

Edmonds SnoKing Branch January, 2017 newsletter

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Calendar

Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m. to noon, Branch meeting. Fairwinds Brighton Court, 6520 196th Street SW,

Lynnwood. Our guest is Haifa Fakh Alhussieni, co-owner of Café Louvre in Edmonds. Haifa brings the unique perspective of a woman's role as a business owner in a Middle Eastern country and in the United States. She is currently using her expertise in interior design and the arts to enhance the cultural scene of Edmonds by showcasing the work of local artists and performers each month at Café Louvre.

Parking can be tight so carpooling is encouraged. There is also parking available at Monroe Hall on the EdCC campus to the west.

Other January events and programs:

- **Wednesday, January 18, 1 p.m. Diversity Book Group, at the home of Helen Behan.** The group will be discussing [Baking Cakes in Kigali](#) by Gaile Parkin. If you are new to the book group, call Helen for more information.
- **Friday, January 20, 10 a.m., Coffee and Conversation,** at Café Louvre, 210 5th Avenue South, Edmonds.
- **Monday, January 30.** AAUW Washington Lobby Day, [register here](#). Contact Helen Behan about carpooling.

From Your Co-Presidents

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. So many blessings begin with family and friends, and with the wonderful foods filling the kitchen, and great conversations around dining room tables.

Many thanks to all of you who planned and attended the December Auction. It was a great way to start the holidays. All of your support for our scholarships is appreciated. Kudos to Sharon McGinnis and the Philanthropy Team for the auction's fantastic success.



With 2017 upon us, we are excited about meeting our scholarship goals.

During the next six months, we'll have excellent programs focused on our mission. You'll have opportunities to hear guests like Haifa Fakh Alhussieni, view *The Hunting Ground*, participate in AAUW Washington State Lobby Day, and meet our scholarship winners and Young STEM Scholars.

There's a reminder from Helen Behan about singing up for AAUW's Two-minute Activist emails. All of our efforts in 2017 will be based on AAUW's mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Anne Penny and Nadine McCray



Notes from the Board

Since the Branch Member Directory was last printed and distributed, we have five new members: Mary Adele Hornish, Anna Marie Lavieri, Edith Moubray, Marilyn Zimmerman, and Kendall Shawhan (our Shoreline CC rep).

Please welcome them and introduce yourself!

There will be a revised printed directory and 2017 program guide available at the January branch meeting. Remember that our website is your most current source of member and program information.

There will be a New Member Luncheon on Saturday, February 11.

On Wednesday, February 22, 11:30 a.m., our branch meeting will be held at the Black Box Theater on the EdCC campus and will feature [The Hunting Ground](#), a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses. This program will be open to students and our branch will supply light lunch food.

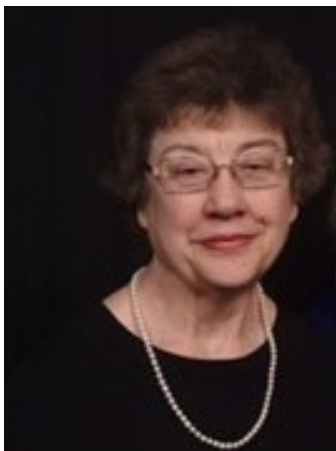
Philanthropy

Thanks to your continued support and generosity, the Philanthropy Team is pleased to report that we raised \$3048 for our scholarship fund at the December Auction. Special thanks go to Elaine Netske for handling the reservations, Linda Canney for taking care of the money, and to Anne Penny, Nadine McCray, Mary Beth Walsh, Maurine Johnson, Kay Corbett, Lori Cross, Geri Linkins and Debby Smith for their work to keep the auction running smoothly. The willingness of our members to contribute their time, hard work, and money makes it possible for our small branch to meet the goals we have set for helping women and girls succeed.

Sharon McGinnis



Member Profile: Linda Canney



Linda was born in Elton, Louisiana, near Lake Charles, but spent her early years in Oil City, near Shreveport. Since coming to Seattle with her family she has remained in the Seattle area and graduated from Roosevelt High School.

She earned a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of

Washington and did postgraduate accounting work at Seattle University. She holds an AICPA Certificate of Educational Achievement for Governmental/Not-for-Profit Accounting and Auditing.

In 1965, she obtained a license and certificate from the State of Washington as a Certified Public Accountant. She retired the license in 2015.

Professionally Linda was a partner in a local CPA firm. During her 44 years of work, she supervised and performed audits throughout Washington, Alaska, Oregon, New York, and Washington, D.C. Her volunteer involvement included serving as a member of the Audit Review Advisory Committee of United Way of King County, as a member and chairman of the Washington State Board of Accountancy, and as vice president of the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants. She was on the Executive Committee and served as the National President of the American Society of Women Accountants.

Linda and her husband were married for 51 years. Prior to his death, she was his caretaker for seven years.

Pat Chandler invited Linda to join our branch of AAUW. Linda says that she enjoys its support and encouragement of women and their educational achievements. What attracted her initially is our membership of professionally-trained women with diverse interests and backgrounds

She likes to read and participate in the book discussion group at the Mountlake Terrace Public Library and she is currently on the board of the Friends of the Library. She has taken some classes in

quilting and would like to have more time to devote to that activity.

We are fortunate to have Linda serving our Branch as its Vice President of Finance, a position that makes good use of her skill and experience in accounting and auditing.

AAUW Action Network in 2016

As we look ahead to 2017, to an uncertain future for rights for women and girls, it's important to look back at what the [AAUW Action Network](#) accomplished in 2016:

- Six states passed new equal pay laws.
- We celebrated 44 years of Title IX with Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada) and presented him with our Title IX Champion award.
- Members organized more than 900 get-out-the-vote events in 46 states.
- 19 AAUW members were elected to state legislatures.
- 12 AAUW delegates attended the first White House United State of Women Summit.
- AAUW members and supporters hosted more than 200 Equal Pay Day events nationwide.
- Our Capitol Hill Lobby Corps held thousands of meetings with members of Congress and their staffs to advocate for AAUW priority issues, like equal pay, paid leave, voting rights, and college affordability.
- We broke the news that 91% of colleges likely underreported incidents of campus rape in 2014.
- AAUW leaders in 18 states helped demand better data on harassment in schools.
- AAUW tracked 120 pieces of legislation in Congress, and more than 1,050 bills at the state level. By tracking legislation, AAUW successfully championed the passage of congressional bills on issues ranging from sexual assault prevention to public education. Through Action Network, we were also able to stop or improve harmful measures such as the Russell Amendment.

When we needed to influence the conversation, you made your voices heard loud and clear through AAUW Action Network. Thank you!

Public Policy Update



Make your voice heard on AAUW's policy priorities. Connect with members of congress and other advocates on issues

important to women and families. Paid family leave, equal pay for equal work, college affordability, sexual assault, and women's health are all part of the AAUW mission. It is so important that we all take part in these issues at this time. Go to the AAUW website, aauw.org, click on Issues, then on [Take Action](#). Sign up to become a Two-minute Activist. You will get emails from national that need member participation. It is quick and easy. You will be doing your part to break down barriers for women and girls.

Helen Behan

Application of Title IX to Athletics

This is the most complex, as well as the best-known, of the issues covered by Title IX. Under the Department of Education's Title IX provisions, an academic institution must provide equal athletic opportunities for both sexes, and effectively accommodate the student's athletic interests and abilities.

Here are the key provisions:

- Participation opportunities for male and female students are based on numbers proportionate to their respective enrollments.
- If one sex has been under-represented, the institution must show continuing program expansion.
- Where the institution can't show continued program expansion, it must show that members of that sex have been fully accommodated by the present program.

In deciding whether an institution is providing equal opportunities in athletics, regulations have this "laundry list" of factors to be considered:

- Provision of equipment and supplies
- Scheduling of games and practice time
- Travel and per diem allowance
- Opportunity for coaching and academic tutors
- Assignments and compensation of coaches and tutors
- Provision of locker rooms, practice areas, and competitive facilities
- Provision of medical training facilities and services
- Housing and dining services
- Publicity
- Recruitment
- Support services

With each new sport at an institution, this entire list must be addressed, costing thousands of dollars to put in place. Then the task remains to get proportional numbers to participate.



So, to summarize the reasons why it is so difficult to meet the Title IX Guidelines in Athletics:

- There is a long list of considerations, and a large expenditure, to start a new sport.
- It is difficult to get proportional sign-ups.
- The institution must show continued expansion of the program and/or show that the needs of members of that sex are being adequately met.

Phyllis Keiley-Tyler