

"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

October Meeting: Learn what made Tech Trek Tick!

What did you do over your summer vacation?

Several local girls spent theirs at Tech Trek, a week-long science and technology experience at Pacific Lutheran University, thanks to funding from AAUW Tacoma branch!

Join us and hear how, what and who made Tech Trek happen –the state and branch involvement, how the girls were chosen, what the week entailed and what the girls thought of the experience! Yes, we will have special guests! Come and meet them!

When: Saturday, October 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Where: University Place Library, meeting room

Editor's Note: See the article just after the President's Corner for more information on this year's Tech Trek.



AAUW Members at Tech Trek 2013

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Presidents' Corner

It's October already, the school year is in full swing and cooler days are growing shorter. As I write this there are 97 days before Christmas! Calendars quickly fill with "must do" and "like to do". I am particularly interested in supporting the "Elect Her" project and invite you to join me February 22, 2014 to attend and support the third workshop of "Elect Her-Pacific Lutheran Women Win."

If you wonder why this is such an important undertaking, I'd like to call your attention to well-known statistics: In the U.S. 50.8% of the population is female. Yet only 98 (18.3%) of the 535 seats in the United States Congress are held by women. In the State of Washington 45 seats out of 147 legislative seats (30%) are held by women. Women need to be better represented in government. Women bring a different perspective, a different emphasis, to the table. Power starts at the top! Women need to be there.

It's a complex problem that begins at young ages with girls not seeing themselves, or being seen by the adults around them, as having the potential to be a leader. It continues on through life with women cast as "helpers". I am a perfect example. When I was younger, I volunteered as the Lacamas Community Fair coordinator, as a 4-H leader, and a home room mother. I organized the Roy Jr. Rodeo concessions, ran numerous bake sales and became the 6th grade girls' basketball coach - all worthwhile contributions - to be sure - but all without much power or "clout" to make changes in the lives of girls or women.

When I served on the Bethel School Board for 8 years this all changed. From running a campaign to running a school board meeting, I saw the world from a different perspective. Suddenly I was on the board of what is truly a multi-million dollar business. I had a vote and a voice! I used that voice to influence the other board members to reflect a more balanced curriculum; to equally include girls in sports awards; to establish the goal of eliminating sexist language and treatment of women.

Elect-her is a one-day workshop that acknowledges the necessity to build the pipeline of women running for office in order to diminish the long-standing political leadership gender gap. This workshop aims to empower women from high school, college and onward to view themselves as political candidates.

Last year according to the PLU website the workshop offered 101 networking tips, the nuts and bolts of student government, how to formulate campaign strategy, building a network of support, messaging basics, creating and delivering the "elevator speech" and a campaign situation where attendees went out to campus and secured "potential voters".

So put it on your calendar, "Elect Her-Pacific Lutheran Women Win", Saturday, February 22, 2014, 11AM to 5 PM at Pacific Lutheran University in the Regency Room in the University Center. Hope to see you there!

Diane Palmquist



Visiting the Tech trekkies

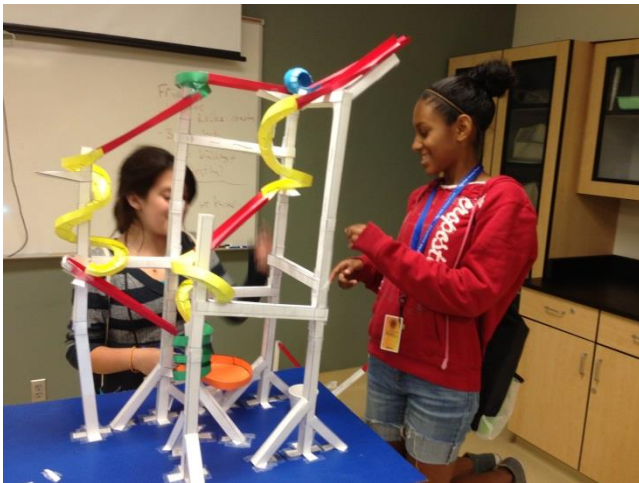
Important Information

AAUW WA Tech Trek 2013

Dorothy McBride

Fifty campers representing 14 AAUW branches spent an action packed week July 21-27 at Pacific Lutheran University engaged in a variety of STEM activities. Tacoma had the highest number of attendees at 6!

There were core classes in “Clean” Chemistry (Soap making); Criminal investigation; Real world math, including rollercoaster physics, bridge building bungee jumping, and race cars; and Rocketry—physics of rocketry and building and launching rockets. Each camper attended one of these cores classes 3 hours each day for 4 days. They then rotated through 8 labs, 2 each day. These labs were: Using online tools; Ionic and Covalent Bonds; Dry Ice Ice Cream; Meiosis; Math in nature; DNA Extraction; Model Hand and Neurons; and Science Olympiad.



On Wednesday the girls were split into two groups. Each group spent a half day at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium and the other half on a marine biology boat trip on Puget Sound.

While on the boat, the girls did water quality testing, observed catches from a plankton net, and learned how to navigate a boat. Programs on marine mammals and sharks were provided by the Zoo and the remainder of the time the girls were able to touch sting rays, see the playful Sumatran tiger and Clouded Leopard cubs as well as observe penguins and other exhibits.

The girls were kept busy in the evenings as well. Among the intriguing programs to keep their attention was an opportunity to view Saturn, its rings, and one of its moons at the Keck observatory at PLU; perform in a student-produced talent show; and meet professional women working in STEM fields who talked about their careers and education. Their cell phones use was limited;(they were supposed to call home to let their parents know what a great time they were having, so they had be kept busy.

It took a great staff to make this a successful week for the campers. Five AAUW members were dorn “moms” to the girls, assisted by five high school science majors (from Forest Ridge and Issaquah High Schools) who were peer counselors. Camp director Karen Manelis from Battleground, WA brought her experience, dedication to AAUW and Tech Trek, and cool head to make this first Washington Tech Trek STEM camp a triumph.

Come to the October branch meeting to see the girls in action and meet our Tacoma Tech Trekkers!

Think Beyond the Branch

Connie Dunkelberger, State Nominations Chair

AAUW members are noted for community involvement and volunteer for a lot of projects. Volunteer leaders make their communities stronger and more vibrant by bringing AAUW’s mission to life at the local level, with branch projects and programs. They also work with other organizations and the work doesn’t carry the AAUW name, yet fulfills our mission. There is nothing wrong with this, but if we had more of our branch members involved at the state and national levels of our organization we could make a greater impact for equity for women and girls.

The state nominations committee is looking for candidates for officers for the 2014-15 term and invite all members to review the resources available on the AAUW website and consider becoming a candidate for an officer at the state level: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/leader-essentials/> The officers up for reelection in April of 2014 are: President, V.P of Membership and V.P of Finances. You will find the candidate application form at: <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/members/resources/leadership-resources/nominations/>. The nominations committee member for the South Puget Sound District is Mary Williams of the Gig Harbor Branch; she is able to answer questions you may have about becoming a candidate.

If you are a new member of AAUW and want to learn and increase your leadership abilities please go to: <http://www.aauw.org/get-involved/>. Here you will find many ways to be involved at all levels of our organization, some of the items take very little time, however they will make a big impact toward the mission.

Learning is ForEver Program

Learning Is ForEver is a non-profit organization affiliated with Pacific Lutheran University and Elderhostel International, which aims to provide educational opportunities for active, mature adults, in the "second half of life." AAUW Tacoma Branch Member Marilee Titus serves on the program committee. Their offerings for Fall 2013 include: New Adventures in Africa with Becci Crowe, Adventure Artist; What Did Darwin Discover? with Dr. William R. Catton, Jr., Ret. University Professor, Habitat for Humanity: Building Houses, Building Hope and many more interesting topics. Classes generally cost \$10 and registration is required. Go to <http://www.plu.edu/lifeelderhostel/> for more information and to register for classes.

Interest Groups

Paper Crafters

Are greeting cards out of style? Maybe! But if you made your own they would be appreciated by the recipient! Join us and get creative.

We meet **the first Wednesday of the month.**

Join us on **October 2nd at 10 am – 2 pm** at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th Street S.W. in Lakewood.

Work on your own projects such as catching up on writing letters or projects that don't seem to get done. There is room to each have a work table, but close enough to visit while we work.

Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Coffee and Tea are available.

Connie Dunkelberger, Chair

Diggers and Delvers

A favorite spot for the D&D is **Watson's Greenhouse & Nursery**, 6211 Pioneer Way E., in Puyallup. We will meet at their updated restaurant on **Monday, October 21st at 11:30 am.**

Call Jane Hahn, Connie Dunkelberger or Carter Taylor for reservations and car pool information.

Not So Fast Food Group

The N.S.F.F. G. will celebrate Oktoberfest with a German dinner at the **home of Marilee Titus** on **October 11th**. A special presentation of Spätzle making by Rich Hahn will begin at **5 pm** Spätzle is a German noodle. Other menu items will be Bratwurst and Sauerkraut. Please call **Marilee or Jane Hahn to RSVP** and tell what you will be bringing to share. We still need bread, salads and dessert. **The dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.** BYOB

Jane Hahn, Chair

Book Groups

Evening Book Group will meet next on **October 28th at 6:30 pm** to discuss "King of Methlehem" by our own Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist, who will join us!

Dorothy McBride will lead a discussion with Mark about the book. We will meet at Jane Hahn's home at 3319 N 18th St in Tacoma.

Daytime Book Group meets **October 23rd at 10 am**. We will be discussing "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver. Helen Sohlberg will host and review at her home, 4656 N Frace St in Tacoma.

New Interest Group!!!

Technology and Social Networks 101

Irene Hutchinson and Linda Isenson will lead a series of hands-on technology classes to teach you everything you've always wanted to know but been afraid to ask!

First meeting will be **October 29th** at **10 am**.
Location tba.

Hot Topics

Ballots are due November 5th! There are a number of important statewide initiatives. Issues range from gun safety to GMO labeling to how signatures are gathered for initiatives. Come and learn more so you can be an informed voter.

Join us on **Wednesday, October 16, 2013 from 4-6 pm** at the YWCA Lakewood. (There is a Forza on the premises!

YMCA Lakewood
9715 Lakewood Drive SW

Genealogy and Family History Group

We'll meet **Friday, October 11th** from **1-3 pm** at **the Lakewood YMCA**, 9715 Lakewood Dr. SW. (There is a Forza coffee bar on the premises.)

Bring links to your three favorite genealogy websites or databases - those that have yielded the best and most hard-to-find, accurate, useful,

and/or shocking information. **Bring along a cheat sheet with the url for each of your favorites** and a sample search or two.

Irene will duplicate our searches on a video screen so we can all follow along. If you have a laptop, bring it.

Several of us plan to attend the annual **Autumn Quest** all-day seminar in Sumner on Saturday, **October 12**. Program details at <http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html> Register before Oct. 8th for the best price.

Mary Hammond, Chair




Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to Sarah Nainby and Linda Isenson at auwtacomnewsletter@gmail.com. Feel free to send photos as well!

Submissions should be to us by the 16th of the month and should not exceed 100 words. We reserve the right to edit heavily.

If you have a later event that you would like included, please let us know by the 16th so we can plan accordingly.

October/November 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	30	1	2 Paper Crafters 10am – 2pm Lakewood Presbyterian	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 1-3 pm Genealogy Group/ 5 pm Not so Fast Food Group	12
13	14	15	16 4-6 pm Hot Topics YWCA Lakewood Submissions for November Newsletter DUE!!!	17	18	19 10 am Monthly meeting - Tech Trek
20	21 11:30 am Diggers & Delvers	22	23 10 am Daytime Book Group	24	25	26
27	28 6:30 pm Evening Book Group November Newsletter published	29 NEW Interest Group 10 am Technology & Social Networks 101	30	31 	November 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 10 am Monthly meeting – PC Auditor Julie Anderson

TACOMA BRANCH AAUW PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2013-14

2013-2014 BUDGET	2012-2013 ACTUAL	2011-2012 ACTUAL	2010-2011 ACTUAL	
Checking Account beginning balance 07/01/13	\$11,287.71	\$10,249.00	\$9,557.87	\$8,127.00
INCOME				
Net dues @ \$18/member Number of paid members 8/01/13=43 Expected = 15	\$1,044.00	\$1,134.00	\$990	\$1,098.00
Celia Grau Trust from 12/11	\$4,018.00	\$3,487.00	\$3,042	\$2,626.00
GTCF <i>Distribution</i>	\$2,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,000	\$2,300.00
<i>Fund raising</i>	\$261.00		\$124	
Total Income =	\$7,062.00	\$6,982.00	\$6,156	\$6,024.00
EXPENSES				
Administrative expenses (from dues)				
Insurance due Nov 2013	\$200.00		\$100	\$0.00
Newsletter editor @\$50 per mo.		\$450.00		\$500
Communications	\$400.00	\$328.69	\$532	\$366.00
Governance Cmtee			\$100.00	
Member Directry		\$150.00		\$143.35
Officers expenses	\$50.00	\$16.10	\$9	\$152.00
Membership and hospitality	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$66.00
*Gift Fund			\$25.00	
Total =	\$975.00	\$988.14	\$1,141	\$584.00
Mission expenses (from GTCF & Grau)				
Conventions (Nat'l. Conv.)	National/state	\$750.00	\$400	\$500.00
Scholarships and Grants	\$5,000.00	\$5,050.00	\$4,468	\$4,295.00
May Luncheon	\$50.00	\$23.00	\$138	\$75.00
Programs	\$500.00	\$399.50	\$225	\$220.00
Public Policy		\$100.00		\$158.00
Total =	\$6,400.00	\$5,630.50	\$5,231	\$5,090.00
Total Budgeted	\$7,375.00	\$6,618.64	\$6,372	\$5,674.00

Expenses =

NOTES:

Administrative expenses are less than dues income by \$69.

*Gift Fund is a new one-time recognition for our student newsletter editor for 2012-2013.

Mission expenses exceed Grau/GTCF by \$382. Covered from reserves.

Budget represents 65% of bank balance with 35% left in reserves

Figures for past years are actual dollars spent

Scholarships and Grants includes scholarships, NCCWSL, and STEM

Communication includes: mail box rental, newsletter distribution, website, Meetup dues

*Note: 2012-13 Budget year, October 23,2012 Board added \$43.35 to Member Directory from reserves

*Note: Public Policy in 2012-2013 did a donation to AAUW Public Policy Fund.

Treasurer's Note:

1. There was a \$20 transposition error in the beginning balance of the proposed budget last month. The correct beginning balance is shown.
2. The Board has approved a new insurance amount in the budget of \$200. This reflects notice of a \$75 increase in premium for a 3-year period for a total premium of \$200 through Hanover Insurance Company. Insurance is competitively bid by National AAUW and our branch continues to choose to use this resource.