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“By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through economic and educational barriers so that all women have a fair chance.”

TACOMA BRANCH MEMORIAL TEA

Please join your fellow branch members on Sunday, April 17, 2011 (Palm Sunday) from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the home of Karen and Rob Irwin for our annual Memorial Tea where we will come together to remember branch members who have died in the past year. New members are invited to hear remembrances of some terrific women who are no longer with us.

This year we will celebrate the lives of Ursella Butt and Sally Norris Craig.

Karen and Rob’s home is located in Tacoma’s North End north of the Seminary District and Sherman Elementary School. The address is 4220 N. 38th Street, Tacoma. This historic home was designed and built in 1909 by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Prince of Prince’s Cigar Company of Tacoma. It is a four bedroom charmer and a delight of turn-of-the-century stained glass windows, stunning woodwork and an expansive front porch.

Directions

1. Head north on Stevens Street to the round-about where North Stevens meets North 37th.
2. Right into the round-about, then right onto North 37th.
3. First left onto N. 38th Street. Look for 4220, a large white home. Street parking can be found in the neighborhood.

Note: There are 14 concrete steps and a wooden front porch with 5 stairs to reach the Irwins’ front door from street level. If you have mobility issues, please notify Phyllis Izant because there is limited alleyway parking behind their home to avoid these stairs. Rob Irwin, Karen’s husband, and my husband, David McInturff, will be on hand to assist you and will be offering themselves as valet parking attendants for all guests.

RSVP to Phyllis Izant (253-566-8874 or pjizant@gmail.com) as fellow branch members who have volunteered to bring food need a head count for the nibbles and the teabag supply.

Mission:	AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.
Vision:	AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.
Diversity:	In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Directory information

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phones: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

College(s)/University(ies) Attended: _____ **Degree(s) and Major(s):** _____

Your Birthday: Month: _____ Day: _____

Photo Release (circle one): May we publish your photo on the branch website? Yes No

Newsletter Delivery Preference (circle one): Email USPS Mail

If you were invited by a current AAUW member, by whom? _____

*Please Check Your Appropriate **Membership Category:***

_____ **Renewal Membership** or _____ **New Membership** \$77
 (National \$49 + State \$10 + Branch \$18) **Note:** \$46 of national dues is tax deductible.

_____ **Life Member**⁽¹⁾ (State \$10 + Branch \$18) \$28

_____ **Honorary Life Member**⁽²⁾ (State \$10 + Branch \$18 (branch is optional)) \$28

_____ **Dual Member** (Branch \$18) \$18

Primary Branch: _____

_____ **Student Affiliate Member, Note:** \$24 is tax deductible. \$25

*Please enclose your annual dues check, payable to **Tacoma AAUW**, for \$ _____*

ADDITIONAL TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS TO AAUW FUNDS

*Please write a separate check for each donation, **payable to the fund name** (in bold below), with the parenthetical designation in the memo field of each check.*

Check to **AAUW Educational Fund** (AAUW-EF) \$ _____

Check to **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** (AAUW-LAF) \$ _____

Check to **AAUW-Tacoma Community Fund** (GTCF-AAUW) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed (Dues + Donations) \$ _____

⁽¹⁾ AAUW National Life Members make a one-time payment of \$980 (fully tax deductible) and thereafter pay only state and branch dues.

⁽²⁾ Individuals with over 50 years of paid membership no longer pay national dues.

Please mail all checks to: **Tacoma AAUW**
Attn: Treasurer
P.O. Box 65303
Tacoma, WA 98464-1303

You may also renew online at MPPinfo

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Board of Directors proposed four goals for 2010–2011, which the branch approved at the September meeting. This report provides an update on the status of these goals. How are we doing?

1. Expand membership to 60 and beyond. As of March 15, 2011 our membership is 61: we met the goal and went “beyond”. Vice Presidents for Membership—Joye Bucklin and Ginny Linstrom—helped by Mary Letterman, Phyllis Izant, and Mary Hammond developed a number of tools to make membership in AAUW and the Tacoma branch an inviting prospect. They began the year with a membership survey; we joined [Meetup.com](#) and expanded our [Facebook.com](#) presence to advertise programs and interest group activities. The branch offered a series of very interesting programs—nearly all pertained to AAUW’s mission to break down barriers for women and girls. Members invited their friends to groups and branch meetings where they received a warm welcome from our VPs and members.
2. Bring in other College/University partner members and hold a \$tart \$mart workshop. —PLU remains a great partner for AAUW, but it continues to be the only partner in our area. We have made overtures this year to Pierce College and UW–Tacoma, but so far they have not notified us that they intend to join. PLU will hold a \$tart \$mart workshop in April—a follow-up to the initial workshop held there.
3. Put the Tacoma Centennial Fund over the top: \$100,000. —We did it! The special push in December did the trick. This is a fabulous accomplishment for the many members of the branch who had the vision and contributed year after year to the fund, and the work of our Funds Chair Ann Copeland. The fund also had assistance from other branches in the state and Kelvie Comer, State AAUW-WA Funds chair.
4. Collect archives and develop policies and procedures for maintaining them.—The branch is on track to complete this goal by the end of June. The Archives committee—Mary Hammond, chair, Connie Dunkelberger, Phyllis Izant, and Dorothy McBride—has collected archives from members and former members and they are in temporary storage in Phyllis Izant’s basement. The policy for collection, retention, classification and depositing of archives was discussed at the March branch meeting and will be put in final form at the April board meeting. The Committee will complete sorting before the end of May and deposit the materials at the Washington State History Center.

Bobbi Hughes and Paige Griffith at March Meeting

PLU Women’s Center Director came to the annual meeting to talk about the benefits of PLU’s partnership with AAUW. Paige, one of the branch’s NCCWSL recipients, showed us how much she learned at the 2010 conference and thanked the branch for its support. Through AAUW, PLU has offered \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops, provided leadership training for students through Elect Her—PLU Campus Women Win, and held an Equal Pay Day on campus. Today, faculty and students at FAU know about AAUW and its goals for equity.

Congratulations!

New officers elected at the annual meeting: Phyllis Izant President; Rosetta Brown, VP for Program; Dorothy McBride, Finance Officer; Governance Committee: Mary Trodden, Lee Ann Ufford, and Jane Hahn. Mark your calendars for the May Scholarship Luncheon—May 21—for the inauguration ceremonies.

LAF AAUW-WA Challenge

The Legal Advocacy Fund directs its expertise and resources to support cases that have a wide impact on anti-discrimination enforcement in education and the workplace. It funds campus outreach and grants for branches to hold equity events at local colleges and universities. The AAUW-WA challenge is for each member of every branch to contribute at least \$5 or more. AAUW-WA will put small contributions together and submit the total—the goal is \$7500—to LAF on behalf of AAUW state-wide.

We took up a collection at the March branch meeting, but it's not too late to add to the pot although the deadline is fast approaching. Make checks out to AAUW-WA (put LAF challenge on the memo line) and mail them by April 1 to Ann Copeland, Funds Chair, P.O. Box 65303, Tacoma WA 98464-1303.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Member of the Month: Susan Guidetti

I found AAUW-Tacoma when I was looking for a group with common purpose, advocating for women and girls is certainly a group I want to be involved with and hope to contribute what I can to the organization. I have raised two daughters and now have granddaughters and grandsons, I want all children to have opportunities to progress and grow. I work in health care. My degree in Women's Studies from the University of Washington has given me the critical eye for looking at the world through a feminist viewpoint, part of which includes all people should be have equal opportunities.

Experienced Member of the Month: Marilee Mason Titus

I was born in Ashland, Oregon in 1934 during the Great Depression. We were poor, but I think most other people were also. I wasn't aware of it. My mother, Ruby Powell, moved to Ashland with her family in 1911, where her parents bought a house up the hill from Lithia Park. You could faintly hear the city band concerts from their porch. My father, George Mason, came from Knoxville, Tennessee with his mother and sister in 1919, and enrolled as a sophomore at Oregon Agricultural College (now Oregon State University) in Corvallis. He graduated and was a seasonal worker in the Rogue Valley Pear Orchards. My mother became a teacher, but lost her job when she announced her engagement. Doesn't that sound strange, today?

I enjoyed the usual childhood activities—began piano lessons at age 4, violin in third grade and trombone in eighth. We moved across town to a beautiful old home when I was 9, and we didn't sell it until 2004. I had two younger brothers, a pony, a cat, and a dog, and bicycled everywhere. We could pretty much go where we pleased, which was all over town and up into the hills, as long as we let Mother know where we were going. I am still in contact with friends from high school.

When the Oregon Shakespeare Festival started up again after the war, rehearsals were open in the hot sun of the old Chautauqua shell. I would stop in and sit awhile on my way to or from the park, and loved the excitement of the theater. I later took speech, and theater, from Angus Bowmer, the festival's founder. Important people in my life were Aunt Cora, my father's sister, who became head librarian at the local Carnegie Library, and kept us in books for Christmas gifts. She resigned at the age of 70 to become a missionary in India and lived to age 101. On my mother's side, Grandmother Powell encouraged me to dream, as she did all her grandchildren, but demonstrated that hard work is part of everyone's life

INTEREST GROUPS

Day Time Book Group

Since host Connie Dunkelberger is going to the YWCA luncheon on April 27, the Day Time Book group is meeting a week earlier on Wednesday, April 20. After the discussion of *The Woman Behind Little Women* by Harriet Reisen led by Jane Hahn, members are invited to stay for an 80 minute Masterpiece Theatre production about the life of Louisa May Allcott. During the video, Connie will have soup for lunch or you may bring your own brown bag lunch. All members are welcome to the video, even if you have not been attending this group. Call Connie for directions. The video will start about 11:30 a.m. For those who attend Hot Topics as well as Day Time Books, there will be ample time to arrive at the Green Spot Tea for the discussion.

Diggers & Delvers April

April 30 is our day to attend the Master Gardener Plant Sale in Puyallup. Hope to meet you there around 10:30 a.m. We'll extend our excursion with lunch at Windmill Gardens. Call Darlene Anderson for details.

Papercrafters

The meeting of our newest interest group, Papercrafters, will again meet at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 – 104th Street SW, Lakewood on April 7. We will begin our meeting at 10:30 in the morning to give us time to share information about our individual projects and still have three hours to work on projects. Bring a brown bag lunch. We work in the church's fellowship hall so we can each have a table for our individual projects. If you don't have a project, such as scrapbook pages or sorting photos, we will have supplies to make Easter or Spring greeting cards. Call Joye Bucklin or Connie Dunkelberger for information and directions to the church.

Not So Fast Food Group

The Not So Fast Food Group had a Soup, Salad and Sips Supper at Connie and Jim Dunkelberger's home in March and future events are in the planning stage. The group is looking for fun dinner themes and places to eat out together. All members and their guests are welcome to attend events and give ideas for this interest group. Contact Jane Hahn or Connie Dunkelberger with your ideas. We will not have an event in April, but plan to attend the Memorial Tea at the home of Karen Irwin.

Hot Topics

Hot Topics meets Wednesday, April 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. (join us at noon for lunch) at Green Spot Tea & Art Gallery, 3318 Bridgeport Way, W., University Place. Our topic: Pros and cons of single-sex schools and single-sex classrooms. There are many freely available websites and articles on this topic, so Google your hearts out and come prepared to tell us why you would or wouldn't favor single-sex education. We'll consider all levels, k-12 and college, both public and private schools. If you're coming, please email Mary Hammond, chair, by Monday, April 18. Thanks!

Evening Book Group

Joye Bucklin hosts on April 25 at 6:30 p.m. and Catherine Sleavin reviews *Two Chickens for a Saddle* by Robyn Scottt.

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2011

University Place Library

Call To Order

President Dorothy McBride called the annual business meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Sixteen members were present constituting a quorum.

Phyllis Izant moved acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded and approved.

Reports

Finance (Ann Copeland)

- Printed report enclosed with these minutes.
- Current membership is 61.

- Funds received from the Celia Grau Trust exceeded last years.
- Voucher form is available on the website.
- The Celia Grau Trust and the Great Tacoma Community Fund were explained. The board will consider ways to share information received about these funds with the membership.

President's Annual Report (Dorothy McBride)

Dorothy noted the status of the 2010-2011 proposed goals :

- Membership growth exceeded the goal
- Progress is stagnant in bringing in College/University Partners other than PLU.
- There was great success in completing the Centennial Fund.
- Progress was made completing the archives project this year.
- Programs for the year were also highlighted.

Archives (Mary Hammond)

Draft policies governing Tacoma Branch AAUW archives were presented and discussed. The policies will be discussed further at the next board meeting and be accepted on the board's approval.

A copy is available of all materials currently stored in the archives at the Washington State Historical Museum.

Elections

Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Trodden, presented the following slate of officers for 2011-2012:

- Phyllis Izant, President
- Rosetta Brown, Program Vice President
- Finance Officer, Dorothy McBride
- Governance Committee, Mary Trodden and Lee Ann Ufford with the third member to be nominated from the floor.

Dorothy McBride called for nominations from the floor.

Lee Ann Ufford nominated Jane Hahn for the Governance Committee. The nomination was seconded and there being no further nominations, the president declared the nominees elected by acclamation.

AAUW-WA Annual Meeting

To be held April 16 in Bellingham

LAF Fund Raising Challenge

State goal is \$5 per member.

Information about LAF was shared on the AAUW website.

Following discussion, Lee Ann Ufford moved that Tacoma branch meet the challenge by members present contribute now if they wished, with the rest of the members to be contacted by email requesting additional funding and if we fail to meet the quota the rest of the money be taken out of our budget. Motion seconded and approved.

Branch Delegate Selection and Instructions for the First State Election by Mail

Phyllis Izant and Ann Copeland were approved as delegates.

Mary Trodden has been nominated as state program vice president.

National AAUW Voting Procedures

The process was explained by Dorothy McBride and some proposals were discussed. Each AAUW member will be mailed a ballot by April 15 and can choose to vote on line or by mail. The schedule is available in the fall issue and the candidates and proposals in the winter issue of Outlook.

NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) Report

Bobbie Hughes, Director of the Women's Study Center at PLU discussed their connection with the branch as a Community/University Partner and Paige Griffith, a student at PLU, discussed her experience at the conference and in presenting the Elect-Her Workshop for women students at PLU.

Announcements

Dorothy mentioned two proposed National AAUW public policy changes: adding a policy against human trafficking and clarifying the position on charter schools.

Newsletter deadline is March 20.

The Science Fair is April 2 and a sign up sheet is available for those wishing to help.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Darlene Parsons
Secretary

BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS: MAKING CONNECTIONS, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Since this is a non-convention year for AAUW of Washington, we've planned a non-convention annual meeting for Saturday, April 16.

Partnering with the College of Sciences and Technology at Western Washington University in Bellingham, we'll be joined by students and faculty for a day of celebrating AAUW. We'll share with them our commitment to equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy. Following a dynamic, multi-media, multi-generational program that will engage students and faculty as well as members, we'll have the opportunity to learn more about the exciting research taking place from the students and faculty who are involved. Again this year, our lunch speaker is an LAF plaintiff with an amazing story to tell. And at the end of the day, we'll be guests at a reception hosted by the college. Please join us for this exciting day that begins at 9 a.m. You can check out the tulips on the way!

We'll be in the same building all day, and nearby parking is free, so

- (1) put your carpools together
- (2) register (the form is at www.aauw-wa.org) and
- (3) join us in Bellingham!





Breaking Through Barriers Making Connections / Making A Difference

AAUW of Washington, 2011 Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 16, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Academic Instructional Center (West)
Western Washington University – Bellingham

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration by mail deadline (postmarked no later than) Friday, April 1, 2011.
If you are registering AFTER Friday, April 1, please contact Margie via e-mail
(mission@aauw-wa.org) or phone (425-883-1065) for instructions.

Please print legibly.

*Name to appear on nametag:	
*Branch:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State:	Zip:
*Preferred Phone:	Cell/Alternate Phone:
*Email Address:	
*Current leadership position(s) in AAUW (specify Branch, State, National):	
Are you a past AAUW Washington State President ? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
Special access or meal needs? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Please specify)	

*Information will be published in the registration roster. If you prefer contact information not be listed, please check this box: Do NOT list my contact information.

Please complete a form for each attendee and mail with the registration fee of \$30 per person (checks payable to AAUW-Washington) to:

AAUW Conference
c/o M. van Waardenburg
P O Box 2973
Redmond, WA 98073-2973

Registration fee includes continental style breakfast and boxed lunch.

Registration confirmation will be provided by e-mail only.

Details of conference will be e-mailed to all participants and posted on the AAUW Washington Website.

PUBLIC POLICY CORNER

By Dorothy McBride

AAUW'S New Federal Policy Agenda

On March 17, the AAUW policy team released the 2011–12 federal policy agenda, a comprehensive set of goals aimed at improving equity for women and girls. Here are some highlights of the three general areas for action.

I. Expand Educational Opportunities. Education is a primary focus of AAUW especially removing barriers to equity for women and girls by strengthening Title IX. The public policy team continues to monitor the debate about Elementary and Secondary Education Act AKA “No Child Left Behind.” Specifically, AAUW focuses on better STEM education, especially for girls and other underrepresented populations in these fields. The climate in schools is key to achievement as AAUW looks at it and seeks stronger policies to deter and address bullying and harassment. AAUW will publish new research soon that shows that 83% of girls and 79% of boys report experiencing sexual harassment. AAUW does not oppose single sex education if it is appropriate, necessary and done in a manner consistent with the constitution’s guarantees of equal protection. There is concern that there is little oversight of the trends toward more single-sex classes.

2. Promote Economic Security. Top of the list is the continuing struggle for pay equity, first with the enactment of the Paycheck Fairness Act that failed to pass last fall. AAUW supports policies that support work and life balance, such as flexibility in the workplace, expansion of Family and Medical Leave to more employees, and ultimately paid leave for all. The public policy team advocates ways to strengthen Social Security a program particularly important to the economic security of women. Healthcare security is also vital to women, and AAUW advocates for financial support and improvement of Medicaid and Medicare.

3. Promote and Defend Civil Rights. Based on the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community, the policy priorities in this area involve AAUW in fighting for fair-minded judicial and executive branch nominees. All Americans must be able to enjoy the full range of civil rights and civil liberties with no denial because of sex, sexual orientation or gender identity. AAUW has a strong commitment to reproductive rights and opposes efforts to weaken or eliminate Title X, the federal program that provides reproductive services to low income women. No federal funds can be used for abortion, so those who want to eliminate Title X want to eliminate birth control for the poor. Instead, the AAUW policy team advocates the Prevention First Act, which is designed to reduce unintended pregnancy. AAUW also supports the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act to fight domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

For full text, see federalpolicyagenda.pdf

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The next board meeting is 6 p.m. on April 12 at Phyllis Izant’s home.

AAUW TABLE AT YWCA CELEBRATION LUNCHEON, APRIL 27, NOON

Mary Trodden is hosting the AAUW table at the YWCA’s annual fund-raising luncheon again this year. She has *seven* seats left. There is no charge for the luncheon, however, a donation is expected, please bring your checkbook or credit card. Mary needs to turn-in her reservation sheet to the YWCA by **April 14**, so hurry up and email (maryt51@clearwire.net) or call (253 564-5058) her.

APRIL 2011 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Friday	1	
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	Happy Birthday to Mary Stanton-Anderson!
Monday	4	
Tuesday	5	
Wednesday	6	
Thursday	7	10 a.m. the Papercrafters meet at Lakewood Presbyterian Church
Friday	8	
Saturday	9	
Sunday	10	
Monday	11	
Tuesday	12	Happy Birthday to Modean Hill and Wanda Johnson! 6 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting at the home of Phyllis Izant
Wednesday	13	
Thursday	14	
Friday	15	Happy Birthday to Virginia Cummings!
Saturday	16	9 a.m. AAUW-WA Unconventional Annual Meeting in Bellingham
Sunday	17	1 p.m. Memorial Tea at the home of Karen Irwin
Monday	18	Happy Birthday to Betsy Verhey!
Tuesday	19	Happy Birthday to Ruth Anderson!
Wednesday	20	10 a.m. Day Time Books meets at Connie Dunkelberger's home. 1 p.m. Hot Topics meets at The Green Spot Tea and Art Gallery
Thursday	21	
Friday	22	
Saturday	23	
Sunday	24	
Monday	25	6:30 p.m. Evening Books meets at Joye Bucklin's home.
Tuesday	26	
Wednesday	27	Happy Birthday to Correne Baeudoin-Hall! 11:30 a.m. (check-in, lunch at noon) YWCA Annual Celebration Luncheon at The Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center. Make your reservation with Mary Trodden by April 14.
Thursday	28	
Friday	29	
Saturday	30	10:30 a.m. Diggers & Delvers at WSU Extension Center in Puyallup for the Master Gardeners' Plant Sale.
MAY PREVIEW		
Saturday	21	Annual Branch Scholarship Luncheon at the Fircrest Golf Club