

Hello AAUW members! This is our first email newsletter using MailChimp. We welcome your feedback. There's lots of news to read and dates to calendar. Make a note about our branch meeting on **Wednesday, October 12, 2 p.m., at the Shoreline Library**. You'll learn about Pathways for Women and how to support this emergency shelter for women and children.

Please contact me directly if you have any feedback or problems with viewing this newsletter.

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## Newsletter | October, 2022

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Edmonds SnoKing (WA) Branch

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## President's Message

Happy fall!

As I am writing this, I'm looking over at the lake and see the first signs of fall with leaves changing colors and shadows falling on the water earlier and earlier each day. I love summer and hate to see it go, but fall can be great, too! It's a sense of renewal and return to scheduled and busier calendars for sure.

It was so great to have so many at our first meeting in September. My husband was waiting for me at the end of our meeting and said it was heartwarming to see you come out in groups of three or more, chatting and hugging each other as you got into your cars. How great to be celebrating in person again!

I know many feel like I do that we really do need each other and we are stronger together.

Now is a great time to get connected with one of our committees and rekindle friendships or forge new ones. All of our committees have needs—membership, scholarships, community outreach, public policy, communications, and fundraising. Reach out to [any of our board members](#) and we will help you get connected and engaged in fun and meaningful activities.

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## **Put These Dates on Your Calendar**

**Tuesday, October 11 and October 25, noon**, AAUW WA State Public Policy Discussion, via Zoom. Email Sandra Distelhorst for more information. The Zoom link can be found in our [Branch Calendar](#). (members only)

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**Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m., via Zoom.** Women and the Economy: Women's Access to Jobs in the Building Trades. The second webinar

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**Wednesday, October 12, 2 to 4 p.m.**, Branch meeting and program, Shoreline Library. Our guest is Karen Carson of Pathways for Women. The YWCA Pathways for Women is a 45-day emergency shelter for single adult women and mothers with children. (More information under Upcoming Programs)

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**Thursday, October 13, 1:30 p.m.** Diversity Book Group. Contact Cathy Draper for more information and to RSVP if you are not a regular participant.

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**Thursday, October 13, 3:30 to 5 p.m.** Branch Board meeting via Zoom.

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**Wednesday, October 19, noon to 1:30 p.m.** Join AAUW Washington Online Branch for a virtual panel discussion of the Dobbs decision and its impact here in the Pacific Northwest. For more information on the panelists, use this link. To RSVP and receive the Zoom link, use this link.

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**Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., via Zoom.** Coffee & Conversation, sponsored by the Membership Team. Use this link to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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## Membership News

Six members attended our first in-person Coffee and Conversation for the 2022-2023 year at Third Place Books. The hour flew by as conversations segued from one topic to another with the exchange of ideas, opinions, and experiences. It felt good to be able to meet in person!

The next Coffee and Conversation will be on Wednesday, October 19 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. [Here's the link to register](#). Once you register, you'll receive the Zoom link and reminder emails.

*Linda Clay, Membership VP*



## Caring About Our Members

Pam Canell, who has been our secretary and newsletter editor for several years, is very ill. She is currently unable to respond to email, texts, or phone calls. But she has loved receiving cards and other mail messages. Pam has been caring, creative, and conscientious in everything that she does for our branch. Susan Teel, who is Pam's neighbor, says that she will provide updates on her condition. You can find Pam's address in our [online member directory](#).



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## October Branch Meeting and Program

On Wednesday, October 12, we will meet at the Shoreline Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Our speaker will be Karen Carson, Housing Services Program Manager, Pathways for Women in Lynnwood. This emergency shelter has provided safe housing and resources for single adult women and mothers with children for more than two decades.

Pathways was a major contributor to the Edmonds Task Force on homelessness that released a report this year. After Karen's presentation we will break into small groups to discuss the report and other material about homelessness in King and Snohomish Counties.

Pathways has a list of the items of greatest need for their clients. We will be collecting donations at the meeting.

If you need a ride to the Shoreline Library, please contact Jodi Forsell, 425-877-7044.

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## The Economy MATTERS

AAUW WA State is hosting a series of webinars on economic factors affecting women. I had hoped that we would be able to view the webinars as a group and discuss the presentation. My plan was to show the recorded webinar a week or so after the online presentation.

It may still happen but our request to view the recording as a group was something new for AAUW WA State. They contacted the speakers about permission to show the recording and the first two said yes. I am still waiting to find out how and when the recordings will be available. Stay tuned!



## FUNdraising

With the return to in-person meetings, raffles and book sales are happening again! At our September meeting there was a sign-up sheet for donation of raffle baskets at the monthly meetings. Let Linda Clay know if you can donate a basket. We've got October covered, but there's lots of months that need donations.

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Donate books that you've read and enjoyed, and bring cash to purchase books that you've been wanting to read. Money raised from the raffles and book sales goes to supporting the work of our branch.

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Be thinking about the holiday party in December, which will also be in-person. We'll do a Mystery Gift Auction. More details to come and the money raised supports the important work of our branch.

*Linda Clay*





## Notes from the Board Meeting

The Branch Board met on September 15 via Zoom. Our Edmonds College Liaison Aubrey Healey reported that planning is underway for the 2023 Expanding Your Horizons to be held in March.

Our November branch meeting will be a joint meeting with Seattle AAUW, to hear Marilyn Morgan, author of *Trailblazing Black Women in Washington State*.

Sandra Distelhorst submitted questions for the candidate forums hosted by the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, on issues important to AAUW.

The Board is actively exploring updated communications tools for our branch, including email addresses for our officers, a monthly email newsletter, and The Week Ahead. We now have three social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Linda Clay reported that she has contacted ECA about hosting our Art Show again in March.

Treasurer Judy Prince reported that the new national AAUW Community Hub is changing how memberships are renewed. Instead of a July to June membership year, there will be a rolling year, starting at the beginning date of new memberships.

Edmonds Book Group will meet on Thursday, October 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Lori Cross. Book title is *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe*. Contact Cathy Draper for more information and to RSVP if you are a new participant.



## Public Policy Updates

Most of our Edmonds-SnoKing Branch members reside in Congressional District 1 (CD1) or Congressional District 2 (CD2). (Want to know which districts you live in? [Here's a quick way to find out](#). Also, our branch member directory lists the LDs and CDs for all our members.)

The new 2022 AAUW Head-to-Head Candidate Comparison is a good way to get to know congressional candidates' positions on key AAUW issues. It will also set the stage for our advocacy work in 2023-2024.

The Washington State district worksheets provide a member-friendly summary of federal issues that AAUW will be working on in the 118th Congressional session. It includes sample questions to ask candidates if we don't know their position.

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[You can find the Head-to-Head Voter Guides on the National AAUW website.](#) (Remember to click the + sign to expand and download.)

AAUW-WA has an opportunity to publish Head-to-Head comparisons for key races, compiled by our members, on the national AAUW website. We are working on a final draft for the Senate race (Murray vs Smiley), for CD3 (Kent vs Perez), and for CD8 (Schrier vs Larkin). If you want to help with a comparison for CD1 (DeBene vs Cavaleri) or CD2 (Larsen vs Mathews), let me know. I need at least two members from a district to review the official scoring before we can publish the Head-to-Head Candidate Comparison on the AAUW Washington State and AAUW National websites.

AAUW updated the Voter Education webpages. There is a new [2022 Voter Issue Guide](#) and one-stop shopping for [AAUW Quick Facts](#). We can use the new [Letter to Editor Resource Guide](#) after the elections to highlight the importance of support for AAUW issues in our communities.

Don't forget to use the 2022 Head-to-Head Candidate Comparison template when you watch the candidate forums coming up in October. Use the Federal Head-to-Head template for congressional races. Use the State Head-to-Head template for all other races.

For a complete list of Snohomish County Forums, go to the [League of Women Voters website](#).

For a copy of the Washington state worksheets for your district, or to join the comparison team, contact Sandra Distelhorst, [publicpolicy@aauw-wa.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-wa.org).

*Sandra Distelhorst*



## AAUW WASHINGTON ONLINE - DOBBS DECISION – IMPACT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 FROM 12:00 PM  
TO 1:30 PM PT

Virtual Program - Zoom link will be provided upon RSVP

### You Are Invited

AAUW Washington State Online Branch invites you to a virtual panel discussion of the Dobbs decision and its impacts here in the Pacific Northwest. This will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, October 19, noon to 1:30 p.m. Panelists are:

- Kia Guarino, Executive Director, Pro-Choice Washington
- Christel Allen, Executive Director, Pro-Choice Oregon
- Leah Rutman, JD, Health Care and Liberty, ACLU of Washington State

You can find details at [this link](#). [Register here](#) and you will receive an email confirmation with the Zoom link.

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