



## April 2022

*"There is no glory in star or blossom till looked upon by a loving eye; There is no fragrance in April breezes till breathed with joy as they wander by." – William Cullen Bryant*

### 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"



### Join us on April 9th for the 2022 AAUW-WA Annual Meeting!

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022 | Full Agenda Coming Soon!

8:30am - 12 noon: Morning Presentations

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Annual Business Meeting (Separate registration required)

We hope you will participate in our entire program, but will understand if you can only join us for part of the day. Please feel free to attend whichever sessions you can. We think you will find all of the information presented to be of value.

**Our morning** will be presentation oriented, starting with networking at 8:15. The meeting will keep all of us informed and energized about the good work being done on many fronts.

**Registration: \$40 after April 1, 2022**

Click [HERE](#) to Register for the morning

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-aauw-wa-annual-meeting-registration-288671804137>

**We will reconvene at 12:30pm.** AAUW's new CEO, Gloria Blackwell, will join us. Gloria will share with us her vision for the future of the organization and the exciting opportunities and challenges she anticipates. Our business meeting will start immediately following Gloria's presentation. For those newer members of AAUW, the business meeting will help you understand the workings of the state organization. *The afternoon Business Meeting is free to attend, but registration is still needed.* Click [HERE](#) to Register for the afternoon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvfUghrTgqE9Pnck5ca3lQxmIYsSvhxNr1>

We look forward to seeing you!



## YOUTH STEM EVENT 2022

Kay Crane, Co-President, Highline Branch

Highline College's WorkFirst and Women's Programs office, Techbridge and two AAUW branches, Highline and SE King County, collaborated on a virtual program held on Saturday, March 26, to encourage youngsters in grades 7 and 8 to continue their science and math courses. Fifty students registered and 34 attended. The program was free of cost. Students of all backgrounds and identities had the opportunity to explore STEM careers and pathways. The keynote speaker discussed overcoming barriers to achieve professional goals. Students participated in interactive presentations facilitated by local professionals.

*"Why creativity is important in STEM? It gives students opportunities to build creative skills through inquiry, critical and innovative thinking, evaluating ideas and solutions, collaborating, and preparing work for presentation."*  
Jean Munro

Several members of the college staff and AAUW members met regularly to plan, staff, and spread the word about the program. Kathleen Rathbun, president of SE King County AAUW branch, and Emily Hitchens from Highline branch worked hard to get information about the program out to teachers, parents and students in several school districts. I chose and contacted three of the presenters. Jean Munro, co-president with me of Highline branch AAUW, helped clarify our thoughts and assisted with scheduling issues. We worked with Nicole Parker, Sean Kerr, Alycia Williams and Laquita Fields from Highline College's WorkFirst and Women's Programs office.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Amelia Phillips, a lead faculty member of Highline College's Bachelor of Applied Science in Cyber Security and Forensics. She spoke of her own journey from Army brat whose mother died in a car crash to M.I.T. and on to NASA, then into cyber security. She has taught in Namibia and considers it her second home.

Another speaker from the College faculty was Aerial Wauhob, who has bachelor's degrees in both Wildlife Biology and Art. She is the lead community engagement coordinator for the Highline College Marine Science and Technology Center (MaST). She took students on a virtual tour of the MaST center and explained how she uses art and science together.

*"The MaST also hosts frequent events that allow any member of the community to experience the facility: Community members are welcome to enjoy the MaST Center on Saturdays for free A yearly summer day camp is available to children in 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Volunteer opportunities are readily available to the public through the MaST Center, including but not limited to participation on the Marine Mammal Stranding Team, hosting Water Weekends and more!"*  
Aerial Wauhob

Physical Therapist Sandra Ruiz holds a BA from the University of Missouri in Psychology and Spanish and a doctorate in Physical Therapy from Northwestern University in Chicago. She discussed the different types of physical therapists and the many venues where they work, helping patients reduce pain and improve function. She stressed that a journey to a STEM career can be non-linear and even include the arts.

*"My favorite part of being a PT is being able to help people feel better and get back to the things they enjoy the most! It's very rewarding."  
Sandy Ruiz*

Dr. Anna Cogen, M.D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of dermatology at the University of Washington, talked about her research on skin infections and offered some suggestions for keeping the skin healthy. She stressed the importance of focusing on what excites you as you decide on a career path.

*"Dr. Cogen, thanks for stressing stay out of the sun! The sun is not our friend when it comes to skin. La Roche Posey is a good brand for sunscreen. It has mineral sunscreens."  
Kathleen Rathbun*

Preetha Chatterjee, Senior Engineering Director at Outreach, earned her bachelor's degree at NIT Tricky, India, and then her Master's of Science specializing in Computer Science from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She talked about the history and future of coding and provided students with tips on where to begin learning to code.

Kathleen Shoemaker Jinguji has many years of experience in leadership coaching, employment counseling and other human resource areas. She talked with the students about Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) in five core competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. She is vice president of Soroptimist International of Seattle South, and was introduced by the president, Sharon Mann.

Kathleen Rathbun thanked all the presenters for their interesting programs. She encouraged students to fill out the evaluation forms. Those who did were entered in a drawing for four gift certificates. The program was recorded and will be released pending permissions.

Most of the students (93.4%) rated their experience with the program as "good" or "excellent." Their comments on "best part of the event" included: the coding presentation, the dermatologist, the information about marine biology, the physical therapy section ("I enjoyed watching the presentation and learning about the different forms and versions of those occupations"), hearing about what to study about a certain job, learning about stem and sea life, and "My favorite part was when we talked about animals/mammals."

The general comments from these 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders made all the effort worthwhile.

"1. This was great, there's nothing I would change! 2. I liked it. 3. Thank you all for hosting us! It was really fun and I loved the presentations. I would love it if this were in-person next year!!! 4. It was really great! Hope to see you next year. 5. It was a great event; I hope the next one can be in-person. 6. Very good presentation. 7. This was a very informative event, the first one to really grab my attention. I enjoyed covering a variety of topics and the different speakers who showed up today. 8. So fun can't wait for next year. 9. Thank you for taking your time with me and the rest of the participants to teach us about what we would be interested into in the future. 10. This was an excellent conference and I enjoyed all the presentations. I hope to see and share the video soon."

Highline College staff designed the flier, wrote the registration forms and then dealt with registration. They provided the technical support to run the virtual program, while AAUW contacted potential speakers and publicized the program to schools, parents and students. The collaboration itself was successful!

Comments (in italics) from the Chat Room were supplied by Anneliese Ellerton

## Highline Member News

*Beautiful arrangement of flowers  
from Kathy Linnell's yard!*



### From Kerry Lohr's FB page – “A Mighty Girl”

While her mother is a household name, few people know the story of Irène Joliot-Curie, the daughter of Marie Curie and the winner of the 1935 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. To read about Joliot-Curie's groundbreaking discovery of artificial radioactivity, which helped transform medicine and save millions of lives through cancer treatment, visit <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=24756> For a fascinating book about both Irène Curie and the pioneering physicist Lise Meitner, we highly recommend “Radioactive! How Irene Curie and Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World,” for ages 10 and up at

<https://www.amightygirl.com/radioactive-curie-meitner> Adult readers can learn more about Irène Curie and her mother, Marie Curie, in the excellent book, "Marie Curie and Her Daughters: The Private Lives of Science's First Family" at <http://amzn.to/1MuzjyP> Irène Joliot-Curie and her mother are also featured in a book of poems about famous women and their daughters for ages 12 and up, "Borrowed Names" at <https://www.amightygirl.com/borrowed-names> You can also find many books, posters, and toys featuring Marie Curie for children and teens in our "Marie Curie Collection" at <http://amgrl.co/1MhMhPV> And, for one of our favorite toys to get kids excited about chemistry from a young age, check out this colorful set of Periodic Table Building Blocks at <https://www.amightygirl.com/periodic-table-building-blocks>



## Accessing AAUW's New “Community Hub”

### Now Required for Renewals & Donations - Barbara Sando (Seattle Branch)

As you might already be aware, AAUW's Member Services Database (MSD), where you could find your membership information on AAUW's website, has been replaced by the “Community Hub.” The Community Hub can't be accessed with the login you used with the MSD. **We are encouraging all of our members to set up their new Community Hub login because you'll need it for online renewals and donations going forward.** Information and tutorial videos are available at <https://www.aauw.org/new-systems-update/>, or you can follow the instructions here.

Steps to set up your Community Hub login:

1. Go to <https://www.aauw.org/> and click on “**Log In**” (top, right corner). The Welcome screen / Log In page for the Community Hub will come up.
2. Click on “**Forgot your password?**” (bottom of page).
3. In the “**Reset your password**” box, enter the email address that is on file with AAUW and click at the bottom.
4. You will then receive an email with instructions on how to reset your password. ***If you do not receive this email, please contact me at [finance@aauw-seattle.org](mailto:finance@aauw-seattle.org) for assistance.***

**Important next step:** Once you are logged into the Community Hub and see your “**Personal Snapshot**” (contact info, etc.), check to see if your educational degree information is there. As it stands right now, **the Education fields have to be filled in before you can renew.** Each degree listed must have a “Completion Date” with the month, day and year. You must use the mm/dd/yyyy format. If you don't recall the exact date, just pick a date that's sometime shortly after you know that you received your degree.

We will be learning more about this new system – which has the usual startup glitches - between now and May when we will be formally kicking off our membership renewal season. Good luck! And, stand by for more information next month.



## Summary of Minutes from AAUW Highline Branch Zoom Meeting on March 18, 2022 at 11:30 am

**Present:** Kay Crane, Jean Munro, Mary Kay Ault, Kerry Lohr, Anneliese Ellerton, Emily Hitchens and Wendy Wenger

**Discussion:** The board needed to decide future meeting dates and times. An availability survey was taken among the board members.

Jean: 8 to 5 workdays; available after 5

Kay: Mon thru Thurs evenings, no Friday evening

Wendy: Morning's okay

Mary Kay and Anneliese (available M/W/F)

It was decided that the next meeting would be **Friday, April 8, at 9:00 A.M.**

### **Old Business: Member Meetings for May and June 2022**

Future meeting locations and dates were discussed. Locations such as Puget Sound Skills Center, Normandy Park United Church of Christ (NPUCC) and Renton Culinary Arts were considered

Mary Kay Ault will be contacting Tony at Puget Sound Skills Center (PSSC) about booking a May or June lunch meeting. Emily will check with (NPUCC) for meeting availability in May. She suggested that **Friday, May 6** would be ideal since the WA State AAUW Annual Meeting is being held on **Saturday, April 9**, to avoid a conflict of meetings. It was suggested that the meeting would be a books/puzzles exchange with the use of a theme. The date will be verified once the meeting location is set.

The board thought it would be nice to have a **Summer Social, Friday, June 3**, hosted by a member in the group. This would be the first Friday in June. Mary Kay will be checking with a member and report back. If that does not work, Jean suggested Culinary Arts in Renton for a lunch/possible tour and SE branch should be invited. Different program availabilities were discussed. It was decided that the following occur before Mary Kay checks with a member to host the summer social.

1. Wait for Jean to check information re: Renton/ Culinary arts program with video for June 3 (Jean added checking into HCC – HOST program)
2. Then, Mary Kay will check into meeting times at PSSC with Tony.

Next, the question of the future of Tech Trek and High School Scholars programs was brought up. Since Eva was not present, Kerry said she would check with her and report back. *After the meeting, Eva reported that she had received three excellent applicants for Tech Trek with one more promised.*

### **New Business:**

Anneliese reported that she was having trouble with getting information regarding renewal and new members on the new AAUW National website. Other AAUW members had reported similar issues and AAUW will be holding a Community Hub per Zoom for further training and updates on the new website on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 PT. As a result of online issues with AAUW National membership dues, Emily reported that AAUW Washington State is changing the membership collection process, which is not complete at this time. More information will be released as it is completed.

Anneliese reported that Kathleen Rathbun, President of the SE King County branch had been invited to the board meeting but was not able to attend this one. She said she would be interested in attending a future board meeting. The board approved the invitation.

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Ellerton, Kay Crane, Emily  
Hitchens and Kerry Lohr



**Announcements /Dates:**

1. Jean announced that free computer education classes are being offered to the community and will be forwarding information for publication.
2. **March 26th:** Highline College, AAUW and Tech-Bridge are hosting a virtual Youth STEM Conference. Please check with Emily or Kay for more information. Note: the local middle schools have been contacted with scheduled speakers being recruited to speak at the actual event.
3. AAUW National Community Hub training – **March 31<sup>st</sup>** for updates on managing membership information and collection of dues. Zoom meeting will be at 12:30 PT. Information was sent by email to board members of each local branch.
4. **April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Washington State Annual meeting will be held by zoom with a registration fee for the morning session and no additional fee for the afternoon session. More information to be published in the newsletter.
5. **May 6<sup>th</sup>** Branch members meeting date is to be determined. More information will be released, as the date and time are set.
6. **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** Branch member meeting date is being discussed. More information will be released, as the date and time are set.
7. Jean asked if board members would invite her as their Facebook friend so she could share her AAUW related posts and contacts. She also volunteered to maintain a Facebook page for the Highline branch.

Submitted by Wendy Wenger, Secretary

***You are invited to a free concert at Wesley Terrace***

*The Maika'i Kupuna Ukulele Band's Spring Concert is on April 21, at 7:00 pm in the Wesley Terrace Auditorium.*

*Eva Parks and Carol Mohler play in the Band. The Band plays a variety of songs.*

*Please come and join us and perhaps even sing-a-long.*  
*Carol Mohler*



***Tentative Membership Social and Open House for AAUW Highline***

*Would members be interested in attending or even hosting a late summer branch social meeting?*

*In 2018 the branch held a very successful Summer Social Tea where members were able to catch up after the summer break, hear about programs and activities for the year ahead and introduce a friend to AAUW.*

*Please email Anneliese Ellerton at [ellerton13@gmail.com](mailto:ellerton13@gmail.com) if you are interested attending this kind of event, participating or have some suggestions.*



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

**Highline Board Meeting – Friday, April 8, 2022 at 9:00 am** via Zoom

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

**Join the Seattle Branch Meeting – Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**High School STEM Scholar Recognition with Astronomer Dr. Emily Levesque**

At UW Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41<sup>st</sup> St., Seattle

Reservations required, email [rsvp@aauw-seattle.org](mailto: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, April 12 2022 at 10:00 am**. If you are interested in joining this virtual coffee club, email Barbara Sando at [barbarasando@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarasando@yahoo.com)

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

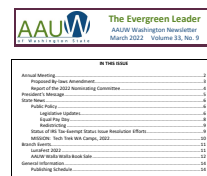
You can attend the state annual meeting *without driving anywhere!* The theme of this year’s online annual meeting is **strengthening public education while making it more equitable** – a topic central to AAUW’s mission. The program will include well-known education journalist Jennifer Berkshire as keynote 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. See registration information on page 1 of this newsletter.

**Free Concert at Wesley Terrace Auditorium – April 21 at 7:00 pm – Everyone is invited!**

Contact Carol Mohler for further details

**Tentative branch meeting - Wednesday, May 6. – Time and place to be determined.**

*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>

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



## Book Discussion Groups

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

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

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

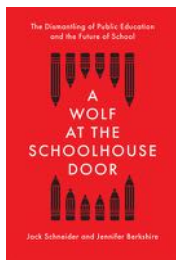
June 24 – *Fast Girls: Novel of the 1936 Olympic Team* by Elise Hooper – host Nancy Wilson, leader Kathie Walker

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

April 4 - *A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: The Dismantling of Public Education* by Jack Schneider and Jennifer Berkshire - hosted by Carol Erickson

May 2 – *Dear Bob and Sue* by Matt and Karen Smith – hosted by Kerry Lohr

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



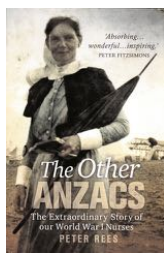
### **A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: The Dismantling of Public Education and the Future of School by Jack Schneider and Jennifer Berkshire**

A trenchant analysis of how public education is being destroyed in overt and deceptive ways—and how to fight back

Betsy DeVos may be the most prominent face of the push to dismantle public education, but she is in fact part of a large movement that's been steadily gaining power and notching progress for decades—amassing funds, honing their messaging, and crafting policies. While support for public education today is stronger than ever, the movement to save our schools remains fragmented, variable, and voluntary. Meanwhile, those set on destroying this beloved institution are unified, patient, and well resourced.

In *A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door*, Jennifer Berkshire and Jack Schneider, co-hosts of the popular education podcast *Have You Heard*, lay out the increasingly potent network of conservative elected officials, advocacy groups, funders, and think tanks that have aligned behind a radical vision to unmake public education. They describe the dogma underpinning the work of the dismantlers and how it fits into the current political context, giving readers an up-close look at the policies—school vouchers, the war on teachers' unions, tax credit scholarships, virtual schools, and more—driving the movement's agenda. Finally they look forward, surveying the world the dismantlers threaten to build.

As teachers from coast to coast mobilize with renewed vigor, this smart, essential book sounds an alarm, one that should incite a public reckoning on behalf of the millions of families served by the American educational system—and many more who stand to suffer from its unmaking.



### **Anzac Girls: The Extraordinary Story Of Our World War 1 Nurses – By Peter Rees**

By the end of World War 1, 45 Australian and New Zealand nurses had died on overseas service, and over 200 decorated. These were the women who left for war looking for adventure and romance, but were soon confronted with challenges for which their civilian lives could never have prepared them. Their strength and dignity were remarkable. Using diaries and letters Peter Rees takes us into the hospital camps and the wards and the tent surgeries on the edge of some of the most horrific battlefronts of human history. But he also allows the friendships and love of these courageous and compassionate women to enrich their experiences, and ours. Profoundly moving, this is a story of extraordinary courage and humanity shown by a group of woman whose contribution to the Anzac legend has barely been recognized in our history. Peter Rees has changed that understanding forever.



# APRIL 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Happy Birthday Nancy Wilson</i>	2 <i>Ramadan (start)</i> <i>World Autism Awareness</i>
3 <i>Grammy Awards</i>	4 <i>Afternoon Book Group 3pm</i>	5	6 <i>National Walking Day</i>	7 <i>World Health Day</i>	8 <i>Board Meeting 9:00 (Zoom)</i>	9 <i>AAUW-WA Convention all Day</i>
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11 <i>National Pet Day</i>	12 <i>National Grilled Cheese Day</i> <i>Seattle Coffee Group 10 am</i>	13 <i>International Day of Pink</i>	14 <i>Maundy Thursday (UK)</i>	15 <i>Passover (start)</i> <i>Happy Birthday Kathy Fitch</i>	16
17 <i>Easter Day</i>	18 <i>Tax Day</i>	19 <i>Bicycle Day</i>	20 <i>Seattle Branch Meeting 7-9 pm</i> <i>Volunteer Recognition Day</i>	21 <i>Happy Birthday Carol Erickson</i> <i>Wesley Terrace Concert 7 pm</i>	22 <i>Morning Book Group 9:30</i> <i>Earth Day</i>	23 <i>Passover (end)</i> <i>St Georges Day (UK)</i>
24 <i>Orthodox Easter</i>	25 <i>World Malaria Day</i>	26 <i>Happy Birthday Jane Armstrong</i> <i>Chernobyl Remembrance</i>	27 <i>Denim Day</i>	28 <i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>	29 <i>Happy Birthday Emily Hitchens</i> <i>Arbor Day</i>	30 <i>Independent Bookstore Day</i>

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