

Hello AAUW members.

Welcome to April! This is a busy and exciting time for our Branch, and we have some great programs lined up for the next couple of months. 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.

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Edmonds SnoKing (WA) Branch

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of equal opportunity for all**

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President's Message

Hello and Happy Spring wonderful members!

March is a mixed bag of celebrations for women.

March is Women's History month. In 1980 Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8th National Women's history week and had these words to share: "Too often women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage and strength and love of the women who built America Was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well. Women's history is an indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage and long-range vision. Understanding the true history of our

country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all of our people."

What, if anything, did you do to honor Women's History Month. I read the autobiography of Annie Oakley. Although she was only 5'1", she held her own in a world dominated by men in her field of gun marksmanship and, even though she claims she was not a feminist, she believed women should be included in all spaces even those dominated by men.

March 25th is also an important day as it marks Equal Pay Day, the day defined as the date in the year that women must work to earn what men earned by December of the prior year. In Washington State the pay gap actually increased by 3%. For this reason, we continue to lobby for pay transparency laws, encouraging women to pursue careers in STEM fields which tend to pay higher wages, and support higher education through our scholarship program.

I hope to see many of you at our Pink Tea event on April 12th.
In AAUW sisterhood,

Jodi Forsell
President



Programs

April 13, 1pm — “The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” a Great Decisions presentation. Free, via Zoom. **Click -> [here](#)** for more information and free registration

April 26 10am-1pm — Washington State Annual meeting. Hear all the updates from State board members, including Emily Hitchens on the State of the State and Susie Johnson on State finances; vote on by law changes; elect new State officers; and hear a motivational speaker on Stronger Together! Zoom link registration is free!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/G-Hf2wWFRNeEqixX6rECw>

Branch Programs

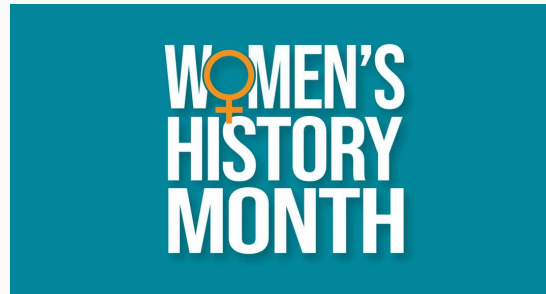
April 13, 10am: April Pink Tea Party, Woodway Hall Room 202, cost \$20. We will have social time and hear Debbie Dimitre’s rendering of Alice Stokes Paul

May 10, 10am: Annual Branch meeting, Snohomish Hall Room 338. We will vote in new officers, set our Branch Public policy priorities, and celebrate another great year of AAUW. Come join us!

June 7: Annual Scholarship Recognition program, Woodway Hall Room 202. Enjoy brunch as we celebrate our 6 scholarship recipients

and their families. Always fun and encouraging to see our fundraiser efforts go to such a wonderful program.

Jodi Forsell
Interim Program Director



Outreach

We made it to Spring! Which means the Pink Tea fundraiser is right around the corner...The April 12th event promises to be a delightful morning of camaraderie and activism.

We're particularly looking forward to seeing everyone's creative interpretations of suffragette or protest wear, inspired by the iconic purple, white, and green colors that symbolized loyalty, purity, and hope for the suffrage movement or perhaps a sea of pink pussy hats! Get creative, the world is your protest stage! It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends and like-minded individuals while supporting our Branch.

In May, a portion of our monthly meeting will be dedicated to discussing our annual scholarship fundraiser, where we will outline plans and seek volunteers in various capacities. Whether you're skilled at organizing events, spreading the word, or contributing in other ways, your participation is invaluable. I invite everyone to join in

and help make this year's scholarship fundraiser another success. Your contributions will not only support our community but also empower future generations of leaders and change-makers.

Elena Cervantes
Outreach & Scholarship Fundraising



Membership News

This month's Member Spotlight shines on Casey Davis. Casey has been a member for a bit so she wouldn't be considered "new" but, "newish." Her busy and demanding life makes it difficult for her to attend many meetings; however, she is truly a champion of all that AAUW is about!

Casey is Executive Director of the Edmonds Food Bank. Going to the Food Bank website shows that the food bank is so much more. Addressing issues of food insecurity is only the tip of the iceberg. Casey manages the other programs available including the Toy Store and partnering with a myriad of other non-profits helping the community.

The position Casey currently holds is but one of the many places that she has used her degree(s) to advantage. She has worked in the corporate world and has been a business owner. Working in the Non-profit sector has become a passion.

It's not all work and no play, for Casey, though. She also enjoys walking, hiking, and swimming. One of her personal goals is to backpack through Europe with her husband and children. A busy life isn't going to slow down for Casey any time soon as she would also like to add 'late life' degree(s) to her to do list.

A lifelong learner, champion of women's equity and food security, Casey is a force in the work force, and we are happy to count her as one of us!

By the way, the Food Bank is currently seeking donations of bikes for kids, so if you know of a dusty bike that needs some exercise please contact the Edmonds Food Bank.

Linda Clay
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Fundraising

In case you haven't heard...Saturday, April 12th is the upcoming Pink Tea. It will be from 10am-noon at Edmonds College in Woodway Hall. Woodway Hall is where we hold the annual Scholarship Awards event.

The program for this event is Debbie Dimitre, who will be doing her presentation of Alice Stokes Paul, one of the authors of the ERA. Tickets are still available, however, the planning team will decide a cutoff date for purchase. Tickets will not be available at the door! We are having to do this because of the nature of the event. We will have food, tea, AND teacups!!! We can't be handing out mugs if too many unexpected visitors arrive. That just is proper, is it?

Seriously, ticket sales have been better than anticipated and we really don't want to have anyone left out. There are two ways to purchase tickets:

1. Use EventBrite on Facebook or if you have the application on your mobile device. (Did I just see a collective eye roll from several of you?) If you don't wish to do that, we've have you covered.

2. Send a check, payable to AAUW Edmonds Snoking, for \$20/ticket to:

AAUW Edmonds SnoKing
PO Box 722
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Forms for tickets were mailed to members, and they were available in the last newsletter. However, those are not required.



Notes From the Board Meeting

Elena attended a Scholarship Reception hosted by WSU Everett recognizing both the students who have received scholarships and the organizations, including our Branch, that have awarded scholarships.

Our scholarship information has been sent to the school districts, and we are in a waiting period before scholarship applications come in.

At the May meeting, we will elect new Branch leaders and discuss Programs for next year. The June meeting will be the scholarship awards event. A speaker has not yet been chosen for the event.

Sita Bhaskaran

Secretary



The Diversity Book Club will meet at Merrie Emmon's home on April 21 at 1:30pm. Bring whatever books you have been reading to recommend to the group for individual pleasure/edification or group discussion.

Sno-Isle library is offering an author talk with Jodi Picoult on April 2 at 4pm. Register here: [Jodi Picoult - Online Author Talk | Events | Sno-Isle Libraries](#)



Public Policy Updates and Action

This section will return in our next newsletter.

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