



September 2023

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

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the world awarding millions
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LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

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discrimination in higher
education and the workplace.

Highline AAUW theme for
2023-24 "Diversity, Equity and
Inclusion"

"There comes a day each September when you wake up and know the summer is over and fall has arrived. The slant of the sun looks different and something is in the air—a coolness, a hint of frosty mornings to follow." – Ann Rinaldi

Dear Highline Members

SAVING COLOR by Kay Crane, Co-President

September! Days a little shorter. Back to school. Dentist appointments and new shoes. New classroom, new teacher. New schoolbooks. Looking forward a little bit to the colder weather, sweaters, and winter coat.

Here in the Northwest, we know that the issue we have with winter is not so much the cold as the dark. The sun rises later and later each day and sets earlier and earlier. We get less and less light as the days go by.

But throughout September we can expect some good weather (defined here as "it's not raining right now") and perhaps even walking weather.

What I challenge you to do is to collect colors. Figure out for yourself a walking route you will enjoy, perhaps in a park, perhaps just in your neighborhood. Plan to walk the same route often so you can look deeply at the plants you pass.

Pay attention to the trees as you walk. Have the conifers set their pinecones? Are the cones large or small on that particular tree? Does the tree produce just a few cones or does it bear hundreds? Does the tree have lots of new growth, or just a little? Often the new growth will be a paler green than the older needles. File those lovely "new" green colors in your mind for future reference, for the time when the new growth darkens to match the old.

The deciduous trees are often the shining stars here. Longer nights will make the chlorophyll of green leaves fade out, leaving the glorious yellows and reds of fall. Again, pay attention on your walk. Harvest those bright, intense colors to store in your mind for the darker months ahead.

One group of deciduous trees to "collect" as you walk are the red Japanese maples. These small shapely trees have delicate dark red or green leaves all summer, and will lose them in the autumn, but they may turn a brilliant red before they fall. Look for them on your walk and notice how handsomely they set off the conifers near them.

As I write this in mid-August, I notice that the Sweetgum tree at the foot of our driveway has begun to paint its farthestmost and highest branches with

a red-tinged brush, as if the tree itself were reaching for a warm red sweater.

Store up some color for yourself to warm your eyes during the winter, and enjoy your walks!



AAUW Highline Branch Zoom Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 11, 2023

Present: Kay Crane, Emily Hitchens, and Jean Munro

Absentees on vacation: Kerry Lohr, Mary Kay Ault, Anneliese Ellerton

Appointments: Kathleen Rathbun and Wendy Wenger

- Reviewed the summer gathering at Lynn Zachow's home. The conclusion is that it was a very good gathering. There were three new members present as well as four husbands!
- The new members gathering is September 10th at Kay Crane's home, 2-4 pm. Members are welcome also. Jean will provide some door prizes and raffle tickets.
- The September meeting will be on the 23rd from 10-12noon and held in the Club Room at Wesley. Board members will call the membership and RSVP to Mary Kay Ault. Kay will check on the coffee service. Dr. Blythe Sather will be the guest speaker. Kay will talk with Anneliese to find out Dr. Sather's biography. Board members will bring morning coffee treats.
- The October (formerly November meeting) meeting could be a book exchange and a discussion of 'banned or challenged books. Kay will call the Public Library. NOTE: Kay called after our Board meeting and had a great response from her contact at KC. KC is eager to plan with us and suggested that the meeting be in October and that it be open to the public. She offered a meeting place as well. **
- The November meeting will be held at Normandy Park UCC, either on the 16th or 17th. The focus will be on cultural foods (as part of DEI theme) and the sharing of recipes very appropriate for Thanksgiving.
- In December will continue sending our holiday cards with a tea bag to members with a note to have a cup of tea with an AAUW friend.
- Also discussed relationships with Highline staff and Renton Technical College and the AAUW College/University program and some opportunities with Start Smart and Work Smart.
- Representative Adam Smith is interested in contacting AAUW members in CD 9, which includes 4 AAUW branches. Jean suggested that in-person might be at RTC. Emily will make contact with Sandra Distelhorst Public Policy Director for AAUW-WA.
- The next Board meeting is September 8th, Friday at 11 AM.

Submitted by Emily A. Hitchens, secretary pro tem

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****Update from Kay Crane regarding October Branch Meeting**

“Things are moving very fast about the banned books meeting. I had a zoom meeting with three librarians from the King County System, and they have big plans. One of them is calling the president of Renton Technical College to see about a suitable room for a large community-wide meeting, with a panel of librarians from five different library systems (King County, Seattle, Snohomish, Pierce and Timberland) who are all approaching the current book challenge situation differently. They are inviting a news anchor to moderate and will invite TV coverage. Proposed date is Saturday October 21. They expect to cover all costs, including bringing someone in for the weekend from Timberland. They absolutely want AAUW participation, from Highline, and of course we can invite other branches to join us. The current effort is to educate the new young voters. They will see to advertising.

Then, they are talking about additional programs to be available around the state, perhaps with State AAUW participation, for educators, librarians, school boards, etc., anyone involved with book challenges, and programs to be again open to the public and well publicized. Emily, I cannot speak for State AAUW, of course, but I would hope we would be delighted to sign on for this.”

Message from Carol Mohler

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the *Great Decisions Briefing Book* and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges and critical global issues facing America today. Published annually by the Foreign Policy Association, the *Great Decisions Briefing Book* serves as the focal text for discussion groups by providing background information, expert analysis, and suggested discussion questions for each foreign policy issue. Carol Mohler is the coordinator of the program at Wesley Des Moines and AAUW members are welcome to join. If you have questions and/or are interested in participating in the 2024 program contact Carol at 206-870-3497 or cmcmohler@gmail.com



Would you be interested in continuing our Cuisine Club meetings?

Prior to COVID, Highline Cuisine Club quarterly meetings were extremely popular and successful. Members have expressed interest in reintroducing the cuisine group. For example, the hostess chooses a country and culture to study.

One or two members share cooking the food representative of the country, as well as preparing a presentation on the culture of the country. We welcome your feedback, and hope some of you will volunteer to join us in planning and hosting new events this year.

Kathy and I think this would be a great way to learn about the food and culture of other countries.

We would love your feedback! Please email Anneliese Ellerton at ellerton13@gmail.com or Kathy Linnell kelizlinnell@comcast.net





Member News

Welcome to our new members!

Lynn Zachow, Liz Zietz

Members joining from SE King County Branch:

Kathleen Rathbun, Jenny Rydberg, Sallye Gilbert, Teri Riordan,
Linda Hagen (formerly dual member with SE King County branch)
Sharon Feucht (dual member with Seattle branch)

Summer Events



WA State Senator Karen Keiser, introducing her new book *Writing the Book was the Easy Part*, followed by a book signing at the Three Tree Books store in Burien
Karen is member of our AAUW Highline branch.



By Anneliese Ellerton, August 15, 2023



From the Seattle Times - Aug. 25, 2023 at 10:00 am

On July 30, Antenucci and Westling set the fastest known time for a self-supported female pair on Mount Rainier's Infinity Loop, finishing in three days, 22 hours, 19 minutes, 38 seconds. They beat the previous record, held by Issaquah ultrarunner Kaytlyn Gerbin and Portland's Alex Borsuk, by about six hours. Gerbin and Borsuk were the first known women to complete the loop. The Infinity Loop features two summits of Rainier and the entire Wonderland Trail. It's a 143-mile feat that includes more than 44,000 feet of elevation gain.

Article submitted by Carol Mohler



Highline Board Meeting - Friday, September 8, at 11:00 am via Zoom

New Members Gathering - Sunday, September 10, 2–4 pm at Kay Crane’s

September Branch Meeting - Saturday, September 23 - 10 am-12 pm at Wesley Gardens Club Room. Program will be “Book & Recipe Exchange”. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served.

Seattle September Branch Meeting - Saturday, September 16, 10 am, at Watertown Hotel in Seattle:
[Defying Norms in Love and Medicine](#) - Dr. Patricia Grayhall

October Branch Meeting – Saturday, October 21 – Program “Banned Books” (time & place tentative)

November Branch Meeting – Program with Dr. Blythe Sather to be rescheduled from September. Date and time tentative (**Saturday, November 11 at 10am?**).

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, September 12, at 10:00 am**. If you are interested in joining this virtual coffee club, email Barbara Sando at barbarasando@yahoo.com



September 12: AAUW WA lobbyist Nancy Sapiro talks with Dr. Gina Masullo Chen, author of [Online Incivility and Public Debate](#) and *The New Town Hall: Why We Engage Personally with Politicians*. How does digital space both connect and divide us?

October 3: State Senator Karen Keiser, author of [Getting Elected Is the Easy Part](#), shares her observations about opportunities for upcoming generations of women legislators and leaders.

October 10: Cat Howell, Executive Director of [Literacy Source in Seattle](#), and Katherine Freimund, director of [Whatcom Literacy Council](#), describe how they create opportunities to read and empower women through literacy.

November 14: Jessica Gerdes, Manager of Outreach and Mentorship at the [Department of Translational Medicine and Physiology at Washington State University](#). By introducing students in rural school to healthcare roles such as EMT, her program addresses the shortage of healthcare providers in rural areas in our state.

December 12: [Grace Yoo, Executive Director of the Washington State Women’s Commission](#), established in 2018 by Governor Inslee. She will be discussing the work of the commission and opportunities for women in leadership.

Registration is \$50 for all four webinars or \$15 for single sessions

Go to the AAUW WA State website to register: <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/activities-information/>



Morning and Afternoon Book Group Discussion Meetings

4th Friday – Mornings at 9:30 am

September 22 – *We're Better Than This* by Elijah Cummings – host Eva Parks at Wesley Gardens, leader Kaylene Moon

October 27 – *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton – Wesley Gardens, leader Nancy Wilson

December 1 – *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks – Host: Kathy Linnell at Wesley Gardens, leader Vicki Moore

1st Monday - Afternoons at 2:30 unless otherwise specified *

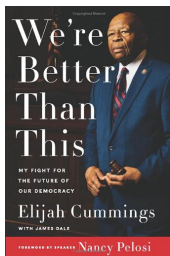
*September 11 – *Whose Body* by Dorothy Sayers – host: Kay Crane

October 2 – *The Plague and I* by Betty McDonald – host Kerry Lohr

November 6 – *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore – host Kathy Fitch

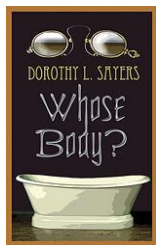
December 4 – *Dial A for Aunties* by Jesse O Sutano – host Lynn Smith

We're Better Than This- by Elijah Cummings



Known for his poise, intellect, and influence until his death in October 2019, Elijah Cummings was one of the most respected figures in contemporary politics, a politician who held fast to his beliefs but was not afraid to reach across the aisle in the name of friendship and progress. Since his earliest days in government through his time as a representative and chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, he proved his abilities as a politician who could operate at the highest levels of democracy, serving the people of Baltimore and illustrating the importance of working with—and for—the underdog.

Amazon



Whose Body? – by Dorothy Sayers

There's a corpse in the bathtub, wearing nothing but a pair of pince-nez spectacles. Enter Lord Peter Wimsey, the original gentleman sleuth. Urged to investigate by his mother, the Dowager Duchess of Denver, Lord Peter quickly ascertains that the sudden disappearance of a well-known financier is in some way connected to the body in the bathroom. But discovering exactly which way they're related leads the amateur detective on a merry chase. Written by a master of the detective story, this atmospheric tale abounds in the cozy delights of an English murder mystery. Dorothy L. Sayers ranks with Agatha Christie as a defining author of the genre. A novelist, essayist, and medieval scholar, Sayers was among the first

women to receive an Oxford degree, and her translations of Dante remain in wide circulation. This novel marks the debut of her most popular creation, Lord Peter Wimsey, whose continuing adventures unfold amid the lively world of upper-crust British society in the 1920s.

Happy Birthday Wishes to our Members!



Sallye Gilbert – 8/22

Pat Hodges – 9/21

Kerry Lohr – 9/23

Kaylene Moon – 9/23

Lynn Smith – 9/23

Karen Keiser – 9/29

If we have missed anyone's birthday, please email Anneliese at ellerton13@gmail.com

One Last Reminder...Just in case you haven't renewed yet



"Diversity, Equity and Inclusion"

Annual Membership Renewal

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Updated Directory Information (*please fill in*) Today's Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

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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 152nd St, #203 Burien, WA 98166
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Total remitted-----\$ _____

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