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News and Events

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OUR OWN BACK YARD

Janet Runbeck, Pierce County Coalition Against Trafficking



Saturday, November 21, 2015, 10am - noon

Bates Technical College, South Campus

2201 S 78th Street

Tacoma, WA 98409

Building E, Auditorium (Enter from 78th Street; Parking is behind Building E)

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Human trafficking thrives in Pierce County, but it is hidden from public for many reasons. Come to this program and find out where and how this abuse is happening and why. We will explore the primary form of human trafficking in our area—the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Janet Runbeck has the experience and knowledge to be our guide into this important topic. A registered nurse, she has volunteered in many public health venues since 2007. She is the winner of the 2009 UW Tacoma Distinguished Alumni Award, the 2014 City of Destiny Award, and the Soroptimist International of Tacoma Women Helping Women Award in 2014. Presently, she is a member of the leadership team of the Pierce County Coalition Against Trafficking and an advisor to Washington Engage, an anti-trafficking organization using legislative advocacy, professional engagement and community grassroots partnerships to advance human rights.

For the Jon Stewart Daily Show interview with Janet: <http://www.cc.com/video-clips/0cerfn/the-daily-show-with-jon-stewart-the-obamacare-apocalypse>

Other upcoming programs:

December 12, 2015: Holiday Luncheon—reservations required by Nov 30 (see full details in this issue)

January 30, 2016: Women as Change Agents, Senator Jean Kohl-Wells, with Puyallup Valley Branch at Puyallup Library

February 20, 2016: Jackie Ostrom, Executive Director Carol Milgard Breast Center at the Center.

March 19, 2016: Annual General Meeting

President's Corner

Her name is Virginia Cummings. Some of you may remember her. Unfortunately I never got to meet her. I only got to know about her at the memorial tea held in her honor, from her family and AAUW friends. As I understand it, she traveled a great deal with her husband, who was in the military. Wherever she landed she joined the local AAUW chapter. The organization was that important to her. As a girl, she was lucky enough to have had a benefactor that saw her intelligence and offered her the opportunity to go to college, a privilege she wouldn't have had without help. The impact of this kindness, a chance that so many young women never got, spurred her on to support and aid others like her.

In Virginia, AAUW Tacoma found a true friend, a confidant, a leader and a philanthropist. She was involved in book groups, the board and was benevolent overseer of 'The Lunch Bunch'. She made everyone feel welcome and important, heard and embraced. Our branch didn't just note her passing. It genuinely felt it. She was honored at the memorial tea with many laughs, perhaps with a few tears. I know of at least one visitor that day who came for tea and to see what AAUW was all about, and joined because she was so impressed with tales about Virginia Cummings and the heartfelt reverence and honor she received. Who wouldn't want to be a part of an organization comprised of such dynamic women?

Her family was kind enough to give our branch an honorarium in her name; a one-time donation to be used to benefit a branch mission of our choosing. Connie Dunkelberger felt that this honorarium could be a seed for something bigger. She has created the Virginia Cummings NCCWSL Fund, which last year helped seven young women in our area attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington, DC. As a national fund, it has collected donations from as far away as Florida but has, so far, been sustained primarily by local donations. It is Connie's hope that the fund will continue to honor Virginia Cummings by benefitting college women and, in turn, generating appreciative benefactors far into the future.

If you would like to commemorate our AAUW sister by making a donation to the Virginia Cummings NCCWSL Fund, you'll find instructions below.

~Dana Holt -- President AAUW Tacoma Branch

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lifetime member Barbara Ruth Weikert passed away September 25 at the home of her niece, Cheryl Oltmann, near Vancouver, WA. Barbara had been ill with cancer for some time.

She was born to Austin Dean and Ruth Dinwiddie Weikert on June 26, 1931 in Kalispell, MT. Her faith and love of family and friends made her a very special person to all who knew her. Barbara lived a full and active life as a librarian for 40 years. She earned her BS in Library Science at San Jose State University and her MS in Library Science at the University of Southern California.

She was a dedicated member of Mason United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, The American Association of University women, and a member of the board of Tacoma Community Josue, and several other community and religious organizations. She loved to read, walk, play the piano, and travel worldwide.

She is survived by her sisters Elizabeth Dean Davis, Helena, MT. Mildred Clare Connelly, Ridgefield, WA, and Mary Cay Utterback (Dick), Greeley, CO, many nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother James Austin Weikert.

A Celebration of Life will be held at mason United Methodist Church at 3pm on Novembers 1, 2015. In lieu of flowers, Barbara has asked that gifts be given to Mason United Methodist Church or to Tacoma Community House.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tribnet/obituary.aspx?pid=176010369>

Obituary published in the News Tribune (Tacoma) on Oct 4, 2015.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to new and renewing members Sierra Stayberg, Stella Jones, and Marisa Peloquin. Sharon Aaron has moved. Contact information can be found in the chapter's electronic directory.

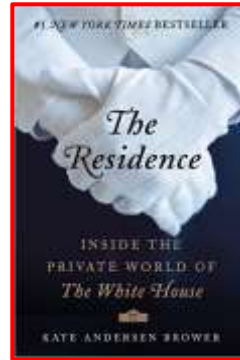
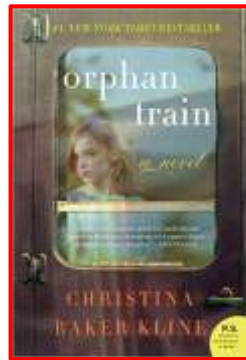
Branch members can request an electronic copy of our chapter directory, by filling out the brief form found at <http://tacoma-wa.aauw.net/contact-us/>.

Happy birthday to our November born members: Miriam Barnett, Ann Copeland, Connie Dunkelberger, Catherine Forte, and Jane Hahn.

November 2015



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Interest Groups**Book Groups**

The Daytime Book Group meets **10am, on Wednesday, November 18**, to discuss *Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline. Future meetings: December 2 - No book review, Plans TBA; January 27 - *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.

The Evening Book Group meets **6:30pm, on Monday, November 23**, to discuss *The Residence*, by Kate Andersen Brower. Contact ---- for details. Future meetings: 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.

Genealogy Group

Date: Nov. 20th

Time: 1-3 PM

Location: TBA

Topic: Presentation for genealogy enthusiasts

The Genealogy group will meet November 20th at 1 p.m-3 p.m. The meeting place for November will be decided at the October 30th UP library meeting. Please bring your ideas for meeting topics. Contact Sue McLean or Joye Bucklin if you are interested in being on our contact/reminder list for meetings. If you'd like a reminder email + update on the presentation topic, email either Joye: bucklj@comcast.net or Sue: ds98332@gmail.com

Papercrafters

We will meet at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th St S.W. in Lakewood, on November 12th at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The group will continue working on the historical archives of the Tacoma Branch to get it ready for deposit at the State Historical Research Center, or save for our next birthday party.

Members can work on their own projects during this fun time of visiting and working together. Bring your own brown bag lunch or snack. Coffee and tea are available.

Tech Trek

The Tech Trek planning committee needs your help. Please volunteer to join our committee and for your reward meet the generation of girls that will become our future leaders in STEM! There will be two camps in Western Washington next summer so we are in need of more volunteers this year. Contact Linda Ames or Joye Bucklin, co-chairs for AAUW Tacoma Tech Trek if you can help this year. Thank you.

Save the Date

****HOLIDAY LUNCHEON****DECEMBER 12

The annual Tacoma Branch Holiday Luncheon will be Saturday, **December 12, 2015,** **from 11:30-1:30.**

This year we will gather at the Landmark Convention Center (formerly the Masonic Temple), **47 St. Helen's Avenue, Tacoma.** We will enjoy a buffet lunch (see menu below) in the 4th floor Ionic Room complete with poinsettias, a decorated tree, and holiday cheer! There is complimentary parking in the lot across the street. The building and the room are ADA accessible.

We especially invite new branch members to attend this fun event. It is a great time to make new friends as well as visit with old friends.

Helen McGovern, Executive Director of the Emergency Food Network, will be our guest and will present a brief program about the Network and how they serve those in need during the Christmas season.

*You must register your intention to attend by **November 30, 2015.**

Send your RSVP to the branch e-mail: Tacoma@aauw-wa.org. After November 30, all who have registered are obliged to pay for their lunch. *The cost is \$25.00 payable at the door by cash or check.

Buffet MENU

Salads: Spinach salad and Apple Pear Jicama butter lettuce salad

Entrée: Smoked Gouda Stuffed Chicken Breast

Accompaniments: Whipped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Beverages: Coffee and Tea

Dessert: Assorted Cookies (they have great cookies)

Check your email for the latest copy of the AAUW-WA *Evergreen Leader* or find it [here](#).

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>

~Mary Letterman, AAUW WA Communications Maven

EDITOR'S NOTE: see below for online renewal directions

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.
 - 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

Communications Team Note

News from the communications team

The chapter welcomes your ideas for interest groups, activities, priorities, recruitment, and . . . you name it. 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.

Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to the Newsletter Team at aawtacomanevletter@gmail.com. Feel free to send photos as well! Submissions should be in by the **16th of the month** unless otherwise noted and should not exceed 100 words. **Please notify the editors 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.

~ Sue S., Sarah N., LesLee E., Mary L.

AAUW WASHINGTON—DATES TO REMEMBER 2016

 **AAUW-WA Lobby Day and Board Meeting - Lacey Community Center 6729 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503 (360) 491-0857**
Board Meeting, Sunday, January 24, 2016
Lobby Day, Monday, January 25, 2016

AAUW-WA Convention 2016, April 22-24, Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort 15347 Suquamish Way NE, Suquamish, WA 98392 (360) 598-8700
April 22 Board Meeting, Training, Reception/Dinner, and Opening Evening
April 23 Convention, Annual Meeting and Elections, and Leadership Development
April 24 Convention over by noon

GRANT PROGRAM FOR ALL BRANCHES—DEADLINE COMING UP!

As agreed at the Summer AAUW Washington meeting, some funds are available to assist branches and state initiatives that intend to strengthen or grow branches. Look for the grant application form on the AAUW-WA website, <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>. Grants of \$100, \$250, \$500 are available.



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