

Zooming right along....

Next Branch meeting set for 10 a.m., Sept. 12

by Gwen Parker

Even if, like me, your reaction to each new technological challenge is “What fresh hell is this?!” - please don’t be discouraged about trying a Zoom meeting.

They certainly aren’t as good as being together in person, but they will serve us well as we try to wait out the pandemic.

So if you haven’t tried it, go to <https://zoom.us> and read the tips and instructions. Once you download it (for free) you can join a Zoom meeting. We all stumble around a bit as we get used to the screen, but it is fun to see everyone!

Theme for our program will be Social Justice. Everyone will receive a Zoom invitation.



Whatcom Branch



Summer splendor: This photo of Susan Moen with her porchful of posies was snapped by Robin Kagan.

Celebrating equality

Our **Women’s Equality Day social hour** on Aug. 26th drew a small but lively “crowd” for the Zoom meeting. Some pretty **amazing hats** were shown off, and most people remembered to bring a beverage for a toast.

We were happy to have **two new members** join the party.

Also celebrating **the 100th anniversary of Women’s Suffrage**, the short program included two videos telling the story of the long years and hard work women spent in getting voting rights in the United States. It also elicited a renewed determination among our members to **pursue enactment of the Equal Rights Amendment, and to work hard for a large voter turnout for the presidential election.**

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"Freedom is not a state; it is an act.

It is not some enchanted garden perched high on a distant plateau where we can finally sit down and rest. Freedom is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society."

U.S. Representative John Lewis,
(February 21, 1940 – July 17, 2020)

**New faces join familiar ones
on Whatcom AAUW
Executive Board**

Catherine Chambers and Robin Lynn Kagan are our new Branch Co-Presidents. Setsuko Buckley joins Judi Edwards as a Membership Co-Vice President, and Jean Cox-Treverton remains as Secretary. New member Judy Paulson is Treasurer, and Lisa and Margo Hammond remain as Program Co-Vice Presidents.
—Thanks for your service!



Catherine Chambers, decked out in Suffrage-era attire to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote.



Robin Lynn Kagan. Paintings behind her are her work.



Co-Program VP Margo Hammond



Treasurer Judy Paulson



Co-Program VP Lisa Hammond



Secretary Jean Cox-Treverton



**Co-Membership VPs
Setsuko Buckley and
Judi Edwards**



Hello, new members!

Welcome to three new Whatcom AAUW members. **Savanna Balfour and Kimberly Butts** both joined our Zoom meeting August 26th, so they had a chance to see some of our faces. Our very newest member is **Beverly Ott**.

Savanna lives on Yew Street in Bellingham. She holds a BA in Elementary Education (2017) from Western, and and MA in Elementary Math Education (2019) from Western Governors University.

Kimberly lives in Point Roberts. She holds an AA in technical illustration from Pierce Community College (1983) and an Urban Planning Certification (2002) from University of San Diego.

Beverly lives in Bellingham and is employed at Whatcom Land Title.

We hope you will find enjoyment and purpose with AAUW! 🌸🌸🌸



This vase and bouquet were delivered to Heléne Berg-Kolin as a token of Whatcom Branch’s thanks for her many years of dedicated work, first as Membership Vice President, and then as Treasurer. She sent this reply: *“Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers - I am definitely enjoying them & appreciate your thoughtfulness!”*



August

- 3 Esther Golde
- 5 Mialee Jose
- 15 Elsie Heinrick
- 24 Pam Sankey

September

- 3 Margo Hammond
- 12 Catherine Chambers
- 18 Candace Wellman
- 20 George Edwards
- 29 Michelle Kopcha



Past President's Pin: Two of these pins have been delivered to Whatcom Branch's immediate past Co-Presidents, Judith Entwife and India Nishi, with thanks and appreciation for their hard work on behalf of the branch. Can you see the letters AAUW forming part of the design?

Welcome

Bellingham AAUW offers scholarships and supports numerous programs which help women and girls gain equity in all areas of life.

See our website for details on membership:
www.aauw-wa.org

National AAUW Webinar
Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 4 p.m. ET
COVID-19 and the Labor Economy
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