



September 2021



## Welcome Back Highline Members!

*Our Theme for 2021-2022 is "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion"*

### *Meet our New Co-Presidents- Kay Crane & Jean Munro*



#### ***Kay with her son Jonathan***

As a mother of 3 boys, she could get great company and conversation as well as resources and referrals to the best dentists, childcare and networking. She met other moms going through the same experiences raising children. They all needed a break to talk with other moms! Kay lives in Burien. She graduated from Wheaton College, MA, in European History, from Columbia with her MA in Public Law, and from the Catholic University with a Master of Library Science. She worked many library positions and at times worked multiple part time jobs at a time at Highline and Seattle Central Colleges. She worked full time at St. Michael School, and then Kennedy High School where she worked for 16 years and retired in 2016. As a librarian, she had many experiences teaching many subjects, including first year Latin for fifteen years.

Kay and Garry's 3 boys all went to college and married college educated women.



*Kay and Kerry (left) serving Kay's fabulous Anti Pasto dish*

There are great conversations at Kay's house during the visits from her children, from the rabbi to the lawyers and discussions about the importance of our health from the doctors of the family and the love from her 4 grandchildren.

Kay has gained a lot of friends through her leadership at the State level as well as the many offices she has held at Highline AAUW. A life member of AAUW, she has a passion for helping women achieve their professional and educational goals. Kay looks forward to her grandson's Bar Mitzvah coming up soon in Atlanta. She hopes to attend as long as Covid-19 is allowing for travel.

#### **AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITY ISSUES**

Strong system of Public Education  
Equality, Individual Rights and  
Social Justice for a Diverse  
Society.  
Economic Self-sufficiency for  
Woman

#### **MISSION**

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

#### **VISION**

Equity for all.

#### **VALUES**

Nonpartisan. Fact-based.  
Inclusion and Intersectionality.

#### **AAUW FUNDS**

The Educational Foundation is  
one of the largest sources of  
funding for graduate women in  
the world awarding millions  
each year in scholarships.

#### **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**

(LAF) works to combat sex  
discrimination in higher  
education and the workplace.

Highline AAUW theme for  
2020 "Celebrating Five  
Generations of Women"

*Submitted by Jean Munro*

Meet our New Co-Presidents (cont...)



Let me introduce you to my co-president, **Jean Munro**. She's been a member of Highline AAUW since April 2005. Jean works at Highline College, where she is Work First Services and Women's Programs Advisor Coordinator. She says her job doesn't pay a lot but "it's very rewarding to see someone learning to make more money than I do!"

Jean was born in Nashville, TN, the sixth of seven children, and moved to Juneau when she was eight years old. Her father was an artist and museum curator. Jean says they loaded up the seven kids in a VW van, with a canoe and two dogs, and moved to the "great white north" where snow was plentiful. Jean's mother returned to school for her own GED, then college and graduate school, and retired as a director for the Alaska State Education Division with a full pension. She also taught GED and ESL in her earlier career and monitored the K-

12 curriculum requirements.

With many different jobs behind her, Jean entered Highline College as a student in 1981. She transferred to Western for her B.A. and M.Ed. in Adult Education. She describes herself as passionate about women's issues, pay equity, and social justice. "I want to see women succeed in reaching their goals," she says. Getting young women interested in STEM with the A is one of her passions, and she hopes to see continued AAUW collaboration.



"Women always seem to get the back burner," she says. She tries to give each of her students that little extra time, that little extra word that can make such a difference for someone.

Jean's hobbies include hiking, biking, and skiing. She enjoys arts and crafts, and hopes to have time to do more.

*Celebrating Black History Month at Burien Heritage Museum. Jean on the right and Emily Hitchens second from left.*

**Submitted by Kay Crane, Co-President of AAUW Highline Branch**



*Hello Highline AAUW Members:*

*Although I am no longer a co-president, I remain on the branch board to help plan events. Aren't we all looking forward to doing something fun outside the house again? I know I am! However, as we all know, things are still a little up in the air right now because of Covid.*

*We have always enjoyed meeting at the Puget Sound Skill Center for a presentation and a great meal. I have been in contact with their director of food services, asking about the possibility of them resuming the program for the public. He replied that he was hoping to be able to host meetings again in October, but would not know for*

*sure until late August or early September.*

*Meanwhile, the board is looking into either a speaker or perhaps an in-branch book swap along with a breakfast or lunch at the PSSC. Let's keep our fingers crossed!*

*More to come,*

*Mary Kay*

*Former Co-President*



## Highline Branch of AAUW Zoom Board Meeting August 20, 2021

In attendance:

Anneliese Ellerton, Wendy Wenger, Eva Parks, Kay Crane, Emily Hitchens, Mary Kay Ault, Jean Munro, Kerry Lohr

The meeting opened at 10:30 A.M.

### Agenda Items

- Eva reported on Tech Trek and the online activities the girls completed. She also reported that our branch did not send any representatives. She reported that the colleges are planning for 2022 camps dates. It was still undecided to if it would be virtual or in-person. The cost per person would be \$1100 per person. Our group now has \$4000 in the bank.
- Wendy Wenger asked Eva about the high school scholars and their recognition this year and last. Eva reported that each girl received a letter of recognition as well as a certificate from the state. There was no in-person celebration this year due to the current pandemic.
- Membership renewals were discussed. Vicki Moore is a new member. We currently have 35 members with a possibility of 36. Questions were asked about honoring Georgette Valley with a lifetime membership paid by the group. It was approved.
- Anneliese reported that we have \$6,075.31 in the bank with \$4000.00 held in reserve for High School Scholars STEM. A generous donation of \$6000 was also on in the account for TechTrek. Wendy Wenger and Anneliese will become co-signers along with Kay Crane. This year's officer must be listed in the minutes.
- Public Policy position was discussed. It was clarified that Kerry Lohr would be covering national issues where Emily Hitchens would cover the state level.
- Ideas were discussed about 2021-22 year's activities. Emily suggested quarterly meetings during the COVID period. Plus, our theme for the year was discussed and approved: Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion (DEI). Ideas suggested for future meetings were:
  1. Kay Crane: speaking regarding the Muckleshoot Indians
  2. Jean Munro: update on Title IX
  3. Anneliese Ellerton: small groups such as gardening, walking, etc. It was mentioned that a book sale would be helpful to raise funds for the group. The problems of the book sale for this area were discussed. There are too many discount bookstores in the city proper making the required time and money to set up the sale more than what might be collected. Instead, it was decided to have a book exchange between members and to invite our book club members to participate.
  4. Mary Kay said that she would check into Puget Sounds Skill Center (PSSC) for the month of October. This is where the book exchange might occur if the building is open and the students are serving meals.

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#### Web Editor - Open

#### Communications -Open

*Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)*

Wendy had to leave the meeting early, so missed some of the meeting ideas discussed. The official list of officers is included in these minutes for 2021-2022.

**Highline Branch / AAUW Elected officers and board members for 2021-21**

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Wenger, Secretary*

**Additional Notes from Co-President Jean Munro**

Ideas for events 2021-22

- Muckleshoot Food Preservation (indigenous plants) - Yvonne Brenna Tri-Cities AAUW
- Book Sale or Book Exchange
- Pay Equity Bake Sale
- Ask our new employee Nicole Parker to join the Highline branch and join a meeting as guest to talk about DEI work she has done at Seattle U. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/nicole-parker-271811132>
- Ask youth what they would like to do?
- DV Clothesline Project Mid Oct. at HC, provide crayon packs and coloring books for kids and recruit new members... for the affiliate
- Title IX
- <https://humanresources.highline.edu/faculty-and-staff/policies/title-ix/> (Alycia Williams in our office may want to zoom in to tell us what she is learning for the college updates)
- Introduction: Kay and Jean give to Anneliese by end of next week. (Co-presidents)
- Kay and Jean will come up with next meeting agenda list, all board members will send them agenda items they would like to address
- Web Page – contact Leslie to see if we can set up a zoom training for those interested and reset password so everyone knows on board
- Zoom platform – need to add co-hosts to zoom so at least 2 to 3 board members can start the meeting if Anneliese is not available or has limited WIFI
- Check with Angela Cooper, AAUW National, to make sure Highline is paying affiliate membership and what email notices do the students get once they sign up? Emily mentioned do a test with students at HC to see if they receive anything to their emails.
- New email using Gmail, Anneliese created email but we need to change password and find out the cost of setting it up as a group email so when one person emails using the [highlineaauw@gmail.com](mailto:highlineaauw@gmail.com) the full board can receive the email, otherwise, it will only go to person who set it up.



*Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)*

- Sign up for Bill Track 50 [www.billtrack50.com](http://www.billtrack50.com) for Bill alerts and event schedules, the site has a tutorial to use alerts.
- Sign up for Evergreen Leader by emailing: [communications@aauw-wa.org](mailto:communications@aauw-wa.org) or you should be receiving by AAUW who also sends it out. (Emily, add another email as needed if this is incorrect)
- Georgette Valle member scholarship – board agreed to sponsor her membership. A previous email stated the cost was 23.00 since it was a lifetime membership.

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**Highline Branch Members:**

We are looking for an additional person to fill the position Communications or Program Planner. Please email me at [ellerton13@gmail.com](mailto:ellerton13@gmail.com) if you are interested. It should be a great opportunity for you to get involved in the planning of future events.

Thanks,

Anneliese Ellerton, on behalf of the Board

## Our AAUW Highline (WA) website is being updated!

*It has been a couple of years since our website was updated. Some of our members have volunteered to work on revamping the web pages.*

*We are looking for members who have knowledge of WordPress to help us create a new look.*

*This is a public site, so there will be password protection to access certain materials, such as newsletters, minutes, photos, etc. We will offer members an “opt out” option if they prefer not to have their photo on the website, by contacting the board members to let them know. Since our newsletters will be password protected, those pictures will not appear on the public site.*

*When the website is completed it will be available to anyone who is looking for an AAUW branch they might be interested in joining.*

*Thanks,*

*Anneliese*



***I apologize, but none of the links in the newsletter are clickable. I have tried to correct this glitch with no luck... In the meantime, to open a link, highlight the link, copy and paste in your browser. This should open up the link to the site. I will try to rectify this in the next newsletter.***

## Highline Branch Member News

### *Honoring Gwen Koch who has been a member of the AAUW Highline Branch for 52 years.*

In those early days Highline Branch had a committee (Action Group), which supported preschool children, underprivileged children and worked with a Girl Scout Center. Gwen was very active in these groups and in fact served as chair for a while. She remembers many friendships from those days with members, taking lunches and field trips together. She took "hula" lessons from AAUW member Elsie Taniguchi! During her career of 60 years in music she has played organ or piano at seven area churches, Northwest Symphony, numerous local events. Angel Mungia, our first Tech Trek student, was a piano student of hers.



*Gwen (left) with Eva (right) at Wesley BBQ*



*Gwen at PSSC lunch meeting*

Gwen attended both Highline and South Seattle Community Colleges. She has two daughters and five grandchildren and currently resides at Wesley Homes. Contact her at [gwenkoch@aol.com](mailto:gwenkoch@aol.com) 206 870 8448

*Submitted by Eva Parks*

### **Suggestion for Highline Interest groups by Emily Hitchens**

#### *Virtual Walking Groups*

At the Board meeting we talked about interest groups and one suggestion was a walking group. Since we have to mind Covid protocols I thought perhaps we could have a 'pretend' interest group and share interesting places to walk in King County.

Carol Erickson shared this one, the Oxbow Loop Trail, and Lowell and I went on it this week. It's out of North Bend on the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River. It's about 2.0 miles and a good trail, not much incline. The lake is shaped like an oxbow. The area is very peaceful. Take I 90 to exit 34 and go left on 468<sup>th</sup> and right on Middle Fork Rd. From Mailbox peak trailhead continue about 6 miles to the Oxbow trailhead. There is a small parking area first and a little bigger parking area next to a bathroom. There is a short connecting trail from there to the trailhead and other parking area.



You will need a Discover Pass for this park.

## AAUW WA Tech Trek 2021



We just completed our fabulous virtual camp for July 2021. Campers selected to attend camp in 2020 (cancelled because of the pandemic) joined campers selected in 2021. Each student received a Tech Trek ToolKit containing all the materials needed to successfully navigate the virtual world for a core class and the afternoon STEM activities. Classes were small with 10-12 per class. Virtual breakout rooms for 3-5 campers and a teaching assistant were provided when working on hands-on projects. [Click to read more about Core Classes.](#) We had core classes each morning for three hours:

- Bodies by Design
- Chemistry is pHun!
- Cyber Security
- Thinkabit Wearable Tech
- Understanding Climate Change



Afternoon experiences are also hands-on learning and varied to include virtual field trips of all sorts, financial management for teens, friendship bracelet making, and an array of workshops/labs that allow campers to make things and explore STEM principles. Bet you can't guess what some of these workshop titles represents? [Click here for more info...](#)

Apps for Fun Colander, Trampoline Disease, Detectives Cryptography, Forensics Engineering Challenges, Eye See You, Growing without Soil, Physical Properties of Gases, Reebops, Roller Coaster Physics

And finally, campers and staff experienced making their own videos and presentations. The final Friday was filled with producing videos and presenting them to peers and families in a closing event for the camp.



***Eva Parks is our Highline Branch liaison with Tech Trek***

***Please let me know if you have further news of other members you would like to share.  
It seems I am always the last to know.  
Thanks for all your contributions.  
Anneliese***



## Highline Members Joining the Seattle Branch for On-line Monthly Meetings.

Several of our Highline members have joined some of the Seattle interest groups, such as the West Seattle & Points South on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 am. The current theme is “Writing triggers”. Seattle invites all Highline members to the monthly Zoom programs, generally on the third Saturday. Next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**. If you are interested in joining this virtual coffee club, email Barbara Sando at [barbarasando@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarasando@yahoo.com)

### Highline Branch Membership Meetings –

**Branch meetings will be held on a quarterly basis through 2022 starting in October 2021** - Mary Kay has contacted Tony Poplin at Puget Sounds Skill Center (PSSC) regarding a new luncheon program, tentatively in October. PSSC students cook the best lunches! *More details will follow in the October newsletter.*

**Highline Board Meeting – Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** via Zoom

### Health Matters Webinar - Tuesday, September 14, 2021 7:00PM - 8:30PM

This AAUW Washington Event is part of their Women’s Health series. Nancy Sapiro is our AAUW Washington State lobbyist. We had a very productive legislative session in 2021 and there is a lot more still to be done.

**Online:** Zoom – To register contact: [www.aauw-wa.org](http://www.aauw-wa.org). This link is on the AAUW of Washington State website <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/2021/08/11/health-webinars-2021/>

### Seattle Branch Meeting - September 18, 2021 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lisa Maatz - Gender Equity and US Politics - Online: Per Zoom

*If you are interested in joining a Seattle meeting, please register on the Seattle AAUW website*

*<https://aauw-seattle.org/events/branch-events> or in The AAUW Seattle Catalyst [https://cdn.aauw-seattle.org/docs/catalyst\\_current/2021-09-catalyst.pdf](https://cdn.aauw-seattle.org/docs/catalyst_current/2021-09-catalyst.pdf)*



*Morning and Afternoon Book Discussion Groups are back in person!*

*Morning Book club meeting at Wesley Gardens  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

4<sup>th</sup> Friday – Mornings at 9:30 am

September 24 – *Flowers of the Killer Moon*, by David Grann, leader Kerry Lohr, host Carol Thomas at Wesley  
October 22 – *The Doctors Blackwell*, by Janice P. Nimura, leader, Kathie Walker, host Judy Storey at her home  
December 3 – *The House of Unexpected Sisters*, by Alexander McCall Smith, leader/host, Eva Parks/Kathie W.

1<sup>st</sup> Monday - Afternoons at 3:00pm (\*\*unless otherwise noted)

September 6 – *Death in a Strange Country* by Donna Leon – hosted by Anneliese at Wesley Family Lounge  
October 4 – *Across the Winding River* by Amy Runyan – hosted by Emily Hitchens  
November 1 – *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman – hosted by Kay Crane

### ***Hello Highline Members:***

*If you are interested in joining our book discussion groups, please let us know. We would love to see more of you join our smaller afternoon book discussion group, which is held at 3pm on the first Monday of the month. We are a bit more informal, and invite you to join us in our homes again, if we are fully vaccinated.*





# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <i>College Colors Day</i>	4 <i>International Bacon Day</i>
5 <i>International Day of Charity</i>	6 <i>Happy Labor Day</i> <i>Rosh Hashanah starts</i>	7 <i>National Beer Lovers Day</i>	8 <i>Rosh Hashanah ends</i>	9	10 <i>Highline Board Meeting 10:00 am</i>  <i>Happy Birthday Gail Lane</i>	11 <i>9/11 Remembrance 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i> 
12 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	13 <i>PM Book Group 3pm</i>	14 <i>Seattle Coffee Group 10 am</i>	15 <i>Day of Democracy</i>	16	17 <i>Constitution Citizenship Day</i>	18 <i>Seattle Branch Meeting 9:30 am</i>
19	20	21 <i>International Day of Peace</i>  <i>Happy Birthday Pat Hodges</i>	22 <i>First Day of Fall</i> 	23 <i>Happy Birthday Kerry Lohr, Kaylene Moon &amp; Lynn Smith</i>	24 <i>AM Book Group 9:30 am</i>	25 <i>National Daughter's Day</i>
26 <i>Gold Star Mothers Day</i>	27 <i>World Tourism Day</i>	28 <i>National Son's Day</i>	29 <i>Happy Birthday Senator Karen Keiser</i>	30		

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AAUW-WA is sponsoring a series of webinars on women’s health called Health Matters. These webinars are follow-up to the June kick-off meeting. The webinars will be held monthly on the second Tuesday of the month in the evening. Here is a list of the upcoming events.  
Check the Evergreen Leader for registration information.

HEALTH MATTERS – ALL ABOUT ADVOCACY  
Nancy Sapiro, LLC, AAUW Lobbyist  
September 14<sup>th</sup>  
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HEALTH MATTERS – ALL ABOUT EDUCATION  
Becky Reitzes, Sexual Health Educator  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
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HEALTH MATTERS – ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS  
Mary Selecky, Former Washington State Secretary of Health, and Leslie Waters, MD  
November 9<sup>th</sup>  
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HEALTH MATTERS – ALL ABOUT VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
Leah Griffin, Activist  
December 14<sup>th</sup>  
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