

# Edmonds SnoKing Branch Newsletter



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- **Coffee and Conversation, December 1, at 10am on Zoom.** (see page 2)  
Be sure to register in advance [here](#).
- **December Branch Holiday Party, December 11, 10am on Zoom.** (see page 3)
- **AAUW-WA Women’s Health Seminar, December 14, 7pm, on Zoom.** “Preventing Violence and Serving the Needs of Survivors”  
Register in advance [here](#).
- **Diversity Book Group No meeting in December.** Next meeting in January (see page 2).  
For more information, contact Cathy Draper.



## President’s Message

Like most of you I’m sure, this time of year I find myself reflecting on the past year. We definitely have had our challenges as we end year two of Zoom meetings, staying safe, reduced travel, and longing for “the way things were” pre-COVID.

I personally am very thankful for my health and friends and loved ones who supported me during recovery. I hope all of you have something to be thankful for as well and are eager to celebrate all this holiday season holds for each of us.

In January, we will hold our branch meeting to help prepare us for Lobby Day and ways we can take action to reach out to our legislators. Last year was very fun, and I am excited to see what the program team has prepared for us this year.

Enjoy the season. Blessings,

—Jodi Forsell

## Board Notes



Edmonds College staff and some of our members have met to start their planning of the June 2 Scholarship Recognition event. The meeting room has been

identified. Event participants will be able to tour the new STEM building virtually.

The membership committee has sent out a survey to all members and will have a report about the survey results in January.

Seattle branch will co-sponsor with our branch the seminar series on toxic chemicals. The series information has also been posted in the AAUW-WA newsletter.

The art show committee is putting together a logo as identifier for signage and publicity of the art show-fundraiser on March 25, 2022.

## Coffee and Conversation

Join in the fun on Wednesday, December 1, at 10 am, on Zoom.

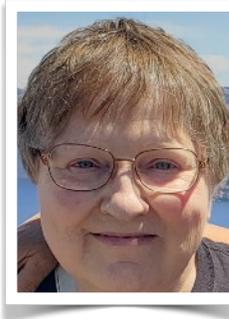
Shirley Buono will facilitate sharing our holiday plans and “what would be the perfect holiday gift for you.” Register in advance [here](#).



—Debbly Smith

## Our Newest Member

Our newest branch member, Pam Bredle, has



been friends with Ann McNulty since they were young children in Indiana. Pam moved to Denver and then Santa Rosa, California, where she made her home for twenty years. She has a Master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology from Chico State Univer-

sity. Throughout her rewarding career, she has worked with a wide variety of people with disabilities, from children to adults. Pam has never married and has no children.

Pam has been a recent participant in our Diversity Book Club group, and now we are very happy to welcome her into our branch as a member of AAUW!

—Debbly Smith

## Survey Thanks

Thanks to all who thoughtfully completed and submitted the membership survey. Watch for survey results in the January newsletter.

—Membership Team

## Diversity Book Club

Our next meeting will be January 19 at Merrie Emmons'. Members will bring recent reading to share and propose for the current year's selections.

For February, the suggested book is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

—Cathy Draper

## Holiday Party

Don't miss our second annual virtual Holiday Party on December 11, 10am–noon, on Zoom!



There will be live music with David Little playing and entertaining us again this year.

There will be games and prizes, and chances to socialize.

A contest for Most Festive Attire will be awarded to the top three participants—so wear a fun hat, scarf, or shirt for your chance to win! Prizes include wine, chocolates, homemade jellies and more.

No registration is required for the Holiday Party. The Zoom link will be sent to you in email. Feel free to share this link with family and friends who would enjoy joining us. As with all our other Zoom meetings and events, you can also find the link in our Branch [Calendar](#).

Hope to see you there!!

## We're Putting on an Art Show!

Grab your red pen and put a big circle around Friday, March 25, 2022. Our branch is hosting our first curated art show at the Edmonds Center for the Arts. Expect a fun time with lots to look at, a silent auction, raffles, food, and drink. It should be a full evening with something for everyone, and all for a worthy cause.

Money from the art show will support our scholarships. We hope to be able to continue the event annually to help fund our wonderful Edmonds College students.

As time goes by, we will be asking for help with the evening. Do you have a favorite Washington artist you would like to see that evening? Booth fees will be modest at \$30, and we are looking for a variety of types of artists. We would like to have 35 or so artists at the show. Tickets to attend the event will be \$10.

Meanwhile, if you have any suggestions, questions or input of any kind, contact one of the committee members: Linda Clay, Elena Cervantes, Autrina Martindale, Nancy Bishop Harvey, Ann McNulty, Ilse Kluge, and Jodi Forsell.

## Public Policy

### Elections

Check out the November election results on the [Snohomish County](#) website or the [King County](#) website.

Some of the highlights include new female mayors. Linda Renman in Snohomish City, Christine Frizzell in Lynnwood, and Everett's first female Mayor Cassie Franklin won reelection. Mukilteo Mayor Jennifer Gregerson lost her bid for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

2022 elections are on the minds of all the State House Representatives and 24 State Senators, including our Legislators in the 21<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Districts. This is a good year for us to track legislator voting records on AAUW-WA supported bills. *(continued next page)*



*Redistricting*

Sadly, our [Redistricting Commission](#) did not meet their November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline so we don't yet have a final redistricting map. It is in the hands of the Washington Supreme Court.

*Vetting bills for 2022 session in underway*

I sent a long list of bills to national to "vet" this year and we will be adding to the list as new bills are prefiled starting December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will still only use 5 or 6 bills for Lobby Day but having a longer list of bills to choose from gives us more options and more opportunities for conversations!

One bill on the list that was vetted and approved for support is [SB 5480](#) – Concerning the Use and Disclosure of Toxic Chemicals in Cosmetic Products. Check out our [Public Policy](#) webpage to learn more about the issue and to admire Mary Ross's amazing work putting together content and images!

*Lobby Day is January 24<sup>th</sup>*

In preparation for Lobby Day, Vicki Merkel (Olympia Branch) and I have been working on a PowerPoint presentation that has three 15-minute sections that cover: How a Bill Becomes a Law, Getting to Know your Legislator and Tips for Meeting Legislators, and Advocacy Options to Meet Your Comfort Level.

Vicki or I will be hosting train-the-trainer sessions for the slide deck, although it also has a set of scripted notes for a DIY approach.

The line-up for speakers on Lobby Day will be determined the first part of January as we are waiting to see what new bills are dropped.

Mark January 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for Lobby Day. Send me an email if you want to be the Lobby Day Lead for your district. I can really use your help!

—*Sandra Distelhorst*

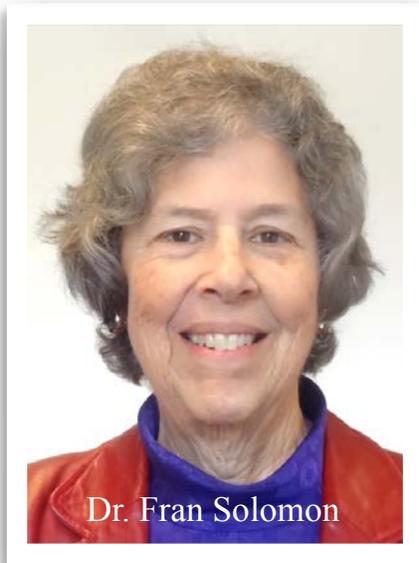
**Coming Soon . . .**

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Don't miss the upcoming series about chemicals in everyday products and how they affect us. See the attached flyer and share it with family and friends

*Send submissions to Pam Canell, Editor  
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*AAUW Edmonds SnoKing and AAUW Seattle invite you to join us for*



## **Hormone-Disrupting Chemicals in Everyday Products— How They Can Harm Our Health and What We Can Do About Them**

An online seminar on four consecutive  
Tuesdays:

January 11, 18, 25, and February 1,  
7 to 8:30 p.m.

Cosmetics and other personal care products may contain harmful ingredients that adversely affect our health. Women, especially women of color, are particularly affected. This four-part seminar will be presented via Zoom by **Dr. Fran Solomon**, environmental scientist. Dr. Solomon will explain what the chemicals are, how they affect our health, and how we can protect ourselves and our families.

The cost to attend this seminar is \$50. **For more information and to register**, contact Marianne North, [aauwprogramvp@gmail.com](mailto:aauwprogramvp@gmail.com).

*Learn more about proposed legislation, in Washington state and nationally, on the use and disclosure of toxic chemicals in beauty and personal care products. Along with attending the seminar, you can add your voice in support of this legislation. Visit [esk-wa.aauw.net/initiatives/public-policy/](http://esk-wa.aauw.net/initiatives/public-policy/).*

