



November 2021

## 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"

## Holiday Season is here!

### Our kick-off for the season was at a Book Exchange in October

Highline Branch held its first "live" gathering at the Normandy Park United Church of Christ, in over a year and a half, for a **'book exchange'** with the theme "*Books and sharing our experiences and early memories of Librarians and how we got interested in reading*"

Those who attended were: Emily Hitchens, Kay Crane, Jean Munro, Elise Stratton, Kaylene Moon, Carol Thomas, Carol Mohler, Kathy Linnell, Mary Kay Ault, Judy Storey and Anneliese Ellerton.

Emily brought some delicious Pumpkin Spice coffee, which members were allowed to drink for a short time without masks.



Kay gave a welcome speech, and told the group about two very special women, Marie Curie and Margaret Mead whom AAUW had honored in the past.

Members brought many books, ranging from "Dante's Inferno" to modern day novels, as well as some interesting cookbooks. Each member shared a memoir of her early library experiences. It was quite interesting that many of the members later became teachers or librarians, due to their love of reading.



It was a very enjoyable, informal meeting and we hope we will be able to continue to meet again within the next few months.



Submitted by Anneliese Ellerton



## **Hello Washington State Branches!**

**October 21, 2021**

As part of AAUW Washington's Branch Relations, I am working on a couple of projects for the state board.

The first project is preparing for a **national celebration** for the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAUW on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone in AAUW will be invited to attend. As part of the celebration, AAUW would like to include the names of branches that also are celebrating major anniversaries of 25, 50, 75 or 100 years. If your branch fits in this category, could you write a note about your branch and what you might be doing and submit it back to me? That way, we'll ensure that your branch is included with others celebrating these significant anniversaries.

The second project is some research into which branches have established a category of "Friends of AAUW" membership. Because the vote to open enrollment to those without college degrees did not pass this year, many branches have opted for creating a non-voting "Friends" type of membership instead. I am reaching out to you to see if you are one of those branches.

If your branch does have some form of "Friends" membership, how does it handle the following?

- Formal recognition or "Friends" as members, or informal
- Do "Friends" pay branch dues
- Do "Friends" receive a branch newsletter
- Are "Friends" signed up to receive the AAUW WA Evergreen Leader

There appears to be general support for the concept, both at the national level and state levels. We'd love to hear your ideas about this concept even if your branch currently doesn't offer it. Please send me your thoughts and suggestions.

Thanks for your support of AAUW!

Emily Hitchens, Co-Chair AAUW Membership - Branch Relations

## **Check out our new AAUW Highline (WA) website!**

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

*This is a public site, but there is a password 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. The password is accessible to all current branch members and will be shown in the new Member Directory.*

*The website is now available to anyone who is looking for an AAUW branch they might be interested in joining. Just click on the link in your browser: <https://highline-wa.aauw.net>*

*Website Committee*

## Highline Branch Member News



Welcome to our new member, Janet Knowlton!

Janet Knowlton, born in Portland Oregon, gained her R.N degree at Providence Hospital in Portland Oregon. She later attended Linfield University in McMinnville Ore. B.A.

Married to Glen, who worked for Weyerhaeuser Company, they started their life of travels. First stop was Walla Walla where their first two children were born. Then they moved to Eugene OR. Next Hartford, Connecticut, where two more children were born. Next move was to Sacramento CA and finally Federal Way WA, where she primarily raised her family.

In 1985 she took a refresher R.N course at Seattle Pacific University. It was then she went to work for Group Health working in Pediatrics. Janet felt Group Health was a great organization for a nurse. They encouraged growth on many levels. They supported future education, even paying for the expense of training. She wound out her career with Group Health by becoming an R.N case manager focusing on aging and the growing geriatric field.

Janet and Glen now have grown children and grandchildren. They are expecting their first great-grandchild in the spring!

Janet and Glen moved to Wesley Homes in September 2020. Hobbies include reading, cooking, gardening and entertaining with a capital 'E' reports her neighbor. She delights in bringing people together, sharing a meal and conversation. She is a gracious hostess. She will be a welcome addition to our AAUW book club.

*Submitted by Kaylene Moon*

### *A further tribute to May Mettler, by Kerry Lohr*



A lovely memorial service was held for the life of May Mettler on Saturday, 18 September. May was a gracious lady and was always willing to help in any way that she could. Her motto was "Autographing her work with excellence."

I worked with May at Highline High School where she served as the school nurse. She was caring and concerned, and always looking out for the students. As a member of AAUW, she joined one of the book groups and was an insightful contributor. She also had a sense of humor and liked chocolate!

The family asks that any memorial donations for the May Mettler Memorial Nursing scholarship at Highline High School be made through the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. The online address for them is <https://cfncw.org/> Go to "Ways to Give", and select "May Johnson Mettler Memorial Fund". Their street address is 9 S. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801; your memo line should read May Johnson Mettler Memorial Fund.



*I apologize that some of the links in the newsletter are not working. 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'm still working on this... Anneliese*



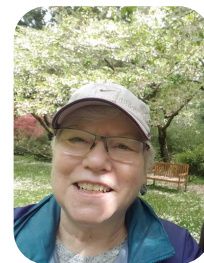
## Virtual Nature Walks

PowellsWood Garden – A Best Kept Secret! *By Kathy Linnell*

430 South Dash Point Road, Federal Way WA

Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 3 pm

Adult admission is \$7. Members and children (12 & under) are free.



We live within walking distant of this Northwest pleasure garden, which is tucked away in our Federal Way neighborhood. The three acres of PowellsWood are nestled against another thirty-five acres of native successional forest. A series of exquisite hedges help define several distinct garden rooms graced with more than a thousand varieties of trees, shrubs and perennials. *I'd love to have you join me as my guest for a garden walk! It is open year-round plus offers a stunning lighted display during the Winter Holidays.*

PowellsWood offers the following description of their varied distinct gardens. Control/click on the bolded Garden Labels below will take you to stunning photos of that particular garden.



The **Entry Garden** is an intimate garden room enclosed by hedged Portuguese laurels, tri-color beeches and a slope of Japanese maples; it is the perfect place to rest and wait for friends as you begin your visit. The garden features a circular planting bed with windmill palms and a series of stone birdbaths.

Descending the stairs view lush sweeps in shades of green in the **Fern and Rhododendron Borders**. A mixed evergreen hedge serves as a backdrop for this shady peaceful garden where conifers and grasses meld with the ferns and rhododendrons.

The **Perennial Border** is designed around a re-circulating stream and pond, which collect and filter seasonal run-off. The borders that surround them include richly colored shrubs, trees and large leaved perennials that enjoy the moist environment. Access to close up views of the stream is provided by a small footbridge. A beautifully maintained Leyland cypress hedge provides a foil for the colorful plantings in its foreground.

The **Shade Garden** marks the eastern edge of the cultivated garden. Its long arbor with several clematis and climbing roses is a lovely place to picnic in the summer. Specimen trees include coast redwoods, a golden locust and a trio of Orangebark Stewartia.

The **Woodland Garden** features a mound of ferns under a canopy of Douglas firs. This simple yet stunning space serves as a gathering area for garden events. An overlook, built largely of material from a recycled pier, provides a view of the ravine, trails, and wildlife below.

Graced with six mature Shirotae cherry trees the **Spring Garden**'s lovely lawn is dusted with delicate blossoms each spring. Striking groupings of Divinely Blue deodar cedar and Pacific Fire vine maple mark the northern end of this garden. The flowers and foliage of this garden are a photographer's delight all four seasons of the year.

The **House Garden** is located off the patio of the Garden Room. Sit under the umbrellas on a hot summer day and allow yourself to be transported by the bold style of this garden. Innovative color and plant combinations bring inspiration to many a gardener. Visit the Garden Room for information about the garden's history, programs, and volunteer opportunities.

## *More Places to Visit*



Another place to checkout: Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve

I wanted to pass along an interesting place to visit if you are interested in the Native American history and culture. It is called **Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve**, located in Tulalip, WA. Depending where you live, it would be a nice day trip to check it out. They have monthly activities such as beaded earring making, weaving, basket making, poetry reading, and ribbon skirt/dress workshops. The classes seem to be aimed for all ages, and are open to

the public following COVID standards. The last time I checked, you can tour the center virtually.

To get more information regarding fees, exact location and classes:

Contact information:

Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve

6410 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE (less than a mile west of I-5, exit 199)

Tulalip, WA 98271

360-716-2600

HibulbCulturalCenter.org

*Submitted by Wendy Wenger*



***To our members for contributing to this newsletter***

*Please let us know if you have any news of other members, or about your family and trips you would like to share in future newsletters. We always love to hear from you!*

**Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.” Why do we still bother?**



Editor's Note:

Feedback from our branch members indicates that the content of our newsletter is based more on social issues than public policies. There seems to be a positive consensus on this. However, if members would like to read more about AAUW public policy issues, they are welcome to read **The Evergreen Leader**, the monthly newsletter issued by AAUW WA State. This newsletter is issued to all WA AAUW members and can be requested on the website link <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net>. If this link doesn't work, try selecting the link and pasting it in your browser.



## Highline Branch of AAUW Zoom Board Meeting October 8, 2021

Present: Emily Hitchens, Anneliese Ellerton, and Wendy Wenger

Absent: Jean Munro, Mary Kay Ault and Kay Crane

The meeting began at 10:22 after zoom connections were fixed.

### Membership Promotional Materials

Anneliese showed the new membership cards and bookmarks. She ordered 50 information cards and bookmarks, to be distributed to prospective new members. Wendy is to double-check the stocks of cards and bookmarks in the storage room.

Note: Wendy did find some supplies after the meeting, to be picked up Monday.

### High School Scholar Program Leadership

Eva Parks emailed asking if the HS Scholar program will be continued. When listing committee chairs in the directory, it was left off by mistake. Anneliese will make that correction. Plus, it was announced that there is \$4000 in the bank for this program.

### Shape The Future – membership recruitment process

One new member missed on the opportunity of free membership. Anneliese will check into possibly backtracking her application to help her qualify. Kay knows of another prospective member, Sandy. She will be contacting her and ask if there are any more questions. **Update: (As of October 13, AAUW has credited \$31 to the new member)**

### Branch Meeting Updates: October 15, 2021 (Friday)

RSVPs are to Emily's email. She has not yet received any word from members who plan on attending the meeting at the Church for the book swap. An email will go out today to remind members of the meeting and to contact Emily. Kay and Emily will meet at the church at 2:30 P.M. to prepare for the 3:00 meeting. Members will be reminded to wear masks and that no food or drink is allowed in the church, as per church building rules.

### Web Site update:

There is a problem with the contact email. Messages go directly to Outlook, which is used by state and federal levels of AAUW. Not all members have access to Outlook. Ann McNulty at Edmonds-SnoKing successfully sent us an email per Outlook. Anneliese will contact her on how it worked for her.

### Announcement

Jean Munro is now working at Renton Vocational. The board will work with Jean to introduce AAUW to her new college.

### Pending Issues:

1. Wendy is still interested in finding a home for the H.S. Scholars picture board. Kay was checking into it but was unable to be present to report.
2. A February / March branch meeting will be planned for next quarter.
3. Wendy will send in information for the web regarding Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve located in Tulalip, Washington.

### Upcoming Meetings:

Board Zoom meeting: November 12 with time to be scheduled

**“E.Y.H. now renamed to Stem”** for middle school students committee is scheduled for 12:00 on October 19 (Zoom).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Wenger, Secretary

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**Future Branch meetings will be held on a quarterly basis through 2022 (tentatively for February/March)**

**Highline Board Meeting – Friday, November 12th at time to be scheduled** via Zoom

**Health Matters Webinar Series** – The remaining AAUW Washington webinars will be held monthly:

- **Nov. 9** Tuesday 7pm – **Improving Access to Care in Washington State** – Mary Selecky, Former Washington State Secretary of Health, and Leslie Waters, MD
- **Dec. 14** Tuesday 7pm – **Preventing Violence and Serving the Needs of Survivors** – Leah Griffin, Activist

**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/>

**Join the Seattle Branch Meeting – Saturday, November 13- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Zoom)**

Fern Naomi Renville: American Democracy's Indigenous Roots and Future - Humanities Washington

*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)*

### **Seattle Branch 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, November 9th at 10 am**. If you are interested in joining this virtual coffee club, email Barbara Sando at [barbarasando@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarasando@yahoo.com)



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

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

December 3 – *The House of Unexpected Sisters*, by Alexander McCall Smith, leader/host, Eva Parks/Kathie W.

January 28, 2021 – *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt – host Janet Knowlton, leader Carol Mohler

February 25 – *The Little Old Lady Who Broke all the Rules* by C. Ingelman-Sunberg – host Carol Thomas, leader Kerry Lohr

March 25 – *Full Body Burden* by Kristen Iversen – host Kathy Walker, leader Anneliese Ellerton

April 22 – *Anzac Girls* by Peter Rees – host Pat Hodges, leader Jane Emerson

May 27 – *Facing the Mountain* by Daniel James Brown – host Jane Emerson, leader Vicki Moore

June 24 – *Fast Girls: Novel of the 1936 Olympic Team* by Elise Hooper – host Nancy Wilson, leader Kathie Walker

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

November 1 – *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman – hosted by Kay Crane

December 6 – *If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name* by Heather Normandy Lende - hosted by Lynn Smith

January 3, 2021 – *The Song of the Lark* by Willa Cather – hosted by Mary Kay Ault

February 7 – *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict – hosted by Kay Crane

March 7 – *1968 The Year that Rocked the World* by Mark Kurlansky – hosted by Emily Hitchens

April 4 – *Dear Bob and Sue* by Matt & Karen Smith –hosted by Carol Erickson

May 2 – Let's Pretend This Never Happened by Jenny Lawson – hosted by Kerry Lohr

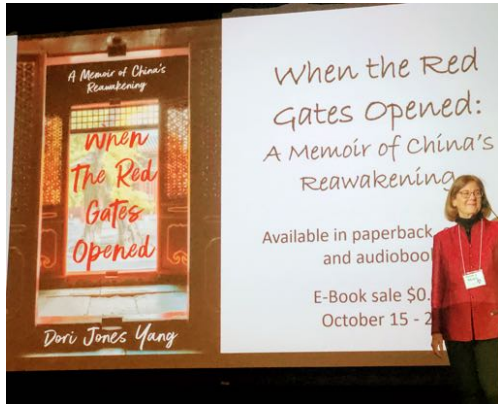
June 6 – *The Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See – hosted by Lynn Smith



## Report from Seattle Branch meeting October 16, 2021

By Anneliese Ellerton

### When the Red Gates Opened – A Memoir of China's Reawakening At the Seattle Asian Art Museum (Volunteer Park)



On Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, a group of Highline/Seattle dual members car-pooled to Seattle Branch's first live meeting since the outbreak of Covid, to attend a lecture and slide show by award-winning local author Dori Jones Yang. She shared stories of her eight years as a Business Week correspondent covering China from her new memoir, *When the Red Gates Opened: A Memoir of China's Reawakening*.

In the 1980s, after decades of isolation, China opened its doors – and Communism changed forever. As a foreign correspondent during this pivotal time, Dori Jones Yang used her fluency in Mandarin to get to know the ordinary people she met—people embracing opportunities that had once been unimaginable in China. Soon she fell in love with China and with a Chinese man. This memoir recalls the euphoria of

Americans and Chinese discovering a new China, as well as the despair of Tiananmen Square.

Dori's observations offered an unusual vantage point from which to understand China's perspective on its growing prominence in the world—a view seldom heard amidst the acrimony of US-China relations today.

*(Excerpts above courtesy of the Seattle AAUW website)*

Yang brought some of her signed books. As well as *When the Red Gates Opened*, Yang brought some of her other books: *Daughter of Xanadu*, *The Secret Voice of Gilla Zhang*, *Son of Venice*, *A Story of Marco Polo*, and others.



View of Seattle Asian Art Museum through the Black Sun sculpture (left)



View of the park through the Black Sun sculpture (right)

It was a beautiful autumn day, as you can see from this picture of the museum park.



Those who drove up from Highline were: Barbara Sando, Penny Tetter, Emily Hitchens, Kathy Linnell and Anneliese Ellerton



# November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> <i>PM Book Group 3pm</i> <i>All Saints Day</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Election Day</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Nat'l Sandwich Day</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Guy Fawkes Day</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Nat'l STEM Day</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Science Day for Peace &amp; Development</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Veterans Day</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Highline Board Zoom Meeting 10 am</i>	<i>13</i> <i>World Kindness Day</i>
<i>14</i> <i>World Diabetes Day</i>	<i>15</i> <i>America Recycles Day</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Seattle Coffee Group 10 am</i> <i>AAUW Health Matters Webinar 7PM</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Happy Birthday Pat Scott</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Great American Smokeout</i>	<i>19</i> <i>World Toilet Day</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Seattle Branch Meeting 10 am</i> <i>Universal Children's Day</i>
<i>21</i> <i>World Hello Day</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Nat'l Jukebox Day</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Happy Birthday Linda Wade</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Small Business Saturday</i>
<i>28</i> <i>Start Hanukah</i> <i>1st Advent</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Cyber Day</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Giving Tuesday</i>				

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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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