



## June 2022

*"We can't heal the world today, but we can begin with a voice of compassion, a heart of love, an act of kindness."*  
Mary Davis

### Coming Up!

Friday, June 3rd, 2022 at 11:00 AM

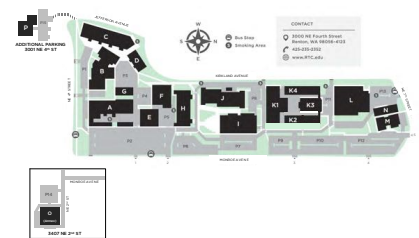
You are invited to a Culinary Arts luncheon program at Renton Technical College (RTC). The lunch menu includes starters, specials and dessert. We are asking members to bring \$20 cash or check to cover the lunch and meeting costs.



After lunch, there will be a tour of the college facilities, such as Allied Health (presented by Dean Carter) and Welding labs, followed by a meeting in Building C, Room 111. The program will include a presentation by Kristi Grassman on construction and apprenticeships. Representative Tina Orwall may be available to join us to give us updates.

The meeting will be held at Renton Technical College, 3000 NE 4th St, Renton, WA 98056. Lunch will be at the Catering Cafeteria, Building I, Room 116. A campus map will be sent to all those who make reservations.

**RTC RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE**



Cooking is the closest thing to alchemy you will find. You mix a few ingredients, add a spark, and voilà, you have created a tasty treasure. The Culinary Arts program shows you the tricks of the trade, preparing students to work in the hospitality industry. Using a professionally equipped kitchen, students learn knife skills, advanced cooking methodologies, garde manger techniques, and more. Degree graduates have the opportunity to become a certified Culinarians through the American Culinary Federation.

Please RSVP to Mary Kay Ault at [marykayault@msn.com](mailto:marykayault@msn.com) or call her at 206-383-9352, if you would like to attend.

### 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 2022-23 "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion"



***More about Alternate Career and Apprenticeship Pathways*** By [The Seattle Times editorial board](#)

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[Senate Bill 5600](#), sponsored by Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines, establishes grants to help apprenticeship programs upgrade equipment and use remote instruction, as well as fund wraparound support services — including child care and transportation — to allow more students to participate.

It concentrates apprenticeships by economic sector, with the goal of giving industry the ability to develop new programs and respond quickly to changing demands. It also develops apprenticeship programs for state agencies, which could help mitigate workforce shortages, such as those in the Washington State Ferry system.

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As lawmakers debate this bill, they should consider [including reciprocity](#) with registered apprenticeship programs recognized at the federal level, as well as focusing on creating opportunities in underserved rural areas, two issues discussed during a recent public hearing.

SB 5600's partner legislation, [Senate Bill 5764](#), cuts the red tape that prevents apprenticeship students from using the Washington College Grant, leveling the playing field and allowing for more "permeable pathways," said Sen. Emily Randall, D-Bremerton.

Randall's bill also ensures that apprenticeships result in college credit and reforms course credit systems that make it difficult to award credentials to apprentices.

"We should be valuing the countless hours of on-the-job training and the education that apprenticeship grads have received, and make sure that they can transfer that credit appropriately," she said.

In improving and expanding the viability of apprenticeship programs in Washington, these proposals help continue the shift away from the blinkered college-or-bust mentality that continues to leave too many students dealing with the latter. Legislators should support both bills.



## Past Events

I was invited to a meeting with the AAUW Federal Way Branch on May 14<sup>th</sup> and learned so much about the rapidly changing field of immunology.



Dr. Blythe Sather gave an informative and timely talk on “*A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN IMMUNOLOGIST*”.

Dr. Blythe Sather earned a PhD from the University of Washington, Dept. of Immunology in 2007. Her thesis work focused on understanding the role of homing receptors on the function of regulatory T cells in the laboratory of Dr. Danial Campbell at the Benaroya Research Institute in Seattle.

Her postdoctoral work in the laboratory of Dr. David Rawlings focused on developing gene therapies for primary immunodeficiency disorders, as well as other groundbreaking research on gene editing work. She is currently working in Seattle as the senior director of engineering, driving several unique cell products to the clinic for solid tumors.

I invited her to speak at a future meeting for our branch.

Anneliese Ellerton

I attended the Seattle Branch meeting for a “Summer Reading Fest” with Nancy Pearl at the Watertown Hotel, Seattle on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Refreshments were served.



Nancy gave a very entertaining talk about her latest choices of “must read” books. She is an American librarian, best-selling author, literary critic and the former Executive Director of the Washington Center for the Book at Seattle.

### Nancy Pearl’s “Dive into a Good Book”

Eula Biss: *Having and Being Had*

Jericho Brown: *The Tradition*

Marianne Cronin: *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*

Nina de Gramont: *The Christie Affair*

Nick Harkaway: *The Gone Away World*

Oliver Harris: *A Shadow Intelligence*

Laird Hunt: *Zorrie*

Gish Jen: *Thank you, Mr. Nixon*

Adrien McKinty: *The Cold, Cold Ground* Prya Parmar: *Vanessa and Her Sister*

Maggie Shipstead: *Great Circle*

Ali Smith: *There But For The*

Tatjana Soli: *The Lotus Eaters*

Emma Straub: *This Time Tomorrow* Dawn Turner: *Three Girls from Bonneville* by Dawnie Walton: *The Final Revival of Opal and Nev*

Ari Berman: *Give Us The Ballot*

Also check out Nancy Pearl’s *Book Lust* series

***This list has many great choices for our future book discussion groups!***

Anneliese Ellerton





## AAUW Highline Branch Zoom Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2022

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

Co-President Kay Crane called the meeting to order at 9:13 am

### **Agenda**

#### **Old Business**

There was discussion on finalizing plans for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon and branch meeting at Renton Technical College (RTC) Jean Munro, an employee at the college, is co-coordinating the program and restaurant facilities. One idea was to arrange a private room with a catered lunch. Members would bring \$20.00 to cover the cost of the lunch bar.

Programs discussed included new legislation, apprentice programs, trade field, and career training schools. Jean said she would check how Senator Karen Keiser's legislation on apprenticeship related to the college.

#### **Summary: June 3, 2022**

The meeting will be held at Renton Technical College (RTC) in a private room free of charge, with a \$20 fee for the lunch. The Board voted for the sandwich bar, with an estimated count of 20 attendees. The count should be turned in to Mary Kay by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The start time would be 11:15 am.

Other Details: Emily suggested that Mia Gregerson and Tina Orwell should be invited as representatives of 33<sup>rd</sup> district.

The Board agreed to invite SE branch with Kathleen Rathbun as the contact.

#### **New Business:**

Jean submitted the Red Dress Project as a topic for the September meeting. Locations suggested were the Highline Heritage Museum in Burien, or the Burien Community Center. Also, future meetings might be at Burien Community Center. A legislation bill related to this program will be researched for the meeting topic.

The Summer Social details were discussed. Since Kathy Linnell has volunteered to host a party at her home, a date will be arranged in either July or August. Other locations, such as the SeaTac Botanical Garden, were discussed for similar events.

Anneliese reported that over half of the branch members have renewed their membership.

#### **UPDATE on June 3 meeting:**

Via emails: Room C111 is booked for us until 4:00 P.M. We were not able to get the sandwich bar so we have been invited to eat in the cafeteria, which opens at 11:15 am.

As the secretary, I had to leave early so another board member might add to these minutes.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Meyers-Wenger  
Secretary

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## Open Board Position

AAUW Highline is asking for nominations for the above position of Treasurer starting July 1, 2022. Please contact Jean Munro at [jmunro@rtc.edu](mailto:jmunro@rtc.edu) or Kay Crane at [gandkcrane@msn.com](mailto:gandkcrane@msn.com) if you are interested in applying for this position. ***Current Treasurer, Anneliese Ellerton will work with you to ensure a smooth transition to this position. Believe me, it's not rocket science!***

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### AAUW Highline Treasurer (Finance) – Job Description

The Treasurer oversees the fiscal operations of Highline branch and is responsible for ensuring that all required financial documents and records are maintained, including those required by AAUW, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Secretary of State.

The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing the collection and disbursements of all branch monies and for meeting specific deadlines.

#### Responsibilities to the Branch:

Serve as an authorized signatory, along with the co-presidents, on all branch bank checking and savings accounts. Control access to use of the debit card associated with the checking account.

Prepare the annual budget. ***It is recommended that the Treasurer forms a finance committee to assign any tasks to this committee, but maintains the responsibility for overseeing any of those delegated tasks.***

Work with the Membership Chair to process dues payments.

#### Responsibilities to AAUW Washington State (AAUW-WA):

Know state bylaws and finance-related policies and procedures, and adhere to them as appropriate.

Be responsive to requests from the AAUW-WA Vice President of Finance.

#### Responsibilities to AAUW (National):

Know and adhere to all AAUW financial policies and procedures through compliance with the AAUW Bylaws, affiliate agreement, fundraising guidelines (AAUW Policy 501), and local scholarship guidelines (AAUW Policy 503).

Dues, fees, and contribution reports are submitted and filed with AAUW

Ensure that all federal and state authorities and the AAUW national office have the correct contact information for your affiliate.

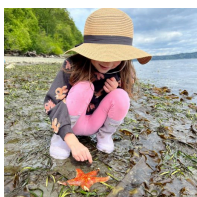
#### Skills Helpful to the Position:

Some financial management / financial literacy. Accounting or bookkeeping skills are not required.

Effective time management. Busiest time is during annual renewal processing (March-July). For the remainder of the year, additional duties do not require much time.

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### Harbor WildWatch at Sunrise Beach Park, Gig Harbor



20 preschoolers visited the intertidal zone of Sunrise Beach today.

The tide was exceptionally low and these students were so careful with the creatures. The find of the day was a Pacific Red Octopus, crawling along the eelgrass. We have 4 more days of low tides and more opportunities to explore the shore.



Submitted by Kathy Linnell on Facebook





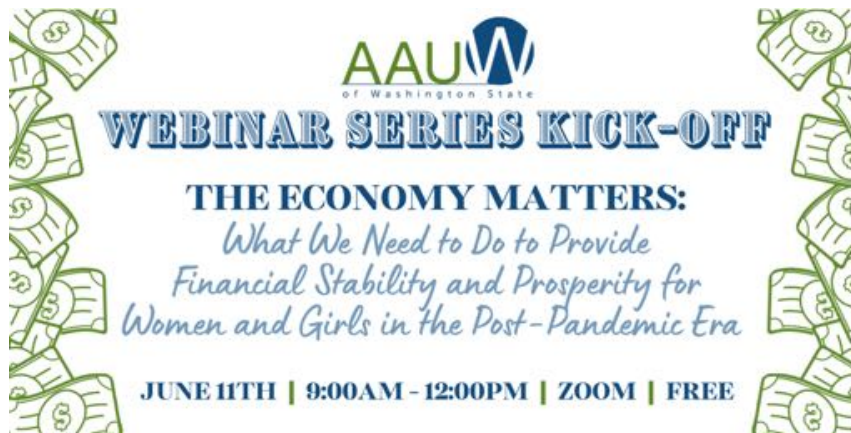
**Mark your calendars!**

Late Summer Branch Social on July 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 or 1:30 pm

You are invited to a potluck luncheon to meet and catch up after the summer break, hear about programs and activities for the year ahead and introduce a friend to AAUW.

Kathy Linnell has kindly offered to host this event at her home in Federal Way.

After the meeting, she has invited us to join her on a tour of the beautiful Powellswood Gardens, just a short distance from her house. Further details will be sent per email next month.



**2022 AAUW-WA Webinar Series Kick-Off!**

About this event  
**Event Details:**

June 11, 2022 | 9:00am - 12Noon | Zoom

Our keynote speaker will be Ariane Hegewisch, Program Director of Employment and Earnings at the Institute for Women's Policy Research and a highly regarded authority on women's economic status.

We will also be including a short-filmed statement from Representative Pramila Jayapal, who is a staunch advocate for policies benefiting women.

We will also provide a preview of our 2nd Annual Webinar Series (September through December), which this year will be THE ECONOMY MATTERS: What We Need to Do to Provide Financial Stability and Prosperity for Women and Girls in the Post-Pandemic Era.

**To Register click on this link:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-wa-2022-webinar-series-kickoff-tickets-350779630317>

**Summer Events in Des Moines – by Jean Munro**

Music in the Park Wednesday's at 7pm (Des Moines Arts Commission) June through August

4<sup>th</sup> of July Firework show and more! Check out Destination Des Moines.

Now accepting applications for the 2022 Seafair Waterland Parade! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect to your Des Moines community

Parade is Saturday, July 23rd as part of the Waterland Festival weekend.

<https://forms.gle/Jo8mXivor4TXrGWS7>

<https://www.facebook.com/destinationdesmoines/>





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

**Coming up! Friday, June 3 at 11:00 am –Culinary Arts Luncheon meeting at Renton Technical College**

**Highline Board Meeting – Friday, June 10, at 9:00 am** via Zoom

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

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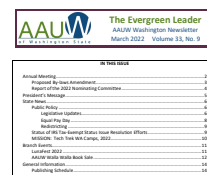
**Late Summer Potluck Social - July 29 or 30, 2022** – Details to follow

**September Branch Meeting** – Tentative “Red Dress” program or TechTrek updates – TBD

### **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, June 14, 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)

***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/>



**AAUW Highline Branch will be on vacation until September!**

**Let us know if you have any exciting trips ahead and in the meantime enjoy your summer reading.**



## Morning and Afternoon Book Group Discussion Meetings

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

June 24 – *Fast Girls Novel of the 1936 Olympic Team* by Elise Hooper – host Nancy Wilson, leader Mary Kay Ault

July 22 – *When Apricots Bloom* by Gina Wilkinson – host Mary Kay Ault, leader Kathie Walker

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

September 23 – *Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare – host Judy Storey, leader Pat Hodges

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

**June 20** – *The Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See – hosted by Lynn Smith (meeting will include new book choices for coming season)\* **new time: 4 pm.**

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



#### **Fast Girls: A Novel of the 1936 Olympics**

By Elise Hooper

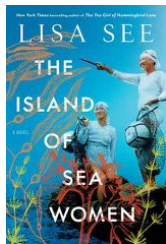
This inspiring story is based on the real lives of three little-known trailblazing women Olympians. Perfect for readers who love untold stories of amazing women, such as *The Only Woman in the Room*, *Hidden Figures*, and *The Lost Girls of Paris*.

In the 1928 Olympics, Chicago's Betty Robinson competes as a member of the first-ever women's delegation in track and field. Destined for further glory, she returns home feted as America's Golden Girl until a nearly fatal airplane crash threatens to end everything.

Outside of Boston, Louise Stokes, one of the few black girls in her town, sees competing as an opportunity to overcome the limitations placed on her. Eager to prove that she has what it takes to be a champion, she risks everything to join the Olympic team.

From Missouri, Helen Stephens, awkward, tomboyish, and poor, is considered an outcast by her schoolmates, but she dreams of escaping the hardships of her farm life through athletic success. Her aspirations appear impossible until a chance encounter changes her life.

These three athletes will join with others to defy society's expectations of what women can achieve. As tensions bring the United States and Europe closer and closer to the brink of war, Betty, Louise, and Helen must fight for the chance to compete as the fastest women in the world amidst the pomp and pageantry of the Nazi-sponsored 1936 Olympics in Berlin.



#### **The Island of Sea Women**

By Lisa See

Set on the Korean island of Jeju, *The Island of Sea Women* follows Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls from very different backgrounds, as they begin working in the sea with their village's all female diving collective. Over many decades—through the Japanese colonialism of the 1930s and 1940s, World War II, the Korean War, and the era of cell phones and wet suits for the women divers—Mi-ja and Young-sook develop the closest of bonds. Nevertheless, their differences are impossible to ignore: Mi-ja is the daughter of a Japanese collaborator, forever marking her, and Young-sook was born into a long line

of *haenyeo* and will inherit her mother's position leading the divers. After hundreds of dives and years of friendship, forces outside their control will push their relationship to the breaking point.

This beautiful, thoughtful novel illuminates a unique and unforgettable culture, one where the women are in charge, engaging in dangerous physical work, and the men take care of the children. A classic Lisa See story—one of women's friendships and the larger forces that shape them—*The Island of Sea Women* introduces readers to the fierce female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives.



## June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Global Day of Parents</i>	2	3 <i>Culinary Arts Program 11:00 am</i>	4 <i>National Cheese Day</i>
5 <i>World Environment Day</i>	6 <i>D-Day Anniversary</i>	7 <i>World Food Safety Day</i>	8 <i>World Oceans Day</i>	9 <i>Happy Birthday Judy Storey</i> 	10 <i>Highline Board Meeting 9:00 am</i>	11 <i>AAUW-WA Webinar 9:00 am – 12 Noon</i>
12 <i>Philippines Independence Day</i>	13	14 <i>W. Seattle Coffee Club 10:00 am</i>  <i>Happy Birthday Elise Stratton</i>	15 <i>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day</i>	16	17 <i>National Mascot Day</i>	18 <i>International Picnic Day</i>
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20 <i>PM Book Group Potluck 4:00 pm</i>	21 <i>Start of Summer Solstice</i>	22	23 <i>United Nations Public Service Day</i>	24 <i>AM Book Group 9:30 am</i>  <i>Happy Birthday Kathy Linnell</i>	25 <i>Day of the Seafarer</i>
26 <i>Day against Drug Abuse/Illicit Trafficking</i>	27 <i>National Ice Cream Cake Day</i>	28	29  <i>Happy Birthday Eva Parks</i>	30 <i>Int'l Asteroid Day</i>		



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