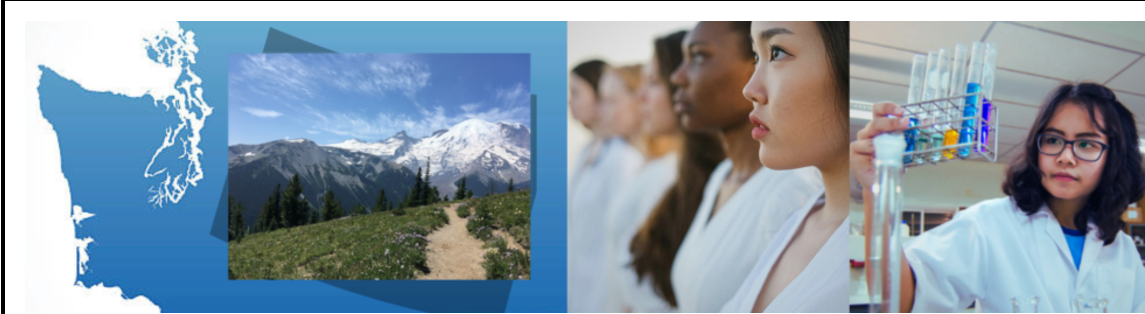




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## President's Message

Emily Hitchens

AAUW-WA President

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As I read the 'end of the year' newsletters, listen to what the branch presidents say about their end of the year gatherings and participate in my own branch meeting, I hear lots of thanks, recognitions for service, and gratefulness for celebrating another successful year for AAUW -WA members.

A sincere thank you, identifying specific activities, goes a long way in building continued commitment to the mission and vision of individuals and the group. I do not necessarily think that we perform our activities just to receive praise, but gratitude often stimulates innovative ideas and creativity and a willingness to advance other projects and roles. Thanking someone or a group provides opportunities to feel included, supported, and worthy. It is powerful.

When I was completing a master's in nursing, my thesis was on the concept of loneliness, [A Critical Interpretation of the State of Loneliness, and its Relevance to Nursing \(1967\)](#). My review of the literature included everything I could find in psychiatry, psychology, theology-philosophy, literature (poetry), sociology and anthropology. One of my recommendations was to incorporate a question about loneliness as part of the client history and assessment to address the situation in the care plan. A few years later, I attended a seminar on relationships. One of the unexpected measures of health was having friends. I remember that the researcher stated, "Your mom was right, go outside and play with your friends." Now years later, the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, has issued a report (05-02-23), "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation". He shares statistics about the increase in heart disease, stroke, and dementia as all indicators of the results of loneliness. He has six suggestions. The first one was: Strengthening social infrastructure, which includes things like parks and libraries as well as public programs. And the sixth one is: Cultivating a culture of connection.

I think that organizations and groups like AAUW can more intentionally recognize and support these two recommendations. People need to belong and be involved; it is good for the larger society and individuals. So be generous with thank you's and celebrate relationships. Stay connected!

President AAUW-WA, Emily Hitchens

## State Presidents' Meetings

If you are currently serving as president of your branch, we invite you to join AAUW-WA President Emily Hitchens for some lively discussions with other AAUW branch presidents in WA State. These meetings have typically been on the fourth Monday of each month, with a choice of either 10:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.

**The next meeting will be on Monday, July 22nd.** Zoom links will be posted on the [AAUW-WA calendar](#).

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## State News

### *Evergreen Leader* *Editor Update*

Welcome to **Judi Edwards**, our new editor for the Evergreen Leader state newsletter.

Judi is a long time AAUW member, and has been active on the board of both AAUW-WA and SPF, and has also been a leader in the Whatcom AAUW branch.

We are so appreciative of Judi's willingness to contribute once again, and to take over the Evergreen Leader editor role. We are very lucky to have her on board!

Judi can be contacted at [evergreenleader@aauw-wa.org](mailto:evergreenleader@aauw-wa.org) and from here forward, will be the contact for all submissions to the Evergreen Leader.



## Communications

*Mary Ross*  
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The Communications Team met in May and had productive discussions of webmail newsletters (e.g., MailChimp), Plain Language, photo release forms, and a statewide shared Canva Pro account.

All newsletters (PDF or webmail) benefit from succinct articles, headings, tables of content, images to break up text, and use of links to more information. Webmail newsletters are designed to be "responsive," i.e., read on different devices. What do you know about your branch members' preferences for reading your newsletter?

### **Resources for Branches**

Here are three resources the team developed for branches:

- Tips for writing Plain Language messages (writing that makes it easy to find, understand, and use the information) [CLICK HERE](#)
- A Photo Release Form template that can be customized to your branch (Is your branch using photos of TechTrek campers in social media or local news media, or on your website?) [CLICK HERE](#)
- Tips for maintaining your AAUW.net Wordpress website [CLICK HERE](#)

### Statewide Canva Pro Account

There are many new features accessible to users of a Canva Pro account: extensive templates, creation of a “branding kit,” QR codes, payment icons (e.g., Venmo, Square), sizing for social media, banners for EventBrite, etc. The [Magic Switch feature](#) enables resizing of an image for multiple purposes.

A statewide shared Canva Pro account will be in the budget for 2024-2025. Stay tuned for more details about how you can benefit from that shared account.

### Changes to our WordPress Websites

National AAUW is implementing a “theme refresh” for its AAUW.net WordPress websites. Eight state and local websites were part of a test group, “refreshed” at the end of May. AAUW WA was one of the test sites.

Take a look, <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>, but don't be too critical yet! Along with the other sites, I have sent several emails to national about some quirks—images that don't resize properly, weird fonts, footers, etc. When the dust settles we will have a more visually appealing website and, I hope, some advice for you about how to get your site ready for the theme refresh.

Let us know how we can help you make your branch communications as impactful as possible. Want to join us? Have skills you can share? Email me, at [communications@aauw-wa.org](mailto:communications@aauw-wa.org).

Our next meeting will be: **Wednesday, June 19, 7 p.m., via Zoom** (you can find the link in the [AAUW WA calendar](#))

## AAUW-WA State Meeting

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### SAVE THE DATE!

AAUW Washington has chosen “**Telling Our Story**” to be the theme of our first-since-COVID in-person gathering of AAUW-WA members. This meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 19, from 10 am-4 pm**, at Renton Technical College.

As our keynote speaker, we anticipate having a congresswoman, with Senator Patty Murray as our first choice. A major feature of the program will be the showing of the documentary film, *Arise, Firebird: Celebrating the Resilience of Women and BIPOC Professionals at Work* with a virtual Q&A with the London director and producer. The film has been highly praised for imparting a sense of validation and inspiration. In addition, we are putting together a BIPOC panel on the topic of Women in the Trades. Last, but not least, we will also celebrate our own stories.

Information on how to register will be coming out in August. **Stay Tuned!**

## Membership Corner

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We had a lovely End-of-the-Branch-Year potluck last week in Lewis County. We were 40+ strong including 4 of our 7 scholarship winners. Conversation and laughs could be heard around the room. There was lots of yummy food, drink, and the dessert table was loaded!

Potlucks are defined as a situation, meal or party in which one must take a **chance** that whatever is available will prove to be good or acceptable. Furthermore, in North America it often means persons attending the situation, meal or party **contribute**.

Taking a **chance** and **contributing**. How delightful that can be. Most of our branches and members take a summer break but maybe we can be aware of what we see, do or are exposed to that might be something we could **contribute** to our branch. Maybe a new tasty recipe. A suggestion for a program. Books you read that you could share with your book group.

Will you be hanging out with friends and family with whom you could share your AAUW experiences. How about taking a **chance** and invite a friend or two to join your branch. Bringing a new member(s) to your next branch meeting would be an excellent way of **contributing!** \*\*\*

#### Take chance & contribute!

\*\*\*(If you are like me, I will have to write down on my calendar for that first meeting in September, bring "Ethel Mae & Bobby Sue" to branch meeting!)

**Our next Membership Zoom Meeting** will be July 8, 2024, at 1:30 pm. Hope to see you there. The link is always in our [AAUW-WA Calendar](#).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81312331083?pwd=ZE9qTXdXblJyQUl4S0FOK3hmaEZTQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 1233 1083

Passcode: 649306

## Membership Toolkit

Our Membership Toolkit has been updated recently. If you are looking for resources, you will find brochures, graphics, tips for recruitment and retention and much more in this folder.

[CLICK HERE - MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT](#)



## **“Open Up AAUW” Initiative Fails — Our Barrier Remains Firmly Standing In Our Own Way**

As with almost anything, the failure of the 2024 “Open Up AAUW” initiative displayed “the good, the bad and the (really) ugly” of our situation.

The good news is that a record number of AAUW members across the country voted in this election – just over 37% of members in total and just over 46% of members in Washington State. A quorum was achieved quickly, and well over half – 65.1% -- of AAUW members voted in favor of dropping the college degree requirement. In Washington State, 4 out of 5 members voted affirmatively to “Open Up AAUW”, ranking our state 8<sup>th</sup> in terms of positive support for the measure. Thank you to all members who took the time to vote and let their voices be heard!

The bad news is that the AAUW National bylaws require a 2/3 majority to pass any bylaws change -- for the second time in 3 years, the “Open Up AAUW” initiative failed by a very small margin. In addition, over 60% of AAUW members did not vote at all. AAUW membership has been declining for years. Since the last “Open Up Vote”, AAUW has lost 25% of its members, and a growing number of those are honorary life members who no longer pay National dues. There are many reasons for the decline – long-time members aging out, the tendency for younger generations not to be ‘joiners’ and, of course, a global pandemic. For all of these reasons, AAUW’s finances have been impacted. As always, AAUW will continue to seek new members who support our mission, however our field of potential members remains restricted by our college degree requirement. Not to mention that the outcome of the recent vote does not demonstrate that we are “walking the talk” with respect to our stated value of “inclusion.”

The (really) ugly news is that the likelihood of AAUW receiving organizational / corporate grants – money that is vital to AAUW to continue to carrying out our mission – remains quite limited. Many organizations love our mission and the projects that we do, however, due to our degree requirement, we are viewed as an “exclusionary” organization and eliminated from consideration. While the majority of AAUW members voted to be more inclusive, the results of the vote telegraph to the outside world that AAUW has reaffirmed its commitment to exclusivity. Not a good sign.

As AAUW members, we’re all proud of our degrees and the hard work that went into earning them. That is not to be diminished, nor are AAUW’s many accomplishments over time. However, the heyday of most member organizations is in the past. If we are seriously committed to advancing gender equity for all women and girls through our AAUW work, we need to help our organization remain financially viable to do so. At this point, it’s not known when the next opportunity will be to break down our barrier. Between now and then, please consider what we can do to prevent the previously unthinkable scenario of “three strikes and you’re out.”

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me.

Let us know who your 2024-2025 branch Public Policy chair or advocacy leader is! We will have a special introductory meeting in September! Please be sure to input their name into the national database too!

While many branches are taking the summer off, Public Policy is busy with election advocacy including candidate forums. AAUW has an updated very good list of [candidate questions](#) that help identify candidates who support women's rights. The Voter's Issues Guide is also available in [Spanish](#)! See our new [Ballot Measures](#) webpage to learn more about why AAUW-WA board approved a NO vote on all three initiatives. We will post our recommendation on the [national ballot/measures webpage](#) soon.

**Advocacy Opportunity:** Include the initiatives in your newsletters and branch programs. Let me know if you want a speaker from one of the campaigns. We can provide a list of potential speakers.

**Here is a Snapshot:**

**NO on I-2124 Long Term Care Insurance Program Changes**

*NO means we support maintaining the state long-term care program, WA Cares Fund, as a mandatory payroll tax deduction to ensure equitable access to benefits which are often unaffordable or unavailable to most Washingtonians. Long-term care is a gender equity issue.*

- AAUW NO on I-2124, [Talking Points for Members](#)
- [AAUW-WA Letter to Editor](#)
- [Vote NO on I-2124 Campaign](#)

**NO on I-2109 Capital Gains Excise Tax Repeal**

*NO means we support maintaining the capital gains excise tax that funds Washington's Education Legacy Trust that supports childcare, early learning, K-12 education including technical and career training, and school construction. AAUW-WA supports progressive taxation with a clear gender equity goal.*

- AAUW-WA NO on I-2109, [Talking Points for Members](#)
- [AAUW-WA Review of Tax Policy and Gender Equity Challenges](#)
- [Vote NO on I-2109 Campaign](#)

**NO on I-2117 Climate Commitment Act Repeal**

*NO means we support the effort to maintain the strongest policy in the country to reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHG), prevent catastrophic warming and protect our air and water quality. Funds from the carbon auctions support overburdened communities and seek environmental justice. Climate justice is a gender equity issue.*

- AAUW-WA NO on I-2117, [Talking Points for Members](#)
- AAUW-WA [Gender Equity in Climate Change Leadership Matters](#)
- [Vote NO on I-2117 Campaign](#)

**NO on I-2081** - AAUW-WA opposed I-2081 the "parental rights" initiative that was intentionally misleading and overreached existing state laws. ACLU, Legal Voices and QLaw filed a lawsuit to block the law from going into effect, but a superior court judge denied the emergency injunction. The law went into effect June 6<sup>th</sup>. OSPI issues a statement on June 5: "Until additional clarity is provided on the areas where the initiative conflicts with existing state and federal law, school districts should not make changes to any policies and procedures that are implicated by the conflicting sets of law. When in doubt, school districts should follow federal privacy laws." See [Washington's Public Schools Will Continue to Protect Student Privacy and Safety](#). See Legal Voices [talking points](#) about the lawsuit.

AAUW-WA will continue to monitor OSPI guidance and the lawsuit(s). A bill is expected to be introduced in 2025 to amend the law.

**Advocacy Opportunity:** Please let the policy team know if there are issues or concerns that arise in your school districts.

New Title IX rules must be implemented starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Advocacy Opportunity:** Let us know how your school districts are responding to the new Title IX rules. A good way to find out is to attend a school board meeting or reach out to your favorite school board director and ask them!

**Your voice matters!** As always, you are welcome to join in our Tuesday Noon meetings or to contact me to set up alternative meeting times or a chat. The public policy team meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at noon. Check the calendar for a Zoom link. Be sure your branch has a representative join in our discussions!



## Tech Trek

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Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your continued support of Tech Trek! Our team is very excited for what we've planned this year. We have several new and returning staff, as well as a mix of new and old activities that we think campers will love. Here are some camp updates:

**Camper Numbers:** Our last count showed that we had about 115 campers attending camp (July 14th - July 20th). To accommodate this, we have about 38 staff and two dorm buildings.

**Visitor's Day:** We are very pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for branch members to visit camp this year. *Visitor's Day will be on Thursday, July 18th and will be from 8:30am to 2:30pm.* This will allow branch members enough time to see Core Classes and afternoon labs. If you are interested in attending, please let your branch's Tech Trek Coordinator know so they can give me an attendance count. Please note that due to our large group this year, PLU will not be able to accommodate visitors at lunch. You are welcome to bring a lunch with you to eat on campus, or to meet up with other branch members at nearby restaurants. We have several recommendations that are excellent (campers usually eat lunch from about 11:45-12:45).

**Camper Packets:** The camper packets have all been mailed and are due to be postmarked back to our team no later than June 20th.

**Need for Staff:** Due to our large number of campers, we recently moved one of our Dorm Leaders to a second Health Aide position. For this reason, we have an opening for a Dorm Leader position and are looking to have it filled as soon as possible. If you know anyone who is interested, please let us know (they do not need to be an AAUW Member).

**Field Trips:** United States Geological Survey, Harbor Wild Watch, The Museum of Flight. Each camper will have the chance to attend two of the field trips listed above during camp.

### Offered Classes:

**Amazing Moons** - Take a journey to our moon and discover how we see different phases as well as solar and lunar eclipses. Design experiments to learn how the crater patterns on the surface are formed. Go back in time to re-enact Galileo's groundbreaking telescopic observations of Jupiter's moons and learn his conclusions that affected the history of astronomy. Then take a grand tour of four of the largest moons of Jupiter to learn their amazing characteristics in order to create 3-D mission-directed settlements on each moon.

**Bodies by Design** - How do all the parts of our bodies work together to function as an amazing



biological whole? Join us while we explore the eleven human body systems! Through model-building, dissections, and use of microscopes, campers will: learn to identify the parts of each system; compare systems to each other at the cellular, tissue, and organ level; discuss each systems' function in relation to their structure; understand how the systems work together; and compare our body systems to those of other animals.

**Thinkabit™ Wearable Tech** -Are you interested in a career in technology? In Thinkabit™ Wearable Tech, you will explore how your unique talents might help you find the right career. In the Hands-on Engineering activities, you will learn about electronics and how to use them to complete circuits. Your final project will be a wearable project using what you learned about your unique talents in Hands-on Engineering.

**Marine/Environmental Biology** -Water, water, everywhere! In Puget Sound, we have a wealth of water and we'll be examining all of the forces that interact, as well as the creatures that inhabit water. We'll look at watersheds, estuaries and marine environments through several experiments, art projects and dissection. So, hold your nose and jump in for some science fun!

**The Microscopic World** -Embark on a journey into the unseen world with our Microscope Exploration Class! Check out the fascinating world of microscopic organisms and structures as you learn to wield the power of magnification. You will discover the hidden beauty of everyday objects, tiny insects, plant cells, and unlock the mysteries of the miniature universe. Through interactive classes you will develop essential microscopy skills, including slide preparation, focusing techniques, and specimen handling. Whether you're a curious beginner or a budding scientist, join us and uncover the wonders that lie beyond the naked eye in our Microscope Exploration Class.

**Fun with Physics** -What do hot air balloons, fish tanks, lava lamps, lanterns, earthquakes, thermometers, clouds and currents have in common? Motion through matter due to changes in energy. Your challenge will be to recreate an instrument that is capable of measuring changes of energy within a system. You will have the opportunity to dive deep into the concept of density and will surface with a greater understanding of how you experience this law of nature. We will definitely have fun with Physics!

**Environmental Detectives** - Solve the mystery of the big fish die-off in Gray Bay! The big fish die-off happened around five years ago, and Gray Bay City Council determined that the culprit was a water slide that had been put in five years ago. A student at a nearby school took out their chemistry kit and decided to test the water. They discovered that there was no chlorine in the water near the water slide and that the City Council must be wrong. Thus, a search for the cause of the big fish die-off begins! Suspects include toy factories, a golf course, a cattle ranch, and more. You will perform chemical and biological tests to discover who harmed Gray Bay.

**How to Contact Us:** [Techtek@aauw-wa.org](mailto:Techtek@aauw-wa.org)

Thank you again to everyone as we get closer to camp. We appreciate all the support you have shown our team.

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## Branch Events

### Edmonds SnoKing

*Jodi Forsell  
Edmonds Branch*

*Scholarship Recipients*

Together, with their families, teachers and guidance counselors in attendance, the AAUW Edmonds Sno King Branch celebrated and honored our high school and college scholarship recipients on Saturday, June 8th.

We heard an inspiring and engaging presentation titled "Leading Beyond Limits: How Women are Redefining Boundaries in the Fourth Industrial Revolution" by Corrie Gold Wilder, WSU Everett and branch member. Our program concluded by honoring our scholarship award winners and learning about their educational hurdles and achievements along with their plans for the future.

We awarded scholarships to students in the Edmonds, Everett and Marsyville School Districts along with a recipient from Edmonds College and WSU Everett. It was a great way to end our program year!



## Puyallup

### *Puyallup Valley AAUW Branch Garden Tour*

The Puyallup Valley AAUW Branch Garden Tour supports STEM projects benefiting women and girls in our community. You are invited to join us on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Our garden tour will feature six beautiful gardens in the Puyallup and Bonney Lake area. To purchase tickets please see our website at [puyallupgardentouraauw.org](http://puyallupgardentouraauw.org). We appreciate your support.

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**  
**Puyallup Garden Tour**

**9:30 am - 4:30 pm**  
Tour six beautiful northwest gardens  
Shop Garden Art and Plant Vendors  
Supporting S.T.E.M. Education for Girls

**Tickets \$20**  
Get tickets online at [PuyallupGardenTourAAUW.org](http://PuyallupGardenTourAAUW.org)  
Supporting STEM education for girls

**AAUW**  
Puyallup Valley 1986 Branch

Charlene Burley  
Courtesy of Charlene Burley

*Lynette O'Neill and Deanna Mitchel, Garden Tour Co-Chairs*

## Tacoma

### *Remembrances of Ann Copeland*

Anne Copeland was a longtime member of Tacoma Branch. We remember her fondly.

**Inclusive**—that was Ann’s intent and practice. She made a point to get to know new members, invite them to her house and give them a job, such as to copy, fold, stamp and mail the newsletter or help with a project. She had a gift for creating a truly welcoming environment where everyone felt comfortable and connected. She hosted a Halloween party where we all came in costumes and silent auctions; these were a lot of fun. With these activities, we became real members of Tacoma AAUW.

**Persuasive and Creative**—these were qualities Ann brought to her fundraising goals for AAUW. Whether it was inviting everyone to her backyard for a salmon feast or auctioning off one of her bracelets at the end of a branch meeting, she got the job done. In fact, under her leadership, Tacoma AAUW completed donations for a \$100,000 endowment in honor of the branch 2007 Centennial, which continues to fund women scholars in our state.

**Joy and Purpose**--Ann Copeland was a woman who radiated light and warmth. Her passion for AAUW was contagious, and she had a knack for bringing people together around a cause. She was a magnet for conversation, and wherever she went, laughter and lively chatter followed. Even if you found yourself momentarily isolated, Ann would invariably seek you out, checking in with a friendly smile and, more often than not, a playful request for a small AAUW donation! Her monthly movie nights were a joy. Her home became a haven of laughter, filled with delicious popcorn (with butter) snacks, captivating films, and stimulating conversations.

**Supportive and Giving**--We remember how helpful she was to our member Roberta Combs when she had to find assisted living and get her house ready to sell. Ann got a team of AAUW members together to clean the house and organize a house sale which was quite a chore. It was amazing how much work Ann did to accomplish this. She also found a place for Roberta to live which was just down the street so she could enjoy the same view that she just used to at her own house.

**Selfless and Generous**--One of the most vivid memories of Ann is from an AAUW Tacoma branch meeting at the Wheeler branch of the Tacoma Public Library. After the presentation, during branch announcements, Ann stood up and, with a determined glint in her eye, announced she was collecting donations for a specific fund in the name of her husband, Jimmy, who had sadly passed away that very morning. This act of selfless generosity, even amidst her own grief, perfectly encapsulates the essence of Ann Copeland: a woman who brought joy and purpose to everyone she encountered.

We were sorry when she moved to Portland for her retirement, and though we think she was happy there, we do miss her.

Dorothy McBride, Mary Letterman, Jane Hahn

AAUW Tacoma

## WA Online

### *Climate Change - Washington State and Beyond:*

#### *A Panel Discussion*

In 2023, we witnessed the hottest year on record, underscoring the urgency of the climate crisis. Drastic

weather events, droughts, floods, wildfires, compromised air quality, and diminishing biodiversity are all tangible manifestations of this global challenge.

The solution lies in preventing catastrophic overheating of the Earth by significantly reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, as outlined in **The UN Paris Agreement**, aiming for a 100% reduction by 2050. Can we achieve this goal, and what are the associated costs? Moreover, can we pursue this goal in a manner that is just and equitable? There is a growing movement for environmental justice, recognizing the disproportionate impact of GHG emissions and climate change on impoverished and marginalized communities. It is imperative that we address both the climate crisis and environmental justice concurrently, both now and in the future.

What are the most effective climate solutions that can address the GHG challenge while promoting environmental justice? What are some examples of equitable climate actions? Washington State has been at the forefront of developing policies to combat the climate crisis. How are we progressing in meeting GHG reduction targets? And how effective are these policies in advancing equity and justice?

Join the **AAUW Washington Online** branch on **August 29, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm** for a **virtual program** that will delve into the climate crisis, potential solutions, and the imperative of achieving outcomes that are just and equitable. Take part in our call to action to contribute to addressing climate change both within Washington State and nationally. [RSVP FOR THE EVENT HERE](#)

The event will feature a dynamic panel of experts who will discuss various aspects of the topic and address your questions. Our esteemed panelists include:

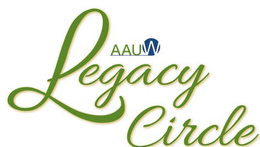
- **Meagan Carmack:** Meagan specializes in environmental politics, with a particular focus on environmental justice issues. [Link to bio and photo](#)
- **Francisca Santana:** Francisca is an environmental social scientist dedicated to advancing equitable conservation and adaptation in a changing climate. [Link to bio and photo](#)
- **Martin Gibbins:** Martin serves as the chief policy advocate on Climate and Environment for the WA State League of Women Voters (LWV). With a commitment to promoting legislation that ensures a healthy environment for both people and wildlife, Martin has been a vital part of the LWV of Washington's Advocacy Team since early 2017. [Link to bio and photo](#)

Don't miss out on this insightful discussion on **Climate Change – Washington State and Beyond**. [RSVP for the Climate Change Program HERE](#). We look forward to welcoming you to our **AAUW WA Online** virtual program on **August 29, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**.

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## Legacy Circle

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**LIVE – LOVE – LEAVE A LEGACY!**

When you are ready to join our **AAUW-WA Legacy Circle**, leaving part of your estate to AAUW, please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

For more information, email [planned-giving@aauw.org](mailto:planned-giving@aauw.org) to discuss your options.

## Share Your Branch News!

If your branch has an event to share with our state membership, we would love to share it in our next Evergreen Leader! We ask that you send your submission to Judi Edwards at [evergreenleader@aauw-wa.org](mailto:evergreenleader@aauw-wa.org) by the 8th of the month you would like it to be included.

Photos are always wonderful to include, and we ask that you send any photos separately in jpeg or png format.

Any questions, email Judi at the address above.

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## Calendar and Upcoming Events

### *AAUW-WA State Calendar*

The official calendar for AAUW-WA can be found on our website at:

<https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/activities-information/calendar>

If you wish to have a branch event added to the calendar, please send event details to [communications@aauw-wa.org](mailto:communications@aauw-wa.org)  
You can also use the template provided in this [Branch Sharing Form](#).

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## General Information

### *AAUW-WA YouTube Channel*

Did you know that all videos, webinars and state meetings are available for you and your branch to view? All you need is this link that will take you to our private YouTube channel. [AAUW-WA YouTube Video Playlist](#)

If you have any problems accessing the videos, or questions about the content or how to use them with your branch, please contact Mary Ross at [communications@aauw-wa.org](mailto:communications@aauw-wa.org)

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## *AAUW-WA Member Web Sections*

## ***Publishing Schedule***

Please send articles and images for the state newsletter to Judi Edwards at [evergreenleader@aauw-wa.org](mailto:evergreenleader@aauw-wa.org)

- **Please send photos separately - do not embed them in your document**
- Please use MS Word format; Font: Calibri size 12
- Articles with images, limit to 450 words; without images, limit to 550 words

We are hoping that most articles can meet these guidelines. If you have a special article that exceeds this limit, we understand, but ask that you do your best to limit the article length.

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