

Edmonds Branch of the American Association of University Women

The Edmonds Branch was established in the summer of 1973. A copy of minutes from some early meetings is included. Also included are two letters from the national association acknowledging the establishment of the Edmonds Branch. We have been unable to find our original charter, and are still looking for it. A copy of our current bylaws has been included.

The purpose of the Edmonds Branch of AAUW Washington is to further the Association purposes and policies. We promote equity for women and girls, education and self-development over the lifespan, and positive societal change.

The Edmonds Branch has not incorporated as a separate entity, but is an affiliate of AAUW. Our annual dues are \$9.00 per year. Our fiscal year runs July 1-June 30. We have various fund-raising activities during the year. Some of our members proctor the Scholastic Achievement Tests administered at a local community college. The money they earn goes into our branch savings account, and this money is donated to the Education Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW. We also raise money to provide college scholarships to local high school senior women, who plan to pursue degrees in Mathematics, Science or Technology. This is done through various activities such as selling tickets to "An Evening of Giving" at our local shopping mall, hosting a winter holiday lunch and auction, and also a February Brunch. Please see the enclosed financial statement from 2002-2003.

We provide education to our members during the year by having speakers from the community at our branch meetings. We have also co-hosted community Candidates Fairs each fall, prior to the general elections. A delegation from our branch went to our state capital for Lobby Day, and lobbied our legislators regarding the issues that we support. Some of our members volunteer at local schools, and for other organizations in the community. We also have special interest groups such as a Book Club, a Bridge Club, and a Theater Group.

Submitted by Lori Cross, President
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