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President's Corner

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Washington State AAUW President



Now that Thanksgiving is over, we're deep into the holiday rush. Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and a host of special bargain days lure us into the buying frenzy to find that special gift.

I was reminded of the special power of gifts when I received the Gift Catalog from our national AAUW office. The catalog shows 6 gifts that we can give to change the lives of women and girls.

But giving is only one side of the ledger. Being grateful for the gifts we receive is the other, and this is a time to be especially grateful for the many gifts we receive from AAUW.

Foremost is the gift of friendship with women we like and respect. Through interest groups, book sales and EYH, we come together to enjoy one another's company and to work on behalf of women and girls.

We have been through some big changes in AAUW this year, and we haven't always agreed with one another on important issues, but we have given one another the gift of respect that is a hallmark of AAUW discussion.

Your leadership team has given unsparingly of their gifts of time and talent to assist branches and make our state organization even more responsive to you.

You all give a gift to women and girls through your strong commitment to the mission of AAUW. I've witnessed this giving so many times over this past year - at a fun picnic with the Hudsons Bay branch; at the incredibly warm and wonderful Spokane Centennial celebration; in the special annual meetings in Whidbey Island and Walla Walla; at a wonderful Scholar Recognition Program in Edmonds; at innovative branch meetings in Everett and Kirkland-Redmond; in the special atmosphere of Issaquah's 30th Anniversary celebration; in the excitement of our annual convention in Bellevue; in the knowledge given and received at our Ellensburg Leadership Conference; and so many times with my own Lake Washington branch. I have been energized by your ingenuity, your creativity and the joy you exhibit in the company of your AAUW sisters.

Thank you for these very special gifts you have given and received over this past year.

Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season.

Dixie



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WASHINGTON WOMEN: FROM SUFFRAGE TO SUCCESS AAUW-WA Convention 2010



Give yourself a holiday present this year – something to look forward to through the long, dreary, winter months. Plan a spring get-a-way to the AAUW State Convention being held April 16-18th on the beautiful Walla Walla Community College Campus.

Many hands and many committees have been hard at work planning workshops and speakers that will engage your minds, lift your spirits, and promote new ways of thinking about yourself, your community, and AAUW. The week-end will start with a Friday night Pink Tea, Walla Walla style, and will end with a Sunday morning 100th Birthday Party celebrating women's suffrage.

You will probably need running shoes for Saturday's full day of activities. Here are just a few "teasers" to pique your interest. The day will commence with a presentation by Maria Peeler, a Senior Policy Specialist from the Washington State Department of Ecology. Her childhood journey from Cuba, to her present day professional success is an incredible story. Our noon speaker will be Dr. Anne Carlson, a 2005-2006 AAUW American Fellowship Award recipient, and currently a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Washington. And to prepare for our evening entertainment we suggest you read [Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk across Victorian America](#), as Linda Hunt, the author, will be discussing this fascinating story. During the day, there will be three workshop sessions with over a dozen different choices – something for everyone we hope! And from our national association, we have Kate Farrar Director of the AAUW Leadership Programs that help women and girls break through barriers to assume leadership roles.

Our terrific STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) panel on Sunday morning with three distinguished women is not to be missed either! Dr. Carolyn Landel is the Project Director for the Washington STEM initiative, Dr. Elizabeth MacDonald is a Los Alamos space physicist, and former NASA Space Grant Recipient, and Karen Peterson is the Principal Investigator for the National Girls Collaborative Project. They will address their experiences in these fields where girls and women are underrepresented.

The complete program and registration form will be included in the Evergreen Leader convention issue that will be mailed to all members in early February, but you may want to go ahead and make your hotel reservation. There are blocks of rooms reserved at each of the following hotel/motels for April 16-17. Please reference AAUW or American Association of University Women when making your reservation.

Marcus Whitman Hotel - \$139/night; 6 W Rose St. 509-525-2200.

La Quinta Inns & Suites - \$96.90/night; 520 N 2nd Ave. 509-525-2522. (Please reference group #219 when making reservation at La Quinta.)

Comfort Inn & Suites - \$90.00/night; 1419 W Pine St. 509-522-3500

Some of you may want to come a day early as Sherman Alexie will be giving a free lecture on Thursday evening, April 15th, at Cordiner Hall on the Whitman Campus. For more information, contact conventioncommittee@aauw-wa.org.



Walla Walla Community College

AAUW-WA STATE PUBLIC POLICY- Lobby Day



Women in Washington State are celebrating the centennial anniversary of our right to vote. Suffragists in the early 1900's often paid a painful price for a practice we have so casually come to expect. We have participated in electing our legislators and

now it is time to advocate for our priorities by encouraging our senators and representatives to seriously consider legislative issues that deeply impact the lives of women and girls in our state.

In preparation for the second half of the 61st Biennial Legislative Session in January, our Washington State AAUW Public Policy team has established a set of priorities to help our branch members focus on upcoming legislation which advances equity for women and girls.

Washington State AAUW Legislative Priorities for 2010 are as follows:

1. Implement Basic Education Reform

2. Protect access to postsecondary education for traditional and reentry students
3. Provide access to comprehensive reproductive health care
4. Assist in the implementation of gender equity in community athletics
5. Assist in the implementation of medically accurate sex education

On January 25, 2010, AAUW branch members from all over the state will arrive in Olympia for our annual **Lobby Day activities**, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. We will hear from some of the state's most respected advocates for education and other women's issues in the morning. After a buffet lunch prepared by the Olympia AAUW branch, members will proceed to the offices of the legislators from their individual districts where they will have an opportunity to discuss two or three of our 2010 Public Policy Priorities as listed above. Members can begin scheduling fifteen minute appointments with their local legislators or make other less formal contacts if a regular office appointment isn't available.

With the right to vote, we are now charged with the responsibility to advocate for the well being of the women and girls who will inherit our legacy. See you in Olympia on January 25th!

Legislative Lobby Day

Monday, January 25, 2010

First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA

Check-in & Coffee 8:00 AM—Program 8:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Price: Still \$15.00, includes buffet lunch

Directions: From I-5 North, take exit 105 B, Port of Olympia. From the South, take exit 105; take first right and follow Port of Olympia signs. In either case, go south on Plum Street to the 4th light, Legion Way. Turn right onto Legion Way and go up the hill past the first light. A school is on the right and the church is on the left. Free parking is in front and on the side of the church.

Return this registration form and your check, payable to AAUW, by **Thursday, January 14, 2010** to: Sue Schauler, 4813 SE, Lacey, WA 98503-7046.

Registration Form

AAUW _____ Other _____

Name _____

Branch _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

**Benefits of College/University
Partner Program**
Dorothy E. McBride, Chair
State College/University Initiative

By paying an annual fee based on enrollment and ranging from \$125 to \$350, a community college, liberal arts college, or university can become an institutional member of AAUW. The President, Provost, Chancellor or Dean has to sign the check, but the *representative*—a designated faculty member or student affairs administrator—is the point person for the college, receives all communications, and becomes an at-large member of AAUW. While the number of C/U partners is growing nationwide, in 2009-2010 only 5 colleges in Washington state are AAUW partners: Pacific Lutheran University, Heritage University, Western Washington University, Eastern Washington University, and Walla Walla Community College (Compare this to Connecticut with 19). More colleges and universities would very likely join if they knew about the advantages that come with the relatively low membership dues. But joining AAUW is not just a good deal for these institutions, and their staff and students, local branches also benefit from having a C/U partner in the neighborhood. If you know a college or university that should be on the list, let's work together to bring them on board.

For more information about the many benefits of college/university partnerships, go to our state website www.aauw-wa.org and click on Education/University Affiliations, then on Benefits or contact Dorothy McBride at collegerelations@aauw-wa.org



**Vancouver
Branch
Donates to
County Food
Drive**

Elaine Hertz, Executive Director of the North County Food Bank, welcomes the hundreds of pounds of food donated to the North County Food Bank. She is flanked by Janeen Johnson and Diane Grubel representing the Vancouver Branch of AAUW in its inaugural November food drive to feed the hungry.



**Dixie Swenson Named
to AAUW Public
Policy Committee**

Dixie Swenson, Washington State AAUW President, was selected by the National Board to serve on the 2009-2011 public policy committee. Dixie joins Carolyn Hayek, Connie Dunkelberger, and Karen Manelis who also hold national AAUW positions.



**Tacoma Receives AAUW
Community Action Grant**

AAUW has awarded a community action grant to Tacoma to fund a program that trains girls to compete in a robotics program called "CleverGirlz: Learning through Design, Creation, Experimentation, and Exploration," which challenges the girls to think critically and collaboratively to solve real-world problems in innovative ways. The girls will participate in an annual competition in which only boys have traditionally competed.



**EYH Girls Learn the
Science of Juggling**

On October 17, Lewis County AAUW and Centralia College hosted its 16th Annual Expanding Your Horizons conference for young women in grades 7-9. Two hundred young women and 50 parents watched Rhys Thomas of Jugglemania demonstrate how juggling relates to physics, archaeology, chemistry, and mathematics. Then each young woman attended 2 hands-on workshops (out of 20) to learn about possible science careers. Parents attended a separate session to learn how to finance a college education and resources that are available.

Women's Legislative Reception to be held in the Governor's Mansion



The Women's Legislative Reception will be held at the Governor's Mansion this year on Monday, February 1 from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. For more information contact pub-licpolicy@aauw-wa.org

Help Put Tacoma Centennial Fund "Over the Top"

This year it looks very possible that the Tacoma Branch Centennial Fund can reach its goal of \$100,000. When that's accomplished the AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund will be enriched with another stable source of support for scholarships and grants that promote women in education and the professions. Several branches have already contributed to the fund; with \$74,000 on hand, the end is in sight. The Tacoma Branch thanks everyone for past help and asks others to make a timely donation. Just write the check to AAUW FUNDS with the Tacoma Centennial fund number #4275 on the memo line.



AAUW Nominating Committee Members Needed

Applications are now being accepted for members of the AAUW Nominating Committee, who will develop a slate of candidates to serve on the

AAUW Board of Directors for the 2011-13 term. The application notice is posted on the AAUW website www.aauw.org, along with a description of the qualifications for appointment and an application form. Nominating Committee members will be announced by January 31, 2010.

Dr. Bonnie Dunbar, Astronaut and Flight Museum CEO, to Headline EF Benefit



AAUW members, their families and friends are invited to a major EF fundraiser and "fun-raiser" to be held at the Museum of Flight in Seattle on Saturday, February 27th. The featured speaker will be Dr. Bonnie Dunbar, former NASA Mission Specialist, astronaut and veteran of five space flights. Dr. Dunbar has logged more than 50 days in space. She has served as the Payload Commander on two flights, including the first Space Shuttle docking mission to the Russian Space Station Mir. She is currently the president and CEO of the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

Individual tickets to the fundraiser are available for \$35, which will entitle guests to attend Dr. Dunbar's lecture followed by a "Pink Tea" to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Suffragists in Washington. Major donors who contribute at the \$100, \$150, or \$200 level or who become a \$900 table sponsor will also be invited to a brunch preceding the lecture as well as enjoying other extras. Gifts to AAUW Funds are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

All attendees will also, at no additional charge, be invited to visit the Amelia Earhart exhibit that will be on display at the museum.

Reservation form follows. For additional information, email Kellie Comer at ef@aauw-wa.org.



Right: Dr. Bonnie Dunbar





Reaching for the Stars - 2010
A Premier Event at the Museum of Flight to Support Women Advancing as Scientists, Engineers, Astronauts, and Leaders
 February 27, 2010

Become an Individual Donor and help women reach higher with AAUW:

- Supporting AAUW Funds
- Attend all event activities, Brunch, Lecture, and Pink Tea as a major donor
- Recognition and thanks in the event program and in *AAUW-WA Evergreen Leader*

Yes! I am pleased to support the AAUW-WA, *Reach for the Stars* Event at the following Level:

Sun - Reaching for the Stars Event Table Sponsor - 10 seats at each table

- All of the benefits of the Stars Platinum Major Donor Sponsorship;
- Table Sponsor goes on Docent Tour after lecture at 2:30 PM

Stars - Platinum Level, Individual Donor

- Same benefits as Earth and Moon
- Special docent tour of Museum of Flight after lecture at 2:30 PM

Moon - Gold Level, Individual Donor

- Special invitation to Meet and Greet with Dr. Dunbar before Brunch
- Priority Seating at Lecture

Earth - Silver Level, Individual Donor

- Recognition at event

Lecture and Pink Tea Individual Tickets - List Guest Names below:

Number requested: _____ x \$ 35= _____

Additional Donation to AAUW Funds

Total Enclosed:

Check One:

\$900

\$200

\$150

\$100

\$35

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Gifts to AAUW Funds are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The amount of the contribution that is deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the excess of any money contributed by the donor over the value of goods or services provided - approximately \$45 for major donors for the brunch, lecture and pink tea. For the pink tea alone the cost is \$10. Preliminary receipts issued at Event. AAUW tax-deductible receipts issued through Development Office.

Designate to: ___ Tacoma (WA) Centennial Funds: ___ LAF ___ Eleanor Roosevelt ___ Other

See AAUW Funds Designations under AAUW-WA EF www.aauw-wa.org

Guest names:

Point of Contact:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Send Checks to:

AAUW-WA, Attn. Jan Holsbo
 655 Main Street, # 304
 Edmonds, WA 98020-3059

For more information or an invoice:

Please contact Jan Holsbo, AAUW-WA EF Special Event Treasurer
 425.640.5775
aauwjanh@gmail.com.

Scholar Recognition Program 2010

by Barbara Sando, Scholar Recognition Chair

As Scholar Recognition chair for Washington State, I am here to be a resource to you and your branch as you embark on this program for 2009-2010. I've initiated correspondence with the branch focals on file, but -- since the lion's share of the work for the Scholar Recognition project begins in January -- it's still not too late to join us for 2010. There are some excellent resources for the Scholar Recognition project on the member portion of our new website, www.aauw-wa.org. To start, log in at the top right of the home page. Click on "Resources" at the top of the page, then select "Leadership Resources" on the right hand side under "Resources." The list will expand, and you'll see "Scholar Recognition." Click on that to get to our brand new Scholar Recognition page. The page provides an overview of the Scholar Recognition project, and provides links to other resources, including checklists to use during the project, sample correspondence, and the Certificates of Excellence. All files are in Microsoft Word or Excel, so can be easily downloaded to your own computer, and edited however you'd like for your branch. If your branch is interested in participating, please contact Barbara Sando at scholarrecognition@aaup-wa.org.



Yakima Branch to Celebrate 100th Birthday

The Yakima branch of AAUW will hold a Pink Tea birthday party open house on Saturday, January 30 to celebrate its centennial birthday. The party will be held from 2-5 p.m.

at the Larson Gallery on the Yakima Valley Community College Campus. Joining in the birthday celebration will the League of Women Voters group that will turn 90 years old. Together they will also honor the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Washington State.

Bringing greetings and congratulations will be Dixie Swenson, President of AAUW-Washington; a representative of the LWV-Washington; Corky Mattingly, Chair of the Washington Women's Suffrage Consortium; and Cheryl Hahn, Director, Larson Gallery.

Especially fitting for this event, the Gallery's exhibit, "Women Artists - Where We Are Now," features the work of Central Washington's women artists. The birthday event is free and open to the public. We especially invite AAUW members from around the state. For more information email Millie Stenehjem at cmstenehjem@msn.com or Cheryl Hahn at chahn@yvcc.edu.

Suffrage Reenactment Rally

The Wenatchee AAUW Branch participated in a suffrage reenactment rally for the opening of the traveling exhibit "Women's Votes, Women's Voices" at the Wenatchee museum. Grace Lynch, president of the branch, is also the chairman of the museum's board of directors.



AAUW-WA State Leaders 2009-10

Elected Officers:

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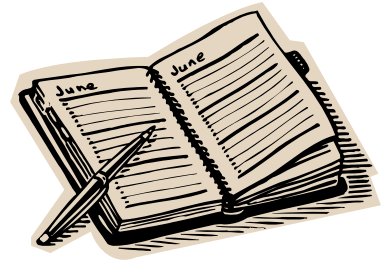
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Happy Holidays

Deadlines and Important Dates

January 25, 2010 ----- Lobby Day
January 30, 2010 ----- Yakima Branch Centennial
February 1, 2010 ----- Women's Legislative Reception at the Governor's Mansion
February 27, 2010 ----- EF Fundraiser "Reaching for the Stars"
April 16—18, 2010 ----- AAUW-WA 2010 State Convention, Walla Walla
April 20, 2010 ----- Equal Pay Day



Mission Statement: AAUW advances education and equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance

Membership in AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the associate (or equivalent), bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation,

national origin, disability or class.

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