

Edmonds SnoKing Branch Newsletter

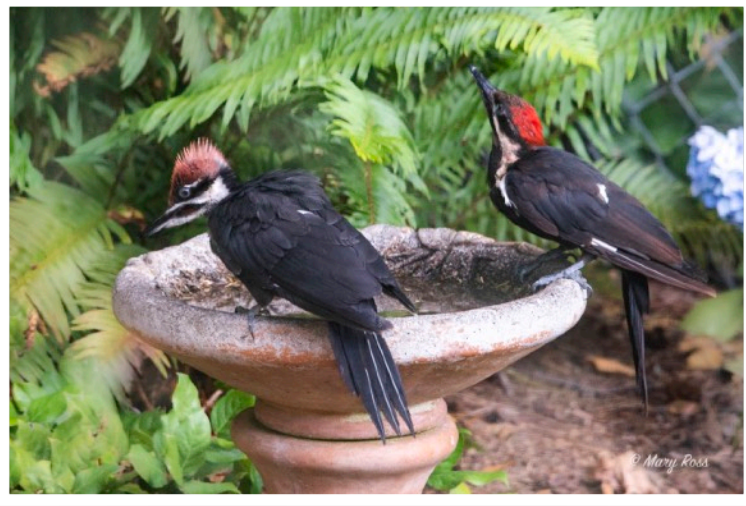


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- No Branch meeting in August.
- AAUW-WA Summer Leadership Meeting, August 7, 8:30am-2pm on Zoom. Register [here](#).
- Great Decisions discussion group, August 9, 3pm on Zoom. Topic: The Two Koreas. Facilitator: Helen Behan. Contact Beth Wood for info.
- Diversity Book Group, Tuesday, August 24, 7pm at Harriet Fuji's home. *Speaking Okinawa: A Memoir* by Elizabeth Miki Brina. For more info, contact Cathy Draper.
- See our 2021–22 Branch calendar [here](#)

Send submissions
to Pam Canell, Editor



President's Message

Hello wonderful members of our Branch!

As I start my term as incoming President, I want to thank our board for doing a great job of keeping activities and communications going these past two months.

It was so wonderful to finally meet in person at our annual retreat. Thanks for all who came and participated. I believe we have a solid plan for the next year with some changes, but also very mindful of keeping our mission in alignment with our plan. Most of what we accomplish is through committees (public policy, community outreach, communications, membership, and programs). I invite each of you to join one of our committees and help us meet our goals.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and what we can accomplish together. Enjoy these beautiful summer days.

—Jodi Forsell
President



Board Notes

The focus this month was on the Retreat Committee’s report. The Program of Work for 2021-22 and the agenda were reviewed

and approved. These documents were emailed to all members on July 19, in time to review before the Planning Retreat on July 24.

All are encouraged to vote in the primary elections and school district elections.

The A3E Foundation is seeking a treasurer to serve on the foundation board.



Your Foundation A3E needs help to fulfill our purpose. Most urgently, we need a treasurer and are considering making this a paid position. Judy Prince is currently serving as both president and treasurer. She will stay on as president when the treasurer position is filled.

Treasurer Job Description

Check post-office box (weekly or bi-weekly).

Prepare deposit slips; take checks to bank (as needed).

Update balance sheets (monthly). When bank statement is in hand, five percent of each contribution goes to administrative costs per bylaw.

File 990N with IRS (yearly). Our fiscal year is the calendar year.

File renewal with Secretary of State (yearly).

Send thank you letter to donors (as needed).

Send tax deduction letters to all donors (yearly).

Send checks for scholarships (yearly).

Send IRS Form 1099 to scholarship recipients who received their scholarship money directly (yearly).

The Foundation is an integral part of our Branch scholarship focus on equity in education. Please consider this service opportunity.

—Judy Prince

Retreat Report

On Saturday, July 24, sixteen members met at the Northwest Stream Center for a Branch retreat. Team leaders presented their plans for the year which support the 2021-22 Program of Work approved by the Board in July. With energy and enthusiasm, each team presented their purpose and goals. The meeting wrapped up with lively brainstorming about how to encourage and support member participation and leadership. See retreat notes [here](#).



New Group Forming

After a conversation at our recent retreat, Helen Behan, Shirley Buono, and Beth Wood decided the Branch needed a group to address the questions, problems, and concerns that many of

us have about this life we're living right now. The objective is to support each other throughout our lives. The initial planning meeting is August 19, at 1:00 pm at my house.

Subjects we might discuss in this group include sharing resources, transportation, health-exercise-food, finances, technology, family, repair companies, and social connections.

If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Shirley Buono.

—*Shirley Buono*



Scholarship Winner

Abigail Cruz is the 2021 winner of the \$2,000 Edmonds College scholarship awarded by our Branch. She was selected for her academic accomplishments, her determination, and her work ethic. Cruz has been working full time while pursuing an Associate's degree in biology and earning a high grade-point average. Her goal is to attend a university and pursue a pharmacology doctorate. She is a graduate of Meadowdale High School.

—*Lori Cross*
Scholarship Team

Remembering . . .

Liz Sears, was an active AAUW member, attending meetings, taking careful notes on the books we read, as long as she was able. She participated in the diversity book group for many years. In fact the last book we read, *A Dream in Polar Fog*, was her suggestion. When Liz knew she was in her last days, she made sure her sister, Merrie Emmons, would host the meeting and lead the discussion.

Liz was a long time and active member of the scholarship committee as well. When mobility became more challenging the last few years, we met at her house. She thoughtfully read every application and used her experience as a teacher and world traveler to inform her input. Supporting young women in STEM was a passion for her! A donation to the Foundation A3E on Liz's behalf to be used for scholarships for these young women would be dear to her heart and a fitting memorial!

—*Cathy Draper*
Diversity Book Group
Scholarship Team Leader

Team Up Update

Team Up Washington has been doing a good job informing our local school districts about their program and will be offering new training in the fall and winter. We will continue to follow up with our Team Up and school district contacts.

—*Sandra Distelhorst*

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