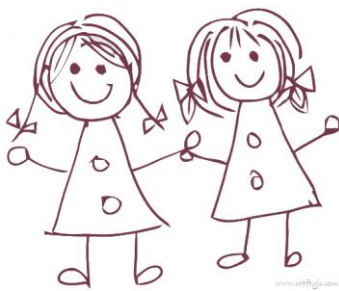


"By Joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through economic and educational barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

News and Events



February Branch Meeting

Wanda Johnson, AAUW Tacoma Program Conductor

"Getting to Know You", our February program is designed to help us get to know one another individually and learn more about our AAUW Association. Our goal is to find our shared goals and interests and determine how we work together better. We especially want our newer members to join us so we can get to know you and how you may fit into our mission.

Come casually dressed and have a beverage and snack at **10 a.m., February 21st** at the **Lakewood YMCA** and join in the fun sharing.

Connie Dunkelberger will be giving us some information about the National and State levels of AAUW. Please think about what you would like to know about AAUW's 134 years of working for equity and education for women. Send your questions to aauwwa@gmail.com. Connie will incorporate the answers into her part of the program. If she doesn't know the answers to your questions she will get the answers before this event.

The Lakewood YMCA is located at **9715 Lakewood Dr. SW**. We have reserved an easy-to-find meeting room at the Y. Enter the front doors and turn left immediately. Go to the end of the hall to the Conference room on your left. (You need not go past the check-in desk of the Y). The doors are all glass so you'll see familiar faces.

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Presidents' Corner



I love the fall, but I have to admit that I get a touch of the blues as the days grow shorter. I get up in the ever colder, ever darker morning and come home in the afternoon, skirting dusk. Looking forward to the holidays and knowing I have vacation coming helps get me through with a smile. Now its winter, the party is over. Oh, Super Bowl Sunday is on its way. Then what? The opening of baseball season is on the seemingly distant horizon, along with the glory of spring...but it's cold, dark and damp right now. The urge to hibernate is strong.

Ah, but for AAUW things are in the works! The Tech Trek committee has kicked off its season and will soon be recruiting, interviewing and selecting candidates for this summer's camps. The NCCWSL crew is working on funding its applicants' trips to this year's conference in Washington DC. Our mission funds recipient, Peace Out, is in full swing, training youngsters to care, to give of themselves and to better their community. How can the weary-dreary winter blahs compete with that?

Need a pick-me-up? Join in! I urge you to attend our February branch meeting, 'Getting to Know Us', and learn more about AAUW. "What's this 'mission' I keep hearing about? Who are these women and what are they up to? How can I get involved?"



My suggestion? Jump in with both feet as if you are splashing the water out of that gloomy winter mud puddle! Remember the joy? Get your feet wet, figuratively of course, at our March business meeting. Ever feel like you don't get a say? Here's your chance!

We need your input, opinions, insight, knowledge and guidance. Have suggestions for next year's mission projects? Here's your forum!

I hope you'll attend and wrap yourself in the warmth of camaraderie, lend a hand in our projects, revel in the coming of spring with us and enjoy the fruit of our enterprises.

Dana Holt - Co-President



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Two Minute Activist

Linda Isenson, AAUW Public Policy Maven

The Legislature is in full swing in Olympia. With a Republican majority in charge in the Senate and the House led Democratic leadership holding only a 4 vote majority, don't expect many of the concerns of AAUW to make it to the floor for a vote, much less an adult conversation. The likelihood that the Reproductive Parity Act, Equal Pay Act or the Sick Pay Act will be discussed is pretty slim. While it may be challenging to find the silver lining with regard to women's rights legislation here and across the country, many grassroots organizations in Washington and elsewhere are being successful at getting cities to pass laws to raise the minimum wage to a living wage.

According to the Pew Research Center "Economists continue to debate the extent to which minimum-wage laws reduce poverty, income inequality and/or overall employment. What's clear, though, is that after a three-step increase in 2007-09, today's minimum wage buys more than it did recently, but its real purchasing power is about where it was in the early 1980s — and below its late-1960s peak." Additionally, David Cooper of the Economic Policy Institute and the Congressional Budget Office found that "Minimum-wage workers are older than they used to be. Their average age is 35, and 88 percent are at least 20 years old. Half are older than 30, and about a third are at least 40." They are also disproportionately women. The "15 Now Tacoma" campaign is well underway and collecting signatures. If you would like to help, or sign a petition, contact me I will put you in touch with the campaign.



JUDGES NEEDED FOR SCIENCE FAIR

Dorothy McBride

The South Sound Regional Science & Engineering Fair will be **Saturday, March 21, 2015** on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University. For several years, Tacoma Branch awarded cash prizes to girls in the K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 competitions. Several branch members have volunteered as judges and in registering students. Since 2013, the branch's STEM project has been Tech Trek, but the Fair remains a wonderful opportunity to encourage girls interested in science, mathematics and engineering.

An integral part of this fair is the large number of judges required to encourage the participants and evaluate their entries. Last year over 140 people participated as judges and more judges will be needed this year. The positive interactions between judges and students contribute greatly to the success of the fair. Being a judge is both challenging and fun and a great way to promote science and engineering. If you are new to this, no experience is necessary. They will provide training electronically and on the day of the fair.

If you are interested in volunteering as a judge or in another capacity, contact Steve Colgan, colgansj@plu.edu. More information at the fair's website: www.plu.edu/scifair/



Interest Groups

Paper Crafters

The Papercrafters group will meet on **Feb. 4th 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, **8601 104th Street S.W.** in Lakewood. Maybe you want to make a few valentines to send or you are still sorting 2014 files. Whatever you want to do in this uninterrupted work time and the large table space is up to you. All are welcome to come to this group. We will again have an exchange table, so bring your extra stickers, paper, patterns or card stock to trade or donate. Coffee and Tea are available, but bring your own brown bag lunch or snack.

Contact Connie Dunkelberger at 565.7518 for more information and directions to the church.

Genealogy and Family History Group

February 13, 1-3 University Place Library

Carol Rickerd will present PERSI. The Periodical Source Index, or PERSI, is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world. Contact Sue McLean or Joye Bucklin for more information.

Not So Fast Food Group

The NSFFG will meet for tea on Sunday, **January 18th at 2 pm** at the Olive Branch Café, 731 Commerce Street, Tacoma. **You must RSVP to**

Hot Topics

No Hot Topics meeting in February
For March 18: "Sex Trafficking, Clients and Sports Events"

Join us Wednesday **March 18, 2015** from **4-6 pm**
YMCA Lakewood
9715 Lakewood Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA
(There is a Black Bear on the premises.)

Book Groups

Daytime Book Group will meet **February 25th** at **10 am**. Linda Isenson will host and review Barbara Kingsolver's *Small Wonder*. See attached map for address.

Evening Book Group meets on **February 23rd** at **6:30 pm**. Mary Hammond will review *Struck by Genius* by Jason Padgett. Robin Larson hosts at 5433 N 10th Street, Tacoma. Her number is 253.759.7921.

Diggers and Delvers

Diggers and Delvers will meet Feb. 24th. Contact Jane Hahn for details.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Papercrafters	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Genealogy	14 Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Branch Meeting
22	23 Evening Book Group	24 Diggers & Delvers	25 Morning Book Group	26	27	28

Check your email for the latest copy of the AAUW-WA *Evergreen Leader* or download it here: <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/files/2014/12/Fall-2014-EL-Final-On-Line-Version1.pdf>

Save the Date AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 18–21, 2015 in San Diego

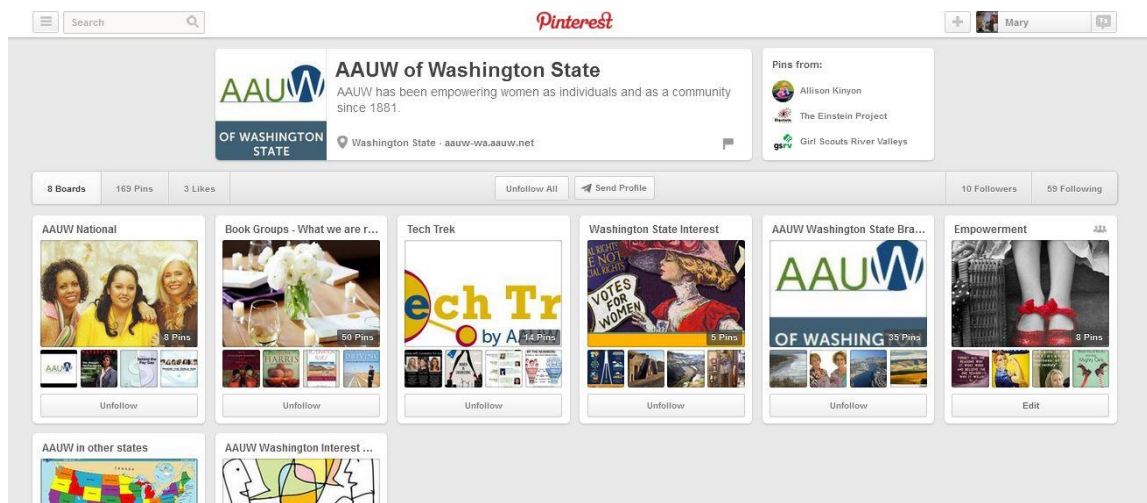
Check out convention.aauw.org for more information

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 aauwtacomanevletter@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.