



March 2015

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



March Annual Branch Business Meeting

Michelle McLean, Peace Out

Celebrate the first day of spring at the AAUW Tacoma branch ANNUAL MEETING. It's time to hear about our accomplishments in the past year and prepare for next year. The program includes election of officers, approval of the 2015-2016 budget, proposals for next year's *Branch Mission Projects* and more!

Featured Presentation

Michelle McLean of Peace Out and the girls of the AAUW supported team will report on the success of this scholarship program for teens. The girls will also show the checks for the Non Profit groups they chose to support.

Please plan to stay for lunch at a nearby restaurant after the meeting.

Saturday, March 21st 10:30-noon

Swazey Library
7001 6th Avenue
Tacoma, WA

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Governance

Governance Committee Report:

Nominations for Branch Offices 2015-2017

(to be voted at the March annual meeting)

President	Dana Holt
Co Program VPs	Dana Johnson and Dorothy McBride
Finance Officer	Mary Garrett
Governance Committee	Jane Hahn; Diane Palmquist



Amendment to Branch Policies and Procedures:

Approved by Governance Committee December 2014. Approved by the Board January 2015.

(for consideration at the March annual meeting)

The following language is proposed as an addition to Tacoma Branch Policies and Procedures Miscellaneous Branch Policies, page 8, to be inserted as item 'F', with the current items 'F' through 'J' to be re-labeled 'G' through 'K'. After this amendment is approved, a standard letter will be composed for informing an organization of AAUW Tacoma's approved sponsorship.

1. AAUW members are active in many community organizations. The Board of AAUW Tacoma may choose to sponsor or support an activity or event at the request of a branch member who is active in the organization holding the event.
2. Tacoma branch support, sponsorship or co-sponsorship is only for non-partisan events that do not conflict with AAUW missions.
3. Any Tacoma branch member may request sponsorship at any Board meeting. The purpose of this procedure is to benefit members' ability to add awareness and recognition of AAUW and our missions to the greater Tacoma and Pierce County community and other community groups.
4. Mission project funds will not be used in sponsorship or support of non AAUW events unless the event is part of an approved Tacoma branch mission project.



Presidents' Corner

Ever feel your vote doesn't count? A lot of people do. Many mope and complain. Some are bound and determined to have a say and make a difference. They involve themselves, get to know their community, what its needs are and find others who are active, aware and connected. They track down their elected officials, ask them hard questions, demand to know what they stand for, figure out who these people are and who/what they really mean to represent. In this way they KNOW they have a voice and that their vote has meaning.



I guess I'm saying that often, whatever you put in, you get out. This is as true for AAUW as it is for the broader body politic. You can have a powerful impact within our branch. The more you involve yourself, the more influence you will have. Further, the more strength and support our Tacoma branch can generate within, the more we can impact our community. What is your stand on paid sick leave? Would you like to see women fairly compensated in the workplace? Should women and girls receive a fair shake in every possible job arena? Do you care about eliminating inequity in our political and economic systems? If so, you need to step up!



First things first, the AAUW business meeting in March will be your forum. You are nominating and electing branch officials. You will be choosing where and how our mission funds will be distributed. Your vote definitely counts here. We need to hear from everyone. We want to know how your influence and commitment might raise the quality and stature of our branch and its goals within the community. Tacoma AAUW wants to impact that community, but it begins with each member's participation. I urge you all to attend the upcoming Annual Branch Business Meeting and help us decide how influential AAUW can truly be in Tacoma this year.

Dana Holt - Co-President



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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/



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Interest Groups

Paper Crafters

Papercrafters will meet at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 - 104th Street SW, Lakewood on

March 4th from 10 am - 2 pm.

Bring your own project to work on and if you have items to exchange such as extra stickers, paper, patterns or card stock to trade or donate.

There is a lot of table space for your project. Bring your own brown bag lunch or snack. Coffee and tea are available.

Contact Connie Dunkelberger at 565.7518 for more information and directions to the church. All are welcome to come to this group.

Genealogy and Family History Group

****Note change in usual day/time****

10 March 2015 - 7PM

[Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society](#) Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Gary Zimmerman, President of the [Fiske Genealogical Library](#) in Seattle

Topic: *War of 1812 & Resources available at the Fiske Genealogical Library*

Location: Bates Technical College, South Campus, 2201 South 78th St, Tacoma.

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, preceded by a social "cookies & coffee" time and an informal pre-meeting session lasting from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.

Tentative plans for April: Field trip to the *Fiske Genealogical Library* in Seattle

Questions? Contact Carol Rikerd, Joye Bucklin or Sue McLean

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**

Diggers and Delvers

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

Hot Topics

"Sex Trafficking, Clients and Sports Events"

As most Americans counted yards and touchdowns during Super Bowl XLIX (and Hawks fans held their breath), law enforcement officers across the country were crunching a different set of numbers: Tallying the arrest records of hundreds of sex buyers, and almost half a dozen pimps and traffickers. This

National Day of Johns Arrests nabbed more than 600 sex buyers. Meanwhile Phoenix law enforcement found several women who were trafficked for the Super Bowl. Can the same thing happen here? In June 2015, the U.S. Open Golf tournament will attract hundreds of thousands. Will these include sex traffickers and their victims? Bring your insights and research results to discuss this important topic.

Here are some sites to get started:

<http://www.demandabolition.org/>

<http://www.waengage.com/>

<http://www.trust.org/item/?map=link-between-sports-events-sex-trafficking-unfounded-study>

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.



2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Papercrafters	5	6	7
8	9	10 Genealogy 7pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Hot Topics	19	20	21 <u>Annual Branch Meeting</u>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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

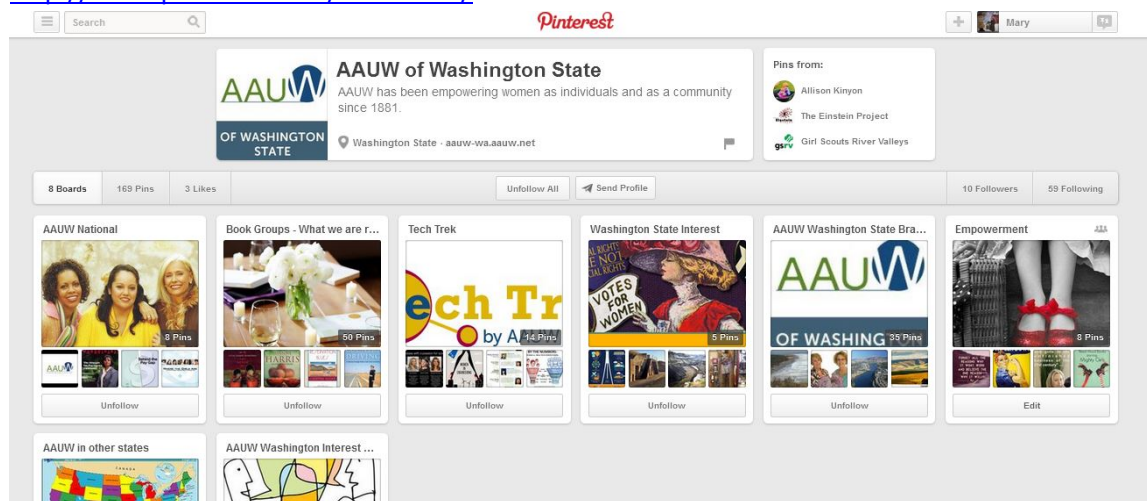
June 18–21, 2015 in San Diego

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>

Membership News

Take 50 percent off national dues when branch members gift a national membership January 1–March 15

National membership is a great gift for those who want to support our mission but whose schedules don't allow time to participate in regular meetings and activities. Now through March 15, 2015, a branch member can give the gift of a regular annual national membership for just \$24.50 online! Apply appeal code M15BRJN2015 to give one year of membership to a friend today.

Please add Catherine Sleavin to your 2014-2015 Directory. She was inadvertently left out.

Catherine Sleavin 253-752-4034
6913 N. 27th St sleavinc@msn.com
Tacoma, WA 98406

Please add new member Sharon Horst to your Directory.

Sharon Horst 253-752-8613
5305 B Frace SHARO711@yahoo.com
Tacoma, WA 98407

You can now **contact your Board at our new email address:** Tacoma.members@gmail.com

Carol is checking this email account weekly or more. Information and updates from the Board will be sent under the identifying name "AAUW Member Information". **We promise to use this account sparingly**, for meeting update information or follow-up, new member information, and news that can't wait until the next newsletter. Please take a moment to read any email you get from us. It just might be important!

Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to Sarah Nainby and Linda Isenson at aawtacomanevletter@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.