

Tacoma Branch News



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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."

MAY 2011 PROGRAM ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. on Saturday May 21, 2011

at

**The Fircrest Golf Club
Regents Blvd. in Fircrest**

Cost: \$23

Advanced reservation through prepayment is required.

Payment at the door will not be accepted and admission will not be granted..

Payment is due by Monday, May 13.

Make your check payable to AAUW Tacoma and mail to:

**AAUW TACOMA
ATTN: TREASURER
P.O. BOX 65303
TACOMA, WA 98464-1303**

Please indicate on your check's memo line "2011 Scholarship Luncheon Reservation."

If you choose to bring a guest, they must also be pre-paid. Please include a note with your check indicating the person's name for our attendance list.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE PICKS RECIPIENTS FOR 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

Tacoma Branch Scholarship Committee members, Phyllis Izant, Stella Jones and Connie Dunkelberger, interviewed candidates on April 11th and picked two recipients for the two \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded at the luncheon on May 21st. Please join the committee at the Fircrest Golf Club to congratulate these two worthy students and hear about their educational pursuits:

Roxanne Chavis is a re-entry student. She will be attending the University of Washington-Tacoma (UW-T) for her junior year and is an accounting major.

Rachel Daniels, whose major is elementary education, is a student at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) entering her junior year.

The bulk of the award funds comes from our investment in the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation-AAUW Fund, which was funded over a decade ago. We are able to draw funds from the interest earned on the principal invested by generous member donors. Contributions to the GTCF fund, and inquiries about it, should be directed to Mary Letterman, Branch Community Funds Liaison.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Dorothy McBride

It's May and that means lilacs, sunshine, and our annual scholarship luncheon. This is a wonderful event because we are able to meet and honor our scholarship winners. Connie Dunkelberger and her committee have interviewed all applicants and selected two outstanding women who will be entering the upper division in the fall—one at UW–Tacoma and one at PLU. In addition, the May event marks the end of our 2010-2011 year and the installation of newly elected officers: Phyllis Izant, President; Rosetta Brown, VP Programs and Dorothy McBride as Finance Officer. We'll be meeting at the lovely Fircrest golf club. New branch members are particularly welcome. We do have to sign-up and pay for lunch in advance. See the information on the front page of the newsletter. Don't forget to wear a spring hat!

The Tacoma branch made a good showing at the AAUW–Washington annual meeting at Western Washington University in Bellingham April 16. Mary Trodden was elected Vice President for Programs of the state organization. Bobbi Hughes, Women's Center Director at PLU, joined me in presenting information about our partnership: the branch support of students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student leaders (NCCWSL); the \$tart \$mart workshops; and the Elect Her program in February. When AAUW Planned Giving coordinator Carol Rognrud presented a map showing where AAUW funds have gone to support programs in Washington State, three arrows representing the three programs pointed to PLU and Tacoma, more than any other place.

Tacoma branch also received a "Bright Idea" award from the state membership vice-presidents Judy Rogers and Florence Young. When Judy visited our branch for the Christmas luncheon, she found out about Joye Bucklin's idea to "engage all members in bringing in new members and retaining them." Come to the May luncheon to see the award the branch received.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the branch will sponsor four PLU students to attend NCCWSL in June, 2011. They are Jessica Lavigne, a sophomore majoring in political science and minoring in German, Religion, and Women's and Gender Studies; Kaitlyn Donahoe with a major in Women's and Gender Studies; Bethany Petek, also majoring in Women's and Gender Studies; and Brittne Lunniss, a sophomore with a dual major in political science and sociology. In addition, national AAUW will sponsor Paige Griffith to attend in her role as convener of the Elect Her workshop. We will get an opportunity to meet them all and hear about their adventures at a branch meeting next year.

PUBLIC POLICY CORNER

By Dorothy McBride

The April "Hot Topics" discussion centered on the issue of single-sex classes and single-sex schools. March 7 news stories about boys' only and girls' only sixth grade classes in math and other subjects at Jason Lee Middle School in Tacoma prompted us to select this topic. The question is: should public schools sponsor separate education experiences based on sex? At first glance, it sounds discriminatory and in violation of Title IX. If you look at the question in terms of race, most would definitely say that separate classes for African American or white students would be a violation of the equal protection guarantees in the constitution (*Brown v. Board of Education*). Title IX regulations, however, despite prohibitions on sex discrimination in schools receiving federal financial assistance, now permit some use of single-sex classes in coeducational schools. But opinion is not clear cut on desirability of separation of the sexes in public education.

Some refer to scholarly research that documents facts that girls and boys learn differently. As they found in the Jason Lee classes, boys are more attracted to mathematics when it is presented as a competition; girls are more likely to find math interesting when illustrated by stories. Girls appreciate not having distraction of boys; boys can accept studies in humanities better if it is not seen as a "girly" subject. Jason Lee and other failing schools have found marked increases in achievement scores after the boys and girls are separated.

Others challenge these views as reinforcing stereotypes. Perhaps there are differences between groups of girls and groups of boys, but individuals may not conform to their gender group and thus are limited in their opportunity to succeed. What about the girl who likes competition or the boy who likes stories? Besides, as the opponents of single sex classes point out, society is combined of both males and females and it is important that all learn to work, compete, and excel in that world.

AAUW comes down mostly against single-sex schools: "AAUW believes that single-sex education without proper attention to civil rights protections can reinforce problematic gender stereotypes, increase discrimination, and restrict the educational opportunities open to both girls and boys." As you can see, that statement is not categorically against the idea, but says single-sex programs must be assessed in terms of their effects on the guarantees of overall equity for both boys and girls.

The Hot Topics discussion reflected our ambivalence on the issue. We were concerned about the reinforcement of extreme separate gender roles like the "Princess Industrial Complex" (see Cindy Orenstein's book *Cinderella Ate My Daughter*) that begins in preschool, yet aware of the research that shows teachers must attend to gender differences in learning, especially in the critical middle school years.

WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND "READ" ALL OVER?

AAUW-Tacoma's Nancy Covert to speak on early Washington newspapers

By Mary Hammond

One of AAUW-Tacoma's newest and most enthusiastic members is Nancy Covert of Steilacoom. A retired journalist, Nancy is also a local history buff whose curiosity shows no signs of slowing down.

On Tuesday evening, May 24, Nancy will speak at the Steilacoom Historical Museum about the history of early Washington (Territory and State) newspapers—especially those published in Steilacoom. Nancy will share her research on early papers such as *The Courier*, *The Puget Sound Herald*, *The Truth Teller*, *The Lakewood Log*, and others.

Nancy offers this teaser:

In 1858, Steilacoom town founder Lafayette Balch hired Charles Prosch, a Pennsylvania newspaperman, away from his work in San Francisco to help Balch "boom" his town on the Sound. Editor Prosch couldn't turn down Balch's offer of a house, guaranteed pay no matter what and the opportunity to be a big part of this developing community between Olympia and Seattle.

This is just one of many interesting anecdotes about early Washington newspapers that I'll be sharing at this complimentary presentation, open to anyone interested in learning about early, pre-Internet publications.

Steilacoom Historical Museum, 1801 Rainier Street (next to the historic Orr House), Tuesday, May 24, 7: p.m. Admission is free.

Nancy's feature articles about Steilacoom people and places are published regularly in the (online only) Suburban Times (<http://www.thesubtimes.com>).

INTEREST GROUPS

Hot Topics

Wednesday, May 18 1–3 p.m. (join us at noon for lunch) at The Green Spot Tea & Art Gallery, 3318 Bridgeport Way W., University Place. Our topic: Mandatory Voting: Pros and Cons. Most of us weren't even aware that some countries have mandatory voting laws, imposing fines on adult citizens who fail to exercise their right to vote. Which countries have mandatory voting, and how is it working? What are the implications of such a policy, especially regarding public education in government, citizenship, and public policy issues? Having watched Jay Leno's "man on the street" interviews in downtown Burbank, I have serious reservations about requiring everyone, even the apathetic and totally uninformed, to vote. Come and help us sort it out. RSVP by May 16 to Mary Hammond.

The Not So Fast Food Group

The Not So Fast Food Group is planning a backyard hot dog event sometime this summer. What can you do with a hot dog to make it tasty and unique? If you would like to help answer that question or just come to the event and visit with members and their guests you will be invited the this unusual gig. The event will be held in Dorothy and Kurt's backyard. If you want to be on the list for an invitation once we set the date and time, please contact Jane Hahn or Connie Dunkelberger. The group is also looking for more fun dinner themes and restaurants for a group gathering next fall. We greatly welcome your ideas.

Papercrafters

Meets at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 8601 – 104th Street SW, Lakewood on May 5th and June 2nd. We gather 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 our 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, sorting photos, or making gift items, some of us have extra supplies and equipment for making greeting cards. Call Joye Bucklin or Connie Dunkelberger for information and directions to the church.

Evening Book Group

Jane Hahn hosts the group's annual potluck on May 23. Call her for her new address (her phone number stays the same). Everyone reviews book choices for inclusion in next year's list. Potluck starts at 6:30 p.m. Send book titles to Mary Letterman *before* the potluck.

Daytime Book Group

The Daytime Book Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25th at the Green Spot. Choice of breakfast or lunch (or both). Bring book suggestions for next year's reading list. Contact Marianne Candioglos or Lee Ann Ufford.

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.

MAY 2011 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sunday	1	
Monday	2	
Tuesday	3	
Wednesday	4	
Thursday	5	10:30 a.m. Papercrafters meet at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, see page 3.
Friday	6	
Saturday	7	Happy Birthday to Juanita Wellington!
Sunday	8	Happy Birthday to Helen Sohlberg!
Monday	9	Happy Birthday to Marianne Candioglos!
Tuesday	10	
Wednesday	11	
Thursday	12	
Friday	13	
Saturday	14	
Sunday	15	
Monday	16	
Tuesday	17	
Wednesday	18	1 p.m. Hot Topics group at the Green Spot Café, see page 4.
Thursday	19	
Friday	20	
Saturday	21	11:30 a.m. Scholarship Luncheon at Fircrest Golf Club, see page 1.
Sunday	22	Happy Birthday to both Darlene Anderson and Mary Letterman!
Monday	23	6:30 p.m. Jane Hahn hosts the Evening Book Group's annual potluck, see page 4.
Tuesday	24	7 p.m. Nancy Covert speaks at Steilacoom Historical Museum, see page 4.
Wednesday	25	10 a.m. Daytime Book Group meets at the Green Spot Café, see page 4.
Thursday	26	
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	Happy Birthday to Mary Hammond!
Sunday	29	
Monday	30	
Tuesday	31	

JUNE PREVIEW

Wednesday	1	
Thursday	2	10:30 a.m. Papercrafters at Lakewood Presbyterian Church.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

4705 Memory Lane W, University Place

April 12, 2011, 6:17–8:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dorothy McBride, President & Public Policy; Phyllis Izant, President-elect & Program VP; Connie Dunkelberger, Scholarship; Mary Trodden, Communications; Mary Hammond, Archives.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of February 2, 2011 BOD meeting

Reports

Program and Scholarships: Scholarship Luncheon, May 21

Price \$23, payment due at time of reservation, no payments will be accepted at time of luncheon.

Publicity via newsletter, Facebook, Meet-Up, website.

Program: Award scholarships and install officers

Membership: Online renewal procedures

National reports renewals to branch treasurer and money is deposited directly into our local account.

Finance

Branch fund chair should pass Community Fund quarterly reports to finance officer

Celia Grau Foundation only issues one statement annually and only reports on Foundation's total.

Report on LAF fund raising. \$435—we exceeded our minimum.

Old Business

Archives policy: discussion and approval (attachment)

Moved, seconded and passed to approve version dated 4/12/2011.

Colored Women's Club: Follow up to February meeting

Discussion revolved around facilitating a workshop. Dorothy will compose reply.

Branch STEM initiatives: Science Fair; Robotics

Assessment and discussion. No decision as of this date

New Business

Plans for transition of officers, procedures and timing

Tentatively set for a date in the last two weeks of July

Branch audit:

Dorothy will organize an audit committee

2010 Bylaws/PP go into effect.

Discussion regarding standing committees

Role of the Governance—functions

University Relations (administers scholarship)— possible candidates for appointment

Public Policy,— possible candidates for appointment

Communications— possible candidates for appointment

Finance (oversees presidentially appointed funds liaisons)— possible candidates for appointment

NCCWSL

The branch is assisting three students with travel expenses and the registration fee for another.

Meeting adjourned.

2011 SOUTH SOUND REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR AAUW AWARD WINNERS

The South Sound Regional Science has been a STEM project of the Tacoma Branch for four years. We no longer participate in the AAUW-WA High School Recognition program and needed another project to encourage girls in the fields of math and sciences, which is a national mission based initiative. The 2011 science fair was held on April 2, 2011 at PLU. Thanks to the following members who judged at this year's event. Julie Anderson, Rosetta Bown, Connie Dunkelberger, Ginny Linstrom, Dorothy McBride, and our 2010 scholarship winner, Nancy Jeffrey. Rosetta Brown will be the 2012 S.S.R.S. Fair contact with the fair's central committee.

Kindergarten to Fifth Grade Team Prizes

Caitriona O'Connell and Abby Willis, Fifth Grade, St. Michael, private school
Hannah Falk and Shea Roberts, Fifth Grade, Downing Elementary, Tacoma
J. J. Lemming, Kristie Price and Max Good, Fourth Grade, Salter Point, Steilacoom
Alie Halbert and Elana Hummel, Whittier Elementary, Tacoma

Kindergarten to Fifth Grade Special Individual Award

Kruti Gangadkar, Fourth Grade, Hansen Elementary, Olympia

Intermediate Division

Megan Christensen, Sixth Grade, Holy Family, private school
Maya Willis, Seventh Grade, North Thurston Public Schools Challenge Academy
Selina Lui, Eighth Grade, North Thurston Public Schools Challenge Academy

Outstanding Research Award Ninth through Twelfth Grade

Aerin Towle, Sumner High School Aerin will represent our regional fair at the Intel Corp. International Science Fair (ISEF) May 8-13, 2011 in Los Angeles, CA. Good luck to her with her Microbiology Project, "Enthropion Eye Causitive Factors".

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Online membership renewal is now available

<http://www.aauw.org/about/join/MPPinfo.cfm>

You will need your member number which is in your branch directory.

Contact Ann Copeland, Dorothy McBride or Joye Bucklin for assistance.

If you prefer, you can still renew the old-fashioned way by mail. Please see the membership renewal form on page 8.

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.

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