

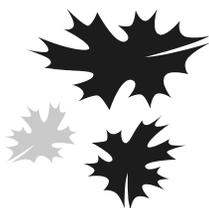


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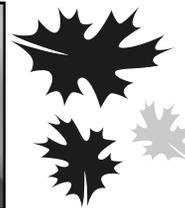
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Leading the way to Equity for Women and Girls in Washington State



The Leaders' Link

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What a beautiful autumn we had here in the Northwest! It was a truly spectacular display of nature's glory. And now we've moved into the "gray" season – rain, fog, clouds— all those identifiers of our winter weather on the West Side and very cold, snowy or brilliantly sunny days in Eastern Washington.

So this is the time when we hunker down and get our work done. The governor has made her budget proposal for the special legislative session. Our lobbyist, Pam Crone, will be hard at work on our behalf, making sure lawmakers know that our priorities include saving the higher education system, preserving our K-12 system, and ensuring tax fairness. It's our job to weigh in with our state legislators as well, so let them know what you think about the proposals.

Join us for Lobby Day 2012. The registration form is on the home page of our website and also in this issue of the *Evergreen Leader*. We'll hear from the experts and our lobbyist, and then we'll visit with our legislators to reinforce our positions on issues that we care about. By the time we meet in Olympia on January 23, the regular session will be underway, so there should be a lot of issues to discuss.

The planning committee for the biennial state convention, chaired by Kathi Pickett, and the Tacoma branch, led by Phyllis Izant, are working hard to make the April 2012 convention the best ever. Once again, we'll be meeting on a college campus – University of Washington-Tacoma, our newest AAUW partner institution – and, once again, we will have a great program for you. There will be dynamic speakers and panel discussions, exciting workshops, visitors from our national organization, and a lot of fun! So plan now to be in Tacoma April 13-15, 2012. The next issue of the *Evergreen Leader* and our state website will have complete program and registration information.

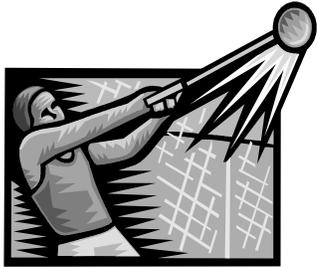
We'll also elect new state AAUW-Washington officers at the convention. We are looking for a new president, membership vice president, and finance vice-president (or co-officers). Klaras Ihnken is chairing the nominating committee. If you think you'd like to consider serving in one of these offices, or know someone who would be great, get in touch with one of the current officers, or with Klaras directly (nominations@aauw-wa.org). It's great fun, very rewarding, and a chance to make a real difference in the future of AAUW-Washington. So think about it!

We look forward to seeing you in Olympia and in Tacoma,
and meanwhile, happy holidays to you and your families from both of us.



Ann and Dixie





Smashing Barriers to Equity in Education: 2012 State Convention Theme

Mary Trodden,
AAUW- Washington Program Vice President

You might drive west over the mountains or you could cruise the I-5 corridor. But when was the last time your destination was Tacoma—downtown Tacoma, at that? If you haven't been there lately, you're in for a pleasant surprise.

Mark your calendar to save April 13-15, 2012 for ***Smashing Barriers to Equity in Education***, the biennial AAUW-Washington convention. We are thrilled to be meeting at the University of Washington-Tacoma, our newest AAUW College-University member institution. Here's an overview of the activities.

Friday— Take time to explore three close-by museums: Tacoma Art Museum, The Glass Museum and the Washington State History Museum. Docent-led tours will be available. The afternoon will be free for a late lunch or early supper at one of the many fine restaurants and eclectic cafés within walking distance. UW—Tacoma faculty will join us at a reception in the early evening.

Saturday—Our annual business meeting and elections will be held. There'll be workshops, a panel discussion on access to higher education, speakers from AAUW headquarters, and presentations to give you tools to aid your branch in getting out the vote for 2012. The busy day is followed by our evening banquet.

Sunday— Election results will be announced and any remaining business concluded. Following the business session, there will be a panel discussion of AAUW's latest research report, *Crossing the Line*, which presents new data on sexual harassment in schools.

We'll be meeting at UW-Tacoma so there's no convention hotel. We'll have suggestions for nearby accommodations closer to the date. Plan to be there!

The Search Is On!

Each of us has a job to do. At AAUW-Washington, we need to find qualified candidates for the offices of state president, membership vice president and finance vice president. Please look around your district. Who is leading/has led branches there? Who has the experience, energy and vision to lead all of us in the state?

You may contact your district's representative on the nominating committee or you may contact the chair of the committee directly. Our bylaws state that nominations shall be done four months prior to our state convention to be held on April 13-15. Now is the time to find our candidates!

You may nominate yourself or another member, anywhere in the state. Candidates may serve no more than two successive terms.

The office of president requires a previous term as a member of the state board. [Branch presidents are members of the state board.] The term on the board does not have to be the current term.

We have had successful experience with co-officers and can consider that possibility again. It is very acceptable to nominate yourself as well as search for others in the state. Feel free to contact present or previous holders of the office if you need a "feeling" for what is required. The nominee must agree to be a candidate. Klaras will be happy to deal with that part of the process!

Members of the nominating committee to contact about possible candidates are:

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AAUW-Washington and BPW Lobby Day

January 23, 2012



Women advance equity through advocacy of current legislative issues.
Attend Lobby Day and make your collective voices heard.

- Call your legislators for appointments
 - Organize carpools
- Join us in Olympia at First United Methodist Church,
1224 Legion Way, Olympia

8 a.m.	Coffee, check-In	<u>Speakers</u>
8:30 a.m.	Introductions	Rep. Kathy Haigh
8:45 a.m.	Speakers	OSPI Deputy Supt. Alan Burke
11:30 a.m.	Lunch	Evergreen Academic Dean Ken Tabbutt
12:15 p.m.	Off to Capitol Hill	AAUW Lobbyist Pam Crone

DIRECTIONS TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From I-5 North, take exit 105 B, Port of Olympia.
From I-5 South, take exit 105.
Take the first right and follow the Port of Olympia signs.
Go North on Plum Street then turn right on Legion Way.
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.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this registration form and your check for \$20, payable to AAUW-WA, by January 17. **Send to: Judy Fegley**, 19829 147th Ave, Yelm, WA 98597. For information, call her at: 360.894.7403 or email her at jacee44@earthlink.net

AAUW Member: yes no Other affiliation _____

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____ City _____

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Two New Members Join State Public Policy Team

We welcome two new members to our state public policy committee, Lynn Dissinger and Tracy Sherman. Together they bring a wealth of AAUW public policy experience and will join Judy Turpin and Judy Blair in the important advocacy work that we do in Washington State.

Lynn Dissinger recently joined the Seattle branch where she serves as public policy chair. Though new to the branch, she is not a “newbie” to AAUW or to public policy. Active in AAUW for many years, she was state legislative chair and program vice president in Pennsylvania.



She moved from Pennsylvania to the Pacific Northwest in 1993 and joined the Renton branch, serving in a number of branch roles, including president. After taking a few years off to focus on her career and other business organizations, she is back in AAUW and looking forward to reconnecting to the work that we do.

Tracy Sherman recently moved back home to the Pacific Northwest after spending almost a decade in the other Washington. She now works as a policy analyst at the League of Education Voters where she advocates for a variety of education issues including early learning education and improving school discipline policies.



Formerly, Tracy was the associate director of government relations at the AAUW headquarters in Washington, D.C. There she developed legislative strategies to advance our policy priorities. She focused on moving legislation that promotes gender fairness and equity in education and legislation to improve women’s economic self-sufficiency. Previously, Tracy worked for a

number of members of Congress where she covered a variety of legislative issues.

We are extremely fortunate to have Lynn and Tracy in our state public policy leadership group, and we thank them both for bringing their years of AAUW experience to us.

Special Projects Fund Now Available for Branch Activities

Jo Herber, Chair
Special Projects Fund Board

Does your branch dream of doing a project that promotes education and equity and supports the AAUW mission? Is your branch currently working on a project but needing a way to get tax-deductible donations? Does your branch need more financial resources to take its project to the next level or expand it?



Maybe the Washington State AAUW Special Projects Fund can help!

The AAUW-Washington Special Projects Fund (SPF) is a tax-exempt corporation under federal and Washington State rules. The fund was established to receive and distribute tax-deductible corporate and individual donations for AAUW-approved projects within the state of Washington that further education and equity for all women and girls. SPF is a pass-through fund; approved projects secure their own funding.

One project, the High School Expanding Your Horizons conference at Bellevue College, has already qualified to use the SPF. It is in the process of applying for donations of software, computer equipment, and other items, as well as cash gifts to support the conference.

Branch leaders for projects such as Expanding Your Horizons, \$tart \$mart and other mission-based activities are encouraged to investigate how the SPF can be used to make that project happen. Send an email to specproj@auw-wa.org to get more information and an application form.

Membership Activities Continue through Winter

Judy Rogers and Florence Young,
AAUW-Washington Membership Co-VPs;
membership@aauw-wa.org

There are several mailings and programs of which everyone should be aware. They can help you recruit, renew and retain your membership throughout the year. Did you know about . . . ?

Membership Kits from National – If your branch has not received the Annual Starter Kit or Market Your Branch Tool Kit from National, please let us know. The kit(s) may not have been sent because either the branch membership vice president or branch president/administrator was not registered with the national office. It has brochures, membership program details and other helpful information.

“Shape the Future” Membership Campaign – Have you taken advantage of this? Both Issaquah and Clallam Branches have taken advantage of this campaign. “Shape the Future” Membership Campaign is a program used to help branches recruit new members by offering half-price national membership rates for new or lapsed members (two 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. When entering information on the Additional Dues Remittance form (ADR), choose code “STF”. You can download the form by first logging in at National’s website <http://aauw.org> and then: http://aauw.org/member_center/forms/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=9246

Use this form to redeem free National memberships: http://aauw.org/member_center/forms/upload/Shape-the-Future-Application-for-Free-Branch-Memberships-PDF.pdf

Half-Year Dues – From January 1 to March 15, new members can join for half-price with membership good through June 30, 2012.

Branch Visits – Of the 36 branches, only 9 have not scheduled a visit by Judy Rogers. She has had

fun crisscrossing the state from Colville to Willapa Pacific branches. All visits are informal and viewed as an opportunity to connect with members and share ideas. However, Judy can also be a program speaker if needed. Please let her know of upcoming branch meetings to schedule a visit. If you have great ideas to share on membership or questions, please contact Judy or Florence.

Remember, membership is not just the responsibility of the membership chair, but of everyone. The first “I” of membership is to “Invite” and then once they are members, be sure to “Invest” or get them “Involved” with branch activities.

R&P Grant Endowment Started

Seattle Branch has established a Research and Projects Grant endowment in memory of Mary Lou Hughes, a 50-year AAUW branch member, who died this year. The Seattle Branch has contributed the initial \$5,000 of the \$75,000 needed to complete the endowment and will continue to fund-raise through various activities. Donations from other branches and individuals are welcome. The fund number for the Mary Lou Hughes Research and Projects Grant is #4362. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, you can contribute on-line at: https://svc.aauw.org/contribute/index_aauw_donation.cfm?CorpCode=C3. Go to Research and Projects Grant and click on Washington. The fund number for the Mary Lou Hughes fund is in the drop down box. You may also contribute by sending your check to AAUW, 1111 Sixteenth St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036. Be sure to put the R&P Grant Endowment #4362 on your check.

Who’s a bully?

What’s the difference between “kids being kids” and sexual harassment? Oh, it’s really not *that* bad, is it?

Read the latest AAUW research report and find out about what’s happening to students in schools today. You can read and download it online or order your own copy. Visit aauw.org and look for *Crossing the Line* on the front page.

Washington College/University Members Plan Activities for New Year

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Branch Programs Exciting, Varied Around the State

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Program Vice President
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PLU Awarded AAUW Grant

Pacific Lutheran University has received a 2012 Campus Action Project (CAP) grant from AAUW. The project—"Shout Out: Raising Voices to Raise Awareness about Sexual Harassment"—envisioned undergraduates collaborating with middle and high school girls to create a poster campaign, a tri-fold informational brochure and a website to raise awareness about the problem of sexual harassment. The CAP projects this year further the goals outlined in AAUW's new research report *Crossing the Line*.

Elect Her Workshop Set at WWU and PLU

Students and staff at Western Washington University and PLU are excited about the *Elect Her—Campus Women Win* workshops to be held on each campus in early 2012.

AAUW-Washington offers funds to branches and partner campuses to offer initial *Start Smart* salary negotiation workshops. Some college staff were trained in November at Oregon State. Contact Dorothy at collegerelations@aauw-wa.org for more information.

UW-Tacoma Campus to Join AAUW

We will soon welcome our tenth C/U partner member in Washington State: University of Washington/Tacoma. AAUW-Washington will mark this milestone at the state convention on the UW/T campus April 13-15, 2012. UW-T joins our roster of AAUW partner members in Washington:

Bellevue College
Eastern Washington University
Highline Community College
Lios Graduate College of Saybrook University
Pacific Lutheran University
Skagit Valley College
Walla Walla Community College
Western Washington University
Washington State University
University of Washington/Tacoma

Whatever problems our branches may be experiencing are definitely not due to programming. Most branches are presenting mission-based, community interest programs. Thank you to the Edmonds, Colville, Walla Walla, and Hudson's Bay branches for sending me your program information. To stay informed, I also randomly peruse branch programs on the aauw-wa.org web site.

The Colville and Hudson's Bay branches deserve compliments for scheduling their branch meetings on weekday evenings. The future AAUW will have to attract working women in various careers, who may not want to sacrifice weekend family time to attend branch meetings.

I have more questions for program chairs to ponder:

- From July to December, which branch program has been the best attended?
- Which program has received the most feedback (member or non-member)?
- Was there a new program that you would repeat annually?
- What percentage of branch members usually attends monthly programs?

Please respond by February 15, 2012, the deadline for our *Evergreen Leader* spring issue.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

January 23, 2012
AAUW Lobby Day, Olympia

February 15, 2012
Deadline for Spring Evergreen Leader

April 13-15, 2012
AAUW-Washington State Convention, Tacoma



AAUW News from Across the State

Future Events

The Seattle Branch is proud to announce that Holly Kearl, co-author of *Crossing the Line*, the latest AAUW research study, will speak at their meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the Best Western Executive Inn in Seattle. Please bring your friends or anyone you know who has an interest in this important topic. For reservations and information, contact programs@aauw-seattle.org.



The Edmonds Branch spring fundraiser supporting local scholarships will be "An Afternoon with the Arts." A lovely tea is planned for Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 1 p.m. It will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6215 196 St. SW, Lynnwood. The program will include musicians and artists sharing their creative endeavors. Poetry reading will honor Women's History Month. Branch members will provide the sandwiches and dainty delectables for the food table. Theme baskets will be raffled. Community musicians will help establish a delightful ambiance. Registration for this event is \$20.00. Look for further details on our branch website.

Expanding Your Horizons Events Scheduled

Across **Seattle**, young girls are enrolling for EYH set for Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Seattle University. The 500 sixth, seventh and eighth-graders who participate each year are energetic, refreshing and full of fun. For more information, go to <http://www.seattleu.edu/scieng/seyh/>.

The **Edmonds Branch** is excited that the new Edmonds Community College president has restarted the EYH program for high school girls. The workshop will be held at the college on Friday, May 4, 2012. Look for further details on this event on our branch web site.

AAUW- Washington is planning to lead a "River Cruise of Christmas Markets" along the Rhine River right after Thanksgiving in 2012. What a great way to start the Christmas season and give a donation to AAUW Funds. The exciting thing about the trip is that approximately 10% of your cost, excluding trip insurance, will be a tax deduction to the AAUW Fund of your choice and will be credited to the Tacoma branch. To learn more about ports of call, costs, dates of travel, deposits and other cruise information, please contact Mary Alice Peterson, AAUW Funds Chair, at 360.357.7621 or mappymail@earthlink.net. She and her husband traveled with Grand Circle on a Christmas Market Cruise in 2008. "The Christmas Market cruise is a unique and wonderful experience and I hope that you will consider joining us and the other AAUW members who have already signed up to go," she says.

A Good Time Was Had . . .

On November 12, **AAUW-Vancouver** celebrated its 80th Anniversary by honoring past presidents and long-time honorary members. Eloquent program speaker for the day was Lynn Macau, 2010 AAUW Fellow, whose research focuses on the 19th century sentimental fiction practice of representing the violence and abuses within slavery through a shroud of propriety thought appropriate for female readers.

Members of the **Gig Harbor Branch** enjoyed celebrating AAUW's 130th birthday on Nov. 28! Program Vice Presidents Mary Williams and Karen Anderson, branch founder Gwyneth Nightingale, Finance Vice President Barb Schmit and others enjoyed a toast to AAUW along with a delicious dinner. And if the cupcakes in the branch photo are an indication, dessert was pretty great, too.

The **Anacortes Agent** lists more than half a dozen biographies reviewed at their Book Talk meeting that sound like terrific reading. For a copy of their newsletter with the summaries, send a note to President Bonnie Underwood at underwood31@comcast.net.

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Mission Statement

AAUW advances education and equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy 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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