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Hello AAUW members. Welcome to November, with crisp mornings and falling leaves. We have some great updates and events for our Branch this month. More about all of this following in this newsletter.

Any questions or concerns? Reply to this email or contact me directly, [JenniferL91@hotmail.com](mailto:JenniferL91@hotmail.com).

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**Edmonds SnoKing (WA) Branch**

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## President's Message

Happy Fall wonderful members,

Mary Ross and I held a class this past week on tips and tricks for Zoom meetings. It's so fun to engage with members from all over our State. We all share the same vision of gender equity for all!

One way to stay engaged and learn about hot topics in our AAUW community is to hop on Zoom calls.

I hope you take a look at our State and National websites for webinars on DEI, Title 9, public policy, and more. With dark, cold nights coming

Our November meeting is a joint meeting with the Seattle branch and will be on Sunday, November 19, instead of our normal Saturday. You can find the link to join the meeting below in the Calendar info and in the Programs section.

Enjoy these beautiful Fall days.

Jodi Forsell  
President

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## Put These Dates in Your Calendar

*Thursday, November 16, 3:30-4:30pm*, Branch Board meeting via Zoom.

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*Sunday, November 19, 2pm*, a presentation by Patricia (Patsy) Whitehead via **Zoom**, hosted by our sister branch, Seattle. [Register here](#)

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## Membership Matters

### **FUNdraising and the Holidays**

Our Branch Holiday Potluck will be held at Ann McNulty's home on Saturday, December 9, 10:00am-Noon. That is the same day as our regular branch meeting. Thank you, Ann, for offering to host again this year!

There will be a raffle, donated by Pat Hooper. Back by popular demand, we will have the Mystery Gift Auction. Those who wish to participate are asked to bring an item from a trip, one that is homemade, or a 'regift' item already wrapped. You will then have opportunity to give clues as to what is inside prior to bidding. Bids this year will begin at \$5.00.

**Sharing and Caring** will also have an option to add to the festivities. Be watching **Week AheadsUp** to get news from the team's new leader, Vicki O'Gorman!



**Member Bio: *Harriet Fuji***

Harriet has been a member of our branch for over two years but isn't new to our AAUW group. She was a member of the Book Group for some time before deciding to join and we have been richer for it! She has recently taken over the Branch and Foundation Treasurer positions.

Harriet graduated university with a degree in Environmental Health and was fortunate enough to put it to good use working at the University of Washington as an Industrial Hygienist. Her principal duties included evaluating worker exposure to various air contaminants, resolving indoor air quality problems, and writing policy and procedures for compliance of formaldehyde use regulations. She also acted as a liaison between the UW and regulatory agencies.

These days she enjoys gardening and has recently started birding. Someday she would love to see penguins in New Zealand!

Linda Clay



## Programs

Please note! Our November meeting is hosted by our Seattle sister branch. Mark your calendar for **November 19, 2:00pm (a Sunday)** for a talk by Patricia (Patsy) Whitehead via **Zoom**. [Register here](#)

**An Indigenous Woman’s Perspective with Patricia “Patsy” Whitefoot:** a noted elder, traditional food gatherer for the Yakama Nation, an activist for Indigenous rights, and professional educator. Whitefoot has an incredible background. She served as president of the National Indian Education Association and was appointed by President Obama as a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. She is a prominent advocate for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and counts her own sister as one of the many victims of this crisis.





We will begin meeting the second week of November.

For members interested in volunteering please reach out via email: [elena.cervantes1@gmail.com](mailto:elena.cervantes1@gmail.com)

Eagerly looking forward to working with many of you for another year of scholarship fundraising!

Elena Cervantes  
Community Outreach & Scholarship Fundraising Lead



## Notes From the Board Meeting

Harriet Fuji will be our new Treasurer, Beth Wood our new Historian, Dori Glass & Lori Cross will jointly lead Publicity, and Vicki O'Gorman will lead the new "Sharing and Caring" interest group. Thank you, Harriet, Beth, Dori, Lori and Vicki.

Our annual Holiday Party will be at Ann McNulty's house on Saturday, December 9. Thank you Ann, for again volunteering to host.

The Board was happy that the "Meet Your Candidates" event went very well.

Our Branch will again partner with Edmonds College on the "Expanding Your Horizons" event on March 27, 2024.

Sita Bhaskaran

Secretary



The November 10 book group selection is ***Endurance, Shackleton's Incredible Voyage*** by Alfred Lansing, and the January selection is ***The Covenant of Water*** by Abraham Verghese.



## **AAUW ESK Branch Scholarships**

### **Current Plan for Scholarships Awarded by the ESK Branch and Funded by the AE3 Foundation**

For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Edmonds SnoKing Branch of AAUW plans to award five college scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,000. The Foundation decided upon the total amount to be awarded this year, and the Board, in conjunction with the Scholarship Committee, decided how to award it. Our Scholarship Committee has two sub-committees, one for high school student scholarships, and one for the college student scholarships.

There will be three scholarships awarded to students graduating from a high school in 2024 enrolled in the Edmonds, Everett, or Marysville school districts. A description of the process for awarding these scholarships will be provided by Cathy Draper in a later newsletter.

One scholarship will be awarded to a current student at WSU Everett.

This will be done in collaboration with the WSU financial aid office, which will advance suitable candidate applications to our college student scholarship sub-committee. The sub-committee members (currently Helen Behan, Aline Wilson, and Lori Cross) will select a student who is judged likely to succeed in her stated academic and career goals, and has had to overcome adversity in her academic journey.

The criteria for this scholarship are:

- Identifies as female.
- Is a first-generation college student.
- Is a resident of Washington State (not an international student).  
Does not need to be a citizen.
- Has a financial need to attend WSU.
- Has a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Intends to complete a Bachelor's degree.

Another scholarship will be awarded through the Edmonds College Foundation to a continuing student at Edmonds College. All scholarships and financial aid at Edmonds College are awarded through their Foundation. The Foundation will forward applications of the top students meeting the criteria to our college student scholarship sub-committee. The sub-committee members will select a student who is judged likely to be successful in her stated academic and career goals, and has overcome adversity in her academic journey.

The criteria for this scholarship are:

- Identifies as female.
- Is a resident of Washington state (not an international student).  
Does not need to be a citizen.
- Has a financial need to attend Edmonds College.

- Has maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Intends to obtain a Bachelor's degree from a four-year institution.
- Intends to major in a STEM field.

Submitted by Lori Cross



## **Public Policy Updates and Actions**

Election day is Tuesday, November 7...be sure to cast your vote!

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