet? Say, for example, the thought that chewing gum might not be as bad for you as we've always heard. Well this may be the case according to the research reviewed by Ezekiel Emanuel, writing on health policy for *The New York Times*. Emanuel recently reported that in the 1980s, a high-quality, randomized trial in Finland found that children who chewed xylitol-sweetened gum had as much as 60% fewer cavities compared with children who didn't. A 1989-93 randomized study of children around age 10 in Belize showed an even greater benefit; chewing xylitol-sweetened gum decreased the risk of cavities by up to 70%, and a follow-up study showed that the benefit lasted for up to five years. My sons will be thrilled!

So how about the scholarly publishing gender gap and the fact that women appear to cluster in certain fields but overall men seem to get more scholarly credit? A lengthy informative article in the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) reports on this very issue. We're in luck since we now have the largest analysis ever done of academic articles by gender, reaching across hundreds of years and hundreds of fields. The idea was suggested by Jennifer Jacquet, now a clinical assistant professor in environmental sciences at NYU but carried out by two men: Carl Bergstrom, a theoretical biologist and Jevin West, a postdoctoral researcher, both at University of Washington. The story of how Jennifer came to this idea is fascinating but rather too long for this space. So let's get right to a few of the key results.

Although the percentage of female authors is still less than women's overall representation within the full-time faculty ranks, the researchers found that the proportion has increased as more women have entered the professoriate. They also show that women cluster into certain subfields and are somewhat underrepresented in the prestigious position of first author. In the biological sciences, women are even more underrepresented as last author. The last name on a scientific article is typically that of the senior scholar, who is not necessarily responsible for doing most of the research or writing but who directs the lab where the experiment was based.

Implications? Well, of course we suspect these. Scholarly publishing, more than anything else, is the measuring stick of professors' research productivity. In the humanities, it's usually the monograph. But in the hard sciences and in many social sciences, it's journal articles. To be hired on the tenure track in those fields by a top research university, young scholars increasingly must have publications on their CV's by the time they finish their doctoral degrees. And once they are hired, more publications in leading journals typically are required to be promoted at every step along the way to full professor. Author order is very important. So negotiating author order becomes crucial.

The data show that over the entire 345 years, 22% of all authors were female. (Even though few papers in the JSTOR archive originated in the first 100 years, the researchers still felt that examining the entire data set was worthwhile.) The data also show that women were slightly less likely than that to be first author: About 19% of first authors in the study were female. Women were more likely to appear as third, fourth, or fifth authors.

According to the data in just the most recent time period, it is clear that the proportion of female authors over all is rising. From 1990 to 2010, the percentage of female authors went up to 27%. In 2010 alone, the last year for which full figures are available, the proportion had inched up to 30%. Women still are not publishing, though, in the same proportion as they are present in academe as professors. The same year that the share of female authors in the study reached 30%, women made up 42% of all full-time professors in academe and about 34% of all those at the most senior levels of associate and full professor, according to the American Association of University Professors.

The study has many more interesting conclusions and it's worth it to take the time to read *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* reporting about it. We have a ways to go but we're making progress. Once again, what we do, what we know, what we discuss, what we champion in AAUW is critically important.

INTEREST GROUPS AND NEWS

Hot Topics for November

November Hot Topics: WHAT'S IN YOUR FOOD?

As you prepare for Thanksgiving dinner, think carefully: How well do you know your turkey? Where is he/she from? Is your pumpkin suspiciously *large*? How about the corn pudding—is it laced with pesticides?

Hot Topics will discuss Food Safety: GMO's (genetically modified organisms): How prevalent are they? Should foods with GMOs be labeled? Is buying organic a real solution? How about "natural" beef and lamb? Hormones and antibiotics: helpful or dangerous? And, pesticides: are billions of pounds of pesticides used in corn and soybean production really necessary or is there another way?

When: Wednesday November 14, 2012 4 pm

Where: Forza Coffee Shop on north Pearl at 21st Street

Contact Dorothy for more information

Genealogy & Family History Interest Group

Our recent history:

On October 23, nine of us visited the LDS Family History Center on 12th and Pearl. Staffed entirely by helpful volunteers, the Family History Center is open to the public, from 9 to 9 Tues.-Thurs., and 9 to 5 Fri. and Sat.

The library houses a modest collection of reference books arranged alphabetically by country and then by state. One helpful atlas shows the formation (and subsequent boundary changes) of counties within each state. Research Guides for each state and for many foreign countries are available for consultation or copying. Eight computers are available for searching Family Search, Ancestry.com (library ed.), Heritage Quest, and many other free genealogy databases, including newspaper archives.

Microfilm can be ordered from the massive archives of 2.4 million rolls in Salt Lake City, sent to the Family History Center, viewed there, and pertinent records printed or scanned to one's flash drive. It's likely that many of us will return to use the many resources of this intimate, volunteer-staffed library.

-- *Mary Hammond, with thanks to **Carol Rikerd** for taking such good notes and sharing them!*

Coming up next:

On **Friday, November 9, 10 am-4 pm** (or any segment thereof) we plan to meet informally to work on our individual genealogical research projects in the **Northwest Room at Tacoma Public library**. We'll take a lunch break around noon to go across the street and trade stories about our finds. No need to commit to the entire day - come when you can, leave when you must.

In some ways, the Family History Center represents a microcosm of the print resources (books, periodicals) in the NW Room. At TPL there are many more books on each state, including entire books on individual counties. Calling it the Northwest Room has led many to assume it only contains Pacific Northwest history. Nothing could be further from the truth! Come and explore!

-- *Mary Hammond, Chair*

AAUW Daytime Book Group 2012-2013

**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.**

NOVEMBER 28 (4th Wed.)
**The Descendants by Kauai
Hart Hemmings**
Reviewer: Marilee
Hostess: Helen S.

DECEMBER 12 (not our usual day)
Share your favorite poem
Hostess: Kay S.

JANUARY 23
**Half Broke Horses by
Jeannette Walls**
Reviewer: Darlene
Hostess: Helen

FEBRUARY 27
**Death Come to Pemberley
by P.D. James**
Reviewer: Jane
Hostess: Darlene

MARCH 27
**Among the Mad by
Jacqueline Winspear**
Reviewer: Helen
Hostess: Marilee

APRIL 22
King Peggy by Peggien
Bartels and Eleanor Herman
Reviewer: Lee Ann
Hostess: Jane

MAY 22
Reviewers: Book selection for
next year
Hostess: TBD

AAUW Evening Book Group, 2012-2013

6:30 (except the 6:00 May Potluck)

NOVEMBER 26

THE PARIS WIFE by Paula McLain

Reviewer: Colleen
Hostess: Dorothy
home; Sue's refreshments

JANUARY 28

GUERNICA by Dave Boling

Reviewer: Dorothy
Hostess: Jane

FEBRUARY 25

WILD—LOST TO FOUND ON THE PACIFIC COAST TRAIL by Cheryl Strayed

Reviewer: Susie
Hostess: Jeanne

MARCH 25

PIERCE COUNTY/TACOMA READS SELECTION

Reviewer: Mary L
Hostess: Kay /Joye

APRIL 22

THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS by

Rebecca Skloot
Reviewer: Jeanne
Hostess: Colleen

MAY 20

POTLUCK BY THE GROUP

Reviewers: Everyone
Hostess: Jane Hahn

MORE INTEREST GROUPS!

Papercrafters

We meet the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church. There is coffee and tea available, but bring your brown bag lunch. We do everything from scrap booking, making note cards, sorting old photos and/or just cleaning files without distractions of your own home. Oh, yes! We also have fun chatting about our projects.

There have been a few AAUW members stating they would come if it was not on Thursdays. We are not thinking of changing the day, but if you're interested perhaps another work day could be arranged at the Lakewood church where we meet. Let Connie Dunkelberger know if you are interested via email at aauwwa@gmail.com.

Not So Fast Food Group

Sorry no meeting this month, but we had a grand time at Jane's House making Stone Soup and Caramel Apples!



L.I.F.E./Elderhostel

Date: Wednesday, November 14th, 10:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.
Location: Garfield Book Co. Community Room

Marilee Titus volunteers with L.I.F.E./Elderhostel and while it is not affiliated with AAUW, it is 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

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| Nov 1 | Thu | Papercrafters 10:30 at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church |
| Nov 2 | Fri | |
| Nov 3 | Sat | |
| Nov 4 | Sun | L.I.F.E. Elderhostel 10:30 a.m. –12:30 pm at Garfield Book Co. |
| Nov 5 | Mon | |
| Nov 6 | Tue | Election Day |
| Nov 7 | Wed | |
| Nov 8 | Thu | |
| Nov 9 | Fri | Genealogy & Family History Group 10 am-4 pm Northwest Room of the Tacoma Public Library |
| Nov 10 | Sat | |
| Nov 11 | Sun | |
| Nov 12 | Mon | |
| Nov 13 | Tue | |
| Nov 14 | Wed | Hot Topics 4 pm at Forza Coffee Shop on North Pearl at 21 st Street |
| Nov 15 | Thu | |
| Nov 16 | Fri | |
| Nov 17 | Sat | Branch Meeting 10 am at the Lakewood Library |
| Nov 18 | Sun | |
| Nov 19 | Mon | |
| Nov 20 | Tue | |
| Nov 21 | Wed | (Day Time Book Group is the following week) |
| Nov 22 | Thu | Thanksgiving |
| Nov 23 | Fri | |
| Nov 24 | Sat | |
| Nov 25 | Sun | |
| Nov 26 | Mon | Evening Book Group 6:30 pm |
| Nov 27 | Tue | |
| Nov 28 | Wed | Daytime Book Group 10 am |
| Nov 29 | Thu | |
| Nov 30 | Fri | |



THE FUND OF THE MONTH

Each month the Tacoma Branch newsletter highlights one of the funds that AAUW supports and that further our mission to break barriers to equity for women and girls and give all people a fair chance.

AAUW TACOMA BRANCH FUND at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation

Thanks to the foresight and generosity of our members over the years, the Tacoma branch sponsors an endowed fund at the GTCF. Each year, the branch can withdraw income (calculated at around 4% over a 16 month rolling market average) for projects that further our mission. For years, the branch has used that income (around \$2000 per year) to support scholarships to women attending college in Pierce County.

Over the summer, the GTCF created a companion AAUW Tacoma Branch fund that is not endowed and will accept direct donations from branch members and others. This provides an opportunity for philanthropy from our members and other supporters of our mission to contribute directly to scholarships and other programs to support college women. All such contributions are tax deductible. This fund is an opportunity for us to increase the funds we have available for scholarships, grants and support for leadership programs for women and girls.

Mail your contributions in any amount directly to:
AAUW Tacoma Branch Fund
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1100, Tacoma, WA 98402

AAUW E-STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

Students enrolled at AAUW partner institutions are eligible to become e-student members of AAUW at no cost (regular cost is \$17). All they have to do is go to aauw.org, select "JOIN" and find the membership application. To date, 34 students at our partner PLU are members and 2 at UWT have joined. We definitely need to help those 2 at UWT spread the word about this opportunity.

As e-student members, they are eligible to receive electronic copies of all AAUW publications. They can expand their activism on national issues through the Two-Minute Activist and receive the weekly updates about politics, policy and legal happenings in Washington D.C. and around the country. Soon the new research publication "Graduating to a Pay Gap" will update the college women about pay equity and the importance of negotiating fair salaries in their first jobs after graduation. E-student members have access to the extensive AAUW presence in social media and connections with college students around the country.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

BY: Mary Hammond, Co-V.P. for Membership

Our Tacoma Branch membership continues to grow.
We'd like to welcome two "classes" of new members:

The NEARLY NEW, who joined AAUW-Tacoma last spring and summer:



Rita Miller, R.N., M.S.N., Ph.D, earned her Nursing degrees from Idaho State, and her PhD in Education from U of Idaho, along with an MS in Library Science from USC. She was a Clinical Assistant Professor at Idaho State, and is now retired, having moved to Federal Way recently to be near her daughter and small grandson. Rita has been "just visiting" the "Hot Topics" interest group intermittently for a couple of years; we're glad she finally committed to AAUW, by officially joining us last March.



Colleen Carmean, PhD, attended universities and collected degrees, all over, starting at the Sorbonne in Paris, then U Illinois, U Arizona, and Capella U. (PhD). Her MA is in Cognitive Studies, and her PhD is in Knowledge Architecture for Online Learning. Colleen is Assistant Chancellor for Instructional Technologies at UWT, where she serves as UWT's strategist for eLearning and innovation technology. She teaches critical thinking and applied computing, and is currently doing research on emerging technologies in eLearning. Check out Colleen's publications and presentations at www.educause.edu/members/colleen-carmean.



Susan Livingston has a B.A. in Art Education from Edinboro State U (PA), and a Master's in Occupational Therapy from Texas Women's U. She was an AAUW member long ago in PA. She and her husband, who have three grown daughters, recently relocated from Dallas to Federal Way.



Stephanie Shinn has a degree in Finance from CWU, and works as a financial advisor at KMS Financial. She was introduced to AAUW by her KMS colleague, Ann Copeland.

And our TRULY NEWBIES, who joined at our Sept. branch

Sandy Halvorson earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Trinity U (Texas). She is a returning member, having belonged to Tacoma Branch several years ago. Welcome back, Sandy!

Diane Palmquist earned her B.A. in Nursing from PLU, and her M.A. from UW in Occupational Health. She found AAUW through her friend Wanda Johnson.

AAUW-TACOMA
Branch Business Meeting
OCT. 20, 2012 Pacific Lutheran University

Call to order: (Phyllis Izant) at 10:15 a.m.

Welcome and introduction of members and guests.

Program Year Highlights: (Jane Hahn)

- November 17th we'll hear about the Prison Pet Partnerships at the Women's Prison at Purdy. We will be meeting at Lakewood Library. This service organization gives inmates the opportunity to learn and train in valuable pet industry-related vocational skills to use in finding employment when they resume their lives outside of prison.
- December 15th will be our annual no-host holiday lunch. We plan to have a storyteller join us. We are still working out the details of where we'll be meeting. We would like to put forth our suggestion for a branch philanthropy project and that would be a toiletries drive for women at the Tacoma Avenue Shelter. The Tacoma Avenue Shelter, once a program of the Martin Luther King Housing Association, was taken over by Catholic Community Services of Western Washington.
- January 19th we plan to hear about the Multicare Forensic Nurse Examiner program at Multicare. The program provides acute forensic assault examinations, along with psychological support for sexual assault victims before, during and after the forensic medical exam, as well as legal and medical advocacy.
- February 9th we will have a program on Genealogy. Our speaker will discuss Lost Daughters of the American Revolution. We will be meeting at the Moore Library.
- March 16th we will have our annual meeting and election of officers for next year. But we will also hear from 1 or 2 of our NCWSSL attendees from the conference held earlier this year.
- April we typically have no monthly meeting due to the state convention but we are working on cooking up a reason to come together, perhaps on a Sunday afternoon, for tea, snacks and a worthy topic.
- May 18th is the date of our annual spring no-host luncheon. We will again meet at the Fircrest Golf Club.

Business Meeting

Treasurer: (Dorothy McBride)

- Proposed budget for 2012-2013 year presented to the membership as published in the September 2012 newsletter. Vote: Approved.
- Paid Branch Memberships as of October 1, 2012 consists of 58 branch members,

Membership: (Mary Hammond): reviewed as noted above.

- Mary also distributed Membership Brochure packets for prospective members for the 2012-2013 membership year.

Announcements:

Wanda Johnson reported on behalf of AAUW Scholarships for 2013. Nine active Branch members answered the all-branch invitation and convened at her home on Oct. 2, 2012 to talk about current and future use of our scholarship and grants money. There were many observations and ideas of how we might focus our money to better meet our mission of empowering young women to get an education and be leaders in their fields and in AAUW now and in the future.

The group recognized that regardless of what monies we have in our current budget for scholarships, our Tacoma Branch is giving scholarships through our endowed scholarship fund with the AAUW Foundation. We completed our initial \$100,000 contribution two years ago and current members continue to donate so that more scholarships with our Tacoma name can be given. The AAUW Foundation does all the screening and awarding of those scholarships.

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1. The Branch should not use the monies available to us from the Greater Tacoma Community Fund (GTCF) for scholarships only. Money from the GTCF can stay in the fund drawing interest until the

Branch Board and members decide how we can best use the money. This also means that a scholarship committee may not be appointed at this time.

2. Wanda Johnson will convene a Task Force to explore alternatives to our present practices. She will take the Task Force's recommendations to the Branch Board for action.
3. Grants for the NCCWSL program should continue this year. The amount and criteria for making grants will be worked out by the Board with help from the Task Force.
4. The budgeted amount for scholarships and grants should continue unchanged with the understanding that the money may be allocated within that category differently from this past year.

The Task Force is open to any member who would like to work on these important decisions. Please be in contact with Wanda J. soon if you would like to serve.

Program

The Politics of Being a Woman: the 2012 Edition with Dr. Amy Young, Assistant Professor of Communication at Pacific Lutheran University.

Adjournment: 12:15 pm

Phyllis Izant, President

AAUW Scholarships for 2013

Wanda Johnson

October 15, 2012

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AAUW TACOMA BRANCH BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Attending: Phyllis Izant, Mary Hammond, Sue McLean, Dorothy McBride, Jane Hahn, Carol Rikerd

- I. November Board meeting to be set at a later date
- II. Treasurer's Report. We have a few more members than anticipated, giving a small bump up in available money. The expense for the Directory was \$43.35 more than budgeted. The budget needs to be approved by the membership, and then the overage authorized by the Board.
- III. Membership Report. On Meet-up, people are claiming membership in interest groups without understanding the AAUW connection. Mary Hammond has created a packet of information for non-AAUW members attending interest groups, which she will distribute to each group leader. Two members have health issues, Darlene Parsons and Ginny Lindstrom. Mary will send cards.
- IV. Programs Report. Monthly programs were reviewed and organizing plans are proceeding. The May Lunch will be at the Fircrest Golf Club. Phyllis and Lee Ann are trying to arrange an April Tea at a historic north end home.
 - a. A suggested membership outreach is to take a few minutes at each meeting to introduce AAUW, explain membership, missions, programs and interest groups.
 - b. December's program at the Adriatic Grill will feature a storyteller. The lunch cost will be around \$18 per person. Members may bring gifts of personal hygiene items to be presented to the Tacoma Avenue Homeless Shelter. These gifts help fulfill our philanthropic mission.
- V. College / University Relations Report. The members who attended Wanda Johnson's Scholarship future discussion did not come up with final answers about continuing the annual scholarship awards. The money normally used can be held over the coming year to allow more money for the following year. There was consensus on the Board to use the money for NCCWSL candidates.
 - a. Wanda will coordinate a task force to make final recommendations about the optional uses of the money which has been used exclusively for scholarships. The recommendations will be presented to the entire membership.
 - b. Phyllis presented a synopsis of the Tech Trek program as an alternative to scholarship awards. Tech Trek is a math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held. Learn more at www.aauw-techtrek.org. The link has a full explanation of the program.
- VI. Communications / Social Media Report. Visitors are continuing to find interest groups on Meet-up.
- VII. Miscellaneous Issues Report. The Archives Committee needs to finish preparing files to be delivered to our archives at the Washington State Historical Research Center. We also need a governance committee to look for new officers in 2013.

Carol Rikerd
Secretary