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This report contains the annual reports from each of the AAUW-WA Board of Directors members, as shown below.

### AAUW-WA Board of Directors 2012-2013

#### Co-Presidents
- Kelvie Comer
- Barbara Sando
  (2012 – 2014)

#### Elected Positions
- VP Communications
  - Kathi Pickett
  (2011 – 2013)
- VP Finance
  - Delanie Fragnoli
  (2012 – 2014)
- VP Membership
  - Judy Rogers
  (2012 – 2014)
- VP Programs
  - Lynn Dissinger
  (2011 – 2013)
- Recording Secretary
  - Judy Prince
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- Scholar Recognition
  - Margo Hammond
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- Special Projects Fund
  - Jo Herber
  (2012 – 2014)
- Central District Rep.
  - Winnie Graham
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#### Appointed Positions
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I. ELECTED OFFICERS REPORTS

Co-Presidents - Kelvie Comer and Barbara Sando

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Conducted a Strategic Planning Meeting in June 2012 and developed a Strategic Plan for the 2012-2014 term.
- Added district reps to the State Board to ensure better representation.
- Conducted three 4+ hour Leadership Team meetings, each held the day before an AAUW-WA meeting.
- Conducted monthly Executive Committee Go-to-Meetings.
- Continued to increase the number of college/university partnerships and encouragement of branch/partner interaction.
- Continued AAUW-WA emphasis on STEM, adding Tech Trek in Washington.
- Commissioned a team to review and recommend updates to the AAUW-WA Policies and Procedures.
- Attended the AAUW State Presidents Conference and the AAUW National Convention, 9-12 June 2013 in New Orleans, LA.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Conduct the first All Members meeting at CWU in Ellensburg.
- Conduct the first Oregon Washington Joint Convention in Portland in April 2014.

VP Communications – Kathi Pickett

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Migrated state website to AAUW template
- On track to ensure that all branches have their own websites and can update their own content
- Updated *Evergreen Leader* and email stationary with new AAUW logo

2013-2014 Focus:

- Support a smooth transition to new Co-VPs of Communication, Mary Letterman and Jim Dunkelberger.

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VP Finance - Dellanie Fragnoli

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Transitioned online and hardcopy records from outgoing VP
- Conducted a review of the records
- Established on-line banking
- Consolidated checking accounts
- Tested online event registration using Eventbrite
- Established and gained approval on a budget for the 2013-2015 biennium

2013-2014 Focus:

- Training/education of branch VP’s with an emphasis on the MPP
- Research alternatives to Eventbrite with a goal of reducing fees
- Explore options for automating the voucher approval process.

VP Membership - Judy Rogers

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Created single document for prospective members to join AAUW for various member types and is available on the state website.
- Created exit interview survey document which branches can use to collect information about people choose to leave AAUW. The document is on available on the state website. Previously the information collected was strictly anecdotal.
- Encouraged all branches to email me their newsletters; goal is to read all of them every month and reply with a positive comment about the content.
- For every Evergreen Leader issue, ensured there was a Membership article
- Assisted members regarding membership questions, some of which required calls to National to resolve; made sure all branches know about National membership campaigns
- Assisting group interested in starting a branch in Ellensburg. They plan a interest/membership drive in the fall in conjunction with another event on CWU campus.

2013-2014 Goals:

- Build relationships: Visit Okanogan-Omak branch; return to other branches when invited.
- Communication: provide timely messages through various media such as Evergreen Leader, Membership Resources page on state website, email, letters, etc.
- New branch formation: Form branch in Ellensburg and review other opportunities to form branches

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VP Programs - Lynn Dissinger

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Appointed to fulfill the remainder of Mary Trodden's term as VP Programs.
- Supported planning and conduct of the one-day Summer Leadership Conference at CWU in Ellensburg, August 4, 2012. The focus was on "Creating the Future." Keynote speaker was Jim McDonald of the Paul G Allen Foundation, who addressed the ADEPT model.
- Led planning for the one-day 2013 Annual Meeting at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, April 20, 2013. The focus was on "Bright Spots."

2013-2014 Focus:

- Support a smooth transition to incoming VP Programs, Emily Hitchens.

Recording Secretary - Judy Prince

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Attended all but one meeting and prepared minutes.
- Approved and forwarded expense vouchers in a timely manner.
- Planning for and executing a smooth transition to new Secretary.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Support a smooth transition to incoming Recording Secretary, Judi Edwards.
II. APPOINTED OFFICERS REPORTS

Public Policy Chair - Doris Holmes

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Nominated and selected as State Public Policy Chair in November 2012.
- Attended State meetings in January and April 2013.
- Participated in all monthly national public policy phone calls.
- Attended Lobby Day in January 2013 and met with local Legislators.
- Contacted US Representatives on AAUW issues.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Develop a session on Public Policy for the 2012 WA-OR state conference.
- Build relationships with the Branches throughout the State – offer to attend meetings, as appropriate.
- Provide articles on Public Policy in the Evergreen Leader.
- Contact State and Federal Legislators regarding AAUW issues.
- Reestablish partnerships with Branch Public Policy Chairs.

Bylaws and Resolutions - Karen Manelis

2012-2013 Highlights:

- The state bylaws chair is responsible for managing bylaws changes on both the branch and state levels. This entails establishing communication with the leadership of the branches and collaborating with the state officers to develop proposed changes to the AAUW-WA bylaws.
- Assisting individual branches in further revisions of their bylaws, reviewing their final revised documents and submitting them to the AAUW bylaws chair.
- Working with state leadership team to determine areas where changes are needed.
- Participated in drafting and reviewed rewrite of AAUW WA Policy and Procedures for submission to state leadership team. Still in process.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Continue to work with branches to improve their bylaws and branch administration, particularly focusing on alternative branch governance structures
- Draft and present changes to AAUW WA leadership team at summer meeting.
College / University Relations - Turea Erwin

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Start $tart $mart workshop and facilitator’s training held at WSU. The audience of 17 students attended came from undergraduate and graduate with a variety of majors. WSU students attended at no-cost. However, students from other institutions were charged a fee of $15. There were 14 facilitators trained including individuals from WSU, U of I Moscow, EWU, UW, and AAUW-WA Spokane.
- One participate, a doctoral candidate Jessica Edwards who graduated this past May sent this recent message. "The $tart $mart Negotiation Workshop equipped me with pertinent information about women in the workplace and gave me courage to ask critical questions after being offered a job. I felt confident, prepared, and ready. I am so pleased that the skills I garnered from the program helped me to obtain a higher salary and a more workable load my first year on the job. Thank you!"
- $start $mart workshop held at UW Seattle.
- In an effort to increase AAUW E-Student members from the WSU campus, as an incentive for students to enroll, every student affiliated with the Center that completed the enrollment membership by November 30th had their name placed in a drawing for a $25 Macy’s Gift Card that I purchased out of pocket.
- Once again, WSU presence at NCCWSL was great with five students holding leadership roles in student women’s organizations attended.

2013-2014 Focus:

- To continue engaging with WSU Association for Faculty Women (AFW) to get them engaged in attending AAUW-WA meetings and other activities. NOTE: the push is to have one representative attend the 2014 convention.
- Continue recruitment efforts for C/U partners. NOTE: With Dorothy McBride’s help I have designed new informative materials/mailers that are scheduled to be distributed in late June.

Funds Development - Kelvie Comer (A)

2012-2013 Highlights:

- For 2012, AAUW of Washington achieved third place among the Top Ten Fundraisers for Total State Giving to AAUW Funds, sixth place for Total State Giving to the Leadership Programs Fund, seventh place for State Per Capita Giving to AAUW Funds, ninth place for Total State Giving in Combined Support, and tenth place for Total State Giving to the Educational Opportunities Fund.
- A successful Fundraiser was held on April 19th, 2013 at the Bernard Griffin winery in the Tri-Cities. Over $5000 was raised for Tech Trek, the Bonnie Dunbar R&P Grant Fund, and the Mary Lou Hughes R&P Grant Fund.

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2013-2014 Focus:

- Identify a Funds Development chair for the Board
- Continue focus on raising funds for Tech Trek, the Bonnie Dunbar R&P Grant Fund, and the Mary Lou Hughes R&P Grant Fund.

Nominations - Mary Alice Peterson

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Committee:
  - Mary Alice Peterson, Chair
  - Connie Dunkelberger, East
  - Phyllis Izant, South Puget Sound
  - Karen Peddicord, Central
  - Helen Smith, Northwest
  - Judy Waring, North Puget Sound
- The follow persons were submitted for nomination to Washington AAUW
  - Programs Vice President – Emily A. Hitchens, Highline Branch
  - Co-Communications Vice President – Mary Letterman, Tacoma Branch and Jim Dunkelberger, Tacoma Branch
  - A candidate for the position of Secretary was not found before the ballots were sent out to the members. However, the name of Judi Edwards, Mount Vernon branch, was placed in nomination from the floor at the annual meeting.
- Connie Dunkelberger from the Nomination Committee agreed to serve as the Chair of the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee.

Scholar Recognition - Margo Hammond

No report submitted. Many branches around the state continue to participate in the Scholar Recognition program.

Tech Trek - Karen Manelis

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Submitted a proposal to AAUW for a Tech Trek camp grant. Grant application was funded and the first AAUW WA Tech Trek camp will take place at Pacific Lutheran University in July 2013.
- Fifteen AAUW-WA branches participated in identifying and selecting the 50 campers who will attend.

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• A total of $62,865.70, including the $10,000 Grant from AAUW, was raised through individual, branch and statewide fundraising efforts.

Special Projects Fund - Jo Herber

The AAUW-WA Special Projects Fund is a 501(c)(3) corporation acting as a pass-through agent for tax deductible gifts to branch and state projects which further the mission of AAUW. The board of directors for 2012-13 is Jo Herber, chair; Janice Hertz, secretary; Sue Richart, treasurer; Dixie Swenson, board member; Barbara Sando, state president, ex-officio, voting; Dellanie Fragnoli, state finance vice-president, ex-officio, non-voting.

Criteria for use of the SPF:

• A project sponsored by WA State AAUW or one of its branches which furthers AAUW’s mission, with special emphasis on projects which foster science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
• A minimum donation budget of $1500.
• The SPF Board will determine project eligibility based upon the following minimum criteria: goal or purpose of the project, description of the project, whom it will serve, proposed budget detailing revenue and expenses, number of members and community partners involved, expected outcomes, and proof of current insurance coverage.
• A fee would be charged to projects in order to fund SPF administrative costs.

2012-2013 Highlights:

• During the past fiscal year, the Fund has authorized participation in two projects: the 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and Tech Trek, a one-week math/science camp for rising 7th grade girls to be held in July 2013.
  • The NCCWSL Fund gathered over $6700 and subsidized 8 young women’s attendance at the June, 2012 conference. Carolyn Hayek served as project coordinator.
  • The Tech Trek (TT) project will require active participation by the Special Projects Fund, since the Fund is to be the fiduciary agent for TT. This will require hiring a professional bookkeeper to handle financial matters including record keeping, receipts and disbursements, and tax reporting. It is anticipated that the budget for TT will be approximately $50,000 which will provide rent for the facility, stipends for the staff and other general expenses.

2013-2014 Focus:

• Increased outreach to branches and the state organization to educate about and encourage use of the SPF for qualified projects such as $tart $mart.
• Support for additional Tech Trek sites in the state.

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• Additional types of projects and expansion of support for National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships.

Central District Rep - Winnie Graham

2012-2013 Highlights:

• I have contacted all the branches in the Central District, but have only attended meetings of the Walla Walla Branch.
III. BRANCH PRESIDENT REPORTS

On-Line Branch - Florence Vining, President

No report submitted.

Central District

Dayton Branch - Sherrie Flaman Kiefer, President

No report submitted.

Okanogan-Omak Branch - Donna Sanford, President

Our branch is down to just seven members, who no longer feel they can be active. As such, we voted to disband as a branch, and are working with Association through that process.

Tri-Cities Branch - Marji Parker, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Hosted the AAUW Washington 2013 Annual Meeting at Columbia Basin College on April 20th.
- Devoted most of our efforts to fundraising through a bazaar and yard sale.
- Participated in an annual EYH event in the spring

Walla Walla Branch - Jenny Romine, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Fund Raising - During the past year, our two major fund raisers brought just under $33,000 into our coffers:
  - Book Sale: $23,000
  - Kitchen Tour: $10,000
- Local, National and State Contributions
  - AAUW Funds
    - LAF: $1,500
    - EF: $2,000 ($1,000 each to Bonnie Dunbar and Mary Lour Hughes Grant)
  - NCCWSL Scholarship: $1,500 (Our first! We fully fund a Walla Walla CC Latina woman)
  - College Scholarships: $14,400 (We are providing eight $1,800 scholarships to women who have had a break in their college education)
HS Scholars: $1,200  (High School Scholars STEM recognition- an evening where STEM scholars, their parents and nominating teachers are invited to celebrate. Book Store Gifts Certificate are provided to scholars)

Local Community: $10,000  (Grants are awarded to local community projects that fulfill our mission. Thus far, we have awarded $1,300 to Walla Walla HS Big Blue Weekend, a Mini-Grant motivational/leadership retreat, focused on, but not limited to incoming Freshmen and Sophomores. Returning Juniors and Seniors mentor younger students in team building activities; a nationally recognition motivation leader facilitates the program. We have also awarded $1,500 to an after-school programs that targets at risk youth for a special STEM program, entitled “Pigs In Space”. Our donation will be used to buy HD cameras which will stay in the program after the launch. This STEM program will target 20 Latino girls.)

- Other Accomplishments
  Goal: Improved membership recruitment and retention.
  Strategies:

  1) Refocused Social Events and combined with Programs:
     a) Fall Wine Reception redesigned as a Garden Party: Fresh picked dahlias, Garden Hats, Clever Special Interest Group Displays, Daffodil bulbs gifted to guest (potential new members), Retained the Wine and Food!
     b) Christmas Party replaced by Winter Social (an alternative to the Super Bowl that worked!) Held at the local library with a literary game as an ice breaker and a local, budding children’s book’s author sharing her vision and strategies for getting published.
     c) Spring Annual Meeting... we are still working on that one!

  2) Beautiful, colored photo Membership Directory... For those visual learners... a picture’s worth a thousand words. Photos alphabetically organized by FIRST name, with a table at the end for the more gifted memory. We have included addresses, phones, email, birth date, and college, degree and majors (helps with Board recruitment). The Directory also includes our branch leadership info, Interest Groups, our newest and our earliest members, membership lists by birthdays, the branch by-laws and calendar. The entire directory is also available on line via our web page.

  3) Something we are trying is Birthday Month Parties. Board members are asked to initiate a lunch gathering with members who have a birthday in the same month. A way to encourage meeting new members and staying connected.

  Results: 146 Members with 27 New Members in FY 2013-2014!

Great Explorations in Education: Approximately 315 middle school age girls participated in a STEM program on the Whitman College Campus. There were 15 breakout sessions for the girls to choose from. The keynote speaker was a CSI Lab Supervisor from Arizona. GREAT turnout; great support from our GE Team [a 501(c)3] and our AAUW volunteers.

Communications:
- Web Page: We love the assistance from Site Resources via AAUW National. Megan and Team are the Greatest. Our web page has improved tremendously. Board members
and committee chairs are empowered to communicate directly with Megan versus it all converging with our Communications Director.

- **Newsletter:** Entirely online... lots of photos. An added focus is to feature a branch member who is doing good or great things within the Branch, community, state or nationally, i.e. members who are not always getting recognized at meetings, in the newsletter, etc.
- **Newsblasts:** A just in time, “blasted” email to inform all branch members of a “need to know” or to be reminded of activity, event, etc.
- **Union Bulletin:** our local newspaper: great relationship; AAUW activities have been written about almost weekly for months... great exposure, free exposure!
- **U Tube:** Membership Co-chair wanders the event with her I phone camera and we are U Tube.

**Wenatchee Branch - Grace Lynch, President**

No report submitted.

**East District**

**Colville Branch - Jackie McGregor, President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

- **Focus:**
  - FUNdraising=having fun while raising funds to support the AAUW Mission!
  - Personal growth and education through participation in programs and events.
- **Programs:**
  - Programs/two categories: 1) *Just members* (book-share/best attendance)  
    2) *Open to public* (Impact of Electronic Age on Libraries/best attendance)
  - Women’s History month-March (early pioneer, Mary Walker (who died in 1887) returned for an evening in full costume!)
- **Membership:**
  - 36 members/an increase/vibrant and growing; diverse degrees/wide-range of ages
  - 'Personal touch' phone call to past members and potential members yielded results
  - All encouraged to ‘speak AAUW’!
- **Funds:**
  - Sources: Garden Tour=$1419 and Coffee House = $1137
  - Support: a. high school junior girls outstanding in science, math, and technology honored; two scholarships of $750 and $500 given
    b. AAUW Funds Educational Foundation $517
    c. Tech Trek=$1000 toward one camper; $1070=raised by branch member for second camper.
- **Public Policy:**

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- ‘candidates’ night’ for public
- members informed via email on voter information, bills, and issues equal pay and sexual abuse in military

Diversity:
- "Dancing Around the World"/a ‘short’ showing how music and dance can increase communication around the world
- "Girl Rising"/collaboration between branch, Africa’s Tomorrow, and high school Spanish Club; film offered ‘free’ to the community and to Colville Indian Reservation High School.
- Members kept informed of diversity news articles

College/University:
- 18 junior girls chosen by their high schools for recognition as outstanding science, math, and technology students from six area high schools
- Medical resident and branch member, Dr. Katrina Gardner, shared her inspiring story
- Scholars presented with a Certificate of Excellence and an aqua USB wristlet engraved with silver AAUW lettering
- Two scholarship winners received certificate, wristlet, and roses; local newspaper published article and photo.

Webmaster:
- Web page created through national site; WordPress used
- Homepage/Mission and Value Promise statements; board member, branch history, events highlighting main fundraisers of Garden Tour and Coffee House; photo and contact pages; links to national and state sites, Facebook, College/University partners, Membership benefits.

Tech Trek:
- Participation opportunity grabbed!
- Members created an outline and a timeline; contacted schools; received nominations; conducted student and parent interviews; met some mature, ‘excited about math/science’ students; selected two students and two alternates; FOUR well-deserving 7th/now 8th grade girls are going to Tech Trek camp!
- Inspired with enthusiasm to continue this program!

10th Annual Garden Tour:
- Database of past, present, and potential garden sites established
- Six gardens selected a year in advance of tour, all in same geographical area
- Very long list of well-defined duties including job descriptions, timeline and check list dating from a year before to the day of event
- Master Gardeners graciously participate as on-site experts

2013-2014 Focus:
- Equal pay and military sexual abuse issues
- Membership growth

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**Palouse-Garfield Branch - Yvonne Berliner, Program Vice-President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Palouse-Garfield branch continues to raise hundreds of dollars a year for our 11th-grade STEM scholars award through sale of our commodity boxes featuring local farm products, i.e., peas, lentils, garbanzo beans, barley and wheat.
- Silent Auctions are held twice a year to raise funds.
- We are able to give some financial support to our local library, as well as the local historical society.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Programs that encourage membership gains, as we are too small.

**Ritzville Branch - Marsha Smith, President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Fund Raising and Community Projects: Sponsor of the Annual Ritzville Community Christmas Bazaar Used Book and Bake Sale
- The Scholar Recognition program honored six Lind Ritzville High School students for achievement in STEM
- Sponsored two Lind Ritzville Middle School students to attend Tech Trek to be held in July 2013

**Spokane Branch - Dorothy Mehl and Ann Sheridan, Co-Presidents 2012-2013**

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Fund Raising:
  - Scholarship Fundraisers: Total $3,987.00
- Local, National and State Contributions:
  - Spokane Branch AAUW Scholarship Funds at Community Colleges of Spokane Foundation (CCSF): $3,000
  - Community Projects Grant Awards: $1,625
  - At Risk Children Grant: $500
  - AAUW Funds - Bonnie Dunbar Research & Projects Grant: $500
  - AAUW Funds - Public Policy: $150.00
  - AAUW Funds - LAF: $100

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- **Goals and Projects:**

  **Membership Recruitment:** At the PED Senior Fair and International Women’s Day events, we had an AAUW information table where we added names to our email list of interested women who now receive our newsletter. AAUW members sponsored tables at Hope House, Women Helping Women, and Women and Children’s Free Restaurant luncheon fundraisers. Our members assist with the children’s book give away at the Christmas Bureau. We sent a welcome letter and one newsletter to AAUW members who live locally but are not local members.

  **Community Projects 25 Year Anniversary Recognition:** Our lunch venues and programs focused on local agencies that benefit from Community Projects. We celebrated Esther Gibeault, 34 year member who is responsible for starting the Community Projects program.

  **Streamlining and consolidating Board responsibilities so tasks can be readily accomplished:** We eliminated funding to Girl’s State. We contracted with AAUW for website assistance. We set up an endowment at Spokane Community College Foundation to fund scholarships for women returning to college with the Foundation selecting the recipient with our member input. We have returned to holding 2 fund raising events rather than three. We have encouraged member hosted events for fund raising. New events have included a Numerology Workshop, a trip to Greenbluff, and a Pottery Party. We encourage job sharing.

  **Highlights and lowlights:** Sadly we lost two beloved members who were active in leadership until their last months. They were also involved in several interest groups which are struggling to survive their loss. We are encouraging new interest groups, such as a travel group and Mah Jongg.

  In August 2012, we were contacted by a map collector after he purchased a Washington State map produced as a fund raiser by our branch in 1931. He sent photographs of the very impressive map. Because our branch history was recently documented for our Centennial celebration, the history of this map was easily located. The map was produced in three versions; black and white, in color and also as a jigsaw puzzle. Branch records indicate in 1932 3000 maps were still available. We have no information on its profitability and at this time, we do not have a map in our possession. We were inspired by the productivity and vision of our past members.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Recruitment of new members
- Partnering with local colleges

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North Puget Sound District

Edmonds Branch - Phyllis Keiley-Tyler, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Membership growth - The branch has gained 23 members in the last two years. The Membership Team assigns a mentor from the team to each new member. A new member luncheon is held in February with the Board providing food and the program.
- Monthly meetings - Speakers were interesting and engaging, some inspirational, such as member Roberta Jonnet who presented Spiritual Wellness in February as part of a Health and Wellness theme. We began serving Starbucks coffee at our meetings to the delight of all the members!
- Branch website - Webmaster, Mary Ross, continues to update and expand our website with pictures and member news. She has provided training at several of our meetings as we assist members in feeling comfortable in using the branch website for information.
- Fundraising events - All three events were extremely successful this year, well attended with generous donations. We raised our scholarship contribution to $300.00 this year. At the Holiday Auction Scholarship Luncheon we raised $2733.00 with an additional $203.00 donation. The Games Day in February completed our scholarship commitment with $290.00. The March Spring Tea brought in $974.00 for the General Fund. As a result, after many years of needing a portable sound system, we were able to make the purchase.
- Name change vote - The vote passed in May to change the branch name from the Edmonds Branch to Edmonds SnoKing Branch. The members feel this is much more inclusive of where members reside. Along with AAUW Logo change, there is a lot of "fixing up" to do. A Task Force has been appointed.
- Community Connection - Edmonds Community College joined AAUW as an institutional member, and we gained college representative, Anne Penny, Business Outreach - Career Outreach Center, as a member of the Board. We continued to be involved in Expanding Your Horizons with members assisting on the committee, stuffing packets for the event, and running the day-of registration. Also, we continued to work with the League of Women Voters on a Candidates Forum and an Affordable Health Care Act event. We will have a table at the Edmonds Summer Market on Saturday, September 7th.
- Interest groups - Two new interest groups have begun, Coffee 'n Conversation and Movie and Discussion Night. Many new(er) members seem to be attracted to these and our other interest groups.

2013-2014 Focus:

- We move into the year without a president. All other officers are in place, as well as our seven working teams.
- The Board has developed a Distributive Model of Leadership which the membership supports. However, 3 leadership spots (key to the model) remain empty.

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- Saturday, June 29th we will conduct the Annual Planning Retreat and hope we can fill those spots and move forward.

Highline Branch - Wendy Meyers-Wenger, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Our group promotes the High School Scholars program and the school counselors look forward to it very year. To raise funds for this program, this year we held an auction in November. One of our members volunteered her building's party room for the event.
- We have been raising funds for the Mary Lou Hughes R&P Grant fund. To celebrate our success, Coleen Carrigan, the first recipient of an Eleanor Hadley fellowship spoke to our group in April.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Our group will continue to be committed to the High School Scholars program with another auction scheduled in November at the same place along.
- Our members decided to continue a emphasis on education for young women and girls through participation of Tech Trek and the Expanding Your Horizons.

Issaquah Branch - Sally Dillon and Dellanie Fragnoli, Co-Presidents

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Programs: The branch produced 10 programs, which included two potluck meals and a holiday luncheon in December. We hosted a candidate forum in October that was very well attended and featured all but one of the candidates for the 8th Congressional and 5th and 41st Legislative districts. In April we recognized local high school girls for their excellence in the STEM fields. Some of the interesting programs we enjoyed were “Fostering Scholars” – a program from Seattle U, “Women’s Voices” series by Susan Butruille – an overview of the history of the Women’s Rights Movement, “The Orphan Train” – a historical presentation, and a lecture on Charles Darwin – his early life and his first one and a half years on the Beagle.
- Special events: We hosted our inaugural Fashion Show and Luncheon fundraiser in April. A local Chico’s provided the fashions and six members of the branch served as models. 100 tickets were made available and all were sold within a matter of weeks. 25 raffle prizes were donated and ticket proceeds raised over $1500. The event was held at Timber Ridge at Talus, a retirement community in Issaquah that is the home of some of our members. $3000 of the profit was used to send three young ladies to this summer’s Tech Trek (two from Issaquah schools and one “at large”). A “second annual” event is planned for 2014!
- Public Policy Events: A record eight members represented our branch at the Lobby Day in Olympia and we met with eleven of the twelve Legislators from our three Districts. Six members joined other women in the community for two days each week during Lent to

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demonstrate our support of Planned Parenthood at their office in Issaquah. The Issaquah Press printed our letter to the editor concerning Equal Pay's 50th birthday.

- **Branch Policies:** The branch spent a good many months over the last couple of years in an effort to develop policies for our branch. The final document was approved in the fall and is available on our branch website.
- **Membership growth:** The past year has brought us five new members, for a net growth over last year of one. Many of the new members have sought positions on our leadership team!

2013-2014 Focus:

- A continuing focus for our branch is to grow our membership.
- We hope to have a multi-branch meeting with a focus on a candidate forum.

**Kirkland-Redmond Branch - Carolyn Hayek, President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

- The meeting year began on Sept. 15 with a tea at the Kirkland Women’s Club. Student guest Christina Arghira related her experiences at the NCWSL Conference in Washington, D.C. Scholarship recipient and National Student Advisory Committee member Natasha Mercado also attended.
- Guest, Karen Jones of Lifewire, spoke on their name change from Eastside Domestic Violence Project and accepted our housekeeping donations.
- Our plans for the upcoming year were announced.
- October 12 was the date for a forum style presentation on the November ballot initiatives. The discussion was lively and well attended.
- The November 14 meeting was held at the Lake Washington School District offices to meet the new administrators and discuss AAUW’s education objectives.
- The Holiday Fundraiser Party was December 5 at Kat Hughes’ home. Approximately $3000 was raised to support our local scholarship fund.
- The January 19 meeting was a brunch held at Matt’s in Redmond. The program was “A Visit With Eleanor Roosevelt.” The meeting was a sellout of the room available.
- In February, the movie “Invisible War” was presented, followed by a question and answer session featuring two of the women profiled in the movie.
- The March meeting featured book reviews of the Adelante Book List from National. March was also the month for two EYH programs at Bellevue College. Attendance was very high this year.
- April was a busy month. We held our Annual Meeting on April 17. Judy Rogers, State Membership Chair was the speaker, followed by our presentation to our local scholarship recipient. On April 22, we held our Annual Scholar Recognition Event. 15 high school women were recognized for outstanding achievement in Science, Mathematics or Technology.
May 18 was our end of year Brunch. The featured speaker was Dr. Lorrain McConaghy, of MOHAI.

In addition to these branch meetings, our three book groups met regularly throughout the year, along with our two Great Decisions discussion groups. The out-to-lunch group met monthly and the wine group gathered several times. Our new Coffee and Conversation group met twice in local coffee shops. Six members attended the state leadership conference and three the national convention in New Orleans. Our current membership of 68 (including two student affiliates) is believed to be the highest membership this branch has ever had.

We are pursuing closer relations with our local colleges and persuaded Cascadia Community College to become a partner member this year. We hosted a student event and a showing of the Invisible War movie at the college.

We are actively involved in the planning of Tech Trek and donated $1200 to support a student attendee. We have also been given the opportunity to select a second student to attend, which we have done.

Lake Washington Branch - Joanne Hufnagel, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- In October the Auction netted over $10,000.
- December we held our annual Holiday Brunch with entertainment for a way for the group to get together and socialize.
- The Expanding Your Horizons was a huge success with 564 girls in attendance, offering 55 workshops lead by over 100 presenters. Included was an adult program for teachers, councilors and parents. This event was held at one of the sponsors-Bellevue College in conjunction with our other sponsor Intellectual Ventures.
- Scholar Recognition honored 17 girls in the STEM areas. In addition to flowers each girl received flash drives with the AAUW logo with a reception following the ceremony.
- A wine tasting fundraiser earned over $350.
- The branch was honored as second place in nation for AAUW funds donations.
- More connection with Bellevue College to advance the relationship. We supported the college as they sent five students to NCCWSL. Worked with and encouraged a $tart $mart summer workshop.
- Donated to Tech Trek.
- Continued to expand and utilize the branch website using national to maintain it.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Continue to forge a close relationship with Bellevue College; help BC take advantage of AAUW programs.
- Work to build membership.
- Continue support for STEM through Expanding Your Horizons.
- Build a Facebook presence.

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SE King County Branch - Mary-Kaye Soderlind, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Our Branch held four meetings with guest speakers.
  - In September, our Branch President, Mary-Kaye Soderlind gave an interesting presentation on her many travels throughout her years of teaching.
  - In October, we had a joint meeting with the League of Women Voters. Ballot issues were discussed. Karen Lunder hosted this event.
  - The November meeting featured an informational and informative travelogue on Egypt, given by Jenny Rydberg. She had traveled to Egypt earlier in the year.
  - January brought an informational talk on “Making the Most of Your Doctor Visit”. Judi Dunham’s daughter, Jane, gave the presentation. She is a family doctor.
- Other activities throughout the year included a Christmas Party, several lunch-outs and dine-outs, and book club meetings.
- A few members attended the AAUW Lobby day in Olympia on January 28th.
- In February, we held our annual Scholarship Fundraiser at the Renton Civic Theatre. “The Foreigner” was selected as the play. It was well attended.
- Our Branch again participated in the “Expanding Our Horizons” Conference held at Highline Community College in March.
- Also in March, we held our Meeting/Elections and Salad Potluck Dinner.
- May brought the High School Scholar Recognition and Dessert.
- Suzette Cook, Mayor of Kent, was our guest speaker.
- In June we held our annual Branch Recognition Brunch. Our Scholarship winner, Christina Castagna, and her mother were our guests. Christina is a junior at the University of Rochester in New York. She currently is majoring in Brain and Cognitive Sciences and minor in Psychology. She plans on attending the University of Washington Medical School specializing in Neurology.

Seattle Branch – Pamela Forsha, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Forum focused on Key November 2012 Election Issues at Seattle Branch September meeting
- Dinner with Lilly Ledbetter for the Mary Lou Hughes Research and Projects Fund
- University of Washington and Seattle Branch formed an AAUW New College- University Partnership via the UW Women’s Center included:
  - October Branch meeting held at the UW Women’s Center
  - Proud sponsor of the UW Women’s Center Fundraising Gala “Women of Courage: Braving New Horizons”
- November Branch meeting held at the Seattle Art Museum included the Elles- “Women Take Over” Exhibit

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- Liz Vivian, executive director of Women’s Funding Alliance, speaker at the Seattle Branch January meeting
- Scholar Recognition Event recognized and honored 22 young women from eight Seattle area high schools; our speaker, Karen Blair Troianello, named plaintiff in the landmark Blair v. Washington Status University equity in athletics lawsuit or Title IX
- Proud sponsor of the Seattle Expanding Your Horizons Conference Presenter’s Lunch at Seattle University as well as Seattle Branch members volunteers at the event
- February Branch meeting at the new Museum of History and Industry on Lake Union included an excellent presentation about the museum history from the MOHAI Program Director, a tour, as well as visiting a display entitled “Women Can!” by a Seattle Branch member
- Seattle Branch 2013 NCCWSL candidate selected
- Seattle Branch earned Honorable Mention in the Bright Spots competition for its college and university partnership with the UW Women’s Center
- Seattle Branch member, Kathy Adler, a representative in the United Nation’s NGO Committee on the Status of Women speaker at our Annual branch meeting

2013-2014 Focus:

- Step up fundraising to fulfill the Mary Lou Hughes Research and Projects Grant
- Increase membership
- Provide pro-active mentoring opportunities for out-going board positions

Northwest District

Anacortes Branch - Rosette Dawson, incoming Co-President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- General Meeting Programs - We had a wonderful selection of speakers this year.
- Field Trips: One was to Chihuly Gardens and Glass in April and the other was last summer to the Pelandaba Lavender Fields on San Juan Island. We carpool to these events.
- General Scholarship (Our Branch scholarship committee selects the recipients): We were able to award 3 scholarships ($2000, $1000, $600). These are funded by our annual spring fundraiser: The Tea. Donations can also be made to the Anacortes Schools Foundation – AAUW Scholarship fund.
- STEM program (teachers and principals select the recipients):
  - 12th grade: we were able to award Science, Mathematics and Technology scholarships ($500 each) to 3 girls at our Washington State STEM Scholars Recognition presentation (certificates, pins, 4 GB USB drives with new AAUW logo that have information about AAUW on them). Our STEM speaker (Marine Biologist) was excellent. The scholarships are funded by donations to the Anacortes Schools Foundation – AAUW STEM fund.

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- 8th grade: we were able to award 2 Science, 2 Math and 1 Technology (new this year because of the new Robotics class) certificates to 5 girls at the Moving-Up ceremony at their middle school. They each receive a certificate and a $100 achievement check. The awards are funded by donations to the Anacortes Schools Foundation – AAUW STEM fund. These girls are personally invited to the annual STEM meeting each year of their high school. Several of them (the program was begun in 2007) have become our AAUW State scholars 4 year later.
- 7th grade: Tech Trek. (Teachers nominate the candidates; the Branch interviews and selects finalists.)
- We are sending 3 campers: one was funded by Branch member donations; the 2nd was funded by our Anacortes Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, and the 3rd (our alternate) was funded by Tech Trek itself. We were thrilled! The 3 girls are scheduled to speak at our first general meeting in September.
- LAF Fundraiser: A BBQ held in August was well attended and a lot of fun. We made more than $600 (I think) to send to National.
- Website: We were pleased to get our website up and running. We have a webmaster that continues to do the updates. We have gotten several membership information emails from this.
- Membership Drive: We set up a table at Saturday Market in Anacortes for two Saturdays in September. We got about 4 members from this and directed some other women to check out Branches in the areas where they live.
- Community: We participate with the League of Women Voters in holding candidate forums. We present a Writers’ Forum held at the library in February, with a theme and local (Washington) authors.

Bellingham Branch - Susan Moen and Gwen Parker, Co-Presidents

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Scholarships increased: At the April meeting of the Bellingham Branch executive board, it was decided to raise the amount of scholarships given to students at Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College from $500 to $1000. The change was voted for this year only, but can be done in years to come if we can increase the funds we have available.

The possibility of raising the amount was okayed by the membership at the March general meeting, with actual implementation left for the board. This uses money we have in savings, but is not something we can continue to do unless we raise more cash through fund-raisers, donations or grants.

With the costs of higher education going up, and recovery from the Recession still a work in progress, members agreed that now is the time to spend money that has been tucked away for the proverbial rainy day.

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Bellingham AAUW also has previously funded an endowment at Western Washington University, which provides scholarships to Western students each year. It is administered by WWU.

Bellingham AAUW was active in college/university relations
- We co-sponsored an “Elect Her” session with Western Washington University Associated Students
- We supported a “Girls Go Tech” day for middle school students at Whatcom Community College.
- We are sending three applicants to Tech Trek in July.
- Faculty from WWU spoke at our May High School Scholars event.
- Bellingham member Cyndie Shepard spoke about her work as executive director of Compass 2 Campus at WWU, and invited members to volunteer at the annual kids’ day on campus.

2013-2014 Focus:
- Increase membership and member participation
- Increase fund-raising efforts

Clallam Branch - Linda Carpenter, President

No report submitted.

Everett Branch - Judy Prince, President

2012-2013 Highlights:
- The branch continued to offer a variety of programs of interest to all members. This year, varied the location of our meetings to better suit the program activities.
- Continued our advocacy on public policy issues on state and national levels. Improved our relationship with our Congressman Rick Larsen.
- Completed another Scholar Recognition with all 4 Everett district high schools.

Mount Vernon Branch - Judi Edwards, President

No report submitted.

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Port Townsend Branch – Michael Kubec and Vicky Miller, Co-Presidents

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Membership: 214
- Fund Raising –
  - Kitchen Tour $12,500
  - Silent Auction 2,800
- Local, National and State Contributions
  - AAUW Funds $1,000
  - LAF $1,500
- Local Scholarships
  - Elmira K. Beyer Endowed Scholarship - $8,000 to a woman scholar for continuing education toward completion of a four-year undergraduate or a graduate degree.
  - Two High School Academic Award Scholarships at $1,500 each.
  - Two Academic Scholarships at $2,500 each.
  - Twelve STEM Awards totaling $1,000.
  - Sent five girls to Tech Trek Summer Camp. Branch contribution $2,000.
- Local Community
  - Our members volunteer many hours all year working with students K-8 in the following programs & contribute financially:
    - Career Day for middle schoolers $550
    - Grant Street School Literacy & Backpacks - kindergartners $280
    - Math Competency Program – 3rd Graders in 3 local schools $4300
    - Chimacum Creek School Kindergarten Phonics Program- kindergartners $750
- Other Accomplishments
  - Recognized as a “Bright Spot” and sat on a panel at the August 2012 Ellensburg meeting. Won the “Bright Spot” Award for our Math Competency Program in April 2013.
  - University Women’s Foundation (UWF) serves as the philanthropic arm of AAUW Port Townsend through which members of AAUW Port Townsend may carry out their charitable, education, and public service endeavors to promote education and equity for women and girls in East Jefferson County.
  - Holiday Luncheon – during which the Woman of Excellence Award is given.
  - Membership retention.
  - Strategies:
    1) Instituted Neighborhood Liaisons.
    2) Personal contact made to all new members.
    3) Varied times of New Member Coffees/Lunches/Wine Tasting.
    4) Seven Neighborhood Listening Sessions attended by co-presidents.
    5) Online survey
    6) Monthly message to all members called List Serve reminding them of the branch meeting, fundraising, etc.

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Results: 214 Members with 25 New Members in FY 2013-2014!

- Membership Directory... For those visual learners... a picture’s worth a thousand words. Names alphabetically organized by LAST name. We have included addresses, phones, email, birth date, and college, degree and majors.

- The Directory also includes general branch information/history, Events, Communications, Mission/Goals, Board Members, Community Programs, Special Interest Groups Directory, Public Officials Directory, University Women’s Foundation of Jefferson County (UWF), Recognition of Service Awards, Past & Present AAUW Presidents and UWF Past Presidents and State Officers/Chairs from AAUW PT.

- Website contains all the directory information as well as our Focus Newsletter for members.

- 65th Anniversary of our branch was celebrated during the May branch meeting with 17 past AAUW-PT presidents in attendance. A DVD of our branches history was shown.

Communications:
- Web Site contains all the directory information as well as our Focus Newsletter for members only. Password accessible. Newsletter is also emailed to all members.
- Face Pages is password protected and enables all members to locate a photo of every member and put a name to a face.
- Newsletter called the Focus is online with lots of photos. An added feature is the monthly program and presidents message. The calendar of interest groups is included. Also, have an Applause section featuring branch members who have done good deeds during the month.
- Port Townsend Leader & Peninsula Daily News - our local newspapers: great relationship; AAUW activities have appeared monthly during the year. Wonderful exposure.

Stanwood-Camano Island Branch - Teresa Garrison, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Due to very aggressive efforts by our membership committee we increased our membership by approximately ten members.
- We received a $5000.00 donation to a new fundraiser dedicated to raising scholarship funds from the Floyd and Doloros Jones Foundation.
- We did not have our annual Art Show in October that we have sponsored for the last thirty years.
- We are very busy planning for a new fundraiser, “Purses with a Purpose” a silent and live purse auction, which will be held in Stanwood at the Floyd Norgaard Building at 11:00 AM. September 21, 2013.
- We were able to give out two scholarships totaling $6000.00 to two very deserving young women.

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2013-2014 Focus:

- Our only fundraiser, “Purses with a Purpose” is sold out. We have seating for 160 people and the tickets are $25.00 each. We have a waiting list for anyone who is interested.
- Our membership committee continues to come up with creative ideas to attract new members. We look forward to gaining in membership again in 2014.

**Whidbey Island Branch - Sue Norman, President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

- The Whidbey Island Branch of AAUW had a busy and productive year. We started in August with our most successful Kitchen Tour yet. We had our Terrific Treasures yard sale in October and raised $1200 to donate to AAUW Funds. Our Fashion Show in March raised over $2500. Fundraisers and generous donations from members made possible a total of $10,600 in Scholarships awarded to deserving young women. We also honored 9 outstanding STEM recipients from the three Whidbey Island High Schools in a ceremony held in April.
- We lost a few members through the year but added 11 new members. Our Branch has 89 members with two that have been in AAUW over 50 years!
- Our Branch meetings have been well attended with interesting programs. Our Interest Groups remain active and include four Book Groups, an International Affairs discussion group, three Gourmet cooking groups, a Garden group and the very popular lunch and dinner groups.
- Our Branch participates in Community Outreach with Women in History presented to the 5th Grade Classrooms on Whidbey Island. We also held a “Showcase of the Arts” for High School Art Students in May.
- The June meeting installed our new Board of Directors and awarded 5 Named Honoree Certificates. We are all enjoying a brief couple of weeks to wind down before our first Board Meeting of the 2013/2014 year in July.

**South Puget Sound District**

**Federal Way Branch - Judith Eiler President**

No report submitted.

**Gig Harbor Branch -- Mary Williams, President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Changed our meeting time to the 3rd Saturday morning of the month, and our meeting location to the Harbor History Museum in downtown Gig Harbor. Both changes proved to
be very popular, resulting in an increase in average monthly attendance from about 8 to around 25, and several new members.

- Participated in the Tech Trek camp development. Thanks to the generosity of funders, and the health of our own bank balance, we will be sending six girls from Goodman Middle School to Tech Trek.
- Investigated several fundraising possibilities and reviewed the possibility of a partnership with another local non-profit group.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Increasing our membership through development of a better membership focused local branch brochure, better publicity, and a mission driven series of activities.
- Developing several fundraising activities that will allow us to continue to give scholarships to girls at each of our high schools and send several girls to Tech Trek.
- Documenting the history and memories of our older members (we have a dozen members who are 90 or older) by creating a visual and oral history of their contributions to our branch and community. We want to preserve their memories before we lose them!

Olympia Branch - Mary Alice Peterson and Pat Barber, incoming Co-Presidents

2012-2013 Highlights:

The Olympia AAUW branch holds monthly meetings with a variety of topics. Listed below are the meetings and what was accomplished.

- August - Annual Potluck Picnic: The event gave the members an opportunity to socialize and become familiar with the programs that would be part of the next year's schedule.
- September – A tour was held of the historic Bigelow House in Olympia, followed by a tea. The Bigelow House is one of the oldest homes in Olympia.
- October – A fundraiser for LAF was held at the Olympia Capital Playhouse. $150 was raised for LAF.
- November – Met at Reta Alberti’s with the Play Reading Interest Group. The play was called Tesla’s Letters.
- December – The Annual Holiday Luncheon was held at Anthony's Home Port Restaurant.
- December – Eight members and friends from the branch went on the state sponsored Rhine River Christmas Cruise fundraiser. Olympia’s total of the proceeds was $2,200 for AAUW funds.
- January – The branch hosted the Washington AAUW Lobby Day on January 28th. As a result of the event one new member joined the branch.
- February – A diversity luncheon was held at a local Asian restaurant. A former student who had studied in Japan talked about his experiences.
- March – The met at Joan Mikow’s. Joan hosted, facilitated a prepared a presentation on “Why So Few?” with followup discussion following the presentation.
• April – The annual business meeting was held and the High School Scholar Recognition Reception and 88th Anniversary Dinner was discussed. Election of officers was held too!
• May - The Thirteenth Annual High School Scholar Recognition Reception and 88th Anniversary Dinner was celebrated at the Olympia County and Golf Club. Forty-three scholars were selected and honored from 16 area high schools for their outstanding achievement in Mathematics, Science or Technology.
• June – A potluck dinner and a screening of the film “The Invisible War” followed by discussion was attended by most of the members. A guest to the event joined the branch.
• The Olympia branch is a small branch with an aging population. Our two major events are the High School Scholar Recognition Program and hosting the AAUW-WA Lobby Day. We have a book club that meets monthly, a play reading group that meets from November to May, and we are starting a theater group this fall. We are encouraged that we have had new members join this past year and hope that the trend will continue.

**Puyallup Valley Branch - Bev Strodtz, President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

• Our branch funded our annual donation to WWEE (Washington Women for Education And Employment).
• Recognized High School Scholars in STEM from all our local high schools.
• Selected 4 candidates for Tech Trek.

**Tacoma Branch - Phyllis Izant, President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

Having completed a stellar program year of monthly branch meetings, we’re pleased to report on our 2012-13 activities and accomplishments to date. We have:

• Produced an annual membership directory booklet
• Designed and printed our own Tacoma Branch membership trifold flyer to hand out to guests at branch and interest group meetings, and for BOD members to keep in their purses to share with prospects out in the community
• Convened a scholarship task force to discuss, evaluate and recommend to the branch membership creative alternatives to our traditional scholarship program (successfully adopted)
• Created and distributed a handout, “Feeling Philanthropic?” clarifying the various donor opportunities through both Tacoma Branch funds and AAUW national funds
• Signed a new agency agreement for our endowed funds at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation (GTCF)
• Established a Pass Through Fund - Tacoma Project Fund - for individual donations by AAUW members, also at GTCF

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- Attracted and welcomed many new paid members to the Branch and interest groups, with new members especially drawn to our Evening Book group and the new Genealogy & Family History interest group, as well as the ever-popular Hot Topics group, which changed its meeting time from lunchtime to 4-6 p.m., enabling young professionals to attend after their teaching day.
- Sent several branch members to serve on the committee organizing this summer’s AAUW-WA Tech Trek summer camp project for incoming eighth graders, to be held at Pacific Lutheran University.
- Sponsored four local women university students to attend NCWSSL through our C/U partnerships with Pacific Lutheran University and University of Washington Tacoma. Each institution received $1,400 from us to support their student delegates to the NCWSSL conference. As a result, PLU is sending three students to the conference and UWT (first-time participant) one.
- Operated within our member-approved budget
- The transition to our newly elected officers begins in late June, of course, and several of us will come together shortly to plan Branch programs for 2013-2014. We are blessed to have the enthusiasm and interest of wonderful women in Tacoma who come together, stay involved and live the mission of AAUW
- More Membership Momentum
  - We had an increase in membership from 51 members in February 2012 to 63 members in February 2013. Statewide, Tacoma Branch came in fourth highest in its rate of membership growth, with 3-year growth +18.87% and 1-year growth +14.55%. Only Kirkland-Redmond Branch exceeded our growth rate during both time periods. (We hope to catch up to you, Friends!) Since February 1, we welcomed several additional members, topping out at 70 members as of June 1.
  - One of our key tools for membership growth these past two years is an active presence on the social utility website Meetup.com.* Another tool for success is pushing branch members to renew their membership online through the MPP, National’s Membership Payment Program. This greatly reduces some of the formerly tedious duties of our treasurer regarding dues payments. [* For more information on how we use Meetup.com, send an e-mail contact request to our web maven and online guru Mary Letterman, via Tacoma@aauw-wa.org]

Southwest District

Cowlitz County Branch - Sharon Watt, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- In May we held a reception for 7 High School Scholars. It was well attended, with family members and several teachers. At the same reception, we awarded a $1,000 scholarship.
- In October three members attended the reception at Lower Columbia College, where we met the recipient of our $850 scholarship given through our endowment at the LCC Foundation.

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• In September we held a book sale over two weekends. We earned enough to cover the $1,000 scholarship.
• At our December holiday potluck we collected children’s books, which we donated to CASA.
• We have two book discussions groups that meet September through May. Both groups read “The Language of Flowers”, and as a result, one member is planning on establishing her own foster home for those who age out of the system.

2013-2014 Focus:

• Try to grow the membership.
• We will be holding a book sale again in September.

Hudson's Bay Branch - Katie Scharle, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

• We had 9 business meetings and 9 programs. Among the most interesting meetings were Jane Elder Wolf’s presentation of her new book, First Families of Vancouver’s African American Community. Also, at another meeting, we viewed the movie and discussed Miss Representation.
• We read 11 books and held Book Group meetings in the homes of members. The most interesting discussions came from reading My Stroke of Insight by Jill Taylor and Shadow Tribe: The Making of the Columbia River Indian Identity by Andrew H. Fisher.
• On Jan 28 Katie Scharle and Kathi Pickett attended Lobby Day in Olympia, WA. They went to the AAUW Preparation Meeting from 8-12:45, and then went to the Capitol and visited the senators and representatives to request cooperation with certain bills pertaining to women’s rights that were being considered at that time.
• We held a Christmas Holiday Party. We had a socks exchange, potluck dinner, and collected gifts for the women’s center, Safechoice (a house for victims of domestic violence) and for The Seafarers Center (a center for sailors coming off the ships in Port Vancouver.) These donations included toiletries, sleepwear, socks, hats, mittens, books, gift cards, toys, mugs, baby items and diapers.
• We held a High School Scholars Recognition Event on Sunday, April 28 at Washington State University. We awarded Certificates of Excellence in science, mathematics and technology to 51 young women from 19 high schools in the Greater Southwest Washington Area. Parents and friends were invited. We had our winners published in the Oregonian and Columbian newspapers.
• We awarded eight women who needed financial aid and were returning to school with Clark College scholarships from AAUW, Hudson’s Bay Branch.

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2013-2014 Focus:

- Increase membership with some kind of welcome event. Each member brings a friend.
- Increase fun and unity with more Vagabond outings to places of interest.
- Increase camaraderie and friendship with Birthday Lunches two or three times a year to celebrate the birthdays in that time period.
- Get a Letter to the Editor published in the Columbian or Oregonian concerning Equal Pay.

Lewis County Branch - Priscilla Tiller, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Held eight regular business meetings in conjunction with formal programs featuring guest speakers. All meetings are held in the spacious meeting room at Stillwaters Estates, a retirement community near Centralia. Residents, which include AAUW members, are invited and often attend programs.
- Held a Holiday Banquet at a Chehalis restaurant with program and silent auction. Proceeds of $950 was divided evenly and donated to the Women’s Shelter and to Growing Places, a non-profit organization for at-risk youth.
- Held an end-of-year potluck supper at Stillwaters Estates, an event that included an informal meeting.
- Sponsored our 19th annual Expanding Your Horizons conference in conjunction with Centralia College.
- Celebrated our 90th anniversary, our branch having been established in 1923.
- Conducted a used-book sale that netted $8785.
- Donated $100 to the AAUW Education Foundation.
- Donated $100 to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.
- Donated $350 to sponsor a Knowledge Bowl team to benefit the local Our Literacy Council.
- Donated $600 to the Camp Cispus project, a science camp for Centralia sixth graders.
- Presented a full-tuition scholarship ($4000) to a second year woman student at Centralia College.
- Presented a tuition scholarship ($1000) to a Lewis County woman pursuing upper-division work at an accredited college or university.
- Maintained the Lewis County AAUW Scholarship Committee, a non-profit organization that protects our branch endowment fund.
- Created a new branch Web page that includes an exclusive Members Only section for exchange of information pertinent to members.
- Produced a branch brochure listing officers, programs, and activities.
- Produced a branch directory that includes officers, programs, activities, history, and member addresses and photos.

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- Produced a monthly newsletter that is distributed to members via e-mail and regular mail for those without access to the Internet.
- Arranged for purchased of polo shirts with AAUW logo and Lewis County Branch name emblazoned on the upper left side. Shirts help identify members working at our EYH conference and our used-book sale. Members are encouraged to wear shirts wherever they wish, for advertising is always advantageous.
- Maintained active interest groups that meet monthly usually in members’ homes: Art, whose activities include making covers for our directories; Bridge; Early Morning Discussion, whose topic for the past year has been The Supreme Court; Hiking; Plays; Reading; and Travel, one of whose speakers, Ilse Walter, came from Germany to present a program. Walter has been interested in our branch for many years and proudly sports a branch polo shirt. She participates in the Early Morning Discussion Group via e-mail. We are pleased to have an honorary international member.
- Most interest groups continue to meet throughout the summer.

2013-2014 Focus:

- Maintain our present profile and fund-raising capability.
- Attend to membership recruitment.

Twin Harbors Branch - Karen Russo, President

No report submitted.

Vancouver Branch - Anna Whipple, President

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Donations of over $20,000 to Community Foundation of SSWA to have a total of $49,528.53 in the AAUW Scholarship Fund.
- Fundraising netted over $5,000. 00
  - $2,000.00 to AAUW funds resulting in 4 named gift honorees.
  - $1800.00 scholarship to WSU student.
  - $900.00 scholarship to Clark College student.
- 106 pounds of food and $162.00 to North County Food Bank
- Donation of $300.00 to purchase teddy bears for Stepping Stones grief group.
- Donations of underwear to women in jail.
- Two members serving on State board.
- Membership holds at 95 strong

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2013-2014 Focus:

- Decide how to use monies from the CFSSWA scholarship to either increase present scholarships, or add new ones.
- Support Tech Trek in a monetary way.
- Continue to invite and enlist new members.

**Willapacific Branch - Charlotte Paliani, President**

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Willapacific has been very busy this past year. We had our Meet the Candidates Issues Forum and County Commissioner candidates in July and then a follow up Voters Forum in October. Our branch is the only non partisan voters forum in the area.
- In October we also had our annual peach/cranberry pie bake sale at the Cranberrian Fair. We bake 100 pies and they always sell out. The $1300 we netted this year goes for toward scholarships and related local educational assistance.
- In March we had our 8th annual Historical Afternoon Tea Theater, Treasurers of Tim, this year's theme being What We Learned From our Grandmothers. It is a complete English tea and members portray the characters in full costume. We can seat 150 and always sell out. This year we netted $2444 for scholarships and STEM recognition. We present our STEM recipients at the tea. They are our guests along with one family or important person in their life. We award them $50, an AAUW pin and a certificate as a Junior at Ilwaco or Naselle High School.
- This year our scholarship was $3,000 awarded to a Senior young woman in our Ilwaco High School. It is presented at the high school awards night. We also paid for two AP exams this year.
- We are sending two young ladies to the Tech Trek camp with the aid of the State funds and also one branch that donated their funds to us. We had little time to raise any funds this year so members also donated to send them.
- We continue our book club and our Early Literacy Program. This program has been operating since 1995. A new book is taken to each new baby and a booklet for the mother about the importance of reading aloud. Each sibling receives a book also.
- We have monthly meetings with program, business, social exchange and a bit of snacking.
- We have two lifetime members for 28 total if all members renew.

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