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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.”

May 2016

Events and News

MAY MEETING: SPRING LUNCHEON

CELEBRATE AAUW TACOMA AND WEAR YOUR SPRING HAT!!



Saturday, May 21, 2016, 11 a.m.

Oakhouse Restaurant and Bar (Oakbrook Country Club)
8102 Zircon Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498
584.8888 ext. 34.

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The program will feature **Professor Jennifer Smith**, Director of the Center for Gender Equity (formerly the Women's Center) at Pacific Lutheran University. Our branch has been partners with the Center for years, promoting Equal Pay, NCCWSL, Elect Her and other projects. Jen will give an update on the Center and the challenges and opportunities it faces.

We will meet in the Fireside Room at 11:00 a.m. and make our choices for lunch. There will then be time for socializing and installation of branch officers for 2016-2017.

There is a special menu for our branch. Choice of cobb salad, Caesar salad with chicken, prawns or salmon; 1/2 daily sandwich and soup or salad combo; or Monte Cristo sandwich.

The cost of the lunch is \$25.00 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 made out to AAUW Tacoma only**--no credit cards.

Since we need a headcount before the event, **please RSVP by May 13** to the branch e-mail: Tacoma@aauw-wa.org.

Who Is Jennifer Smith?

Jen has served as the Director of the Center for Gender Equity (formerly known as The Women's Center) and a member of the Affiliate Faculty in the Women's and Gender Studies Program at PLU for the past five years. Previously, she was a visiting assistant professor in PLU's English Department and Women's and Gender Studies Program. She earned a BA in English from Franklin College in 1998, an MA in English Literature from Miami University in 2001, and a Ph.D. in English and Feminist and Gender Theory in 2006 from Western Michigan University. Originally from Indiana, Jen has lived in the Pacific Northwest for 10 years, and when not working, she enjoys hiking, kayaking, and going to the movies.



PLU has been an outstanding institutional member of AAUW for nearly a decade; its work for equity for women and girls has been due, in large part, to the commitment and enthusiasm of the Women's Center, now the Center for Gender Equity.

Upcoming programs:



JUNE 25: SAVE THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL HOT TOPICS MEETING!

Transgender awareness and public policy issues

Branch member Julie Anderson and others from the Rainbow Center and Oasis Youth Center will lead the discussion. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the lives and concerns of

the transgender community and acquire the tools to consider and understand current and upcoming policy debates around workplace discrimination, educational issues, and locker rooms and bathrooms. We will also review [AAUW positions](#) on this "hot issue."

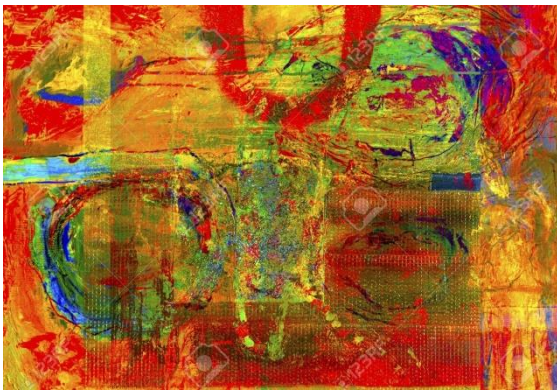
When: Saturday morning June 25, 10-12

Where: Tacoma YWCA, 405 Broadway

Parking: Across the street.

President's Corner

I once commented to a friend -- in my most philosophical, yet artsy-fartsy manner -- that I thought people were like paintings. You start off as a blank canvas. Parents and family, if you're lucky, lay down a base coat, giving you a background. It can be rich, warm, colorful or stark and austere. From the beginning, each experience you have,



every person you meet, everything you perceive, leaves a

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mark. Some strokes are broad and prominent, some mere daubs, fleeting and feather light. The lady knitting on the bus, someone you never actually meet, leaves a soft flutter of color. A best friend from kindergarten creates a dripping handprint of childhood. The first date to stand you up puts a greasy slash across your surface, painting you with mistrust. Some friends add texture, some incidents create depth. All the time you are spattered, smudged, splotted and touched-up. You receive broad even strokes, gentle and undulating. Sometimes they are short and chaotic, a staccato patch of stabbed on blots. Yellows, reds, blues and browns, some blended, others applied with a broad roller or smoothed on thickly with a pallet knife...tints, hues, shades, drips, splashes, even stains and gouges that mar, make up the portrait that becomes self. Every person is a potential masterpiece.

When writing my monthly newsletter submissions, I always come to a point where I have to tie my odd personal meanderings into our AAUW message without it becoming too haggard and predictable. Forgive me if I fail in this endeavor, but, here goes...the positive experiences our Tech Trek girls receive can be a single neon drop of hope for some, a pallet altering event offering hues previously unperceived for others, a blazing comet of flaming pigment that will influence the very nature of yet another. There is nothing bleak or bland about finding what you might be good at and if AAUW can leave a pop of color on these canvasses, then we've advanced our mission. Please support Tech Trek, NCCWSL and our mission projects. Each of us, in addition to being works of art in progress, also carry a brush of some kind in our hands.

~Dana Holt

Membership

Please welcome new members Susan Hesselgrave, Linda Farmer, and Leslie Kinkade. A directory update will be sent in a week or so. Susan has been an AAUW member in Portland.

Thank you to the fifteen members have renewed as of April 21.

Happy birthday to our May-born sisters: Marianne Candioglas, Sandy Halvorson, Mary Hammond, Mary Letterman, Helen Sohlberg.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Christine Kilduff and LesLee Eicher, April birthdays we missed last month. And finally, a very happy birthday to new member Susan Hesselgrave, also an April birthday.

~Carol Rikerd, Membership

Interest Groups (MeetUps)



Not So Fast Food Group

The Not So Fast Food Group will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Seis de Mayo (May 6th) at Jane's house. Please RSVP, telling Jane what ingredient you would like to bring for a taco bar. ¡Hurra!

Diggers and Delvers

Diggers and Delvers will tour the 22nd. RSVP to Jane Hahn for more



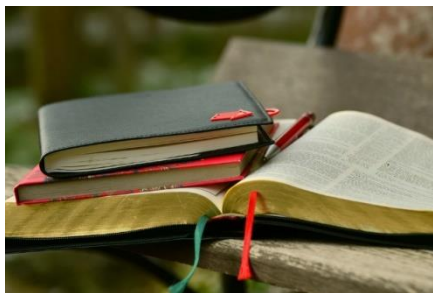
gardens of UP on May details.

Papercrafters

Papercrafters will meet on Thursday, May 12, 10:00 - 2:00 at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church (8601 104th Street SW) to work on any project can't finish at home due to all the interruptions and other demands. Bring your own bag lunch or snack. Coffee and tea are provided. Contact Connie for information and directions to the church.



Book Groups

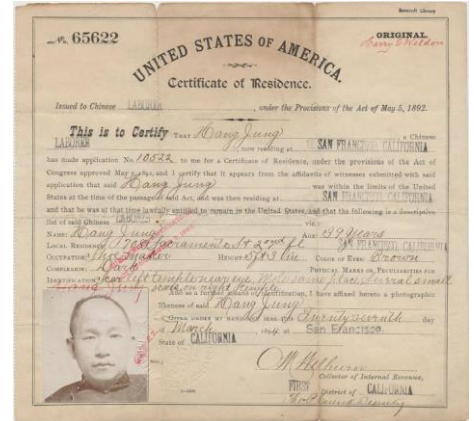


The *Daytime Book Group* will meet on May 25th at Jane's house at noon for a potluck and to select books for next year.

The *Evening Book Group* meets on Monday, May 23 at 6:00pm for a potluck supper and selection of next year's books. The meeting is a LesLee's home. Please call 509-969-8601 if you need the address or directions, or email to eicher.leslee@gmail.com.

Genealogy Group

The Genealogy group will meet on Friday, May 13 at 1 pm. Our gathering place will be the Tacoma Family History Center, (5915 S 12th St., Tacoma). Bring your individual research project, and/or receive instruction on the use of familysearch.org software. We'll be having lunch before the meeting at Spring Lake Café in Fircrest.



TechTrek

Thanks to our Donors!

Tacoma Branch will send twelve campers to the 2016 Tech Trek. They represent six middle schools: Jason Lee, Mason, and Stewart (a new school for Tech Trek) in the Tacoma School District; Narrows View and Drum in University Place School District; and Woodbrook in Clover Park School District. Our participation in this great STEM program for girls would not be possible without the generosity of our donors:

- Fund for Women and Girls of the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
- The Dimmer Family Foundation
- Columbia Bank
- Tacoma Branch of AAUW
- Individual Branch members



Tech Trek Washington

May 2016



National Nurses' Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Board Meeting 4:30-5:30	3	4	5	6 Not So Fast Food Group – "Seis de Mayo"	7
8	9	10	11	12 Papercrafters – 10 am – 2 pm	13 Genealogy Group – 1 pm (lunch at 11:30)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Spring Luncheon – 11 am
22 Diggers and Delvers Tour the Gardens of UP	23 Evening Book Group Potluck and Book Selection – 6 pm	24	25 Daytime Book Group Potluck and Book Selection - Noon	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes: Mark your calendar for Hot Topics on Saturday, June 25, 10 am – 12 pm! Topic: Transgender Awareness and Public Policy Issues			

Stay Connected with AAUW!

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

[The 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 members' 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 comment and 'like'. Truly, AAUW Tacoma has one of the best Facebook Pages in the country! Check it out!

[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.

Useful links

[AAUW Washington State Website](#)

[AAUW Washington State Facebook](#)

[AAUW Washington State Tech Trek](#)

[AAUW Washington Twitter](#)

[AAUW National Website](#)

[AAUW National Facebook](#)

[AAUW Tech Trek Facebook](#)

~Mary Letterman and LesLee Eicher, AAUW WA Communications Co-Chairs

Communications Team Note

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 aauw.tacomaneewsletter@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.

Online Membership 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 seventh tab 'Login' and click. A new page will open.
3. The login page has two white boxes. The top one is for your member number (your number is by your entry in the paper directory). 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 paper directory.
 - ✓ 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 seventh 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



Mary Letterman, Connie Dunkelberger and Dorothy McBride represented the Tacoma Branch at our State Convention.