

"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 Branch Meeting

Wanda Johnson, AAUW Tacoma Program Conductor



Writing an Ethical Will and Passing On the Wisdom from a Lifetime of Experiences

Jan Lawry will talk about the process of writing an ethical will and provide a demonstration of how one gets started on the life review which such a task requires at our **October 18th** branch meeting. We will meet at the **Swasey Library, 7001 6th Ave., Tacoma at 10:30 am.**

As you look back over your lifetime of experiences what do you want to remember? What have you loved and cherished most fervently? What has imbued your life with meaning and purpose?

The answers to these questions are as important to pass on to your successors as any property or material possessions you may have accumulated. This is the intent behind writing an ethical will or a summarizing statement of what has mattered most to you in life. To do this well, it helps to review where you started and what you were given by your family, community, and the times in which you were born. Then you can see how you built upon that foundation by what you learned, the opportunities you encountered, and the choices you made all along the way. **This is a program you will not want to miss.**

Jan Lawry trained as a developmental research psychologist at the University of Minnesota and then worked in a variety of university, college, and applied settings. Her work with college undergraduates, gifted adolescents, abused children, and creative elders led her to appreciate the many parallels in the psychological, spiritual, and creative growth we exhibit throughout our developmental journeys. Since leaving academia, Jan has been offering workshops that help people better acknowledge and utilize their creative talents and spiritual longings in pursuit of greater self-discovery. Currently a resident of the Pacific Northwest, Jan has been recently guiding people through the process of writing Ethical Wills so as to help people pass on the wisdom they have gleaned from their life experiences.

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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

I like to sing. Yes, I admit it. On any given day an individual standing on my porch might conceivably be treated to some vaguely tuneful caterwauling emanating from my front door. I'm afraid I've deluded myself into thinking my voice isn't half bad and that, generally, I can carry a tune. Sadly, though I own a guitar and have a ukelele I tinker with, I remain stubbornly incapable of actually playing either instrument. In spite of my personal deficiencies as a producer of anything that can truly be described as music, I remain undaunted in my love of it and the spectrum of pleasures it brings.

My grandfather played guitar, his brother the fiddle, their father the banjo. Some of my earliest memories are of Jimmy Rogers' yodeling from the horn of an old Victrola my gramp kept in a closet off of his workshop, and of the Beatles, from the radio of our '56 Oldsmobile. My folks' 'stereo', a glorified portable record player, vintage 1968, usually played Country & Western; Johnny Cash's 'Greatest Hits', Marty Robbins' 'Gunfighter Ballads and Trail Songs', Hank Snow, Buck Owens, and the piano stylings of Floyd Kramer were what I grew up on. Later, KTAC and KJR brought me pop music on a transistor radio shaped and branded exactly like a box of Green Giant frozen niblet corn. No lie, it was a gift, and don't ask me, 'Why?' Later still, a wonderful teacher who became my friend and mentor introduced me to jazz and classical. I remain immeasurably grateful to her for this, and so much more. At the same time my mind was being expanded by Dvořák and Prokofiev, Duke Ellington, Carmen McCrae and The Manhattan Transfer, it was also being assaulted by punk, local garage bands, then what eventually became known as 'grunge'. I'd say my taste in music is eclectic, my experience, well rounded.

So why, you might ask, am I dragging you down my musical memory lane? I suppose I'm hoping it might send you joyously tripping down your own. As I write, I'm looking forward to our September branch meeting at the Glass Museum, featuring Sarah Ioannides, Music Director of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra. By the time you read this, if you didn't attend, you'll have missed out. Don't miss out! Join us and participate!

Dana Holt - Co-President

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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
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Carter Taylor	Sarah Aaron	Sandy Bowman			

We would also like to welcome new members, Heather Shadko, Leah Amyakar and Sarah Ioannides Hartman. Stay tuned for more about them in future issues!

If you are not on this list, YOUR membership has EXPIRED! Please renew today!! As of November 1st you will be dropped from the National Roster!!!

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!



Fall/Holiday Bazaar!

Connie Dunkelberger, AAUW Tacoma Papercrafters Chair

The AAUW Tacoma Branch will have a booth at a **Fall/Holiday Bazaar** on **October 11th and 12th** to sell the recycled/remade wreaths which several members worked on this summer. We've got Christmas wreaths, Thanksgiving/Fall wreaths, Summer wreaths, Holiday Centerpieces, you name it. There is even a wreath for you Huskies out there!! Come see the fabulous creations from your fellow AAUW members. They're a talented lot!



A few samples!

The proceeds will help the branch sponsor girls selected to attend AAUW-WA's 2015 Tech Trek. If you cannot work at the bazaar, please come and make a purchase.

This bazaar will be at the **Oakhouse Restaurant** in **Oakbrook** from **9 am to 4 pm** both days. The address is **8102 Zircon Drive SW in Lakewood**. It is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America and highlights **Hugh Weber, Appraiser**. He will do appraisals from 12 to 4 each day for \$5/piece. For more information or to volunteer to work at the AAUW booth call Connie Dunkelberger, Joye Bucklin or Linda Isenson.

The Two Minute Activist

Linda Isenson, AAUW Tacoma Public Policy Maven

Your Voters Pamphlet will be in your mail box in a few short weeks and ballots will go out to voters on October 17th. They must be postmarked or dropped in Election Drop boxes by 8 pm November 4th for your voice to be counted. While we fight wars across the globe in the name of Democracy, many Americans are not exercising this hard fought right. Here in Pierce County, we had a dismal turnout in the August Primary of 27%. Our system is far from perfect (just ask me

how I feel about the rise of dark money in elections) but your vote is the one time you are counted exactly like the billionaires trying to buy our elections. When turnout is high, politicians who support policies advocated by AAUW are elected. EVERY TIME. ACROSS THE COUNTRY. Use your voice, exercise your right to vote, get involved. And if you want to take me up on the dark money conversation, just buy me a drink! Happy Halloween!



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.



Giving to AAUW: Now and Future

Ginnie DeForest, Member AAUW Legacy Circle Team

As the season of giving approaches I hope AAUW is high on your list, and you will be joining many of us in giving an annual gift to AAUW Funds. That is for now.



For the future, please consider becoming a Legacy Circle member. How? Simply by including AAUW in your will. There is no minimum amount, and the gift can take many forms: cash, stocks and more. There is a brochure that has all the details.

Each branch got one at the State Leadership Meeting, and those not there will receive one in the mail.

Why join Legacy Circle? To ensure that AAUW and its mission of education and equity for all women and girls will stay strong long into the future. Of course, there's also a beautiful Swarovski designed Legacy Circle pin you'll receive and invitations to parties at national and state meetings. It is my hope that there will be at least one new Legacy Circle member from each branch at our spring State Annual Meeting. For more information contact me at ginniedeforest@yahoo.com or Catherine Heffernan in the AAUW Planned Giving Office at heffernanc@aauw.org.



Interest Groups

Paper Crafters

Papercrafters will meet at **the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 - 104th Street SW, Lakewood on October 8th from 10 am - 2 pm.**

Bring your our brown bag lunch. We will be discussing the sale of the wreaths we made this summer and the work schedule for the holiday bazaar on October 11th & 12th. If you can't attend Papercrafters but are willing to work at the bazaar a few hours either day please contact Connie Dunkelberger at 565.7518. The proceeds will go to Tacoma Branch's Tech Trek sponsorships.

Book Groups

Evening Book Group will meet **October 27th at 6:30 pm.** Mary Hammond will host and Dorothy McBride will review Down the Nile: Alone in a Fisherman's Skiff by Rosemary Mahoney. Mary's home is 6814 38th St. W., University Place. Her phone is 988.1232.

Directions to Mary's place: Mary lives in The Ranch Condominium development, at NW corner of 40th St. W (aka Emerson) and 67th Ave. W (aka Mildred). Enter through the gate off 67th, stop at the directory box and scroll down to "Hammond". Enter the number e and Mary will open the gate for you. Drive straight ahead, down to the penultimate house on the left, 8012. Do not park on the sidewalk side. Carpool, if possible.

Daytime Book Group will meet **October 22th at 10 am.** Connie Dunkelberger will host and Carolyn Patterson will review Life after Life by Karen Atkinson. Connie's address is 6204 53rd St. Ct. W., University Place. Connie's phone number is 565.7518.

Not So Fast Food Group

The NSFFG will celebrate Octoberfest on Friday, **October 17th at 6 pm** at **Bruno's German Restaurant** in Parkland. They get great reviews from the TNT's Sue Kidd and were featured on the Food Network's Diner's Drive-ins and Dives! 10716 A Street S, Tacoma, WA 98444. Please contact Linda Isenson by **October 15th** so we can get a reservation. (Linda's cell 206.226.6120)

Hot Topics

ELECTION 2014: WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Grab your voter guide and join us to review the initiatives and referenda, especially the AAUW-WA endorsed Initiative 594 for Universal Background Checks and Initiative 591 the Washington Gun Rights Measure. Of special interest will be the framing of the debate by the different proponents and opponents and the role of money in the campaign. Let's also look at AAUW campaigns to increase voting by women and efforts to impeded voting nationwide.

Plenty of Internet resources, here are a few:

<http://www.aauwaction.org/my-vote/>
<http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/voter-id.aspx>
<http://wagunresponsibility.org/about-594/>
<http://wagunrights.org/>

October 15th, 4-6 pm

YMCA Lakewood, 9715 Lakewood Dr SW
253-584-9622

Please bring your ideas for future topics to this meeting. Next Hot Topics: November 19.

Genealogy and Family History Group

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 go to: <http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html> or contact Joye Bucklin (253.565.3240) or Sue McLean (253.857.6611)

Diggers and Delvers

The Diggers and Delvers will meet at Jane Hahn's house on **Thursday, Oct 9th at 11:00** for lunch and a plant swap. We will plan a trip to the Beautiful Tables display at Lakewold Gardens at the end of the month. **This group is looking for a new leader for the coming year.** Call Jane (253.272.3310) for information or to volunteer. Her address is 3319 N. 18th Street in Tacoma.



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

Coming January 25, 2015

“An Evening with Danny Glover”

Famed actor Danny Glover hosts an evening tribute to the famed Buffalo Soldiers—African Heritage Soldiers who served with distinction for a country that rarely appreciated their valor and sacrifice. Glover starred in the 1997 film *Buffalo Soldiers* and will share stories and experiences from those regiments that bravely performed their duties in the American West, under General Pershing in World War I, in the Pacific Theater in World War II and in the Korean War. ***Tacoma AAUW will be a sponsor of this event, thanks to donations from members of the branch Board of Directors.***

All net proceeds benefit **Tacoma’s Buffalo Soldiers Museum**, where AAUW Tacoma branch member **Jackie Jones-Hook** is Executive Director. The Buffalo Soldiers Museum in Tacoma serves a mission to educate, preserve and present the history and outstanding contributions of America’s Buffalo Soldiers through educational programs, historic research, youth outreach programs and exhibits. The museum creates and disseminates knowledge about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and their service and contributions. Plan a visit! The museum is located at 1940 South Wilkeson, Tacoma; Open Wed-Sat 11am -3pm or by appointment call 253.272.4527.

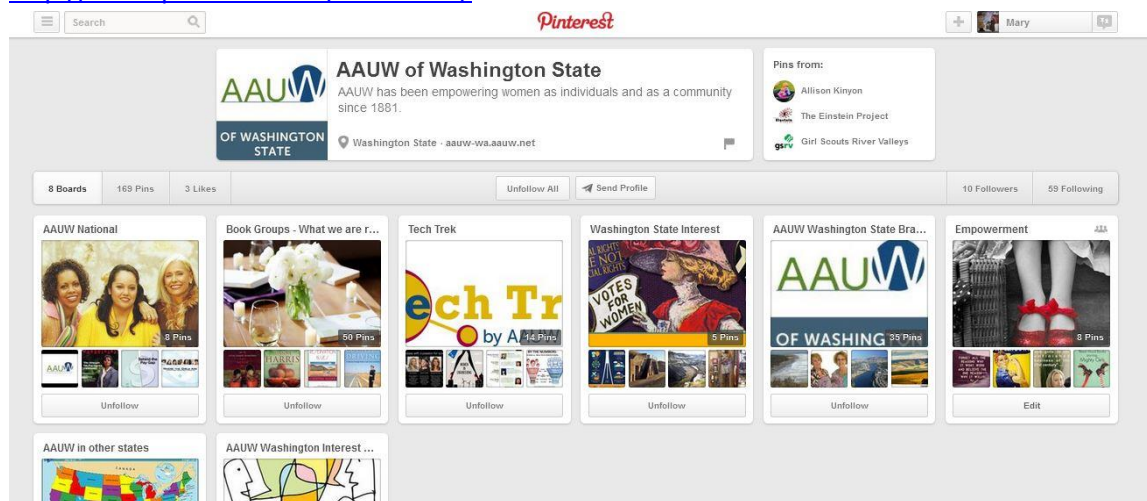
Show tickets for Danny Glover are available now through the Broadway Center Box Office at BroadwayCenter.org: \$19, \$29, \$35, 49. Pre-show Meet and Greet: \$40; 6 pm in Studio 2 includes desserts and savories!



[AAUW Pinterest](#)

Mary Letterman, AAUW WA Communications Maven

Have you ever wondered what other Washington Branches are reading in their bookgroups or what other types of interest groups are out there? Check out AAUW Washington State's Brand New Pinterest Page <http://www.pinterest.com/AAUWWA/>



[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 aawtacomaneletter@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.