

Hello AAUW members.

Happy Fall! This is my favorite time of the year, especially when the days are sunny and nights are cool. There is some great info and updates in this newsletter.

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

Jennifer Long
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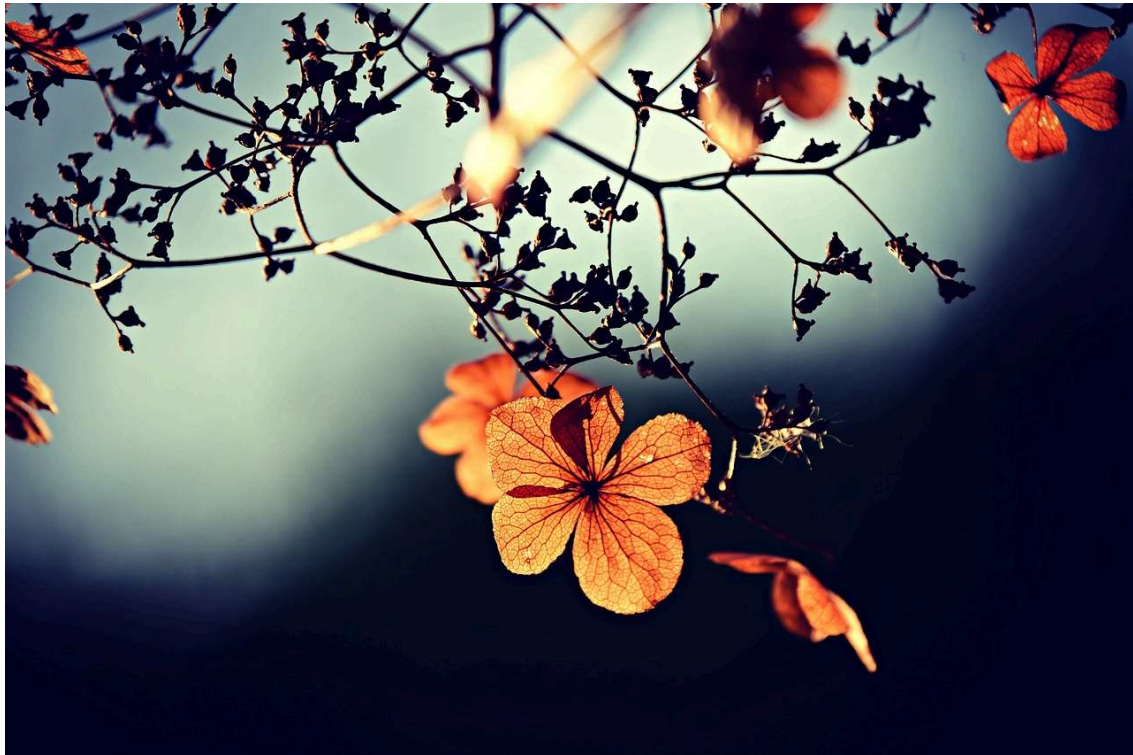
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President's Message

Hello wonderful members,

It was great to see so many members at our September kick off potluck meeting - the food was great, and it was fun to chat with everyone.

Our big fundraiser is this Friday night, October 4th! A huge thank you to Elena Cervantes for her commitment to this event and our branch. Also, thank you to Linda Clay for heading up several of the fundraising committees. These two have worked many hours to make Friday's event special. Thank you to all who have donated and helped with our silent auction items as well. We still need more people to ask friends and family to attend to make this event a success!

Washington State AAUW held a fireside chat last week to discuss the future of AAUW. Barbara Sando from the Seattle branch shared some great slides about the financial position for National AAUW and the need for more transparency with branches. The slides and the notes from the meeting will be posted on our state website if you'd like more information. I was pleased to see many of our members on the Zoom call.

Hope to see many of you on Friday as we raise money for our scholarship fund. Happy Fall!

Jodi Forsell
President



Put These Dates in Your Calendar

Friday, October 4, 5:00pm, An Evening of Arts for Scholarships event; Washington State University Everett Campus.

Thursday, October 17, 3:30pm-5:00pm, Monthly AAUW-ESK Branch Board Meeting; see online Branch calendar for details.

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



Programs

Our branch is not holding a monthly meeting in October. However, we do encourage our members to attend our Annual Evening of the Arts fundraiser on October 4th and attend the WA State Conference at Renton Technical College, October 19th at 9AM-4PM.
[REGISTER HERE ->](#)

Cost is \$40 per person, including a box lunch, coffee, tea, and snacks. **Registration will close when room capacity is met, or on October 7.**

For November, we will have a joint meeting with the Seattle branch via Zoom on November 16th at 10AM. The topic is "The Politics of Bathrooms" presented by Dr. Sara Chatfield. Dr. Chatfield is an assistant professor of Political Science at the University of Denver. Her research focuses on American political development, women in politics, and political behavior. The Zoom link will be sent in early November.

Finally, in December we will have our annual holiday party on

December 14th. More details will be provided in November.

Jodi Forsell
Interim Program Director



Outreach

Hello everyone,

We are quickly approaching our scholarship fundraiser and hope to see you there! With a wide range of artists, numerous raffle prizes, and a large silent auction, there's sure to be something for everyone.

If you're unable to attend but would still like to make a direct donation, you can make your check payable to **Foundation A3E** and mail it to:

Foundation A3E

PO Box 722

Lynnwood, WA 98036

When we come together, we are able to make a big impact in the lives of local women in STEAM.

We sincerely appreciate our members' generous donations to our scholarship funds. Your support is crucial in helping local women ease their financial burdens and pursue their educational dreams. Thank you for making a difference!

Elena Cervantes
Outreach & Scholarship Fundraising



Membership News

Welcome to another new year with AAUW! Our first meeting in September was geared mostly to have time to reconnect and socialize and it was an enjoyable time for all. We can look forward to a fun year with some great things planned.

One thing that needs to happen at the beginning of the year is signing up for one or more of our many committees. You may have seen the weekly email I send out that listed the different groups and who had been on them last year. One of the best ways to make the most of your membership is to be involved in some way with the branch. There are a variety of opportunities, and I hope everyone finds something of interest. The committees are listed below, and you are encouraged to let me know what you might find interesting.

- . Programs
- . Publicity
- . Book Club
- . Sharing and Caring
- . Social
- . Fundraising
- . Public Policy
- . Community Outreach
- . Social Groups - Lunch Bunch/Movies/Field Trips
- . Membership
- . Scholarships

If you would like more information about any of these groups, please

contact me. Email: lindarclay@gmail.com or call 425.293.7613.

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Fundraising

Thank you to the many who have been working so hard to put together our major fundraiser for scholarships, which is happening October 4th at Washington State University Everett Campus, 5-8:00PM.

Elena Cervantes has been Chair for this year, working with the many spinning plates that it takes to make an event like this a success. The planning team has been meeting regularly to get sponsors, silent auction items, artists, raffle items, and doing countless other tasks. Thank you all.

The rest falls to the membership. We need people to attend! If you haven't bought tickets, please do. If you have friends to invite, please do. If you have any questions, please ask! We need everyone to pull together to make this a success!



Other News

We currently have a need for someone to head up our Edmonds ESK branch program committee and sit on our board. This position works with our board to find speakers for monthly meetings and sits on our board and attends monthly board meetings.

We have the programs already booked out for Sept 2024-June 2025 and have several ideas percolating for topics and/or speakers. If you

would like to have more input on branch activities and be more active in our branch this position may be for you! Email or call Jodi to discuss in more detail.

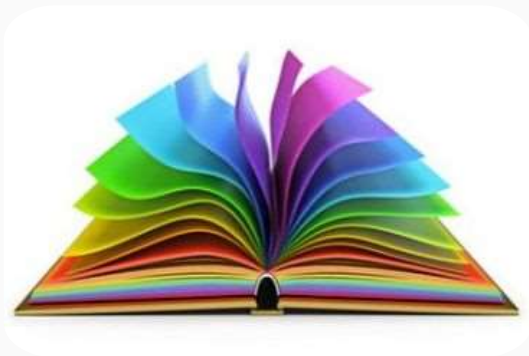
The Foundation for ESK scholarships needs a few more members. It is a minimal time commitment. Just a few short Zoom meetings to approve expenditures. Please contact Cathy Draper if you are willing to help.



Notes From the Board Meeting

This section will return in our November 2024 Newsletter.

Sita Bhaskaran
Secretary



The diversity book club is meeting on October 21 at Sita's house to discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. November 18 we will meet at Lori's house to discuss *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabelle Allende. We will take December off and pick back up in January

to discuss *Braiding for Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, location TBA.



Public Policy Updates and Action

It is Fall and it is campaign sign season!

AAUW and AAUW-WA are endorsing a NO vote on the Initiatives on the WA ballot.

We have one congressional race considered a battleground round race, congressional district 3 (southwest WA). AAUW has published a Head-to-Head comparison for that race.

Candidate forums and debates are ongoing, and most are recorded. Check out League of Women Voters WA for statewide races and Snohomish County for local candidate forums.

September 15 – October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. October 3rd is Latina Equal Pay Day. Latinas working full-time, year-round are paid 57 cents and all earners (including part-time and seasonal) are paid 52 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men. AAUW has a number of reports on Latinas and equal pay. See our one-pager list of reports.

A new report on Economic Security for Older Women was recently released by the Biden-Harris Administration. AAUW-WA will be discussing how we can include the policy recommendations in our

advocacy work for 2025.

Hope to see you on Saturday, October 19th for the in-person AAUW-WA State-wide Meeting at Renton Technical College, 9AM to 4PM. Theme is “Telling Our Stories,” with keynote speaker April Sims, President of the Washington State Labor Council.

Happy Fall!

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