

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."

"A Strange Stirring" with Stephanie Coontz

Saturday, September 22, 2012
Pacific Lutheran University
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
12180 Park Avenue South, Tacoma, WA
Ingram Hall Room 100

Tacoma AAUW joins the Gig Harbor and Puyallup branches of AAUW, in announcing our kick-off program on **September 22, 2012, "A Strange Stirring" with Stephanie Coontz, on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University, Ingram Hall Room 100 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM.** Speaking on the themes in her 2011 book, *A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s*, Stephanie will share her take on the changes and continuities in women's status since the early 1960s.

Stephanie teaches history and family studies at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. She also serves as Co-Chair and Director of Public Education at the Council on Contemporary Families, a non-profit, nonpartisan association of family researchers and practitioners based at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her work has been featured in many newspapers such as The New York Times, as well as scholarly journals such as Journal of Marriage and Family, and she is frequently interviewed on national television and radio. Check out her web site for more great content about her work and public appearances. <http://www.stephaniecoontz.com/books/astrangestirring/index.htm>

Stephanie is the author of several books, including *Marriage, A History: From Obedience to Intimacy or How Love Conquered Marriage* (2005), *The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap* (1992) and others. For more information, check out her website at <http://www.stephaniecoontz.com>.

At this program we have also arranged an opportunity for you to purchase and have signed Coontz's three most recent books courtesy of Garfield Books. A special shout out to Jennifer Smith, Director of the PLU Women's Center for arranging for meeting space and author signing opportunity. **Parking:** connect to the following PLU web page to get a sense of the campus and parking. <http://www.plu.edu/about/Campus-Map/home.php>

If you click on Ingram Hall from the list of buildings, it will be highlighted on the map, and you'll see a parking lot (in blue) across from it. Parking is enforced 7am-5pm Mon thru Fri, so since this is a Saturday event everyone should be OK to park in the lot. There's also street parking available.

On the slight chance that that particular lot is permit-only 24 hours a day, attached below is a parking permit that members can print out and put on their dashboards.

There are handicap parking spots available in the lot across from the building, and there are ramps available to enter the building and to access the room. Carpooling is available -- let us know. We look forward to seeing you!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2012

PHYLLIS IZANT

It's a Presidential election year and the media baloney comes fast and furious. It's gotten so bad I don't watch the political reporting on the television or I change the channel if I'm caught suddenly having to listen to the crazy. Next thing you know I've switched over to HGTV and I'm reading about kitchen redos. I can only seem to tolerate learning about the latest baloney reading online blogs. They're funnier, there's lots of well-timed cussing and there is descriptive phrasing that meets and exceeds the best satire in the nation. So, to enhance your election season joy I share with you a check list that will help you discern what you hear and read and perhaps help you make the important voting decisions you need to make in November.

Thirteen Techniques for Truth Suppression: By David Martin

Strong, credible allegations of high-level criminal activity can bring down a government [politicians and political parties]. When the government [politicians and their political parties] lacks an effective, fact-based defense, other techniques must be employed. The success of these techniques depends heavily upon a cooperative, compliant press and a mere token opposition party.

1. Dummy up. If it's not reported, if it's not news, it didn't happen.
2. Wax indignant. This is also known as the "how dare you?" gambit.
3. Characterize the charges as "rumors" or, better yet, "wild rumors." If, in spite of the news blackout, the public is still able to learn about the suspicious facts, it can only be through "rumors."
4. Knock down straw men. Deal only with the weakest aspect of the weakest charges. Even better, create your own straw men. Make up wild rumors and give them lead play when you appear to debunk all the charges, real and fanciful alike.
5. Call the skeptics names like "conspiracy theorist," "nut," "ranter," "kook," "crackpot," and of course, "rumor monger." You must then carefully avoid fair and open debate with any of the people you have thus maligned.
6. Impugn motives. Attempt to marginalize the critics by suggesting strongly that they are not really interested in the truth but are simply pursuing a partisan political agenda or are out to make money.
7. Invoke authority. Here the controlled press and the sham opposition can be very useful.
8. Dismiss the charges as "old news."
9. Come half-clean. This is also known as "confession and avoidance" or "taking the limited hang-out route." This way, you create the impression of candor and honesty while you admit only to relatively harmless, less-than-criminal "mistakes." This stratagem often requires the embrace of a fall-back position quite different from the one originally taken.
10. Characterize the crimes as impossibly complex and the truth as ultimately unknowable.
11. Reason backward, using the deductive method with a vengeance. With thoroughly rigorous deduction, troublesome evidence is irrelevant. For example: We have a completely free press. If they know of evidence that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) had prior knowledge of the Oklahoma City bombing they would have reported it. They haven't reported it, so there was no prior knowledge by the BATF. Another variation on this theme involves the likelihood of a conspiracy leaker and a press that would report it.
12. Require the skeptics to solve the crime completely.
13. Change the subject. This technique includes creating and/or reporting a distraction.

INTEREST GROUPS AND NEWS

September Hot Topics

Join us for our exploration into educational reform proposals in Washington State. We'll review the debate points over the charter school initiative and examine new information and arguments about this hotly contested initiative on the November ballot. There will be opportunities to review other proposals such as single sex classes in middle school, revisions in teacher education, and funding for schools.

New time for this meeting enables educators to join us!

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 4-5:30 pm
Forza meeting room (coffee and snacks for purchase)
Pearl and North 21st Street, Tacoma

Hot Topics Review June 27, 2012 Discussion: To Charter or Not to Charter

Ravitch, Diane *Life and Death of the Great American School System*
The discussion swirled around whether teachers should lead school reform within the existing system. Tacoma is already known for innovation within the district, with successful experiments SAMI, SOTA and Lincoln Center. There are also magnet schools focusing on particular areas of study. Some matters of concern with charter schools are outside influence on curriculum, startup costs, and control over enrollment. The initiative can be found on the Secretary of State's website. It is detailed, well written and should be read before voting. The discussion on Initiative 1240 and charter schools will continue at Hot Topics September 19.

Sources:

<http://crosscut.com/2012/06/21/k-12/109245/teachers-united/>
http://sos.wa.gov/assets/elections/initiatives/FinalText_274.pdf
<http://teachinghope.blogspot.com>
http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/actionpages/charterschools.cfm

Genealogy & Family History Group Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1-4 PM University Place Library, 3609 Market Place W.

We have the room reserved from 1 to 4 PM; if you must, leave earlier.

Meeting format:

- "Show and Tell"- an opportunity for each of us to share, for perhaps 5-10 minutes, what genealogical projects she has been working on recently, and any surprising findings or recommended resources consulted;
- A brief self-assessment for each of us (completing a questionnaire regarding our prior experience, knowledge, skills in genealogical research), which will assist the group in meeting everyone's goals ("No woman left behind!").
- A discussion of what kinds of meetings we would like to have for the rest of the year - possible field trips, expert speakers, work sessions at the NW Room at TPL, etc. We'll also negotiate dates, times for meetings.
- I have placed "holds" on several recent genealogy books in the Pierce County Library collection, and will have them on display for our inspection, along with several of my own personal collection, including some subscription magazines. If you would like to bring favorite books to pass around, please mark each clearly with a sticker or bookmark with your name.

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.**

SEPTEMBER 26
Look Again by Lisa Scottoline
Reviewer: Carolyn
Hostess: Kay

OCTOBER 24
Moloka'i by Alan Brennert
Reviewer: Marianne
Hostess: Carter

NOVEMBER 28
**The Decendants by Kai Hart
Hemmings**
Reviewer: Marilee
Hostess: Helen

DECEMBER 12
Share your favorite poem
Hostess: To be determined

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 Peggielene Bartels
and Eleanor Herman**
Reviewer: Lee Ann
Hostess: Jane

MAY 22
Reviewers: Book selection for next
year
Hostess: To be determined

AAUW Evening Book Group, 2012-2013

SEPTEMBER 24

The Big Burn by Timothy Egan

Reviewer: Joye

Hostess: Marilee

OCTOBER 22

GAUDY NIGHT by Dorothy Sayers

Reviewer: Darlene

Hostess: Susan

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

- o Lastly, I hope to be able to demo - on the BIG screen - Ancestry.com Library Edition - accessible free only in-library (TPL or PCL branches), as well as Heritage Quest, which you can access free from home, and Family Search (free LDS site).
- o We will likely need a break during the 3 hours. The Frog 'n Kiwi Cafe is open in the same building, and serves excellent gelato, lattes, etc., which can be enjoyed in the large open atrium before returning to the library meeting room.



We had an excellent turnout for our first meeting, June 13, at TPL's Northwest Room. Special Collections Librarian and genealogist Jeanie Fisher gave us a very interesting orientation to the many types of resources available there for researchers. I hope to see all of you, plus additional members interested in researching their family histories. An RSVP email to me, though not necessary, would be appreciated.

Mary Hammond, Chair mwhammond@me.com

MORE INTEREST GROUPS!

Papercrafters

Papercrafters will NOT meet in September. It would be the week of Labor Day and many of the regulars were not going to be finished with their summer. The first meeting for the program year will be October 4th at 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of each month. 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 are 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

Not So Fast Food Group is not meeting in September, but look forward to a seasonal gathering in October.

Diggers and Delvers

Diggers and Delvers will be meeting in October.

L.I.F.E./Elderhostel

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

September 1	
September 2	
September 3	
September 4	
September 5	Genealogy & Family History Group 1-4 PM
September 6	
September 7	
September 8	
September 9	L.I.F.E./Elderhostel Wolves in the Wild at Franke Tobey Jones 1:30 – 3:30
September 10	
September 11	
September 12	
September 13	
September 14	
September 15	
September 16	Puyallup Fundraiser at Joesepi's Italian Ristorante 4-6PM
September 17	
September 18	
September 19	Hot Topics in the Forza meeting room 4-5:30 pm
September 20	L.I.F.E./Elderhostel LeMay Refuse SP Recycling Tour 10 - 12
September 21	
September 22	"A Strange Stirring" with Stephanie Coontz at PLU 10AM-NOON
September 23	
September 24	Evening Book Group at 6:30PM
September 25	
September 26	Daytime Book Group at 10AM L.I.F.E./Elderhostel WA Park Service 10:30 – 12:30 Garfield Book Co.
September 27	
September 28	
September 29	
September 30	
September 31	

October 2nd, Scholarship Discussion at Wanda's House
 October 4th, Papercrafters and YWCA Candidates Forum



SEPTEMBER

Re-Thinking Scholarships and What Women Need August 2012

As we get ready for another year in our Tacoma Branch, it is time for us to re-evaluate how we are spending our time and money as they relate to helping young women prepare for their futures. Our traditional practice has been to pull approximately \$3,000 from the GTCF and the Celia Grau funds and give two scholarships each year. The last couple of years we have also given almost \$1,000 to college women to attend the NCCWSL leadership conference.

Do we want to continue this tradition or is it time to re-think our time, money, and the need of young women as they become professionals in our current culture and career paths? Could we better serve young women and our community by investing in other programs at the local or national levels? Perhaps we can explore these issues together and re-order or affirm our priorities. Following the suggestion of our Tacoma Branch Board, I, as scholarship chair, have agreed to convene a meeting and invite all members to come and enter the conversation about our use of time and money in our mission of supporting the education of young women.

I have scheduled a re-thinking meeting for Thursday, October 4 at 4:30 PM. We will convene at my home for about an hour and half. Use the directory for my address and phone number or email me at wlejohnson@msn.com. If we need more time we can schedule it for another date.

This is your official invitation, so put Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 4:30 on your calendar now. If you can't come and want to contribute to the discussion, please email or snail mail your ideas to me. We want to hear your voice now so we can include your ideas and wisdom in our activities. The Tacoma Branch belongs to all its members and we want everyone to participate in our decisions and activities.

WHO WAS CELIA GRAU?

The branch budget for 2012-2013 in this newsletter lists income from Celia Grau—over \$3000! Who was Celia Grau? Celia was 24 when women got the vote in Washington and it's nice to think that she was one of the first to cast her ballot. Born in Wisconsin, she graduated from Bryn Mawr, then taught French at the University of Puget Sound. Rilla, as her friends called her, was active in Tacoma branch of AAUW in the 1950s and early 1960s. Her friends remembered her as very popular and an elegant hostess in her homes in Steilacoom and later north Tacoma. Her husband, Alfred Grau, invented a juicing machine. When Alfred died, Celia sold the patent to Vitamix (a company that still specializes in high quality blenders) and invested in real estate and stocks and bonds. She had a knack for investing and left a large estate when she died in 1980 at the age of 95. The Tacoma branch receives a percentage of the income from a trust she established. We share this income with UPS, University of Wisconsin, Bryn Mawr, the Tacoma Rescue Mission and the Animal Shelter among others. The Celia Grau Trust allows our branch to support active projects related to AAUW's mission of equity for women and girls and enables us to keep our dues low.

AAUW Puyallup Fundraiser

Puyallup AAUW is having a fundraiser to support High School Scholars Recognition, an Innovative Teaching Grant and a WWEE Scholarship. It will be on September 16th from 4 - 6 at Joeseppi's Italian Ristorante at [2207 North Pearl Street, Tacoma](#). There will also be a silent auction.

AAUW Tacoma is on the internet!

If you misplace your newsletter, need an AAUW form or just want to check out how wonderful we are, go to the AAUW Tacoma website <http://tacoma-wa.aauw.net/>

If you would like to get meeting notices via email, go to our Meetup.com page at <http://www.meetup.com/AAUW-Tacoma/>

We also have a Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/AAUW.Tacoma>

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

First, we want to thank those of you who renewed your membership in a timely fashion. Remember, the AAUW membership year runs July 1-June 30. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so today, either online with credit card at www.aauw.org/ (detailed instructions in April 2012 newsletter) or by snail mail! You can even send Dorothy McBride your check for \$77 made out to AAUW-Tacoma, and she will fill in the membership renewal form for you. How's that for service?

AAUW-Tacoma members participate in our organization in different ways, depending on a variety of personal factors, e.g. interests, age, energy level, health issues, employment, family demands, etc. However you participate - whether serving as an officer or committee chair, attending interest groups, attending monthly Branch meetings, or simply reading our newsletter and *Outlook* - **your membership support is important to us and to our AAUW mission: to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.**

We especially appreciate the continued support and membership of longtime members who are no longer able to attend meetings. If you knew these delightful women and miss their presence, we encourage you to remember them with notes or cards:

- **Virginia Cummings** (Apt. 222) and **Elsie Hilton** (Apt. 152) are both living at Narrows Glen, 8201 6th Ave., Tacoma 98406.
- **Carolyn Patterson** is usually the one who sends cards to members when they are under the weather. We missed seeing her at meetings last year, and I think it only fair that we send *her* a few cards/emails. **Jana**, we miss you, too!

Membership Co-Chair **Sue McLean** will be staffing the membership table - greeting you, asking you to sign in, and providing name tags. Sue is a new member, having joined us in 2011, so please take the time to introduce yourself to her!

Mary Hammond, Membership Chair

Be Informed

The **YWCA** will be hosting its first ever general election candidate forum! Become better informed about your elected leaders. Join the YWCA and moderator Rob McNair-Huff for a discussion on the many challenges facing our community. We will focus on open seats in Congress and the State Legislature and the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions.

When: October 4, 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: YWCA Pierce County, 405 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

RSVP at:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=y8zs5vdab&oeidk=a07e68278s082dd70b2&oseq=a01z3ghqv1821>

**TACOMA BRANCH AAUW
PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-13**

	<u>2012-13</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2011-12</u> <u>TOTALS</u>	<u>2010-2011</u> <u>TOTALS</u>
Checking Account beginning balance 7/31/12	10249	9557.87	8127
INCOME			
Net dues @ \$18/member	\$1,026	\$990	\$1,098
Number of paid members 8/17/12=41 Expected = 16			
Celia Grau Trust from 12/11	\$3,487	\$3,042	\$2,626
GTCF <i>Board request</i>	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,300
Fund raisin		\$124	
Total Income =	\$6,513	\$6,267	\$6,024
EXPENSES			
Administrative expenses (from dues)			
Insurance due Nov 2013		\$100	\$0
Newsletter editor @\$50 per mo.	\$500	\$500	
Communications	\$550	\$532	\$366
Member Directry	\$100		
Officers expenses	\$50	\$9	\$152
Membership and hospitality	\$50	\$0	\$66
Total =	\$1,250	\$1,141	\$584
Mission expenses (from GTCF & Grau)			
Conventions National/state	\$1,500	\$400	\$500
Scholarships and Grants	\$4,500	\$4,468	\$4,295
May Luncheon	\$100	\$138	\$75
Programs	\$600	\$225	\$220
Total =	\$6,700	\$5,231	\$5,594
 Total Budgeted Expenses =	 \$7,950	 \$6,372	 \$6,178

NOTES:

Administrative expenses exceed dues income by \$224 from reserves
Mission expenses exceed Grau/GTCF by : by \$1223 from reserves
Budget represents 77% of bank balance with 23% 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

AAUW TACOMA BRANCH BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 17, 2012 - Home of Phyllis Izant

Call to order: At 6:05 pm by President Phyllis Izant. Also Attending: Mary Hammond (membership), Dorothy McBride, (Finance) Lee Ann Ufford (VP Programs), Carol Rikerd (Secretary), Wanda Johnson (Scholarship), Sue McLean (Membership), Jane Hahn (Programs), Mary Letterman (Communications)

I. **September Board Meeting Date** - The Board will meet in October. Date to be decided.

II. **Finance** (Dorothy McBride)

1. June 30 2012 Financial Report for 2011-2012 briefly reviewed.
2. Proposed Branch Budget for 2012-2013 presented and reviewed. Motion for approval to present to branch members in September newsletter with a vote at October branch meeting. Vote: Approved.
3. Financial Policies and Procedures Draft review. Motion: to approve financial policies and procedures as presented with discussed edits. Vote: approved.
4. Branch Policies and Procedures draft from a task force review were presented. The board will vote these policies on when there is clarity around the future nature of our scholarship program.

III. **Membership (Mary Hammond)**

Dorothy McBride, Mary Hammond and Carol Rikerd are working on the new Directory. This year's Directory will be professionally published. As of now we have 41 paid members and 16 more renewals expected for a total of 57 members. Board members will personally contact members who have not yet renewed.

IV. **Programs (LeeAnn Ufford)**

The branch meeting program schedule for 2012-2013

September 22 PLU Ingram Hall Room100 Speaker: Stephanie Coontz, Time: 10 am "A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s"

October 20 probably PLU Speaker: Amy Young Time:10:00 am "Elections and Campaigns"

November 17 Location TBD. Speaker: Program Director Time: 10:00 am "Pet Partners Program @ Purdy"

December 15 Adriatic Grill Speaker: Storyteller Time: 11:30 am "Annual Holiday Party"

January 19 At Multicare Speaker: Program Director Time: 10:00 am "Forensic Nursing – Treating Victims of Sexual Assault"

February 9 Moore Library. Speaker: Jerri McCoy Time:10:00 am "Overcoming the Boulders on the Way to the Cemetery: DAR Daughters Project And – Who were the first women in your family history to vote?"

March 16 Location TBD Speaker: Branch Time: 10:00 "Annual Business Meeting / Deciding a Path Forward"

April 20 Location TBD. Memorial Tea.

May 18 Location Fircrest Golf Club. Speaker: Branch Time: 11:30 Annual Spring Luncheon

V. **Government and Development** The topic was deferred to a later date.

VI. **College/University Relations, NCWSSL, Scholarship & Public Policy** - The Scholarship Committee report will form the basis for an ongoing discussion of the direction we will take in supporting women's education. The Board agrees with the Committee that the Branch needs to redefine our goals to best meet AAUW's overall mission.

VII. **Newsletter / Communications / Social Media** Mary and Rachel Letterman will continue to publish the Newsletter 9 times a year, with a possible summer issue in June. Mary will continue to update the Meetup web page and the AAUW Branch web page.

Important Note: All items for the Newsletter **must** be emailed to Mary AND RACHEL by the 20th of each month.

Annual Membership Renewal

Directory information: Today's Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email _____

Phones Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

College(s)/University(ies) attended:

Degree(s):

Your birthday: month _____ date _____ (not year!)

Newsletter delivery preference (circle one): email USPS Mail

Check your appropriate MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

- Renewal of regular membership** (National \$49 + State \$10 + Branch \$18) **\$77**
Note: \$46 of national dues is tax deductible.
- Life Member,¹** (for existing Life Members (State \$10 + Branch \$18) **\$28**
- Honorary Life Member,²** for members 50+ yrs. (Branch \$18) **\$18**
- Dual Member** (Branch \$18) **\$18**
Please list your Primary AAUW Branch: _____
- Student Affiliate Member** *Note: \$24 is tax deductible.* **\$25**

I am enclosing my annual dues check, payable to Tacoma AAUW, for \$ _____

Mail completed form and check to:

Tacoma AAUW
Attn.: Treasurer
P.O. Box 65303
Tacoma, WA 98464-1303

Our membership year begins July 1, and ends June 30.

¹ AAUW National Life Members make a one-time payment of \$980 (fully tax-deductible), and thereafter pay only State and Branch dues.

² Individuals with over 50 years of paid membership no longer pay National or State dues.