



Holiday Issue - December 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"

*"The best and most beautiful
things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must
be felt with the heart. Wishing you happiness." – [Helen Keller](#)*



**Happy
holidays,
everyone!**

*At our house,
we're still dealing
with turkey and pies, but Hanukkah started tonight. We need to shift
culinary gears, so to speak, to latkes and applesauce.*

*What seems harder to shift, at least for me, is Covid-ness. The days seem
dark and run together. I had two more condolence notes to write this
weekend. Getting up and doing almost anything seems so difficult!*

*A mental exercise I have found useful is that before I go to bed each night, I
think of three things that surprised me that day. Because Garry and I live
together, one of the three has to be about him, and then two other things,
perhaps a hummingbird darting at the feeder, an eagle swooping down
Lake Burien, or an unexpected view now that the leaves are down, or
perhaps a call from a friend. Knowing I will need three surprises in the
evening makes me pay attention during the day. Next, what did I do today?
Many things, of course, but which three were the most important and why?
Finally, what are three things I hope to do tomorrow? I may not get them
done, for whatever reason, but naming them seems to help.*

*One bright spot for me has been finding speakers for our spring program for
youngsters at Highline College, meant to encourage them to stick with
their math and science classes. I have found several possible speakers and
enjoyed my conversations with them.*

*Let's use our newsletter to share our "ups" and our "downs". What have you
been doing that makes you feel better and gives you more energy? Have you
found good ways to keep your spirits up? Send Anneliese your notes. I
expect she'll find room for them!*

**Enjoy the holidays and stay safe,
Kay Crane, Co-President**



Tech Trek Coordinator Meeting: November 20, 2021 10-12 Noon

Discussion/Announcement points:



1. Program is planning to be in-person on the PLU and EWU campuses
2. July 9th through July 30, 2022. PLU the 1st 2 weeks and EWU the 3rd week. Most teachers back for PLU but need recruitment for EWU because one teacher had another baby!
3. Dorothy reported that funding was stable as to the \$\$ we have. Still need to know what the branches expect. April 1, 2022 is the deadline. If you are planning on doing fundraising, get it done.
4. All attendees to be vaccinated with the MMR and COVID. It is required on the application form, but since many parents do not read the form until the last minute, it is wise to have it stated in the interview. There most likely will be an outside vendor to verify the vaccinations. Washington State Verify was suggested and will be researched.
5. The revised/new application forms will be sent out with the added COVID statement.
6. It was suggested that there also be a cover letter to clarify any changes.
7. There was much discussion on the interview processes and places from using virtual, community libraries, and after- school time at school libraries, etc. Parents often attended virtual. Depending upon rural areas and large counties, phones were also suggested especially when there is no broadband.
8. Discussion on the process of contacting schools which varies with the size and rules of the district, especially if the superintendent has changed. All said that the superintendents, principals, etc. should be notified out of courtesy. Some districts are much more restrictive. Point persons would include math, science teachers and counselors. Teachers need to know that the students are sponsored and that it is competitive.
9. Attendees will be 7th grade girls going into 8th grade.
10. It was emphasized that we call these sponsorships NOT scholarships and that the deadline for a number estimate is December 1st, 2021. Only a few branches have gotten back to Karen. Highline has not yet responded.

Some highlights from the President's Meeting with the Washington State Board President, Mary Williams, Monday Nov 29, 2021.

This spring, at our Annual Meeting in April, Karen Anderson, Program Chair has gotten a national speaker, Jennifer Berkshire, co-author of The Wolf at the School House Door to speak on the movement to dismantle public education. In the past AAUW has been opposed to charter schools and vouchers. Now there is the messaging about Critical Race Theory and the 'kinds' of books in school libraries, especially anything to do with LGBTQ+. Her book refers to 'dark money' also a title of a book by Naomi Klein, which describes a deliberate process of conservative privatization in all realms. The goal would be that each AAUW Branch invite a teacher or a School Board Member and pay for their 'ticket' to come to this session. The word needs to get out. Additionally, the Board is planning a state-wide book discussion sometime in January. I am applauding our state for leading on this issue; we have a history of supporting public education. Let's get out the WORD!

Emily Hitchens, Branch Relations, WA State Board



Highline Member News & Announcements

Northwest Associated Arts Christmas Sounds in Burien on December 12 at 2:00 pm.

The annual holiday program will be held this year at Glendale Lutheran Church (13455 2nd Ave SW Burien), which includes Choral Sounds, Vocal Sounds and Silver Sounds. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. Even though the concert is free, you must have a ticket to attend. Seating is limited so contact Carol Mohler, 206-870-4309 or cmcmohler@gmail.com to get a ticket(s). You also must show proof of vaccination or negative Covid test within 72 hours of the performance, and masking is required-



Submitted by Carol Mohler

A Bonsai Solstice: On Dec 18th 4-7 pm, Federal Way



Enjoy a quiet stroll in the woods to explore bonsai illuminated by soft lights (and your flashlights). The Pacific Bonsai Museum is opened at night just once a year. This family-friendly tradition embraces the generous spirit of the holidays and community. Suggest donation \$0-\$10 for adults. The Pacific Bonsai Museum is at 2515 S. 336th St. in Federal Way.

Submitted by Kathy Linnell



“Thanksgiving on Bainbridge Island with daughter and granddaughter and their husbands.

12/1. Uke Holiday Concert at Wesley (one more practice)

12/3. Book club. I lead discussion

12/4. Caribbean Cruise

A few days to unwind

Christmas on Bainbridge Island

12/27-1/1/22 Rock Springs, WY to visit daughter, Randa, and hubby, Rob, with granddaughter and her fella arriving from Minneapolis.

Then home to collapse

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and joyful Christmas! “

Eva and Dennis Parks

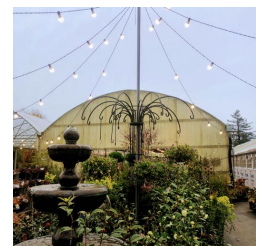


“Delightful open house at Zenith Holland Gardens in Des Moines. I'm already feeling the holiday spirit.

I highly recommend a visit to this fabulous nursery and gift shop during the holiday season.”

Anneliese Ellerton

I couldn't resist taking this photo of the resident dog!



Our deepest sympathies to Elise Stratton for the tragic loss of a grandchild.



AAUW HIGHLINE BRANCH ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 12, 2021

In Attendance: Kay Crane, Anneliese Ellerton, Mary Kay Ault, Wendy Wenger, and Emily Hitchens

Absent: Jean Munro (in required work meeting)

The Board called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M.

High School Scholars / Tech Trek

Eva Parks' report was submitted to the board via email- "My plan is to sponsor 6 girls this year (2022) for Tech Trek and 4 the next. We will only need \$312 for that second year (2023) unless we have lots of donations. That total of \$10,688 is from a carryover of \$4000 (not used in 2019 or 2020) and the \$6,000 that I got as a donation from Dave Evans (\$4000) is in our branch treasury to be used for High School Scholar."

She requested help from any members who might want to recommend six 7th graders for 2022.

Eva included an email from Dorothy McBride, Tech Trek WA Fundraising Coordinator, reporting that Highline Branch has \$10,688 in carryover funds and attached the 2022 Branch Financial Responsibilities document for reference.

Old Business

October Branch Meeting: Was a success with the members who attended. Board members who attended said it was a good opening meeting for the group this year, allowing for enjoyment of the members sharing experiences. The full report is in the October newsletter.

Records of Highline Branch activities: Wendy Wenger asked about donating the High School Scholars photo boards, which are currently stored at her office. Kay said she would contact Western Washington University that stores 'west of the mountains' club information. Emily mentioned that they are monitoring what goes into the AAUW archives. It was decided that the photos might be of more interest to the Highline Museum in Burien. Wendy will call them to make arrangements. Kay will come and see if there are any items that could go to Western Washington AAUW archives.

New Business

December celebration: Emily reminded the board that we usually send Christmas/Holiday cards with tea bags to the members. It was decided that the assembly of the cards would take place at the book club meeting on December 6 at 3:00 at Lynn Smith's home. It was agreed that it would not take too much time from the regular book club activities. Emily will bring the stamps and tea bags. Mary Kay will bring the cards. Kay will verify these plans with Lynn.

Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) – Burien:

Kay mentioned that she had a conversation with Chris Craig, Economic Development Manager for the City of Burien. He talked about the new building coming to Burien that will provide social services to the homeless, disabled and veterans who want to receive assistance. The 95-unit facility would be for single adults only. The board discussed ideas on how they could contribute. It was suggested that AAUW Highline members could donate books for a library in the new building, as well as paying for subscriptions to various types of quick read magazines. Within a short period after the meeting, Kay Crane confirmed that construction has not started yet, but is in the planning stages.

Other homeless issues were discussed about where help is coming from, such as Mary's Place. It was mentioned that churches were open for families and women.

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Publicity:

The board discussed some possible sources for letting the community know we are here. They were Next Door website, Facebook for Burien, and Burien Blog. Wendy said she had a contact, Teresa, when the time comes.

Possible new members:

It was reported to the board that three possible new members are being contacted. One is a former member and two would be new.


Announcements:

1. November 17, 2021 (Wednesday)– 1:00 Zoom celebration of the 140-year anniversary for AAUW National, as well as significant anniversaries for certain AAUW chapters. Information will be emailed to members.
2. November 16th, 2021 (Tuesday) – STEM meeting at Highline College (see Emily for more information)
3. November 27, 2021 (Saturday) – Shop Small business day in all communities

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Wenger, Secretary

If you would like to keep up with AAUW Washington news, we suggest that you add the Seattle Catalyst and the Evergreen Reader to your list of resources



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Holiday Gathering at the Seattle Yacht Club Returns!
Saturday, December 18
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
1807 E HAMILIN ST. SEATTLE, WA 98112
Free Parking Available

So far, all signs are GO for our in-person holiday event. We're offering fun, food, music and great conversations. Pianist David Little will provide a medley of holiday and classical music and we'll have plenty of time for catching up with our friends. This is our traditional brunch in a very festive setting.

The Seattle Yacht Club staff is fully vaccinated and requires all guests to also be fully vaccinated, so please bring your vaccination card with you. Tables will be set with just six people each for better social distancing.

We are prioritizing member reservations. Until December 5, AAUW Seattle members can sign up by emailing info@aauw-seattle.org. After that we will accept reservations for guests up to our capacity. We will try for all reasonable accommodations.


There is no charge for this event, but we hope you will make a donation to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

And Next Month...
Health, Education, and Women at Work
Important topics for Public Policy Washington in 2022
Saturday, January 15, 2022 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
[See Zoom Registration Request](#)

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AAUW 140th Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday, November 17th
1:00 pm PT

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AAUW National is inviting you to a 140th Anniversary Celebration event.

Join AAUW for a celebratory event honoring our rich past and looking ahead to a bright—and equitable—future. We'll share an interview with our distinguished 2021 Alumnae Recognition Awardee, recognize notable branch birthdays*, and hear from our board chair Julia Brown and new CEO Gloria L. Blackwell.

Our distinguished 2021 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award will be presented to Ngugi Okoro-Isaiah, Ph.D., the first woman and first African to serve as Director General of the World Trade Organization. There will be a conversation between Dr. Okoro-Isaiah and AAUW's new CEO Gloria L. Blackwell as part of the event.

*Editor's Note: WA branch birthdays being recognized are Walle Walls - 100 and Gig Harbor - 50!

Registration Link:
<https://a02web.zoom.us/join/register?wpa=F433ACD9C110af9yW0m0a>

<https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/>



Isn't it sad that we have to repeat this message at the end of 2021? However, regardless of COVID, the message is as relevant as ever. Wishing all our members a happy, healthy New Year!

From the AAUW Highline Board

Celebrating 140 Years of AAUW **A Legacy of Empowering Women**



When AAUW began in 1881, few women had the opportunity to pursue a degree—prompting founder Marion Talbot to support a fund for women’s education. Today, women outnumber men in earning degrees at nearly every level. Yet our work is far from done.

Over the past 140 years, AAUW has evolved to become the leading voice in advancing gender equity in education and workplaces everywhere.

Through **research**, **education** and **advocacy**, we’re committed to ensuring that *everyone* gets the same opportunity to learn, earn and lead. Our programs aim at moving women forward—and we fight for policies that support our goals.



Congrats to the 2021 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Awardee

AAUW marked its anniversary with a special award ceremony and celebration on November 17. The AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award honors a past recipient of an AAUW fellowship or grant who has attained outstanding success and distinction in their chosen profession. Our 2021 awardee is **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director-General of the World Trade Organization and one of Time magazine’s 100 most influential people of 2021.

Research

AAUW’s work has always been grounded in rigorous—and relevant—research. Our first report in 1885 countered a widely held belief that women’s fertility was impaired by attending college. And our seminal research on the gender pay gap, *The Simple Truth*, is re-issued annually to examine the persistent barriers to equal pay. We have published dozens of other reports over the years, most recently on the disproportionate impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on Latinas. Our research, cited by opinion leaders and policymakers, allows AAUW to have a voice in national conversations.

Education

AAUW is one of the world’s leading funders of graduate women’s education: Since 1888, we’ve provided more than \$115 million in fellowships and grants to 13,000 women from 150 countries. Our recipients have included some the most influential voices of the past two centuries, such as Madame Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the current head of the World Trade Organization. AAUW also educates women through its many programs on leadership, negotiation and other career-building skills. Our current focus is on providing support for women of color and for women in the STEM fields, where women remain significantly underrepresented.

Advocacy

Fueled by our donors and supporters, AAUW’s advocacy efforts have amplified women’s voices in statehouses across the country, as well as in the halls of power in Washington D.C. We have fought to enact laws and policies that champion gender equity and to break down barriers limiting women’s access and opportunity. Among our many accomplishments are helping to pass the Equal Pay Act of 1963; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act; and the 2009 Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Our advocacy work continues through our Legal Advocacy Fund, Lobby Corps, Action Network and more.

Making It All Happen

AAUW could not continue its vital work without the help of its members, donors and supporters. Your contributions make a concrete difference in the lives of women and girls, and on their behalf, we are deeply grateful.

And we’re pleased to announce that this year—in honor of our 140th milestone—AAUW’s Board of Directors, committee leaders and some staff have generously made possible the **largest matching gift opportunity in our organization’s history**. Because of their generosity, every donation made to AAUW through the end of the year will be DOUBLED up to \$75,000!



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

Highline Board Meeting – Friday, December 10th at 11:30 am via Zoom

Health Matters Webinar Series – The remaining AAUW Washington webinars will be held:
– Dec. 14 Tuesday 7pm – **Preventing Violence and Serving the Needs of Survivors** – Leah Griffin, Activist

Online: Zoom – To register contact: 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, December 18 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

December 18, 2021 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Holiday Gathering at the Seattle Yacht Club We are hoping that all signs and safety regulations will allow us to join together in person for our traditional holiday brunch meeting. We've engaged Constellation Musica, a wonderful string quartet, for our entertainment. Fingers crossed! Reservations: RSVP@aauw-seattle.org.

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, December 14 at 10 am**. If you are interested in joining this virtual coffee club, email Barbara Sando at barbarasando@yahoo.com

Monday, January 24, 2022 - Lobby Day, sponsored by AAUW WA State. A full day of statewide and local advocacy for AAUW legislative priorities.



Morning and Afternoon Book Discussion Groups are back in person!

4th 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

1st Monday - Afternoons at 3:00pm *unless otherwise specified

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

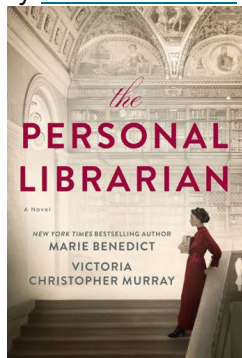
June 6 – *The Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See – hosted by Lynn Smith

Holiday Reading suggestions for you...while you curl up on the couch by the warm fireplace with a cup of tea, coffee, cocoa or glass of wine



The Personal Librarian Hardcover – June 29, 2021

by [Marie Benedict](#)



The Instant *New York Times* Bestseller! A *Good Morning America Book Club Pick!**

Named one of the Best Books of the Year by *The Washington Post*

“Historical fiction at its best!”*

A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan’s personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation, from *New York*

***Times* bestselling authors Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.**

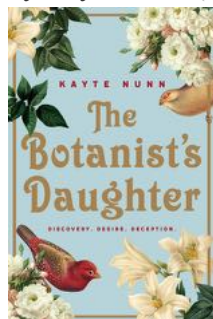
“In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle’s complexion isn’t dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American.

The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.” (Goodreads)

The Botanist's Daughter

by [Kayte Nunn](#) (Goodreads Author)



Winner of the 2020 Winston Graham Historical Fiction Prize

“Discovery. Desire. Deception. A wondrously imagined tale of two female botanists, separated by more than a century, in a race to discover a life-saving flower . . .

In Victorian England, headstrong adventuress Elizabeth takes up her late father's quest for a rare, miraculous plant. She faces a perilous sea voyage, unforeseen dangers and treachery that threaten her entire family.

In present-day Australia, Anna finds a mysterious metal box containing a sketchbook of dazzling watercolours, a photograph inscribed 'Spring 1886' and a small bag of seeds. It sets her on a path far from her safe, carefully ordered life, and on a journey that will force her to face her own demons.

In this spellbinding botanical odyssey of discovery, desire and deception, Kayte Nunn has so exquisitely researched nineteenth-century Cornwall and Chile you can almost smell the fragrance of the flowers, the touch of the flora on your fingertips.” (Goodreads)

December 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>1</i> <i>Hanukah</i> <i>World AIDS</i> <i>Day</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Hanukah</i> <i>Abolition of</i> <i>Slavery Day)</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Hanukah</i> <i>(cont)</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Hanukah</i> <i>National</i> <i>Cookie Day</i>
<i>5</i> <i>Hanukah</i> <i>2nd Advent</i> <i>Sunday</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Hanukah</i> <i>ends</i> <i>PM Book</i> <i>Group 3pm</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Pearl Harbor</i> <i>Remembrance</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Genocide</i> <i>Prevention</i> <i>Day</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Highline</i> <i>Board</i> <i>Zoom</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>11:30am</i>	<i>11</i> <i>International</i> <i>Mountain Day</i>
<i>12</i> <i>3rd Advent</i> <i>Sunday</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Green</i> <i>Monday</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Seattle Coffee</i> <i>Group 10 am</i> <i>AAUW Health</i> <i>Matters</i> <i>Webinar 7PM</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Bill of</i> <i>Rights Day</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Nat'l</i> <i>Maple</i> <i>Syrup Day</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Seattle Branch</i> <i>Meeting 10 am</i>
<i>19</i> <i>4th Advent</i> <i>Sunday</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Int'l</i> <i>Human</i> <i>Solidarity</i> <i>Day</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Start of Winter</i> <i>Solstice</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Eve</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Day</i>
<i>26</i> <i>Boxing Day</i> <i>UK, Canada</i> <i>& Australia</i> <i>Kwanzaa</i> <i>starts</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Happy</i> <i>Birthday</i> <i>Carol Mohler</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> <i>Happy</i> <i>Birthday</i> <i>Carol</i> <i>Thomas</i>	<i>Jan 1, 2022</i> <i>Happy New</i> <i>Year!</i>

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*Happy Holidays and
here's to a great new year.*