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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.”

November 2019

Events and News

This is a special “two for one” branch program, longer in length, as some members suggested in the Member Survey conducted in January 2019.

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Uniforms and Roles: Confining, Defining, or Empowering?

and

LBD: Little Black Dress, A Fashion Evolution

Day: Sunday, November 10, 2019

Time: 12:45 -3:30 pm

Location: Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma

The November program is **free** to current branch members, and includes museum admission. Guests of branch members are invited to attend, at the group admission rate of \$11 each. (FREE ADMISSION FOR VETERANS: Veterans with ID and up to five of their family members receive free admission on Veterans Day.)



In a very special Veteran Day's opportunity, AAUW Tacoma Branch member Col. Marisa Peloquin will be presenting on the history of women's changing roles in the US Army, followed by an on-stage interview with Dr. Margarethe Cammermeyer.

Dr. Cammermeyer was born in Oslo, Norway, in 1942, which at the time was under Nazi occupation. She immigrated to the United States with her family in 1951. She joined the Army student nurse program in the early 1960s, and served in the military for over 31 years. She worked for over 17 years to repeal the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.



This presentation continues Washington State Historical Society's #YearOfTheWoman in celebration of the 2020 Suffrage Centennial.



After the presentation, we will continue with a brief tour of “LBD: Little Black Dress, A Fashion Evolution.”

As ideas about women’s roles have changed, so have style, fabric, and function in fashion. Style magazine use the descriptor “fashion-forward,” but fashion trends are actually fashion following changes in

society. This exhibit creatively connects clothing and social constructs through the story of the quintessential “little black dress.” A timeline of garments, from ruffled Victorian gowns through contemporary cocktail shifts, tells stories of practical, social and cultural changes in our history.

Restaurants are available close by, for pre- or post-program socializing. Paid parking available at the museum. Program Lead: Susan Hesselgrave

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Nov 15, 4:30 pm, at Robin Larson’s home. The agenda will include new branch program proposals and board development.

Remember that Board meetings are open to all members. Please RSVP to Susan if you plan to attend.

December Program – *RSVP extended to November 3!*



The Christmas Revels – A Celebration of the Winter Solstice

Day: Saturday, December 14

Time: 1 pm

Location: Rialto Theater, 310 S. 9th St., Tacoma

IMPORTANT! RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW BY CLICKING [HERE!](#)

Let's travel together this December to the Balkan Peninsula, where we'll celebrate the season with the colorful folk stories, stunning harmonies, lively dances, resplendent costumes, and intriguing traditions of Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia, and Bosnia. What's included? Singing, dancing, and storytelling, oh my! Expect beauty, mystery, and hilarity.

Performance begins at 2:00 PM. We will carpool to the Rialto Theatre (yes, we will arrange drop-off service at the Theatre doors for any who wishes!) Post-performance socializing at nearby venues is possible.

HOW TO GET YOUR TICKET: We have pre-purchased a group a block of 20 premium seats. Member's share of cost will be \$20. First priority for tickets will be accorded to current members – reserve your place by no later than November 3.

REGISTER [HERE](#)

Please note:

Guests of members are welcome if there are remaining tickets available in our pre-paid block (Section RGT, Rows H-L, Seats 6-10). Remaining tickets will be released for members' guests after November 3. Guest share of cost: \$35 (this is the actual cost of the ticket and box office fee). Please note that youth tickets are available at a lower cost if you purchase them directly. Program Lead: Susan Hesselgrave. Email susanhesselgrave@gmail.com if you have questions.

President's Corner



We had great turnout and a fun group at the October branch program at the Tacoma Yacht Club. The four Tech Trek campers who attended were enthusiastic about their experience and articulate in their responses to branch members' questions. Thank you to this program's organizers: Sandy Bowman, Dorothy McBride, and Marisa Peloquin.

We still have tickets available for our December program, *The Christmas Revels*, on December 14. If you would like to bring a guest, please reserve their ticket [here](#) (Guest ticket cost is \$35. Branch member ticket cost is \$20.)

Finally, thank you for voting on the 2019-2020 Branch Budget. It seems that worked pretty well for everyone. Please let me know if you had any issues or concerns with the format or process. There was higher participation than we typically get at a business meeting, so I am very pleased.

Votes For Women!

~ Susan

Budget

Official Budget vote results

We had great member participation!

✓ 24 approve

0 disapprove

Passes unanimously.

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

Membership

Obituary

Farwell to Former State President Gretchen Ilgenfritz

by Connie Dunkelberger

A former state President of AAUW-WA, Gretchen Ilgenfritz, died on October 9th, 2019. Her obituary was published in the *Seattle Times* on October 20th.

Gretchen served on many leadership positions at State and National levels in the 1970's through the 90's. She was on a national committee when the Legal Advocacy Fund came into being. She was invited to be a speaker at a Tacoma Branch reception to tell about this new AAUW entity. Faculty members from our local four year colleges were invited. This was one of the first AAUW events I attended after moving to the Tacoma area in 1986. Illness kept Gretchen from many state functions in later years, but she continued to attend some of the Lake Washington Branch activities.

Her family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be sent (specify "Gretchen Q. Ilgenfritz Memorial Fund" on your check) to:

American Association of University Women
1310 L Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

Donations may also be made online [here](#).

Renewals

Our membership renewal window is about to close. Thank you to all who have renewed. If you still have not renewed but still want to be a part of our great group, **please renew by November 9th.**

To renew online (easiest and quickest!) follow the link in the email sent to you by Robin on Thursday, 10/31. You may also download and print the paper form and send it in with your check by postal mail. You can get a copy of the downloadable form [here](#).

After November 9, members who have not renewed will be dropped off the roster. Contact Robin at laro32@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

~ Robin

Tech Trek

How To Donate To AAUW Washington Tech Trek for Tacoma-Area Campers

1. Online by PayPal: go to <http://techtrek-wa.aauw.net/> Use the “Donate” button for the AAUW Tech Trek Special Projects Fund. You will be directed to a PayPal site to make your donation.
2. Make checks payable to AAUW-WA Special Projects Fund and put Tacoma branch in the memo line.

Mail to:

AAUW-WA SPF
PO Box 1665
Bellevue, WA 98009-1665

For fun...

Macadamia Nut Pie

Served at AAUW Tacoma's spring tea at Phyllis Izant's house, April 2019.

Base - Makes a 10" pie

Ingredients

- 3 egg whites
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup grated coconut
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped macadamia nuts
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Instructions

Beat egg whites and baking powder until stiff. Add sugar and vanilla gradually, beating until it is of meringue consistency. Fold in graham cracker crumbs, coconut, and nuts. Pour into a 10" pie pan coated with cooking spray, and bake at 350 degrees for 30 min. Cool before preparing the topping.

Topping

Ingredients

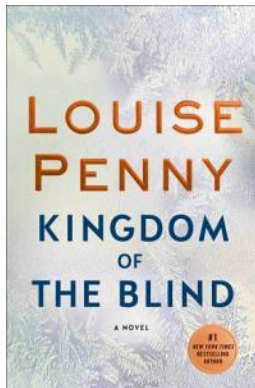
- 1/2 pint whipping cream
- 2 T sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped macadamia nuts

Instructions

Beat the whipping cream and sugar until it forms stiff peaks, then spread on chilled pie. Sprinkle with macadamia nuts. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Cut into small pieces. It's rich!

~ Mary Hammond

Interest Groups (MeetUps)

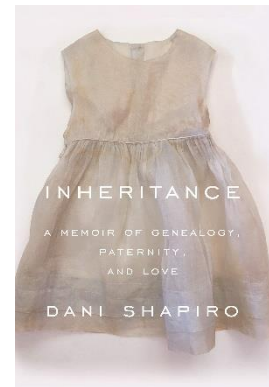


Daytime Book Group

The Daytime Book Group will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 10:00 am at Joyce Hill's home to discuss *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny. Robin Larson will lead the review.

Evening Book Group

On Monday, November 25 at 6:30 pm, the Evening Book Group will gather at Dolora Neumaier's home to review *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro. Patricia Higgins will lead the discussion.



Genealogy and Family History



The Genealogy and Family History Group will tour the Lewis Army Museum on Friday, November 15.

The Museum is located in the historic Red Shield Inn building built by the Salvation Army during WWI to house visiting family and friends of WWI military personnel. It is the only certified US Army museum on the West Coast and has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979. Visitors to the museum will see Fort Lewis military items from its 1917 beginning to the present day, now part of Joint Base Lewis McChord. You can find more information at www.lewisarmymuseum.com.

Meet at 11:30 AM for lunch at McNamara's (Irish Pub), 1595 Wilmington Dr. (on the corner) in Dupont, WA. We'll carpool to the museum for the 1:30 docent tour.

Please RSVP to Joye Bucklin to reserve your place.

Papercrafters

Join us November 14th at 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 104th Street S.W. for some crafting, organizing, or any project you'd like to work on. You'll have plenty of room to work on your projects at your own table, yet close enough to visit. 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.



Second Saturday at the Cinema

The Second Saturday at the Cinema will be going to the movies on Saturday, November 9th. If the movie *Harriet* is still playing at the Grand, we will see that. Save the date and watch for confirmed time of the show. Contact Robin at laro32@gmail.com if you have questions.

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 aauwtaconewsletter@gmail.com. You can send photos as well. Please send by the **16th 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

November 2019



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