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BRANCH

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

October 2019

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## Events and News

### Meet the Tech Trek Campers!

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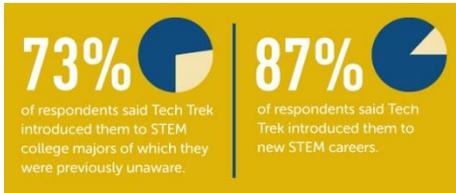
**When:** Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Where:** Tacoma Yacht Club\*, 5401 Yacht Club Road, Tacoma

Thanks to individual, branch and grant donations, Tacoma Branch sponsored fourteen campers to attend our AAUW signature STEM camp for rising eighth graders—Tech Trek. What a group! These talented students came from Tacoma, University Place, Midland, and Bethel School Districts as well as Chief Leschi Middle School.

The meeting will be held at the lovely Tacoma Yacht Club. Gather at the “Crow’s Nest”\* -- it’s the room at the top with water view on all sides. There will be a continental fare (juice, pastries, coffee/tea) and plenty of time to hear

about all the campers’ great experiences: core courses, mini labs, field trips, meeting women in STEM professions and more.



The girls are smart, courageous, inventive, fun-loving and excited to thank all those who made it possible for them to have the life-changing experience of Tech Trek 2019. Come meet them and hear their stories!

*Directions:*

The Club is located to the west of Point Ruston. Follow Ruston Way west past Point Ruston to the last traffic circle before road heads up the hill. Take the first exit from the circle to the right and follow signs to the Yacht Club. At the gate, tell guard you are attending the AAUW function at the Club. Plenty of parking.

**\*The meeting place is up two flights of stairs; unfortunately, there is no elevator.**

**President's Corner**



Play along with me, I want you to hear Ed Sullivan's voice in your mind as you read this: **We have a really big shew for you this fall!**

It kicked off with our September quad-branch program, organized and hosted by the Gig Harbor Branch. Karen Anderson, who also serves as AAUW Washington's Public Policy Chair, brought us two compelling and inspiring first-term state legislators, [Senator Claire Wilson](#) (30<sup>th</sup> District - Auburn) and [Senator Emily Randall](#) (26<sup>th</sup> District - Bremerton) to talk about legislative priorities. Yeah, I know what you were thinking. I thought it was going to be dry as a bone....

I was SO wrong! We were electrified! I can't possibly do these women or the conversation justice in the space I have here, but at our Indochine lunch table



following the program, we all agreed that we were very glad we came out to hear these two dynamic women speak about what drove them to run for office, their causes and careers, and their commitment to take risks and be change-makers in Olympia.

**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

Now I'll pivot to the truly dry-as-a-bone stuff: **the budget**. Please examine the proposed 2019-20 branch budget that your Board is presenting to you for branch membership approval, published in this issue. We will be sending out an electronic ballot to members on **October 10** (TEN TEN!) to enable all members to vote. If you have questions or comments on this budget, please submit your thoughts in writing via email to [susanhesselgrave@gmail.com](mailto:susanhesselgrave@gmail.com), **by no later than October 8**. Any questions and comments thus submitted by the deadline will be included in the ballot information provided to all

members with the email ballot, along with the name of the member submitting the comment. Ballot results will be published in the November newsletter.

So what's coming up for our October program? The view from the Tacoma Yacht Club is splendid, the food is always tasty, and the brand new Dune Park is right next door. What better way to make a big impression on our honored guests for our October branch program, some of our young Tech Trek 2019 campers? Yesterday, Senator Emily Randall talked about what a lasting impression attending an AAUW function made on her as a young girl, and the importance of older women mentors in her life who affirmed her potential. Let's enjoy the opportunity together to celebrate our investment in the future of these girls of promise! Dorothy McBride is the Program Lead for the **October 12** event, so if you have questions or want to help, reach out to her.

Hope you'll join us for the branch meeting to find out why my inner Ed Sullivan is so excited!

~ Susan

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## Budget

Your branch board presents the following 2019-2020 budget proposal for your review and asks members to approve its adoption. The board has discussed this year's branch budget over the course of three separate board meetings, March-September. As members will recall, we could not present a budget for adoption at the March business meeting because we needed to resolve the board structure questions first. All members will be receiving a separate email on October 10 which will be your ballot for voting on this budget. Please be on the lookout for that email on 10/10 and cast your vote!

### AAUW – TACOMA BRANCH

#### 2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL

[Fiscal year: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020]

Reporting as of 7/1/2019

CASH ON DEPOSIT: \$14,176.89

Budget Notes: Given the branch's cash reserves, the board agreed to recommend fully funding the Tech Trek Mission Proposal of \$5,000 for FY20 and to support subsidizing branch programming by and for members at the level that was required in FY19.

INCOME	FY 2019 BUDGET	FY2019 ACTUALS	FY2020 BUDGET
Member Dues* <i>(new assumption of 48)</i>	\$1380 (assumed 60)	\$1104	\$1104
Celia Grau Trust	\$625	\$1605	\$1605
GTCF	\$2300	\$2300	\$2300
<b>PROJECTED INCOME</b>	<b>\$4305</b>	<b>\$5009</b>	<b>\$5009</b>

\*Branch portion of annual dues are \$23 per member. Excludes lifetime members.

EXPENSES	FY 2019 BUDGET	FY 2019 Actuals	FY 2020 BUDGET
<u>Administration:</u> <i>(paid from dues)</i>			
Insurance: CC <i>3yr \$300: FY2020</i>	\$0	\$0	\$300
Insurance: Liability	\$200	\$185.00	\$200
Communications**	\$525	\$223	\$400
Board/Governance	\$200	\$78	\$100
Member Hospitality	\$200	\$0	\$00

<b>Admin Expenses</b>	<b>\$1125</b>	<b>\$486</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
<b>Mission:</b>			
Branch Programs	\$700	\$1802	\$1800
Conventions	\$750	\$254	\$500
Public Policy	\$100	\$0	\$200
Tech Trek Scholarships	\$2000	\$2000	\$5000
Tech Trek Admin	\$250	\$0	\$250
<b>Mission Expenses</b>	<b>\$3800</b>	<b>\$4,056</b>	<b>\$7,750</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4925</b>	<b>\$4,542</b>	<b>\$8,750</b>

\*\*Communications includes: PO Box rental, Meetup subscription, membership directory printing

## Membership

Robin Larson is our new Vice President and membership chair. (Welcome, Robin!)

There is still time to renew your membership for the 2019 - 2020 year. We do not want anyone to miss our great programs this year! You can join or renew on the

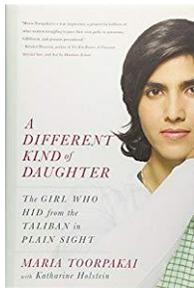
[AAUW National site](#) by

- Logging in, then at the bottom of the page,
- Click on Member Tools,
- Then select Join,
- Then Branch Members Join/Renew.

You can also call (see directory) or email (laro32@gmail) Robin to have her send you a form.

~ Robin

## Interest Groups (MeetUps)

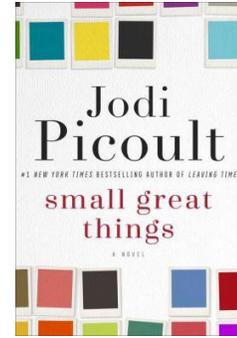


### Daytime Book Group

The Daytime Book will meet on Wednesday, October 23 at 10 am to discuss *A Different Kind of Daughter* by Maria Toorpakai. Carter Taylor will host, and Dolora Neumaier will review.

## Evening Book Group

On Monday, October 28, the Evening Book Group will meet at 6:30 pm at Mary Hammond's home to talk about *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Bea Gellar will lead the discussion.

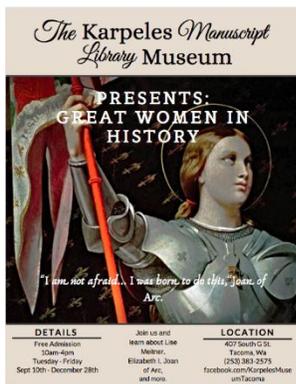


## Diggers and Delvers



On November 1st the Diggers and Delvers will meet at 10:30 am at Lakewold Gardens for the holiday tables event with lunch after. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Contact Jane Hahn for more information.

## Genealogy and Family History



On October 17 the Genealogy and Family History Group will visit the new exhibit, *Great Women in History*, at the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum (716 6th Ave, Tacoma).

This exhibit includes Julia Ward Howe, Golda Meir, Indira Gandhi, Queen Victoria, Sojourner Truth, Queen Elizabeth I, Rosa Parks, Maria Theresa, Simone de Beauvoir, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Jane Addams, Joan of Arc, Eleanor Roosevelt,

Lise Meitner and many more!

Hungry? We'll meet for lunch before the museum visit at 11:30 am at the Hob Nob Restaurant (407 S G St, Tacoma).

*Both the restaurant and the museum face Wright Park. Please RSVP to Dorothy McBride so we can reserve a space for you at lunch.*

## Not So Fast Food Group

The NSFFG is meeting for lunch at Bruno's in Lakewood on October 5 at noon. Please RSVP to Jane Hahn by Oct 4th.

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### *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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# October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Not So Fast Food Group – Bruno’s 12:00
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Branch program: Meet the Tech Trek Campers! 10:00
13	14	15 Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 pm at Robin’s	16	17 Genealogy and Family History 11:30	18	19
20	21	22	23 Daytime Book Group: <i>A Different Kind of Daughter</i> 10:00	24	25	26
27	28 Evening Book Group: <i>Small Great Things</i> 6:30	29	30	31 Happy Halloween! 	1 Digger and Delvers	