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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 2019**

### Events and News

## September Quad-Branch Meeting

*Join Gig Harbor, Puyallup, Federal Way, and Tacoma for this year’s “season opener”!*



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**When:** Saturday, September 28, 2019, 10 am

***(Please note that this is the fourth Saturday, which is not our usual meeting date.)***

**Where:** University of Washington – Tacoma, William Philip Hall (1918 Pacific Avenue)



Our speakers will be state Senators Emily Randall (D-Gig Harbor) and Claire Wilson (D-Federal Way),

who will talk about being new legislators in the recent session. This will give us an opportunity to discuss how we can be



effective advocates for AAUW and to stress our legislative priorities with them. Please join us for an informative and interesting program!

## President's Corner



It has been an eventful summer for me – my daughter Claire Hesselgrave's wedding was on August 10<sup>th</sup> in Kelowna, B.C., a spectacular celebration culminating months of planning by her and her husband, Sean Oliver. The convergence of four families and many friends was a party to remember for a lifetime.

As I write this, I am relaxing in Rocky Mountain National Park on a much-needed vacation. The mountains and alpine lakes are breathtakingly beautiful, and the altitude is breathtaking as well! Quite a change from living at sea level. Tomorrow will be Day Four at altitude, so I expect our energy levels to increase from here on out.

Which brings me to a preview of our upcoming branch activities. As a branch we decided at our March business meeting that we would look to our members to drive our programming, and a few of you are stepping forward with ideas that enthuse you. We're hoping that several more of you will take the initiative to propose a branch program that interests you.



Here's the bottom line on program proposals– it's not just an idea. It must be a program that YOU would want to attend, and a program that you (and/or your team) want to plan and implement. I can tell you as the organizer of a program last year, it's not hard and in fact it's fun to take the lead on one program out of the year.

My sincere hope as your branch president is that we have a year that invigorates you with new activities and invites you to lead from where you are – whether that is as a branch officer, a member of an interest group, or a branch program lead.

## AAUW Tacoma Branch Board of Directors

### 2019-2020

- President: Susan Hesselgrave
- Vice President, Membership: Robin Larson
- Financial Officer: Carol Rikerd
- Secretary: Dolora Neumaier
- Communications Co-Chairs: Mary Letterman and LesLee Eicher
- Tech Trek Committee Chair: Marisa Peloquin

The other significant change being implemented this year is that the branch board will be meeting in person fewer times during the year, no longer monthly. Our first meeting is on Sept. 6, and we will set a schedule for the entire year at that time. For branch business that arises between scheduled meetings, we will utilize electronic communications to address those items. Also on September 6 we will be fine-tuning a proposed budget, which will be submitted to the membership for approval in October, via email.

And so it goes, life ever-changing and onwards! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

~ Susan

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### **Save the Date!**



Our **October branch meeting** will take place on **Saturday, October 12** at the Tacoma Yacht Club.

We'll hear from the Tech Trek campers.

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### **Membership**

Because about half of members renewed, today's membership number stands at 60. Some of you have indicated you will not be renewing this year, and we will miss you. If you have not renewed for 2019-2020 and plan to, please do so this month.

Robin is taking over as Membership Vice President, so you'll be hearing less from me in this capacity. [**Editors' note:** *But perhaps in some other role, Carol? Hate to lose you after all your amazing work for the branch!*]



I'll leave you with an interesting [link](#) from the July/August edition of the Library of Congress Magazine. This issue focuses on the history of women's suffrage. Enjoy!

~ Carol

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## **Branch Programs: Calling All Proposals!**

As decided last spring, this year's programs will be developed by branch members, rather than an elected programs officer(s). Developing one program is not such a big deal. Coming up with a whole year's worth of programs is too large a burden to fall on one or two members' shoulders!



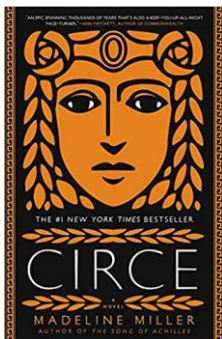
We are already receiving several interesting program proposals, but there are several openings in the year's calendar for additional programs. The board has approved the October program, and will be reviewing proposals for three more programs at our September 4 board meeting (programs tentatively earmarked for November, December, and May).

Please submit your program proposals as far in advance as possible, even if you don't have all the details worked out. Have a great plan for a February meeting? Submit it to the board right away! Meeting venues fill up very quickly on their event calendars, so deciding in advance what you would like to plan as a branch program will help you find a feasible date as you seek an appropriate location.

Program proposals can be emailed to Susan Hesselgrave: [susanhesselgrave@gmail.com](mailto:susanhesselgrave@gmail.com). There is a proposal form to use; please contact Susan if you'd like the form emailed to you.

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## **Interest Groups (MeetUps)**

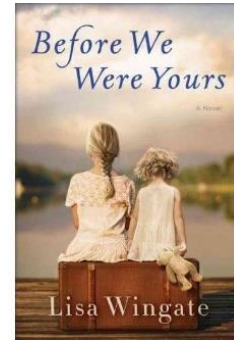


### **Daytime Book Group**

The Daytime Book will meet on Wednesday, September 25 at 10 am to discuss *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Marilee Titus will host, and Carol Rikerd will review.

## Evening Book Group

On Monday, September 23, the Evening Book Group will meet at 6:30 pm at Marilee Titus' home to talk about *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Sue Schub will lead the discussion.



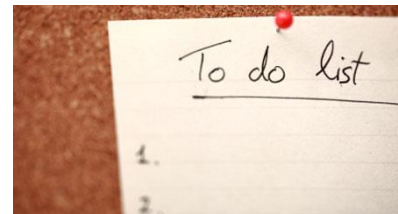
## Genealogy and Family History



The Genealogy and Family History Group continues the tradition of discussing ancestors, research brick walls, and DNA mysteries over **LUNCH!** Come and join us at CI Shenanigans on Thursday, September 19 at noon. Please RSVP by September 15 to Dorothy. We'll plan activities for the rest of the year.

## Papercrafters

Papercrafters are back! Join us at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th Street S.W. September 12th at 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. 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.



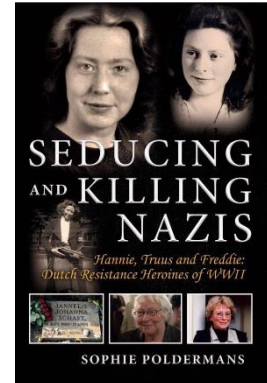
## *You May Be Interested*

### **Meet Dutch author of *Seducing and Killing Nazis*, Sophie Poldermans**

**When:** Friday, September 6, 7 pm

**Where:** Vino Aquino Winery, 4417 6th Ave., Suite 1, Tacoma

Sophie Poldermans is the author of *Seducing and Killing Nazis. Hannie, Truus and Freddie: Dutch Resistance Heroines of WWII, USA, 2019*. This is the astonishing true story of three teenage Dutch girls, Hannie Schaft and sisters Truus and Freddie Oversteegen, who took up arms against the Nazi occupier in World War II, by seducing high-ranking Nazi officers, luring them into the woods and killing them; they provided Jewish children with safe houses and gathered vital intelligence for the resistance. Above all, they tried to remain human in inhuman circumstances.



Poldermans personally knew Truus and Freddie Oversteegen for 20 years and worked closely with them for over a decade. She is the founder of "Sophie's Women of War," is a Dutch women's rights advocate, author, public speaker, lecturer and consultant on women and war. She holds degrees in Dutch and International Human Rights and International Criminal Law (University of Amsterdam); Peace and Conflict

Studies (UC Berkeley, USA); Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC, Venice, Italy; Vienna, Austria).

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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](#). 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. Click [here](#).

**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 [here](#).

**AAUW Tacoma MeetUps (Interest Groups)**. 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. You'll find it [here](#).

### **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 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Labor Day</b> 	3	4	5	6 <b>Board Meeting</b> 4:30 pm <hr/> Author <b>Sophie Poldermans</b> 7 pm	7
8	9	10	11	12 <b>Papercrafters</b> 10 am-2 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <b>Genealogy and Family History</b> 12:00 pm	20	21
22	23 <b>Evening Book Group:</b> <i>Before We Were Yours</i> 6:30 pm	24	25 <b>Daytime Book Group:</b> <i>Circe</i> 10 am	26	27	28 <b>Quad-branch Meeting</b> Updates from New Legislators 10 am-12 pm
29	30					