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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."

News and Events

September Branch Meeting

Wanda Johnson, AAUW Tacoma Program Conductor

Join the Tacoma, Puyallup and Gig Harbor branches in welcoming **Sarah Ioannides**, the new music director of our **Tacoma Symphony Orchestra**, will be speaking to us about her personal journey into a career that few women enter.

September 27, 2014, 10:30 a.m., at the **Museum of Glass**.

In addition to hearing Sarah, you will also have a chance to **win** a couple of **tickets** to **Sarah's first concert** in Tacoma. As if that isn't enough, all attendees will be given a code so they can **purchase concert tickets with a discount**.

You may also enjoy the glass art exhibits as a guest of the Museum of Glass, which is hosting our meeting and giving us the use of their theater for Sarah's talk.

The Puyallup and Gig Harbor branches of AAUW are co-sponsoring this program. This is a wonderful opportunity for area AAUW members to get to know each other. We have given a "heads up" to the **Social Bar and Grill**, next door to the Glass Museum, that some of us will be coming there for lunch.

Bring your friends to this exciting program. It will be a chance for them to get acquainted with the work of AAUW and a taste of the arts in our community. They might like to join us in our mission of equality for women and girls. New membership forms will be available. Sarah has joined!

Parking: There is parking underneath the Glass Museum. It is five dollars for three hours. There is an elevator in the garage that will take you near the entrance of the museum. **We encourage you to car pool.** You may want to park free at the Dome and ride light rail to the museum. The Museum of Glass is located at **1801 Dock St., Tacoma 98402**.

Special Thanks To:

Jody Suhrbier, Engagement Manager for the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, who has coordinated this outstanding program, Mary Hammond, member of Tacoma Branch and TSO Board of Associates, who got the whole thing started, and Marlene Buffington, coordinator for the Gig Harbor Branch.

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Presidents' Corner



AAUW Tacoma 2014-15 Board

Front Row, left to right: Phyllis Izant & Dana Holt

Back Row, left to right: Donna Woolverton, Linda Isenson, Diane Palmquist, Carol Rikerd, Dorothy McBride, Mary Letterman & Sandy Halvorson

Summertime and the living is easy. Isn't that so, dear Members?

Perhaps you're reading this while taking an iced tea break from weeding your vegetable or flower garden, or maybe you're lounging someplace beautiful and exotic after a long day on the road in your RV. You might be home, as am I, enjoying some sunshine and recuperating from the work week. Wherever you are, thanks for taking a quick minute to engage with the branch and see what AAUW Tacoma has in store for the coming month plus get a hint about what's brewing for the season.

Yes, it is summer, but we've been planning and working to bring you programs that will interest, entertain and enlighten. We're also keeping an eye on some issues that concern us and our mission.

From **Pay Equity** to **healthcare access** and **reproductive rights**, from **human trafficking** to **Common Core**, we are studying and questioning always with the thought, 'How does this affect women and girls?'

I fully expect, wise and sophisticated friends, that you've been watching these issues, and others, unfold as well. I'm really looking forward to **'Hot Topics'** this year! I understand our **Book Groups** are attracting members and that a lot of discussion goes on between **Digging, Delving** and the preparation of **Not So Fast Foods**. **Paper crafters** and **Genealogists** are all about study and documentation. I'd like to invite you to participate in our interest groups, share your insights and be an active member of the branch.

Cheers and see you at the meetings! - **Dana Holt** - Co-President



Renew your AAUW Tacoma Membership Now!!

Carol Rikerd, AAUW Tacoma Membership Guru and Phyllis Izant, AAUW Financial Genius

It is time to renew your membership. Thanks to the following members who have renewed already. They all get a gold star!

Linda Ames	Dorothy McBride	Joye Bucklin	Connie Dunkelberger	Carol Rikerd	Marilee Titus
Mary Garrett	Mary Hammond	Leslee Eicher	Correne Beaudoin-Hall	Sandy Halvorson	Christine Kilduff
Linda Isenson	Sandy Bowman	Betsey Verhey	Donna Woolverton	Dana Johnson	Stephanie Strampe
Helen Ellingson	Diane Palmquist	Ginny Linstrom	Juanita Wellington	Wanda Johnson	Phyllis Izant
Mary Letterman	Dana Holt	Jane Hahn	Carolyn Patterson		

We would also like to welcome new members, Heather Shadko and Sarah Ioannides Hartman. Stay tuned for more about them in the October Issue!

If you are not on this list, YOUR membership has EXPIRED! Please renew today!! You can go mail a check to our fair treasurer, Phyllis Izant or use this handy tutorial to RENEW NOW:

1. Enter aauw.org in your search engine – you will be taken to the home page
2. Look at the gray bar across the top of the page. The tab 'AAUW' will be highlighted in white. Move your cursor to the 7th tab 'Login' and click. A new page will open.
3. The login page has 2 white boxes. The top one is for your member number (your number is by your entry in the handbook). If you have not set up a password, do it now.

Go down to the line 'First time logging in? You will **need to register.**' Click on 'need to register. You'll be taken to a new page. The instructions are simple and you will be able to get a password registered in minutes. Once you get your password – start over at step 1. You might want to write your password in your handbook.

Type in your password. You will be taken back to the home page, but the gray bar at the top now has your name instead of 'Login' in the 7th tab.

4. On the right of the gray bar is a search box. Type in 'msd' (leave out the quotes), click on the search icon. On the new page, the first selection under the search box is 'Member Services Database'. Click on it.
5. The next page has a green box 'enter the msd'. Click on it. You will get a white page titled 'Access Member Services Database.' Click on the gray bar 'Enter Member Services Database'. It will turn blue, and then take you to your personal information in the database.
6. Click on 'renew my membership' toward the bottom of the list on the left hand side of the page. Fill out the form. Send it off through the Ethernet. Now you're done...10 minutes. Easy as can be!



Tech Trek Update

Dorothy McBride, Co-Chair, Tech Trek Committee & Grant Writer Extraordinaire

Tacoma Branch sponsored 11 campers at the 2014 Camp at PLU July 20-26. These rising 8th graders came from Mason, Truman, and Jason Lee middle schools in Tacoma and Woodbrook middle school in Clover Park. Our own Linda Isenson stepped up to be a dorm monitor or "mom" and other members helped with registration and visited the camp during visitor's day. Linda reported that while there were plenty of tears, what with all the teenaged girls, no blood was shed. She might even do it again next year...and recruit some of you to join her!

All this was possible due to generous donations from individual branch members, the branch treasury, **Dimmer Family Foundation**, the **Fund for Women and Girls of the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation**, and the **Sequoia Foundation**.

Mark the date, November 15, 2014 for a branch meeting celebrating our 2014-15 branch mission projects: **Tech Trek**, **NCCWSL**, and **Peace Out**. You'll have a chance to meet and hear from our Tech Trek campers and their parents about their experiences.

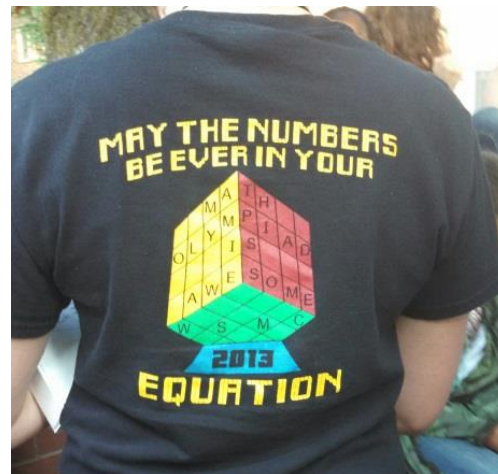
Want to send even more girls to Tech Trek 2015? We'd love to expand to more schools in Tacoma, Lakewood and University Place. Fundraising is already underway for next year. We have already received another generous donation from the Dimmer Family Foundation. We'll be applying for renewal of our other 2014 grants as well as seeking new sources of funds. We aim to send 15 campers next year. It still takes \$1000 to support one girl for the week-long residential camp.

Here's is a link to the donation site for Tech Trek. <http://www.aauw.org/program-gift/?treatment=TECHTREK> When you donate, the funds will go directly for Tacoma Branch campers. If you would like more information, contact Dorothy McBride or Sandy Halvorson.

Getting ready to make soap in Chemistry Lab



Tech Trek Humor



Robotics Lab



Building a roller coaster

A Taste of NCCWSL and Tour of AAUW Headquarters

Connie Dunkelberger, AAUW-WA Nominating Committee Chair and AAUW Tacoma & AAUW-WA past President

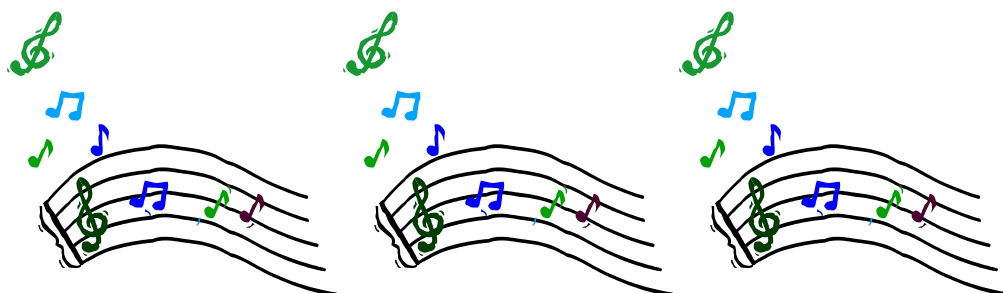
I have been a fan of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) for a number of years; so when I was offered an opportunity to witness AAUW's mission in action firsthand I decided to make the whirlwind trip to Washington, D.C.

The trip included a visit to AAUW headquarters and a briefing on what has been done so far with our archives. A few years ago AAUW Board of Directors pondered what should be done with the enormous amount of documents accumulated during our 133-year history. A Professional Archivist, Suzanne Gould, was hired to find a way to preserve our history and solve storage space problems. She has been working with a group of dedicated volunteers in carefully going through files to preserve documents, and digitizing much of the information. Most of the boxes are not stored at the headquarters, but have been move to a climate controlled facility. The containers are indexed for easy retrieval when needed for research. Preservation is a tedious process, but the volunteers say it is so exciting to find documents and letters written by our foremothers. If you want to read snips of information through the decades of fellowships and grants awarded go to: <http://history.aauw.org/fellowships-and-grants-timeline>.



There were 30 AAUW members, from 17 states, who attended this two day event, which ended with attending the opening events of NCCWSL; including the keynote speaker, Chelsea Clinton. The group had a reception with students who were recipients of NCCWSL scholarships and dinner with the students on the NCCWSL Steering Committee and the AAUW National Student Advisory Council members. The final event was the Women of Distinction award ceremony honoring five women with diverse backgrounds and careers, each giving leadership tips to the 900 students in attendance. If your branch helped sponsor a student to attend, I hope you will invite her to your branch to hear how NCCWSL inspired her toward leadership and empowerment.

Our group also had a quick tour of the Capitol Building, dinner at the historic Tabard Inn and spent the morning at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. This museum, dedicated to celebrate the diverse artistic accomplishments of women, began from the private collection of Wilhelmina and Wallace Holladay. It opened to the public in 1987 and is housed in a historic Renaissance Revival structure; once a Masonic Temple. The restoration of this building also restored the surrounding neighborhood, which had been blighted by neglect and crime. This shows how improving a neighborhood or giving a person an opportunity to thrive has a ripple effect toward a better society and world; AAUW's mission in action.



The Two Minute Activist

Linda Isenson, AAUW Tacoma Public Policy Maven

Well, the Primary Election was held in August and everyone stayed home. I'm not joking. While our own AAUW Tacoma Branch member **Christine Kilduff** made it through a tough primary with 4 opponents, Pierce County had a voter turnout of just over 27%. This does not bode well for candidates who support the principles and values of AAUW. Although there are no "big" races this

year, the General Election is critical to determining the future here in Washington. Contact me if you need help, information or have questions related to candidates, campaigns or elections. Please talk to all your friends and neighbors about the importance of voting this fall. Ballots go in the mail mid-October and have to be returned, either by mail or in a drop box by November 4th.



Annual Archives Donation

Dorothy McBride, AAUW Tacoma Governance Committee Chair

The Governance Committee will be making another deposit to branch archives in October (new bylaws, branch newsletters). We're looking for other documents that need to be archived. Branch archives are held at the Washington State History Research Center, 315 North Stadium Way, Tacoma.

If you have ever held a branch office or chaired a committee, you may have records that need to go to the archives. (Check the garage and the back of your closets!) Please bring any such materials to the September branch meeting and look for Governance Committee members Dorothy, Connie or Marilee.

Specific materials for archiving:

General Records (final print copies) of President, Vice Presidents, chairs of special committees and task forces.

Financial records: ledgers, budgets adopted and annual finance reports.



Sunshine Committee and Chair Wanted

AAUW Tacoma Board

The Board would like to extend an invitation for several volunteers to form a **Sunshine Committee**, as well as a chair for this committee. This group would acknowledge members' milestones, achievements, struggles and any other thing it chooses as well as inform the editors of the Newsletter about said events. Handmade cards for the committee to send to members will be provided by Linda Isenson...and anyone else who is crafty and wants to donate. Please contact Dana Holt or Diane Palmquist if you are interested.

Interest Groups

Paper Crafters

Papercrafters will meet at **the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 - 104th Street SW, Lakewood on September 3rd from 10 am - 2 pm.**

This month we will have a sticker/paper exchange. If you have extra scrapbook enhancements or paper you can't use, bring it along and you might be able to find something you need. Also bring whatever paper project you are working on.

Bring your brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea are available. For directions to the church call Connie Dunkelberger at 253.565.7518.

Book Groups

Evening Book Group will meet **September 22th at 6:30 pm.** Linda Isenson will host and Joye Bucklin will review Let's Pretend This Never Happened by Jenny Lawson. Linda is at 2981 Marietta Street, Steilacoom. Email or call Linda for a map or directions because the electronic maps frequently give erroneous directions.

Daytime Book Group will meet **September 24th at 10 am.** Helen Sohlberg will host and review Love Over Scotland by Alexander McCall Smith. Helen is at 4656 N. Frace Street, Tacoma, 253.759.9393

Not So Fast Food Group

The NSFFG will meet at **McNamara's** in **Dupont** on **September 20th at 6:30 pm.** The restaurant, at **1595 Wilmington Drive,** has a back room where we can gather for our favorite Irish fare and talk about our activities for the year. Please bring a name of one of your favorite restaurants or let us know what month and/or theme you might want to host the NSFFG.

We are looking for a new person to take the lead of the food group, so if we have the year's outing planned it will be a much easier leadership position for someone to accept. For information call Jane Hahn (253.272.3310) or Connie Dunkelberger (253.565.7518)

Hot Topics

LEAN IN: Barriers to being the boss and other insights from *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead* by Sheryl Sandberg. **Featured Speaker: Sandy Bowman**

Sandberg's book and efforts to develop a "lean in" movement have provoked both praise and controversy. Can women have it all? Can a women's leadership movement develop from the top down? Which is more important: individual women changing and leaning in or child care and paid leave policy? Is more female leadership in business and government better for all women? Is the Lean In phenomenon feminist?

Suggested resources: The book: in print and e-book at Tacoma and Pierce County Libraries
The website: leanin.org/ FACEBOOK site: lean in

Wednesday, September 24th, 4-6 pm
UP Library Small Conference Room
3609 Market Place W, University Place
253.543.3307

Preview October 15th - Election 2014:What's at stake?

Genealogy and Family History Group

Presently, the Genealogy and Family History group is "between leaders" and there is **no meeting scheduled for September.**

For October: The Heritage Quest Research Library is sponsoring "Autumn Quest" **Saturday October 11, 8:15 am to 3:30 pm** at the Faith Covenant Church, 1915 Washington St., Sumner, 98390. The seminar features Lisa Louise Cooke, an expert in using technology, especially Google products, to expand your options for tracing your family. Lisa produced the Google Earth materials. It should be an entertaining and useful program.

Register before October 4 and get a discount.

For more information and registration form go to:

<http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>

For more information please contact Joye Bucklin (253.565.3240) or Sue McLean (253.857.6611)

Diggers and Delvers

The Diggers and Delvers will not meet in September. Start dividing your perennials or collecting seeds for a **plant exchange** at the home of Jane Hahn on **October 10th.** More details to come. **This group is looking for a new leader for the coming year.** Call Jane (253.272.3310) for information or to volunteer.



2014

	1	2	3 Papercrafters	4	5	6 Dana Holt's Birthday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 NSSFG
21	22 Evening Book Group	23	24 Morning Book Group and Hot Topics & Julie Anderson's Birthday!	25	26	27 Branch Meeting @ Museum of Glass
28	29	30 Jana Patterson and Sue McLean's Birthdays				

Save the Dates - **October 18th** Branch Meeting (TBA) and **November 15th** Branch Meeting – Mission Projects Program including Tech Trek, NCCWSL and Peace Out



Be Connected with AAUW!

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 member's 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 comments 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/>

Other sites worth checking out:

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>

Editors' Note

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

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

TACOMA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
& American Association of University Women present:

Sarah Ioannides

Music Director
Tacoma Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, September 27, 2014
10:30 am
Theater, Museum of Glass

Take this opportunity to hear
from the new Music Director
of the Tacoma Symphony
Orchestra!

*Stay and enjoy
the art exhibits
as a guest or
join us for lunch
- location tbd.*

Host:

 MUSEUM OF GLASS

Sponsored by:

Tacoma, Puyallup, and
Gig Harbor Branches of AAUW.



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