

Edmonds SnoKing Branch November, 2016 newsletter

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Calendar

Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m. to noon, Branch meeting. Shoreline Community College,

PUB, Bldg 9000, Room 9208. [Click here for a campus map](#) which also gives driving directions. You'll have a chance to meet SCC president Dr. Cheryl Roberts and hear from deputy Title IX coordinator Dr. Yvonne Terrell-Powell.

Enter Shoreline CC through the main entrance. You'll see a bus stop on the right, then the 9000 building, also on the right. Parking is free on Saturday and you can park in staff, student, or visitor lots.

Other November events and programs:

- **Friday, November 4, 10 a.m., Walk and Talk.** Meet at Walnut Street Cafe in Edmonds. Rain or shine, umbrellas welcome. RSVP to Barb Bailey so we will wait for you to join us.
- **Wednesday, November 16, 1 p.m. (Note time change) Diversity Book Group.** The group will be discussing [Between the World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates. If you are new to the book group, call Helen Behan for more information.
- **Friday, November 18, 10 a.m., Coffee and Conversation,** at Café Louvre, 210 5th Avenue South, Edmonds.
- **Monday, November 28, 12:30 p.m., Bridge Group,** at the home of Merrie Emmons.

From Your Co-Presidents

The next couple of months are exciting ones for our branch. At our November 12th branch meeting, we have the opportunity to meet on the Shoreline Community College campus. As a result of the work done by our Community Connections Team, we have a new college partnership representative, Kendall Shawhan. Kendall replaces Lynette Peters, our first SCC representative.



On November 17, our branch is co-sponsoring, with the League of Women Voters, an informative program on sexual trafficking. The program features the

showing of the documentary, [The Long Night](#), and a panel discussion with the film's producer and director, and with agencies in Snohomish County that work with victims of trafficking. (See page 5 for a program flyer.)

Then on December 3rd, we have our annual holiday fundraiser. Come, bring your friends, and think about the items you would like to purchase as gifts. It's a special time for laughter, great conversations, and support of scholarships. And the food is fabulous at Café de Paris.

We hope to see you at all three special events, as well as at the other monthly events sponsored by our branch.

Anne Penny and Nadine McCray



Notes from the Board

Anne Penny announced the branch meeting programs for 2017:

- January 14: Haifa Fakhri, owner of Café Louvre, will speak about her efforts to create a center for art and performance in the local community.
- February, date/time TBA. The [Hunting Ground](#), a film about sexual assault on college campuses, Black Box Theater.
- March 11: Spring fundraiser, featuring a fashion show by Chico's
- April 8: Suman Jaiprakash will talk about "Traditional East Indian Dress."
- May 13: Guest presenters from [Days for Girls](#), an organization which provides hygienic sanitary supplies so that women and girls do not miss work or school because of their menstrual cycles. Scholar recognition ceremony will be held.
- June 10: Officers will be installed and we'll do year-end reports.

Philanthropy

Thanks to the generosity of your donations on the Silver Tray at our October meeting, our branch was able to send **\$1635** to our national organization to support its important work for women and girls. The funds you chose to donate to included: AAUW Funds, Bonnie Dunbar, Public Policy, Legal Advocacy, and Leadership. The other good news is that your donations to national are tax deductible.



Our next fundraising event will be the **December Holiday Auction**. Money collected will go toward funding our scholarships, so this is a big event for our branch. The reservation form is in this newsletter and is [also on our branch website](#). Since December 3 is earlier than usual, you need to get your reservations to Elaine Neske by **November 21**. If you are bringing guests, be sure to submit a separate form for each person.

When you are putting together your auction items, think of any interesting information about the item. If you bring baked goods, you might include a description and possibly a recipe. If you bring a basket, please include a list of items contained in the basket. If you bring something special from your travels, you might include information about where you got the item and anything else of interest. If you bring an art item or a piece of jewelry, and know about the artist, please include that kind of information. Also, please include what you think might be an appropriate minimum bid for your item. That kind of information will be helpful to the auctioneers and will help us make sure we are giving your item its due, as well as helping to maximize the money raised for our scholarships.

Sharon McGinnis

Member Profile: Susan Teel

I grew up in Sacramento and received a traditional Catholic school education through high school. Being somewhat “rebellious,” I “left” home and went all the way to U.C. Davis for my first two years of college, then graduated from UCLA with an English-Speech major. After accepting a teaching job with the Los Angeles School District in 1969, I was informed that a pregnant woman was not allowed in the classroom. My husband accepted a newspaper job in the San Francisco Bay Area the following year, so we happily moved North, where we raised our two sons.



When I decided to re-enter the workforce in the early 1970s, California had an overabundance of teachers, and the job prospects were dim. I knew I needed a change in direction. I applied to law school and for a job with a major bank’s Trust Department. My job was as a Trust Assistant – a euphemism

for a secretary and clerical assistant to a Trust Officer. It was an opportunity to see a bit of the inner workings of the finance, real estate, and investment world during a major economic growth period.

Shortly after graduating from law school, and having graduated to single Mom status, I met my second and current husband, Tom Teel, and we married five years later. (It took him awhile to agree to taking on both me and my adolescent sons.)

I obtained an LLM in Taxation, from Golden Gate University Law School, and began specializing in Trusts and Estates. I worked for a “big eight” CPA firm in San Francisco for three years, then moved to an Oakland law firm, where I remained for seven years. During a sabbatical, I enrolled in a two-year Mills College “Post Doc” program, for returning students who needed the pre-requisite biological and physical sciences classes necessary for applying to Medical School. I discovered how to learn! Although I was academically challenged, I was in an environment that was particularly supportive of women making major changes. Ultimately the practical realities of age, finances, and family grabbed me back, so I returned to law, but on different terms.

I opened my own law office in San Francisco, joining colleagues with compatible independent practices.

I’ve continue to practice law since that time, about 22 years. My husband, Tom, and I moved to Seattle in 2006, to be near my sons and their families. We briefly returned to the California Bay Area during the recession, but resettled here in 2010.

I first discovered AAUW while living in Lafayette, California, during the brief period I was a stay-at-home Mom. Unfortunately, I soon had to return to work and had to cut-off my AAUW association, but while with the group, I enjoyed the lively, informed discussions, and their involvement in local issues of education and politics. I vowed to return, when the demands of life settled down a bit – so here I am. Not that those demands have decreased – they have simply morphed into other forms. Thankfully however I now have time to reconnect.

I now work in Shoreline, and we live in South Everett. I was searching for a local AAUW group a year ago, when I first met several members of this group who introduced me to the Edmonds SnoKing Branch. Finding this Branch was lucky for me! I technically joined the Branch last year, but this year I have vowed to become a more active member. It has been a “breath of fresh air” to discover remarkable women of diverse backgrounds and interests, who wish to be engaged in the issues of education (particularly women’s education), politics, and local cultural affairs, all of which I value so much. I appreciate the opportunity to reconnect!

My own education has enabled me to grow, earn a good living, support my family, and it has given me access to economic, cultural, and social opportunities that never would have been available to me without it. I’ve had to work hard to acquire, shape, and continue my educations, but that process has become internalized such that learning is central – it is one of the most important areas of my life. I am highly motivated to help support the educational journey for other women – of all ages and backgrounds, AND eager to join in the social and intellectual interactions of the Branch.

In my leisure time I love hiking, kayaking, reading, listening and occasionally playing music, taking in plays, cooking, and seeking new adventures in this area.



Public Policy Update

Many thanks to all who volunteered on National Voters Registration Day. You are the best! Our final count was 129

people registered. And more thank-yous to members who attended and assisted at the League of Women Voter forums, including: Mary Ross, Sue Renhard, Barbara Bailey, Jan Holsbo, Phyllis Keiley-Tyler, and Helen Behan. Barbara saw to it that we had AAUW materials on the information table.

Mary Ross, Jan Holsbo, Phyllis Keiley-Tyler, and Helen Behan were on the EdCC campus on October 6 to register voters. Many of the students we approached were either underage or not citizens. Some people told us that they were not voting because they were unhappy with the choice of presidential candidates. We tried to persuade them that there are many other candidates and initiatives on the ballot. It made us even more convinced that there is a great need for voter education. People should attend forums and read the Voters Pamphlet to be informed about the candidates for office and the issues that will affect their lives. The League of Women Voters has excellent information on its [state](#) and [local](#) websites.

Helen Behan

NCCWSL and Our Branch

Did you know that our branch has sponsored EdCC students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders? The women are selected by members of our branch, travel expenses are paid by EdCC Associated Student funds, and our branch covers their incidental expenses. In 2016, the women who attended NCCWSL on behalf of our branch were: SiLu Li, Jiedan Tan, and Kelly Nguyen. Ours is the only branch in the state that sends community college women to this leadership conference.



College Scholarship Recipient

At the October meeting we met Anh Nguyen, the recipient of our 2016 EdCC scholarship. Anh is pursuing an AA degree in biology, then she plans to transfer to a four-year university to work on a medical degree.



Application of Title IX to Various Issues

Here is a summary of some of the key issues covered by Title IX, as well as best practices to meet its obligations.

Recruitment, Admissions, and Counseling

Title IX prohibits recipient institutions of vocational, professional, and graduate higher education, as well as public colleges and universities, from discrimination on the basis of sex in the recruitment of students.

- Title IX coordinators must review recruitment material, admission forms, and policies and procedures in these areas.
- Regulations prohibit discriminating on the basis of sex in counseling or in guiding applicants for admission. Packets must be reviewed to ensure that different materials are not used that would permit different treatment based on sex.
- In a school community, students must have equal access to all programs. Nontraditional fields of study continue to be affected by sex-based disparities in enrollment. The Title IX coordinator must ensure that disparities are not a result of sex discrimination by reviewing materials and counseling practices.

Schools continue to have difficulty meeting equity enrollment requirements in STEM and other classes. Students may need encouragement to explore nontraditional fields and schools may need to address under-representation of students in those fields.

Phyllis Keiley-Tyler

Our Children Are Not for Sale

Learn about sexual trafficking and what's happening in OUR community.

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church
8109 224th St. S.W., Edmonds

Showing of documentary film, "The Long Night"
Introduction by producer and director Tim Matsui

Panel discussion with:

Joan Gwordske, Detective, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
Elysa Hovard, Director of Outreach, Cocoon House
Q&A with panel and Mr. Matsui

www.thelongnightmovie.com

This event is free and
open to the public.

Sponsored by the
League of Women Voters
of Snohomish County,
with Verdant Health
Commission, Cocoon House,
and AAUW Edmonds
SnoKing Branch.
For more information,
visit our website,
www.lvvsnoho.org.



FILMED, DIRECTED, PRODUCED BY **TIM MATSUI** EXECUTIVE PRODUCER **BRIAN STORM** EDITED & PRODUCED BY **TIM MCLAUGHLIN**
MOTION GRAPHICS **JOE FULLER** ORIGINAL MUSIC **NANDI ROSE PLUNKETT** IMAGES **TIM MATSUI**



**AAUW Edmonds SnoKing Branch
Holiday Luncheon and Auction**

Saturday, December 3, 2016

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Café de Paris, Edmonds

Bring your silent and live-bid auction items at 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. Auction begins at 10:15 a.m. All funds support our local scholarships.

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and will include rolls, salad, entrée, dessert, and beverages (coffee, tea and water). Wine may be purchased. Cost per person is \$25.

Questions? Please call Sharon McGinnis, (206) 542-0619.



**RESERVATION FORM (one needed per guest, deadline for reservations is
Monday, November 21)**

Name:

Choice of entrée: Tarragon chicken Fish of the day Vegetarian crepe

Choice of dessert: Peach Melba Cheesecake Chocolate mousse cake

Please send this form and your check for \$25 per person, made payable to Edmonds SnoKing AAUW to:

Elaine Neske
2031 145th Street SW
Lynnwood, WA 98087

_____ I can't make it but enclosed is my donation to the scholarship fund!