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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"

February is Black History Month - We celebrate some notable black women dedicated to civil rights, equality and peace

Black Excellence in Nuclear Activism



Coretta Scott King

A devoted pacifist, civil rights leader, and activist, Coretta influenced her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's, views on nuclear weapons and war. She worked closely with groups like Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the National Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy (SANE), and Women Strike for Peace (WSP). Reported on May 21st, 1962 in the *Chicago Defender*, Mrs. King said, "It is of vital importance that we solve

world tensions and bring about understanding between nations. If we fail in this, then the world is lost and our efforts in race relations will have been in vain... We are on the brink of destroying ourselves through nuclear warfare." She explained that her statement was the reason she attended the 17-nation Disarmament Conference in Geneva in 1962.

Lorraine Hansberry

A personal favorite of mine, Lorraine Hansberry was a playwright who used her skills to vocalize her disdain for nuclear bombs and their use as weapons of mass destruction. Throughout her life, she linked freedom to anti-colonialism, nuclear disarmament, and antiracism. Her last two bodies of work were plays that focused on antinuclear topics, *What Use Are Flowers?*, and anti-colonialism, *Les Blancs*. She is truly an inspiration in how our art can be political.

Erna Harris

A member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Erna Harris's life was spent championing for equality. In 1964, she was among twelve women selected from the U.S. to participate in the Soviet-American Women's Conference in Moscow, which focused on universal nuclear disarmament, relaxing international tensions, and the role of the United Nations. Harris's life was dedicated to working with peace and civil rights organizations.





Message from Co-President Kay Crane

Our Highline board met virtually on January 14 - six of us. I think we all enjoyed the chance to “see” each other and visit, besides doing the work of the branch.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 11 at 11:30 in the morning, on zoom, and you are all invited. Trying to plan a “branch” meeting seems difficult right now, thinking what people might be interested in and planning a time when most people could “come”. The whole thing seems daunting. The board, on the other hand, seems easy. Our agenda is to hear what’s planned at the state level for convention, to follow the planning for our spring STEM-encouragement program for junior high school students (jointly with Highline College), and to handle any other business we may have. Do come! It’s our best chance to have a little time together.

Our annual state meeting is April 9, so save some time on your calendar. Jennifer Berkshire will be the State Convention keynote speaker. Her book, “The Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door” is the subject of a zoom discussion on March 30, a Wednesday, at both 10:30 in the morning and 7 in the evening, in hopes that everyone can come to one or the other. We chose March 30 because it is a fifth Wednesday and we hoped members would not have schedule conflicts. In fact, the state board would like individual branches to sponsor teachers and school board members to come to this panel discussion on the current state of public instruction, something we’ll be discussing for Highline on February 11.

The days seem long and slow right now, strung out one after another on a string. We can draw strength and purpose from one another, though, so do come to the meeting on February 11. I look forward to seeing you all there!
Kay



National Election 2022

It’s your AAUW, and your voice counts. It’s time to comment on and propose changes to the AAUW bylaws.

This spring AAUW members will be asked to vote on proposed changes recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee that would streamline two important organizational functions: nominations for the board and timing for those eligible to vote in AAUW elections. In accordance with AAUW’s bylaws, every AAUW member has the right to comment on proposed changes to the bylaws before they are put to the membership for a vote.

Here you’ll find all the information you need to comment on the proposed bylaws changes. Comments can be submitted until February 2, 2022 at 5:00 pm ET.



Best regards, Julia T. Brown, Esq.
Board Chair

This information is available on the AAUW National website <https://www.aauw.org/>

Member News

Molly Cone: Long-time AAUW Advocate and Adventurer – by Lynnette Smith



Molly Nordhaus Cone was born in 1928 in Chicago, Illinois. Daughter of an advertising manager and writer, she has since developed lifelong pursuits in education, travel, opera and music appreciation, sailboat cruising, hiking, outdoor adventure, and letter writing. An encourager with a big-hearted smile for everyone, she has lived a life marked by adaptability, humor, service and adventure.

From her birth, she has not retreated from challenge. She relates that she was just the third baby ever delivered by cesarean at the Chicago Memorial Hospital. Perhaps spurred on by teenage years spent during WWII, she determined as a teen that she wanted more than anything to be a nurse, volunteering as a teenager and later, after 2 years as an English major, transferring to Springfield, Ill. and receiving her nursing certification. Molly also pursued an interest in mental health at this time by additional study at a state hospital. Known to make fun wherever she is, Molly and her roommates worked hard and enjoyed many memorable experiences together. A proud Illini and Abraham Lincoln fan, she walked by his Springfield house every day during her nurse's training. (Molly has recently helped a family member self-publish her father's collection of Lincoln's humorous stories.)

But 1951 brought a major change in Molly's focus. Following a visit to her brother and his wife in Seattle, she decided that she just could not leave the mountains and ocean. Moving here, she worked at both Harbor View and Swedish hospitals, married her brother's best friend, Phil Carlson, adopted her daughter Kathy, acquired her life-long desire to sail and attend opera, and was widowed just 4 years after marriage.

Knowing that she had to make a living and now a mother of a year-old baby, Molly determined to return to school and earn her teaching certification, which she did from the University of Washington. After a brief stint living in Texas with her second husband, she returned to Seattle and began her teaching career in Highline School district following his death. Her teaching took her from McMicken Heights to Mount View to Glendale Elementary and from Kindergarten to First Grade and to Chapter One instruction. Not stopped by adversity when she was riffed, she returned to the UW to receive her Master's in Education with her favorite project entitled, "I Can Read a Song." And so, some of us who have known her for a long time, know that she changed her name legally from Marcia to Molly after her mother died; perhaps, something to do with her determination to be "unsinkable". She retired in 1994.

During this time, Molly also acquired the surname Nordhaus by marrying Bud in 1962. They enjoyed 39 years of marriage. During these years they square danced in the Bells and Buoys club, explored mostly the Gulf Islands in their weeks long sailboat cruising, participated actively in the Mountaineers Club, and Molly joined the AAUW in West Seattle, serving as membership chair of this Liberal Arts Study Group for many years. Molly also found time to sing in the Highline Methodist Church choir, join in the fight against the third runway at Sea Tac, not to mention publishing several articles in the Norwester Magazine, a boating periodical. One was called "Take your Whole Family with You" (describing how to sail with pets) followed by an account of a most frightening event in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. I guess we could say the topics were what you should and then what you shouldn't do.

Bud and Molly's overseas connections were more than their trips to New Zealand, taking a cruise ship around the tip of South America and to the Falkland Islands. They encouraged foreign students as sponsors through their involvement in the FIUTS (Foreign International Understanding Through Students). They entertained students from Finland, Germany, France, England and Korea by sightseeing in and around the Seattle area. One lifelong relationship took Molly and her 4th husband, Don, in their 80's to Korea where they managed a trip through the DMZ, looking at the North Koreans' faces over the fence! Molly can prove her expertise in long-term relationships by mentioning her 75 years long correspondence with an English pen pal whom she visited on her travels. This relationship had been initiated by an elementary teacher during WWII.

Traveling whenever possible, Molly has enjoyed Scotland, Ireland, Greece, Italy's Amalfi Coast, Ephesus, Germany, the Baltic and St Petersburg and places in between besides her 6 trips to New Zealand to visit stepson Don and family. Her eyes gleam when she describes her long freighter trips across the Pacific where she was one of just a few paying passengers, eating with the captains, of course. Jumping onto trains from Chicago to Seattle

grabbed her fancy, enjoying side trips on the way. Her cruising has included Alaskan, Mediterranean, Great Lakes to Mackinaw Island, Canal trip in Germany to Berlin, to Russia and the Baltic as mentioned. Last but not least, not to show a “sinking” spirit after Bud died in 2002, Molly, in her mid-70’s, rode her first Thai elephant in Thailand of course.

Following Bud’s death at Wesley, Molly expanded her interests in ukulele playing and volunteering at Highline Hospital for 10 years. At Des Moines Methodist Church she met her husband, Don, with whom she enjoyed 14 wonderful years of overseas and local outdoor adventures (hiking) as well as plays at the Rep and Symphonies in Seattle. Any adventure was on Molly’s calendar of events including many years attending the Seattle Opera.

Her biography would not be complete without mentioning her daughter Kathy with granddaughter and great granddaughter; Molly’s 3 step children, Don, Dick, and Jude Nordhaus with a combined total of 8 grandchildren and now 9 great-grandchildren, and the nieces and nephews she tenderly cares about. Boxes and cards and presents were sent to the east coast to New York and to New Zealand and to Oregon and to wherever her loved ones moved.

To sum up, we might say that Molly is a highly relational person, not caught up in superficialities, but warmheartedly seeking for and bringing out the best in others. Training and working in helping professions, she takes life seriously, but not herself. She is ready with a “joke of the day” and posts playful quotes on her door at Wesley. Her life has been marked with adaptability and humor, service and adventure. We are proud to have her as an AAUW member for almost 60 consecutive years. Way to go, Molly.

Saltwater State Park – Take an Easy Hike! – By Kathy Linnell



Saltwater State Park, located in Des Moines 25205 8th Pl S, Des Moines, WA 98198 offers a flat, paved walkway overlooking the Sound and Vashon Island. The shipping channel is easily visible along with picnickers, beachcombers, scuba divers, birds and sea critters!

Accessing the beach took a little jumping!

Yesterday at Saltwater State Park winter birding was great! When was the last time you watched a seagull, with precision, drop a clam from high above on a rock in order to crack it open? This all awaits you!

Parking is easy and available. You do need the Washington State Discover Pass or pay a daily fee, but often there are ‘free’ days.



On a recent visit, at high tide and from the walkway, I watched with awe as 3 pair of Harlequin Ducks dove and fed at high tide! These beautiful sea ducks look painted with their decorative feathers and robust coloration.

In addition, I easily spotted Barrows Goldeneye, Common Goldeneyes, Grebes, Cormorants, Gulls and more. Grab your binoculars and enjoy!



We are pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our branch! Christine Kopet, introduced by Lynn Smith and Leilani Schuh, introduced by Kathy Walker.

Both Christine and Leilani had been invited to our book groups and were interested in joining us.



Age is But a Number (or So They Say) – By Ann Dennis – AAUW Seattle

I wonder at what point I became old. I used to think 50 was old, then 60, 78, but 81? My god!

What day was it? When? By asking the question, I guess I'm admitting it is true. I AM old, but so what?

Was it the day my grandson scolded me for not wearing my hearing aids? So what? I hardly ever wear them. But I promised him that day I would try harder. I think maybe he felt better helping me to remember something I so often forget, or maybe it was just his teenage arrogance reminding me that I am old, and he is young.

Was it the day that I admitted I can't get down on the floor anymore (yoga is definitely out), or was it the day my daughter-in-law said she'd drive, and I knew what she meant?

Then there was the day a couple of years ago when I was driving to my class. When I was about halfway there, it crossed my mind to wonder which shoes I had on – my brown Berks? Whichever, I remember thinking. They sure are comfortable. Then, without looking down, I knew. I still had on my bedroom slippers! What to do? If I went back home, I'd be late to class. "I'll just wear them," I decided on the spot. At least they are my new blue fuzzy ones.

That was the day I knew for sure. I AM old. What the hell?

How Can It Be?

Sometimes I look in the mirror

And see a woman twice my age staring back.

How can it be?

Who is she?



For contributing your news! Please continue to share any news or information that might be of interest to all our Members

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!



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...I'm hoping to resolve this in 2022! Anneliese



Summary of Lobby Day Zoom Sessions

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Leah Rutman,
Policy Counsel
ACLU – WA

The Keep Our Care Act
SB 5688/HB 1809

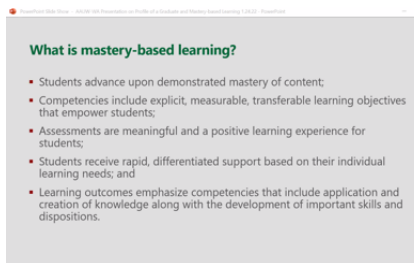
Because big business deals shouldn't dictate whether Washingtonians have access to care.

Ensures health entity mergers, acquisitions and contracting affiliations would improve rather than harm access to affordable, quality care within a community.

Charlene Krise, Executive Director, Squaxin Island Museum Library and Research Center – Krise talked about the plights of the grieving, tribal women and girls who have been abducted and abused. She introduced Lisa Johns who gave an emotional account of her experience.

MMIW/P HB1571 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women concerning protections and services for indigenous persons who are missing, murdered, or survivors of human trafficking. Sponsored by Representatives Mosbrucker-R, Dye-R, and 21 other legislators. This is a strong bipartisan bill introduced at the end of the 2021 session. Washington State Patrol released a report in 2019 on missing and murdered native women. The United Indian Health Institute (Seattle) released their own counter report We Demand More. Governor Inslee appointed a Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force headed by the Attorney General.

Alissa Muller, Director of Mastery-based Learning, Washington State Board of Education (SBE), talked about New Pathways in Education



Nancy Sapiro, AAUW Lobbyist – gave updates on the latest legislation in Washington State

Public Policy Panel and Closing

Summary of Lobby Day by Emily Hitchens, WA State Board

Lobby Day January 24th, 2022 has come and gone, but you and I can lobby on! The session ends March 10th.

I did not sign up for a zoom meeting with my representatives, but I wrote them notes on the bills AAUW is supporting (some of them, there are a lot this year). I got an immediate response from Senator Keiser and her admin! I began by thanking them for their work and then went on to address the bill.

The best thing to do is to go to <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/> and read the front page of the Evergreen Leader. Click on Legislative Updates, and you will see the bills we support and read more about them by clicking on their number; for example, HB 1621 & 1622 Sexual Assault Education: that nurses can have training to be certified as SANE (sexual assault nurse examiner education.) The first bill is for the training and the second bill is particularly for underserved/rural areas. Earlier this fall, AAUW had a program: Health Matters: Advocating for Washington Women; the last session was on "Preventing Violence and Serving the Needs of Survivors" presented by Leah Griffin; she was sexually assaulted and not able to get help. Since then, she has been very active legislatively. One of the gaps in her experience was getting a rape kit and having someone to work with. She was active in getting a bill passed to have the 10,000 rape kits analyzed! She said that so far, 5,000 kits have been completed and the other 5,000 will be completed by the end of this calendar year. Data from this analysis will assist in bringing other perpetrators to trial. These two current bills will make it possible for the victim to get help from a certified nurse who can meet the patient's needs in every Emergency Department throughout the state.

The new thing I did this year was to observe a live video of an Executive Committee on the Health and Long-Term Care Committee. I particularly wanted to hear bill SB 5723 Improving Diversity in Clinical Trials by Senator Keiser. You can find this opportunity when you click on the bill and see the dates of the hearings.

HIGHLINE BRANCH OF AAUW ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 14, 2022

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

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

Jean Munro had to leave meeting early due to work issues

Agenda

AAUW “Join Us” Brochure

Anneliese Ellerton brought up the idea of printing and distributing brochures to prospective members. It was suggested this brochure be available on the Highline website, since it was too costly to print and distribute. *(After the meeting, a local sign up link was posted on the website)*

Membership

Emily Hitchens reported that she was in the process of recruiting a new member and would hand deliver a brochure to the person. The board discussed ways to get information out to the community about our branch. Wendy Wenger suggested that the local League of Women Voters might be a contact. However, finding local groups to help recruit new members might be hard, as AAUW is a national organization.

Emily had spoken with a member of a local association with only 13 members and not actively recruiting new members. Emily suggested sending our newsletter to that party to give some ideas.

Directory review

The Membership Directory was reviewed. Updates and corrections were suggested. The revised directory will be published and distributed as soon as the latest new member information has been added. *(Per Anneliese, this is an ongoing process)*

Washington State Annual Convention, April 9, 2022. The main speaker will be Jennifer Berkshire, author of “A Wolf at School House Door: The Dismantling of Public Education and the Future of School”. More information will follow in future issues of the newsletter and online.

Puget Sound Skills Center: Mary Kay Ault updated the board on the status of the PSSC luncheon meeting, which had been tentatively scheduled for February. Due to concerns of staffing issues and school district policy, COVID may affect the schedule for our next quarterly meeting. The board discussed the concerns that local districts were having with staffing and student attendance. She will report any further updates.

Seattle AAUW group: The Seattle branch asked if we were interested in working with them to engage Rep. Pramila Jayapal. There was some agreement that we might be.

General Comments

Kay Crane mentioned that Lake Washington Branch members liked our idea of mailing cards with tea bags in December. They were also interested in our book discussion groups.

Our board contemplated the idea of zooming with virtual tours of places.

There was a question about the status of the High School Scholar’s and Tech Trek programs. At this time, we did not have any new information.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 11th.

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

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Wenger, Secretary

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Due to the ongoing COVID variants, future branch meetings will be held on a quarterly basis through 2022 (Tentatively in March)



Highline Board Meeting – Friday, February 11, 2022 at 11:30 am via Zoom

****All branch members are invited to attend this open meeting ****

Join the Seattle Branch Meeting – Saturday, February 12, 2022 -10 -11:30 am

‘Hey Sis, I See You’: Black Women’s Resistance Online with Raven Maragh-Lloyd

Online: Free Zoom Registration Required – (for more details check the Seattle Catalyst or website at

<https://aauw-seattle.org/calendar/filter-by/event/109/2022/02/12>)

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, February 8, 2022 at 10 am**. If you are interested in joining this virtual coffee club, email Barbara Sando at barbarasando@yahoo.com

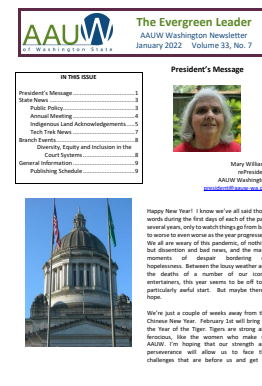
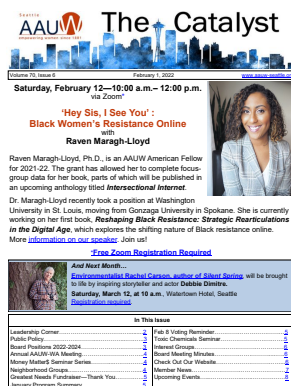
Save the Date! April 9 – Our Annual AAUW-WA Meeting (From the Seattle Catalyst newsletter)

You can attend the state annual meeting *without driving anywhere!* The theme of this year’s online annual meeting is **strengthening public education while making it more equitable** – a topic central to AAUW’s mission.

The program will include well-known education journalist Jennifer Berkshire as keynote speaker, as well as WA education experts discussing what this state needs for better K-12 education. Berkshire is the co-author of *A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: The Dismantling of Public Education*, about current school politics.

Prior to the annual meeting, two **AAUW statewide book discussions about Berkshire’s book** will be held via Zoom on March 30. More details can be found in the *Evergreen Leader* as well as in forthcoming issues of *The Catalyst*.

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



<https://aauw-seattle.org>

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Morning and Afternoon Book Discussion Groups are back in person and will hopefully continue in 2022!

4th Friday – Mornings at 9:30 am

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 *

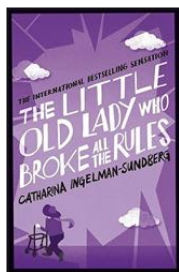
February 7 – *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict – hosted by Kay Crane

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



The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules
Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg, Rod Bradbury (Translator)

79-year-old Martha Anderson dreams of escaping her care home and robbing a bank. She has no intention of spending the rest of her days in an armchair and is determined to fund her way to a much more exciting life-style. Along with her four oldest friends - otherwise known as the League of Pensioners - Martha decides to rebel against all of the rules imposed upon them. Together, they cause an uproar with their antics: protesting against early bedtimes and plastic meals. As the elderly friends become more daring, their activities escalate and they come up with a cunning plan to break out of the care home and land themselves in a far more attractive Stockholm establishment. With the aid of their Zimmer frames, they resolve to stand up for old aged pensioners everywhere - Robin Hood style. And that's when the adventure really takes off. Goodreads



The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict (Goodreads Author)

A vivid and mesmerizing novel about the extraordinary woman who married and worked with one of the greatest scientists in history, written by *New York Times* bestselling author Marie Benedict!

In the tradition of *The Paris Wife* and Mrs. Poe, *The Other Einstein* offers us a window into a brilliant, fascinating woman whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow. It is the story of Einstein's wife, a brilliant physicist in her own right, whose contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated and may have been inspired by her own profound and very personal insight.

Mitza Maric has always been a little different from other girls. Most twenty-year-olds are wives by now, not studying physics at an elite Zurich university with only male students trying to outdo her clever calculations. But Mitza is smart enough to know that, for her, math is an easier path than marriage. And then fellow student Albert Einstein takes an interest in her, and the world turns sideways. Theirs becomes a partnership of the mind and of the heart, but there might not be room for more than one genius in a marriage.



Grandmothers Against Gun Violence by *Anneliese Ellerton & Kay Crane*

On January 25, 2022, as members of Grandmothers Against Gun Violence GAGV, Kay and I participated in 15-minute virtual sessions with the offices of local legislators, Senator Joe Nguyen and Representative Eileen Cody (*District 34*)

Summary of meeting with Isabella Maffei, staff member to Sen. Joe Nguyen

Attending GAGV members, Charlene Kahn, Jane Neubauer, Trudy Rosemarin, Debby Jackson, Merrilee Runyan, Kay Crane, Linda Simmons and Anneliese Ellerton introduced themselves.

Isabella asked for a list of bills to be discussed at the meeting. When asked if her office received many emails supporting the bills, she mentioned that there were unfortunately too many pro-gun supporters. However, she assured us that Senator Nguyen, a strong advocate for gun safety legislation, was willing to back us up.

Merrilee gave her personal story about the effect of gun violence that she had witnessed. Ten years ago there was a devastating shooting in a 5th grade classroom. She said that 60% of gun deaths were those of students.

Debby then gave a lead-in to SSB 5078 – Restricting high capacity gun magazines to 17 rounds and the need to reinstate the law that had banned the manufacture and possession of large capacity devices holding more than ten rounds of ammunition in 1994. This law expired in 2004.

Linda presented House bills 1618, which prohibits weapons at election sites and polling places and 1630 prohibiting weapons at local meetings open to the public.

Jane presented HB 1705 – banning ghost guns, such as 3D printed and untraceable weapons, which have no serial numbers. She also gave an overview of the GAGV Foundation's studies, such as "Children and Guns at Home"

Charlene gave thanks to Isabella for meeting with the group and following these bills.



Meeting with Samantha Morrow and Callista Lahey – staff members to Representative Eileen Cody (pictured)

Attending GAGV members, Charlene Kahn, Jane Neubauer, Trudy Rosemarin, Debby Jackson, Merrilee Runyan, Kay Crane and Anneliese Ellerton introduced themselves.

Since Rep. Cody is Chair of the House Healthcare and Wellness Committee, there was an emphasis on public mental health and guns.

Kay gave a personal story about helping a neighbor who had been confronted and shot in her own front yard by a perpetrator who, at his trial defended himself by saying "Of course I need a gun, otherwise people won't obey me"! Debby presented SSB 5078 with companion HB 1164 – Restricting high-capacity gun magazines. She stressed the urgent need to pass these bills to save more needless deaths.

Merrilee stressed the importance of "common sense" laws such as HB 1164 and HB1630 prohibiting weapons at election and polling sites, as well as meetings open to the public such as school board and county council meetings. Rep Cody is a Sponsor of both bills. GAGV members thanked her for her support.

Another bill discussed was HB1705 – Banning ghost guns and untraceable weapons. Did Rep. Cody support this bill too?

Jane concluded with her presentation of the GAGV Foundation and invited Samantha and Callista to share the website with Rep. Cody.

If you are interested in joining Grandmothers against Gun Violence, email Kay Crane at gandkcrane@msn.com or phone her at 206-242-0605

February 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Chinese New Year</i>	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4 <i>World Cancer Day</i>	5 <i>Nat'l Weatherperson's Day</i>
6 <i>Int'l Day of Zero Tolerance to Females</i>	7 <i>Afternoon Book Group 2pm</i>	8 <i>Seattle Coffee Group 10 am</i>	9 <i>National Pizza Day</i>	10 <i>World Pulses Day</i>	11 <i>Board Meeting 11:30</i> <i>Int'l Women & Girls in Science Day</i>	12 <i>Darwin Day</i> <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> <i>Seattle Branch Mtg 10 am</i>
13 <i>Super Bowl</i> <i>Happy Birthday Anneliese!</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Happy Birthday Kathie Walker!</i>	16	17 <i>Random Act of Kindness Day</i>	18 <i>National Drink Wine Day</i>	19
20 <i>World Day of Social Justice</i>	21 <i>Presidents Day</i> <i>Happy Birthday Bonnie!</i>	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23	24	25 <i>Morning Book Group 9:30</i>	26 <i>PGA Awards</i>
27 <i>SAG Awards</i>	28					

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