Presidents’ News

WA Online Branch

October 9, 2020

Here’s our October surprise:

Our branch Executive Committee hopes to earn stars for the WA Online branch through *AAUW’s 5 Star Program*. This initiative rewards branches for aligning their activities with AAUW’s mission and strategic plan. In order to earn stars, branches must meet criteria set forth in five areas. Here’s how we’re doing so far:

Programs: Kelvie is planning two programs in spring that will further AAUW mission

Communication: Updates to web page are ongoing with information on strategic plan and Work Smart (See [wa-online.aauw.net](http://wa-online.aauw.net/)).

Public Policy: We have a public policy chair—Connie Dunkelberger

Advancement: Board agreed to donate $500 to the Greatest Needs Fund of AAUW in addition to donations by branch members that exceed the standard for a star.

Governance and Stability. In progress.

What you can do:

\*Get on Facebook and like the Online Branch group page. Mary Letterman is posting there regularly. <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWWAOnlineBranch>

\*Sign up for Action Alerts to make your voice heard on AAUW issues. Easy to do by scrolling to the bottom of the home page at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org/)

\*Watch the excellent AAUW tribute to the life and careers of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and how it connects with our mission. Two ways—either YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFDFPWz4q3o&feature=emb_logo>
OR at aauw.org membership page. <https://www.aauw.org/membership/>

INTERESTING EVENTS COMING UP SOON

**R90 Program from Seattle Branch**: Oct 10 at 10 AM. Catherine West with Legal Voice on the Campaign for Safe & Healthy Youth by approving R90 in the Nov 3 election: rsvp@aauw-seattle.org to receive zoom link for this meeting.

**Meet Author Ellen Dubois discussing suffrage**, focusing on her recent book: *Suffrage: Women’s Long Battle for the Vote*. Monday, November 2, at 1:00 pm. Sponsored by AAUW-WA. For zoom link: advocacy@aauw-wa.org.

**WA Online December Program**: Book/movie Christmas party with Jane Austen: *Sense and Sensibility*. Either read the book or watch the film or BBC series. Then Bring your mulled wine and fruitcake or other treats for a trip back 1811 England. Details to follow. Save the date, find the book, locate the movie.

December 3, 5 pm.