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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.”*

October 2018

### Events and News

## Center for Dialogue and Resolution

**Featuring: Maralise Hood Quan, EJD, Executive Director and Certified Mediator**

**Date:** Saturday, October 20, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 am

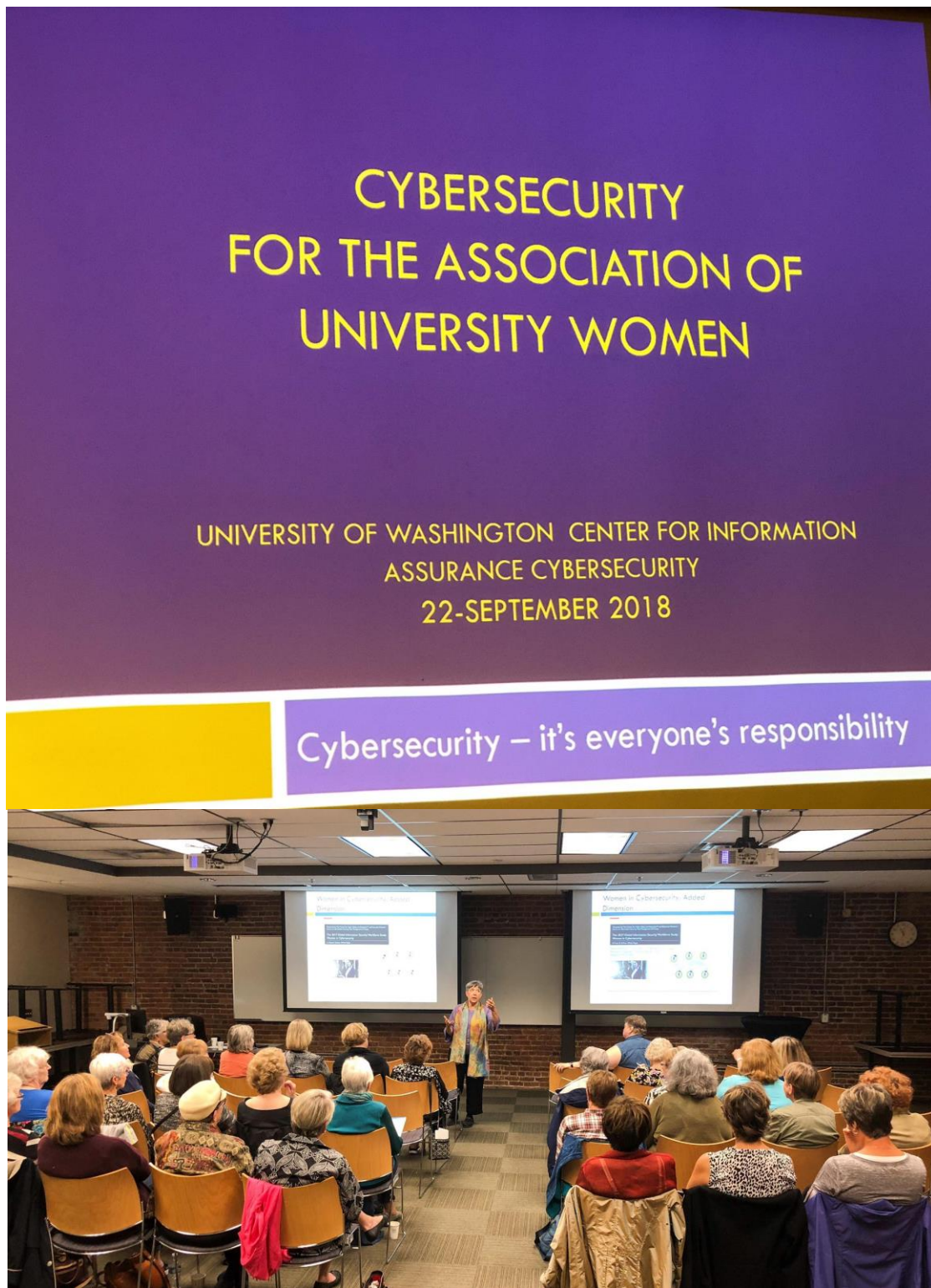
**Place:** Steilacoom Library

**Bio:** Maralise Hood Quan is a facilitative and foreclosure trained mediator, and has served as the Executive Director of the Center for Dialog & Resolution since May 2007. She holds a BA in International Relations and Conflict Management and a Juris Doctorate, which she received in 2008. Her previous experience includes working as Coordinator of the Conflict Resolution Program at the United Nations University for Peace, a professional mediator in a firm focused on land use, state agency mediations and problem solving services, and Chief of Staff to State Representative Dennis Flannigan.

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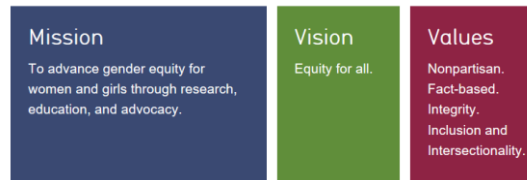
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## President's Corner

One of the things I've learned about our Tacoma Branch members is this: you are go-getters, active participants in the passions, issues, and pursuits that enthuse you. Some of you are very involved in addressing social ills. Some are pouring energy into political initiatives. Some are taxed with family members' needs. Some of you are building careers and starting families. I have yet to meet a member who doesn't have a rich and full plate of commitments to which she has devoted time, talent, and treasure.



So it is no surprise to me that as a branch we have been struggling for a few years now to fill board offices and committee chairs. This is not a new problem, but it also does not appear to be a temporary one. Our newer members-- and I include myself in this category -- join us with lives already in overdrive. Our longstanding members' lives continue to evolve and change, with new challenges to be surmounted. Those of you who have served in leadership positions over these past many years have given most generously to the branch, and need to pass the baton -- but to whom?

Meanwhile, the requirements of AAUW branch organization remain the same as they have been for decades. It is now time to ask ourselves this: is our branch structure sustainable?

At our September board meeting, the board decided that we would spend the next several months investigating the options available as we assess where we are and plan for the future. We will be reaching out to branch members this fall and winter so that you can share your perspective in this planning process. We hope that all of you will be involved in actively considering what path into the future we will choose. As a board, we are both open-minded and pragmatic as we commence this planning, and you can be assured that we will explore our options thoroughly, solicit your input, and share those findings with you. At our annual business meeting in March 2019, we as a branch will be making decisions based on the outcomes of this six-month inquiry.

Stay tuned...

~ Susan Hesselgrave, President

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## **Tech Trek**

### **Tech Trek Has a New Committee Chair!**

Thank you to branch member Marisa Peloquin, as she takes the helm of Tech Trek, one of our worthwhile branch projects. Marisa has been member of the Tech Trek committee for the last two years. The Committee is always looking for new members! Please contact Marisa if you'd like to become a member of the committee.

### **Tech Trek Call for Assistance – Who Do You Know?**

There is a corporation right in our neighborhood that provides educational opportunities with a STEM emphasis. This company promotes diversity and inclusion, while working to preserve and protect the global environment.

That corporation is Praxair, Inc. Praxair has a large industrial gas packaging facility in Tacoma, as well as several nearby retail distribution locations.

Praxair has created the Praxair Foundation and its Global Giving Program. This program supports giving to communities where they are located. The Foundation favors projects supported by their own employees.

We at Tech Trek are asking you: ***do you know anyone who works locally for Praxair***, in any capacity? If yes, Tech Trek would like to contact them for assistance in making our request for a Tech Trek donation.

If you can provide help, contact Judith Cichowicz at (360) 556 0843 or Earthographer2@comcast.net.

~ Judy Cichowicz

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## **Linda Olson...Our Friend**

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

### ***Remembrances of Linda...***

I may have met Linda earlier, but the first memory I have of her was at a State Convention. She came as a National member because we were having an International Fellow as one of the Keynote speakers. I was State President at the time, and was resting my feet during a time of workshop sessions for Branch Officers. She had taken a walk and found four leaf clovers and brought them to

me, as she thought I should have them. I was very touched by her thoughtfulness. I have enjoyed Linda in discussion groups and programs since then, but will always think of her in a patch of clover.

~ Connie Dunkelberger

January 21, 2017: Presidential Inauguration day, Women's March Day and the day I met Linda. As we had a branch meeting, we organized a mini-version of the Women's March for Tacoma-AAUW. Using banners and signs, about 20+ members and guests walked around the library room.



But then several of us walked through the library to the Streets. Linda was one of those outside walkers. She held her banner high, calling out and waving at cars as we marched around the library block. "Women's March," she'd shout to people with so much joy in her heart and voice. That is the memory to cherish. What an inspiration.

~ Judy Cichowicz

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## Washington Women In Need Education Grant Accepting Applications

This fall, Washington Women in Need (WWIN) will make up to 125 education grants, each worth up to \$5,000, to be used for tuition and required books at Washington State colleges and universities.

In addition, they will be selecting freshman and sophomore women who exceptionally represent WWIN's values to join their Star Scholar program, in which they are eligible to receive up to \$5000 per year for up to four years, for a total of \$20,000 toward their degree.



Applicants must meet WWIN's eligibility criteria to be considered, which include: being a woman 18 years of age or older, having been a Washington resident for the last 12 months, and United States citizenship or permanent residency.

In the past, WWIN has required women to be at or below a financial benchmark to be eligible to apply. This requirement has now been lifted. ALL women with

whom their vision resonates, and who are seeking funding for their higher education, are encouraged to apply for a WWIN Education Grant.

Prospective applicants should visit the WWIN website (<https://www.wwin.org/>) for additional information and to submit an application. The application will be open September 24, 2018 – November 11, 2018, with applications being considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For questions, please email [programs@wwin.org](mailto:programs@wwin.org)!

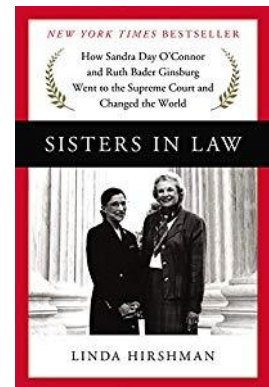
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## **Interest Groups (MeetUps)**

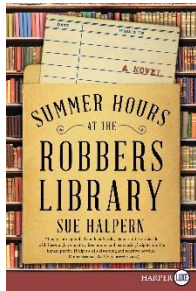
### **Book Groups**

#### **Daytime**

The Daytime book group will meet on Wednesday, October 24 at 10 am. to discuss *Sisters in Law* by Linda Hirschman. Carter will both hostess and review.



#### **Evening**



The Evening Book Group will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 22 to review *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library* by Sue Halpern. Dolora will both hostess and review.

### **Genealogy and Family History**

Our group will meet Friday, Oct 26 from 1-3, (lunch at noon optional, see below) in the Northwest Room of the Tacoma Public Library: 1102 Tacoma Ave S.

If this is your first time using this great genealogy and family history resource, we'll help you get started. There are resources for research whether or not your ancestors were in Tacoma or Washington state!



For those who would enjoy some socializing and dining before we begin, we'll meet for lunch at noon at the Tower Coffee Bar and Grill, which is located at 1101 Tacoma Avenue S. This is across from the main Branch of Tacoma Public Library. (cont'd next page)

Parking: The adjacent lot is now closed, so parking is on-street. There is a 90-minute limit on Tacoma Avenue S., but parking on adjacent side streets (13<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, S. Altheimer [behind library]) is unregulated.

### **Not So Fast Food Group**

The Not So Fast Food Group will meet for an Octoberfest dinner at Bruno's Restaurant on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Call Jane for details and to RSVP.



### **Papercrafters**



Join Papercrafters on October 11 (Thursday) from 10 am to 2 pm at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church for some crafting, paperwork, or whatever project you may be working on. The church is one block south of the "T" at the end of Hipkins Road. 8601 104th Street SW.

There is plenty of room to work, each at her own table, yet close enough to visit. Bring your own brown bag lunch or snack. Coffee and tea are provided. For information contact Connie.

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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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