

# Edmonds SnoKing Branch October, 2016 newsletter

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## Calendar

**Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m. to noon, Branch meeting.** Edmonds Community College,

Snohomish Hall, Room 338. [Click here for a campus map](#) showing where to park. You'll have a chance to meet and hear from our college scholarship winner and from the two EdCC students who attended NCCWSL.

## Other October events and programs:

- **Friday, October 7, 10 a.m., Walk and Talk.** Rain or shine, umbrellas welcome. Meet at [Walnut Street Coffee](#). Email Barb Bailey to let her know that you are coming.
- **Friday, October 21, 10 a.m., Coffee and Conversation,** at Café Louvre, 210 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Edmonds.
- **Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., Diversity Book Group.** The group will be discussing [Secret Daughter](#) by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. If you are new to the book group, call Helen Behan for more information.
- **Monday, October 24, 12:30 p.m., Bridge Group,** at the home of Barbara Bentson.

In October, our branch is co-sponsoring several election forums with the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County. See pages 3 and 4 for details about the forums.



## From Your Co-Presidents

This is the beginning of the "listening season." We hear many wants and take time to sort out needs. It's time to be reminded of our mission—advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Listening  
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Learning

At our branch meeting on October 8, we'll begin by listening to the students we have supported: EdCC students who attended

the June, 2016, National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) with our co-president Anne Penny; and our EdCC scholarship winner. This will be followed by our Silver Tray fundraiser. There will be a handout on AAUW funds available at the meeting. Afterwards, let's celebrate our giving by having lunch together. See you on October 8!

*Anne Penny and Nadine McCray*

## EARLY ALERT

Put this date and location on your calendar:

November 17, 6:30 p.m.

Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church

Documentary film, [The Long Night](#), followed by a panel discussion of sex trafficking in Snohomish County. This event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Edmonds SnoKing Branch.



## Notes from the Board

- VP for Finance Linda Canney is moving our checking account and CD from US Bank to Home Street Bank. Advantages? Slightly higher interest rates and a local bank.
- The Board approved co-sponsorship of the upcoming election forums with the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County.
- Trinity Lutheran Church has been confirmed as the location for our spring fundraiser on March 11. The luncheon and program will be 1 to 4 p.m.
- At the September branch meeting, Linda received \$270 in member donations towards the \$760 general fund shortfall in our 2016-2017 budget.
- Our November branch meeting will be held at Shoreline Community College. President Cheryl Roberts will welcome us to the college. Dr. Yvonne Terrell Powell will give a presentation on Title IX compliance at the college.

## Philanthropy

Two of our major fund-raisers are rapidly approaching. At the October branch meeting, we will be taking Silver Tray donations for AAUW Funds to support the work done by national. Specific fund information will be provided at the meeting and [may also be found on the national website](#).

Our December Auction to raise funds for our local scholarships will be held December 3 at Café de Paris in Edmonds, so please save the date.

In addition to our usual items for the silent and regular auctions, our members have committed to some creative ideas for things to auction. Merrie Emmons will auction a dinner and game night at her home. Jan Holsbo will have a Fourth of July fireworks-watching event at her condo (with a full view of the fireworks in Edmonds). Mary Ross will be auctioning a large cheesecake, with your choice of toppings, to be prepared for the winning bidder at a later date.

Please be thinking of any special talents or skills you might be able to share or events you might like to host. Here are some of the ideas from the brainstorming session at our June branch retreat that you might want to consider:



- Sewing or knitting lessons
- Hosting a wine and cheese tasting
- Hosting a bingo night
- Caring for plants or pets for members who are traveling

We are hoping for another successful auction this year and your support makes our scholarships possible!

*Sharon McGinnis*

## Member Profile: Eva Mehaffey

AAUW attracted Eva Mehaffey because of its support for women and for local education. She has been a member for over 10 years.

She graduated from the UW in 1964 with a B.A. in Elementary Education and later earned an M.A. from City U in Curriculum and Instruction. Her first year teaching was in San



Diego, with 34 first graders. After she returned to Seattle, she taught mainly first grade for 36 years. She says, "Teaching was never dull. It was always exciting if not challenging."

Besides her career in elementary education,

Eva has had many years of involvement in the community, in health care, and on scholarship committees. She served on the East Regional Council for Group Health, as chair of the Lynnwood Group Health Medical Center Council, and was appointed as a community representative to the IRB Board at Stevens hospital until it was leased to Swedish. The board's job was to protect research participants and check for compliance to HIPA regulations.

Eva is an active member of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County and was recently elected to its Board of Directors.

In the area of scholarships, Eva is the Coordinator of Educational Research for the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation. It awards scholarships to educators seeking post-B.A. degrees and National Board Certification. Because of generous bequests and donations, 424 awards—worth \$852,995—have been given since 1967.

Locally, she is on the scholarship committee of the Edmonds School District Foundation. They give scholarships to Edmonds High School seniors and are generously supported by the Hazel Miller Foundation. She says that it is rewarding to see the high achievements of our local graduates.

Eva is a pianist for the Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church and for the Advent Lutheran Church of Mill Creek. The piano has been part of her life since her mother sat her down at the keyboard at age 4!

On a more personal note, Eva loves to travel and began in 1983 with a trip to China. Although after coming up the Pacific Coast from the Panama Canal, she decided that the open ocean was not for her! In addition to all her volunteer activities, she enjoys playing bridge, quilting, water color, theater, the Cascade Symphony, and trying to keep up with several book clubs.



## Getting Big Money Out of Politics

Our AAUW branch is co-sponsoring this forum with the League of Women Voters:

**Thursday, October 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Speakers will discuss strategies for fighting big money in elections and the potential impacts of I-1464 in Washington State.

LWV Washington State is supporting I-1464 and there is [more information about it on the LWV of Snohomish County website](#).

*Helen Behan*



## Public Policy Update

Heartfelt thanks to all the AAUW members who

volunteered to help on National Voters Registration Day, Tuesday, September 27. Because of your public spirit, many time slots were covered at the Sno-Isle Libraries where we are registering voters.

AAUW, League of Women Voters, and NAACP are co-sponsoring a variety of election forums. We will have a table on which to display our AAUW brochures. These forums are a great way to make informed decisions about voting.

*Helen Behan*



## Responsibilities and Authority of a Title IX Coordinator

The job of the Title IX coordinator is huge and the responsibilities include:

- Ensure a non-discrimination environment. The coordinator needs appropriate authority and support to coordinate compliance with access to all relevant information and resources.
- Knowledge of policies and procedures. The coordinator is involved in drafting and revising to ensure compliance with Title IX.
- Assist in developing a method to survey school climate and coordinate collection and analysis of the survey.
- Provide training and technical assistance on school policies related to sex discrimination.

- Work closely with many different members of the school community - administration, counselors, athletic director, and legal counsel.
- Adopt and publish grievance procedure, providing prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints.
- Coordinate the grievance process, monitoring compliance with all the requirements and timelines. The coordinator maintains grievance and compliance records and files.
- Publish a statement that the school does not discriminate on the basis of sex in education programs or activities. It is required by Title IX not to discriminate in any manner. Notices must be widely distributed, prominently posted on campus, on websites, and in printed publications.

A school may designate more than one Title IX Coordinator. Shoreline CC has five Deputy Title IX Coordinators to manage specific programs and training.

With all these responsibilities, will anyone want this job? Many district administrators have full-time jobs and are sometimes given the job of the Title IX Coordinator as well.

*Phyllis Keiley-Tyler*

## Candidate Forums

On consecutive Tuesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the League of Women Voters is holding candidate forums at:

### **Black Box Theatre, Edmonds Community College**

October 11—Candidates for U.S. House of Representatives in Districts 1, 2, and 7

October 18—Candidates for Washington Legislative Districts 21 and 32

Check the [LWV of Snohomish County website](#) for a list of the candidates who will attend. These forums are co-sponsored by Edmonds SnoKing Branch.

*Helen Behan*