

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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Saturday, January 19—9:30am

Title IX Protections in Jeopardy

featuring

Jessica Supinski, Title IX Educator

Best Western Plus Executive Inn

200 Taylor Ave North

Seattle, WA 98109

Jessica Supinski is the Director of Student Programs & Engagement at Renton Technical College (RTC), where she serves as a Title IX educator and advocate on campus, supporting campus community members who have been impacted by sexual misconduct. She is also an AAUW Career Development Grant recipient and will be speaking on the proposed changes to Title IX and the effects they would have on our schools. Jessica believes that supporting Title IX efforts is part of a larger effort to understand how systems of oppression, power, and privilege intersect.

As a 2015-2016 AAUW Career Development Grant recipient, she co-developed a workshop called "What Is Consent?" to help college students develop healthy communications about sexuality. This workshop has been embedded into the curriculum for the quarterly College Success 101 class that all new students are required to take. She has a Master's Degree in instructional design from Western Governors University and is currently a doctoral candidate at Northeastern University School of Education, with a concentration on organizational leadership studies.

In November, Federal education officials proposed rules that would make it more difficult for students to report incidents of sexual harassment and violence—and easier for schools to ignore them when they do. This is an important issue for AAUW, and our Chief Executive Officer, Kim Churches, said that *"These proposed rules are completely at odds with the promise of Title IX – access for all students to an education free from sex discrimination."*

Comments on the new restrictions on Title IX enforcement can be made up to January 28, 2019, at the Federal Register website: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/11/29/2018-25314/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-sex-in-education-programs-or-activities-receiving-federal>.

Book Exchange at the January Meeting!
Bring a book to pass along and/or take a book to enjoy.

LAF Fundraiser at January Meeting
See details on page 5.

Come Join Us!

Location: Best Western Plus Executive Inn, 200 Taylor Ave North, Seattle, WA

Cost: \$15 inclusive - *No charge for full-time students or matriculated students with corresponding student ID (reservations still required)*

Menu: Hot breakfast buffet including breads, fruit juice, freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and tea.

Parking: Free in hotel garage. Members who park in the garage or hotel lot can sign the book at the front desk and give their name and license plate number. 10-hour curbside pay stations on Taylor and on Thomas at \$1.50 per hour. Bus: #8 on Denny.

Reservations required by Friday, January 11, 2019

To reserve your place, send an email to: RSVP@aauw-seattle.org.

And Next Month...

Michelle Meriweather
President of Urban League
of
Metropolitan Seattle

Saturday, February 9, 2019
AAUW-Seattle Meeting
9:30-noon

Best Western Plus
Executive Inn
200 Taylor Ave N, Seattle

Leadership Corner—Judy Waring

As our January 28th Lobby Day in Olympia approaches, I'm thinking back to my first visit to Olympia as a teenager and previous Lobby Days at our capitol. February 22, 1961 was not only the Washington's Birthday holiday but an opportunity to visit Olympia through the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) caravan day. My parents, brother, and I made the long drive from north Seattle in our two door 1951 Chevrolet—I-5 was only partially completed. Our day included a visit to Governor Rosellini's office and sitting in the Senate Gallery looking down on



activity on the Senate chamber floor. We climbed the stairs to the cupola above the dome at the very top of the Capitol Building. We also visited the then new Library building (now the Pritchard Building) located between the Senate and House Office Buildings and enjoyed seeing

the Kenneth Callahan mural in the basement room showing layered views of Washington history and industry.

I graduated from high school and college, married, and lived in many locations in the US plus in England during my husband's military career and the jobs that followed. While living in Georgia, I joined AAUW and attended my first Lobby Day at the state capitol in Atlanta.

Moving back to my native Seattle in 1993, I joined Seattle Branch and within a few years was trekking to Olympia for Lobby Day each year in late January. Morning AAUW sessions with speakers varied in locations and in earlier years were held jointly with other women's groups. We've met at a nearby church, in a government building across Capitol Way, at a hotel off Hwy 101, at a Community Center in Lacey, and many times at the Methodist Church to the north of downtown. With many of the locations, we had to drive and find paid parking for our afternoon visits to the capitol campus to see our legislators and attend hearings. One year we stood in a downpour waiting for the Dash shuttle for transportation to a remote but free parking lot. Then there were the years of meeting our legislators in portable temporary buildings following earthquake damage that occurred on February 28th, 2001. Earlier visits began with a stop at the Bill Room to pick up copies of bills of interest to AAUW. Now that info can be found online as well as hearing schedules for planning a visit.



If you've visited Olympia with me, you've possibly viewed the pictures of my great-grandfathers and my great uncle. My mother's grandfathers each served a term in the House, representing the Dayton/Walla Walla area, one in 1895 and one in 1905. Their pictures can be found in the class-style pictures along the hallway surrounding the House Gallery. My great uncle, who I remember meeting as a teenager, served several terms in the 1940's representing the area near Pomeroy.

We've had fun visiting as we carpoled to Olympia—consider joining us! This is our third year for holding Lobby Day at St. John's Episcopal Church where we can park for the entire day. Then after the AM session we'll walk through a beautiful neighborhood of older homes to reach the Capitol campus.



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Mission Statement

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, advocacy.

Vision

Equity for all.

Values

Nonpartisan. Fact-based.
Integrity. Inclusion and
Intersectionality.

Now You Can Work

Smarter—AAUW National

By this point, you've likely heard about [Work Smart Online](https://salary.aauw.org/) (<https://salary.aauw.org/>), our free, one-hour training that helps women negotiate for higher pay and become better communicators. Now, the tool is even easier to use. We've improved it so you can navigate directly to the topics that interest you — whether that's pay gap facts or negotiating tips — rather than being required to move through the course sequentially. Customize the learning experience to meet your needs!



The 2019 Art Contest Opens January 8

This year we are giving special preference to submissions that reflect AAUW's mission and values. Check back for more details: <https://www.aauw.org/contests/>.

2019 Legislative Lobby Day Is January 28th—Gay Armsden

Let's have a show of force in Olympia! Come on down and make your informed and thoughtful voice heard in the halls of power! For the best chance to get appointments with your legislators, contact their offices in December or early January for the afternoon of Jan. 28 (1:30pm or later). The interesting and fun morning program from 8 am to 1 pm will be at St. John's Episcopal Church at 114 20th Ave SE. Program speakers will include Fajer Saeed Ebrahim, who will speak about the state of WA laws regarding reproductive justice and sexual assault on college campuses, and lawyer and AAUW lobbyist Pam Crone, who will update us on the specific laws we are stressing this year. **Registration** is \$25 per person – [click here](https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/2018/11/20/2019-lobby-day/) to register. More Lobby Day details are available here aauw-wa.aauw.net/2018/11/20/2019-lobby-day/.

If you are spending Sunday night in Olympia, call Christy Vasquez at 360-357-2972 to reserve a room at a reduced rate at the Hilton Garden Inn. If you would like to join the state board for dinner Sunday evening, let Judy Prince know: president@aauw-wa.org. If interested in capooling, contact Gay Armsden at: publicpolicy@aauw-seattle.org.

The Show Must Go On - And It Did! – Penny Tetter

Late Friday evening, we learned there was no power at the Seattle Yacht Club (SYC), and we would be called at 8:00am Saturday to see if we had to cancel our Holiday event there. Thus, followed an almost sleepless night for some of us,



wondering what the best way would be to let our members know that the event had to be cancelled. By 7:15am on Saturday the SYC said they could accommodate us but couldn't serve hot food. We made the executive decision to go ahead with it with the knowledge that the power would be restored by 9:00am and we were promised hot water for coffee and tea.

When we arrived the SYC had been informed by Seattle City Light that the power would not be restored until 6:30pm that evening. But the SYC carried on valiantly, with generators, lanterns and candles and served fruits, yogurt and pastries, and hot coffee and tea. Another executive decision was made that since the attendees were not going to receive the hearty breakfast they had been promised, then the event was FREE!

Amazingly, everyone who registered attended and it was certainly a memorable experience. Frances Kwapil, our oldest member at 100, walked up the stairs and enjoyed the festivities. We had a roaring fire and an array of beautiful baskets viewed by lantern light. For many they turned the fee they would normally pay into Raffle Tickets and Seattle Branch was able to raise \$1,000 – enough to send one girl to Teck Trek! We filled an SUV with items to take to Mary's Place!

Fourcast Quartet gave a stunning performance and I think everyone ended up having a great time despite the lack of electricity.



WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER! - Tonna Kutner

The Nominating Committee is working on filling three positions for AAUW Seattle by our May meeting – and we may need more than three women to fill those positions. Please consider volunteering for our branch. We know everyone is busy, but we have an active branch and know we can fill these positions with individuals or with teams. We have been successful with teams in the past as long as we determine ahead of time who is responsible for what. I must say that this is an amazingly responsible group and most members fulfill their responsibilities and have a good time doing it as well. We'll be contacting you in the next couple of months to see how you would fit in.

Secretary: This is a great entry point for someone who is new to the branch. We have formats for the minutes which would be passed on to you. It means attending the board meetings, about half of them are done via telecon.

Programs: This is a perfect for a team approach. We need members who are able to develop one or two programs in a team environment and do the legwork to communicate with the speakers. We also need a coordinator to make sure reservations are recorded and meals are ordered. We have one person interested and need more.

President or Admin Team: Our current president, Barbara Sando, has done a remarkable job guiding our branch for the last several years. We are thinking two women could make this job into a team and provide our branch with continued leadership. We would definitely consider a new member as a part of this team.

Have questions or want to throw your hat into the ring? Contact the Nominating Committee – Judy, Fiona and Tonna at: nc@aauw-seattle.org.

AAUW December Board Meeting Summary – Marianne North

The AAUW Board met via telecon on December 10th. The next Board will be on January 14th at 7 pm via telecon. All members are welcome to Board meetings and details are shown in The Catalyst under "Upcoming events." The Branch will not provide a NCWSSL scholarship to a Seattle community college student this year because we have not yet established a formal relationship with any of the community colleges. Volunteers are needed to begin this relationship building process with the community colleges.

The Board approved to discontinue offering the ½ year dues discount for members joining in January, consistent with the new AAUW policy. Policy 16 Privacy Protection revisions were approved to ensure that publicity about members and scholarship recipients will not disclose information that jeopardizes their privacy.

AAUW is asking for comments on its national public policy agenda by January 11th. Also, members are encouraged to comment on the proposed changes in Title IX by January 28th on the Federal Register website. Branch President, Program Vice President, and Secretary positions need to be filled for the coming year. The Nominating Committee is comprised of Tonna Kutner, Fiona Goodchild, and Judy Waring.

Public Policy Update – Gay Armsden

Need some inspiration to trek to Olympia on January 28 for **AAUW Lobby Day**? Check the pre-filed bills list here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/prefiled.aspx?year=2019>. Here's one that AAUW-WA will be sure to state our position on before Lobby Day: House Bill 1038, which would allow public school districts and private schools to adopt a policy **authorizing permanent employees to possess firearms on school grounds** under certain conditions (<http://lawfilesexext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1038.pdf>)?

Note statewide Initiative 1000 to the Legislature - Equality through **Affirmative Action**, which would "allow the state to implement affirmative action in public education, employment, and contracting if the action does not use quotas or preferential treatment... It would define "affirmative action" and "preferential treatment" and establish a Governor's commission on diversity, equity, and inclusion." I-1000 is aimed at negating Initiative 200, approved by voters in 1998. According to Hayward Evans, quoted in the *Seattle Times*, "Since I-200 became law, businesses owned by women and minorities have lost billions of dollars in work they would otherwise have been awarded" (tinyurl.com/yapc4kos).

Washington House Speaker Frank Chopp said that among the legislative priorities this session will be establishing an "independent ombudsperson" to handle sexual harassment complaints, and making "a commitment to fully fund the State Need Grant," which provides need-based financial aid toward post-secondary education.

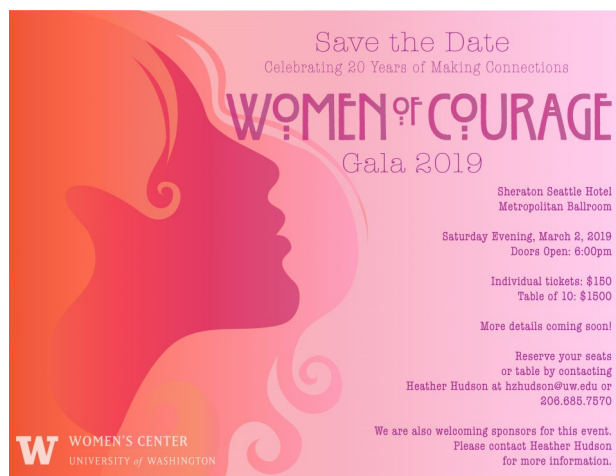
Save the Date – Saturday March 2nd 2019 - Women of Courage Gala!

Renée Agatsuma

It's once again time to consider joining fellow AAUW-Seattle members at the Women's Center, our great University of Washington C/U partner. This event is a great way of networking and meeting individuals that meet our mission statement. Last year, as every year, we were recognized as a sponsor. Our informational brochures were given out to each attendee – at least until they ran out (there were more people than we had brochures).

As the Women's Center website states, the gala...“honors women's progress and advancement as we work towards a fully equitable and inclusive society. Each year, the Center recognizes tenacious social justice warriors working within Washington State who share a commitment to support the advancement of girls and women and actively work toward gender equity...” It is a time for great networking, learning more about intersectional feminism, and meeting new people. Last year, a good number of us enjoyed dancing the night away at the end of the night!

AAUW-Seattle is sponsoring a table at this fantastic event again this year. If you are interested in joining us at the table this year, contact Renée at c-u@aauw-seattle.org. While we ask our members to contribute \$50, we want all of our members to be able to attend – scholarships are available. Please send an email for more information or to RSVP!



Tech Trek – Tonna Kutner

Our Holiday Party was certainly memorable and not just because there was no electricity. Two of the eight Tech Trek girls we sent to camp last summer were able to attend and told us about their experiences and how important they were to their continued interest in science. They both spoke very well and could be heard even with no microphones. One wants to go into engineering and computing. The other wants to be President of Mars – and she just might be! Our branch was inspired and we raised \$1000 in raffle tickets as a good start to send girls camp next summer. We're hoping to send 10 girls and tuition for each girl is \$950. We always sponsor the girls so there are no financial barriers to attending Tech Trek. To make a tax-deductible donation:

- Online, via credit or debit card, <https://techtrek-wa.aauw.net/> using the Special Projects Fund
- Via check made out to “AAUW-WA SPF” with “Tech Trek Seattle” on the message line sent to: AAUW-WA SPF, PO Box 1665, Bellevue WA 98009-1665



Help Balance the Scales of Justice at our January Meeting

Gay Armsden

We will be having a fundraiser for the LAF at our January branch meeting. The Branch will match the first \$500 raised, so please bring your checkbooks or cash. Study-up if you want to shine on the LAF quiz (hint: see the November *Catalyst*). Make checks out to “AAUW” and put “Fund 3999 on the memo line. Alternatively, your credit-card donation can be matched if you call AAUW January 1 -19 at 800.326.AAUW and specify Fund 3999. (Note that donating directly to LAF online does not appear to be possible at this time.) For information go to the website: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legalresources/>. Questions? Contact Gay Armsden.



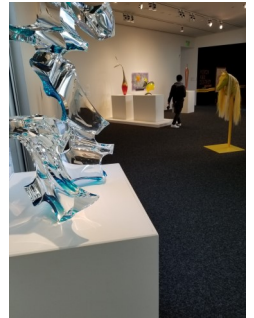
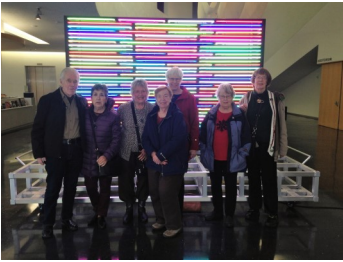


Interest Group Corner

The Seattle Branch has four very active interest groups and hopes to add new ones in the near future, stay tuned. Check this space each month to learn what's happening with each interest group and consider joining one or more. The more members who join in, the merrier. A contact person is listed with each group below.

Art Smart—Ann Dennis—ad@aauw-seattle.org

What a fun pre-Christmas celebration some of the Art Smart interest group members had on December 12th. We first met for lunch at the Palomino Restaurant in Bellevue and had a great time visiting, eating, and getting to know each other even better. After lunch we walked next door to the Bellevue Arts Museum to visit the main exhibit there, a juried show of 49 glass artists called "BAM! Glasstastics," which featured glass art in many forms from a full-sized children's swing set to stain glass windows to IKEA tea lights. It was very impressive and novel. We have not yet selected our adventure for next month, but it is sure to be fun. If you would like to be added to the Art Smart email list, contact Ann Dennis.



We'd love to have you join us.

Book Group—Bev Fogle—books@aauw-seattle.org

January 22 will be the next Book Group meeting, featuring discussion of *Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore. This important book tells the story of early use of radium in consumer products, specifically luminous dials on wristwatches. Some people were still denying that radium was dangerous! Sound familiar?

We meet at 1:00 on the fourth Tuesday of most months at the Stadler Room of the Lake Forest Park Town Center, 17171 Bothell Way NE, Seattle, near Third Place Books. Our discussions are lively, and everybody is welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

Stage Presence—Bev Fogle—books@aauw-seattle.org

Our Stage Presence group is currently seeking recommendations for future plays for us to enjoy together through the winter and spring months. This autumn we enjoyed Willa Cather's *My Antonia*, presented by the Book It group, and George Bernard Shaw's rollicking *Arms and the Man* from the Seattle Shakespeare Company. This is your opportunity to shape the future of this new AAUW interest group.

Writer's Group—Tonna Kutner—TechTrek@aauw-seattle.org

The Writers Group meets at member's homes on the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30am. We work on a variety of projects from fiction to family history. The group discusses each member's work for the month and offers our thoughts and advice. New members are welcome!

Scholar Recognition Launches for 2019 – June Arnold

January will mark the 19th season of the Seattle Branch's Scholar Recognition awards. This program honors young women who are high school seniors, for their achievement and dedication in the subjects of math, science and technology, selected by their teachers. This program is made possible by the many Seattle Branch volunteers who contact participating high schools and facilitate the nomination process. Member volunteers for 2019 include: Renee Agatsuma (Garfield, Rainier Beach, Southlake), Barbara Sando (Cleveland and Franklin), Judy Waring (Ingraham), Joan Peterson (Ballard), Susan McLeod (Nathan Hale), Heather Dohan (Roosevelt), Marilyn Mears (West Seattle), Rachael Foe (Chief Sealth), Sam Montgomery (Holy Names), Robin Hendricks (Lincoln) and Senait Habte (Making Connections at the UW Women's Center).

Mark your calendars for the **Scholar Recognition evening reception on Wednesday, April 17th, 2019, 7:00pm** – where we will honor the scholars and their families. Our speaker this year will be from Blue Origin. Take a quick peek at www.blueorigin.com to learn why you don't want to miss this event. If you have any questions or are interested in supporting the program, please contact June Arnold at: recognition@aauw-seattle.org.

Member News:

Pamela Bradburn and her husband departed September 30th on a 14 day cruise from Vancouver, B.C. to Juneau and Kodiak Island, Alaska, then across the Pacific Ocean to Japan (Hakodate and Yokohama), where they visited some Japanese friends for parts of three days. They rode a medium speed bullet train, visited Hiroshima Peace Park and Miyajima, a pedestrian island, had spaghetti sauce on rice, and saki, and lots of fish. It was a fun time! Unfortunately they misplaced their camera at the San Diego Jazz Festival over Thanksgiving, so have no photos of Japan.

Heather Dohan ran the Seattle Half Marathon right after Thanksgiving. It was her first and ran in a great time. Heather also just started a new position at the FAA as an Operation Research Analyst for Flight Standards in Safety Aviation.



Dana Twight, a past Seattle Branch president, is coming up on her second anniversary of working with the National Guard in Tacoma, helping service members of the Air and Army Guard plus active duty members from JBLM (Joint Base Lewis McChord) with their personal finances. She continues working with private financial planning clients on a limited basis. We miss Dana's mother Jan, a longtime AAUW member who's now residing in a senior community. Jan is still swimming at the Dale Turner YMCA where she taught swimming-related activities for 8 years and she enjoys attending the Seattle Opera with her daughter. In early 2018 Dana's daughter Andrea married her longtime partner Leigh Ann and they live in North Carolina where Andrea works for a non-profit.

Sandra Wheeler, and her husband Charles choose a theme each year before buying holiday gifts for family members. This year's theme is the Centennial of the World War I Armistice. They looked for books and other items that memorialized the war. They gave poppies in varied forms: beautiful metal garden stakes, lovely necklace & bracelets, and poppy seed packets. Literature gifts included the poem *In Flanders Fields*, the novel *Birdsong* by S Faulks, J Shaara's *To the Last Man*, *Christmas Truce*, Stanley Weintraub's *Silent Night*, and a biography about General Pershing. Because it was cold in the trenches, each received a winter hat. They put together and made copies of a 20 page booklet tracking the enlistment of Charles's Great Uncle Earl in the War. This included a 100 year old 6 page letter he wrote home and postcards along with a photo of him in his uniform.

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<i>Upcoming Events...</i>				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Program
January 14, 2019	Monday	7:00pm	Contact Secretary— (secretary@aauw-seattle.org) for teleconference information	Branch Board Meeting
January 19, 2019	Saturday	9:30am	Best Western Plus Executive Inn	Branch Meeting—Jessica Supinski—"Title IX Protections in Jeopardy"
January 28, 2019	Monday	8:30am	St. John's Episcopal Church, Olympia, WA	AAUW Lobby Day
February 9, 2019	Saturday	9:30am	Best Western Plus Executive Inn	Branch Meeting—Michelle Meriweather, President of Urban League
February 17, 2019	Sunday	1:00pm	Contact Secretary— (secretary@aauw-seattle.org) for location	Branch Board Meeting
March 2, 2019	Saturday	6:00pm	Seattle Sheraton Hotel	UW Women's Center Women
March 2019			Contact Secretary— (secretary@aauw-seattle.org) for teleconference information	Branch Board Meeting
March 16, 2019	Saturday	9:30am	Best Western Plus Executive Inn	Branch Meeting-Immigration and Refugee Panel with Barbara Spraker
April 17, 2019	Wednesday	7:00pm	Best Western Plus Executive Inn	Scholar Recognition Reception -Marian Gillert of Blue Origin