
Edmonds SnoKing Branch

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From Your Co-Presidents

As we experience the holidays, we think it is important to keep the spirit of the season alive. As Donna Rockwell, Psy.D. faculty at Saybrook University and Michigan School of Professional Psychology writes, "The cold days of winter could grow warm



in the light of deeply felt appreciation, rather than the whole of the holiday season reduced to a countdown calendar of shopping days left 'til... Viewing the holidays as a time to honor loved ones, friends, coworkers and those who we meet in the course of a day, as well as ourselves, is a worthwhile alternative to the compulsive and seductive consumerism that unwittingly sweeps us away."

Coming up is our annual Holiday Luncheon and Auction, an event which focuses on the scholarships awarded by our AAUW Edmonds SnoKing Branch. As a group of accomplished and educated women, we embrace philanthropy to pave the way for others to follow us in higher education and advocacy for women and girls. So, we hope that you plan to join us at this special event on December 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cafe de Paris. Let's spend some precious time with each other and remember what we're here for as we bid high and bid often!

Have a very happy holiday season and may 2017 be the best of all the years, filled with laughter and joy.

Anne Penny and Nadine McCray

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Holiday Luncheon and Auction at Café de Paris. Bring your silent and live-bid auction items between 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. Auction begins at 10:15 a.m. All funds raised support our local scholarships.

Coffee and Conversation, Friday, December 16, 10 a.m. at Café Louvre in Edmonds.

Diversity Book Group will not meet in December. The January 18 meeting will be at 1 p.m. at the home of Helen Behan. The book is [Baking Cakes in Kigali](#) by Gaile Parkin. If you plan to attend for the first time, email Helen Behan for more information.

Bridge Group may meet on Monday, December 19, instead of its usual 4th Monday. Contact Barbara Bentson for more information.

Looking Ahead...

Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m. to noon. Branch meeting, Fairwinds Brighton Court. Our guest speaker is Haifa Fakih, an artist and designer who owns Café Louvre in Edmonds. Café Louvre is a neighborhood coffeehouse that showcases local artists and performers.

Monday, January 30. AAUW-Washington Lobby Day. [Register here.](#)

Wednesday, February 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Branch meeting. Black Box Theatre on the Edmonds Community College campus. Showing of [The Hunting Ground](#), a documentary on sexual assault on college campuses. This event will be open to EdCC students.

Philanthropy Notes

We are looking forward to the December Auction and hoping we raise a lot of money for our scholarships. Since we will be offering some date-specific events and unusual items, please remember to bring your calendar along with your checkbook. You may bring your auction items starting at 9:30 a.m. Geri Linkins and Debby Smith will be taking silent auction items in the entry and Mary Beth Walsh and Maurine Johnson will be taking items for the live auction in the dining room.

In addition to being such an enjoyable event and nice kick-off for the holiday season, this auction is so important to our scholarship program and your support is very much appreciated.

Sharon McGinnis

Public Policy

I hope you will plan to attend Lobby Day on January 30. Washington State AAUW always presents an interesting and very informative program. The Olympia branch has coffee and pastries when we arrive and a good lunch. You will enjoy meeting other branch members from western Washington. You will be getting notice by email from WA State AAUW. [Sign up as soon as possible](#) so that appointments with legislators can be made. And contact me so that car pools from Edmonds can be formed.

Helen Behan

Program Notes

For our January 14th meeting, at Fairwinds Brighton Court in Lynnwood, our speaker will be Haifa Fakih Alhussieni, co-owner of Café Louvre in Edmonds. Haifa is a graduate of the Lebanese American University in Beirut with a major in Interior Design and a minor in Fine Arts. She will share her experiences of growing up in Beirut during the Lebanese Civil War, attending the University and becoming a business owner in Beirut. In 1998 she came with her husband to the United States. After living in several cities, they settled in Edmonds where they opened the Café Louvre in 2012. 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 arts scene of Edmonds by exhibiting work of local residents each month at Café Louvre.

TITLE IX UPDATE

Did you have the good fortune to hear Dr. Yvonne Terrell-Powell speak at our November 12th meeting at Shoreline Community College? She gave a dynamic presentation regarding Title IX and ways it is being implemented on the SCC campus. She is Associate Dean of Equity Engagement and Counseling and is one of the Title IX Coordinators.

When asked to share with a neighbor what we knew about Title IX, of course our first response was, "Something about women and sports." We were reminded it is much more! Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities in federally-funded schools at all levels. It provides and protects education equity in all aspects for all participants. In addition, Shoreline Community College has its [Our Community Standards Document](#) posted all over the campus, as well as flyers listing "Your Title IX Rights" (posted in the bathrooms).

Dr. Terrell-Powell talked about ways that a safe and supportive environment is created for students at Shoreline CC:

- Students presented a proposal for all-gender bathrooms and there are now four on campus. Muslim students asked, "Is that enough?" The conversation has been respect for everyone with social equity and justice foremost. "When we diminish one, we diminish all."
- Title IX Guidelines are included in course outlines.
- Student training for men and women includes By-stander Intervention.
- Sexual assault statistics:
 - 1-4 women experience assault or rape
 - 1-5 or 6 men experience assault or rape

We are fortunate to have highly trained professionals like Dr. Yvonne Terrell-Powell working at Shoreline Community College and creating a safe and supportive learning environment for a diverse group of students. And we are also fortunate to have Shoreline Community College as an AAUW college partner with the Edmonds SnoKing Branch.

Phyllis Keiley-Tyler

Notes from the Board

At the Board meeting on November 16, treasurer Linda Canney announced that we have two new members, with 53 regular and five life members, for a total of 58.

Scholarships: Sue Renhard said that current plans are for one college and one high school scholarship. The team is hoping to have a diverse group of applicants. Anne asked that the team craft an email about the college scholarships and she will get it distributed around the EdCC campus. Sue said the high school scholarship will be need based.