

Edmonds SnoKing Branch Newsletter



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- **Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. to noon.** Annual branch meeting, EdCC Snohomish Hall, Room 338. Elections and celebration of past year successes.
- **Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m.,** Diversity Book Group. Book is *Lion or A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley. Call Helen Behan for more information.
- **Friday, April 21, 10 a.m.,** Coffee and Conversation, Café Louvre in Edmonds.
- **Monday, April 24, 12:30 p.m.,** Bridge Group at the home of Judith Baker.

Looking ahead...
Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to noon. Branch meeting and Young Scholars Recognition. Guest speaker from [Days for Girls International](#).



EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS A BIG SUCCESS!

Once again many Edmonds SnoKing Branch members volunteered to help bag materials and sort T-shirts on March 17, and came back early on March 21 to assist with the registration of nearly 400 8-12th grade girls from local schools.

For the girls, the day included keynote speaker, Jennifer Graves, describing a career in health care that took her to the current lead Chief Executive of Swedish Edmonds; three STEM workshops; a bag lunch and beverages in a large room lined with vendor tables offering girls information and "swag." Our vendor table offered candy, AAUW pens, and responses to "Who are you and what do you do?" Our response, "Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships." At 1:10 p.m., the girls boarded the buses back to their schools with a snack and an evaluation of their day.

What a rewarding and exciting day! By co-sponsoring EYH, we make a difference and provide a meaningful experience for our local girls. We left with smiles on our faces.

Phyllis Keiley-Tyler



Member Profile: Sandra Ripley Distelhorst

As she plans for retirement in the next year or so, Sandra is looking for opportunities to contribute locally to community advocacy groups that have a national presence. Many of the issues that Edmonds SnoKing branch addresses through its teams and partnerships align with her own interests—including women’s rights, education, healthcare, social justice, and the environment.

She has been active in professional healthcare communications organizations, including the American Medical Writers Association. She’s given presentations on topics such as patient education, developing consensus statements, gender and sex bias in medical writing, importance of style guides, and plagiarism. As a member of the Editorial Freelance Association, she co-authored a booklet on language bias with her daughter

Emily. As a member of the Society of Public Health Educators, she was recognized as a State Health Promotion Policy Expert (HPPE) and provided legislative and advocacy updates to members.

Her interest in environmental protection and climate change has led to a variety of local commitments. She is currently a member of the Mayor’s Climate Protection Committee for the City of Edmonds. She was also a board member of Preserve Our Islands, a community-based organization located on Vashon Island, that successfully stopped an international mining company from expanding a small local gravel pit into a large mining operation, and building a barging facility within a designated aquatic reserve. The sand and gravel mine is now a King County park.

Her B.S. from the UW in English Literature, along with self-training and work experience, has qualified her for various writing assignments. She co-authored and edited medical and healthcare publications, including peer review journal articles, healthcare guidelines, consensus statements, and patient education content and tools. On International Women’s Day (March 8, 2017), a set of 16 knowledge summaries on breast cancer prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, supportive care, and health policy was released by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), the National Health Institute (NIH), and the Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI) that represents a wonderful example of the last 10 years of work she did with one of her favorite clients, the BHGI. It was through her work with BHGI that she began to see how important it is to match local community advocacy with national and international efforts. Introducing breast health education into a cultural community where there was limited equity for women could open the door for women to become advocates for their own health (including reproductive health) and education.

Sandra hopes that what she loves about her work translates into volunteer work with AAUW and other groups in combining evidence-based research, advocacy, and communication tools to support equity in education, employment, healthcare, and other social and political efforts. “I look forward to learning more about AAUW Edmonds SnoKing projects and getting to know other members and working together on projects.”

From the Philanthropy Team

The Philanthropy Team would like to thank everyone who attended and supported our Spring Fundraiser. I don't have a final figure yet but we raised around \$1400 to support our scholarships and partnerships for women and girls. The food was wonderful, the models were beautiful, the baskets were fun and interesting, and the decorations were lovely. There are too many to thank individually but this event was another great example of the willingness of our members to step up and make sure our events are a success. This was our final fundraiser for this year but ideas for change and improvement for next year are always encouraged.

Sharon McGinnis



APPLICATION OF TITLE IX TO DISCIPLINE

The Department of Education's Title IX regulations prohibit an academic recipient from subjecting any person to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment, such as discriminatory discipline, based on sex.

- The Title IX coordinator needs to work with other school employees and coordinators regarding disciplinary incidents and discipline

policies to ensure they are not administrated in a discriminatory manner.

- The coordinator needs to review the disciplinary record and data to insure that similarly situated students are not being disciplined differently based on sex.
- Title IX coordinator needs to ensure students are not disciplined based on their gender identity or for failing to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity in their behavior or appearance.

KEY: Nondiscriminatory administration of discipline

The speaker at our November meeting at Shoreline Community College was Dr. Yvonne Terrell-Powell, one of the Title IX coordinators at Shoreline. We have great news! Dr. Terrell-Powell will be the new Associate Vice President for Equity and Inclusion at Edmonds Community College starting in April.

Phyllis Keiley-Tyler

From the Branch Co-Presidents

It's spring and crocuses are sprouting!

During our branch meeting on April 8, you will be voting for 2017-2019 leadership positions for our branch. Despite not having a person to run for the office of President, our branch will continue to function with strong teams and team leadership. (See Notes From the Board) We hope that all members consider becoming involved in our teams.

Our Scholarship Team, led by Sue Reinhard and Lori Cross, will soon announce our high school and college scholarship recipients. Perhaps there will be another Marie Curie in our scholarship recipients. ([Did you know that AAUW helped to raise money to purchase a gram of radium for Marie Curie to continue her research?](#)) All your donations for scholarships help these young women advance towards their dreams and meet their education goals.

Sharon McGinnis, the Philanthropy Team, and many volunteers are to be thanked for the success at the Spring Luncheon last month. There was delicious food, active conversations, and a fun program by Chico's at the Alderwood Mall. Thanks to Anne for working with our student helpers from the EdCC Global Volunteers.

Phyllis is to be congratulated for a very successful Expanding Your Horizons conference where over 400 middle and high school students learned about STEM careers.

Unfortunately, our program for the April meeting had to be revamped because our guest speaker is unavailable. We'll

celebrate the success of our year with a slide show and videos.

What an exciting month our branch has had! Thank you to participating members and teams.

Anne Penny and Nadine McCray

Notes From the Board

Mary Ross and Jan Holsbo have been working on a revision of our branch bylaws to bring them into alignment with the national AAUW bylaws. It's been a big job because our bylaws needed other revisions, besides the ones mandated by



national, such as new branch name and changes to the leadership and team structures. Next step is to have the revised bylaws reviewed by the State Bylaws Chair.

We hope to have the revised bylaws ready for a vote at the June meeting.

For the April meeting, members will be voting on officers. Andrea Bonnicksen has agreed to run for a second term as Recording Secretary. Anne Penny will run for the second year of the VP for Program. The Nominating Committee was unable to find a candidate for branch president. The Board has discussed this leadership gap many times and is grateful that Nadine McCray has volunteered to serve as branch administrator for one year. (Having a designated administrator is required by national AAUW.) This administrator position will be explained in more detail at the April meeting.

AAUW WA State Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for AAUW-Washington State will be on Saturday, April 22. It will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cedar River Watershed Education Center in North Bend. [The agenda for the meeting is in the Evergreen Leader](#). Cost is \$45 (which includes light breakfast and lunch) and [you can register online](#).



Tour the Rhododendron Park in Kenmore

The Membership Team is planning an outing to Rhododendron Park. The park is located at 6910 NE 170th Street in Kenmore. We'll meet at 10 a.m. on **Friday, May 5**, at Third Place Books, and carpool to the park from there. It is a large park, with areas for walking and places to sit on a bench and enjoy the blooms.



Washington state legislators must formulate a plan which will provide a fair and stable revenue source for public

education, without making cuts to the programs necessary for student success. Influenced by false rhetoric and misinformation, Washington residents are generally anti-tax, opposed to any tax revenue increases even for the very wealthy. [SB 5825](#) raises state property taxes and takes away from local property taxes without fully funding programs now funded by local levies. In addition to the many cuts that would be made, [Initiative 1351](#) (Washington Class Size Reduction Measure) would be eliminated. At this point little progress has been made to fulfill the McCleary decision mandates. Call your state senator and let him/her know what you value. The \$100,00 per-day fine on the Legislature for not fully funding education now totals \$56,800,000. The Sexual Assault Protection Order Act, [SB 5256](#), was heard in the House Judiciary Committee and moved to Rules. Finally, negotiation continues on [HB 1116](#), Paid Family and Medical Leave.

Helen Behan