



Supplemental to the January 2017 Newsletter

Dear AAUW Tacoma Members, there are a couple of items that we just couldn't wait to share with you! So here is a brief addition to our regularly scheduled newsletter.

- **AAUW After Work: Women's Discussion Group with Puyallup Valley Branch** - Let's get together after work to enjoy food and drink and meet members of the Puyallup and Tacoma AAUW branches. Please invite friends you think would appreciate the opportunity to network and discuss topics of interest to women. Monday, January 16th from 6 pm to 9 pm at 208 Garfield Café, 208 Garfield St S, Tacoma, WA. There is more info [here](#).
- We will have a very interesting branch meeting next week. *It's a large room, ask all your local friends!* **As Goes Pierce County: What our own backyard can teach us about the 'New Normal' of the 2016 Election**. Speaker: Ben Anderstone, Progressive Strategies NW Location: Tacoma Public Library Main Branch 1102 Tacoma Ave. S. Olympic Room. Saturday January 21 at 10 am. There is more info [here](#).
- **AAUW Tacoma Plans for the New Year, 2017**

Christmas has come and gone, the New Year is upon us. What is next for you? Consider volunteering for an AAUW office. The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the March 2017 election of a President, Program Vice President, and Finance Officer. Think about how you could contribute to AAUW to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

(It really is okay to ask, "What's in it for me?")

Volunteering can be a great way to develop skills, make friends, and garner new professional contacts. Shake up your routine!

But who says that doing good and enjoying yourself while meeting your own personal/professional goals can't happen at the same time?

Personal and professional benefits of volunteering:

Skill development

Volunteering helps you learn new skills, keep skills sharp, or use existing skills in new ways.

Career exploration

Volunteering can be an excellent way to learn more about a particular role or sector.

Never underestimate the power of networking; volunteering offers the opportunity to cross paths with people from across your community, including many with whom you may otherwise not have had contact.

Personal growth

Lastly, don't forget that sometimes it just feels good to be valued; as a volunteer you can contribute unique skills, experiences, and perspectives. For example, you might be great at using online sites like Meetup and Facebook.

Many organizations are looking to branch out into social networking to help connect with new audiences; as a volunteer, you can be the in-house expert to get them started.

Socialize

In addition to professional networking, volunteering can be a fun, meaningful way to make new friends. New to the community? Looking to branch out socially? Simply looking for new things to do with new people? Volunteer and get to know others who care about the same issues that you do.

Make an impact

Last but most certainly not least, volunteering is one of the best ways to make a difference in your community. Whatever your passion, however you get involved, volunteering offers a way to have a real and lasting impact on the world.

If you have questions, please email our branch president at tacoma@aauw-wa.org.

- **Let Us Know Your Ideas for a Mission Branch Project. Read below to learn more.**
 - A. Mission Projects will use branch mission funds to promote equity for women and girls in Pierce County. Projects may include but are not limited to grants to local colleges/universities or scholarships to individuals.
 - B. Mission projects for the fiscal year (July-June) will be determined annually by the membership at the preceding Annual Meeting.
 - C. Any member or group of members may propose uses for the funds to the Board for recommendation to the membership. Any proposed project must show how the project

advances the branch mission and must designate a committee, task force or individual to implement the project.

D. Leaders of each project will report the results to the membership before the end of the fiscal year.

- Save the Date: Civility in Public Discourse: Whose Job is it Anyway?

SAVE THE DATES

Civility, Incivility and Civil Disobedience

a Forum Series

addressing the rise in political incivility

including audience discussion

First United Methodist Church

621 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma

Session I: Civility in Public Discourse- Whose Job is it, Anyway?

February 4, 2017, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

A conversation among elected officials, educators and the media about roles and what the public wants from elected officials and media



Session II: Maintaining Civility at Home, at Work and on the Street

March 4, 2017 – 1:00 – 4:00 pm

A conversation with those who work with conflicts and ways to address them

Session III: Political Civility

April 1, 2017, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

A conversation among elected officials and activist organizations

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