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American Association of University Women Gig Harbor Branch

JULY-AUGUST 2015

Come Meet the Scholars!

AAUW and Minerva Scholarship Picnic
Thursday, August 20, 2015
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sea Cliff – Beach Shelter
1206 Beach Lane
Gig Harbor, Washington

Meet the AAUW high school scholars and Minerva returning women scholars for 2015. Catch up with your AAUW friends and fellow Minerva supporters.

The picnic is a potluck. Please bring your own table service and a food item to share: a favorite dish or maybe something fresh from your garden!



View from the Sea Cliff Beach Shelter
Photo by Martha Shellenberger

Together We Can “Change” the World.

Empty your change jar and bring your coins with you. Coins collected will be donated to the AAUW-Gig Harbor Named Scholarship Fund.

Hostess: Patricia Mattox (253) 225-5015
If you have questions, please call Patricia

Directions to the Beach Shelter at Sea Cliff:

- Coming from downtown Gig Harbor, follow Harborview Drive north along the water, past Anthony's Restaurant, to the "T" at Vernhardson. Turn right.
- Continue past City Park to Crescent Valley Drive NW. Turn left.
- At Drummond (Fire Station), Turn right.
- At the top of the hill turn left on Moller.
- Go about 0.3 mile; drive past the dead-end sign. Proceed on Seacliff Drive NW about 1/4 mile until it becomes Colvos Drive.
- Continue on Colvos to Beach Drive, which is a "dog leg" sharp left turn about 1/8 mile from the beach recreational area.
- Proceed down the hill to the Beach Shelter. Park on the grass behind the Shelter.



Photo by Martha Shellenberger 2014

Co-Presidents Message

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Leaving the AAUW Gig Harbor board after serving as Program Co-Chair and then Co-President with Karen Anderson provides me an opportunity for introspection.

I suppose what attracted me to AAUW in New Jersey was the opportunity to interact with interesting people, professionals who tickled my intellect with inspiring speakers and great pre-meeting social hours. I'll never forget those tables full of great homemade goodies. When I moved to the Pacific Northwest, with a new life partner and few friends, AAUW - Gig Harbor introduced me to women of the same mind. It also nurtured my need to be of service and I took on responsibilities in the organization. Most of the members had done many rotations on the board and I was "fresh meat!" Happily I mated with Karen arranging interesting programs and then served with her as co-president. AAUW had done a lot for me.

My reflections on our chapter: Our local chapter provides many social outlets – great for our mostly retired and aging membership. So greatly it fulfills the need for fun and friendship that we sometimes forget what AAUW is all about. I cringe a bit when some members myopically only want to pay local dues to participate in the social groups not mindful of the broader agenda of women's issues, state and national scholarships and grants, and mentoring of future generations. While our chapter gives one or two local scholarships, State and National help many. Initiatives that we support, e.g., STEM and TECH TREK initiatives emanated from the national level.

Working now with AAUW-WA has given me a broader perspective. State and National exist to gain equality and equity for numerous women young and not so young. Our financial support, in turn, enables them to lobby for women's rights and assist women who are tomorrow's leaders. AAUW provides leadership training as well as emotional and financial support to females enrolled in institutions of higher learning.

My hope for AAUW - Gig Harbor chapter is for it to rejuvenate and focus on growing the next generation of members rather than remain content as an aging social club facing the distinction of becoming irrelevant. We need to discover new ways to attract young professionals in the expanding Gig Harbor area, to love our local chapter and gladly support State and National AAUW. Remember, we have a wonderful role here in Gig Harbor and also as the "arms, legs and backbone" of the state and national organizations whose support is so vital for the women of tomorrow.

It has been a pleasure. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Carol Stokes, Co-President



JOIN TECH TREK-WASHINGTON FOR VISITORS DAY 2015

Thursday, July 16 at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU)

Thursday, July 30 at Eastern Washington University (EWU)

The staff of TECH TREK-WA invite you to spend some time with 2015 campers, tour the facilities, and sit in on classes/labs.

This is your chance to see the curriculum live, carpool and see your AAUW friends and maybe meet some girls that your branch selected and sponsored. Branches are encouraged to invite teachers, counselors and administrators who nominated students and community members who provided financial contributions.

Members have the option of spending the entire day, starting at 9 a.m. through Professional women's Night (ending about 8:30pm), or coming for either morning (9-noon) or afternoon (1-4p.m.) through dinner and Professional Women's Night. For lunch and dinner you would be on your own at the dining commons or where ever you would like to go off campus. Core Classes (6 different ones at PLU; 4 at EWU) will be offered in the morning (9-11:30 am) and Rotating Labs comprise the afternoon (1-4:30 pm).

Please RSVP to techtrek@aauw-wa.org with who will attend and your arrival time. Meeting place and parking instructions will be sent when reservations are received.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Those who attended the **Wine Tasting and Art Sale in support of TECH TREK** at THE WINE STUDIO on June 7th, were treated to tasty wine and food, lovely music, wonderful weather, beautiful views, and interesting conversations. Many pieces of donated art were purchased, all to benefit TECH TREK-WA. Prior to the event, the following slate of

Board Members, were elected for FY2015/2016.

President: Karen Anderson

V-P Programs: Pat Berger & Catherine Luria

V-P Membership: Liz Svigals, Patty Nelson, & Kathleen Larson

Treasurer: Nancy Williams

Secretary: Barb Schmit



Kirsten, the owner of The Wine Studio

Photo by Martha Shellenberger 2015



Chuck Wayne and Robin provided the music.

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Perusing the artwork

Photo by Martha Shellenberger 2015

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

More scenes from The Wine Tasting & Art Sale

Photos by Martha Shellenberger 2015



Interest Groups

July-August 2015

Transition Board Meeting-Friday, July 3rd at 11:30 a.m. at Barb Schmit's house. Outgoing and Incoming boards will meet. It is a potluck so bring a favorite dish.

Bon Appetit-Tuesday, July 21st at 5:00pm at the Sea Cliff Beach Shelter (see page 1 for directions) This is a **BOX SUPPER** for all groups. Package a "supper" in a festive box and when you arrive a number will be assigned to your BOX and you will pick a number from the basket.. Sangria will be provided. This will be an informal, fun evening to culminate our year. Call Patricia Mattox (253-225-5015) for further information.

Evening Book Group—Monday, July 27th at 5:00pm



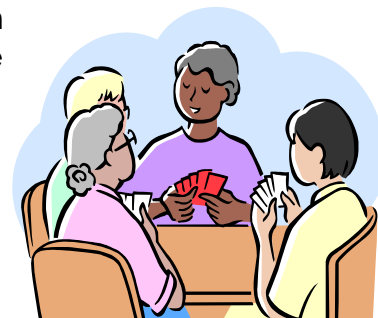
Annual Summer Potluck at the Sea Cliff Beach Shelter (see page 1 for directions). Bring some food to share plus your own utensils, napkins and a plate to our annual summer potluck. We will be compiling a list of recommended books for next year so bring your list with you or send it in advance to Sue Engen at suengen@gmail.com. There will be no meeting in August. For further information phone Sue Hines (253) 761-5080 or Salli Montgomery (253) 857-8057.

Who Done It (Mystery Book Group)—Tuesday July 14th, 10:30am. We will read **James Lee Burke**. The hostess is Winnie Trippel and the presenter is Sybil Mercer. **Tuesday August 11th, 10:30am.** We will read **Martin Walker**. The hostess is Mary Lou

Zimmer and the presenter is Janet MacDonald. For more information please call Carol Robinson 253-265-6141.

Bridge-Day— Our group meets on the third Tuesday of each month in a member's home for an afternoon of bridge. Please call June Lane (253-851-4059) for more information.

Bridge-Evening—The evening bridge group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. Please call Mary Williams (253-509-0524) or Bev Storkman (253-851-2402) to confirm a date and time and reserve a seat at the table.



Lunch Bunch—The Lunch Bunch meets at 12:30 pm every second Wednesday of the month at the Inn of Gig Harbor. Everyone is invited. No need to call ahead.

Newsletter Deadline-August 21st. for the September newsletter. There will be no July newsletter. Please send articles and pictures you would like to include in the newsletter by the deadline to marthashellen@comcast.net. Remember to include last names, locations, dates and times for the information you send.

Interest Groups

July-August 2015

Palette to Palate Wednesday, July 29th at 10am. Fifth Annual Puget Sound Book Artists

We will meet at the Park/N/Ride at 10am to visit the Fifth Annual Puget Sound Book Artists show at the Collins Library at UPS. It features 44 handmade books by 28 regional arts. Please contact Ellen Lowrie at 253-884-2610 if you are interested.



Book artists merge new structures with historical forms of the book to create distinctive works of art. They invite a reconsideration of the concept of book that lifelong readers may hold about conventional book forms. To challenge our ideas of what constitutes a "book," Puget Sound Book Artists use creative techniques from photography, printmaking, drawing, painting, hand lettering, and digital media, employing unusual and surprising materials.-- books as paintings, books as cakes, books as canyons.

Happy Birthday to members celebrating July & August birthdays.

Diane Edison	07-04
Beverlee Storkman	07-07
Kristi Anderson	07-08
Patricia Morse	07-22
Linda Glein	07-26
Mary Williams	07-30

Elaine Lopp	08-13
Sybil Mercer	08-15
Hazel Lang	08-22



Membership Directory Changes

Please make the following changes to your directory

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Gig Harbor Branch-Scholarship News

Every year the Gig Harbor AAUW branch awards a \$1000 scholarship to one girl each from Gig Harbor High School, Henderson Bay High School and Peninsula High School. The scholarships are awarded to students who express a strong interest in pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in college studies and careers, have strong high school academics and participate actively in school and community programs.



2015 High School Scholars

Kristia Lloyd, daughter of Ronda Newell, is the 2015 AAUW scholarship recipient from Henderson Bay High School. She has persevered in her quest for her high school diploma by balancing being a mother to a two year old son, maintaining a 3.25 GPA and working part time. She has also been attending West Sound Technical School to obtain her CNA by graduation. Kristia was able to squeeze a summer internship at St. Anthony's Hospital and volunteer at Goodwill during the last several years. She plans to attend either TCC or Olympic College and then pursue a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Kristia has been honored as one of the 2015 Students of Distinction in the Students of Distinction program sponsored by the Peninsula Gateway and the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation.

Amanda Myton, daughter of Tim and Keri Myton, is the 2015 AAUW scholarship recipient from Peninsula High School. She has a 3.9 GPA, is an Advanced Placement Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, the swim team, and vice president of the Interact Club. Amanda received a varsity letter in community service and a Rotary youth leadership award. She volunteers at St. Anthony Hospital and plans to attend Seattle University to obtain her bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is delighted to be the first person in her family to go to college and said in her portfolio, "I love the rhythm of science." Amanda is also one of the 2015 Students of Distinction.

Ricci Seguban, daughter of Richard and Lee-Ann Seguban, is the 2015 AAUW Scholarship recipient from Gig Harbor High School. She maintained a 3.95 GPA while participating in the National Honor Society and varsity swimming and diving and received a varsity letter in community service and participated in The Washington Aeroscholars summer program. For her senior project Ricci set up a STEM club for girls at Goodman Middle School. She has a passion for science and math and will attend Texas A&M to study chemical engineering. Ricci is another 2015 Student of Distinction and received the Student of Distinction's Panelists' Choice award for Science and Technology.



The following letters are from recipients of scholarships provided by AAUW-GH.

May 19, 2015

Dear American Association of University Women,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship. I am so excited to attend Seattle University to study Nursing. I am looking forward to the vast opportunities for me in Seattle and your generosity has brought me so many steps closer to my goals. I could not be any more thankful. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Amanda Myton, Peninsula High School Graduate

May 25, 2015

Dear members of the American Association of University Women-Gig Harbor Branch,

I am truly honored to have been the recipient of the AAUW GH Branch scholarship! Thank you for recognizing my efforts and hard work. I love your organization and what you do. I am a big advocate for girls and women in the STEM field. I hope your organization will continue to impact many people for years and years to come. Your financial generosity will allow me to get the most out of my experience at Texas A&M University this fall, where I'll be studying chemical engineering. Again, I appreciate your support in my academic success. Thank you.

Truly,

Ricci Seguban, Gig Harbor High School Graduate

Julie Buffington, Public Policy Chair

I certainly hope that by the time you read this, the Washington State Legislators have agreed on a reasonable budget. To find out what bills your legislators sponsored this year, log on to <http://leg.wa.gov/> and find your legislator. Then click on Details and click on Bill Sponsorship. This will give you a list of the bills for which your legislator was the primary sponsor and bills for which your legislator was a secondary sponsorship bills. If you live in Gig Harbor, your legislators are:

District 26 Legislators

[Sen. Angel, Jan](#)

Republican

[Rep. Young, Jesse](#)

Republican

[Rep. Caldier, Michelle](#)

Republican

Just released from National AAUW:

Deliver New Title IX Resources to Your Local Schools



Title IX requires that every school have at least one employee who's responsible for coordinating the school's compliance with the law. This person is sometimes referred to as the Title IX coordinator. The U.S. Department of Education [has just released new resources](#) to help coordinators understand the full scope of their jobs. But not all Title IX coordinators know about these tools, so it's critical that AAUW members help spread the word in their communities. You can help by taking the [pledge to deliver the new resources to the schools near you](#).

Why are these resources important?

Title IX coordinators oversee all aspects of Title IX at their schools; they field complaints and identify and address any patterns or systemic problems. The U.S. Department of Education's new resource guide outlines how Title IX coordinators should do these things. Now, AAUW needs to make sure we put these materials into the hands of as many coordinators as possible.

These new resources emphasize something AAUW members know well: [Title IX is more than just athletics](#). Title IX coordinators should be, among other things, monitoring the gender ratio in [science, technology, engineering, and math \(STEM\) courses](#), working to monitor and [end sexual harassment and violence](#), and supporting pregnant and parenting students.

See <http://www.aauw.org/resource/titleixdelivery/> for more information.

SUMMER READS-Must-Read Books by AAUW Fellows

Need a good book? Look no further! AAUW fellows and grantees have got you covered. Whether you're looking to bolster your motivation for self-care and exercise, fall into a coming-of-age story set in West Philadelphia, or revisit a classic favorite with a modern twist, these writers will get you there. For avid readers, check out AAUW's book club, ¡Adelante! We have suggestions for every month of the year.

No Sweat: How the Simple Science of Motivation Can Bring You a Lifetime of Fitness

By Michelle Segar

A glance at the back cover gets to the crux of this book: "So what's the solution [to losing interest in exercise]? To achieve lasting fitness, we have to change our minds — before we can change our bodies." 2005–06 American Fellow Segar shares years of experience as a behavioral sustainability scientist and packages a four-step plan to sticking with exercise for readers. Segar is an authority: She currently serves as director of the University of Michigan's Sport, Health, and Activity Research and Policy Center. Whatever your health goals are, learning the science behind motivation will surely be useful.

Disgruntled

By Asali Solomon

A 2002–03 American Fellow, Solomon taught college English and creative writing while writing works of her own. Now teaching at Haverford College, Solomon recently released her debut novel, *Disgruntled*. The novel has received attention from NPR, the *LA Times*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and more. Following the story of Kenya Curtis, Solomon brings her readers on a coming-of-age journey full of ups and downs, drama and doldrums. Engaging, witty, sharp, and sage, *Disgruntled* offers readers myriad ideas to discuss — making it perfect for a book club. Read more about the novel and its author on the AAUW blog.

Re Jane

By Patricia Park

2013–14 American Fellow Patricia Park has released her debut novel, *Re Jane*, to great acclaim. As the title suggests, *Re Jane* is a creative and modern retelling of Charlotte Brontë's classic novel, *Jane Eyre*. Park brings her own experience as a Korean American living in New York City to the novel, creating a unique and updated narrative that stands on its own. Praised in the *New York Times* Sunday Book Review as "a truly fresh, modern take on the coming-of-age novel," *Re Jane* should definitely accompany you to the beach this summer.

The Cherokee Rose

By Tiya Miles

We've highlighted 2012–13 Community Action Grantee Tiya Miles in the past for her work with ECO Girls, and she has now released her first novel, *Cherokee Rose*. Miles is excited about this book, a change of pace from her usual historical writings, and she hopes to reach a broader audience with this snapshot of history. Miles writes on her site, "I was frustrated by the reality of what I was discovering [in my research] and wished there had been a different ending for African Americans and Native Americans outside of slavery and colonialism." The novel illuminates a relatively unknown slice of U.S. history, slaveholding by Southern Creeks and Cherokees, through the eyes of three young women. This book is perfect for those wishing to learn a little bit of history while enjoying a compelling story!

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