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"Bright Spots" Shine the Light on AAUW Successes



Join us as we celebrate AAUW Washington's **Bright Spots** in the heart of Washington's Wine Country, Pasco and Kennewick, at our annual meeting hosted by the Tri-Cities Branch on April 19-20. From Friday afternoon through Saturday at 3 PM, you'll find programs to pique your curiosity, engage your creativity and challenge your thinking. The comfortable La Quinta Inn in Kennewick serves as our host inn and initial gathering point. Smaller branches have a special incentive to attend—AAUW-Washington will reimburse some travel expenses!

You'll find something interesting in Friday afternoon activities. At the La Quinta Hotel, care for your health with a short class on atrial fibrillation called "A little Fib can lead to a big problem!" At the Barnard Griffin Winery, be creative with glass fusing or educate your palate with a wine tasting class. The evening concludes at the winery with "Once Upon a Time" Storytellers and an AAUW Funds fundraiser. Please join us as we celebrate together. (If you are unable to join us in Tri-Cities and want to contribute, we would deeply appreciate your contribution to these

funds! Thank you for your ongoing support of AAUW and the Washington projects.)

This year's annual meeting in Pasco at Columbia Basin College on Saturday, April 20, is one every branch should attend! We are thrilled to have Lisa Maatz, AAUW's director of public policy and government relations, join us as our keynote speaker. Lisa is a dynamic, irreverent, highly sought-after speaker with a long history of advocacy for women. As she shares in her essay included in the 2010 publication, Secrets of Powerful Women: Leading Change for a New Generation, she got an early start in advocacy, when as a third grader she organized her peers to fight for new doors on the stalls of the girls' restroom. This taught her the power of collective action and made her what she calls a "pragmatic idealist." Whether taking on the White House and Congress, or her elementary school principal, Lisa has been very successful in reaching goals, through coalitions and taking one strategic step at a time.

A bright spot in our day will be you! Our program will feature two branches who have had success in strengthening their membership, increasing AAUW name recognition in their communities, and/or advancing the AAUW mission. Your branch could be a bright spot—check page 7 for competition entry information. Not only is this a great way to recognize branches but it also provides a forum for inter-branch dialogue on issues branches struggle with.

Another highlight of the meeting can be found in workshop opportunities. Learn more about the great STEM project, Tech Trek, and see how you can get involved in bringing science, technology, engineering and math careers to life for incoming eighth grade girls. For those of us who aren't tech savvy, learn more about social media and how your branch can reach out to younger members.

AAUW has reserved a block of rooms at La Quinta in Kennewick. Be sure to make your hotel reservations early as there are many other events scheduled in the Tri-Cities area that same weekend competing for those same rooms.

Bring casual and comfortable clothing for our meetings; by April, the weather has changed in Tri-Cities and temperatures should be in the 70s. Dynamic speakers, sharing of success stories, wine and fellowship—what a great way to spend a spring weekend!

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Nominating Committee Presents State Candidates

Mary Alice Peterson, Nominations Chair

Over the past six months, the nominations committee have been hard at work to find superb nominees for the upcoming elections. We are pleased to present the following nominees. We presently do not have a candidate for the position of secretary and would encourage a member to come forward between now and the annual meeting to have her (or his) name placed in nomination for this position. The position of secretary is an excellent way to become involved with the state board.

Many thanks to those who served on the committee: Anna Whipple, Connie Dunkelberger, Helen Smith, Judy Waring, Karen Peddicord, and Phyllis Izant.



Candidate for Program Vice President

Emily Hitchens, candidate for program vice president, is a longtime member of Highline Branch. She has been president (twice!), program vice president and newsletter editor. She's been on the convention planning committee and organized the Lilly Ledbetter program/fund raiser. She is a former UW and SPU professor of nursing and is a member of several community boards. She is committed to AAUW's mission and would enjoy being part of the board, if elected.

Candidates for Communications Co-Vice Presidents

Jim Dunkelberger has been an AAUW member since 2004 and is a member of the OnLine branch. He's had 26 years of teaching computer information systems and applications and is a past AAUW Washington state webmaster. He's presented convention workshops, assisted on several projects behind the scenes, and has held leadership positions in both fraternal and non-profit organizations.



Mary Letterman is a Tacoma branch member who's held many branch offices from president on down. She currently produces, with her daughter, the Tacoma newsletter. She belongs also to the the OnLine branch, works on our Facebook page and is on the AAUW Social Media Task Force. A teacher librarian with Tacoma Public Schools, Mary serves on the district's Library Leadership Team and feels she's a good fit for our communications vice president requirements. She and Jim Dunkelberger look forward to keeping AAUW Washington communicating, if elected.

AAUW-Washington Lobbyists Storm Capitol Hill

Judy Blair, Lobby Day Chair

January 28 brought 55 public policy advocates to Olympia from sixteen branches around the state, as well as two members from the Online branch. The Lobby Day speakers shared up-to-date information on current legislative issues and responded to questions.

The well-versed lawyer from Legal Voice, Janet Chung, spoke in support of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Bill (SB 5292, HB 1457), the Paid Sick Days Bill (HB 1313), the Reproductive Parity Act (HB 1044, SB 5009), and against both the Repeal Family Bill (SB 5159) and the Parental Notification Bill (SB 5156).

Former public school superintendent Mike Blair presented the history and final outcome of the McCleary Supreme Court ruling regarding full funding of Basic K-12 Education. He was the president of the NEWS organization lawsuit which began with a group of small rural schools and then gathered the support of larger districts and community organizations, ultimately resulting in the Supreme Court decision.

The issue of safety in the public schools is foremost in the minds of parents and community members after recent tragic events across the nation. The supervisor of public school safety from OSPI, Mike Donlin, spoke about current efforts to bring school safety programs into Washington State public schools funded by The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Our AAUW-WA professional lobbyist, Pam Crone, gave further details on the House and Senate bills referred to earlier by Janet Chung. Her summation of the budget dilemma and bleak atmosphere on Capitol Hill caused by the change in leadership in the Senate rounded out the morning session.

After the spirited morning program, the participants enjoyed a box lunch and then proceeded to the Capitol to meet with their legislators to discuss upcoming legislation. Thanks to everyone who responded to our most recent survey on AAUW-WA Lobby Day. Your responses will help make next year's event even better.

Membership Matters

Judy Rogers, AAUW-Washington Membership VP
membership@aauw-wa.org



"Planting for Growth"

Thanks to branches that send me your newsletters. There have been wonderful stories. If you do something new or unique with the "Planting for Growth" theme to make members new and old feel special and want to renew, please tell me about it at membership@aauw-wa.org. Have you gained members through a great publicity source? If you've found a great membership tool, share the news. We'll be recognizing "Bright Spots" winners at our state annual meeting in April. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

Mea Culpa to all!

In the winter *Evergreen Leader*, I used the wrong date to count new members for this year and left off some branches. **New Members as of March 16, 2012** - Congratulations to these Branches for recruiting new members: Anacortes – 7,

Bellingham – 14, Colville – 7, Cowlitz County – 2, Edmonds – 8, Everett – 1, Federal Way – 4, Gig Harbor – 5, Highline – 1, Hudson's Bay – 1, Issaquah – 4, Kirkland-Redmond – 10, Lake WA – 8, Lewis County – 1, Mt. Vernon – 5, Palouse- Garfield – 1, Port Townsend – 20, Puyallup Valley – 1, Ritzville – 1, Seattle – 14, Spokane – 2, Stanwood-Camano Island – 10, Tacoma – 11, Tri-Cities – 2, Vancouver – 12, WA-Online – 1, Walla Walla – 19, Wenatchee – 1, Whidbey Island – 7, and Willapacific – 3.

Membership Drives/Incentives

Thanks for all the work you have done in membership recruitment and retention, but we are only about 2/3 through this AAUW year. Now is the time to kick membership efforts into high gear. It's time to think about sending out renewal notices. What can you tell your branch members about AAUW activities that make it worthwhile to renew? What program really connected with your members? Touch base with new members and guests. Review your list of guests and make an effort to reach out to them so they feel connected to the branch.

Half-Year Dues – From January 1 to March 15, new members can join for half-price with membership good through June 30, 2013.

New Member Recruitment – From March 16, new members can join paying the full annual dues with membership good through June 30, 2014!

National Membership Drive – Take advantage of national membership campaigns. "Shape the Future" membership campaign helps branches recruit new members by offering half-price national dues rates for new or lapsed members (2 or more years) to join on the spot during AAUW-sponsored activities. Branches build their member base and earn up to three free memberships annually to use any way they wish. For more information and access forms, you must first log in at AAUW's website <http://aauw.org>. When entering information on the Additional Dues Remittance form (ADR), choose code "STF". You can download the form at http://aauw.org/member_center/forms/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=9246. You can download this form to redeem the earned free National memberships http://aauw.org/member_center/forms/upload/Shape-the-Future-Application-for-Free-Branch-Memberships-PDF.pdf

National Member Survey Ready to Complete

Have you completed the survey from AAUW National? By now, every AAUW member should have received the **Every Member Survey**, which was in the Winter 2013 issue of **AAUW Outlook** and is available online. Please respond to the survey by April 2, 2013; it only takes 10 minutes to help shape AAUW's programs and activities for the coming year. Make sure your voice is heard!

Presidential Patter

Kelvie Comer and Barbara Sando,
co-presidents
president@aauw.org

Spring is springing in Washington state and AAUW is stirring in every direction.

Upcoming Meetings

Each of us is waiting for sunshine and we promise you sunny days ahead in the Tri-Cities during Washington's annual meeting and at AAUW's national convention in New Orleans. You'll find more information about both in this newsletter. Register now! Create memories that you'll have forever. Join us for our fundraiser on Friday evening, April 19, and for our Bright Spots program featuring Lisa Maatz, Saturday, April 20. We are very fortunate to have Lisa with us! Perhaps beignets at Café du Monde in New Orleans are pulling you toward that city, June 10-12, as well.



The time you spend at both meetings will be time well spent. You will bring home a new or deeper understanding of AAUW's power and strength as a national organization committed to women and girls. This spring, AAUW-Washington will meet to plan several delegation-type events for New Orleans. Please let state secretary Judy Prince know (juditheprince@frontier.com) if you plan to attend the AAUW national convention.

Recent Surveys

Thanks to each of you for taking the time to fill out the various "Survey Monkey" forms that have gone to members, most recently inquiring what type of Summer Leadership meeting we should have.

This type of on-going evaluation helps your leadership team (the executive committee and appointed chairs) evaluate what we've done so that we will be able to offer you better quality programs and respond to your issues. We want to improve what we're doing so you can have better branch programs.

Here are the results of the surveys about our summer/fall meetings:

Summer Leadership Conference 2012—AAUW-Washington Bright Spots Leadership Conference: We had over a 50% return. Members were well satisfied with the conference quality and agenda.

Summer Leadership Conference 2013: We had 179 responses or over 10% of all our members in the state. We will be meeting September 14. As you plan your early AAUW meetings, be sure to get this on your branch agenda.

Tech Trek

The Tech Trek team is raising money, finding volunteers, and looking for science and math teachers and dorm moms. We've raised about \$37,000 with actual dollars and pledges from individuals and foundations. If you or your family have connections to businesses or corporations that may be supportive, please let Leslie DiMaio (tt-development@aauw-wa.org) or Karen Manelis (techtrek@aauw-wa.org) know. They can send you a letter that you can deliver that will help in solicitations. We've sent applications out to foundations and are starting to get responses.

We now have twelve branches firmly committed to Tech Trek. Others are willing to assist if funding becomes available. Some of these branches are

sending more than one camper.

Revision of State Policies and Procedures

You may be invited to participate in a conference call to discuss proposed revisions. The Leadership Team has been using this method of communication for several years now. As a result we do not have to meet in a specific place, but can convene by meeting in a conference call. Kay McMurry has worked diligently with Karen Manelis to get this through a process with the Executive Committee and Leadership Team. As soon as the revisions are completed, they will be posted on-line for your review. Take time to read them, noting the proposed changes from the 2005 version. When they are completed, the state board will vote on their approval. Thank you, Kay, Karen, and the committee who worked with them - Klaras Ihnken, Connie Dunkleberger, Kathi Pickett and Judy Turpin. We are grateful for your diligent hard work and all your efforts.

AAUW Washington is made up of members and branches, those who volunteer and contribute, those who attend, participate and those who come to meetings. We also have members who pay their dues and contribute who can no longer actively participate. We are grateful for each and every one of you for all that you are doing to help improve equity and education for women and girls. We (Barbara and I) look forward to greeting you personally at our meeting in Tri-Cities in April and then seeing many of you in New Orleans. Let's celebrate AAUW's mission together.

Tech Trek Comes to Washington!

In 1998, AAUW California started a week-long summer camp for just-graduated seventh grade girls who were nominated by their science and math teachers and selected by local branches through a process of applications and interviews. These camps have grown to 10 different campuses in California and have served more than 9000 girls in 15 years.

Last year AAUW took the program nationwide, soliciting applications for \$10,000 grants to be awarded to state, branch or individual AAUW members to extend this camp model beyond California. AAUW Washington was awarded one of these grants as seed money to implement a camp in the summer of 2013!

The camp will be held July 21—27 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. The plan is to have as many as 60 girls live on campus and participate in classes, workshops, and field trips that encourage them to pursue their interests in science and math. Participating branches will solicit nominations for candidates from their local 7th grade teachers and will interview and select campers based on their applications and interviews. You can follow the development of this program at techtrek-wa.aauw.net. For branch participation information, contact Camp Director Karen Manelis at techtrek@aauw-wa.org.



Tech Trek Planning Committee
Row 1, L-R: Karen Smith, Karen Manelis, Kelvie Comer, Leslie DiMaio. Row 2, L-R: Jennine Maner, Jane Downey, Cheryl Gmerek, Dorothy McBride, Elizabeth Bennett.

Communication Commentary

**Kathi Pickett, Vice President,
Communications**

Check it out!

If you haven't visited the AAUW— Washington website lately, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Check out the new look at aauw-wa.aauw.net. Note: the password for the Member Center is evergreen.

Add your branch to the state website!

This website template is so easy to update that I urge all branches to consider using it. National AAUW moves your existing content to the new template for you. From that point on, your job is to keep your branch information up-to-date. Contact site-resources@aauw.org to get started.

Feel like you're out of touch?

Frustrated because you do not receive email from AAUW-WA? Add communications@aauw-wa.org to the "Safe Senders" list on your email program.

Leadership tutorials are easy online!

Does your branch need strategies for dealing with issues common to volunteer organizations? As an AAUW member, you can attend Chapter Leader webinars offered by Cynthia D'Amour for free. Register here: <http://www.peoplepowerunlimited.com/free-webinars/>

AAUW research reports are available online in different formats

AAUW research reports are a powerful tool to promote our mission – but making the time to read each new report may take a back burner. Take advantage of podcasts, videos, and media reports as a quick way to familiarize your branch (and your community!) with AAUW research. You can find this info on the AAUW website – for example, there are dozens of articles, two videos, and one podcast about *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation* at <http://www.aauw.org/GraduatetoPayGap/media.cfm>

Would Your Branch Like to Host our 2014 State Convention?

Yes, it's that time again. 2014 is the year we'll have a state convention, and it's time for branches to bid if they would like to host it. Bids are due to president@aauw-wa.org by March 25.

Starting in 2012, AAUW-Washington changed the way that the location of the state convention is selected. Rather than automatically rotating responsibility from district to district as we did for many years, any branch, or group of branches from around the state can submit a proposal for hosting the convention. Building on the successful 2010 convention at Walla Walla Community College, the 2011 Annual Meeting at Western Washington University, and the 2012 convention at the UW Tacoma, our current plan is to strengthen the relationship between branches and our academic partners by inviting branches with strong ties to their local college or university to bid to hold the convention in their community.

For 2014, we are also open to having branches partner with other branches, both within Washington and/or across state lines in Oregon or Idaho, to host our state convention. Other states have embarked on joint state conventions. For example, Missouri and Illinois are hosting a joint state convention in St. Louis in June. As was done in 2012, AAUW-Washington will share the responsibility for planning and organizing the convention with the host branch(es).

Specifically, we will establish a convention planning committee that includes the committee chair, the state president(s), the state vice presidents of finance and programs, the state college/university chair, and a chairperson from the sponsoring branch or branches.

The convention committee will have responsibility for:

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| a. Developing a program theme | b. Maintaining budget oversight |
| c. Selecting a site | d. Scheduling program speakers |

The sponsoring branch will have responsibility for:

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| a. Serving as a local liaison to the hosting college/university partner or other organization(s) involved | c. Coordinating local marketing and media activities |
| b. Creating a financial plan | |
| d. Providing convention staffing | |

If your branch does not already have a partnership with your local college or university, or other branches in this state or with our neighbors, this may provide an opportunity to engage with any or all of the above.

For the 2014 state convention, the site selection criteria are:

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| a. Strong relationship between branch and area college/university partner and/or partnerships with other AAUW branches in Washington, Oregon or Idaho | c. Adequate meeting space with April availability |
| b. Adequate nearby lodging options | |

The decision about the site of the 2014 state convention will be announced at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Pasco on April 20, so submit your bid by e-mail to president@aauw-wa.org by March 25!

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Public Policy Committee Challenges Members and Branches

The AAUW-Washington Public Policy Challenge is for each member in every branch to contribute \$2 or more to AAUW's **Public Policy Fund** during the next two months. AAUW's Public Policy is the voice of AAUW on "The Hill" and in the halls of Congress. Public Policy is the action that helps move senators and representatives to push legislation. Without action and activism, our public policy stands would not be successful.

With almost 2,000 members in Washington, our stretch goal is \$4,000. Contributions to the **Public Policy Fund** are not tax deductible since they may influence legislation that AAUW supports. We'll present a check to our speaker, Lisa Maatz, at the annual meeting in Pasco to take back to Washington., D.C.

Donations should be listed on a sheet of paper with the following information: **Branch Information:** Branch name,

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branch ID number, branch contact name, address, daytime phone and email address; **Donor information:** Name, address, member ID#, check number, amount, AAUW Fund # 4337 (for Public Policy donations) and any notes regarding the donation. You can also find a form on the Funds Development Resource Page at the AAUW-Washington web site.

Please mail the form or information sheet and branch member checks to AAUW Finance Vice President **Dellanie Fragnoli, 4027 Wells Ave N, Renton, WA 98056-2181, by Thursday, April 4**, two weeks prior to the AAUW-Washington annual meeting. The accounting can be done and a check can be cut for AAUW Public Policy Fund.

Checks sent by the branch finance VP should be made out to AAUW-Washington; Dellanie will forward one check to AAUW. Branch members will get "credit" for their contributions, but these are not tax deductible since public policy influences legislation. Questions? Contact Doris Holmes, public policy chair (advocacy@aauw-wa.org or 360.574-5069).

When completed, please send a copy of the form to Kelvie Comer, AAUW Washington Funds Development Chair, 13339 Mahonia PL NE, Redmond, WA 98053 or e-mail to aauwfunds@aauw-wa.org. Keep a copy for the branch. Use additional pages as you need to. All contributions are welcome!

Bright Spots Competition Your Branch May Win Annual Meeting Registrations, Hotel Room

Enter the **Bright Spots** competition for Washington branches and your branch could be a winner! The winning branch will be awarded two annual meeting registrations and a night's lodging at the La Quinta in Kennewick. At the 2013 AAUW-Washington Annual Meeting on April 20, we will honor top branches that demonstrate ADEPT principles in strengthening their membership, AAUW name recognition in their communities and/or the advancement of AAUW's mission.

Here's how:

There are characteristics that highly successful, sustainable organizations possess that we can strive to emulate:

Animated Purpose – Clear purpose and compelling vision delivered through relevant, high quality programs that excite people

Deeply Engaged with Community – Possession of a deep understanding of our interconnectedness with others; formation of partnerships

Evaluation and Analysis – Seeking and use of multiple perspectives; brutal realism in assessing circumstances yet seeing possibilities where others may not

Plasticity – Nimble and flexible about how to realize our mission; very little is too precious to change

Transparent Leadership – Distribution of authority and responsibility across the organization; empower others.

We are looking for branch success stories in key areas:

Membership growth in under-represented demographics;

College/University partnership activities that strengthen relationships and benefit both organizations;

Other community partnerships that further AAUW's mission;

Strengthening and growing STEM initiatives;

Expanding AAUW brand recognition with advocacy and "Get Out The Vote" programs;

Innovative programming to increase AAUW Funds and AAUW-Washington special fund raising.



E-mail submission to programs@aauw-wa.org by March 25, 2013

For complete Bright Spots application and information, go to
http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/files/2013/01/Winter_2012_Final_Online.pdf

**AAUW-Washington 2013 ANNUAL MEETING
Pasco, WA
April 20, 2013**

8:30 - 9 AM	Registration (coffee & tea provided)
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Welcome - Co-President, Kelvie Comer
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Keynote: Strategic Advocacy: Winning the Battle One Step at a Time Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy & Government Relations
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Business Meeting - Co-President, Barbara Sando presiding
11:30 - Noon	Bright Spot Branch Presentation
Noon - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 2 PM	Bright Spot Branch Presentation
2:00 - 3 PM	Breakout Sessions Workshop #1: Tech Trek - Launching Young Women into STEM Careers Presenters: Leslie DiMaio, Mary Williams, Dorothy McBride Workshop #2: Building Your Facebook Page to Increase AAUW's Popularity: It's Not as Hard as it Sounds! Presenter: Tiffany Woelfel
3:00—3:15 PM	Gathering, thanks and farewell

Mail-In Election Process to be Used for 2013

Judy Rogers, Elections Committee Chair

In 2011, for the first time we used a mail-in voting process to elect new officers in non-convention years. All election procedures remained the same except the voting was by absentee ballot. 2013 is a non-convention year with an Annual Meeting on April 20, 2013, so we will again use the mail-in voting process.

Candidate summaries are on page 2 as well as published on the AAUW Washington state website at <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>. The Nominating committee will verify the validity of any nominations and the "write-in" candidate's qualifications (if needed) for that state office.

Election packets were mailed to the voting body as described in the bylaws. These include branch presidents, delegates representing each College/University partner and various AAUW-Washington representatives. The packet includes a credentials form, voting guide (describes

number of branch votes, voting instructions, candidate statements, and measures considered for adoption), ballot envelope, large return envelope, ballot(s) for the state officer positions and other issues. The ballot(s) will include any "write-in" names submitted and bios for those candidates.



Completed and returned ballots must be postmarked no later than April 10, 2013 to be counted. By April 16, 2013, a subcommittee will verify and tally ballots. In the event of a tie, the executive board, by voice or ballot vote, will determine the outcome. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on April 20,

2013 and following the meeting via email and published on the AAUW Washington state website at <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>. For more information e-mail me at membership@aauw-wa.org.

Pre-Meeting Activities on Friday, April 19**Choose one or enjoy them all!****Activity #1 A Little Fib Can Lead to a Big Problem!**

2– 3:30 PM La Quinta Hotel Free

If you are a woman, your risk of developing atrial fibrillation (A-Fib), or heart arrhythmia, is less than that of a man, but your risk of stroke and possible death from stroke is greater. Fortunately, if you have been diagnosed with A-fib, you can take steps to prevent an A-fib-related stroke. Find out your risk. This program is funded by a grant from Spirit of Woman, www.spiritofwoman.com, (American Heart Association, Bristol-Meyers-Squibb, and Pfizer) and Northwest Parish Nurse and Health Ministries' partnership. Emily A. Hitchens, BSN, MN, EdD, RN, is a member of the AAUW branches of Highline and Seattle.

**Events below are at the
Barnard Griffin Winery,
878 Tulip Lane, Richland.**

The Barnard Griffin Winery has just been renovated and has incredible entertaining spaces, including a lovely facility for our fundraising event. You may want to go on Facebook to the Barnard Griffin account (their web site is undergoing construction) and take a look at their fabulous pictures. You will be pleased!

Activity #2 Glass Fusing at the Glass Shop

3:30 – 5 PM

**Class limit is 15. Pay at the door
but be sure to pre-register!**

Cost: \$25 small plate; \$50 large plate. Cost includes class, materials, kiln time, and shipping plates home after firing.

The art of fusing glass has been with us since 2000 BCE, but have you ever attempted this form of craft and design? Take an hour and a half and learn how to put glass together in creative forms with a highly skilled glass fusing artist, co-owner of the winery, Deborah Barnard.

Barnard is an extraordinary woman in her own right. Most fused glass projects involve a specific type of thin glass placed creatively, using different colors to create patterns or images. The piece is kiln fired in a process that can take several days. Barnard Griffin offers regular classes throughout the spring in a whole series, ranging in price from \$75 to \$575. This very short course will give you a taste for more.

**Activity #3 Educational Wine Seminar**

5 – 6 PM Cost: \$15

Pay at the door but you must preregister!

Barnard Griffin has a reputation for being one of the finest wineries in Washington State. Award-winning wines dominate their collections. As AAUW members, we pride ourselves on continuing to learn about all kinds of fields. You now have a chance to learn even more about really good wines. Have you heard about the aroma wheel? You might want to start www.winenet.com/aromawheel.html. You'll have a chance to explore whites and reds and ask questions about Washington wines and the wine business.

**Activity #4 AAUW Washington Fundraiser
"Once upon a Time . . ."**

6 – 7:30 PM

Cost: \$35 event fee + donation to AAUW Funds

*"Come In . . . If you are A dreamer, A wisher, A liar,
A hoper, A pray-er, A magic-bean-buyer .
If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire,
For we have some flax golden tales to spin. . .
Come in! Come in!" . . . Shel Silverstein*

So They Say Storytellers is a dynamic storytelling group that has been together for 12 years. They perform in a variety of venues and always leave their guests feeling as if they want another story. They may perform with instruments or other objects. Their group includes Connie Farr, research librarian, and Kelly Reed, children's librarian, from the Richland Library.

Along with an amazing appetizer array, salad and tasty dessert, a no-host wine bar will be available with soft drinks. Bring your appetite for a tasty evening and your imagination for tales of fantasy!

Donation amounts above \$30 are tax deductible.

Storyteller Fund Raiser Donation Levels

Yarn Spinner	\$ 55
Storyteller	\$100
Passionate Teller	\$200
Stories Over the Moon	\$500
Other Contributions over	\$50

Three Washington funds are targeted for support this year: AAUW-WA Tech Trek, Mary Lou Hughes Research and Projects Fund and Bonnie J. Dunbar R & P Fund.

Send your check made out to **AAUW Funds** directly to AAUW-WA Finance VP Dellanie Fragnoli (address on page 11) at the time you register, indicating the fund to which you are donating. Your donation will be recognized in a program at the storyteller fundraiser on Friday evening.

Breakout Sessions – 2:00 – 3:00 pm**WORKSHOP #1*****Tech Trek – Launching Young Women into STEM Careers*****Presenters: Tech Trek Committee Members Leslie DiMaio, Mary Williams and Dorothy McBride**

AAUW-Washington's Tech Trek, a week-long camp to be held at Pacific Lutheran College in July, is designed to expose incoming eighth-grade girls to the joys and possibilities in math, science and technology studies and careers. This dynamic committee has been busy laying the groundwork in fund-raising and event planning. Come hear of their progress, the visibility it has created for AAUW, and the new members it has drawn to the organization.

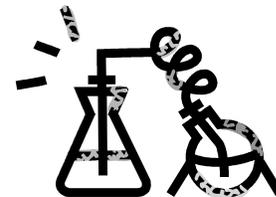


Learn how you and your branch can get involved. Leslie will address fund-raising activities with foundations and companies in your community, while Mary and Dorothy share the selection process for participants.

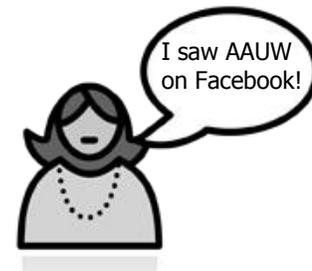
Leslie DiMaio has spent the bulk of her professional career in the financial industry. Currently, she is the volunteer fundraising coordinator for Tech Trek, writes a blog about books and art, and is a painter. She's a 12-year member of the Kirkland-Redmond Branch.

Mary Williams is the director of grants and contracts at Lake Washington Community College. She also serves as president of the Gig Harbor branch.

Dorothy McBride is a former AAUW-Washington College/University Relations chair. Professor Emerita of political science at Florida Atlantic University, she joined the Tacoma branch in 2006, has served as branch president and is the current finance officer.

**WORKSHOP #2 *Building Your Facebook Page to Increase AAUW's Popularity: It's Not as Hard as it Sounds!*****Presenter: Tiffany Woelfel**

Does your branch want to connect with younger members? If you aren't utilizing social media, you are probably missing the boat. In this workshop, you will be guided through the process of setting up a successful AAUW branch Facebook page. Information includes: selecting the right type of page, planning postings in advance, optimal posting times, and setting appropriate security settings. At the end of the session, members will be ready to create their own successful AAUW Facebook profile.



Tiffany Woelfel: As a social media consultant, Tiffany Woelfel brings several years of experience to the table. As project manager at the Univ. of Washington's School of Social Work, she made a name for herself by using smart phone technology and social media networking to engage, retain and locate research participants. She is an administrator for the ethics board at Swedish Medical Center (SMC) where she applies federal regulations to the oversight of ethical conduct in research which also translates well into the work she does with social media and non-profits serving vulnerable populations. She has consulted on social media practices with the Seattle Branch of AAUW and several other local non-profits and will launch her private consulting business, Innovata Research Consulting, in 2013. She is a member of the Seattle Branch.

Our Host Hotel for the Annual Meeting

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You will find very comfortable rooms for \$99.64 at La Quinta Inn & Suites. A block of reservations will be held only through **March 19** for AAUW-Washington. After that time, the block will be released; rooms become available to the public. A number of other groups and conventions are in the Tri-Cities area at the same time as the AAUW annual meeting is being held; room availability is very tight. Make your reservation early to assure a room.

When you call, be sure to tell the clerk that you are part of the **AAUW block of reservations for the night of April 19**. Make your reservation by calling La Quinta Inn & Suites at the number above.

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April 19-20, 2013 Columbia Basin College—Pasco**

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration must be received by no later than Thursday, April 4, 2013

Name:		Branch:	
Street Address:		City, State, Zip	
Preferred Phone:	Email Address:		
Current AAUW leadership position(s):			
Are you a past AAUW Washington State President?	Yes	No	

Registration Fees

	Cost	Quantity	Total
Early Bird Registration (March 1 –20)	\$ 45		
Regular Registration (March 21—April 4)	\$ 50		
On Site Registration (after April 4 to April 20)	\$ 55		
Student Affiliate Registration	\$ 20		

Meal choice for Saturday lunch:

Turkey Sandwich _____	Ham Sandwich _____	Veggie Sandwich _____	Chicken Caesar Salad _____
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Friday Event Options—register for **all** events you plan to attend, including free or pay at the door.

	Cost	Quantity	Total
A Little Fib Can Lead to a Big Problem	Free		
Glass Fusing – Small Plate \$25—pay at event			
Glass Fusing – Large Plate \$50—pay at event			
Educational Wine Seminar \$15—pay at event			
Storyteller Fundraiser (includes EventBright/PayPal fee)	\$35		
Grand Total			

Register via EventBrite at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5515549156>

or mail registration form and check payable to AAUW-WA to:
Dellanie Fragnoli, 4027 Wells Ave N., Renton, WA 98056

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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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