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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

TEA, SCONES AND CONVERSATION AT CONNIE D'S

(coffee too!)

April 18 at 10: 00 AM

AAUW National Election: One Member, One Vote. As members of AAUW we all have a say in selecting leaders and determining policies and practices of AAUW nation-wide. Balloting for the 2015 AAUW National Election opens April 15. Want to make it easy? Come to Connie's for conversation about the candidates and issues. The BIG ISSUE is a bylaws amendment to abolish the **college degree requirement** for membership. If this change passes, then the only requirement will be commitment to the mission of AAUW. Some feel that such a change will revitalize AAUW. Others argue that, as the American Association of *University Women*, the fact that all members share the accomplishment of earning a degree makes AAUW special. What is your view?

Come and discuss this and other interesting topics on the 18th. You'll even be able to vote right there: Connie will have her computer all set up and ready to go.

BRING THE APRIL ISSUE OF *OUTLOOK* WHICH HAS YOUR VOTING PIN NUMBER.

Call Connie at 253.565.7518 to let her know you are coming and for directions to her house.

There will be no regular branch meeting in April. Look forward to the May luncheon on May 16.

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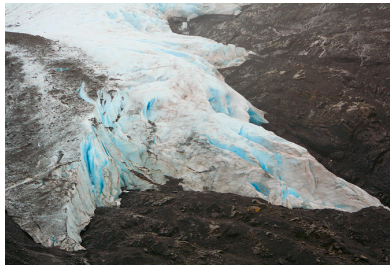
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Presidents' Corner

I find that I've been doing a lot of nagging and cajoling in my messages these last few months. I don't know if you all find it motivating or irritating. (I'd hope the former but guess the latter.) What's a Prez to do? I could comment on the weather. It has been lovely and spring-like. I've enjoyed it. Seems everyone has. Then again, as a resident of Washington since the age of 4, I realize how different this winter has been, compared to what I've experienced growing up. It makes me nervous. I worked at Paradise Inn, on Mt. Rainier in the summers of 1985 and '86. The Nisqually glacier has receded dramatically since then. I've seen it. I know it. Is this fine, but somewhat odd weather simply one trend in a cycle that will reverse itself over time, or will it continue 'til our watershed is depleted and our grand mountain is a bald rock? Let's just say I have concerns.



I joined AAUW, in part, to enjoy the company and camaraderie of intelligent women. Goodness knows I love to sit around and yak. Shooting the breeze with friends, bouncing from topic to topic randomly, one thought bleeding into another as easily as a watercolor, is one of my greatest pleasures in life. However, sharing trivial patter, seasoned with the occasional complaint, well, it's just not terribly...productive. I'm not saying productivity is the be-all and end-all either. There's got to be a balance, right?



We have a mission. So, how do I invite you, my friends, to participate? I nag a little. I prod a little. We're social and sociable. We have fun...but there's work to do. We have a core of people who take on most of the heftier jobs, as in most organizations. Ten percent of the people do ninety percent of the work. (Perhaps WE could reverse THAT trend.) They organize, they make phone calls and connections, call in favors from friends. They hustle. They do the legwork. They prod and cajole. We get the jobs done. Sometimes we have an opportunity to meet girls and women we've helped in some small, critical way, to motivate, fund, succeed. Then, occasionally, we chat and laugh, and crab, comparing notes and funny stories. That's how it works here in AAUW.

Dana Holt - Co-President

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Important Information

Port Townsend AAUW Kitchen Tour

April 25th from 10:00 to 4:00, Marrowstone Island



The theme of the 18th annual Port Townsend AAUW Kitchen Tour is MARROWSTONE “ISLAND” KITCHENS, and will be held on beautiful Marrowstone Island, just minutes outside of Port Townsend. The self-guided tour starts at the Hospitality Center located at 231 Garden Club Road. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the Hospitality Center on the day of the tour, as well as at the following ticket outlets prior to that day:

- Port Angeles, at Fiddleheads, 126 West First St.
- Chimacum, at the Chimacum Corner Farm Stand, 9122 Rhody Drive
- Port Ludlow, at Dana Point Interiors, 62 Village Way
- Nordland General Store, 7180 Flagler Road
- Port Townsend, at the Green Eye Shade, 720 Water St.; Quimper Mercantile, 1121 Water St.; What’s Cookin, 844 Water St.

THE KITCHEN TOUR IS THE PRIMARY FUND RAISER OF THE PORT TOWNSEND BRANCH OF AAUW.

Proceeds are used to provide scholarships for high school seniors as well as for educational programs, including literacy programs, math tutoring and career day in East Jefferson County.

For information please contact:

Grace Roe

AAUW Kitchen Tour Committee

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STATE CONFERENCE MAY 1 – MAY 2

[University of Washington Bothell](#)

Blasting through the Glass Ceiling: Empowering Women in Leadership

- To see the program, go [here](#)
- We are having a poster contest! The rules are [here](#)
- To register, go [here](#)!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Learning Is ForEver / LIFE

Hello lifelong learners,

We have completed our Spring Quarter Class Brochure and Newsletter. If you'd prefer me to mail you a paper copy by USPS, just let me know, and I'd be happy to send one to you. I have included a copy of the spring registration form with instructions. The first class of the quarter will begin at 3:30 p.m. on the PLU campus. I have attached a PLU parking pass for your use. If you need help locating the music building, the PLU has a link to a campus map found on the upper left corner of their home page. www.plu.edu

--Laura

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Note from the editor:

The brochure/newsletter, registration, and parking pass for the above program at PLU are attached with your monthly newsletter.

Interest Groups

Paper Crafters

This is no joke! The Papercrafter group will meet on April 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th Street, Lakewood. Bring your own project to work on and your brown bag lunch or snack. Coffee and tea are available. **Contact Connie Dunkelberger at 565.7518** for questions or directions to the church. All are welcome to come to this group.

Genealogy and Family History Group

The Genealogy group has scheduled a field trip April 10 to the Fiske Genealogy Library in Seattle. The Fiske is a library of genealogical materials not readily available, especially for those townships east of the Mississippi River. Details for the day are dependent upon those attending. If you plan to attend, contact Joye Bucklin at bucklj@comcast.net or Sue Mclean ds98332@gmail.com

Not So Fast Food Group

The Not So Fast Food Group will gather at Paesan Kitchen & Bar, 1702 Dock Street in Tacoma (near the Glass Museum) on Saturday, April 18th at 6 pm. The restaurant is not large so **please be considerate and contact Linda Isenson by Tuesday April 15th to RSVP.**

Diggers and Delvers

Hot Topics

For April 15:

“The Mental Health Mess in Washington State”

Boarding mentally ill in emergency rooms is unconstitutional says State Supreme Court. Jails are full of mentally ill while state mental hospital turns them away. Schizophrenic Robert charged with murdering father with hatchet after family fails to convince hospital to commit him. Joel's family fails to find help after moving

to Washington; he is killed by police. Families with nowhere to turn for help with adult children. Washington state is in crisis as the legislature tries to find solutions without finding revenue to support them. Such is just part of the mental health mess in our state. We'll discuss it all.

Some links:

<http://www.governing.com/topics/health-human-services/gov-washington-boarding-ruling.html>

<http://mentalillnesspolicy.org/studies/state-standards-involuntary-treatment.html>

http://www.thenewstribune.com/2014/06/09/3235740_tacoma-man-pleads-not-guilty-by.html?rh=1

Join us Wednesday April 15, 2015, 4-6 pm
YMCA Lakewood
9715 Lakewood Dr SW
Lakewood, WA
253-584-9622
(there is a Black Bear on the premises)

Book Groups

Daytime Book Group will meet **April 22nd at 10 am.** Marilee Titus will host and Helen Ellingson will review Jill Lepore's *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin*.

Evening Book Group meets on **April 27th at 6:30 pm.** Mary Letterman will review *A Year in the Merde* by Stephen Clarke. Jane Hahn is hosting at: 3319 No. 18th Street, Tacoma, WA 98406-6003, she can be reached at (253) 272-3310



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Check your email for the latest copy of the AAUW-WA *Evergreen Leader* or download it here: <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/files/2015/03/EL-Spring-2015-Final-with-Logos.pdf>

Save the Date AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

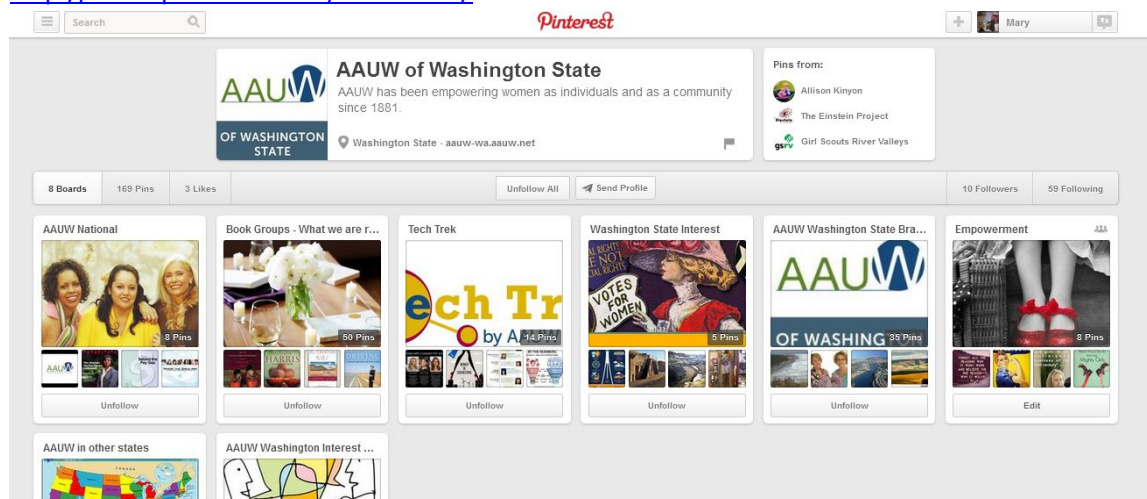
June 18–21, 2015 in San Diego

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>

Call for Editors!

The Tacoma branch of AAUW needs your help! The job of editing the newsletter is no easy task. Last year, Linda Isenson and Sarah Nainby took over the job. Linda had to step down leaving Sarah alone at the helm. Anyone interested in helping with the monthly branch newsletter, please contact Sarah Nainby at aauwtacomaneewsletter@gmail.com.

Membership News

Find your checkbooks – renewals for July 2015-June 2016 are now being accepted.

Editor's 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.