

"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



SPRING LUNCHEON

CELEBRATE AAUW TACOMA AND WEAR YOUR SPRING HAT!!!

Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the Oakhouse Restaurant and Bar in Lakewood (formally Oakbrook Country Club)
8102 Zircon Dr SW, Lakewood WA 98498. PH: 253.584.8888 ext 34.

The program will feature Sharon Parker, Assistant Chancellor for Equity and Diversity at UW/Tacoma. She will discuss "What Colleges are doing about Diversity".

We will meet in the Fireside Room at 11:00 AM and make our choices for lunch. Coffee, tea and water will be available at that time. There will then be time for socializing and installation of branch officers for 2015-2016.

There is a special menu for our branch, choice of Cobb Salad, Caesar Salad with Chicken/prawns or salmon; Soup, salad and ½ Reuben sandwich; or Monte Cristo sandwich with fries or salad.

The cost of the lunch is \$22.00, which includes entrée, coffee, tea, water, dessert, tax, gratuity and room rental. This must be paid to the branch president at the door **IN CASH OR CHECK ONLY** – no credit cards.

Since we need a headcount before the event, please **RSVP by May 13** to Connie at dunkelberger@harbornet.com or (253) 565-7518

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Presidents' Corner

Those who attended our recent Tacoma Branch business meeting might recall electing officers, approving a budget then, after much discussion and hearty debate, deciding how our mission funds would be spent for the coming year (2015-16). You should congratulate yourselves! Why? 1) You showed up, participated and had your say; 2) Up until very recently we weren't getting this critical piece of branch business done until September or October, well into our fiscal year, which actually begins July 1.

With this bit of housekeeping out of the way, we're now addressing the next issue on the list; getting ALL members to renew their memberships in a timely fashion. When I say 'timely' I mean NOT in October or November. As noted above, the fiscal year starts on July 1, but we're often chasing membership renewals and dues well into the fall. This creates a needlessly drawn out process for our membership committee and makes it difficult to get the Member Directory printed and into your hands when it's most useful to you. An additional reason to renew promptly is to make sure our finance officer receives those dues, which represent the administrative and operational funds for the branch. It's helpful for her to know where we stand for the coming year.



So, your current membership expires June 30. If you want to find your name in the directory you MUST renew by August 30. The Member Directory goes to print on September 1. The plan is to have it available at the September branch meeting, and our goal is to see everyone's name appear in the booklet. (Members who are not renewed by November 30 are dropped from the national roster AND WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!)

See below for a step-by-step guide to the renewal area of the National website. It's easy and I encourage you to use it. Thank you in advance, my friends. I hope to see you all at the May luncheon.

Dana Holt - Co-President

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Online Renewal Made Easy



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. Submit it.
7. You're done. 10 minutes. Now wasn't that easy?

Carol R, Membership

Interest Groups

Paper Crafters

Papercrafters will not meet on the usual date this month. We will get together on May 14th (Thursday) at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8106 104th street in Lakewood. Bring your individual projects to work on and a brown bag lunch. 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

Not So Fast Food Group

Hot Topics

Diggers and Delvers

Diggers and Delvers are planning to go to the University Place Garden tour on Saturday, May 30th. Please contact Jane Hahn for details.

Book Groups

Daytime Book Group will meet May 27th at 10:00. Jane Hahn is hostess for a potluck and book selection. You can contact Jane at 272-3310

Evening Book Group will meet May 18th at 6:00 pm. Bring three suggestions for next year's reading list! This meeting is a POTLUCK!! Mary Garrett will be hosting us.



2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Papercrafters	15	16
17	18 Evening Book Group (potluck)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Daytime Book Group (potluck)	28	29	30 Diggers and Delvers (garden tour)
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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

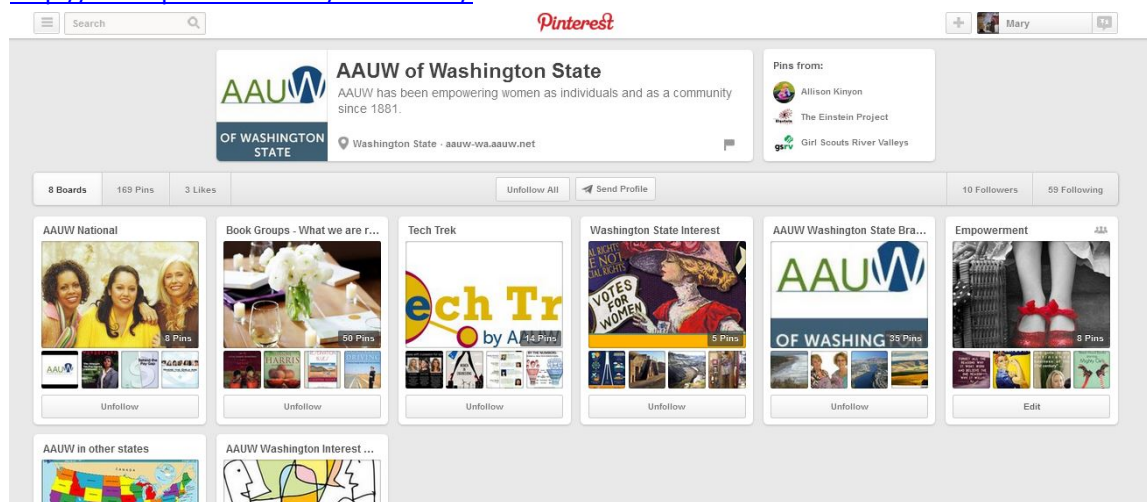
June 18–21, 2015 in San Diego

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>

Membership News

Don't Wait...

Don't Hesitate

Don't Be Late...

Renew Now...And Participate

Online renewal for 2015-2016 fiscal year is open at AAUW.org or email Carol Rikerd at: Tacoma.Members@gmail.com to request a renew membership form.

Editor's Note

Please send notices of events and news to Sarah Nainby at aauwtacomanevnsletter@gmail.com. Feel free to send photos as well! Submissions should be out by the **16th of the month** unless otherwise noted and should not exceed 100 words. **Please notify me if you will be late.** If you have a later event that you would like included, please let me know by the 16th so we can plan accordingly. We reserve the right to edit as we see fit.