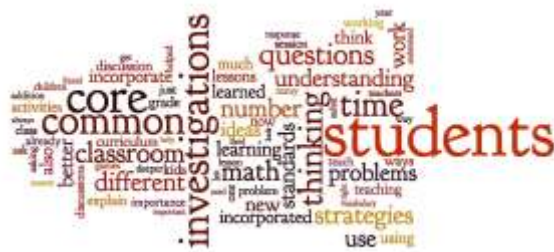


"By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through economic and educational barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

News and Events

Annual Joint Meeting with Gig Harbor and Puyallup Branches



Saturday, September 26, 2015
10:00 AM

Tacoma Community College
6501 S 19th St, Tacoma, WA 9466
Building 16, Room 106
(Enter campus from South 19th Street; Building 16 directly faces the parking lot)

It's back to school time and we have a great education program to start the year! It's our annual joint meeting with our friends from the Puyallup Valley and Gig Harbor AAUW branches. The topic is "ripped from the headlines."

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Washington: What ARE they? What do they mean?

Join us for a fascinating panel discussion that will address the implications of CCSS for public education, the effects on funding, the value or threat of testing. Discussion will include the concerns of and reactions from teachers, parents, and students.

Panelists are:

State Representative Christine Kilduff;
Tacoma Superintendent Carla Santorno;
UWT Professor Julia Aguirre;
Sumner Teacher Shannon Francisco-Papcun; and
Parent and AAUW member Phyllis Izant.

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You don't want to miss it! Bring your friends—guests welcome. There will be beverages, snacks, and conversation from 10-10:30.

Members are encouraged to do a bit of homework on the topic to be ready to ask questions. Here are some links:

<http://www.corestandards.org>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/print/2012/10/the-schoolmaster/309091/>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2014/01/18/everything-you-need-to-know-about-common-core-ravitch/>

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_Core_State_Standards_Initiative

Dorothy McBride and Dana Johnson
co-Vice Presidents for Program

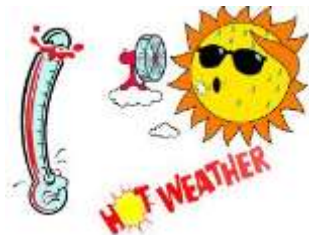
Future programs:

October 17—Tech Trek campers and NCCWSL women at Clover Park High School

November 21—Child prostitution in Pierce County, Janet Rudnick

Presidents' Corner

It's been a long hot summer, my friends. I hope you've all enjoyed the clear, sunny skies, sweltering temperatures, bumper harvests from vegetable gardens, luxurious scents from madly flourishing flower gardens and escapes to the glorious outdoors on your various vacation adventures. By the time you read this (and aren't I a cocky one to assume my prez notes actually get read?) it will be close to September. Soon the switch will be flipped. Chill mornings, replete with marine layer, will arrive and won't that hot cup of coffee nestled in your palms feel as fine as the sun on your cheeks? Isn't it one of the joys of an Indian summer in the Pacific Northwest?



With this seasonal transition, I find myself undergoing alteration as well—from sweaty poet to gently cajoling AAUW president. Yes, it's time for me urge you, to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP if you haven't; to pester you to participate in a project, enjoy an interest group and, above all, attend our branch meetings. Dana Johnson and Dorothy McBride are working to create a slate of engaging programs, some in partnership with other local branches. Please support these efforts by attending and becoming involved with the dynamic women around you. Getting to know 'US' is a worthwhile venture and we're always delighted to get to know you!

I want to sign off with a hearty THANK YOU to everyone who has renewed so promptly. There are a few hold-outs, but for the most part we're in good shape. Our new finance officer, Mary Garrett, will have a better idea what sort of operating budget our branch will be working with going into the new year, and our persevering membership chair, Carol Rikerd, will enjoy a little respite once everyone is safely paid up and on the membership roster. Once again, if you haven't gotten around to it, please, dig out your bank book, find the renewal form recently mailed to you, complete with envelope, stamped and addressed to the branch PO box (Thanks, Carol!), drop a check in (\$80 covers branch, state and national dues) and pop it in the post. You'll be glad you did...and so will I.

~Dana Holt (nagging) President, AAUW Tacoma Branch

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Membership Renewal

Online Renewal Directions

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.
4.
 - 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. You're done. 10 minutes. Now wasn't that easy?

Carol R, Membership

Directory

Thank you members for renewing this summer. Your 2015-2016 Directory should be ready at our first meeting in September. Interest group leaders should contact Carol R at crikerd@nventure.com to arrange for directories at their meetings.

If you've put off renewing –remember the newsletter only goes to current members.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. *LAF Express* informs state and branch members about the latest news, deadlines, and programming resources related to our work in the courtroom. The most recent issue covered recent Supreme Court decisions, Good News for LAF-Supported Plaintiff in Discrimination Case and Title VII Turns 50. The LAF newsletter comes out monthly and is well worth subscribing. Check it out!

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/laf-express/>

**September 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <i>Paper Crafters, 10am</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 <i>Daytime Book Group, 10am</i>	24	25	26 <i>Branch Meeting, 10am</i>
27	28 <i>Evening Book Group, 6:30pm</i>	29	30			

Interest Groups

Papercrafters

The Papercrafters Interest Group will continue to meet each month at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th St. S.W. Lakewood. We have changed the meeting date to the second Thursday. The first meeting will be September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring a brown bag lunch or snack. Coffee and tea are available. It is a good time to get your individual projects completed as well as great visiting with each other. Call Connie 565-7518 for directions to the church or for answers to any questions you may have about the Papercrafters Group

Daytime Book Group - 10am, usually the 4th Wednesday of the month

September 23 - Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult

October 28 - Home Front by Kristin Hannah

November 18 - Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

December 2 - No book review, Plans TBA

January 27, 2016 - Mockingbird Next Door by Marja Mills

February 24 - The Wright Brothers by David McCullough

March 23 - An Uncommon Woman by Hannah Pakula

April 27 - Gray Mountain by John Grisham

May 25 - Potluck to decide on next year's books

Evening Book Group - usually the 4th Monday of the month, at 6:30pm

September 28 - What Maisie Knew by Henry James

October 26 - Pigs in Heaven by Barbara Kingsolver

November 23 - The Residence by Kate Andersen Brower

January 25 - Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

February 22 - A Star for Mrs. Blake by April Smith

March 28 - The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

April 25 - The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

May 23, 6pm – Potluck; selection of next year's books

No meetings in September for Genealogy and Family History Group; Not So Fast Food Group, or Diggers and Delvers. Check back with them next month.



Summer Picnic

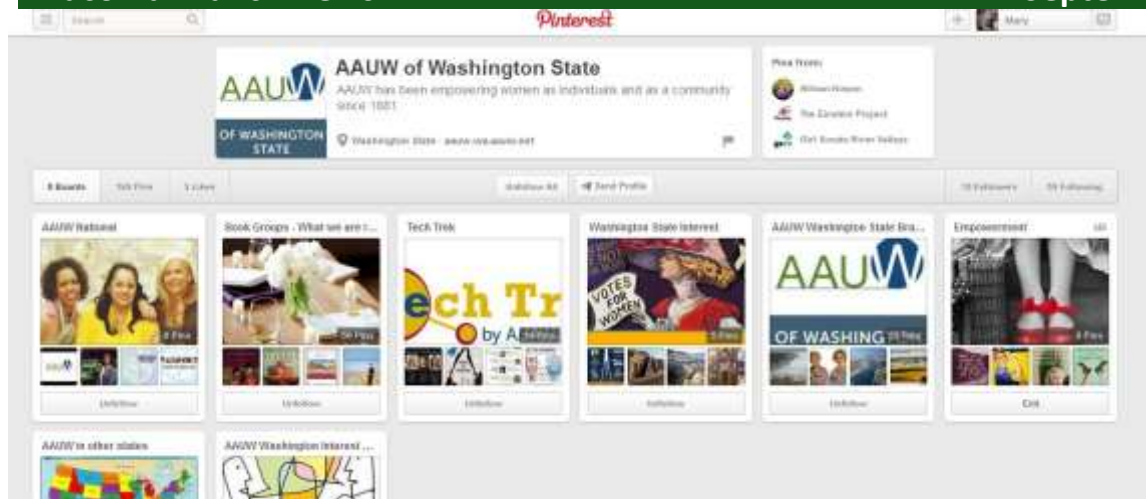
Branch members celebrated Women's Equality Day (August 26th) by enjoying a picnic lunch at the Rose Gardens in Point Defiance. After many years of hard work organizing, marching and persuading all around the nation, the Suffrage Amendment finally was voted on by Congress and sent to the states to be ratified by the needed 2/3's. Tennessee State Legislature's positive vote gave the amendment the last of the needed state's votes. This vote was won by only one vote, which was cast by a young man who received a telegram from his mother the morning of the voting. He changed his intended negative vote to a positive. The Suffrage Amendment was ratified, ninety five years ago.

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>

AAUW Pinterest

Mary Letterman, AAUW WA Communications Maven

Have you ever wondered what other Washington Branches are reading in their book groups 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>

Communications Team Note

The new school year is a new beginning for many of us, and your communications team (Mary L. and LesLee) met over the summer and set some goals for our new AAUW year. We are considering new ways and venues to attract new members including expanding our social media presence ([Facebook](#) and our [Website](#)). We'd like to use our [Meetup Tool](#) to reach out to other Tacoma area community groups. A survey of your ideas, hopes and interest might be in order. We are so happy to welcome Sue Schub to our team! She will be assisting our very own newsletter editor, Sarah Nainby.

Non-AAUW Community Group

Learning Is ForEver (LIFE)

The Learning Is ForEver (LIFE) Program Committee has organized a terrific assortment of educational offerings for the autumn months. You'll notice a few have a social component, as we have heard that our students appreciate interacting with other vibrant retirees.

Attached is a pdf of our fall brochure and newsletter. Paper copies of the brochure and newsletter are also available on request.

In addition, you will find-

- 1.) A registration form for you to print and mail in to register for classes.
- 2.) A PLU parking pass, as we will have two classes on campus. In addition, our wine tour will be leaving from the lower PLU campus.

For questions, please contact
Laura Stewart
Program Coordinator
Learning Is ForEver
Stewarla@plu.edu (253) 241-4166

Editor's Note

Please send notices of events and news to Sarah Nainby at aauwtacomaneewsletter@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.