

Members step up to fill vacancies

A new Executive Board is taking shape after an “interesting” June. As explained in an email sent to members on June 28, some unexpected departures left us with several vacancies to fill. Happily, some volunteers have stepped forward:

Catherine Chambers and **Robin Lynn Kagan** have now volunteered to take on the job of Branch Co-Presidents. **Setsuko Buckley** has agreed to join **Judi Edwards** as Membership Co-Vice President, and Judi has agreed to also take on External Communications which has been Heléne Berg-Kolin’s job for several years, and the Facebook page administration.

Our bylaws state: “A vacancy in office, excluding the president, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Affiliate board of directors. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the president-elect or by the vice presidents in the order listed in Section 2.” This means we need only to hold an election for Catherine, since Robin is already in the list of succession.

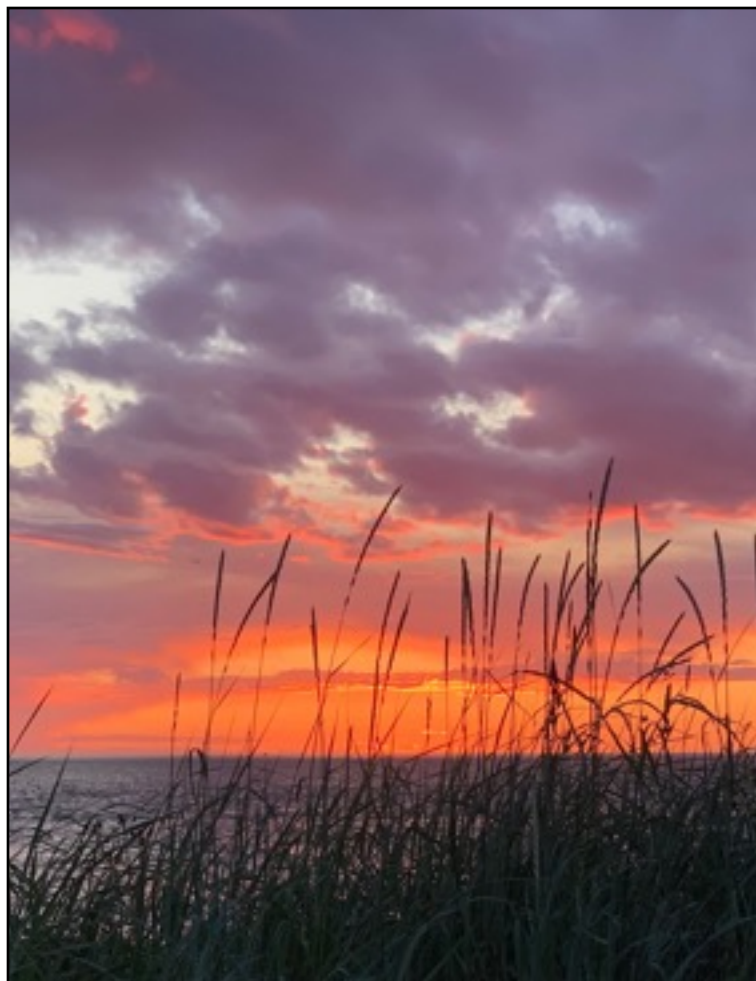
Until this is complete, **Robin Kagan** and **Gwen Parker** are serving as interim co-presidents. They were approved by the Executive Board at the June meeting (held via Zoom.)

The results of the regular AAUW Branch Officer elections resulted in a unanimous vote for **Jean Cox-Treverton** as Secretary and **Judy Paulson** as Treasurer, effective July 1, 2020.

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The board would like to thank Jean for continuing to serve as Secretary, and retiring Treasurer Heléne Berg-Kolin for her years of dedication to the position. We also thank Judy Paulson, a new member, for agreeing to take over the treasurer's job, and Judi Edwards for adding more work to her job description.

Thanks also to India Nishi and Judith Entwife, for their work as co-presidents. India Nishi resigned last month as co-president, and Judith Entwife, who had been co-president with India in order to be her backup as she learned the ropes, decided that with India leaving, she also would resign. India is returning to the Stanwood-Camano Branch. Judith is continuing with our branch.

Lynda Buehring was elected as Co-Vice President, Membership, but has declined to accept, because she has been offered the opportunity to be President Elect for the AAUW Stanwood-Camano Branch.

Just for fun

Susan Moen suggests some of the following ideas for staying in touch in small groups, via Zoom. *Contact a few friends and try one or two of these ideas, and let us know how it works!*

- **Do your own cooking show** — make bread or a fancy dessert together.
- **Talk about race relations**, perhaps discussing the book *White Fragility*.
- **Conversation - choose a topic** such as favorite childhood memories.

An update on our postponed tea

The Women of Whatcom County Tea and Fashion show has now been rescheduled to Saturday, March 21, 2021.

We realized that a date in September was too unpredictable for a group as large as ours during the COVID pandemic. Please don't worry, all purchased tickets will be honored.

The first day of Spring, Afternoon Tea with scones and tea sandwiches, Fashion Show, Bellingham Country Club — all the ingredients for a marvelous day! It'll be great to offer hugs and handshakes again. See you there!

Judy Fruhbauer and Kathy Jenkis



Just because we can!
Our Virtual Discounted Membership Event has been extended through August 31!!!

If you are interested in joining us here are your options:

Friend
Student Memberships
Discounted full memberships

If you are interested in joining, contact us at

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Thanks, all around!!

by Gwen Parker, Newsletter Editor

Summer is the time when our branch usually has an end-of-season event, when we install new officers and recognize **all the people who have given their time and skills to keep our many projects going.** In this YEAR OF COVID, that's not going to happen, so we will list many of them here. **I know I will miss some names, and forgive me for that!**

Thanks first to all our board members, who spend several hours each month keeping us organized and moving forward.

Thanks especially to **Judy Fruhbauer and Kathy Jenkis, and their Women of Whatcom Tea Committee,** for not only planning the event, but dealing with the need to postpone it. We'll get there eventually!

Thanks to our **Tech Trek leaders, Pam Sankey and Jean Cox-Treverton, and to our High School Scholars committee,** including Jean, once again, and **Kathy Jenkis. Esther Golde** created the decals for both programs, with all the participating students receiving them, as well as publishing our member handbook.

Thanks to **Carol McKinney, Catherine Chambers and Carol Simmer** for work on the College Pantry project and other liaison work.

Thanks to **Kathy Cole** for spearheading our annual Holiday Greenery Fundraiser, and to those who volunteered

Thanks to the many who furnished food, decorations, ideas, clean-up help...this list goes on! 🌊🌊🌊



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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





Happy July Birthday!

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Hang in there, everybody! Mask up, hunker down, stay connected to your friends!

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