



March 2022

"March's birth flower is the daffodil. It's all too appropriate that cheerful yellow flowers represent the first month of spring."

—FTD.



Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, April 9th!

AAUW-WA will hold its annual conference via Zoom. The theme of this year's meeting is strengthening public education while making it more equitable for girls, students of color, and LGBTQ students. The keynote speaker will be **Jennifer Berkshire**, co-author of **A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: The Dismantling of Public Education**.

A panel of Washington educators, including Michaela Miller, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, will follow Berkshire's presentation. They will discuss what Washington needs as it reacts to the problems created by the pandemic and as it moves to improve schools generally. *Registration is only \$15.*

Additional details can be found in the February Evergreen Leader and the upcoming March issue. Check your email inboxes for the March edition of The Evergreen Leader.

A statewide book group will take place via Zoom on March 30 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to discuss Berkshire's book. Additional details will be forthcoming via email and can also be found in the February *Evergreen Leader* and the upcoming March issue.

Learn about the book



Providing Healing, Promoting Hope

The 2022 Women's History theme, "**Providing Healing, Promoting Hope**," is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Message from Anneliese Ellerton, Newsletter Editor

"I stand with Ukraine"



Whether or not you are a pacifist like myself, I'm sure you are thinking about the plight of the Ukrainians at this time of atrocities by the Russian government. I use the word "government" because I don't believe the majority of Russian civilians even want to be at war with their Ukrainian neighbors and relatives. My heart goes out to the families and children who are suffering.

While writing this, I just read the latest local news:

March 05, 2022 at 8:01 pm PST By KIRO 7 News Staff

SEATTLE — As Russia continues its offensive against Ukraine; hundreds of people took to the streets of Seattle in a show of solidarity for the war-torn country.

People pounded the pavement in the name of freedom, ending their march at Seattle Center on Saturday.

"We will fight for our freedom, and we're not going to surrender," said Peter Drogomirestkiy.

"The only way we change this is to all come together and be anti-war, no matter where it is," marcher Carol Robertson said.

The march spanned two city blocks as a sea of blue and yellow streamed the streets.

"I hope that the people in power listen and send aid and send humanitarian aid, send air support that would prevent Ukrainian civilians from being bombed," Anna Ladokhin said.

Ladokhin has family in Ukraine and she said there isn't a day that goes by where she doesn't frantically call them to make sure they're OK.

"History repeats itself and you need to stand up against aggression because too many lives will be lost," Ladokhin told KIRO 7.

Message from Kay Crane, Co-President

Spring seems to be springing, at long last. We have primroses in bloom in big pots at the end of the driveway, planted last year and survived. We'll need to replace the geraniums, though. I'm trying to force some tulip bulbs in pots, but I have no news to report there yet.

The bird feeder continues to be popular. We have frequent visits from a family of eight red wing black birds. The occasional Steller's jay, flicker, and black-headed grosbeak come, along with lots of house finches. The hummingbird feeders draw their own clientele. Every few days we see a bald eagle swoop down Lake Burien, fishing.

The days are a little longer now, always a hopeful sign. The other day as the rain ended, we had a lovely double rainbow over the lake.

The Highline School District asked me to tutor four elementary school students, but they haven't been vaccinated. My doctor said, "Please, don't." I wish the four of them great success in learning, but I won't be their tutor.

The news from Ukraine is terrible. I'm sure we all have neighbors and friends with Ukrainian ties. it's a shock to see bombed out, burned up, destroyed cities in Europe. You may want to send some money to one of the organizations trying to help the Ukrainians.

Washington's Legislature has passed a limit on the size of an ammunition clip and sent the bill on to the Governor for his signature! The Attorney General, Bob Ferguson, mentioned Grandmothers Against Gun Violence as one of the groups working for this law. If you would like to join Grandmothers (and you don't have to be a Grandmother, just over 18 years old), you'll find the website at grandmothersagainstgunviolence.org.

This seems a spring like no other, with Mother Nature doing her best to achieve business as usual, Covid-19 still with us, and the Russians invading Ukraine. I'm glad that bill about the ammunition clips passed! May spring find us all healthy and enjoying warmer weather.





Save The Date March 26th, 2022

Please join us at Highline College for our Youth STEM Conference, a day of career exploration in the exciting fields of Science, Technology Engineering, and Math (STEM).

The virtual **conference** is designed for 7th and 8th-grade students to gain access & exposure to **STEM** workshops presented by teachers and career experts highly experienced in these fields.

Our hope is to provide open access to educational opportunities and encourage all students in our communities to choose educational pathways in **STEM-related** fields and industries.

Providing **STEM-related** workshops will help 7th and 8th students plan for future education, training, and careers in the growing **STEM** fields.

This event is coordinated and hosted by Highline College Women's Programs, the American Association of University Women, and Tech-Bridge.

EVENT: Youth STEM Conference

DATE: Saturday, March 26th, 2022

TIME: 10:00am - 1:00pm

LOCATION: ZOOM

EMAIL EVENT INQUIRIES TO: workfirst@highline.edu or contact Alycia Williams at 206-592-3340



Highline Member News

Nancy Wilson would like to share this event with you:

Please see the attached invitation to our Annual Meeting, and email burienlibraryguild@gmail.com or Linda Wray at burienlgvolunteers@gmail.com if you might be interested.

Burien Library Guild

400 SW 152nd Street Burien, WA 98166
206.818.0906

Dear Member of the Burien Library Guild

You are cordially invited to the Annual Membership Meeting of the Guild for 2022, which will take place on Saturday March 12 at 2 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting to celebrate the achievements of the Guild, and to elect Board Members to your Board.

We would be delighted to see you, even if we cannot meet in person. Please email us at burienlibraryguild@gmail.com to receive the link to the meeting on Zoom.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the book sale, and new members for our Board. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping.

The Burien Library Guild Board

P/T tutor wanted for Learning Center

Details: Can be on substitution basis or 2 to 3 days a week; Saturday mornings would be great. Willing to train, \$15 per hour per student, following school code COVID standards. Flexibility is a must since working with busy families, possible hours 3:30 to 7:00 Monday - Friday and 10:00 to 1:00 on Saturday, closed school holidays, family friendly work atmosphere.

These positions are open to all qualified people such as college students, the retired, or anyone else who wants to earn a few dollars as a contracted worker and only work on the days and hours that you are available. It is a great opportunity to get out of the house for a few hours a week and share your knowledge. We work with wonderful families who are now requesting time on Saturday mornings, as well as during the week because of sports. The families want in-person learning. May have some immediate openings.

Again, we follow school required current COVID standards: desk sanitizing, dividers between desks, masks (unless for health reasons), temperature taken before sessions (staff and families), social distancing, hand sanitizing lotion on each desk, and whatever it takes to keep all of us healthy. So far, we have been a healthy office since March of 2020 and have never closed. Families stay home if they are not feeling well.

Contact Wendy Meyers-Wenger

Secretary of AAUW - Highline Branch

Owner of Highline Tutoring and Testing Center (located in downtown Burien) est. 1983

Office number: 206-242-0245 (no text - just voicemail)

Cell number: 206-276-6494 (if I don't answer, please leave a text to return call)



*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!*



Summary of Minutes from AAUW Highline Branch Zoom Meeting on February 11, 2022

Present: Kay Crane, Mary Kay Ault, Kerry Lohr, Kathy Linnell, Anneliese Ellerton and Emily Hitchens
Absent: Jean Munro and Wendy Wenger.

Welcome and greetings to everyone!

Discussion Items:

Wednesday, March 30 will be a statewide book discussion on “A Wolf at the School House Door: The Dismantling of Public Education”. This will be shown via Zoom at 10:30 am and 7:00 PM, in preparation for the **AAUW Washington State Annual Meeting on April 9th** when the co-author of the book will give a presentation. We are encouraged to invite educators and persons of influence for education. Suggestions included: Jimmy Matta, Mayor of Burien, Eileen Cody, State Representative, and assistant to Susan Einfield. There will be a fee for the meeting, but there will be a way that our branch can invite guests and pay for them.

The WA Board has not decided on the process and the cost at this time. Anneliese, Treasurer, reported that we have a balance of \$2,253.00 currently in the bank account; some of which could be used for guests.

Youth STEM Program with Highline College: Saturday, March 26th, virtual; still in the process of planning this event. Committee members are Highline College Women’s Program particularly Laquita F. and Alyssa W., Kathleen R. from SE Branch, Jean M. Kay C., and Emily H. from Highline Branch. Kay is recruiting presenters and Emily is working on contacting school districts.

Public Policy: Kerry Lohr is our Public Policy contact for Highline. The information From the State Board Public Policy chair, Sandy Dennis, has been going into her SPAM. This is an opportunity to follow the process of the bills through “Bill Tracker” a new addition for the lobbying process with WA State AAUW.

Kerry will review the information and write an article for the newsletter.

Spring-in person meeting: This will be an item for the next meeting. One suggestion was for B & B (books and baking recipes)

Next Meeting: Friday, March 11th

Respectfully submitted by Emily Hitchens



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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, March 11, 2022 at 11:30 am via Zoom

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

Join the Seattle Branch Meeting – Saturday, March 12, 2022 -10 -11:30 AM

Environmentalist Rachel Carson Performed by Debbie Dimitre*

The Watertown Hotel, 4242 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle

Free. Register by March 8: rsvp@aauw-seattle.org

(For more details check the Seattle Catalyst or website <https://aauw-seattle.org/>)

Seattle Branch On-line Monthly Meetings.

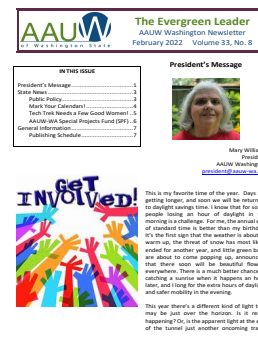
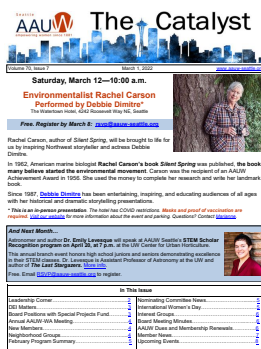
Several of our Highline members have joined some of the Seattle interest groups, such as the West Seattle & Points South on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 am. The current theme is “Writing triggers”. Seattle invites all Highline members to the monthly Zoom programs, generally on the third Saturday. Next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 10 AM**. If you are interested in joining this virtual coffee club, email Barbara Sando at barbarasando@yahoo.com

Youth STEM Conference – Saturday, March 27th – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Via Zoom

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 at 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM. More details can be found in the *Evergreen Leader* as well as in forthcoming issues of *The Catalyst*.



<https://aauw-seattle.org>

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

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



Book Discussion Groups

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

4th Friday – Mornings at 9:30 am

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

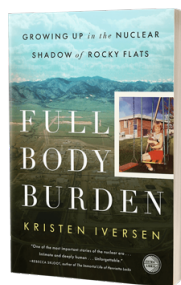
1st Monday - Afternoons at 3:00pm unless otherwise specified *

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 (We are considering discussing “**A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: The Dismantling of Public Education**” by Jennifer Berkshire, who will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting in April)

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

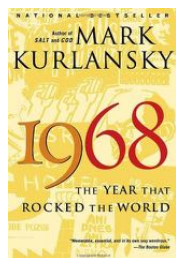
June 6 – *The Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See – hosted by Lynn Smith



Full Body Burden is a haunting work of narrative nonfiction about a young woman, Kristen Iversen, growing up in a small Colorado town close to Rocky Flats, a secret nuclear weapons plant once designated “the most contaminated site in America.” It’s the story of a childhood and adolescence in the shadow of the Cold War, in a landscape at once startlingly beautiful and—unknown to those who lived there—tainted with invisible yet deadly particles of plutonium.

It’s also a book about the destructive power of secrets—both family and government. Her father’s hidden liquor bottles, the strange cancers in children in the neighborhood, the truth about what was made at Rocky Flats (cleaning supplies, her mother guessed)—best not to inquire too deeply into

any of it.



1968: The Year That Rocked the World

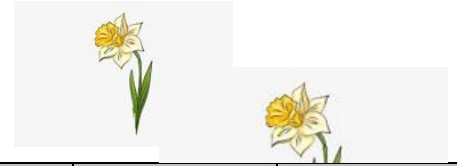
by Mark Kurlansky

Brings to teeming life the cultural and political history of the pivotal year of 1968, when television's influence on global events first became apparent, and spontaneous uprisings occurred simultaneously around the world.

To some, 1968 was the year of sex, drugs, and rock and roll. Yet it was also the year of the Martin Luther King, Jr., and Bobby Kennedy assassinations; the riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago; Prague Spring; the antiwar movement and the Tet Offensive; Black Power; the generation gap; avant-garde theater; the upsurge of the women's movement; and the beginning of the end for the Soviet Union.

In this monumental book, Mark Kurlansky brings to teeming life the cultural and political history of that pivotal year, when television's influence on global events first became apparent, and spontaneous uprisings occurred simultaneously around the world. Encompassing the diverse realms of youth and music, politics and war, economics and the media, 1968 shows how twelve volatile months transformed who we were as a people—and led us to where we are today.

MARCH 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Saint David's Day (Wales)</i> <i>Mardi Gras</i>	2 <i>Happy Birthday, Wendy Wenger! Ash Wednesday</i>	3 <i>World Wildlife Day</i>	4 <i>Employee Appreciation Day</i>	5
6 <i>National Oreo Day</i>	7 <i>Afternoon Book Group 3pm</i>	8 <i>Seattle Coffee Group 10 am</i> <i>International Women's Day</i>	9 <i>No Smoking Day (UK)</i>	10 <i>Happy Birthday, Jean Munro!</i>	11 <i>Board Meeting 11:30 (Zoom)</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Barbara Sando!</i>	12 <i>Seattle Branch "Meet Rachel Carson" 10:00-12:00</i> <i>Burien Library Guild 2PM</i>
13 <i>Daylight Savings begins</i>	14 <i>Commonwealth Day (UK)</i> <i>Pi Day</i>	15 <i>Consumer Rights Day</i>	16	17 <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>	18 <i>World Sleep Day</i>	19 <i>Happy Birthday, Penny Tetter!</i>
20 <i>Spring Equinox</i> <i>Int'l Day of Happiness (UK)</i>	21 <i>World Poetry Day</i> <i>Int'l Day of Forests</i>	22 <i>World Water Day</i>	23 <i>National Meteorological Day</i>	24 <i>Int'l Day for Right to the Truth</i>	25 <i>Morning Book Group 9:30</i>	26 <i>Youth STEM virtual program</i>
27 <i>Happy Birthday Joanna Brunso!</i> <i>Mother's Day (UK)</i>	28	29 <i>Vietnam War Veterans Day</i>	30 <i>Statewide Zoom book group 10:30 and 19:00</i>	31 <i>Int'l Transgender Visibility Day</i>		

