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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 2017

Events and News

Spring Luncheon: Let's celebrate 110 years of AAUW in Tacoma!

When: Saturday, May 20, 2017, 11:30 am

Where: Oakhouse Restaurant and Bar in Lakewood (Oakbrook Country Club)
8102 Zircon Dr. SW, Lakewood WA 98498
(253) 584-8888 ext. 34.



Our program will include stories from the Tacoma AAUW archives, a look at the new branch scrapbook, election of Finance Officer (Diane Palmquist has been nominated), and the very coveted **!Bright Idea!** award. We'll say thank you to our outgoing officers and install the slate for 2017-2018. Don't miss it!!!

We will meet in the Fireside Room at 11:30 AM and make our choices for lunch. There is a special menu for our branch: your choice of French Dip sandwich, Fish and Chips, ½ daily sandwich + soup + salad combo; or pasta primavera. There will be CAKE!

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 cards.

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Important note: The RSVP deadline for this event was May 7. If you missed it, but would still like to come, please contact Dorothy or Dana J. by phone or email right away. They're in the directory.

Bring a guest and wear your spring hat!

Branch Business

Sigh of relief and gratitude! A nomination has been accepted for the Board position of Treasurer/Finance Officer. Thank you, Diane Palmquist, for accepting the nomination to fill this crucial role. (Members, you may remember from the April newsletter that, without a Treasurer, our branch would cease to exist, according to the by-laws.)

At our Spring Luncheon on May 20 we will vote on Diane as Treasurer. In part because of your service to our branch, Diane, we continue to be strong (and exist)!

President's Corner

"*Vini? Vidi? Vici?*" Nah, more like, "I showed up. I contributed. I made some friends."

Here it is, my final 'President's Corner' submission, and I really wish I could come up with something profound to sum up four years in office. Honestly, though, that's not really my style. My wish in creating these missives has been to be personable and inviting...to share some of my personal history and the insights I've gleaned from living. Why? Because we AAUW members have an important mission to perform, and it has been my hope and desire to encourage anyone reading my comments to join me in its pursuit. Whether you come from a humble, very local, hometown background like mine, have or had a high flying career packed with travel, adventure and intrigue of every variety, or fall somewhere in between, my prime intent is to encourage you to enter the fray among friends. Join this sisterhood of interest and concern, if not for every woman, at least for those around you, here in the Tacoma branch trenches, striving for the same goals.

We've all experienced the inequity of living -- and trying to excel -- in "a man's world." We've all had to develop

AAUW Tacoma Branch Board of Directors

2016-2017

- President: Dana Holt
- Membership Vice President: Carol Rikerd
- Program Vice Presidents: Dorothy McBride and Dana Johnson
- Communications Co-Chairs: Mary Letterman and LesLee Eicher
- Recording Secretary: Dolora Neumaier
- Finance Officer: Phyllis Izant
- Governance and Development Committee: Chair Diane Palmquist, members Stella Jones and Jane Hahn
- College and University Relations: Phyllis Izant
- Public Policy: Linda Isenson

methods to fit into it, circumventing the strictures it burdens women with, or bulldozing our way over them. The stories we share, the strength of our knowledge in coping with the injustices and barriers we've met are what fuel AAUW. They're what drive us in our efforts to turn a system that has, in so many ways, hindered us in our academic, social and business pursuits, into a less fraught venture for the women following in our footsteps. We encourage them to take those steps boldly, with less trepidation and fewer reprisals, knowing they have back-up. Imagine the achievements we'd make if less of our time, effort and energy were spent fighting our way over the obstacles of discrimination and oppression. We must continue our endeavor to make "a fair shake" the norm in all aspects of our – purportedly -- enlightened 21st century society. We can never afford to be lax, as has been powerfully illustrated in the last year, for there will continue to be individuals, factions and/or administrations at all levels, determined to "put us in our places."



My place, I have found, is with my friends, my compatriots, my sisters, here in AAUW. I was looking for social contact after being without it for a stretch of time. I wanted to be in the company of intelligent, enlightened, engaged women with opinions and good reasons for the stances they espoused. Now I have a circle of friends, good companions, women I care for, respect, and, dare I say it, love! I'd go to the mat for them.

I want to see them succeed and I'd fight shoulder to shoulder with them to eliminate whatever might stand in their way. I want to help them thrive. That's the value of friendship. It's the investment we make: caring. That is the heart and soul of AAUW.

I don't know about you, but the people I'm most willing to fight for are people I care about, and who care for me. You know who you are, my friends, and I thank you for your tolerance, encouragement, confidence and support over the course of my term as your 'Prez.'

~ Dana Holt, President

Membership

An Impossible Accomplishment



THE STEAM ROLLER

Women were not granted the right to vote in Massachusetts until after the 19th amendment in 1920.

Twenty-one years before women could vote in Massachusetts, nine women accomplished a remarkable feat. The Association of Collegiate

Alumnae (ACA) was incorporated under a special act of the Massachusetts Legislature approved April 20, 1899, Chapter 282. (More information here: <https://archive.org/stream/actsresolvespass1899mass#page/246/mode/2up/search/chapter+282>)

The Act, in 5 Sections, created a constitution for the ACA. In the first section, there is a list of women who are the “body corporate” of ACA. They were: Jennie Field Bashford, Florence M. Cushing, Alice Freeman Palmer, Helen Hiscock Backus, Bessie Bradwell Helmer, Annie Howes Barus, Martha Foote Crow, Marion Talbot, and Alice Upton Pearmain. Their associates and successors are also included in the body corporate. That’s us.

The purpose of the new corporation is clearly stated: “uniting the alumnae of different institutions for practical educational work, for the collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in general for the maintenance of high standards of education.”



The nine women listed are the first presidents of ACA. Six of the nine were married women, one a widow, two were single. All were highly educated women dedicated to making college education accessible to more women. There are connections among them centered on Wellesley College and the University of Chicago.

I found this information in a little booklet, “Constitution and By-Laws of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae” published in 1913, in a file at the State Archives. These women were revolutionaries working within and changing the patriarchal society in which they lived from the inside; slowly, patiently and effectively.

In the last six weeks of going to the archives, I’ve learned so much about the history of ACA-AAUW that I’m simply overwhelmed with wonder at what our founders accomplished.

In 1899, nine women chartered a corporation in Massachusetts. No men involved, just nine women whose passion to improve the status of their sister citizens led to a special legislative act in Massachusetts. In 1899 -- think about it!

Stay tuned – there will be more about these women in the 2017-2018 newsletters.

Happy Birthday wishes to our May-born members:

- Marianne Candiaglas,
- Sandy Halvorson,
- Mary Hammond,
- Mary Letterman, and
- Helen Sohlberg.



Happy birthday, too, to anyone born in May whose birthday we're missing!

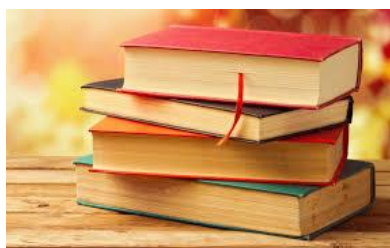
~ Carol Rikerd, Membership

Interest Groups (MeetUps)

Book Groups – Time for Potlucks and Book Selection for 2017/18!

Daytime

The Daytime Book Group will meet at 10 am on May 24 at Jane's house for a **potluck** and to select books for next year. Bring your book ideas and a dish to share for lunch.



Evening

The Evening Book Group will meet on Monday, May 22 at 6:00pm for a **potluck supper** and selection of next year's books. The meeting is at Susan's home. Please

contact Susan if you have questions or need directions.



Genealogy and Family History Group

The Genealogy interest group will meet on May 5th in the NW room at the downtown Tacoma Public Library from 1-3 pm We'll have lunch at 11:30 across the street. Call Sue Mclean or Joye Bucklin for more information.

Diggers and Delvers

The Diggers and Delvers will attend the University Place garden tour on Sunday, May 21st. Call Jane for details.



Papercrafters



The scrapbook will be done! Join us for a preview of our labor before the actual unveiling at the Spring Luncheon celebration. We will meet on Thursday, May 11th, 10 am - 2 pm at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th St., SW. Please feel free to bring a paper craft project of your own to

work on. Bring your own bag lunch or snack. Coffee and tea are provided. For questions or directions to the church, please contact Connie Dunkelberger at 253 565-7518.

Stay Connected with AAUW!

Check your email for the latest copy of the AAUW-WA *Evergreen Leader*, or get it here:

<http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>.

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.

<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 comment and 'like'. 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. 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/>

AAUW Washington Pinterest. Do you "pin"? Have you ever wondered what other Washington Branches are reading in their book groups or what other types of interest groups are out there? Check out AAUW Washington State's Pinterest Page at

<http://www.pinterest.com/AAUWWA/>

Useful links

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/>

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Communications Team Note

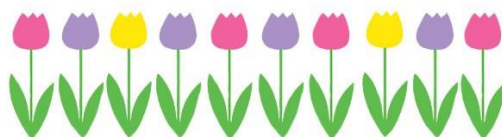
We welcome your ideas for interest groups, activities, priorities, recruitment, and anything else! Our goal is to attract new members by expanding our social media presence ([Facebook](#) and [Website](#)). We'd like to use our [MeetUp Tool](#) to reach out to other Tacoma-area groups.

Editors' Note

Please send notices of events and news to the newsletter team at aauwtaconewsletter@gmail.com. You can send photos as well. Please send by the **16th of the month** unless otherwise noted. 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.

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

May 2017



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14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Spring Luncheon 11:30 am
21 Diggers and Delvers – UP Garden Tour	22 Evening Book Group – Potluck and Book Selection 2017/18 6 pm	23	24 Daytime Book Group – Potluck and Book Selection 2017/18 10 am	25	26	27
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