



## May 2022

### 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

Advancing Gender Equity  
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  
2021-22 "Diversity, Equity and  
Inclusion"

*"The month of May is the pleasant time; its face is beautiful; the blackbird sings his full song, the living wood is his holding, the cuckoos are singing and ever singing; there is a welcome before the brightness of the summer."*

*- Lady Gregory*

### Coming Up!

#### Friday, May 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Our Highline Branch is holding a second informal coffee morning at the Normandy Park United Church of Christ, at 10:00 AM for a **'book and puzzle exchange'**.

Our October book exchange meeting was so successful that we decided to include puzzles this time. Bring your books and/or puzzles and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, cookies and other snacks as well as conversation with

our branch members. Senator Karen Keiser will be our guest speaker and give an update on current issues as well as a look ahead.

The meeting will be held at the same venue as before, at the **Normandy Park United Church of Christ at 19247 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South /509** (From Burien, go south past QFC, and turn right immediately after 192<sup>nd</sup> St. From Des Moines, go north past Normandy Park Shopping Center and turn left on 1st Avenue South.) Please RSVP to Emily Hitchens at [ameliahitchens95@gmail.com](mailto:ameliahitchens95@gmail.com) or call her at 206-824-6816, so that we can get an idea of how many will be attending.

Annual renewal forms will be available at the meeting so bring your checkbooks. You could win a prize if your check is selected from a drawing!

### AAUW Highline Branch Membership – \$90 Dues/Year

Annual dues of \$90 are comprised of:

National AAUW	\$67 (\$64 is tax deductible)
Washington State	\$10
Highline Branch	\$13

**Total** **\$90**

There is a renewal form on page 2. You can print this page and send it in with your renewal check, Instructions on the form.

*If you have any questions on your specific membership dues, contact Anneliese Ellerton at [ellerton13@gmail.com](mailto:ellerton13@gmail.com) or call 858-205-3771*



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## Highline Branch

### Annual Membership Renewal

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Directory Information (if changes, *please fill in*)

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

College(s)/University (s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: (M/D) \_\_\_\_\_ (so we can send you a card)

Check your membership category:

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| _____ Renewal of regular membership (National \$67+State \$10+ Branch \$13) | <b>\$90</b> |
| _____ Life Member (for existing Life Members (State \$10 + Branch \$13)     | \$23        |
| _____ Honorary Life Member for members 50+ years (State \$5 + Branch \$13)  | \$18        |
| _____ Dual Member (if Seattle/other is primary AAUW Branch)                 | \$13        |
| _____ Donation (voluntary)  | \$ _____    |

**I am enclosing my annual dues check, payable to Highline AAUW, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*(Due to increased AAUW National fee, we have kept Highline Branch at reduced \$13)*

Mail completed form and check to:

**Highline AAUW  
c/o Anneliese Ellerton  
2121 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St, #203  
Burien, WA 98166**

Please detach and return upper portion only-----✂



### Keep this Receipt

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**Total remitted-----\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or money order \_\_\_\_\_**

## Highline Member News/Invitations



***Don't miss this opportunity on May 3! Seattle Branch invites you!***

***You're Invited:***  
**AAUW Zoom Meeting with Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal**

**Tuesday, May 3, at 3:30 pm**  
**Come to a very special 3-branch AAUW Zoom meeting with Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal!**

The Congresswoman will be taking questions and comments for one half-hour from members of Seattle, Highline and Edmonds-SnoKing branches.

**Please RSVP and mark your calendars** so we can get a number estimate: [jayapalzoom@aauw-seattle.org](mailto:jayapalzoom@aauw-seattle.org)

The Zoom link will be sent out the day before the event. Gay is asking members to send her some questions in advance to help make for an efficient process. Your name will be read with the question, unless you specify otherwise. There will also be opportunities for attendees to ask questions.

**Federal Way Branch invites our Highline members to this upcoming event**  
(This program has been rescheduled. We hope our members may be able to attend).



Dr. Blythe Sather presents: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN IMMUNOLOGIST  
Saturday, May 14th – 10:30-11:30 AM  
Christ Lutheran Church  
2501 SW 320th St.  
Federal Way, WA 98023

Dr. Blythe Sather earned a PhD from the University of Washington, Dept. of Immunology in 2007. She will be discussing the ever-changing field of immunology and what it means to be an immunologist today. Dr. Sather will conclude her talk with a question-and-answer session. Please join us for this informative and timely talk.

If you have any questions, text Diane Hoyer, 571.239.2207.

Looking forward to seeing you.

~Diane Hoyer and Su Jordan, Program Co-Chairs, Federal Way Branch

**Please RSVP to Anneliese Ellerton at [ellerton13@gmail.com](mailto:ellerton13@gmail.com)**



Renton Technical College has appointed Dr. Yoshiko Harden, the first woman and person of color, to serve as President. <https://rtc.edu/harden-appointment>. I used to work with her at Highline; we are excited for her leadership!  
Jean Munro – Co-President

## Highline Member News/Invitations (cont.)



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

*Would members be interested in attending or even hosting a late summer branch social meeting (possibly July or August)?*

*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 in hosting this kind of event, participating or have some suggestions.*

*So far we have received one response.*

### Visit to Vine Maple Place – Preventing and Ending homelessness

I was invited to join Kathleen Rathbun and nine members of the AAUW SE King County branch at Vine Maple Place in Kent. This organization provides a safe and stable home for homeless parents and children with the chance to grow and thrive. Staff members Michelle and Julie gave us an informative tour of the facilities, where families are offered counseling, career guidance, shelter and education. After the tour we met at a Mama Stortini's for happy hour. *By Anneliese Ellerton*



By Emily Hitchens – State Board and Membership VP

**The AAUW WA Annual Meeting program of April 9<sup>th</sup>** with keynote speaker Jennifer Berkshire, coauthor with Jack Schneider of “*A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door, The Dismantling of Public Education and the Future of School*” was a success in my book! Jennifer began by saying that it was already ‘out of date’, since so much has happened post pandemic such as online education or virtual classes. (To prepare for this program our branch afternoon book group read and discussed the book. Washington State AAUW also hosted a statewide book discussion.)

In some ways we are fortunate that Washington State Office of the Superintendent does have oversight of the Charter schools and holds them to the law and standards of practice.

A panel discussion followed the presentation with three participants, Michaela Miller, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State, and two AAUW members, Marcia Pierce, former school superintendent and Mavis Nickels, retired math teacher and former school board member. The consensus was that we all need to pay attention to School Board candidates and find out what they believe about the future of education. Highline Branch invited newly elected mayor of Burien, Sofia Aragon as well as the new Superintendent of Highline Schools, Dr. Ian Duran to the meeting. I will follow up with them. Submitted by Emily Hitchens

The Washington State Board is planning a “Kick-off” for the Fall Webinar series on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 until noon. The theme or focus is on **Women’s Economic Position Post Pandemic**. It will be dealing with issues such as barriers to returning to work, childcare and other issues affecting women. This will be in a similar format to the Washington’s Health series last year. Please attend and think about folks in your life who might appreciate this program



## AAUW Highline Branch Zoom Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Kay Crane, Emily Hitchens, Anneliese Ellerton and Wendy Wenger

Absent: Mary Kay Ault and Jean Munro

Guests: Barbara Sando (Dual member, Seattle Branch) and Kathleen Rathbun (SE King County Branch)

Co-President Kay Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

### Agenda

#### Membership dues

The first item discussed was the renewal of 2022-23 membership dues and what members would pay next year. Since the introduction of the new online system at AAUW National, it was recommended not to renew dues online until the system was up and running correctly. (AAUW National annual dues have increased to \$67.)

*AAUW is also revising policy regarding renewal periods.* Previously annual membership fees were due by a certain calendar date (June 30<sup>th</sup>). If a member renewed by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year, their membership would be good through July 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. With the revised policy, members' dues would be good for 12 months from the initial payment; thus creating a revolving membership renewal throughout a financial year.

Discussion: If people renew on a revolving time policy, what happens to local branch planning and budgeting?

Our group suggested continuing the current annual membership renewal policy until issues are resolved.

Per Emily, the policy changes would *include online membership information and the payment process*. Access to this information has changed: dealing with personal privacy. Kay expressed her concern about the gathering of personal information and releasing it appropriately for local members to use for contacts. Anneliese volunteered to check in with her AAUW contacts in Texas regarding their reactions to the upcoming possible changes and problems. It was noted that honorary life members' names had disappeared with no way to pay on line. Plus, the pay roster has temporarily disappeared.

Barbara Sando summarized that the goal of the new system is to merge all systems into one. Addressing privacy concerns in the past, the new system will only allow access to certain administration people to change membership payment data. The design of the system will be easier to display on cell phones. She added that National might lose membership renewals. Recruiting new members and funding income from donations may both become more difficult.

In the meantime, branch members can resume paying their renewals by check to AAUW Highline. Anneliese said she could mail the renewal forms with return envelopes. Barbara added that Seattle does that only with return postage.

Barbara gave permission to Emily to forward her email regarding AAUW dues and the current situation. It was agreed that members might want to hold off renewing their dues until the national administration clears up the new system. That includes proper training on the use of the program.

### Conclusion:

The Board agreed to wait on the collection of dues until there was information from AAUW National that the online system has been fixed and was ready for collection of dues. Emily suggests that in order to prevent problems, we should set a date to collect by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Highline Branch Leadership Team**

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#### **Website**

Jean Munro, Anneliese Ellerton, Kay Crane, Emily Hitchens and Kerry Lohr

### Other Business

1. Emily reported that part of her state duties is to help branches close if they are unable to remain functioning for various reasons. She is currently working with Ritzville, Wenatchee and Clallam Bay.
2. Anneliese reported that the branch would continue to pay an annual Zoom subscription, since this system has become a popular feature for virtual meetings since COVID.
3. The number and type of branch meetings has varied. Some are being held in person whereas others are being held per zoom. Suggested future meeting plans include speakers, museums, dine-outs and dine-ins. SE King County Branch has extended an invitation to Highline members to join them.
4. Wendy inquired about High School Scholars recognition. Eva was not present, so Wendy agreed to contact her. *(Eva has plans for Tech Trek and has some good candidates. More to follow later).*
5. Anneliese brought up the idea of merging Highline and SE Branches. This has been considered in the past. Following discussion, it was decided not to proceed at this time.

### Leadership Positions and Elections

Reluctance on volunteering for new board and leadership positions are the same for Seattle and SE King County. Thus board members, whose terms have expired according to the bylaws, have no choice but to continue. A question was asked about how the bylaws could be changed to reflect the current situation. Barbara agreed to share Seattle's bylaw changes with Highline and SE King County branches. Voting and election issues were discussed. Barbara mentioned that Seattle dealt with that situation by changing the bylaws to include electronic or zoom voting. Emily shared that our branch made phone calls to all of our members to get their vote.

### Event Planning

May 6 and June 3 branch meetings: Mary Kay and Jean were unable to attend, so there were no updates on venue or time. Emily will call to get updates. Dates, times and locations will be shared with SE King County Branch.

Kathleen Rathbun, President of SE King County Branch, invited Highline members to a meeting at Vine Maple Place on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00. Kathleen will email the information.

The next board meeting is scheduled via Zoom on Friday May 13 at 9:00.

All members are welcome to join.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Wenger, Secretary

### ***Mother's Day Around the World***

*While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated worldwide, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit.*



*Another alternate observance of Mother's Day can be found in Ethiopia, where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.*

*In the United States, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.*

*At times, Mother's Day has also been a date for launching political or feminist causes. In 1968 Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., used Mother's Day to host a march in support of underprivileged women and children. In the 1970s women's groups also used the holiday as a time to highlight the need for equal rights and access to childcare.*



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

**Seattle Branch invites you to an AAUW Zoom Meeting with Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal  
Tuesday, May 3 at 3:30 PM –RSVP to [jayapalzoom@aauw-seattle.org](mailto:jayapalzoom@aauw-seattle.org) for a Zoom link**

**Save the Date! Friday, May 6, at 10:00 AM – Book & Puzzle Exchange Branch Meeting** at Normandy Park United Church of Christ, 19247 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South.

**Highline Board Meeting – Friday, May13, 2022 at 9:00 am** via Zoom  
\*\*All branch members are invited to attend this open meeting \*\*

**“A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN IMMUNOLOGIST”**  
**Saturday, May 14th – 10:30-11:30 AM** with Dr. Blythe Sather  
At Christ Lutheran Church, 2501 SW 320th St. Federal Way, WA 98023

### West Seattle & Points South online interest group

Several of our Highline members have joined the above group, which meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 am. The current theme is “Writing triggers”. Next meeting is on **Tuesday, May 10, 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)

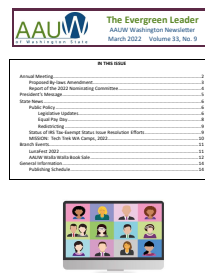
**Join the Seattle Branch Meeting – Saturday, May 21, 10:00 AM – Noon** – Summer Reading Fest with Nancy Pearl at the Watertown Hotel, 4242 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle.  
Reservations required, email [rsvp@aauw-seattle.org](mailto:rsvp@aauw-seattle.org)  
(For more details check the Seattle Catalyst or website <https://aauw-seattle.org/>)

**Coming up! Friday, June 3 –Luncheon meeting at Renton Technical College**, time and program TBD

**Keep up with AAUW Washington news! 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 Group meetings are back in person and will hopefully continue live in 2022!**

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

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

July 22 – *When Apricots Bloom* by Gina Wilkinson – host and leader Mary Kay Ault

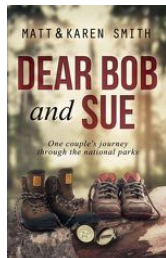
August 26 – *Children of Ash and Elm* by Neil S. Price – host Kathy Linnell, leader Joanna Brunso

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

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

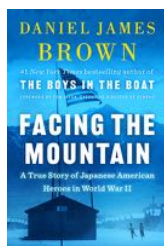
June 6 – *The Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See – hosted by Lynn Smith

July 11 – *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* by Jenny Lawson (Tentative)



#### **Dear Bob and Sue – by Matt and Karen Smith**

This complete version of *Dear Bob and Sue* chronicles the journey of Matt and Karen Smith, who took a mid-career break to travel to all 58 U.S. National Parks. Written as a series of emails to their friends, Bob and Sue, they describe their sense of awe in exploring our national parks, and share humorous and quirky observations. The national parks are among the most stunning places in America - pristine wilderness, geologic wonders, and magnificent wildlife - places everyone should put on their must-see-before-I-die list. Matt and Karen take you along as they visit them all. Unlike a traditional guidebook, this is one couple's perspective on the joys and challenges of traveling together. This is a story of discovery and adventure: chased by a grizzly, pushed off the trail by big horn sheep, they even survived a mid-air plane collision. *Dear Bob and Sue* is the next best thing to visiting all the parks in person. *Goodreads*



#### **Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in WWII**

By Daniel James Brown

**From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Boys in the Boat*, a gripping World War II saga of patriotism and courage: the special Japanese-American Army unit that overcame brutal odds in Europe; their families, incarcerated back home; and a young man who refused to surrender his constitutional rights, even if it meant imprisonment.**

They came from across the continent and Hawaii. Their parents taught them to embrace both their Japanese heritage and the ways of their American homeland. They faced bigotry, yet they believed in their bright futures as American citizens. But within days of Pearl Harbor, the FBI was ransacking their houses and locking up their fathers. And within months many would themselves be living behind barbed wire.

*Facing the Mountain* is an unforgettable chronicle of wartime America and the battlefields of Europe. Based on Daniel James Brown's extensive interviews with the families of the protagonists as well as deep archival research, it portrays the kaleidoscopic journey of four Japanese-American families and their sons, who volunteered for 442nd Regimental Combat Team and were deployed to France, Germany, and Italy, where they were asked to do the near impossible.

But this is more than a war story. Brown also tells the story of these soldiers' parents, immigrants who were forced to shutter the businesses, surrender their homes, and submit to life in concentration camps on U.S. soil. Woven throughout is the chronicle of a brave young man, one of a cadre of patriotic resisters who stood up against their government in defense of their own rights. Whether fighting on battlefields or in courtrooms, these were Americans under unprecedented strain, doing what Americans do best--striving, resisting, pushing back, rising up, standing on principle, laying down their lives, and enduring. *Goodreads*

## May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>May Day</i>	<b>2</b> <i>PM Book Group 3:30 pm</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Pramila Jayapal Zoom 3:30 pm</i> <i>Happy Birthday Janet Knowlton</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Book Swap 10:00 am</i> <i>Happy Birthday Gwen Koch</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Kentucky Derby</i>
<b>8</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Seattle Coffee Group 10:00 am</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Board Meeting 9:00 (Zoom)</i>	<b>14</b> <i>"A Day in the Life..." 10:30 am</i>
<b>15</b> <i>International Day of Families</i>	<b>16</b> <i>International Day of Light</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Norwegian Independence Day</i>	<b>18</b> <i>International Museum Day</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>National Rescue Dog Day</i> <i>World Bee Day</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Seattle Branch Meeting 10:00 am</i>
<b>22</b> <i>International Biodiversity Day</i>	<b>23</b> <i>World Turtle Day</i>	<b>24</b> <i>National Brother Day</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Happy Birthday Jane Emerson</i> <i>National Wine Day</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Ascension Day</i>	<b>27</b> <i>AM Book Group 9:30 am</i>	<b>28</b> <i>National Burger Day</i>
<b>29</b> <i>International Day of UN Peacekeepers</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>World Otter Day</i>	<b>31</b> <i>World No Tobacco Day</i>				

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