



April 2023



Coming Up!

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 2022-23 "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion"



Saturday, April 15 on ZOOM

Emily Stone – AAUW WA April 2023 speaker



Our morning starts with networking at 8:15. Our **headline speaker, Emily Stone**, will help us learn more about **domestic violence in Washington State**, and how her organization is working to seek legislative and policy change particularly in the areas of prevention and support for survivors. As we look for groups with whom

we/AAUW can partner, we will discuss how WASCADV <https://wscadv.org/> work intersects with ours, and how we can potentially collaborate with them in the future. Follow WASCADV on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WSCADV/>

Our afternoon Business Meeting — For those newer members of AAUW, the business meeting will help you understand the workings of the state organization.

**8:15 – 12 Annual Meeting program**

Speaker – Elyse Shaw – from the Institute for Women’s Policy Research and a policy analyst at the Women’s Bureau in the Department of Labor

**1 PM – Business Meeting**

**Register at Eventbrite:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-aauw-wa-annual-meeting-registration-546644607737>

\$35- AAUW member, \$20- student member, \$20- 1st time attendee

## Membership Dues

### AAUW Annual Renewals for 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

It's that time of the year again to start renewing your AAUW dues. AAUW National fees are now \$72, but State fees remain at \$10 and Highline at \$13. We do appreciate your continued support of AAUW and our great branch!

Please invite someone you know who may not be eligible for AAUW college requirements, but interested in joining our branch, to become a Friend of Highline for the annual branch fee of \$13. They will not be charged AAUW National or State fees.

Annual renewal forms will be available at future meetings, so bring your checkbooks, or you can simply fill out and print the renewal form at the *end of this newsletter* and return to our Highline treasurer, Anneliese (mailing details on the form). Or you could renew directly online, using the AAUW website, in just a few minutes!

### AAUW Highline Branch Membership – \$95 Dues/Year

Annual dues of \$90 are comprised of:

National AAUW	\$72
Washington State	\$10
Highline Branch	\$13

**Total**                      **\$95**

*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*



### On a lighter side! Celebrate April Fools Day with some trivia.

“While there is familiarity with April Fools' Day all around the globe, different areas have their own long-standing traditions that set them apart. What unites them is that no matter the history and origins, the pranking takes place on April 1.

Keep your eyes and ears open on April Fools' Day each year as the media and companies love to get involved. Who can forget the year that Canada said it was coming out with a \$2 coin or when Burger King said it was now selling a left-handed Whopper...and folks actually asked for it.

The best prank of all? In 1957, the BBC's *Panorama* said that with [spring](#) coming early, the Switzerland spaghetti harvest would be early too. They then showed women in the background that looked to be picking spaghetti from trees. Tons of viewers called the BBC to find out where they could buy spaghetti plants. (Check YouTube for the original video)

And did you know that people pulling April Fools' Day pranks are supposed to do them before noon on April 1 or they are welcoming bad luck into their lives? I guess folks could argue that it's noon somewhere and continue to play [jokes](#) on friends and [family](#) throughout the day, but in the UK, anyone who tries to play a prank [after 12PM](#) is actually considered the fool instead!”

*From Google – submitted by Anneliese Ellerton*



## Member News & Announcements

Carol Mohler invites you to join her

**Tickets still available! Let music take you there!**

Silver Sounds Northwest Spring Concert **April 1 & 2, 2023 2pm**

Highline Performing Art Center, Burien Adults \$15.00, 17 & under free with adult

Hear the singers rocking and rolling to a fun-filled collection of great songs from the sixties through today.

Highline Branch member, Carol Mohler has been singing in this group for 8 years.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or get them from Carol Mohler, 206-870-3497 or [cmcmohler@gmail.com](mailto:cmcmohler@gmail.com)

***Congratulations to Emily on being nominated for President of AAUW – Washington State!***



This is a picture of an interest group with Seattle Branch, Art Smart. We visited the art show Women Artists of Washington at the Columbia Tower (3rd floor). It is wonderful. You can also visit it online. <https://womenpainters.com> My favorite artist was Sandra Kahler "Estuary:LaPush Stacks" over on the Olympic Peninsula.

***By Emily Hitchens***

## The Short Story Dispenser



### Boost Reading for Fun

Our Short Story Dispensers are stand-alone kiosks delivering fiction to the public, while breathing new life into the art of storytelling. They are a creative & innovative way to boost reading for fun, encourage creative idleness and improve waiting experience.

The Dispensers are **connecting readers across countries and cultures** by publishing contemporary short stories, free of charge, at the push of a button (1min, 3min, 5min reading times, by audience or language).

There are more than 300 Dispensers installed around the world from San Francisco to Melbourne, Hong-Kong, Paris, London and Philadelphia... and in total more than 5.6 million readers have enjoyed **fiction on the fly**, for free!

Short Édition partners around the world are curating local content to publish & showcase writers from their communities, on their Dispensers. Maybe the next great writer is in your town? Available at Universities, Public Libraries, Airports, Light-Rail, Transportation hubs, Retail Centers, Cafés, Hospitals, Schools...to offer a literary lift to their patrons, students, customers, patients and families to ignite community engagement.

Short Story Dispenser (Continued)

The content comes from our community-publishing platform, where we regularly publish *Short Circuit*, our quarterly review, and *The Current*, a series showcasing previously published works. We also select stories and poems from our clients' communities, giving your local authors a chance to be published internationally.

Visitors are surprised by an unexpected and original invitation to read: literature within reach!

They can choose how long they want to read: 1, 3 or 5 minutes. It's totally free!

The Short Story Dispenser is a fantastic way to leverage involvement, engagement and connections. It's highly appreciated by public libraries for its use in engaging local communities, by universities and schools for its ability to showcase student talent, and by companies for enabling them to provide customers a unique experience.

*Submitted by Kathy Linnell*



April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day!

### Ten Earth Day Activities and Ideas

Celebrate Earth Day by appreciating and respecting the natural world. Here are some ideas to inspire you this year.

#### 1. Support Our Pollinators!

Bring native bees and other pollinating creatures to your garden. One way to do this is by selecting the right plants.

#### 2. Clean Up Plastic in Your Neighborhood or Local Park

#### 3. Swap Out Your Kitchen and Household Products!

Think 100% recycled aluminum foil, chemical-free parchment paper for baking, compostable bags made with potato starch, and even vegetable-based inks for their packaging.

#### 4. Plant a Tree!

#### 5. Use Wildflowers and Native Plants

Wildflowers and indigenous species are not only beautiful but also attract native and beneficial insects that improve both pest control and pollination.

#### 6. Reduce, Reuse

Recycle in the Garden

#### 7. Stop Pesticides and Chemicals in the Garden

#### 8. Conserve Water!

#### 9. Think About Your Diet!

How can we improve our diet so that it's healthier for ourselves (and the planet)?

#### 10. Get Kids Involved!

Pass down a love of nature and plants to kids.

*Researched on Google by Anneliese Ellerton*



## The Month of April 2023: Holidays, Fun Facts, Folklore



*April cold with dripping rain  
Willows and lilacs brings again,  
The whistle of returning birds,  
And trumpet-losing of the herds.  
–Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–82)*

April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month.

April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.

The name for the month of April originally came for *Aprilis*, which means to open.

- Small animals that hibernate are usually coming out of their burrows in April. The birds fly back northward and settle down to have their families. The bees and butterflies begin to gather nectar from the first flowers of the season. In some parts of the world, it is planting time, while in other parts, it is the harvest season.

- April is Humor Month, so laugh it up!
- The birthstone for April is the diamond.
- The zodiac signs are Aries (March 21 – April 19) and Taurus (April 20-May 20).
- The birth flowers for the month of April are the sweet pea and the daisy.

### Historical moments in the month of April

- America's first astronauts were announced by [NASA](#) on April 9, 1959.
- The first [Webster](#) Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828.
- The [Titanic](#) sank on April 15, 1912.
- The [Revolutionary War](#) in America began on April 19, 1775.
- The United States [Library of Congress](#) was established April 24, 1800.
- Our first President [George Washington](#) was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.

### Special Days in the month of April

- The first day of April is April Fools Day, when children and grown-ups play jokes on one another.
- April 22 is Earth Day.
- April 2 is Light It Up Blue for Autism Day and the whole month is Autism Awareness Month.
- Arbor Day is a day for planting trees, and it is observed on various April days.
- The Jewish festival of Pesach, or Passover, is celebrated early in April.
- Easter Sunday is on April 9, and, with it come other Christian celebrations such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.
- April is also the month of the Thai New Year in Thailand and the Khmer New Year in Cambodia.

### April is also host to some famous birthdays

- [Marvin Gaye](#), April 2, 1939
- [Jane Goodall](#), April 3, 1934
- [Jackie Chan](#), April 7, 1954
- [Dolores Huerta](#), April 10, 1930
- [Emma Watson](#), April 15, 1990
- [Leonardo da Vinci](#), April 15, 1452
- [Charlie Chaplin](#), April 16, 1889
- [Jack Nicholson](#), April 22, 1937
- [William Shakespeare](#), April 23, 1564



## AAUW Highline Branch Zoom Board Meeting Minutes

### BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2023 – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

#### Annual Dues Renewal 2023-2024

AAUW National is increasing its annual fee from \$67 to \$72. The overall cost will be \$95.00 (National \$72, State \$10, and Branch \$13). Friends of the Highline branch will only be required to pay the \$13 branch dues. It was moved and seconded that annual dues will become payable from April 1 through June 30 for a centralized dues payment system. If dues are not received by mid-June, reminder calls will be made.

Per Anneliese, treasurer, the process will be as follows:

Checks received from members will be deposited into the Highline branch bank account, and then submitted to the AAUW community hub. If members pay directly online, the treasurer and member will receive notification from AAUW that payments have been distributed to the appropriate funds. Dues renewal information will be posted in the April newsletter. It was suggested that someone bring a laptop to a branch meeting to assist members who may want to pay online.

The board suggested that one of the branch members should be eligible for Honorary Life Membership, but AAUW records did not show the required 50 years of membership. A form will be sent to AAUW to confirm that this member has been a member for over 50 years.

#### Branch Meeting on Friday, March 10, 2023

The speaker will be Maureen Frisch from Grandmothers Against Gun Violence (GAGV). The meeting will be held at Wesley Gardens in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor Club Room, from 10 AM to 12 PM. Wesley will provide coffee/tea service for about 30 people with the board providing some treats.

The board will call members to find out who plans on attending and check on how they are doing. Emily will bring applications to join AAUW for any guest who might be interested in joining. Flyers on *2023 Washington State Activity on GAGV Priorities* will be available at the meeting. It was also suggested to ask our speaker if she needed any video equipment to facilitate her presentation. Jean said she would post the meeting announcement on the AAUW Highline Facebook page. The contact email is [highlineaauw@gmail.com](mailto:highlineaauw@gmail.com).

#### Tentative Plans for Branch Meeting on May 19, 2023

In order to book a room and catering at Renton Technical College (RTC), Jean said RTC had the following requirements: confirmation of the speaker and goals of the meeting that follow our theme, *Diversity*. The subject of this meeting would be to *increase awareness of indigenous women through the RTC and AAUW community*. Emily is planning to invite a member of the Muckleshoot Tribal Council to be the speaker

For the record, the recording secretary had to leave at 12 PM. No further pertinent information was discussed.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Wenger, Secretary

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Future Branch meetings will be held on a quarterly basis in 2023 (tentatively for January/March/May)

**Highline Board Meeting – Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11:00 am** via Zoom

AAUW Washington Webinar Series – to be announced in a future issue of The Evergreen Leader

**Join the Seattle Branch Meeting – Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 7:00PM-9:00Pm**, AAUW Seattle STEM Scholar Recognition with Dr. Kiran Dhillon, at the Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle. [RSVP@aauw-seattle.org](mailto:RSVP@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 11, 2023 at 10AM**. If you are interested in joining this virtual coffee club, email Barbara Sando at [barbarasando@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarasando@yahoo.com)

**Highline Branch Meeting – Friday, May 19 – 11AM** - A special luncheon meeting at Renton Technical College (RTC) with proposed guest speaker, Annette Brian from the Puyallup tribe. More details to follow.

AAUW-WA 2023 Virtual Annual Meeting- “*The Many Faces of AAUW*”– **Saturday April 15 – 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-aauw-wa-annual-meeting-registration-546644607737>**

*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/>

Please like and join us on our newly created AAUW -WA Highline Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083148625851>



## Morning and Afternoon Book Group Discussion Meetings

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

April 28 – *The Day the World Came To Town*, by Jim DeFede – host: Anneliese Ellerton, discussion leader: Jane Emerson at Wesley Gardens Club Room

May 26 – *The Code Breaker*, by Walter Isaacson- host Jane Emerson at her home, discussion leader Kathy Linnell

June 23 – *Finding the Mother Tree*, by Suzanne Simard – host Mary Kay Ault, discussion leader Carol Mohler, location TBD

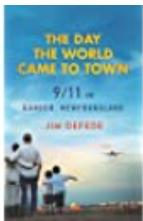
### **1<sup>st</sup> Monday - Afternoons at 2:30 pm unless otherwise specified \***

April 3 – *Museum of Extraordinary Things*, by Alice Hoffman – host: Carol Erickson at home

May 1 – *The Year of Magical Thinking*, by Joan Didion – host: Anneliese Ellerton, place TBD

June 5 – *Nature's Best Hope*, by Douglas Tallamy – host Lynn Smith at home

### ***The Day The World Came To Town; 9/11 In Gander, by Jim DeFede***

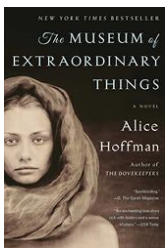


The True Story Behind the Events on 9/11 that Inspired Broadway's Smash Hit Musical *Come from Away*, Featuring All New Material from the Author

When 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada by the closing of U.S. airspace on September 11, the population of this small town on Newfoundland Island swelled from 10,300 to nearly 17,000. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill.

As the passengers stepped from the airplanes, exhausted, hungry and distraught after being held on board for nearly 24 hours while security checked all of the baggage, they were greeted with a feast prepared by the townspeople. Local bus drivers who had been on strike came off the picket lines to transport the passengers to the various shelters set up in local schools and churches. Linens and toiletries were bought and donated. A middle school provided showers, as well as access to computers, email, and televisions, allowing the passengers to stay in touch with family and follow the news.

Over the course of those four days, many of the passengers developed friendships with Gander residents that they expect to last a lifetime. As a show of thanks, scholarship funds for the children of Gander have been formed and donations have been made to provide new computers for the schools. This book recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill. (Amazon)



### ***Museum of Extraordinary Things, by Alice Hoffman***

The “spellbinding” (People, 4 stars), New York Times bestseller from the author of *The Dovekeepers*: an extraordinary novel about an electric and impassioned love affair—“an enchanting love story rich with history and a sense of place” (USA TODAY).

Coralie Sardie is the daughter of the sinister impresario behind *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*, a Coney Island freak show that thrills the masses. An exceptional swimmer, Coralie appears as the Mermaid in her father’s “museum,” alongside performers like the Wolfman and the Butterfly Girl. One night Coralie stumbles upon a striking young man taking pictures of moonlit trees in the woods off the Hudson River.

The dashing photographer is Eddie Cohen, a Russian immigrant who has run away from his community and his job as a tailor’s apprentice. When Eddie photographs the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, he becomes embroiled in the mystery behind a young woman’s disappearance. And he ignites the heart of Coralie.

Alice Hoffman weaves her trademark magic, romance, and masterful storytelling to unite Coralie and Eddie in a tender and moving story of young love in tumultuous times. *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* is, “a lavish tale about strange yet sympathetic people” (The New York Times Book Review).



April 2023



Stress Awareness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<i>1 April Fools Day</i>  <i>Happy Birthday Nancy Wilson</i>
<i>2 Palm Sunday</i>	<i>3 PM Book Group 2:30 pm</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Start Passover</i>	<i>6 National Walking Day</i>	<i>7 Good Friday</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9 Easter Sunday</i>	<i>10 National Siblings Day</i>	<i>11 Seattle Coffee Group 10 am</i>	<i>12 International Day of Human Space Flight</i>	<i>13 End Passover</i>	<i>14 Board Meeting 11am – 12:30pm</i>	<i>15 AAUW WA Annual Mtg.</i>  <i>Happy Birthday Kathy Fitch</i>
<i>16 Orthodox Easter</i>	<i>17 National Haiku Poetry Day</i>	<i>18 Tax Day</i>	<i>19 Bicycle Day</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Happy Birthday Carol Erickson</i>	<i>22 Earth Day</i>
<i>23/30</i>	<i>24 World Immuniza- tion Week</i>	<i>25 World Penguin Day</i>	<i>26 Chernobyl Disaster Day</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 AM Book Group 9:30</i>	<i>29 Happy Birthday Emily Hitchens</i>

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*“Diversity, Equity and Inclusion”*

### Annual Membership Renewal July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Updated Directory Information (*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:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal of regular membership (National \$72+State \$10+ Branch \$13) **\$95**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member (for paid 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 is \$13) \$13
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friend of the Branch only \$13
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation (voluntary) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal of regular membership (National \$67+State \$10+ Branch \$13) **\$95**
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Friend of the Branch only \$13
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation (voluntary) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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