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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.”

April 2016

### Events

#### **April Meeting—Annual Members’ Tea**



Enjoy tea, delicious food\*, and a beautiful view of Puget Sound. Come meet new members and honor long-time members—all in one lovely afternoon! Keep an eye out for your

special invitation to this event coming in the mail. This is not only an occasion to relax with friends, but also to make new friends. We’ve issued special invites to branch members who are in elected office and those who are running or thinking about it.

Hats, gloves and festive tea attire encouraged. Come join us for this special afternoon.

**When: 2-4 pm, Sunday, April 17, 2016**

**Where: the home of Phyllis Izant, 4705 Memory Lane W. University Place**

\* If possible, please bring sweet or savory tea-fare for sharing

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## Future Programs:

**Saturday, May 21, 2016** – Spring Luncheon at Oakhouse Restaurant, 11:30-1:30 pm

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### *President's Corner*

My mother was a bookkeeper (and office manager). When I was in high school I took bookkeeping. My dad worked for Boeing as an aero-mechanic; he also knew everything there was to know about the internal combustion engine and cars in general. I took auto shop. I admired my parents and their skills. I wanted to be like them and hoped I shared their talents and capabilities. One of the main things I learned from dabbling in their milieus is that they were both far more patient than I. Although I understood what I learned, I wasn't very resolute when it came to the inherent obstacles one is bound to encounter in either occupation. Whether it was a transposed number copied into the ledger or a stuck spark plug, I lacked the forbearance to overcome. Consequently, I can balance my checkbook and change a tire. I can handle my finances and I know, basically, how a motor works...but I was never cut out to be a CPA or a mechanic.

I was lucky to have such good role models. I have also been very fortunate when it comes to mentors. Where I couldn't fall in step with my parents I found other folks to help guide me and find what I was good at. Becky, formerly my junior high teacher, later my friend, taught me the meaning of the word 'gracious'. She also introduced me to poetry, writing, photography and live theater...not to mention an adventurous and indomitable spirit, a stout heart, a tough skin and a great deal of the simple joy to be had in living. I learned a lot more from her after she ceased, officially, being my teacher, and though I haven't seen her in many years I still find myself appreciating wonderful little things I'd never have noticed without her.

My friend Alex always made me feel competent, trustworthy, acceptable. She eased a lot of my concerns about being awkward, and my terror of making a bad first impression. She gave me more confidence. My friend Carol has always made me feel smart, my opinions and ideas worth a listen...and she introduced me to AAUW.

We all need people and activities in our lives to encourage us, giving us a leg up here and there. That's what AAUW does with Tech Trek and NCCWSL. So far our mission projects have also been geared specifically toward this end. A lucky few driven individuals have in mind the paths they desire to pursue, and the wherewithal to follow. Most of us feel our way, and some of us drift. The more opportunities there are to grab onto, try out and experience, the more likely a viable direction will appear to someone who feels, perhaps, a bit aimless. Meeting others, those who are driven and those who are drifting, can change perspectives, reduce feelings of isolation and create a sense of

belonging in those lacking a definitive direction, as well as the chance to learn, find an interest, a talent, a friend, a mentor.

I don't think I'm diverging from my theme when I mention that, due to illness, I wasn't able to attend the annual business meeting myself. My compatriots filled in for me and the meeting came off successfully. I just wanted to thank you, Dorothy, Phyllis, Dana (The Fabulous) and Carol for taking charge. Like the song says, "I get by with a little help from my friends."

~Dana Holt

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*Ladies First spoke at our March AAUW Tacoma Business Meeting*

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## *Motions Passed at the AAUW Business Meeting, March 19, 2016*

### **Election of Officers**

Officers nominated: Membership Vice President - Carol Rikerd; Governance and Development Committee - Stella Jones; Secretary - Dolora Neumaier (with support from Connie Dunkelberger).

*A motion was made to accept the slate of nominees for Membership, Governance and Secretary. The motion was seconded. The Chair called for further discussion and there was none. The Chair then called for a vote. The motion was approved by raised hands with no nays.*

### **2016 – 2017 Budget**

*A motion was made moved and seconded to approve the 2016-2017 Budget as presented by the Treasurer. Discussion:*

The proposal for the 2016-17 budget was sent to all members in the March newsletter. No comments were received by the Treasurer. The Board retains the ability to make changes in allocated funds as needed during the fiscal year to meet administrative and mission obligations. No changes were proposed.

*The Chair called for a vote. The proposed budget was approved unanimously by a show of hands.*

### **Increase Branch Dues**

*A motion was made to increase the Tacoma Branch dues by \$2 for fiscal year 2016-17. The motion was seconded. There was no further discussion. The Chair called for a vote. The motion was approved by voice vote with no nays.*

The dues increase is effective as soon as the Treasurer notifies National AAUW and the increase is reflected in our Branch information.

### **Mission Proposals for 2017-2018**

*A motion was made to fund Tech Trek with \$2700, NCCWSL with \$2000 and Elect Her with \$800, for a total of \$5,500 for 2017 mission projects. The motion was seconded. The Chair called for further discussion; there was none. The Chair offered the three proposals as a slate for voting. The motion to fund all three proposals passed by raised hands with no nays.*

### **State Convention Delegates**

Nominated: C. Dunkelberger, M. Letterman, D. McBride

*A motion was made to approve the above nominees to attend the state convention. The motion was seconded. The Chair called for other nominations; none were offered. The Chair called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Program Proposal**

Member J. Anderson (Pierce County Auditor) wrote the Branch that she would like to arrange an exclusive training for AAUW members about transgender awareness and public policy issues.

*A motion was made to respond to Auditor Anderson, asking more information about her timeframe, and presentation details about transgender issues. The motion was seconded. The Chair called for further discussion, none was offered. The motion was approved with no nays.*

## Officer Nomination Information from the Annual Business Meeting

Congratulations to these candidates for being elected to office:

- Vice-President for Membership: Carol Rikerd
- Governance Committee: Stella Jones
- Secretary: Dolora Neumaier



## Membership News

Every member will be receiving an invitation in the mail for our April Tea. Our annual Tea meeting is on Sunday, April 17, from 2pm – 4pm. We hope the change in time will encourage members to attend. More information will be emailed.

The Board would like to extend a special invitation to our new members to join us and get to know us.

Online renewal is open for fiscal year 2016 – 2017. Renewing now extends your AAUW membership through June 30, 2017. Current memberships expire June 30, 2016. At the business meeting March 19, members voted to increase our branch dues by \$2. If you renew online prior to the increase showing in the National database, you save \$2.

Therefore, total dues for renewal in 2016-17 will be \$82 (\$49 National, \$10 State, \$23 Branch). Both the renewal form and the new member's form are attached.

Linda Olson gets this year's gold star for the first renewal.



Happy Birthday to our April born members: Correne Beaudoin Hall, Kjeri Boyle, Mary Garrett, Dana Johnson and Wanda Johnson.

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



## Interest Groups: MeetUp

### Hot Topics

Hot Topics is seeking new leadership. There have been no meetings in the 2015/16 year, and we REALLY MISS it! Are you interested? Please contact Dorothy McBride if you are interested or need more information.

The group meets about once a month to discuss important topics of the day, such as: campaigns for minimum wage; the state of mental health treatment; ballot initiatives such as the legalization of marijuana and funding of charter schools; polygamy; and sex trafficking. The topics and time and place for the meeting are chosen by the group, and those who attend investigate the topic before the meeting.

Leadership involves: sending meeting notices to the group; putting a notice in the newsletter for that month's meeting; reserving a location. In starting up the group again, the leader(s) should select a time and place and send out an announcement inviting people to come. Then, the group can plan from there.

### Paper Crafters

**Thursday, April 14 from 10 am to 2 pm.**

Papercrafters will meet at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 - 104th Street SW, Lakewood.

We meet each month for four hours (or less) of uninterrupted time to work on our own projects. Bring your own brown bag lunch or snack. Coffee and tea are available.

If you haven't been attending and/or you do not have a project to work on we still need help in finishing the branch scrapbook, which was started a few years ago. This is an opportunity

to help sort Tacoma Branch's pictures and historical documents.

We also need pictures; writings and items you think should be included in the scrapbook or sent to our archives at the State Historical Research Center.

Contact Connie Dunkelberger at 565-7518 for more information and directions to the church. All are welcome to come to this group.

### **Genealogy and Family History Group Friday, April 15 from 1 pm to 3 pm**

Friday April 15 (note change from usual date)  
1-3 PM  
University Place Library

Carol R will present finding your veterans from Revolutionary, 1812 and Civil Wars from recent presentation at TPCGS.

Lunch for anyone interested (ok even without meeting attendance)

11:30 Silver Springs Cafe in Fircrest

Date reminders:

TPCGS meetings upcoming:

April 12-Autosomal DNA by Mary Kathryn Kozy (she is really knowledgeable & easy to listen to)

May 10-FindMyPast by Jeannie Fisher from NW Room, Tacoma Library

Genealogy and Family History Group will meet at the main branch of the Tacoma Public Library, in the Northwest Room. 1102 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma.



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

**Not So Fast Food Group returns!  
Friday, April 8 at 5:30**

The Not So Fast Food Group is going to the [Old Spaghetti Factory](#) at its new location at 5:30 on April 8th. The restaurant offers validated parking for their guests. Parking garage access via 13th & Commerce. Reservations should be called in to Jane

**Daytime Book Group  
Wednesday, April 27 at 10 am.**

The Daytime Book Group will be reading *Gray Mountain* by John Grisham in April.

Reviewers: Connie and Marilee  
Hostess: Dolora

**Evening Book Group  
Monday, April 25 at 6:30 pm**

The Evening Book Group will meet on April 25 to discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Reviewer: Mary H.  
Hostess: Marilee



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***The AAUW Washington State Convention is in April***

The Spring 2016 Edition of the AAUW-WA [Evergreen Leader](#) Newsletter provides all you need to know about the 2016 AAUW-WA Convention. Early bird fee ends on April 1, so [register](#) now. Check out the creative registration options.



| Sunday  | Monday                                      | Tuesday | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                              | Friday   | Saturday                                      |
|---|---|---------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|   |   |         |  |                                       | 1  | 2   |
| 3   | 4<br><b>Board Meeting<br/>4:30 pm</b>       | 5       | 6  | 7                                     | 8<br><b>Not So Fast<br/>Food Group,<br/>5:30</b> | 9   |
| 10  | 11  | 12      | 13   | 14<br><b>Papercrafters,<br/>10 am</b> | 15<br><b>Genealogy<br/>Group, 1 pm</b>           | 16  |
| 17<br><b>Member's Tea<br/>2-4</b>             | 18  | 19      | 20   | 21                                    | 22<br><b>AAUW WA<br/>State<br/>Convention</b>    | 23<br><b>AAUW WA<br/>State<br/>Convention</b> |
| 24<br><b>AAUW WA<br/>State<br/>Convention</b> | 25<br><b>Evening Book<br/>Group 6:30 pm</b> | 26      | 27<br><b>Daytime Book<br/>Group, 10 am</b> | 28                                    | 29   | 30/31   |



## Useful Links

[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.

[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

### **Other sites worth checking out:**

- [AAUW Washington State Website](#)
- [AAUW Washington State Facebook](#)
- [AAUW Washington State Tech Trek](#)
- [AAUW National Website](#)
- [AAUW National Facebook](#)
- [AAUW Tech Trek Facebook](#)
- [AAUW Public Policy](#)

## Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to the newsletter team at [aauwtacomaneewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

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