

Edmonds SnoKing Branch Newsletter



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- **Scholarship Awards Event “Create the Future”** June 2, 6:30 pm
Woodway Hall,
Edmonds College.
- **Diversity Book Group,**
June 9, 1:30 pm, Lori
Cross’s. *The Vanishing
Half*, Brit Bennett. For
more info, contact Cathy
Draper.
- **AAUW-WA 2022
Webinar Series Kickoff,**
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- **Field trip to Hibulb
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29, Edmonds Center for
the Arts (p. 3)



President’s Message

Happy June, everyone. I hope you enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend.

As we deal with yet another heartbreak of mass shootings and the very real possibility of the reversal of Roe vs Wade, all of us need to take action and vote in primaries and other elections to make our voices heard. We can do better for ourselves and the generations behind us. Be sure to read Sandra’s article starting on page 4, which is all about this topic.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, June 2, at our scholarship awards event, “Create the Future.” I hope you’ve responded to your email invitation. It will be a welcome celebration of the awardees and their families as well as our Branch’s mission. I can’t wait to hear from our speaker, astronomer Emily Lesveque. See you there!

—Jodi Forsell



Board Notes

The scholarship event planning is going well; invitations will go out May 23 and will include the art show sponsors and donors to show them

and celebrate what their donations are supporting.

Planning for the 2023 Expanding Your Horizons event has begun already with a meeting of College staff and school district representatives.

Member dues renewal this year requires working directly with the National website. Ruth is sending all members detailed instructions for the process.

Plans are underway for our Branch annual retreat.

Let's Go On A Field Trip!



Please join with branch friends on June 21 for a fun educational field trip to the Hibulb Cultural Center in Tulalip. This

comprehensive exhibit features all aspects of the past and present lives of the Tulalip tribes in our county. We will have an 11 a.m. docent led tour of the center and plenty of time to tour the interactive museum on our own. Afterward, we'll enjoy lunch from the nearby Taco Truck, which comes highly recommended.

If you would like to join this field trip, please contact Debby Smith. Let her know if you need a ride.

(Reminder: Debby's contact information is in our Branch Member Directory on our website's Members Only section.)

NCCWSL Attendees

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) was held May 24-26 on Zoom. Two Edmonds College students attended: Molly Jo Meyers and Savannah Jacobson. Here are excerpts from their applications:

Community Involvement and Leadership: Treasurer for Student Nursing Organization for two quarters, helped at Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid for six months, volunteer in church's childcare, currently a women's RA at Adelphia Discipleship School, volunteering weekly at Multicare Hospital.

Diversity: There is a significant lack of leaders with lived experience of homelessness currently making policy decisions directly affecting the homeless. Media has frequently made homeless individuals out as criminals assaulting the housed rather than the reality that disabled and senior individuals are actively being evicted and displaced in favor of financial investment real estate.

Offerings for the attendees at the conference this year were:

Hearing keynote speaker Nikole Hannah-Jones, creator of the groundbreaking *1619 Project* and winner of a 2020 Pulitzer Prize in journalism.

Learning from experts in workshops and panels about graduate school options and mentorship.

Making lifelong connections with peers, exhibitors, and career counselors across the country through a virtual platform which opened before the conference so attendees could start networking ahead of the event.

Bolstering careers with design-thinking—an innovative approach to problem-solving presented at a special half-day session.

Both Molly Jo and Savannah have agreed to share about their experience of the conference at our October 2022 branch meeting.

—*Shirley Buono*

AAUW-WA 2022 Webinar Series

The AAUW-WA theme this year is “The Economy Matters: What We Need to Do to Provide Financial Stability and Prosperity for Women and Girls in the Post-Pandemic Era.”

AAUW members in Washington State have received an invitation to the initial Zoom presentation on June 11 from 9am to 12 noon. You can register [here](#).

The keynote speaker will be Ariane Hegewisch, Program Director of Employment and Earnings at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research and a highly regarded authority on women’s economic status.

There will be a short film statement from Representative Pramila Jayapal, who is a staunch advocate for policies benefiting women. Also, a preview of the Second Annual Webinar Series (September through December).

Juneteenth - 4th of July

“Bridging the Gap:

A Community Conversation on Juneteenth and the 4th of July” is scheduled for Wednesday



afternoon, June 29, at the Edmonds Center for the Arts.

The event is being hosted by Edmonds resident Alicia Crank of Crank’d Up Consulting. It is planned as a hybrid event and is geared for all ages.

“I feel it is important for all of us to learn more about the two independence days,” Crank said. “As much as it may be an uncomfortable conversation, it also benefits us as a community to learn about our collective history, diverse cultural aspects, and hopefully ways that we can cohesively celebrate both. This is a conversation that goes beyond Edmonds.”

The event will include a panel discussion and audience question-and-answer session. Crank and Jon Bauer, editorial editor of *The Daily Herald*, will serve as moderators.

Panelists include:

Bianca Dang, Ph.D., assistant professor, Donald W. Logan Family Endowed Chair of American History, University of Washington

Steve Nelson, Senior Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Specialist, Alaska Airlines

Michelle Osborne, J.D., Michelle M. Osborne, J.D. & Associates, LLC

The event’s current sponsor/partners are Alaska Airlines, Edmonds Center for the Arts, *The Daily Herald*, and Sno-Isle Libraries. Anyone

interested in event partnership can reach out to Crank directly at alicia@aliciainedmonds.com.

Those interested in attending or who would like to learn more about the event can visit www.crankdup.co or [visit the event's Facebook page](#) for more information.

—Shirley Buono

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Our Branch Annual Retreat

The annual retreat will be held on Friday, June 24, from 9:30 am to 12 noon at Edmonds Waterfront Center. All are invited to come and help plan and set goals for our new 2022–23 program year. The meeting will conclude with lunch at the Waterfront Center's Potlatch Bistro.

Public Policy

Grieving for Uvalde: “As mothers and women who believe we all have a sacred duty to protect our nation’s children, we are gutted by the deaths of 19 fourth grade children and two teachers who were shot in their classroom by a man who had easy access to a firearm. The children were just two days away from their summer vacation where they should be cooling down in sprinklers, munching popsicles before they melt, and spending time with their loved ones. This tragedy not only includes their deaths, but also the devastating trauma inflicted on the hundreds of children that experienced this tragedy firsthand, the millions of children across our country who fearfully ask, “Will this happen at my school?”, and the parents and caregivers who cannot honestly promise that it won’t.” [WA State Women’s Commission](#) statement.



Grieving for Buffalo: AAUW was in the process of preparing a statement in response to the Buffalo mass shooting at a grocery store when news of the Uvalde mass school shooting was announced. AAUW is joining with dozens of partner organizations with the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights for a new joint statement in response to the horrifying recent gun violence.” See our national website for official statement.

Combating Gun Violence is an AAUW Public Policy Priority: “Engaging on a state level in efforts combating gun violence is within the Public Policy Priorities and absolutely up to each locality to decide on.” Robin Lucas, AAUW

Our AAUW Texas sisters will be joining the June 11th March Against Gun Violence. AAUW

branches can organize members to represent AAUW on June 11th.

Washington State Gun Laws: Governor Jay Inslee urged Congress to pass strong gun safety laws. [Action speaks louder than words](#). He lists several recent WA state enacted laws: Universal background checks, bans on high-capacity magazines, ghost guns and bump stocks.

Voter initiatives: Many of our key gun safety laws came from voter initiatives not legislators. *Your voice matters*.

- Universal background checks (2014, 2016)
- Extreme Risk Protection allows family members to petition court to have guns removed from loved ones “in crisis” (2017)
- Partial minimum age laws - now 21 years to purchase a handgun or semi-automatic weapon with a ten day wait period – with exceptions (2018)
- Child access prevention law - criminal liability not storage safe law (2018)

WA is a preemptive gun law state, which means no local government can impose a stricter law than the state law. The [Edmonds city gun storage law](#) was overturned due to our preemptive state law. *We can change this*.

WA is a weak concealed weapon state, we have a “shall issue” law – local government must issue a permit on request if state requirements are met. Other states have “may issue”. *We can change this*.

Other changes needed (See complete list at [Gifford Law Center for Gun Violence Prevention](#)):

- Require a gun license: three states already do this.

· Stronger, open carry regulations: we have a few “locations” where open carry is not permitted by regular folks, e.g. airports, jails, schools. WA legislators passed a no open carry law to protect themselves in 2022 (legislative meetings) and public demonstrations (especially near the capital) in 2021.

Ask all candidates about their position on gun safety regulations.

Speaking of Elections – Primary Election August 2.

All the federal elections have at least three candidates so will be on the primary ballot. The WA Secretary of State and several of our state legislators will also be on the primary ballot.

Countywide only, PUD Commissioner in Snohomish will be on the primary ballot and no King County races. Check out the [SOS election page](#) for details before the voter pamphlet is published.

Of note: Senator Murray won by 59% in 2016. Kim Schrier CD8 won by only 51.7%. All the other candidates at a federal level won with a MOV (margin of victory) above 10%.

State legislative in Snohomish:

- Senate: LD32 (Salomon) and LD38 (Robinson),
- House: both LD38 seats (Rep. Sells and Rep. Wick retired); LD10 (Paul) and both LD39 seats (Sutherland and Eslick).

King County has a longer list:

- Senate LD30 (Claire Wilson), LD31 (Fortunato), LD34 (Cody retired), LD47 (Das retired)
- House LD5 (Ramos), LD30 (Taylor), LD31 (Stokesbary), LD34 (Rep Nguyen running for

Senate), LD36 (Frame running for Senate),
LD37 (Harris-Talley retired), LD47
(Entenman), LD47 (Sullivan retired)

There are no school board elections this year
except in Pasco.

Both Snohomish County and King County will
have Prosecuting Attorney races in the General
election.

We can put together candidate comparisons on
AAUW issues for our Branch districts: LD32
and LD38. Both Senator Salomon and Senator
Robinson scored 100% on AAUW bills in 2022.

Juneteenth – mark your calendar for our new
holiday! (See page 3 for an Edmonds Juneteenth
and 4th of July event.)

—*Sandra Distelhorst*

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