



TACOMA (WA)  
BRANCH



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

*“By Joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through economic and educational barriers so that all women have a fair chance.”*

## December 2017

### Events and News

#### **AAUW Branch Holiday Luncheon**

**Where:** Landmark Convention Center,  
Tacoma

**When:** December 16, 2016, 11:30 AM

**How much:** \$25 in cash or check (made  
out to Tacoma AAUW ) at the door



Keynote Speaker: Liz Dunbar,  
Executive Director, Tacoma  
Community House

Check out [this marvelous video](#)  
illustrating how Tacoma Community House has been creating  
opportunities since 1910.

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### **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

- ***Make your reservation today by emailing a reply to [tacoma.members@gmail.com](mailto:tacoma.members@gmail.com).***
- ***Payment is due at the door.***
- ***If you're a no-show, per branch policy we still need your payment, as we guaranteed a certain number of attendees.***

President's Corner

**Expanding Our Reach Through Mission Grants**

Do you have an idea about ways to break barriers to equality for women and girls in Pierce County? For instance: a special research project, a mentoring program, an arts competition, assistance for victims of sexual assault, a STEM project, a scholarship for a lone mother seeking economic self-sufficiency? Perhaps you would like us to support a research project to find out more about the status of women and girls in our area. Or do you know about a great program that helps women prepare for college and think the branch could help?

The membership will choose the projects that the branch will fund in 2018-2019 at the annual meeting in March. If you have a good idea for how we can best use our mission budget (around \$5,000 each year) to promote our goals, submit it to branch president, Susan Hesselgrave, by February 1, 2018.

Here are the guidelines for your mission proposal:

**Proposal:** 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 monitor the project.

**Deliverable:** Leaders of each project will report the results to the membership before the end of the fiscal year in which the money was allocated.

There are many creative minds in our branch. The board is looking forward to your ideas!

**AAUW Tacoma Branch  
Board of Directors  
2017-2018**

- President: Susan Hesselgrave
- Membership Vice President: Carol Rikerd
- Program Vice Presidents: Phyllis Izant and Peg Dempsey
- Communications Co-Chairs: Mary Letterman and LesLee Eicher
- Recording Secretary: Dolora Neumaier / Connie Dunkelberger
- Finance Officer: Diane Palmquist
- Governance and Development Committee: Chair Dana Holt, members Linda Isenson and Donna Woolverton
- College and University Relations: Phyllis Izant
- Public Policy: Linda Isenson

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P.S. **We still need a monthly newsletter editor!** Our editor, LesLee Eicher, will have to step down after this newsletter due to an extremely full plate. Please contact LesLee at 253-888-3997 or at [eicher.leslee@gmail.com](mailto:eicher.leslee@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like more information.

~ Susan Hesselgrave, President

## Membership

**Happy Birthday to our December-born AAUW sisters:**

- Sheryl Horstman
- Phyllis Izant
- Ginny Linstrom
- Bonnie Loghry
- Darlene Parsons
- Jo'el Roth
- Lee Ann Ufford



***On November 28<sup>th</sup>, AAUW turns 136 years old!***

From our website: “On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate from Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston. Discouraged by the lack of opportunities available to them, the women discussed how they would join together to help other women attend college and to assist those who had already graduated.”

Here’s a [link](#) to the AAUW website about AAUW’s 131st birthday in 2012, which includes an audio clip of Marian Talbot (age 86) talking about that first meeting.

The meeting was arranged with the help of Ellen Swallow Richards, who was a generation older than Marion. Ellen was the first woman in the U.S. to earn a degree in chemistry (1868). She worked on water quality and water pollution in her early career, and pioneered Home Economics as an academic field later in life. You can read about Ellen [here](#).

Tacoma Branch has had three months of interesting and informative meetings: September at PBS station KBTC, October hearing from our Tech Trek participants, and November talking with state Representatives Laurie Jinkins and Christine Kilduff. The very few of us, from seven to 16 members, who attended these meetings learned about and connected with our community in enjoyable companionship. Wouldn’t you like to join us? We’d like to see you!

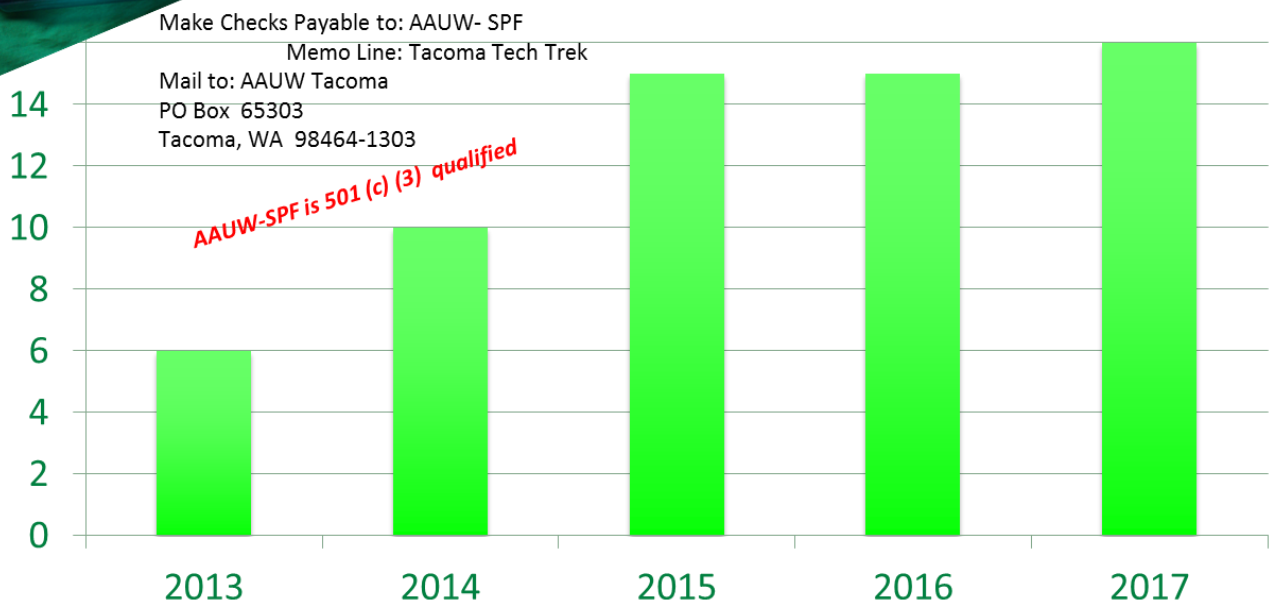
~ Carol Rikerd, Membership

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# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? PLEASE DONATE FOR TECH TREK 2018 Happy Holidays & Thank You



## Tacoma TECH TREK Campers



**VOLUNTEER!  
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Check on line:  
[www.TechTrekWa.AAUW.net](http://www.TechTrekWa.AAUW.net)

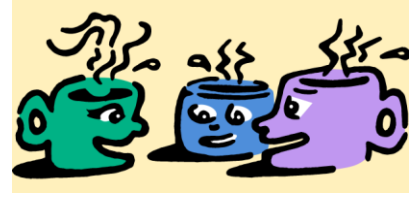
Needs for 2018 : Camp Dorm Monitors,  
Student Counselors, Health Aides, Teachers,  
Workshop Presenters

'Tis the season for giving. Please donate to AAUW and Tech Trek by clicking [here!](#)



## Conversation Café

Are you a news junkie? Do you like to discuss or debate current events with others? Do you have a desire to contribute to your community through thoughtful discourse and examination of important topics? Want to meet new people? Then come to the Conversation Café!



Discussion topics will be announced.

Conversation cafés are sponsored by Tacoma AAUW and our partners, the League of Women Voters, NAACP253, and RAD Team Tacoma.

Wednesday, December 13, 2:00 pm  
Denny's Restaurant, Community Room  
5924 6th Avenue  
Tacoma, WA

**COME TO THE CAFÉ!!**

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## Interest Groups (MeetUps)

### **Book Groups**

#### Daytime

The Daytime Book Group will meet for a holiday lunch with the Diggers and Delvers on Thursday December 14th at 11:30. We will gather at Jeannie's Café, which is at 3318 Bridgeport Way in University Place. Please RSVP to Jane Hahn.



#### Evening



**The Evening Book Group will not meet in December.** Our next meeting will be Monday, January 22 at 6:30 pm to discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. Our hostess will be Mary Hammond, and Jessica Marcinkevage will review.

## Diggers and Delvers

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## Genealogy and Family History Group

*Merry Genealogy Christmas*  
Remembering all your ancestors  
from the past



This New Year  
how many new ones  
will you find?

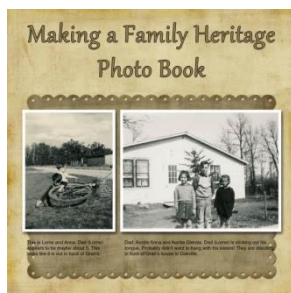
The Genealogy and Family History Group will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11 at Lakewood Presbyterian church from 10-12, with lunch following. We will be meeting with the Papercrafters group to share ideas about passing on our family history to the next generation. The meeting will focus on getting our genealogy paperwork organized! Happy Holidays to everyone!

## Not So Fast Food Group

The Not So Fast Food Group (NSFFG) will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 13 at Jane's home, where we'll enjoy a paella dinner generously shared by Dorothy McBride. The first ten (10) members who reply to Jane (email: [janeo@harbornet.com](mailto:janeo@harbornet.com) or phone: 253-272-3310) will get seats at the table!



## Papercrafters



Papercrafters will NOT meet in December. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11th. We will be meeting with the Genealogy Group to share ideas about passing on our family history to the next generation. The meeting will be held at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, where there is room to work on individual projects, as well. There will be more information in the January newsletter. If you have questions please call Connie Dunkelberger at 253-565-7518.

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**Do you love to write and edit? Then put those skills to work!**



AAUW Tacoma Branch members, we're seeking a newsletter editor! Please consider taking over this important position of branch Newsletter Editor.

What's in it for you? You can expand your creative horizons by doing simple desktop publishing in Word. You'll know before anyone else does what is going on in the branch. You'll enjoy communicating by email, phone, and in person with a wide variety of branch members while soliciting content for the newsletter (no, you do NOT have to write it yourself!). And you'll know that you're giving back to an organization that does good for women and girls right here at home in our own community.

To ask questions or for more information, please contact LesLee Eicher directly at [eicher.leslee@gmail.com](mailto:eicher.leslee@gmail.com) or at 253-888-3997.

**(And...no pressure, but...if no one steps into this important role...**

**we won't have a newsletter...)**

**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/>. Remember that the password for the Washington State website (for all of us) is "evergreen."

**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/>

AAUW National Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.National>

AAUW Tech Trek Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWTechTrek>

### **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 [aauwtacomaneewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:aauwtacomaneewsletter@gmail.com). You can send photos as well. Please send by the **16<sup>th</sup> of the month** unless otherwise noted. We reserve the right to edit as we see fit.


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

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# December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Board meeting, 4 pm, Dolora Neumaier's home	8	9
10	11	12	13 Conversation Café, Tacoma, 2 pm	14 Diggers and Delvers and Daytime Book Group – Lunch 11:30	15	16 AAUW Branch Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 am, Landmark Convention Ctr
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 	26	27	28	29	30
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