

Hello AAUW members.
Happy Spring! We have some great updates and events for our Branch in the upcoming months. More about all of this following in this newsletter.

Any questions or concerns? Reply to this email or contact me directly, JenniferL91@hotmail.com.

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Edmonds SnoKing (WA) Branch

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President's Message

Hello AAUW members!

May is a busy month for our Branch, and I hope you have found a place to plug into - attending our Branch meeting on the 11th or our upcoming *The Faux Jewelry Faire and Treasure Hunt* fundraiser on May 16th, or meeting for book club or *Coffee and Conversations*. There are lots of ways to be engaged with our Branch!

Nationally, AAUW is in the middle of voting for changing our bylaws to drop the requirement for having an AA degree to be a member. You should have received an email by now; if not, hop on our national AAUW website and review the instructions to make your voice heard.

On April 21st AAUW WA state held our annual meeting. There are two open board positions that need to be filled. If you'd like to be part of our state board, reach out to me and I will point you in the right direction.

Lastly, membership renewal for many of our members is in June.

Renewal emails will be sent from our national office with links to renew your membership.

Hope to see everyone at one of our events this month!

Jodi Forsell
President

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Put These Dates in Your Calendar

Saturday, May 11, 10:00am, monthly Branch meeting at Edmonds College.

Wednesday, May 15, 11:00am-Noon, Coffee and Conversation at Cafe Louvre, Edmonds.

Zoom. Details on the Branch Website.

Thursday, May 16, 5:30-8:30pm, The Faux Jewelry Faire and Treasure Hunt fundraiser. Country Club Condominiums Community Room



Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who has donated jewelry to the next fundraising event, *The Faux Jewelry Faire and Treasure Hunt*. The many pieces we have so far have been sorted and stored by Ann McNulty. We are accepting donations until May 11th, which is our next Branch meeting. If you haven't checked yet, there's still time to find whatever treasures you'd like to donate to the event.

The event is May 16th, 5:30-8:30pm, at Country Club Condominiums Community Room. Thank you, Pat Hooper, for securing this space for us for free! We will need help with set up on Thursday, starting at 2:00pm. ***Please consider volunteering to help.*** Contact me at lindarclay@gmail.com

Keep in mind this fundraiser is open to the public! We can showcase our Scholarship Program and who we are as part of AAUW Edmonds SnoKing. PLEASE consider inviting friends, neighbors, and family. There's something for everyone!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faux-jewelry-faire-treasure-hunt-tickets-879129348547>

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Membership Matters

I'd like to welcome another new member, Stephanie Gilbert. Stephanie lives in the Martha Lake area and has a beautiful young daughter. She and her daughter joined us at the last *Coffee and Conversations*, and it was delightful to get to know her. She is anxious to work with Sandra on Public Policy and they have already connected. Look for an upcoming newsletter for her bio.

Another one of our newest members, Willie Kissinger, has volunteered to do Programs for the Branch next year! It's wonderful to see how our new members have quickly found ways to become involved.

Next Coffee and Conversations will be May 15th at Café Louvre in Edmonds.

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Programs

May's program is an important one, dealing with an issue which can be surprisingly close to home. [Days for Girls](#) is turning periods into pathways by increasing access to menstrual care and education.



[April Haberman](#) of *Days for Girls* will speak about the organization and local and international needs for girls. April has been working with women, children, and youth for over 20 years in various roles, including her work with *Days for Girls* over the past 9 years. She has been instrumental in building long-term partnerships while in her development position, and her experience in multiple sectors for *Days for Girls* gives her a broad perspective of the organization.

You won't want to miss this penultimate program of 2024, before the season conclusion with our scholarship event in June!

Ann McNulty
VP for Programs



Notes From the Board Meeting

Board Meeting notes will return in our next newsletter.

Sita Bhaskaran
Secretary



Our next book club meeting will be at Ann McNulty's home on Monday, May 20, at 1:30pm. We will discuss the book selected by Ilse Klug: "The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts" by Loren Grush.

The June meeting (Monday, June 17) will be at Lori's house, and we will discuss a classic: "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. It was published in 1970 and won the Nobel Prize in Literature. It is currently one of the top 10 books being banned in our country.



Public Policy Updates and Actions

Public Policy Updates will return in our next newsletter.

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