



Saturday, September 21—9:30 am

Amy Klosterman, Attorney and Consultant

“Evolution of Title IX”

Executive Inn by the Space Needle

200 Taylor Ave North

Seattle, WA 98109

Amy Klosterman, a Seattle Branch member who owns her own law firm, will speak on the evolution and increased awareness of Title IX since it was enacted in 1972. She will share her insights gained from over a decade of enforcing Title IX with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

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

Come Join Us!

Cost: \$15 inclusive -No charge for students with ID or members who renewed their membership by July 1st (reservations required).

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

Parking: Free in hotel garage (sign the book at the front desk). Paid parking can usually be found on the street. Bus: #8 on Denny.

Reservations required by Sunday, September 15, 2019

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

And Next Month...

Michelle Merriweather

“Getting to Equal: United Not Divided ”

Saturday, October 19, 2019

AAUW-Seattle Meeting

9:30-noon

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Leadership Corner

Welcome to the start of a new year for Seattle AAUW! Although we take a break from our monthly Board and Branch meetings over the summer, it is hardly an idle time for the Branch. Some of our most impactful programs for promoting equity for women and girls occur during what had once been “off” months for the organization. The most significant of these is Tech Trek, the week-long STEM camp for junior high girls that was held at Pacific Lutheran University in July. The application and interview process held earlier this year resulted in our sponsorship of thirteen girls. Thanks to all who participated in that process, and an especially big thank you to Tonna Kutner and June Arnold for serving as dorm monitors. Be sure to read of their experiences elsewhere in this newsletter.



For the second year, we participated in BEA’s (Basketball Education in Action) TABLA (Team Awesome Basketball Leadership Academy), which empowers girls by developing communication, leadership and social advocacy skills through sports – in this case, basketball. It is an opportunity to introduce AAUW to these young women through sharing information about Title IX and pay equity. Thanks to Gay Armsden, Fiona Goodchild, Rachel Foe, Amy Klosterman, and CJ Nash for representing the Branch.

As part of our collaboration with the UW Women’s Center, the Branch again sponsored Political Day at the Alene Morris NEW Leadership program in June. The day’s program consisted of a strong slate of elected officials and community activists who addressed the very impressive, diverse participants enrolled in the program. I also was able to share with the group the AAUW mission statement and all the varied ways the Seattle Branch embodies that mission.

As we start a new year, there will be many opportunities to get involved with these and other programs that advance equity for women and girls. I look forward to a year of accomplishments, fellowship and fun!

Catalyst Changes – CJ Nash

Two small but important changes debut this month on page one of the *Catalyst*. These changes include a new nameplate with an image of the Seattle cityscape and a table of contents with clickable links to the stories. This underscores both the local identity and the energy of our Branch.

These changes are the work of *Catalyst* editor Heather Dohan and Marketing and Communications Co-Chairs Tonna Kutner and CJ Nash, with help from our communications consultant. They are a first step in our longer-term goal of turning the *Catalyst* into a completely digital publication. The cityscape graphic is the work of artist [Michael Tompsett](https://michael-tompsett.pixels.com/featured/6-seattle-washington-skyline-michael-tompsett.html) (<https://michael-tompsett.pixels.com/featured/6-seattle-washington-skyline-michael-tompsett.html>).

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Page one [Seattle cityscape](#) graphic by Michael Tompsett.

Mission Statement

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

Vision

Equity for all.

Values

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

Check out our Seattle Branch News Blog! -

Tonna Kutner

Our website has a new section called the [News Blog](#). You can reach it on our website by clicking “News Blog” from the menu across the top. We will be recording our past meetings as well as other news worthy events in this area as our year progresses. To avoid repetition, we will be adding links to our newsletter that will link directly to this area. Please let us know if you have ideas on items we can add to our news area and send them to Tonna Kutner at: Techtrek@aauw-seattle.org.

May Board Meeting Summary—*Lynn Dissinger*

Finance Vice President Beverly Fogle reported on our existing insurance policies and research on cyber insurance. The Board voted to take advantage of the auto liability rider that is included in the cost of our general liability policy. Due to our limited exposure, no action was taken on cyber insurance, but it will be revisited next year. CJ Nash reported that the Communications Committee has streamlined our marketing process, which includes internal communications as well as free and paid advertising for community outreach. Gay Armsden reported that the College Scholarship Committee interviewed applicants and awarded one nearly full tuition scholarship and one half tuition scholarship.

May Branch Meeting Summary—*Barbara Sando*

The Branch held its annual meeting and final Branch program of the fiscal year on May 18th. Twenty-five members and seven guests attended. A vote was held on revised bylaws and on new officers. Revised bylaws were approved and are now posted on our website. Officers elected by acclamation were Lynn Dissinger and Fiona Goodchild as co-Presidents, Cynthia Sheridan as VP Programs/Programs Chair, and Rachael Foe as Secretary. Their terms began on July 1st. They will be joining Vice President of Finance/Treasurer Beverly Fogle and Vice President of Membership/ Membership Chair Judy Waring as the elected officers of the branch for this coming fiscal year. In addition, we heard from one of our 2018 NCCWSL attendees and our first two College Scholarship recipients, Anna Nguyen and Kelli Youngs – all quite inspirational. We finished up with an interesting presentation by Pamela Beer of the Women Painters of Washington.

August Board Meeting Summary—*Lynn Dissinger*

Our accounting service, 501 Commons, is changing their bill paying process, working with third party provider, Bill.com that should simplify the transactions between the branch and 501 Commons. The Finance Committee is meeting August 26 to work on a final draft of the 2019-2020 budget.

The Board approved using a Give a Grad a Gift membership and coverage of state/branch dues for NCCWSL participant Nellie Kwan. Nellie was at our May meeting to share comments on her NCCWSL experience.

With the establishment of the WA College Grant Act that will cover most low income students tuition, the Scholarship committee is discussing how to redefine our scholarship program.

A strategic focus for the Board this year will be to identify outreach opportunities with organizations and events that support/share our mission.

Legal Advocacy Fund Supported Case, *Portz v. St. Cloud State University*, Decided in Favor of Female Student Athletes—*Gay Armsden*

A judge in a U.S. District Court in Minnesota has found in favor of female athletes at St. Cloud State University (SCSU) who alleged gender discrimination in violation of Title IX. In 2016, the SCSU athletic department announced plans to cut six teams, including both the women's tennis and Nordic skiing teams. At that time, the school also unveiled a "roster management" plan, which can disguise roster manipulation and create the appearance of Title IX compliance. The judge's opinion agrees with the plaintiffs and finds that SCSU did not comply with any of the requirements of Title IX's anti-discrimination provisions. SCSU must now maintain the women's tennis and Nordic skiing teams, and take steps to provide female students with equitable athletic opportunities. Details of the case here: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/portz-v-mn-state-colleges/>.

Start or Join a Small Social Group with Nearby Fellow Members – *Gay Armsden*

Let's get to know each other better, have some fun, and even share ideas. We are encouraging members to start or join a smaller, informal social group to get together on occasion between our monthly programs – at a café, wine bar, home – anywhere socializing is easy. **For the NE Seattle area, Katherine Cleland has offered to be the contact.** To get one started yourself, find members who live nearest to you by consulting the carpool directory on the last pages of the member directory, and then email them. Send questions, interest or ideas to Gay Armsden at: scholarships@aauw-seattle.org.

Tech Trek 2019 - Tonna Kutner

I was a Dorm Monitor again at our science and math camp at Pacific Lutheran University on July 14-20. It was wonderful to see the changes in the girls from the first day to the last. They started off a little shy and nervous and became more and more active and engaged each day. They formed great friendships, thrived in their classes, and many were tearing up and sad to leave – including me.



We had an electronic meeting with Bonnie Dunbar, NASA astronaut and Washington native. She talked and the girls asked questions. She talked about the new space suits that are one size fits all, and that the next moon mission will be called Artemis – twin sister to Apollo. After that we all watched Hidden Figures together – what a perfect audience to watch that incredible movie – lots of booing and cheering at all the right places.



The core classes were amazing, including: App Inventor, Bodies by Design, Chemistry, Cyber Security, Marine Environment Biology, Physics (they launched their own balloons), Robotics Engineering and Stardust Astronomy. The girls spent four mornings in their core classes



and then four afternoons exploring other classes. They were all taught by women and were activity- and team-based. The girls were really engaged and had fun. I helped with the Barbie Bungee jump, where the girls worked to get the right number of rubber bands engaged so Barbie would touch her hair, but not her head, falling head first down two stories.



I drove with June Arnold who was also a Dorm Monitor. She jumped right in and helped with a bunch of other things, as well as Dorm Monitor duties. As she has an engineering background, she seems well versed in many of the sciences, and was really an asset for the camp.

Of course, I did a lot of catch up sleeping when I got home, but it was all worth it. Feel free to go to our Facebook private page – Tech Trek 2019 - AAUW Washington State. You can ask to be part of the group as an AAUW member. We also have two girls attending camp in Eastern Washington. Both camps are covered under the same group. My dorm group was the Original Super Novas.

We are scholars after all
We are leaders after all
We are good friends one and all
Tech Trek is our camp!



Public Policy – Katherine Cleland

The Seattle Branch's goals for this year are to:

1. Encourage members to help with **Voter Registration drives**. Watch [Facebook page](#) for upcoming registration opportunities.
2. Get all Seattle members and Allies to become an active part of AAUW's Action Network by signing up for AAUW Two- Minute Activist emails (<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>).
3. Provide timely information about AAUW Public Policy Priorities and related bills in WA and nationally, and specifically what YOU can do to effect change.
4. Increase participation in Lobby Days. There was a great turnout last January, and we're hoping for a similar showing with a very active agenda again this coming January 27, 2020.

National Public Policy Focus areas for 2019-2020: ERA and Title IX

What is the ERA? The Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution passed the U.S. Senate and House in 1972, and was sent to the states for ratification. By 1982, only 35 of the 38 States required had ratified the ERA, leaving it three states short. Work for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment has been renewed. In 2017, Nevada revived the ERA by becoming the 36th state to ratify, and in 2018 Illinois became the 37th State. We now have ONE state to go for ratification. Virginia, Arizona and North Carolina all are possibilities. The AAUW supports vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

AAUW is committed to the passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, learn more here: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/equal-rights-amendment/>.

What is Title IX? Equity in Education, Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in U.S. schools and ensures all students have access to education. Unfortunately, its work is not done. Recent rule changes proposed under Title IX by the Department of Education would significantly undermine the guarantees of equal access and protection. AAUW is taking a strong stand by supporting vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education. Learn more here: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/titleix/>.

Seattle Branch Sponsorship at Leadership Camp for Teen Athletes – Gay Armsden

For the second year, Seattle Branch sponsored a camper at the week-long Team Awesome Basketball Leadership Academy (TABLA) in July. TABLA fosters the development of communication, leadership, and advocacy skills in female athletes in 8th to 12th grade, through basketball. TABLA is run by Basketball Education in Action, which was founded by Bea Chang.

Branch member and Title IX attorney Amy Klosterman gave a brief talk to campers about Title IX. CJ Nash delivered staff lunches, and Fiona Goodchild and Rachael Foe sat at an AAUW information table when families visited. Gay Armsden coordinated the project and assembled AAUW informational materials. We all very much enjoyed participating and meeting such vibrant young women.



AAUW Seattle received a thank-you note from the TABLA staff, which read in part, "Hearing about and seeing examples of strong, impactful women is inspiring for [the campers]... We appreciate your willingness to get involved with the youth in this community and make a difference in their lives."

Here is the link to a video about TABLA:

<https://basketballeducationinaction.com/tabla/>.



Interest Group Corner

The Seattle Branch has four very active interest groups and hopes to add new ones in the near future, so 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

Many thanks to members Marianne North and Leah Early for arranging a very special event for the Art Smart interest group on June 6th, when we were invited to a preview of artist LiDona Wagner's exhibition "Celebrating our Maiden Migrations: An Ancestral Creative Journey" at the Fountainhead Gallery in Queen Anne. LiDona's multimedia depiction of her personal story was amazing. What a gift she shared with us!

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The next Art Smart meeting will be on October 16th. The venue has not been selected yet, but an email will be sent shortly to members. If you would like to be added to the list, contact Ann Dennis. We'd love to have you join us.

Book Group—Fiona Goodchild—books@aauw-seattle.org

Come join us to discuss the September book choice, *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong about the World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think*, by Hans Rosling, on 9/24 at 1.30 – 3pm at Lake Forest Park Towne Center. We will meet in the Stadler Room, near Third Place Books.

The October meeting will held on Tuesday, October 22 at the same time and location. We will discuss the *Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*, a historical novel by Hazel Gaynor. For more information contact Fiona Goodchild.

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

Theater-goers are asked to meet briefly following the Branch meeting on September 21, in order to choose a couple of performances to enjoy this fall. Performances under consideration are *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Village Theatre, Issaquah, until October 20 or in Everett October 25 to November 17), *Indecent* (Seattle Rep at Seattle Center, September 20-October 26), or *The Tempest* (Seattle Shakespeare at Seattle Center, October 15-November 10).

Please check out these options before our meeting. If you won't be able to attend, e-mail Beverly Fogle with your preferences and availability. Last year we found Saturday afternoons were most popular. We really do enjoy going together, and sometimes enjoy lunch before the show. Spouses and guests are always welcome to join us. There will also be sign-up sheets at the meeting.

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

The writing group meets on the first Thursday of most months over the lunch hour. Members share their writing, which can range from short stories to a memoir, and get critiques from other participants. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Tonna Kutner.

Scholarship Program News – Gay Armsden

Our branch has awarded college scholarships of over \$5000 each to two June graduates of South Seattle College. Anna Nguyen (pictured, right) will be attending UW-Seattle to study public health and will eventually pursue a career in health administration. Kelli Youngs (pictured, left) plans to major in Political Science/Pre-Law at Western Washington University. These focused, hard-working women shared with us their interest in advancing social and economic justice. They have what it takes to excel in their new college careers.



Member News:

Heather Dohan has been busy traveling for work and running. She completed two 10k's this summer in back to back weeks,



the Beach to Beacon 10k back in Maine and the Lake Union 10k in Seattle, where she placed 4th in her age group! Heather also took a lobster boat cruise while visiting family in Maine. She is gearing up for the start of school for her boys, Charles (4th grade) and Henry (2nd grade).

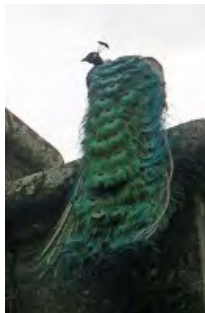


Tonna Kutner is just back from a three week trip to Ireland. She went around much of the island from Killarney and Kerry, to Dingle and then to the Cliffs of Mohar and the Aran Islands in Galway and then to Donegal. She also traveled to Northern Ireland including Derry and Belfast. Beyond the wonderful scenery, history and people, it was interesting to hear about Brexit from the point of view of Northern Ireland and Ireland. She ended her Irish adventure in Dublin and then took a ferry to Caernarvon, Wales looking up family history and making some connections with relatives. All in all a great adventure.

Gap of Dunloe in Killarney



Ruth McFadden and her husband have visited Scotland many times, with their most recent trip in April featuring two castles new to them. Ruth is a great photographer and got close-up photos of 6 of the 7 resident peacocks at Drummond Castle. The medieval Castle Caerlaverock is the ancestral seat of the Maxwell's and they visited the Roman fort and village called Vindolanda being excavated near Carlisle.



Deadline **NOW** for 2019—2020 Branch Directory—*Judy Waring*

The new AAUW fiscal year began on July 1st. Thanks to all who renewed their membership. If you haven't renewed your dues, it's still not too late. The new directory will be printed in early September. If you have changes since last year, please let Judy Waring know right away. We will distribute the directories at our September 21st meeting and mail copies to those not present. If you still need to renew your membership, contact Judy for an invoice via e-mail with instructions on paying by credit card or check. She can also answer due related questions at: membership@aauw-seattle.org.

Meanwhile, welcome to our new members who have joined at our May meeting and over the summer!

AAUW-Seattle Branch Officers 2019-2020

Elected

Co-President:

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<i>Upcoming Events...</i>				
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November 16, 2019	Saturday	10 am	Shoreline City Hall, Shoreline, WA	Washington State's Undiscovered Feminists with Mayuri Tsutakawa
December 2019	Monday	TBD	Contact Secretary— (secretary@aauw-seattle.org) for information	Branch Board Meeting
December 21, 2019	Saturday	9:30 am	Seattle Yacht Club, Seattle, WA	Annual Holiday Program