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2017 AAUW Lobby Day

Monday, January 30, 2017
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
114 20th Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Lobby Day will begin at 8:30 am on January 30, 2017 at St. John's Episcopal Church at 114 20th Ave. SE in Olympia. This church is close to the Capitol Campus. Carpools are suggested as parking is limited. The program for the morning is shown below.

AAUW Washington Board will meet at the Lacey Community Center at 1:00 pm on Sunday, January 29, 2017. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Lacey but feel free to stay at your favorite hotel in the Olympia area or drive down in the morning.

Reservations will be made for Sunday night dinner at Casa Mia on Plum Street in Olympia. Let Judy Prince, president@aauw-wa.org, know if you plan to attend.

Schedule and Program

- 8:30 AM **Registration and Check-in and continental breakfast**
- 9:00-9:45 **Welcome Message and AAUW-WA Public Policy Agenda**
- 9:45-10:30 AM **Speaker from OSPI; State of Education in Washington State**
- 10:30-11:15 **Julie Salvi; WEA Funding Public Education in Washington State: An analysis of the process**
- 11:15-11:45 **Pam Crone; AAUW-WA Lobbyist**
- Noon **Lunch and Closing Remarks**
- Thanks for coming!**

Registration

Registration is required for the program. The cost is \$20 and includes both the continental breakfast and your choice of a sub sandwich from Meconi's Deli. Sandwich choices are: Italian Sub, Turkey Breast Sub, Tuna Salad Sub, and Veggie Sub. Gluten free bread is an option. The Veggie Sub includes Swiss, American, and Provolone cheese. Please specify your choice for lunch at the time of registration.

You can register for Lobby Day at this link:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=psxfmitab&oeidk=a07edf51fn9cab47a71>

Preparation for Lobby Day

Based upon Judy Waring's material from the Seattle Branch

- 1) Prepare a list of the legislators that represent you.
- 2) Include their contact information, the location of their office.
- 3) Make a list of the committees on which they serve.
- 4) Obtain a map of the capital campus from the state web site to help plan your visits. http://leg.wa.gov/LIC/Documents/Maps/Capitol_Campus_Map.pdf
- 5) Review the AAUW Washington Public Policy Priorities 2016-18 on the web site. These can be found at http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/files/2016/06/AAUW-WA-2016-8-Public-Policy-1-2-Approved_com.pdf

Tips for Lobby Day

Suggestions by Judy Turpin of the Federal Way Branch
And from AAUW web site *Just Dropping By*

- 1) The legislature begins on January 11th this year and staff is usually around during the prior week. The earlier you make the appointments with them the better.
- 2) The meetings are usually scheduled for no more than 15 minutes, sometimes less.
- 3) It is helpful to have something in writing, the main issues you plan to discuss.
- 4) Sometimes, if there is no meeting times available, you may be able to contact them between hearings or walk with them on the way to a hearing.
- 5) If you don't succeed in having a meeting, go to the office anyhow, talk with an aide and leave a note including how they can reach you by phone or email.
- 6) Remember to share the results of your visit with your branch, your state, and the AAUW staff! Leave your tracks.



Jewels from Judy

Judy Prince, President
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When you read this, the 2016 election will be over. I am writing this before the election, but after some of us have submitted our ballots. I think we are all happy the election is over as it has not been a pleasant presidential campaign. Marziah Kiehn did mention the hefty Washington State Voter's Pamphlet as an asset. It helped me wade through the Initiatives and Proposition 1 (Sound Transit). In addition, it provided me information to vote the five proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter and three proposed amendments to the City of Everett Charter.

I hope many of you are planning to attend Lobby Day on January 30 in Olympia. This is your chance to speak with your legislators in their Olympia offices and to learn about the important matters the legislature should address. Remember this is the "long" session where the biennial budget needs to be determined. This year we will be at St. John's Episcopal which is near the Capitol campus. More information is available elsewhere in this issue of Evergreen Leader.

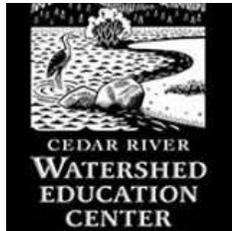
Other upcoming meetings are the Washington State annual meeting on April 22 at the Cedar River Watershed Educational Center and AAUW Convention in DC, June 14-17. Detailed information about the state annual meeting will be in the next issue of Evergreen Leader. There is a mountain of information about national convention on the AAUW website. Just select Convention from the top of the home page. Unless you want to attend the Wednesday afternoon Lobby Day briefing, you don't need to be in DC until evening of the 14th to attend the opening dinner.

The date has not been selection for the AAUW Washington summer meeting -- I'm looking at August 19 -- a Saturday. Venue may change.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and I hope to see everyone in the New Year.



State News



Upcoming State Meetings

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2017 is a year where we will have a one day annual meeting. This year the meeting is on April 22 at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center near North Bend. Stephanie Coontz who had to drop out of a keynote position at the 2016 Convention will be joining us for this event. There are 6 copies of her book *The Way We Never Were* available. If you would like one of these copies, please let Judy Prince, president@aauw-wa.org know of your interest. She will send the book to you.

We have an opportunity of a national staff or elected official attending the meeting. Judy is interested in hearing about topics that you want to hear discussed.

2018 convention is scheduled for Spokane. Planning for that meeting is in the preliminary stage. More information will be available at the annual meeting.



Tech Trek 2017

Coming to a Washington Campus near You

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Dates are set for two Tech Trek camps in Washington in 2017 – July 9-15 at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) and July 31-August 5 at Eastern Washington University (EWU). Capacity at PLU will again be 100 campers, but we are hoping to increase capacity at EWU to 60 or 70 campers – all contingent on AAUW-member volunteers and funds available.

All branches in Washington are invited to participate – as are all AAUW-WA members invited to become Tech Trek volunteers. Twenty-two branches participated in the 2016 camps, including WA OnLine, which spearheaded the selection of campers from areas of the state where there is no AAUW presence. Seventeen campers, funded by state-raised funds, attended camps through the OnLine branch's efforts of accepting applications, interviewing and selecting campers.

Branch participation continues to be crucial to Tech Trek WA's success as the branches provide the "front line" in identifying and selecting campers from their local area. This brings the implementation of the program to the local level. All camper candidates are recommended by their teachers; criteria

include being a student highly interested in STEM subjects who otherwise would not likely attend a program like this.

Foundation, corporate, business, branch and individual support make Tech Trek happen. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our donors (individual, branches, foundations, small businesses, and corporations) from 2013 through 2016. Donations cover the costs for rising 8th grade girls to attend a week of summer camp on a college campus doing math, science and engineering projects. Attendees pay only \$50 of the weekly expenses. Tech Trek is a program of AAUW Funds and AAUW-WA Special Project Funds, so any contributions made to either AAUW Funds or AAUW-WA SPF on behalf of Tech Trek are fully deductible to the donor. Funds designated to your local branch to support girls from **YOUR** branch. Truly, a win/win situation!

A team of successful fundraisers (Kelvie Comer, Dorothy McBride, Nancy Dahl and Rosette Dawson) will offer their services to help branches set fundraising goals and do some individual training on how to raise funds locally. Although the hope is that all branches will raise funds for Tech Trek, this will be useful information for all mission-based programs.

Between now and January 1st, the AAUW-WA Tech Trek website will be continually changing, as we add information on the 2017 camps. Check out the AAUW-WA Tech Trek website frequently, techtrek-wa.aauw.net, for updates and further details. Donations can also be made through the links on the website.

New AAUW Branch Model Bylaws

Must be adopted by January 31, 2017

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While working on proposed amendments to the AAUW Bylaws for the 2017 membership vote, AAUW Governance Task Force encountered problems that were insurmountable and thus asked their attorneys to initiate a review of the existing bylaws. That review resulted in a complete restatement of the bylaws. Legally, both AAUW and its affiliates must comply. We know that complying with these legal mandates can be a difficult and time-consuming task. However, once these restated bylaws are uniformly adopted, the framework of AAUW will be stabilized, future amendments will be minimal, and the integrity of AAUW as an organization (at all levels) will be protected.

So, on August 19, 2016, AAUW announced that new model bylaws would be issued in early September and all AAUW affiliates (branches, states, student groups, etc.) would need to update their bylaws to incorporate the new model articles (Articles I through VII of all AAUW affiliates).

The new model bylaws were issued September 9 and can be accessed at <http://www.aauw.org/files/2016/10/2016-AAUW-Model-Bylaws-nsa.docx> Instructions on how to use the new model bylaws can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/files/2016/09/2016-Model-Bylaws-Instructions-nsa.pdf> The new

model mandates only the first seven (Art I through VII) articles. Articles which are specific to your branch can be added, starting with Article VIII. No member vote is required to make these changes (unless your branch is incorporated). **DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION IS JANUARY 31, 2017.**

While making these mandated changes, take a moment to look at your bylaws overall and see if there are other changes that should be made to help streamline the functioning of your branch. There are many ways to describe your branch structure and governance in your bylaws – send your questions or thoughts. We're here to help!

Confused? Frustrated? Feel free to contact AAUW-WA Bylaws chair Karen Manelis at bylaws@aauw-wa.org.

Human Trafficking Symposium

Nancy Roberts
AAUW Stanwood-Camano

On **March 9, 2017**, the Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW will present a program on **human trafficking** by speaker **LYNDA BUEHRING**, a local expert on this important issue, who will coordinate a symposium to bring our awareness to this huge and complex topic. After recently retiring from 32 years with the federal government as a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA), Department of Homeland Security, assigned to oversee the Human Trafficking Unit in Seattle, and serving as the Victim-Witness Coordinator (VWC) since 2000 working with nongovernmental agencies and community-based organizations, Lynda, along

with agents and task force officers from Homeland Security and the Seattle Police Department, will define trafficking and its indicators and then show us how local and global agencies intersect to combat these horrific acts. As a VWC, SSA Buehring provided direct services to victims such as crisis intervention, notification of rights, referrals for available services and follow-up contact as is appropriate. As a supervisor of the Human Trafficking Unit, SSA Buehring provided oversight of all human trafficking investigations from initial predication through the prosecutorial phase. We will also learn about a local group which offers financial support overseas, and we will be shown what we as individuals can do in our own community to assist in bringing these perpetrators to justice. The important message of this training will have a lasting impact on communities working together with local law enforcement agencies.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this informative event. The symposium will take place in the greater Stanwood area, location and time TBD. Questions may be addressed to branch president Norma Mouton at normamouton@yahoo.com.



Join AAUW Legacy Circle

Ginnie De Forest
 National Legacy Circle Team Member
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I invite all of you to join Legacy Circle by including AAUW in your estate plan thus ensuring it will be able to promote education and equity for women and girls as long as the need remains. There is no minimum amount required. Whatever you can give will be much appreciated and will remain confidential.

There are many ways to do this: for example you might specify an amount or a percentage of your estate in your will, or you might make AAUW a beneficiary of your IRA or an annuity. The question of whether it's possible to leave jewelry has come up and has been passed along to D.C. to research it. For more details pertaining to your individual situation please email gibsonc@aauw.org or call 877-357-5587.

For those of you who got enrollment forms at past state meetings, the AAUW address on them is the old one. Please substitute the new one: AAUW, 1310 L Street, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

Thank you everyone for all you do for AAUW.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
1/30/2017	Lobby Day	St. John's Episcopal Church Olympia
3/9/2017	Human Trafficking Symposium	Stanwood-Camano Island area
4/22/2017	Annual Meeting	Cedar River Watershed Education Center North Bend
6/14-17/2017	2017 AAUW National Convention	Washington DC

Branch News



Colville Branch Activities

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AAUW Colville Branch

Submitted by: Karen Schuerman, President
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With the support of the State AAUW and State AAUW Board member-at-large and Colville branch member Leslie Waters Colville AAUW sponsored a viewing of the "Hunting Ground" on October 12. It was followed by a panel discussion that included a local therapist, a counselor, a victim's advocate, the local community action agency and Victim Services. The audience included students, parents, and community members. It was attended by forty people.

Colville AAUW has hosted candidate's nights for more than thirty years. On October 13, we featured local races and twelve candidates attended to a full City Hall crowd. Candidates present opening and closing statements and questions are handed in. The evening was moderated by Colville AAUW member Josie Darst.

Many hands make for successful events. Colville AAUW members helped with the luncheon set up for the annual fundraiser "WoMen Making a Difference" for Rural Resources Victim Services held Friday October 14.

The 26th annual Coffee House was another success. The Colville Junior High School Jazz band made its first appearance on the Coffee House stage. Many local artists including musicians and poets kept the audience entertained. This is one of the make fundraisers for Colville AAUW. A number of members participate including Leslie Waters who coordinates the program and other members help with set up, serving wine, providing tasty snacks for the audience. Member Lynn O'Connor created a beautiful poster to advertise the event.

Colville Branch of AAUW is keeping up its participation in the community throughout the year but October was a particularly busy month.



Mary Lou Hughes Fund Fully Endowed!

Barbara Sando

Dual member AAUW Seattle and Highline Branches



Mary Lou Hughes

Thanks to generous contributions from Seattle and Highline Branch members, as well as from AAUW members across Washington State, the Mary Lou Hughes Research & Projects (R&P) Grant Fund #4362 is now fully endowed. The Fund was established in late 2011 when our beloved longtime member Mary Lou Hughes passed away. In just five years, dedicated fundraising efforts resulted in the Fund reaching the \$75,000 amount needed for the Grant to be established. The Mary Lou Hughes R&P Grant will now be awarded to deserving applicants each and every year well into the future.



Highline Branch Activities

Emily Hitchens

AAUW Highline Branch

For several years we have been sending cards with a tea bag “have a cup of tea with an AAUW friend” We did this one year because our January meeting was snowed out and then a couple of years in December because there were so many competing activities that month.

A second program that may be of interest is about honoring teachers in the fall as they begin a new school year. We “pack” small bags with treats and a list of High School Scholars from that high school. Last year we did Mt. Rainier and this year we are doing Evergreen. We also include something about AAUW. It is an outreach activity and visibility activity. Besides we have fun preparing the ‘bags’.

*Vancouver 85th Anniversary
Celebration Planned for November 14th*



Kathy Walker
AAUW Vancouver Branch

Photograph: Nancy Stepsis, representing a 1940s AAUW member, and Chris Lines, representing a 1930s AAUW member, are in the cast of the play for AAUW Vancouver's 85th Anniversary celebration.

AAUW Vancouver is celebrating its 85th anniversary on Nov. 14 with a luncheon, a play and a display of its archives. To further the sense of stepping back into the past, the branch chose a venue that existed at the time the group was founded in 1931. That is, Fort Vancouver's Red Cross Building at 605 Barnes St., Vancouver.

The celebration will include a play titled, *Thinking Back ... Looking Forward*, which depicts AAUW members through eight decades discussing world, national and local events and how

they impacted the lives of women during those times and vice versa. The costumes will offer luncheon attendees a glimpse of fashions from 1931 to the present.

AAUW Vancouver, originally called AAUW Clark County, was founded 85-years ago by a group of 17 local women. The branch is known for its annual scholarships to students at Clark College and WSU-Vancouver, for holding a reception to recognize high school students who excel in STEM subjects and for sending local eighth-grade girls to WA State AAUW Tech Trek Camp. The group has also been involved in almost every type of community service project over the years, from educational conferences to voter registration and from book sales to its Mystery Authors panel last March. Members are offered monthly presentations by informative speakers. The annual Holiday Brunch Auction is the association's major fundraiser. The group's scholarship fund at The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington makes donations for its scholarships tax-deductible for donors.



Anacortes Branch Fundraiser

Rosette Dawson, President
AAUW Anacortes Branch

The Anacortes branch is holding another Jingle Bell Dash on December 17th. This is a 5K run or walk to raise funds for our STEM programs.

The Dash to Santa (for kids under 7) does not require a registration fee - just some non-perishable food for one of the food pantries in town (if you can remember!).

Wear festive attire if you are in the mood!

For more information and to register online, please go to:
<http://www.jinglebelldashanacortes.net>

Port Townsend Hosts Chief Justice

Jane Macnab Dow
AAUW Port Townsend Branch

The Port Townsend branch was pleased to welcome Chief Justice Barbara Madsen of the Washington State Supreme Court to its meeting on Saturday, October 15. The gathering began with a short social where the Chief Justice mingled with members and guests, including our 2016 Tech Trek girls. Co-President Jean Stastny opened the meeting, the Tech Trek girls spoke, and then Jeanie Glaspell, Co-VP of Programs, introduced the Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Madsen gave a brief history of the court system in Washington, told how a case reaches the Washington Supreme Court, and cited a couple of recent cases including the McCleary decision. She described her journey from law school to the highest court in our state, serving along the way as public defender, prosecutor, and Seattle Municipal Court Judge. She included anecdotes about being startled when she first encountered a female judge, and how the Clarence Thomas hearings in 1992 galvanized her to run for the Washington State Supreme Court, where she has served for over 23 years. The Chief Justice spoke about the changes in gender issues over the years, how important it is to have a female perspective represented, and the work of the Supreme Court's Gender and Justice Commission. After her talk and a short question and answer session, Chief Justice Madsen received a standing ovation.

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