

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING EXTRAVAGANZA

Directing Our Future with EMPOWERING Volunteer Activities

WHEN: Saturday March 17 10:00 AM- 12 Noon
LIBRARY DOORS OPEN AT: 10:00 AM
MEETING COMMENCES AT 10:15 AM



WHO: Tacoma Branch Members (QUORUM NEEDED)

WHERE: Moore Library 215 So. 56th St Tacoma
one block west of Pacific on 56th

AMPLE PARKING

TABLE OF CONTENTS

March Branch Annual Business Meeting & Elections: Call for Board Members

President's Note

Membership News

History Day Judges April 21, 2018

February Speakers: recap

Branch Sponsorship

Tech Trek: Status Report

INTEREST GROUPS

- Family & Genealogy

- Papercrafters

- Daytime Book Group- Evening Book Group

CONVERSATION CAFE

Note: Due to email size constraints, Governance Documents required for the meeting will be sent separately. Minutes of March 2017; Proposed Budget 2018-19

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

Here's your **OPPORTUNITY** to have a place at the table, voice your opinions, weigh in on decisions, take charge and make AAUW your own. Tacoma branch has open board positions to fill!

The **OFFICE OF MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** is a critical one. We need someone to wrangle up dues at renewal time, contact potential new members and touch base with current members. You know Carol Rikerd because she has spent the last 4 years making it look easy, and the fact is, with her help and guidance, it will be a comfortable transition for anyone willing to step in and take up the reins. I guarantee you will not have to reinvent the wheel, my friends and Carol will be glad to show you the ropes. Please volunteer!

Dolora Neumaier has graciously offered to continue for 2 more years as **RECORDING SECRETARY**. This does not mean you're off the hook! She needs **BACK-UP!** This is the perfect opportunity to be on her committee, attend board meeting, learn the process by which our branch is governed, then perhaps take up the pen in her place when she needs a break. We're still taking nominations if you're interested in taking minutes at board meetings and/or branch functions.



Tacoma Branch
PO Box 65303
Tacoma, WA 98494

<https://tacoma-wa.aauw.net>
p. 2 of 6 March 2018

If you love the Tacoma branch enough to be a member, please support its governance by joining the board. Help us run the show, that strives to **ADVANCE WOMEN AND GIRLS** in our community. Contact me, Dana Holt (chilicat01@yahoo.com), or President Susan Hesselgrave **IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER**. -- Dana Holt - Governance Chair

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Once a year each March, our members gather to help keep our branch affairs in good operating order. Our branch is nothing without our members, and it is up to all of us to ensure that we are financially transparent, fiscally responsible, and mission-directed.

The rest of the year, your elected board works behind the scenes to keep the wheels on the branch bus going round and round, as the song goes.

What does that involve? Your board members work diligently to insure engrossing programs (THANK YOU, Phyllis and Peg!), accurate finances (THANK YOU, Diane!), complete meeting records (THANK YOU, Dolora!), up-to-date membership information (THANK YOU, Carol!), event and interest groups publicity as well as informative newsletters (THANK YOU, Judith, Mary, and LesLee!), and governance continuity (THANK YOU, Dana!). Your branch president writes these letters, sets meetings, drafts agendas, answers branch correspondence, and asks lots of questions of those more experienced than her. The board meets the first week of (almost) every month to make sure those branch bus wheels keep turning.

March is when we elect (some) new board members. I encourage you to step forward and volunteer to serve. There are dedicated, experienced members willing to help. (Heck, if you stand for **Membership VP**, Carol Rikerd has volunteered to be your lieutenant and will practically do it for you!). Dana Holt needs some additional committee members for **Governance**.

Planning for farther down the road, there is **always** room for you if you'd like to "understudy" a board position this year, see if it's a good fit, and then be ready to be nominated for that position when it comes open in the next year's election. (Yes, that's a hint! I'd love to have you partner along with me and learn what the president's role is all about. My term expires in 2019.)

Many hands make light work, and that is certainly true of this branch. The work of the board is easily handled among the officers, with no one person being asked to do too much. And when it's a sunny day, there's nowhere more pleasant to be than on Phyllis Izant's deck overlooking the Narrows. Join us. I, for one, count it an honor to be a part of this lively, engaged, and intellectually stimulating group of women!

ONWARD! - Susan



Tacoma Branch
PO Box 65303
Tacoma, WA 98494

<https://tacoma-wa.aauw.net>
p. 3 of 6 March 2018

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

There's good news and bad news. Here's the bad news first, copied from the website <https://www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/>

"The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59."

Dues account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help sustain and grow AAUW's programs, work that **advances equity** for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs and so much more.

We can do great things together and thank you for your continued support.

The good news is the amount of increase: \$10.00. That's one McDonald unhealthy lunch (Big Mac & chocolate shake). Or two cups of a Starbuck barista's fanciest work. We will pay \$0.84 per month more; I can handle that. I hope everyone else can, too . The other good news is that membership for 2018-2019 may be paid beginning March 16th .

To cheer up from the dues increase take a tour of the 2018 notecard art contest entries. The brilliant paintings, drawings and photographs from highly talented women could fill a gallery. It's difficult to choose when we only get 10 votes.

<https://www.aauw.org/contests/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our March born members: Sarah Aaron (celebrating in Mississippi), Sharon Parker, Marisa Peloquin, Diane Tilstra, and anyone else March born whose birth month I don't have.

Wouldn't you like to send birthday greetings every month? It's rather fun. All you have to do is be the Membership Chair. Easy job! My term is over, and I'll work with the next volunteer to get you started and see you through to expertise .

HISTORY DAY JUDGES NEEDED

Empower young minds through
social studies education

Saturday, April 21

Green River College Auburn, WA

Register as a Judge:

<https://wa.nhd.org>

National History Day

Washington State Historical Society

FEBRUARY SPEAKERS : RECAP

In a sober, member-engaging session, our speakers Laura Groves & Linda Isenson of Groves Law Offices introduced the complexity of Family Law.

Divorce, Dependency, Domestic Violence, Paternity! These are emotionally charged situations which address relationships in families all around us. Enter the CASA.

“The CASA, is a child’s voice in an adversarial process, plays a pivotal role in ensuring that the best interest of the child is represented in Court.”

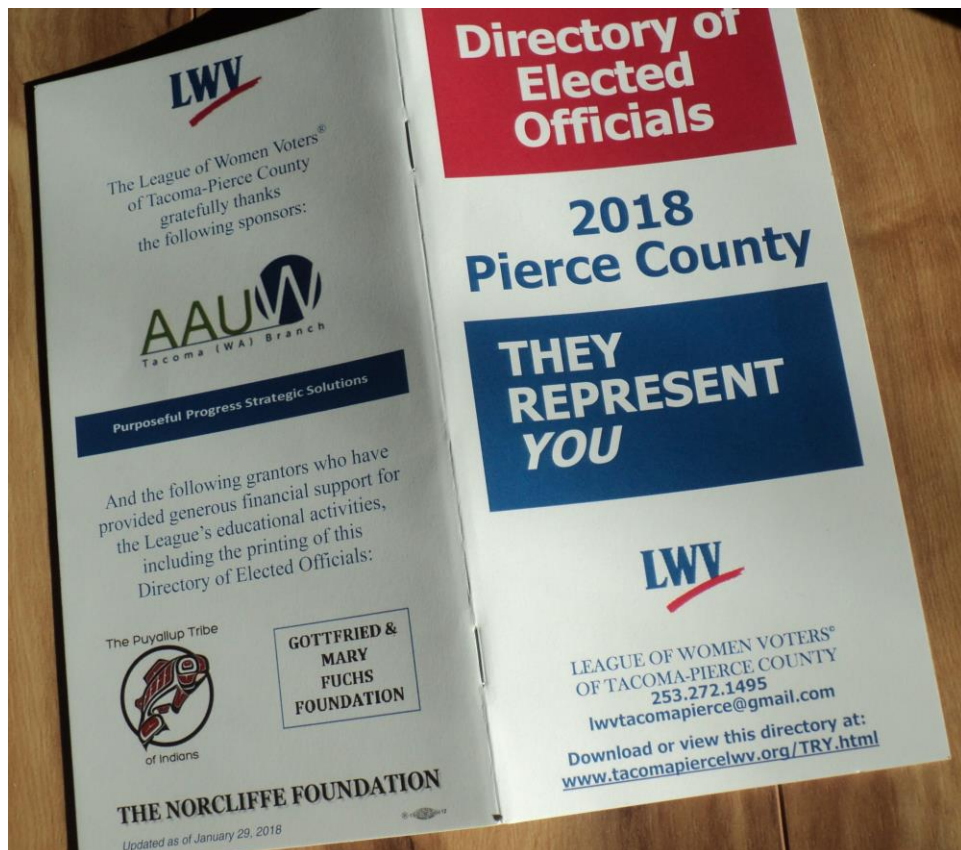
*Honorable Rosanne Buckner
Superior Court Judge
Pierce County*

Court Appointed Special Advocates(CASAs) are highly trained, competent **VOLUNTEERS** who speak for children. Interested?

<https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/1120/Volunteer-Services>

Grove Law offices offers a free Family Law Clinic each Saturday. They provide one hour to review a case and offer advice on next steps. Appointments are scheduled at 253 300 3511.

BRANCH SPONSORSHIPS: *In cooperation with the League of Women Voters*





TECH TREK Status Report

March is "applicant" & parent interview month (est. 30 applicants). We try to interview after school between 3PM-5PM. If you have time, **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**. Contact Linda Ames. Her email is ln2am@aol.com

2018 Camps

Pacific Lutheran July 8-14,
and July 15-21
Eastern Washington
University July 29-August 4.

<https://techtrek-wa.aauw.net>

Dear Tacoma Branch,
Thank you so much for sponsoring me. It means so much to me. I've had such a great experience, I learned so much in just a week. I am interested in the medical field. So I was very excited for the opportunity to dissect a sheep's heart. Doing this really opened my eyes and made me believe that I can do whatever I want that interests me. So once again I want to thank you for this opportunity.

INTEREST GROUPS

GENEALOGY & FAMILY HISTORY (joint POTLUCK with Papercrafters)

Thursday MARCH 8, 10:30 AM- 1:00PM

Lakewood Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (8601 - 104th St SW in Lakewood)

Bring potluck food item to share for lunch & items to organize on large round tables- genealogy or other paperwork.

Contact Connie D. or Joye B. if you would like to join us.

PAPER CRAFTERS: See Genealogy & Family History (joint POTLUCK)

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP Wednesday March 28

Great Small Things Jodi Picoult)

Hostess: Not announced- check at February 28 meeting

Reviewer: Marianne Candiolois

EVENING BOOK GROUP Monday March 26 6:30PM

The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu (Joshua Hammer)

Hostess: Marilee Titus Reviewer: Mary Letterman



Wondering about what it would be like to talk about controversial topics in a safe place – with people who have different views from yours?

Satisfy your hunger to talk about the issues of the day with a wide range of people with a variety of views. Just a conversation, nothing more.

Announcing March 2018 Conversation Cafes

**Homelessness:
What is our individual or collective responsibility to work on and solve it?
Whose responsibility is it?**

6:30 pm, Mar. 19
United Methodist Church
Fireside Room
1919 W. Pioneer Ave.
Puyallup, WA 98371

2:00 pm, Mar. 21
Lakewood Family YMCA
9715 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

Free; Open to the public; No membership required; No sales pitches!
Co-sponsored by these non-partisan community organizations:



NOTE: GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS SENT IN SEPARATE EMAIL