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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.”***

**September 2018**

### Events and News



## **Cyber Security – Are We Safe?**

### **AAUW Tri-Branch Fall Meeting**

Puyallup, Tacoma, and Gig Harbor Branches

**Date:** Saturday, September 22, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:30 am

**Place:** University of Washington Tacoma  
Cherry Parkes Building

**Speaker:** Morgan Zantua, Director of Workforce Development  
University of Washington Center for Information Assurance and Cyber Security

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**Topic:**

- Are we really at risk for cyber theft?
- What damage can be done to our country and our personal lives?
- How can we protect ourselves?
- How does hacking work?
- New careers in cyber security

**Transportation and parking:** Hourly parking on C Street across from Cherry Parkes. See map of campus parking facilities:

[http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/sites/default/files/sections/Campus-map-directory\\_Nov\\_2017.pdf](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/sites/default/files/sections/Campus-map-directory_Nov_2017.pdf)

Parking at the Tacoma Dome Garage is free and usually plentiful on the weekends. The Link Light Rail train runs every 10 minutes from the garage to campus, from 6 am to 8 pm. The trip takes approximately five minutes.

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**President's Corner**

By the time you read this, the school buses will be back on the roads. The grimly smoky skies obscured our last weeks of true summer, and when the smoke finally cleared, the season had turned.

I don't think I'm ready. I had great hopes of relaxation for this summer, but spent most of it working on lingering tasks that are continuing on for far too long. I'm sure some of this feeling is reinforced by the current unrelenting assault on civil rights and human dignity that goes on day by day, tweet by tweet. For those of us who tune into what's going on in the world, it's been toxic exposure to the drip, drip, drip of this acid rain polluting our society.

And yet. There are shining beacons of light guiding us and giving us hope. One of those has been the AAUW Tech Trek camps and the great work by several branch members, magnificently led by Linda Ames. It is with both regret and deep appreciation that we thank Linda as she now hands back the Tech Trek baton, as life requires she turn her attention to other responsibilities.



Another candle in the dark is the huge wave of female candidates this year who have offered themselves for public service. This is brave and heroic and I hope

that many of them will sweep into office and bring a change to the tenor of our decision-making bodies: more soprano!

We are also seeing success across the nation in teachers' collective bargaining efforts. This augurs well for our local teachers. When you read this, the Tacoma



teachers may be on strike, but as Patty Rose told us this past spring, Tacoma is a worker's town. I doubt it will be drawn out and I am confident that the teachers will make gains in their negotiations. And that is something that is good for women, men, and children!

Finally, as we say a sad goodbye to many great souls at

this turning of the season, including our own Linda Olson, we remember their good works and lasting legacy. They will not be forgotten, and the world has been made a better place by their efforts.

~ Susan Hesselgrave, President

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## Membership

### **It's Time to Renew!**

- Renew your membership online at [Renew! AAUW Member Services Database](#) or on paper.
- If you'd prefer to renew by paper, send a message to Carol at [tacoma.members@gmail.com](mailto:tacoma.members@gmail.com) and she will snail-mail you a form.
- Need to find your member number? It's in the Tacoma Branch Handbook and Member Directory (the little purple book).
- Address, phone, or other change? Please share it with Carol!

## **AAUW Tacoma Branch Board of Directors**

### **2018-2018**

- President: Susan Hesselgrave
- Membership Vice President: [vacant]
- Program Vice Presidents: Phyllis Izant and Peg Dempsey
- Communications Co-Chairs: Mary Letterman and LesLee Eicher
- Recording Secretary: Dolora Neumaier
- Finance Officer: Diane Palmquist
- Governance and Development Committee Chair: Dana Holt
- College and University Relations: [vacant]
- Public Policy: [vacant]
- Member Relations Board Liaison: Carol Rikerd

## Tech Trek

### Thanking Linda Ames for Her Leadership, and Seeking a New Chair for the Tech Trek Committee

*From Linda:*

Friends,

Next year I will not be able to chair our Tech Trek committee.

I have given this a lot of thought this summer and come to the conclusion that I just don't have the time to do this. I would still be interested in being on the committee and doing interviews.

***This has been a great experience for me and I still believe it is an incredible, encouraging experience for all the girls.***

Thanks for all your assistance and encouragement all along.

*Linda*

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### Sustaining Tech Trek for 2019

AAUW-WA began operating Tech Trek with one camp serving 50 girls in 2013. During 2018, we conducted three camps serving more than 150 campers.

The Tacoma branch has applied itself, successfully sponsoring over 10% of total Trekkers. But to sustain this momentum, Tacoma requires volunteers. Both committee and leadership (Chair) slots are available.



Committee work is conducted from January through April. We contact schools, seek applicants, and schedule interviews. This can be done from the comfort of your home or office if our weather or your mobility are a deterrence.

The short applications are simple to review. But conducting interviews takes time, transportation and energy to vet the applicants (and alternates) who will be invited to camp. Per AAUW guidelines, each applicant interview must be conducted by two AAUW members.

Of necessity interviews are conducted at the school during, or just after school hours. Working around spring break schedules, interview volunteers are needed from around mid-February through late March 2019. But you don't need to

belong to the Tech Trek Committee to interview. You simply have to be an AAUW member who can be available to work with the Tech Trek Committee for even one local interview session. If the school has several candidates, then you can be in several interviews during one school visit.

But there's more. You also get to attend a Tacoma Branch Tech Trek "Meet & Greet" during June 2019. Campers, parents and Tech Trek Groupies (siblings) are brought together for an informal ice breaker and sharing of expectations. If this sounds intriguing or you have other questions, please contact any Board member or Judy Cichowicz (Earthographer2@comcast.net).

As you make your "volunteer" plans for 2019, consider serving on or even Chairing the Tacoma Branch Tech Trek Committee. Thank you for your continuing



*Tech Trek Meet & Greet Picnic June 26, 2018  
Faces of Tech Trek Tacoma 2018 Camp Season*

support of this vital Branch activity that creates opportunity and a better future for girls and women.

~ Judy Cichowicz

*[Editors' note: if you're interested in serving on or chairing the Tech Trek committee, please contact Linda or Judy.]*



## Tech Trek 2018 – Notes from the Field

Tacoma AAUW branch was well represented at the western PLU camp. There were 15 campers, as well as the following visitors and volunteers:

- Visitors: Joye Bucklin, Connie Dunkelberger, Marisa Peloquin
- Volunteers: Joye's granddaughter (dorm mom), Mary Letterman (social media), Sandy Halvorson (professional women's night)

In addition, helpers fulfilled other vital roles such as gathering applications, interviewing, and fundraising. It really took an AAUW Tacoma village to get those campers to camp! They all had a great time and gained some valuable experiences that will change the course of their futures.



### **RIP, Linda Olson...**



It is with heavy hearts that we note that our Tacoma branch sister, Linda Olson, passed away on August 24.

Friends, please gather your memories of Linda and send them to the newsletter editors at [aauwtaconewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:aauwtaconewsletter@gmail.com).

We'd love to hear your reminiscences: what do you remember most fondly about Linda? When did she make you laugh, or surprise you? In what ways did Linda inspire you? What did you admire most about her?

Photos are welcome, too. In the October newsletter we'll celebrate her life with a special feature here.

### **Interest Groups (MeetUps)**

#### **Papercrafters**



Papercrafters are back! Join us at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church. Members will be able to work on their ongoing projects or perhaps start a new one. There is plenty of room to work at your own table, yet close enough to visit, too.

Bring your own brown bag lunch or snack. Coffee and Tea are provided. For information and directions to the church contact Connie at 253 565-7518.

**Date:** September 13, Thursday

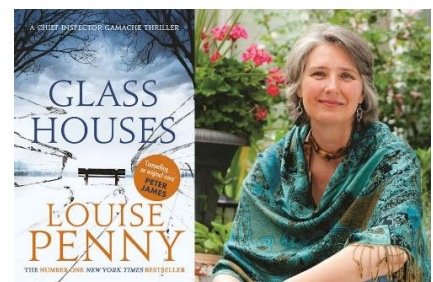
**Time:** 10:00 – 2:00

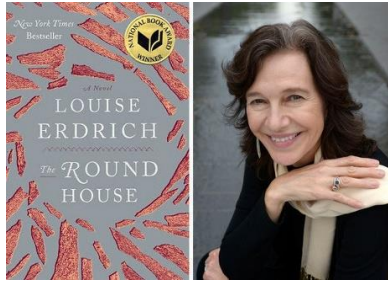
**Place:** Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th Street S.W.

#### **Book Groups**

##### **Daytime**

The Daytime book group will meet on Wednesday, September 26 at 10 am. Dolora will both hostess and review *Glass Houses* by Louise Penny.





### Evening

The Evening Book Group will kick off the reading season on Monday, September 24 at 6:30 pm at Marilee's home. Bea will review *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich.

### **Genealogy and Family History Group**

The Genealogy and Family History Group will meet Friday, September 21 for a lunch to kick off the year's events. We'll hear about our research highs and lows over the summer and plan a schedule of activities for 2018-2019. Whether you are an old hand at genealogy research or just starting to put together the story of your ancestors, please come and share your thoughts, ideas and interests.



**Date:** September 21, Friday

**Time:** Noon – 2:00

**Place:** Bair Drug Store, 1617 Lafayette Street, Steilacoom

For information and RSVP contact either Dorothy or Joye.

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### **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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# September 2018



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