

# Edmonds SnoKing Branch Newsletter



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- **Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. to noon.**  
Branch meeting, EdCC Snohomish Hall, Room 338. Team reports, bylaws voting and summer activities preview.
- **Wednesday, June 21, 7 p.m.,** Diversity Book Group, discussing *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright. Call Helen Behan for more information.
- **Friday, June 16, 10 a.m.,** Coffee and Conversation, Café Louvre in Edmonds.
- **Monday, June 26, 12:30 p.m.,** Bridge Group at the home of Jeanne Johnson.
- **Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.,** annual Branch Retreat.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
Saturday, August 19, WA State AAUW summer training in Ellensburg.



**STEM Scholars from local high schools at our May meeting.**

### *From Your Co-Presidents*

The program year for our Branch is coming to a close and the June meeting will be a time for listening to reports and reviewing the successes of our teams. You'll have the opportunity to get involved with a team for the 2017-2018 program year. Our teams are: Philanthropy, Scholarships, Membership, Public Policy, Program, Communications, Administration, and Community Connection.

Our Branch has had positive experiences and success working with our partner organizations—League of Women Voters, Edmonds Community College, and Shoreline Community College.

Our annual Branch Retreat will be on Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the social room at Stella's Landing.

You'll hear more about summer activities at the June meeting and there will be a sign-up sheet for the potluck at the retreat.

*Nadine McCray*



## Branch Bylaws Voting

Just a reminder that we will be voting on the Branch bylaws revisions at the June 10 meeting. The existing Branch bylaws were revised to:

- Comply with national AAUW bylaws. (Articles I to VII of our Branch bylaws are now mandated by national.)
- Eliminate duplication.
- Change the Branch name from Edmonds to Edmonds SnoKing.
- Update the team structure and leadership to be consistent with current practice.

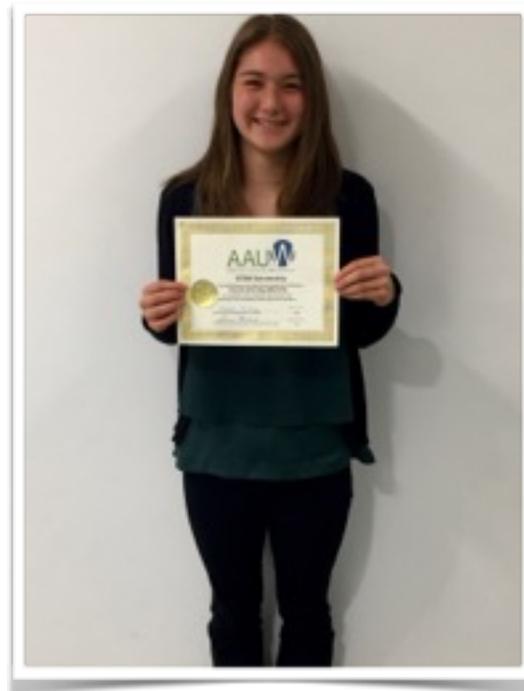
The revised Branch bylaws are on our website in the Members Only section. If you have any questions or need any clarification before the vote, please contact Mary Ross, [mbucherross@ymail.com](mailto:mbucherross@ymail.com) or 206-799-6875.

After approval of the revised bylaws, the Branch Administration Team will begin work on the Branch Policies.

**JUNE is the month to renew your AAUW membership. See instructions for doing this online on page 3.**

## High School Scholarship Awarded

At our May meeting, we awarded our annual STEM scholarship to Vesta Baumgartner. Vesta is graduating from Mountlake Terrace High School where she earned straight As in all her course work, even in challenging AP courses. In addition to studying Mandarin and Spanish, she played in the school's band and was on the school's track and field team. Vesta will attend the University of Washington and plans to become a wildlife veterinarian.



Many thanks to:

- Our Scholarship Team members who reviewed applications and chose the recipient.
- All our members who contributed so generously to our scholarship funds.
- Our Philanthropy Team for their hard work in planning and executing our fund-raising events.

## APPLICATION OF TITLE IX TO PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

Under the DoE Title IX regulations, academic recipients are prohibited from:

- Applying any rule concerning parental, family, or marital status that treats the persons differently on the basis of sex.
- Discriminating against or excluding any student from its education program or activity on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from pregnancy.



Institutions of vocational education, professional education, graduate higher education, and public colleges and universities are prohibited from making pre-admission inquiries as to the marital status of an applicant for admission.

The Title IX Coordinator needs to work with the academic recipient on its obligation not to exclude pregnant or parenting students from participating in any educational program, including extra-curricular activities. The Title IX Coordinator must respond to complaints of discriminations and provide training to students, as well as workshops for

administrators, teachers, and staff on Title IX regulations to meet the unique educational, child care, and health care needs of pregnant and parenting students.

On a personal note, I wish I'd been aware of this provision 15 years ago! My pregnant granddaughter was directed to the Alternate High School and her only option was a GED. She did not have the choice to walk across the stage and receive a full diploma with her husband and her class.

*Phyllis Keiley Tyler*

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The national AAUW website is open for you to renew your AAUW Branch, State, and National membership for 2017- 2018. This renewal should be done by June 30.

Renewing is easy. Go online to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). Select the "Login" button on the top menu. After you login, go to the bottom of the page under "Manage Your AAUW Membership, select "Member Services Database."

You should be looking at a page of "Your Contact Information." Revise any incorrect or incomplete information. On the left side of the page under Membership Payment Program, click on "Renew my Membership." Follow the instructions through the Confirmation of Renewal page.

After completing the payment, remember to Log Out.

*Linda Canney*

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**Our branch will have a table at the Edmonds Saturday Market on July 29. Volunteer to help staff this table and recruit new members.**

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## Membership News



The Membership Team has arranged for a tour of the Cascadia Art Museum, 190 Sunset Avenue, Edmonds, on **Friday, June 23**. The current exhibit is *Botanical Exuberance: Trees and Flowers in Northwest Art*. We plan to meet at 10:45 a.m. at the museum and tour for about an hour, and then on to lunch for whoever wants to join us. The cost is \$7 per person for the tour. Please RSVP to Shirley Buono, sbuono@sbcglobal.net, (425) 678-8886 if you plan to attend.

### Emergency Contact Information

We are still updating emergency contact information for Branch members. In the event that someone becomes ill or falls, the Branch can contact friends or family members to help with the emergency. We'll need the following information: your name, home phone, cell phone, a local contact, and a family contact. Please email to Shirley Buono, sbuono@sbcglobal.net or bring to the June Branch meeting. The current Emergency Contact list will be available so you can check it off or update the information.

## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Take some time to learn about and understand the impact of the new American Health Care Act, also known as Trumpcare. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office released its [analysis](#). The CBO estimates that 23 million Americans will be uninsured as a result of this legislation. Premiums are expected to increase by more than 20% compared to current law. Direct funding for Medicaid will be decreased by \$880 billion, resulting in 14 million fewer enrollees.

In addition to this cut, another \$627 billion over the next 10 years will gut critical services that Medicaid provides. Cuts to disability insurance will save \$72 billion by making changes to programs, and reducing the benefits and numbers of people on disability.



President Trump's new budget proposal further impacts the health care system. He calls for a 64% cut to funding for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs. Scientific research would be jeopardized by the budget's proposed \$58 billion cut in funding for the National Institutes of Health. Here's a [summary of the ways that Trump's budget proposal impacts public health](#).

The proposed AHCA gives huge tax reductions to the very wealthy, putting the burden on the middle class working person. It is also very shortsighted because it will cost American taxpayers trillions of dollars in the long run to repair the damage that would be inflicted on the nation's health.

*Helen Behan*



## Member Profile: Janet C. Robertson

Janet was born and brought up in New York City, but lived most of her life in New England, in the small northeast

Connecticut town of Hampton. Before moving to Connecticut, Janet lived in Arkansas and in Massachusetts. She moved permanently to Washington in 2009, and to Edmonds in 2015. She has had a somewhat checkered career—as a mother, an office assistant, an elementary school teacher, a high school teacher, a college teacher, and a writer. She started her writing life as a local stringer for a small-town newspaper, then graduated to other journalism. She has published several short stories as well as a novel (*Journey Home*) and, with her historian husband, a non-fiction book (*All Our Yesterdays*) that was an alternate selection of the Book of the Month Club. Currently, she is working on a memoir.

Janet has done a lot of traveling. Most memorable was a trip around the world on freighters, and other slow boats, with her family. More recently, she spent two weeks in Japan. Janet's volunteer time is spent working with the Children's Services Committee of the League of Women Voters and with the Curriculum Committee of the

Creative Retirement Institute. She loves participating in the courses at CRI and looks forward to interesting times with AAUW.

## NOTES from the BOARD



Unfortunately, there were a number of equipment and other issues at the May meeting, where our scholarship winner and STEM

scholars were recognized. These was due to an unexpected illness. The room was also over-crowded. Anne Penny will try to reserve the larger room in Woodway Hall for this event next year.

Phyllis reported that our Shoreline Community College representative, Kendall Shawhan, has left the college for another job. Phyllis will work with SCC president Dr. Cheryl Rogers on replacing her.

After the Bylaws vote on June 10, the process of revising our Branch Policies will begin. The Bylaws reviewers have recommended that several decisions be considered as part of this review process. The reviewers will consider whether these decisions should be part of the Policies or be incorporated into a new Bylaws revision.

The Membership Team is coordinating a Branch table at the Edmonds Saturday Market on July 29.