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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.”

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News and Events

JANUARY BRANCH MEETING:

Women as Political Change Agents: From the late 1800’s to the Present”
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Washington State Senator presented by the Humanities Washington
Speakers Bureau

January 30, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

Refreshments and social/networking 10-10:30; program 10:30 - 12 noon
Puyallup Public Library, 324 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371



<http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Senators/Pages/default.aspx>

The Puyallup Valley AAUW branch has invited Tacoma members to attend this fascinating program by one of the most influential leaders in our state. Kohl-Welles will examine the forces that led Washington state women in the 19th and 20th centuries to buck societal norms and laws and pursue political leadership roles. Join us for this thought-provoking presentation. The conversation will include a parallel examination of male leadership roles and a discussion about what is needed to increase representation of women and color in politics today.

Jeanne Kohl-Welles has been in the state legislature since 1994 and holds a Ph.D. in Sociology of Education from UCLA. She has taught women's studies, sociology and education courses as an adjunct faculty member at UW Seattle. She is a global presenter on topics of women in politics and human trafficking, and a co-founder of Win With Women, which supports the election of women to the Washington State Legislature.

Directions to the Puyallup Public Library: The library is located near the intersection of West Pioneer Ave and South Meridian. It can be reached most directly by taking Pioneer Way East from I-5 Exit 135. Carpooling is a good idea!

Hosts:

AAUW-Puyallup Valley Branch

Puyallup Public Library

League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County

Here is a [link](#) to the program flyer.

Upcoming Programs:

Saturday, January 30, 2016: Women as Change Agents, with Senator Jean Kohl-Wells, Puyallup Valley AAUW Branch, at Puyallup Public Library, 324 South Meridian, Puyallup.

Saturday, February 20, 2016: Jackie Ostrom, Executive Director, Carol Milgard Breast Center, at the Center, 4525 South 19th Street, Tacoma.

Saturday, March 19, 2016: Annual General Meeting

President's Corner

I'm writing this just before the winter solstice. The days are short, the sky thick with rain clouds that dim the light, leaving us in a fog of drizzle and gloom. I told a friend, "Yep. It's Washington-ing on us today." Murky as it is outside though, I sit in the comfort of my small house, ensconced in my favorite chair, cat curled, warm, on my lap, a hot cup of lightly creamed coffee in my fist. Content, I gaze at my little Christmas tree (often referred to as the Wee Tree), its glittering lights reflected in the rain lashed picture window. The contrast makes me smile and appreciate both the state of the weather and the wonder of the season.

The year closes, dimming into the past. A new year begins, shining with hope. We move forward with ambition, knowing that what we've experienced before must be the impetus for actions that can and will affect the future. We appreciate and honor our heritage, yet we are agents for change. I enjoy this dichotomy. It is the dialectic of progress.

I remember an old commercial from the seventies. "You've come a long way, baby!" was the tag line. Ignore, if you can, the fact that it was used to hock cigarettes to young professional women with a feminist bent. Instead think for a moment about how far we actually have come, especially since this ad was current. Then reflect on the fact that women still earn, on average, 75 cents to every dollar a man makes, that far too few women pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and that in too many quarters equity still eludes us. We've got a long way left to go!

I encourage you to support Tech Trek this year, with either funding or your time and effort. The committee will soon begin receiving applications from interested candidates, likely more than ever, and will need volunteers to contact and interview potential attendees. Since we didn't receive one of the funding grants we applied for we may not be able to send as many girls to camp this year, making the selection process more difficult and arduous than in the

past...too many worthy applicants vying for too few available slots.

I don't want to leave out NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). The organizing committee for it will be gearing up soon as well, and needs all the support and encouragement we can muster. Please, pitch in. Leaders beget leaders.

Finally, please note that within the body of this newsletter are the guidelines for applying to the board for Mission Grant Project Funds. If you're involved with an organization or know of a worthy cause and are willing to advocate for it, I urge you to fill out the form, also published herein, and email it to Tacoma@aauw-wa.org.

Happy New Year and welcome to 2016, baby!

Membership News

Happy Birthday greetings to our January-born AAUW member Diane Palmquist.

We know every member will celebrate a birthday sometime this year. For those members whose specific birthdays are not listed, Happy Birthday in 2016 to each of you.

Thank you to those who responded with updates and corrections to the electronic directory. I'll send new versions as we gain new members and contact information changes for current members. Please note that Sarah N's street address is in Tacoma, not Steilacoom, but the zip code is correct.

For online renewal directions, please see: <http://goo.gl/5mDo8c>

Lobby Day



2016 AAUW Lobby Day

Monday, January 25, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Lacey Community Center

729 Pacific Avenue SE, Lacey

More info can be found on the [AAUW State Website](#).

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WE CAN SEND MORE GIRLS TO TECH TREK!



What is Tech Trek? It's a week-long residential STEM camp for 7th grade girls. Sponsored by AAUW and AAUW Washington State, Tech Trek has engaged over 25 branches that select and pay the expenses of local middle school girls, ensuring them a life-changing experience that engages their interest in science and math and sets them on a path for success in education and careers. The Western Washington camp is in our backyard—at Pacific Lutheran University.

Tacoma AAUW has helped girls to attend Tech Trek since the first camp: 6 in 2013, 11 in 2014, and 15 in 2015. There is great satisfaction seeing the immediate effects of our hard work raising funds and recruiting campers.

It costs \$900 to sponsor one girl for Tech Trek. At present, our branch has \$7200, including \$2500 from branch mission funds, which will support eight campers. But we CAN send more. The Tech Trek committee would like to choose at least 10 girls for the 2016 camp. We need to raise \$1800.

Won't you help? Any amount would be welcome; many branch members have donated in the past.

Here are three ways that you can give a tax deductible donation:

1. *Online by credit card or PayPal:* go to <http://techtrek-wa.aauw.net/>.

Use the "Donate" button for the AAUW Tech Trek Program Fund (You will need your member number. Look in the member directory or contact Carol Rikerd for your number)

2. Make checks payable to AAUW and put Tech Trek WA and Tacoma branch in the memo line. Mail to: AAUW, Attn: STEM coordinator, P.O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045.

3. If you want to donate to the branch directly, you can send your gift to the **Tacoma AAUW Projects Fund** at the **Greater Tacoma Community Foundation**. Again there are two ways: Online at <https://www.gtcf.org/donate-now> or make your check out to GTCF with Tacoma AAUW Projects Fund/Tech Trek on the memo line. Mail to The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, 950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1100, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Note: The AAUW report *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing* can be downloaded at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/get-the-solving-the-equation-report/>.

Proposed Mission Project Guidelines

- Any current AAUW Tacoma branch member may request mission project funding for a Tacoma branch project or a local cause/organization that they feel is worthy and deserving of support, and that fits within the overall AAUW mission to empower women/girls and advance their educational and economic equity.
- A branch member requesting funds must pledge to maintain her AAUW membership for the duration of the project to be funded (since requests made in one fiscal year will actually be carried out the following fiscal year). She must also be willing to act as advocate and liaison for the funded organization and/or create a committee to participate in, oversee and/or monitor the group's activities.
- The member must submit a written proposal (using these guidelines and an official form, to be provided upon request by emailing tacoma@aauw-wa.org) to the Branch Board of Directors by Feb. 1. More than one mission project funding proposal could be up for consideration by the Board, which may deem it necessary to present an option to divide available funds between several projects. Projects under consideration will be presented to the Branch for action/approval at the March business meeting.

How many women/girls will be served and or benefitted?

Please provide a general budget breakdown noting how funds would be spent:

Will there be a committee to interact/liaise with the organization? If so, please list the members:

Interest Groups

Genealogy Group



Knut Ekwall. *Emigrants*.

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Knut.Ekwall.Emigrants.PNG>

Date: January 8th (Friday)

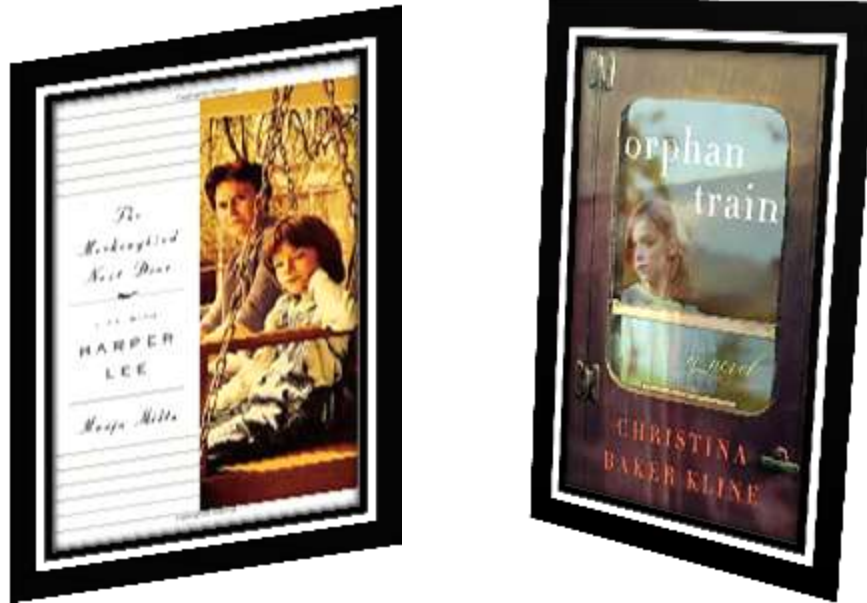
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00PM

Location: University Place Library, 3609 Market Place W. (near Bridgeport Way), Suite 100.

The genealogy group will be meeting January 8, 2016, at the Tacoma Family History Center located at 5915 S. 12th Street in Tacoma. Our meeting will start at 1 p.m. and end at 3 p.m. We will have access to computers and books, for new and experienced researchers to do our personal genealogy research. The library volunteer staff will be able to assist us in our research. The library's remodeling project is due to be completed by January 2nd; we will re-confirm our meeting site early in January. Hope you can join us!

~Sue McLean and Joye Bucklin

Book Groups



The Evening Book Group will meet on **Monday, January 25th** at 6:30, to discuss *Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline. Subsequent meetings will include 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.

The next meeting of the Daytime Book Group will be on **Wednesday, January 27th**, at Carter’s House (the location is a change). The January book will be *Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee*, by Marja Mills. Future meetings include February 24th, to discuss *The Wright Brothers (at Jane’s House)*, March 23rd, to discuss *An Uncommon Woman*, April 27th, for a discussion about *Gray Mountain*, and a potluck on May 25th.

Papercrafters

Papercrafters will NOT meet in January. In February and March, we will work on a Tacoma AAUW scrapbook and/or historical items. Call Connie if you have anything to add to this effort. We would like individuals to write a paragraph or two about members who have died or about how and why you joined AAUW and our branch. Send writings to Connie via email at dunkelberger@harbornet.com.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Genealogy Group, 1pm</i>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Daytime Book Group, 10am</i>	26	27 <i>Evening Book Group, 6:30pm</i>	28	29	30 <i>Monthly meeting 10am - noon</i>
31	----- <i>State Lobbying Day</i>					

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Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to the newsletter team at aaawtacomanewsletter@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 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.

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

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>