

Hello AAUW members.

We've had a great year for our Branch and will culminate with our Scholarship Event on June 8. There are many more great updates in this newsletter. Please watch for our next Branch newsletter in September.

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 wonderful members,

Our AAUW Branch year is coming to an end with our final celebration on June 8 with our yearly Scholarship Brunch. Please come and celebrate the accomplishments of the young women who are receiving our scholarships and also the work you all have done to make our

We've had quite a year - we've heard great and engaging speakers at our monthly meetings, donated clothing to the WSU/Everett clothing closet, held successful fundraisers, and had fun outings to music events and plays, and made a few friends along the way.

Thank you to everyone who signed the thank you card for me with such thoughtful words; the gift card was unnecessary but very appreciated! Our Branch will take off the month of July to enjoy summer, but we will be back in full force in August as we continue to hold planning meetings for our Evening of the Arts Fundraiser to be held on October 4. Think of four friends you might want to invite to the October 4 fundraiser.

We will continue to have our monthly board meetings and if anyone wants to dip their toes in our Branch board (or want to do a full plunge) you are very welcome and encouraged. We are better together!

See you on the 8th!

In unity,

Jodi Forsell
President

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Put These Dates in Your Calendar

Saturday, June 8, 10:00am, Annual Scholarship Event at Edmonds College.

Saturday, October 19, 9:30am-4:00pm, State AAUW Meeting at Renton Technical Institute.



Other News / Reminders

Our last meeting of our AAUW year is June 8 and it's our annual Scholarship Brunch - we are serving a light breakfast and will have an opportunity to meet the young women who are receiving our scholarships this year - it should be a fun morning to celebrate and pat our backs for a great year of accomplishments and friendships!

Save the date:

theme of the day is "Telling our Stories". Registration and more details will be coming out this summer.

The Washington State Women's Commission (WSWC) is kicking off their new initiative on June 28 called Activate 3.8. The purpose is to engage our 3.8 million women in WA State issues related to women, especially the Gender Pay gap. They need 12 people to help mid-morning with registration, logistics, swag table, and information tables. If you would like to help, contact Jodi Forsell and she will get you plugged in. We can carpool if we have a few people heading down.



Fundraising

The "Faux Jewelry Faire and Treasure Hunt" was a success! We met our modest goal for the first event. Those who attended commented on how much fun it was and several spent more than the \$20 for 5 pieces of jewelry.

Thank you to the many of you, your friends and family who donated jewelry. There was A LOT for people to pick through and choose from, which seemed to delight the attendees. Several left-over pieces were donated to the YMCA Working Wardrobe Closet. There are still many pieces left and a decision will be made later by the planning team as to what to do with it.

My most sincere thank you to the planning team which met several times and then got to work! They also did the challenging

Jodi, our cheerful and supportive leader who not only met online, but drove over to the event to offer her help and support.

Elena, our extraordinary in-house graphic artist who then got everything online and set-up our EventBrite site.

Ann, the grand organizer, necklace polisher and sorter. What a daunting task she had!

Margo, our downtown depot for people in the Edmonds area who also loaned us the black tablecloths for the event. It made everything look so elegant!

Pat, who did everything and all that was needed on the day of the event. (She also came to help me get the bits and pieces organized several days prior when I was feeling overwhelmed) That is, after securing the Community Room for us cost free.

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Membership Matters

Many, if not most of you, are getting notices that it's time to renew your membership. Please login and remember that you are renewing, not signing up, as if for the first time.

To renew, you should first log in as you normally would and from there

to membership and then signing up as a new member. That will duplicate your account.

I'm aware that this website isn't the most user friendly. If you are truly stumped, please reach out to me. I can renew you if necessary.

You can use this link : <https://www.aauw.org/membership/new-systems-update>

Or send a check payable to AAUW ESK

P.O. Box 722

Lynnwood, WA 98036-9998

\$92.00 total due

Breakdown:

\$13 branch dues

\$10 State dues

\$69 national dues

If you are a life term member or 50+ member you do not have to pay national or state dues and you can just send your \$13 as a check to our PO box.

Thanks everyone for being a member and supporting the mission of AAUW: Gender equity for women and girls!

It's wonderful to see our membership continue to grow with two new members joining just this last month. Stephanie Bailey lives in the Mill Creek area and has a PhD in Physics and was a professor in California before moving here with her husband and young daughter. She's very interested in Public Policy and will focus her limited time in that area. Elizabeth Gately is also new to AAUW and we will be hearing more about her later.

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Programs

The May program was well attended, and our members enjoyed a performance of the Senior Swingers Orchestra in which Cathy Draper plays the flute.



Thank you, Ann, for all your work to bring such great programs to our Branch! Starting in September Willie Kissinger will lead Programs for our Branch.

Ann McNulty
VP for Programs



Notes From the Board Meeting

The open membership initiative did not pass. It was close. Changes to AAUW's bylaws require 2/3 majority (66.6%) to pass. AAUW members voted 65.1% to approve the measure, just shy of passing.

The High School scholarship team selected three students to receive our scholarships, one from each of the 3 school districts we support: Edmonds, Everett, and Marysville. The College scholarship team selected a student for the WSU scholarship, and is working with Edmonds College to pick a student for the Edmonds College scholarship. Preparations for the Scholarship Award ceremony on June 8 are on-going. There is discussion about having an undergraduate scholarship in the future - for students who want to pursue the fine arts. This will be discussed further.

The costume jewelry fundraiser raised ~\$508 for our Branch expenses. The Art Show will be on October 4.

The Board discussed having a "Meet and Greet" September Branch meeting. This would involve encouraging members to bring friends who might be potential members. Also, because of the success of last year's "Meet the Candidates" event, the Board discussed doing another similar event this Fall. Finally, Jodi has been appointed the liaison between AAUW and the Washington State Women's Commission.

Sita Bhaskaran



Diversity Book Club will meet on Monday, June 17, at 1:30pm at the home of Lori Cross. The book we'll discuss is "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. All members are welcome. Please email Lori to let her know if you plan to attend so she will know how many people to expect.



Public Policy Updates and Actions

Public Policy Updates will return in our September newsletter.

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