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## AAUW-WA Annual Meeting

April 12 – 13, 2019  
Holiday Inn and Suites Bellingham  
4260 Mitchell Way  
Bellingham, WA 98226

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The meeting will start with Dinner on Friday and continue through a day of speakers and workshops on Saturday. Kim Churches will be our dinner speaker. Kim is CEO of AAUW and will be leaving to attend Oregon's convention on Saturday. This is your chance to hear how AAUW will continue to be relevant in the 21st Century. Another confirmed speaker for Saturday is Amy Klosterman, Title IX attorney. Amy will speak about her experience in the US Office of Civil Rights. The current version of the complete agenda is published [below](#). Check our website, <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net>, for updated program information.

We will be electing a Secretary and 2 board members at the meeting. If you are interested in joining the state board, contact Judy Prince, [president@aauw-wa.org](mailto:president@aauw-wa.org).

The event will be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites of Bellingham, near Bellingham International airport. Call the hotel at 360-746-6844 for a room reservation for Friday night.



*Registration*

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Fees for the annual meeting are \$120.00 for early registration and \$145.00 after March 15. Friday only and Saturday only registrations are available. Student Registration is also available. You can register for the conference at [AAUW Washington Annual Meeting 2019](#).

Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch are included with registration. You have a choice of three entrees for Friday dinner:

All options include spinach salad and seasonal vegetables

1. Coffee crusted sirloin with mango chutney, Lyonnaise potato
2. Hazelnut-Dijon crusted chicken with gorgonzola cream sauce, herbed basmati rice
3. Vegetarian - Portobello mushroom with roasted bell pepper, roasted baby baked potato with sour cream

You can also contact Marziah Kiehn, [finance@aauw-wa.org](mailto:finance@aauw-wa.org), to order guest meals and arrange payment.

Registration closes April 4 so that we can give accurate meal information to the hotel catering office.

*Agenda*

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**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00-4:00 PM:** AAUW WA Board Meeting

**5:00-6:00 PM:** Registration and open bar

**6:00 - 8:00 PM:** Dinner

**6:30-7:30 PM:** Keynote speaker **Kimberly Churches**, AAUW Chief Executive Officer,

*"This is Your Moment: Taking Action on Economic Security in 2019"*

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00-9:00 AM:** Registration and breakfast buffet

**8:30- 10:00 AM: Plenary Session**

Welcome from Judy Prince, AAUW Washington's President and Bellingham Branch President, Judith Entiwife

**8:40- 8:50 AM:** Legacy Circle

**8:50-9:00 AM: Joint State Convention with Oregon for 2020-**Eileen Baratuci. Vice President and Program Director AAUW WA

**9:00 -10:00 AM:** Tentative: Chief Technology Officer **Bridgit Frey** of RedFin;

*"Breaking Down Corporate Barriers to Diversity in the Tech Industry"*

**10:00 -10:15 AM:** Break, stretching and light yoga

**10:00 -11:00 AM:** Breakout sessions (Tentative):

1. *"A Road Map to Social Equity"* (Speaker to be announced)
2. *"The Impact of Partisan News and Social Media and how we stay Informed"* (Speaker to be Announced)

**11:00-12:00 Noon: Plenary Session;** (Tentative)

**Eli Gross**, Lobbyist for "One America" and **Enoka Herat**, ACLU's Policy Advisor on Immigration: *"Immigration Rights-The Way Forward."*

**12:00 -1:00 PM:** Lunch buffet

**1:00-2:00 PM: Amy Klosterman**, Principle and TIX Education Specialist;

*"Making Good on the Promise of Sex Discrimination Laws: The Power of #metoo and the Demand for a Framework of Support"*

**2:00-3:00pm:**

*"Why I Ran: Two Women who Changed Careers to Ran for a State Office"* (Our two Speakers will be announced shortly-as we seek to confirm availability).

**3:00-3:15 PM:** Break, stretching and light Yoga

**3:15- 5:00 PM:** Annual Business Meeting, Judith Prince, AAUW WA President

**6:00-8:00 PM:** Optional outing/dinner at a Restaurant (to be announced) to Celebrate their 100th Anniversary with the Bellingham Branch

## President's Message



Judy Prince,  
President  
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Happy New Year to everyone!

I thought I would take an opportunity to cover some general housekeeping items at the beginning of the year.

Are you aware that the national organization is branding "AAUW" as the name of the organization? When you use American Association of University Women in press releases, brochures, posters you are not wrong, but you are confusing.

I know some branches know that an AAUW logo, customized for each branch is available in the Member Services Database (MSD). I also suspect other branches do not know about this because the logo on their newsletters is for AAUW national. Using the branch logo says the message is specific to your branch. When I look at the MSD, the first item on the list of sections (left hand side of the page) is access to logos. If using the MSD isn't possible, I could send your branch logo file to each requestee. Please, only one request per branch. I'll think you don't talk to one another if I receive multiple requests.

Speaking of the MSD, is your branch information up to date? Especially important is to have member contact information correct. The national and state organizations use this information to contact AAUW members. If members don't use the MSD please send the updated information to [records@aauw.org](mailto:records@aauw.org). A staff member will make the update for you.

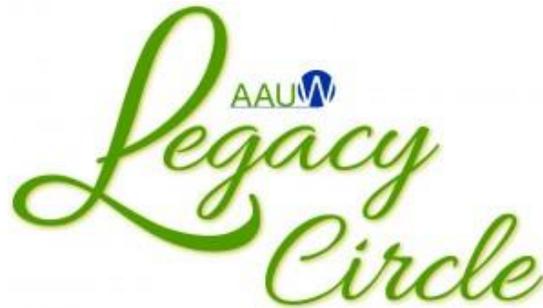
I know there are members who do not use e-mail. Have they been helped to opt out of electronic Outlook and receive a printed copy via USPS? If not and they want to see copies of the Outlook, contact [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) for assistance. Also, is the branch assisting them with copies of the Evergreen Leader? I used to print a copy and mail it to my branch member who wasn't e-enabled.

I hope I can be sure that these members receive copies of your branch newsletter and other information.

Hope everyone in the unexpected snow area is looking forward to summer. The white stuff will melt.

## State News

*An Opportunity to  
Join the Legacy Circle*



Mary Alice Peterson  
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By making a planned gift to AAUW national, you become a member of the **AAUW Legacy Circle** and affirm your commitment to women and girls. These gifts ensure the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future.

It's easy to make a planned gift to AAUW! You can include AAUW in your will or trust, name AAUW as a beneficiary in your insurance policy or retirement account, establish a charitable gift annuity, or select from among a range of deferred gift options. Just complete the enrollment form and mail it to AAUW. The form does not ask for the amount of your legacy gift. As you make your plans, we hope you will consider the importance of AAUW's work and the significance of AAUW in your life. We ask that you be as generous as possible.

Seize the opportunity today! The link to the enrollment form is:  
<https://www.aauw.org/resource/legacy-circle-enrollment-form/>

For answers to your questions, please contact me at [legacycircle@aauw-wa.org](mailto:legacycircle@aauw-wa.org)

*Lobby Day, 2019*

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Thanks to the participation of 81 energetic attendees, our 2019 Lobby Day was a great success! We met with a large number of legislators, most from western Washington, and were a highly visible presence in Olympia. We supported bills on pay equity (S5090), rape kit testing (H1166), reproductive rights (S5602), college assistance for needy students in community and technical colleges (H1123), protection from sexual harassment (S5258), removing guns from those charged with domestic violence (S5143), and other measures important to the mission of AAUW.

We also benefitted greatly from a clear and powerful talk by Fajer Saeed Ebrahim of Legal Voice on proposed changes to Department of Education Title IX guidelines on sexual harassment and assault in university communities. She emphasized the ways that these changes would give the benefit of the doubt to the accused and narrow the grounds on which survivors could report complaints and access remedies. As a result, women would not receive the accommodations they should have and be more likely to avoid classes and other campus activities and to drop out of school. Our hope is that some of our members wrote comments to the Department of Education before the deadline. I know that I did!

Our lobbyist, Pam Crone, provided her usual timely information on the bills we are supporting and has given us weekly updates since. All our bills are moving along except the one that would have required that Washington companies have at least 10% women serving on their boards of directors and the bill to fund two years of community college for needy students in degree or certificate programs.

You can continue to support our bills with the following tools. To follow bills, go to [leg.wa.gov](http://leg.wa.gov), click on find bills, enter a bill number and search. The answer will give you bill information and provide links to enable you to comment on any bill and choose legislators to receive your comments. You can elect to ask for a response. You can sign up for email updates on specific bills or specific committees. If you decide to contact your legislators, phone calls are the most effective. The legislature's website will provide you with a roster of members and their contact information. The deadline this session for bills to be passed by their house of origin is March 13.

Thanks again for supporting our legislative agenda!

*AAUW-WA Public Policy Email Updates*

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Are you interested in AAUW-WA Public Policy? Do you receive the weekly Legislative Report during the legislative session? If not, and you would like to please request to be added via our website <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/contact-us/> or by emailing [communications@aauw-wa.org](mailto:communications@aauw-wa.org). Interested in seeing what these are like? Check out <http://aauw-wa.blogspot.com/> it has current and past reports.

*Tech Trek WA 2019*



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Two weeks of Tech Trek camps will take place summer of 2019: Pacific Lutheran University July 14-20 and Eastern Washington University camp July 28-Aug 3.

In 2018, AAUW WA sponsored three weeks of camps, each with approximately 60 campers. Due to the unavailability of two consecutive weeks at Pacific Lutheran University, we will have a single camp for up to 150 girls. We hope to go back to two weeks of camps at PLU in 2020, provided we can get two consecutive weeks and we have the needed leadership for the camp.

Wow –so impressed with the fundraising efforts in the branches. Major support has come from the Andeavor Foundation (Skagit County students), the Bamford Family Foundation (Pierce County girls) and individual donors Gerry Herber (Lake Washington campers) and Louise Tolle (Issaquah). Core classes will include cybersecurity, computer coding, physics, marine biology, robotics, space science, chemistry, and biology!

Campers will select one core class from those offered (attended four days during week), The core classes will be taught by highly qualified middle school teachers. Faculty from both PLU and EWU

will provide lab classes beyond the core class; plans for these activities are still underway. Local professional women currently working in STEM fields will participate in Professional Women's Night at each site when the girls will get to interview them and learn what it takes to realize a career in a STEM field. These professional women have been invited to come early and present additional hands-on sessions for the campers.

During the week campers will be shepherded by a cadre of AAUW volunteers, acting as camp counselors, health aide, directors and assistants. On campus volunteers are always needed. There is mileage reimbursement, board and room on campus for a week (you don't have to cook or do dishes!) and a small stipend paid to all campus volunteers. A great opportunity for anyone who likes to work with middle school age girls even if you're not a "techie".

The financial literacy component conducted in 2018 will continue at both PLU camps. A choice of field trips will again be offered with each camper selecting her favorite site for a half day adventure on Wednesday.

All AAUW Washington members are invited to attend Visitor's Day on Thursday, July 18 at PLU and August 1 at EWU. ([See details in related article.](#))

The Washington On-Line Branch is again spearheading the selection of girls from areas in the state where there is no AAUW branch close. With this two-pronged approach (branches and statewide at-large), AAUW-WA hopes to continue to expand the opportunity for qualifying girls to attend Tech Trek. However, funding for girls in areas where no branch exists is very limited this year. Funding for these campers has come from grant funds not specifically designated to a branch or geographic area. We need leads and contacts, especially for potential funders in Eastern Washington, so that we can increase the number of girls the On-Line Branch selects. Contact [tt-development@aauw-wa.org](mailto:tt-development@aauw-wa.org) or [techtrek@aauw-wa.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-wa.org) if you have ideas for statewide fundraising for grants.

It's never too early to look toward next year: Now is the time to start laying the foundation with your local schools and start a fundraising campaign. Information on contacting schools is on the AAUW WA Tech Trek website, [techtrek-wa.aauw.net](http://techtrek-wa.aauw.net), under the "Forms" tab. Help is also available on how to raise funds through the state committee and some branch success stories. With the tremendous support for the camps since 2013, Tech Trek WA looks forward to increasing the number of attendees at all camp sites in the future

Direct your questions now to [techtrek@aauw-wa.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-wa.org) and get started on choosing local girls for the 2020 camps!

*Tech Trek-WA Visitors' Days 2019*

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The staff of TECH TREK-WA invite you to spend some time with 2019 campers, tour the facilities, and sit in on classes/labs on **Thursday, July 18 at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU)** or **Thursday, August 1 at Eastern Washington University (EWU)**.

This is your chance to see the curriculum live! Carpool and see your AAUW friends and meet the girls that your branch selected and sponsored. Branches are encouraged to invite teachers, counselors and administrators who nominated students and community members who provided financial contributions.

Members have the option of spending the entire day, starting at 9 a.m. through Professional Women's Night (ending about 8:30pm), or coming for either morning (9-noon) or afternoon (1-4p.m.) through dinner and Professional Women's Night. You will be on your own for lunch and dinner; you can eat at the dining commons or where ever you would like to go off campus. Core Classes (8 different classes at PLU and 4 classes at EWU) will be offered in the morning (9-11:30 am) and Rotating Labs comprise the afternoon (1-4:30 pm).

Please RSVP to [techtrek@aauw-wa.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-wa.org) for PLU or [tt-eastern@aauw-wa.org](mailto:tt-eastern@aauw-wa.org) for EWU with who will attend and your arrival time. Meeting place and parking instructions will be sent when reservations are received.

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## Branch News

### *AAUW Puyallup Valley Garden Tour*



Joan Cronk  
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AAUW Puyallup Valley Branch is busy gearing up for their second annual Garden Tour to take place on June 22, 2019.

Tickets for the event are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour and can be purchased after June 1 at Watsons Nursery in Puyallup and Windmill Gardens in Sumner. Tickets will also be available on line at [PuyallupGardenTourAAUW.org](http://PuyallupGardenTourAAUW.org).

Seven gardens have been chosen, each one with a different personality.

Gardens range from unique ways to grow vegetables organically to pristine arrangements and sitting areas that beg visitors to relax and enjoy the view.

Homeowners express their own personalities in their gardens using unique arrangements and visions guaranteed to delight all who take part in the tour on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Last year's garden tour was a huge success, largely due to the capable leadership of Nancy Dahl, who has agreed to head up the tour for 2019.

"After the first year when we had to make it up as we went, this year is feeling more like we have a plan and know the direction we are heading," said Dahl, adding that the garden tour has revitalized our organization, resulting in many new members.

Last year's tour raised \$8,000 to support the branch's STEM projects like Tech Trek, our HS Scholarship and Innovative Teaching Grant that benefit girls in local Puyallup school districts.

Puyallup AAUW President, Bev Strodtz, is thrilled that money raised from the 2018 tour enabled the branch to award seven scholarships to Tech Trek, and she looks forward to an even bigger success in 2019.

*AAUW Walla Walla Book Sale*



Kay Raddatz  
AAUW Walla Walla

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW Book Sale in Walla Walla was very successful with a gross income of \$57,968. Proceeds fund scholarships for local women returning to college, and local educational projects and events.

Throughout the year members sorted books, picked up books from seven drop boxes and from homes, cut boxes to size, priced collectible books, managed categories, lead sorts, took cardboard to be recycled, put up yard signs, handed out cards, and worked at the sale. With 210 shifts needed to run the sale, many members volunteered for multiple shifts to make it work. Book Sale co-chairs Melanie Plantaric and Kay Raddatz believe that involving members in this project helps keeps them as AAUW members.

The entire sale was set up in two hours in the Marcus Whitman Hotel ballroom. Twenty-five Walla Walla Community College John Deere and Automotive Technology program students and staff volunteers loaded the 1731 boxes (approximately 35,000 books) onto the big truck from the Commercial Driving program. Sixty students from the Walla Walla High School and College Place Latino Clubs, Walla Walla Community College women's basketball team, and Walla Walla University students helped set up the tables and signs, and carried in the boxes. The students were supervised by eighteen AAUW members.

The Book Sale ran Friday and Saturday 9 am – 7 pm and Sunday 9 am – 4 pm. All children 14 and younger received a free book from the picture or chapter book sections.

In the past 14 years, AAUW Walla Walla has given away over \$95,000 in scholarships to local high school women in various programs and to local women returning to college, and \$82,128 in mini-grants to over 40 local educational programs and events.

Here are some of the many positive comments were made by patrons and by members:

*I really can't think of anything that you can improve upon. The whole event is like a well-oiled machine – every part is well-planned and allowances made for those extra happenings. The proof, I think, is in the many positive comments from all the shoppers. They are truly in awe of the wonderful selection of books and the ease with which they are able to find what they are looking for. Kudos to everyone who work so hard to present this event to the community. It is always so good to be able to share the AAUW mission with many people. It is a win-win situation all around!!*

*The book sale operation continues to impress me. The team work and support network is beyond stellar!! Thanks again to EVERYONE for putting together such a wonderful opportunity for bibliophiles and families!!*

*I played a tiny part of a hugely successful wondrous event. I was in awe of all the work that was done. Phenomenal job! I loved hearing the comments from customers that look forward to the book sale each year and the contributions made throughout our community.*

*I just think you guys do a great job of putting together the entire book sale, working cheerfully around the edges making sure the books get to the people who want them. An amazing sale coordinated by dedicated women accomplishing great things and taking in lots of money for wonderful programs for the community! CONGRATULATIONS!*

*Congratulations, the book sale was amazing! I was pleasantly surprised to see the many people come out on Sunday, despite the weather. It was a lot of fun to be a part of such a successful event. The system you have in place is highly organized and works well. Thank you for everything you've done to make this a successful event*

*The sale—I thought it was probably the best ever. The crowd on Friday morning, despite the weather, was huge and as usual, the people were all so excited to be there, which speaks for itself!*

*As for the display of books, many kudos to the sorting team. The entire room was so well marked and the books so easy to locate. I came back on Saturday, briefly, to shop--- and the floor workers had done a great job of keeping the displays still looking good.*

*Congrats on another hugely successful book sale. My 10-year-old granddaughter says the Friday of the sale is her favorite day of the year!*

AAUW Walla Walla is very grateful to the community for their generous donations of books, CDs, DVDs and audio books throughout the year so we can continue our mission of helping girls and women.



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