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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 2016

Events and News

November Branch Meeting



Join us on for frolicsome fun and gleeful games! Carry on captivating conversations! Wet your whistle with a velvety vino or a sparkling soft drink. Swallow several scrumptious snacks!**

New members, old members, in-between members...

All are invited!

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

505 Broadway, Sky Room, Tacoma***



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We are taking a break from the traditional third-Saturday-of-the-month morning branch meetings. Instead, in November...It's a Party! Mid-Week! Late Afternoon!

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Tacoma@aauw-wa.org by November 14.

**provided by members of your Branch Board

***Thanks to Dana Johnson

Upcoming programs



December 17 (Saturday), 11:30 am: Holiday Luncheon, at the Landmark Convention Center. Reservations due December 1. See Details below in the newsletter

January 21, 2017: Election Wrap-up: What Now? With speaker Ben Anderstone, political consultant

January 30, 2017: AAUW Washington State Lobby Day. We are considering convening at St. John's Episcopal Church, which is walking distance to the Capitol and office buildings. Stay tuned for more details.

February 18: Pierce County Libraries, Georgia Lomax Director

March 18: Annual Branch Business Meeting

April 22, 2017: AAUW Washington State Annual Meeting. It will be held at Cedar River Watershed Educational Center near North Bend. Click [here](#) for photos of the venue. Those who need to stay overnight can find hotels in Issaquah.

AAUW Tacoma Branch Board of Directors

2016-2017

- President: Dana Holt
- Membership Vice President: Carol Rikerd
- Program Vice Presidents: Dorothy McBride and Dana Johnson
- Communications Co-Chairs: Mary Letterman and LesLee Eicher
- Recording Secretary: Dolora Neumaier
- Finance Officer: Phyllis Izant
- Governance and Development Committee: Chair Diane Palmquist, members Stella Jones and Jane Hahn
- College and University Relations: Phyllis Izant

May 20: Annual Spring Luncheon: Celebration of Tacoma Branch 110th anniversary.



Save the Date! Holiday Luncheon December 17!

The annual Tacoma Branch Holiday Luncheon will be **Saturday, December 17 from 11:30 to 1:30.**

We will gather at the **Landmark Convention Center** (formerly the Masonic Temple) at 47 St. Helen's Avenue, Tacoma. There will be a delicious and festive buffet lunch in the Ionic Room, complete with poinsettias, a decorated tree, and holiday cheer! You can look forward to an inspiring luncheon speaker, as well.

Parking is on the street. The building and the room are ADA accessible. **We especially invite new branch members to attend this fun event. It is a great time to make new friends, as well as visit with old friends.**

*The cost is \$25.00 payable at the door by cash or check.

***You must register your intention to attend by December 1, 2016. Send your RSVP to the branch e-mail: Tacoma@aauw-wa.org. After December 1, all who have registered are obliged to pay for their lunch.**

President's Corner

Several years ago we, AAUW Tacoma Branch, made the decision to offer funding to local organizations that focus on serving women and/or girls in our area, in lieu of handing out scholarship money. This was done because the process of selecting recipients and arranging the scholarships was arduous and the success of the students

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From all 50 states

And more than 140 countries

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funded was difficult to track. We never knew what good our money did.

The **Mission Project Fund**, established with guidelines requiring a written proposal by a branch member, sponsorship and oversight by that member, and a final report listing expenditures, the number of individuals served and the activities they participated in, has been a very successful venture. We've funded Peace Out, Ladies First, Elect Her, NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) and Tech Trek over the last three years, all successful projects with positive impacts and tangible outcomes.



Now is the time, my friends, to consider submitting proposals for Mission Project funding to be applied in 2017-2018. If you've been involved with a worthy organization that could benefit from our help and that fits our AAUW mission, it's only fitting that we help support them. Contact me, Dana Holt (chilicat01@yahoo.com), or email

tacoma@aauw-wa.org to obtain Mission Project guidelines and the official proposal form. **The deadline for submission is February 1, 2017.**

~ Dana Holt, President

[Membership](#)

Elections

We appreciate and admire our AAUW members who run for public office. Please applaud Linda Farmer, who is running for Pierce County Council, Marisa Peloquin, who is running for State Senate, Christine Kilduff, who is running for State House, and Mari Leavitt, who is running for State House.

AAUW History

110 years ago, in November 1906, a group of women in Tacoma were planning to create an AAUW Branch. The news events of the month included President Theodore Roosevelt visiting Puerto Rico and Panama -- the first US President to travel to another country. Anarchists bombed St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and George Bernard Shaw's play Doctor's Dilemma premiered in London. Joseph Smith, the leader of the Mormon Church, was convicted of polygamy.

This is the social, political, and cultural world that inspired our women ancestors to band together. Washington State was four years away from adopting women's

suffrage. Do you think our long ago Tacoma Branch sisters worked diligently toward that goal? Yes, they did! We all need to honor them and vote.

The numbers

One-hundred years ago, in November 1916, Jeannette Rankin, a Republican from Montana, was the first woman elected to the US House of Representatives. AAUW Tacoma was nine years old. The national AAUW organization was 25 years old.

Welcome!

Please welcome our newest member: Pat McCarthy. Pat has done her share -- and more -- to break down barriers for women and girls. We're glad to have you join us, Pat!

Happy birthday!

Happy birthday to our November-born members:

- Catherine Forte
- Jane Hahn
- Ann Copeland
- Connie Dunkelberger, and
- Miriam Barnet

Editors' note: We celebrated Linda Farmer in October, but her birthday is actually in April. Per Linda: "I don't want to get older before I absolutely have to!" Our apologies, Linda! 😊

If you were born in November, but your birthday isn't in our directory, happy birthday to you, too.

~ Carol Rikerd, Membership

[Interest Groups \(MeetUps\)](#)

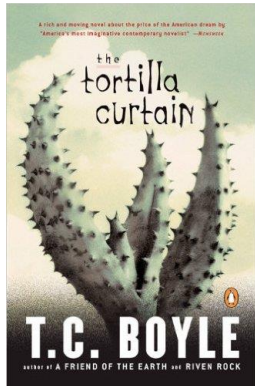
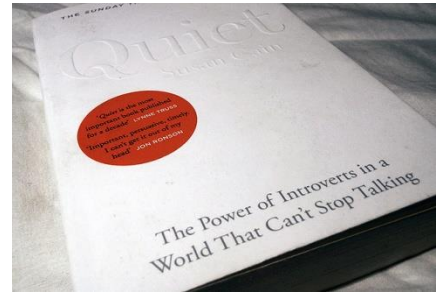


Diggers and Delvers

Diggers and Delvers will meet for lunch followed by shopping and enjoying the Christmas displays at Watson's Nursery at 12:30 on November 17th. Please RSVP to Jane Hahn by Nov. 5th.

Book Groups

The Daytime Book Group will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 10 am. They will be reading *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain. Marianne will review, and Helen will hostess.



The Evening Book Group will meet on Monday, November 28 at Dorothy's home. Marilee will lead the discussion of *The Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle.

Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will be touring the Tacoma Historical Society (THS) on November 4 at 919 Pacific Avenue (Provident Building), starting at 1 p.m. Beth Beckman, THS museum director, will give us a tour of the exhibit "Tacoma's Dry Goods and Wet Goods: Nineteenth Century Jewish Pioneers."



We will meet for lunch at 11:30 before the tour. (Lunch spot to be announced.) Contact Sue McLean or Joye Bucklin if you have any questions.



Papercrafters

Papercrafters will meet November 10th, 10 a.m. - 2.p.m. at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church (8601 104th St., SW). We will continue to work on the Branch scrapbook, which needs to be finished by our May Luncheon this year. You may bring your own

project to work on, but please plan to contribute your opinions and knowledge of the branch's past and/or identify people in pictures. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea are available.

All branch members: please consider writing a paragraph about your membership in AAUW and/or submit a picture of AAUW activities for our scrapbook. Contact Connie for information about Papercrafters or the scrapbook.

[From AAUW National](#)

Advancing Their Education, Serving Their Communities: AAUW 2016–17 Fellows and Grantees

“If you educate a man, you simply educate an individual, but if you educate a woman, you educate a whole nation.”

- James Emmanuel Kwegyir-Aggrey

What happens when you educate more than 12,000 women from around the world?

AAUW’s fellowships and grants have provided more than \$100 million to more than 12,000 women and projects from 140 countries since 1888.

For the 2016–17 academic year alone, more than 230 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive \$3.7 million.

The awards will help AAUW’s fellows and grantees achieve their educational and professional goals, allowing women to break through barriers in fields where they are traditionally underrepresented. In fact, 43 percent of AAUW fellowships and grants support women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. They provide women from all fields with the funding, confidence, and exposure that goes along with receiving a prestigious award — which is key to being competitive in the job market and tackling the growing burden of student debt.

But the impact will extend far beyond the hard-won accomplishments of our fellows and grantees. Their work will reverberate around the globe. AAUW alumnae have demonstrated their commitment to helping women and girls in their communities. Fellows and grantees often dedicate their work to fields that empower, but they also personally serve others through mentorship and

community service. AAUW alumnae have played pivotal roles in overcoming historical challenges in health care, astronomy, economics, and many other fields.

Who are these trailblazing fellows and grantees? Here's what just a few members of our 2016–17 class are doing to make advancements in their fields — and tackle the barriers facing other women and girls in their communities.

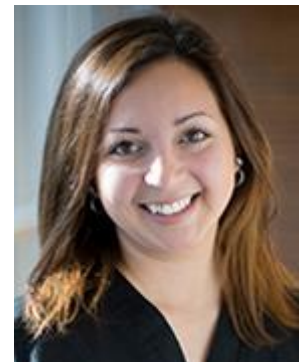


Improving Cancer Screening in Black Communities

American Fellow Deeonna Farr's intersectional research seeks to understand what factors affect inequities in cancer research participation and screening for breast cancer and colorectal cancer in black communities. Her dissertation at the University of South Carolina examines how mammography facilities, mammography providers, and patient characteristics influence black women's breast cancer screening experiences.

Combining Medicine with Compassion

Career Development Grantee Ishah Dominguez is pursuing a second bachelor's degree in diagnostic multispecialty sonography at Nebraska Methodist College. She currently works as a Spanish medical interpreter for a children's hospital. Her love for medicine and compassion for others has led her to work that helps her community. Her new career will allow her to extend meaningful care to more people. Her combined experience in pharmaceuticals and patient advocacy will allow her to play a vital role in facilitating patient diagnoses and saving lives.



Supporting Afghanistan's Women Entrepreneurs

International Fellow Shakila Haidari is pursuing her master's degree in business analytics at American University's Kogod School of Business in Washington, D.C. Before she began her studies in the United States, Haidari led Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Women initiative to provide business training for Afghan women entrepreneurs. Her goal is to improve the lives of fellow Afghan women through education and entrepreneurship.

Inspiring Underserved Girls to Be Scientists

Selected Professions Fellow Auntaria Johnson is pursuing a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurial management at Florida Atlantic University. She is the president and CEO of a nonprofit that focuses on inspiring underserved girls to reach their full potential and become leaders in STEM fields — careers that often seem out of reach. She aspires to own and operate a STEM learning academy.



(See the article at <http://www.aauw.org/2016/07/01/aauw-fellows-grantees-advancing-their-education-serving-their-communities/>)

Stay Connected with AAUW!

Check your email for the latest copy of the AAUW-WA *Evergreen Leader*, or get it here: <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>.

The 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 members' 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 comment 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/>

Useful links

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>

Communications Team Note

The branch welcomes your ideas for interest groups, activities, priorities, recruitment, and...you name it! We are considering new ways and venues to attract new members including expanding our social media presence ([Facebook](#) and our [Website](#)). We'd like to use our [Meetup Tool](#) to reach out to other Tacoma area community groups.

Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to the newsletter team at aauw-tacomaneewsletter@gmail.com. Feel free to send photos as well!

Submissions should be out by the **16th of the month** unless otherwise noted and should not exceed 100 words. **Please notify the editors 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.

~Mary Letterman and LesLee Eicher, AAUW WA Communications Co-Chairs

November 2016



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