



Review, Refresh, Renew

AAUW-WA Summer Leaders Meeting

Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22
Hal Holmes Center, Ellensburg



Summer time in Ellensburg - where the living is easy, where the temperatures soar and where AAUW-WA members gather in late August to conduct a little business, encourage professional development and share a bit of whimsy.

Join your AAUW-WA friends and state board members on Friday, August 21. The state board meeting comes first. Then, we've reserved a room at Ellensburg Pasta for 50 for Friday night. If you are coming in early on Friday to attend the 1:30 PM board meeting, or just to enjoy Ellensburg, then sign up on your registration form for dinner with us. Spouses and guests are welcome. This is a self-pay dinner. So, do bring cash or your credit card! Friday's events will give you a chance to ease into both AAUW business and fun. Everyone is welcome to attend both events.

On Saturday, we'll start by sharing the highlights of the AAUW national convention! If you attended, bring along your favorite memory. If you didn't, be prepared to wish you had. Look at the big picture as you are updated on the AAUW Strategic Plan that was presented by the national board and staff. Then the focus

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Charting the Course—

Growing AAUW's Future Branch by Branch

June 27, 2015

What a week, what a month, what a year! We are shaped by the issues that surround us. Just this week, the actions of the Supreme Court recognized gay marriage and dignity for all. President Obama gave a passionate eulogy in Charleston for the nine who died there and led the congregation in *Amazing Grace* in a singing voice that brought many to tears. These two events represent ongoing struggles for dignity and representation of rights for all our people. This is what AAUW stands for even today.

Conventions bring us together to recognize the struggles we've had and to recognize how far we have come! Thirty-seven AAUW-WA members attended the AAUW national convention in gorgeous San Diego and you will hear in their voices how this meeting impacted them in a special convention edition of the Evergreen Leader. From the opening session to the closing one, the panels, speakers, workshops, and staff worked to bring us ideas to take home to our states and branches. All of us will work on implementing those with

you. Thank you for supporting your local leaders in attending convention. For many who attend an AAUW convention, the first time is transformative.



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shifts to the state level as the latest iteration of the AAUW-Washington Strategic Plan will be shared along with the state budget for the coming year.

Then the meeting focus zeroes in on branches. You'll have an opportunity to display projects from this past year or see plans for this coming year that are mission-driven. Create a poster illustrating a 2014-2015 branch activity that was unique/creative in some way. This can be a project, a branch program (meeting), a community outreach, or a newsletter. Or you can highlight a program you are planning for the coming year; this presentation of your 2015-2016 projects/programs focuses on the AAUW mission and what you hope to accomplish in terms of reaching new members, a more diverse population, or achieving new goals. An entry form can be found in the adjacent column. Complete the form by cutting and pasting it in an email or Word document and send it to Emily Hitchens at programs@aauw-wa.org by August 1. You'll be eligible for the new program award! Thank you.

After a wonderful box lunch catered by a woman-owned business in Ellensburg, the afternoon will be spent in two longer sessions devoted to leadership development for officers. You asked for more time for these sessions and we are giving you just that. On the AAUW-WA board, we are cross-training. We ask that you cross-train too—become familiar with more than one leadership area in your branch.

AAUW-WA has a **registration rebate** available to every single branch! If four of your branch leaders come to this meeting, AAUW-WA will reimburse your treasury \$50, the price of one registration. Is that a great deal or what? No game of chance, no drawing. This is real money to be returned to each branch. We want to encourage every single branch to bring four officers to this meeting. Your officers and board members believe that this information is important and we want to share it with you. So come. We do want you there.

We are looking forward to seeing you in August in Ellensburg! Let's explore the heart of AAUW that beats in your branches. We want you there!

**AAUW-WA
Summer Leaders Meeting**

**Program/Poster Presentation
for Saturday, August 22**

Name of Branch:

Year of project:
2014-2015 _____ 2015-2016 _____

Title of project/meeting:

Written description of presentation/poster topic:

Complete the form by cutting and pasting it to an email or Word document and send it to Emily Hitchens at programs@aauw-wa.org by August 1.

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Social Media Fans—Here's Kelvie!

Our very own state president, Kelvie Comer, was interviewed as part of a Women in Tech initiative. Check it out here! [A Q&A with our #Postback15 Women in Tech partner organizations](#)

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AAUW OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Summer Leaders Meeting

The Hal Holmes Center

209 N. Ruby Street, Ellensburg

8:30 AM	Registration, Refreshments and Coffee	
9:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Kelvie Comer, President/Administrator
9:05 AM	Shaping our Future	
	AAUW – Convention Highlights	Beth Wood & Emily Hitchens, AAUW-WA Board of Directors (BOD)
	AAUW National Board Initiatives	Rebecca Norlander, AAUW Board
	AAUW-WA Initiatives	Kelvie Comer & Dellanie Fragnoli, Finance VP with AAUW-WA BOD
10:00 AM	Poster Sessions	Emily Hitchens
	2014 -2015 branch activities, Tech Trek, & NCCWSL	
10:30 AM	Membership Conversations	Judy Prince
		AAUW-WA BOD with selected branch leaders
11:30AM	Branches – New Initiatives, Joint Projects and Invitations for 2015 - 2016, especially mission-based activities	Emily Hitchens
Noon	Lunch and AAUW-WA Awards for 2015: Funds Development, Membership, Newsletter, Program, President – AAUW- WA BOD Members	
1:00 PM	Counterpart Session 1 – AAUW-WA Board of Directors	
2:20 PM	Break	
2:30 PM	Counterpart Session 2 – AAUW-WA Board of Directors	
3:50 PM	Renewing Yourself and Your Branch for 2015 – 16 – Kelvie Comer, President	
4:00 PM	Adjourn	

Registration Information for Summer Leaders Meeting

To register, go to <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=psxfmitab&oeidk=a07eb5jajt9801ad7a7>

Beth Wood Joins AAUW-WA Board

AAUW-Washington is pleased to welcome Beth Wood to the AAUW-WA board of directors. Beth lives in Mill Creek and is a member and immediate past president of the Kirkland-Redmond branch.

She has worked in computers for many years and says, " Strangely enough, I found myself working 'temp' at a computer company "because I could type." Her work record is fascinating to read, as she recorded a lot of firsts, both in the area of computing and in the area of women in technology.



Then her focus changed. "After the dot-com bust, I decided to focus on supporting our four elderly parents and through several years of care giving, helped them through some tough times. As a result, I became more interested in the welfare of seniors in my Dublin, Calif., community and was chosen as president of the Senior Advisory Council for the city and was on the board of directors for Tri-Valley Senior Support, a non-profit in Livermore, Calif., which provides services to seniors that fosters independence, promotes safety and well-being, preserves dignity and improves quality of life."

Beth and her husband Brent moved to Washington three years ago and she is involved with non-profits here as well as AAUW. She is interested in seeing AAUW market itself better so we are better known both in women's circles and in the community.

Welcome to the board, Beth. We're pleased to have you with us!

Help Wanted: Social Media Maven

A social media maven is an individual who identifies interesting or trending content and shares it with a large online network.

AAUW-WA is looking for a couple of volunteer mavens to partner with us and help us stay on top of social media. Currently we have a Facebook page, a Pinterest page and a Twitter account. If you are experienced – great. If you would like to learn – also great! Here's an AAUW job you can do from the comfort of your home! We're looking to push AAUW-WA's social media presence to the next level! Please contact Mary Letterman at fb@aauw-wa.org.



Projected image on the variegated ceramic tile floor at the entrance to the Sheraton San Diego, the AAUW national convention hotel , June 18-21.



The NCCWSL Experience

On May 28-30, college women from across the country had the opportunity to congregate at the University of Maryland for the 30th Annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Seven rising student leaders TreAuna Culp, Seila Day, Rachel Ellenwood, Amandaree Fox, Blanca Ramos, Cherrise Reyes, and Kimberly Suazo-Valentin were there from Washington State University (WSU), an AAUW C/U Partner. When asked what they thought about NCCWSL they agreed the conference was a once in a lifetime learning experience.

Rachel Ellenwood, Native American Women's Association president, said "It was a great opportunity to meet other women who are similar to me and very different from me. The diversity was refreshing." Students learned one important aspect of being a leader in higher education and life is to be able to address the entire community as a whole regardless of race, culture, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. As conveyed by keynote speaker Maysoon Zayid, we should remember it is especially important to be inclusive to everyone by being aware special accommodations might be needed, such as accessibility for wheelchairs and sign language for the hearing impaired.

Listening to Zayid was a favorite highlight among WSU Cougar students. Zayid was as much inspiring as she was hilarious, which is really saying something. In addition to being a talented speaker, Zayid is also a comedienne.

NCCWSL also gave student leaders the chance to participate in workshops geared towards determining how to best approach campus responsibilities, live up to their fullest potential, and how to give back to their communities and overall society. Attendees were offered preconference volunteer opportunities which TreAuna Culp, president for Black Women's Caucus, took advantage of this opportunity. Culp says, "By volunteering with Wider Circle, an organization that takes a holistic approach to ending poverty by providing basic necessities and educational programs to needy children and adults, I was able to assist families in locating furniture and other home necessities needed to make their residence a home."



NCCWSL attendees at workshop to end poverty

The preconference activities and workshops proved to be beneficial by giving rising student leaders the chance to lead by example, make a difference locally in Maryland communities, and gain ideas to execute on their campuses. Overall, much knowledge was learned and shared. Upon leaving the conference, the feeling of being empowered and ready to lead was unanimous.

By Cherrise Reyes, Chair of the Coalition for Women Students at WSU

The Prez Says . . .

Kelvie C. Comer, President AAUW-WA
president@aauw-wa.org

First a quick look at the **Spring 2015 Annual Meeting** at UW-Bothell on May 1 and 2.

Friday Featured Students, Young Women

On Friday, "Blasting through the Glass Ceiling" focused on undergraduate and graduate student success in colleges and universities and in future workplaces. Nilce Alvarez and Tiffany Woelfel from the AAUW-WA Student Advisory Committee led the efforts for this event. Six women

presented posters or presentations on their research from their fields. Senator Pramila Jayapal, 37th District, spoke passionately about her efforts to make a difference for all people and promised her commitment as a newly elected senator to work faithfully on issues to which AAUW is deeply committed.

The day was about women making change happen.

Kate Farrar, AAUW Leadership Development VP and Gloria Blackwell, AAUW VP Fellowships, Grants, and Global Programs, addressed how AAUW is helping young women make plans for careers that will blast them through glass ceilings. Rebecca Norlander, Seattle start-up entrepreneur, and Val Sanford, CEO, both addressed opportunities for women in the workplace and how women still face leadership challenges at the top. Young women in the audience asked what qualities make up a good leader. Answers: curiosity, listening and finding your voice.

AAUW Fundraiser Rocks the Hall

Friday night, we gathered to celebrate the great good humor of Gina Barreca, our own American feminist humorist. Gina left us all laughing about the size of our clothes, how men treat us (really, ladies!), and what is going on in Washington, DC. With great wine and wonderful food, we spent several hours enjoying our time with Gina and raising money for AAUW.



Getting Down to Business, Women's Futures

The Annual Meeting on May 2 was framed with presentations by Gloria Blackwell and Liz Vivian. Gloria shared AAUW's involvement internationally and her recent trip to Morocco. After lunch, Liz Vivian, executive director of the Women's Funding Alliance, shared its new report, *The Status of Women in Washington: Forging Pathways to Leadership and Economic Opportunity* (2015). The report highlights the economic disparity for women across the state and our very real gender wage disparity. This is a

place where Native American women have the highest poverty level. The report goes on to the facts and realities of women all over our state. Read their report. It's on their website. WFA has an agenda to move women ahead economically, educationally, and politically.

Thanks to the leadership of Local Arrangements Chair Kat Hughes and an array of other leaders including Annette Anderson, UW-

Bothell; Rosemary Sutton, Cascadia College; Beth Wood, Carolyn Hayek, and Margie van Waardenberg, Kirkland-Redmond; Jan Gram, Carol Wellman and Judy Rogers, Issaquah Branch; Rosemary James and Sandy Heidergott, Lake Washington; and Tiffany Woelfel, YWTF Seattle. They did an awesome job!

Looking ahead . . .

We're in transition as a board as of July 1.

Our Strategic Planning Meeting is in Redmond on August 8. We'll set the agenda for this year and look at what a reasonable plan is for 2015 – 2016. We'll ask questions—are we doing what we ought to be doing? We'll plan and set the dates for the issues of the *The Evergreen Leader*. We'll confirm the budget for 2015-2016. And, we'll tie our priorities for the year to the budget, so that our commitments will be reflected in the budget. **Branch presidents—you're invited. Look for the invitation and please respond!**

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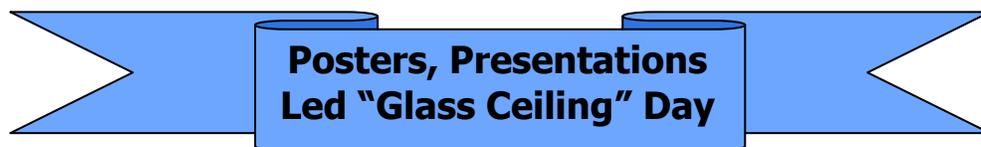
August 21 and 22 is the state leaders meeting. Come in early on Friday, stay at the Comfort Inn, join us at *Ellensburg Pasta* for dinner; please note that on your registration. The focus of the summer meeting is branch leader development and strengthening branch officers. The full program is listed on page 3 and registration is on-line. See you there!

AAUW-Washington Director Opening

One of our incoming board members has had to resign for health reasons. So we are looking for another energetic, creative, AAUW-committed woman to join our group. If you'd like to serve, or find out what it takes to serve, on the AAUW-Washington board of directors, contact Nominating Committee Chair Florence Young at nominations@aauw-wa.org. We'd love to see a new face in the group!

Finally, we wave good-bye (kind of) to two loyal, devoted board members who are continuing in off-board slots. Mary Letterman, communications vice president (Tacoma), will continue to serve as our social media person which currently includes Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter. She started the tradition of keeping all our newsletters available on line. For Pinterest, she keeps a list of all the books that branches are reading there – what readers we are! Mary, we will miss your gentle reminders, your thoughtfulness, and your kindness.

The other board member leaving is Judi Edwards, board secretary (Mount Vernon Branch). She is the keeper of our records and master of our technological universe. Judi has agreed to take on the responsibility of webmaster. This coming year the board will work on bringing web pages up-to-date. Judi is patient, thoughtful, thorough, and we are fortunate to have her in this position. Both Judi and Mary have been dedicated to AAUW- WA and the work we do. Thanks so much to both of them for all they have done and for continuing with their new tasks.



Carol Stokes, Director, AAUW-Washington

Guest speakers at the "Blasting Through the Glass Ceiling" conference gave evidence that women had, in significant numbers, moved from subordinate positions into management as AAUW executives, industry and government managers and private sector entrepreneurs. However, did the twenty plus undergraduate and graduate student participants come away with assurances that they could reach any professional height to which they aspired?

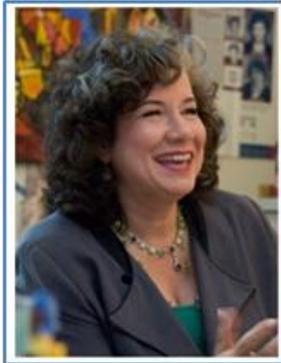
The meeting was successful. Newly appointed to the Student Advisory Council, I was privileged to interact with most of the students attending the May 8th meeting held at the University of Washington, Bothell campus. The young women present included a business major from Saudi Arabia and many who were native-born and the first in their family to attend a university. Tiffany Woelfel, a graduate student in Social Work not only attended the conference, but contributed to its success. Under her auspices, six of the students created and displayed posters based on their individual research projects.

As the first generation in my family to earn a PhD, I know that the act of *blasting through the glass ceiling* remains elusive. However, we at AAUW are the shoulders on which those who follow us can stand. This first AAUW- WA student conference was a great vehicle to enhance female college/university students' to interact with role models and learn strategies for success. I found it very rewarding to interact with all of the participants – presenters, attending students and foreign guests. While the future glass breakers' destinies are as yet to be determined, events such this will encourage them to expand their horizons and acquire the skills necessary to achieve their goals. I look forward to the next conference which is well worth doing.

Gina Barreca Invigorates Fundraiser Before Annual Meeting

Beth Wood, Co-President,
Kirkland-Redmond Branch

The AAUW-WA May 1 fundraiser with feminist humorist Gina Barreca was thoroughly enjoyable. Hearing Gina speak about the topics women find humorous in our daily lives helped us lighten the load of being a woman in "a man's world." For



example, the more Gina talked about how women fit their bodies into clothes sizes, as opposed to men who fit the clothes to their bodies, the more we laughed. And with comments like "It's not a glass ceiling, doll, it's a thick layer of men," Gina's wit sparkled with feminine insights.

From Gina's opening story about women's clothing sizes ("In Armani I'd be a size 6; at the Fashion Mart I'm a 22W. We all know the more you pay the smaller size you are!") to her keen and very funny observations about bathing suit season at TJ Maxx, she kept us laughing at ourselves and the world in which we live. Gina's humor is grounded in the truths about womanhood today. When the world's problems seems insurmountable, Gina's a person I'd like to have as a good friend to help regain a positive perspective on life's absurdities.

We were very fortunate to have her 5-star performance at this fundraising event and I'm looking forward to reading her latest book, [It's Not That I'm Bitter: How I Learned to Stop Worrying About Visible Panty Lines and Conquered the World](#). To sample Gina's humor, checkout her videos on YouTube.

"When you laugh, you've connected. You're standing on the same turf. Laughing together is as close as you can get to a hug." (Gina-isms: "The Secret Behind Women's Laughter." [Psychology Today: Snow White Doesn't Live Here Anymore](#). Jan. 9, 2012.)

Strategic Planning for Branch Programming— How Do You Do It?

Leslie Waters, Director, AAUW-WA

Planning for the coming year can be one of the most rewarding (and pleasurable) activities for branches. Here are a few suggestions to make the process easier.

First, it is helpful to set aside one meeting every year for planning. In Colville, our strategic planning meeting is always our last meeting before we break for the summer, and we do a fun potluck first.

Once the actual planning session begins,

it helps to revisit last year's 1 year and 5 year goals (if you have them yet.) It is amazing how writing things down seems to make them happen! Look at what has been accomplished and what may have been put aside. There may be some things in the latter list that you might try as goals for the coming year. This is a good time for a (brief) discussion on what worked well, and what didn't.

Recapping accomplished, it is time to move on to setting some new goals. Some goals may be born of need or demand (e.g., fundraising goals, membership goals, or educational objectives) but brainstorming can then be used to list all of the other possibilities. (Remember not to judge during the brainstorming process – just write down every idea that is shouted out.) Our leadership often takes this opportunity to toss out the larger projects AAUW is doing in the state for consideration (such as Tech Trek) since these projects have additional support, both financial and monetary, that make them especially rewarding. Our AAUW mission as well as any local mission statements can also help stimulate ideas and guide the process.



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Strategic Planning (cont'd.)

The next step is to choose a few goals. Our branch likes to vote using gold stars – each member gets a certain number and sticks them next to the goals she prefers. The goals with the most stars win. It is important to narrow the choices down to 2-3, especially for a small branch. Choosing too many will overwhelm the members. I also love it when several goals can be attained through a single project. Elegant and win-win!

If a branch wants to spend a bit more time on the goal-setting part, this is a good time to set several overarching goals for the next 5 years. Doing so helps lay a more long-term groundwork and allows members to begin to think about what they may be able to handle volunteering for later, even if they don't have the time or energy now.

Now the fun begins! There are many ways to flesh out the selected goals. Of course the branch leadership could do it, or committees can be formed to meet separately and work on the goals. But it can also be done at the group meeting. If there are enough people, the members can split up into groups and each group can develop a goal, then briefly report back at the end of the process.

Mind mapping is a great way to do this, but every branch will have a style. To mind map, the goal can be written in the middle of a large sheet of paper on an easel. The group then brainstorms all of the steps that need to be taken, and all of the important considerations that come to mind, related to the goal and connect them using arrows, spheres of influence, drawings, lists on the side, different colors, etc to illustrate the process. The project begins to take shape and the steps (and problems) will emerge.

NEXT STEP

Once the project has some depth and richness, it's time to:

- Appoint or elect a project chair
- Set a tentative date if it is an event
- Figure out the first things that need to be done and find volunteers
- Set a date for the first committee or task force meeting

For our small rural branch, two public fundraisers per year plus one Christmas Party/silent auction are enough to keep us going. In addition, we have a competition for a STEM scholarship and we participate very actively in Tech Trek, sending as many girls as we can finance. Our fundraisers are both annual events, but we are talking about changing it up and doing a larger fundraiser with the help of grant money that has come available. Even though the planning committees for the fundraisers are small, the actual events involve as many branch members as possible doing whatever tasks they feel able and willing to do.

Project leadership involves challenges that I suspect are universal. A few people do much of the work. Some projects require more sweat equity than others and wear out the people who volunteer. We are always searching for ways to streamline the work, and incentives to persuade members to become more involved.

But reaching goals is incredibly rewarding. And activities that bring enrichment to the community attract new members, as well as the attention of the community. It is amazing what a small group of energetic women can accomplish with a little organization. Especially if they keep it fun!

The Power of A Dollar

Val Sanford, AAUW-WA Co-Vice President,
AAUW Fund Director

My mother was born in 1921. As a child of the depression, she was fortunate to live on her grandparents' farm. The food was plain but plentiful. Her father was the postmaster in the little town of Independence, Kansas, and, though her parents were separated, her father's income helped feed her and her seven siblings. High school was as far as she could dream. College was never even an option. The Dust Bowl and Pearl Harbor changed my mother's fate; she escaped the Midwest and move to Southern California to build military aircraft for Lockheed Martin. She was a Rosie the Riveter.

When my parents bought their first house, my mother's income wasn't counted. Though a working woman since she was 14 years old, the bank would not count her income because once she was married, the expectation was that she would quit. She didn't. Not for 15 years. She lost her job at Lockheed when the war was over, but she found work in department stores and diners. Then my sister and I came along and mother had her hands full with Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, choir, Sunday school and family life. My father worked for the phone company. A high school degree earned through the Civilian Conservation Corps was as much as he could afford. College was not an option.

I was adopted at birth and raised by amazing parents. As a child of the 60s, it never occurred to me that I would not go to college. It was always understood. My parents saved and scrimped to educate me and support me in the extracurricular activities so important to college applications. I was the first woman in my adopted mother's family to go to college. The first to earn a degree. The first to enter the business world and the first become an advocate for women. I was the first to break the glass ceiling and become an executive of a publicly traded company. I was the first to be an AAUW member. I am where I am today because my mother set aside her 'mad money' to support me. Her dollars were invested in my tutoring. In my music lessons. In spring field trips. Her dollars, given \$1, \$5 or \$20 at a time added

up and enriched my life. My mother's dollars have given me a platform from which I can now make a difference in the world.

It's my turn to pay forward. By contributing to Tech Trek, we spark and encourage young girls to enter STEM fields. Today my dear friend, a cancer survivor, asked how come all the ob-gyn and breast cancer oncologists were men. They are men because we need more women in medicine. And Tech Trek helps our cause. Contributing to the AAUW Fund-- the overarching fund for AAUW operations - fuels our work at the UN, NCCWSL, Elect Her and the AAUW research grants. In Washington state, we have two named Research and Projects Grant funds, the Bonnie Dunbar Fund and the Mary Lou Hughes Fund. As we fight to retain Title X, get funded health care for women, achieve pay equity and put an end to gender-based discrimination, AAUW members are asked loudly and often to dig deep and give.

This is one of those moments.

As you plan your giving for the coming AAUW-WA year, think about the dollar here and the dollar there that you can contribute beyond what you already give. My husband and I keep a change bottle. We dump our change in it and use it for special treats. This year, the change is going to AAUW Fund. My mother-in-law likes to give birthday presents. We need nothing. This year the money is going to Tech Trek instead. I have a friend who now buys a drip coffee at Starbuck's instead of an Americano. She puts \$1 in an envelope in her desk. That money goes to a local women's shelter.

I tell you this because I want to challenge you to find a \$1 a week above and beyond what you give to AAUW, and to commit that single dollar to an AAUW area you especially want to support, like Tech Trek, NCCWSL, AAUW Funds, or a named grant-- which ever you decide best enables your own vision for future women and girls.

As we gear up for our next state meeting, Aug 21 -22, you know we'll be asking for support from each and every branch member to help us move



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The AAUW Fund: Greatest Opportunity, Greatest Need

The AAUW Fund advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all our programs and activities.

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- strengthen AAUW's role in the global community
- respond to and eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls
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In short, the programs listed here get results for women and girls. And that's AAUW's top priority, now and in the future.

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and so much more!

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our agenda forward in the world. We have 20 college and university partners in Washington and 35 branches. If three people at each branch and each C/U partner committed just one extra dollar a week, we would put an additional \$8580 to work for women and girls.

In January this year, our funds report showed AAUW-WA raised **\$111,007.48**, with about half of that for Tech Trek. Please know your contribution matters, big or small, because every dollar goes to empowering women and breaking down barriers for women and girls.

Thank you for your leadership, your generosity, and your philanthropy.

P.S. You can give to AAUW at www.aauw-wa.aauw.net/join/donate/, or give a check to your branch Funds Development chair or a board member. To learn more about the different programs your contributions support, you can find more at the national AAUW website: www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-support-programs-aauw-fund-diagram/

Branch News from Around the State

Anacortes Branch— Membership Drive - On two Saturdays in August each year, we get a booth at the Anacortes Farmers Market, which they let us have for free as a non-profit service organization.



Several shifts 'man' the booth during the day. The photo at left shows Linda Hendrick in the booth. We have posters of our 8th grade award winners (we add photos each year), 12th grade Washington State AAUW Scholars (and scholarship recipients) and Tech Trek. We do have a big banner and will be adding another banner of our Tech Trek supporters names this year.

People wander in looking at the photos and chatting. We do get members each year, but we also let more people know that we exist and what we do.

Supporting LAF

For a number of years, the Anacortes branch has annually held a summer barbeque to raise funds for LAF; most years we have raised the necessary \$500.00 to make a donation in

the name of one of our members. This LAF event is important not only because it raises money for an important part of AAUW's mission, but also because it is one of the only events our branch is involved in that directly reflects that we are part of a national organization.

Individuals and couples (and their guests) donate to attend. One husband (the fisherman) donates and grills the salmon, halibut and/or tuna, the other (gourmet cook) prepares the chicken dish. Members bring side dishes. The BBQ is held in a lovely patio garden and so far the weather has always been lovely! A great social!

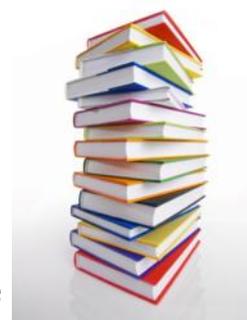
Shipwreck Day Fundraiser Join

AAUW Anacortes at the 37th annual Shipwreck Day, 8 AM - 4 PM, Saturday, July 18. Shipwreck is like a giant garage sale (with over 200 vendors!), except in recent years more 'new' things have been found in the booths. Held in downtown Anacortes on Commercial, there will be many, many booths, lots of food, entertainment. This is a fundraiser for the Anacortes Branch - the first year we have tried it. Members have been gathering suitable items for months now. Please come! For more information, see <http://www.shipwreckfest.org/>

What are we reading?

Mary Letterman, Pinterest editor for AAUW-WA

Book groups are the backbone of AAUW interest groups and many of our AAUW- WA branches have one or more book groups. There are day time groups and evening groups. AAUW-WA now has a Pinterest Page devoted to what we are reading. Gleamed from branch newsletter and lists submitted to communications@aauw-wa.org, books are added as we learn about them. Some of the more unusual titles include *Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir by One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII* (Highline Branch), *The Impulse Society America in the Age of Instant Gratification* (Lake Washington Branch), *Tequila Mockingbird* (Walla Walla Branch) and *Norwegian Seattle* (Highline Branch), *Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism* (Cowlitz Co. Branch) and *Down the Nile: Alone in a Fisherman's Skiff* (Tacoma Branch). The most popular AAUW-WA book group choice? *The Boys in the Boat*, which was selected by the following branches: Cowlitz County, Walla Walla, Kirkland Redmond, Puyallup Valley, Southside Book Group (Spokane) and the Washington Online Branch. Check out all the titles at <https://www.pinterest.com/AAUWWA/book-groups-what-we-are-reading/>



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Everett Branch

Karen Greenwalt (karengreenwalt@msn.com) tells us that the Everett branch recently honored 12 high school junior girls with Certificates of Excellence for their achievements in math, science and technology. Jemimah McAleer (math), Julia Loewen (science) and Anh Nguyen (technology) from Cascade High School; Caitlin Meuret (math), Emily Ness (science) and Ifeoma Osuoha (technology) from Everett High School; Casey Wilson (math), Kiara Houck (science) and Lydia Kim (technology) from Henry M. Jackson High School; and Sydney Bates (math), Bryttanie Peek (science) and Cierra Amond-Visaya (technology) from Sequoia High School.



Olympia Branch had a reception for High School Scholars at the Olympia Country Club on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. There were 45 scholars representing 17 high schools from Mason and Thurston counties.

Puyallup Valley Branch

The Puyallup Valley Branch's 2014 Innovative Teaching Grant was awarded to **Angela Reed**, chemistry and AP chemistry teacher at Puyallup High School. This is the 49th Innovative Teaching Grant awarded since this program was started in 1996.

The grant was used to purchase a two-stage vacuum pump and accessories for use by the chemistry and physics department to explore gas law properties. It allowed them to conduct experiments that otherwise would not be possible or would need to be viewed via video. The students were able to see how objects such as marshmallows respond to changes in gas pressure – leading to some "Wow!" moments in the classroom.

Puyallup High School has a total of 1682 students. 421 students are enrolled in the chemistry, pre-AP chemistry, AP chemistry and AP physics for the 2014-15 school year. 43.94 % are girls enrolled in these rigorous programs.

Miss Reed notes, "We are proud of our science programs at PHS. We are also pleased that our young women see the value of science not only in high school, but also in post-secondary education and future employment opportunities."



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