

2024-2025

## Year End Report

President: Jodi Forsell

Membership/Fundraising: Linda Clay

Secretary: Sita Bhaskaran

Treasurer : Harriet Fuji (thru November) Jodi Forsell (Dec-June)

Community Outreach/Art Show: Elena Cervantes

Scholarship: Lori Cross and Cathy Draper

Public Policy: Sandra Distelhorst

Communication: Open

Program: Open

## Programs

September, 2024

**Saturday, September 7, 10:00 a.m. – Noon.** Edmonds College Snohomish Hall, Room 338. Fall kick-off with a no-host potluck lunch. “Get informed-Stay Engaged”. Items on agenda: Review our budget; Explore a Caring & Sharing activity; Review the big 3 initiatives on the ballot this November; Discuss our October fundraiser “An Evening of Art for Scholarships” and ways to help and sign up; Social time to catch up with everyone

October, 2024

**Saturday, October 4, 5-8 pm.** Our Annual “An Evening of Art for Scholarships”. Join artists and art collectors for an Inspiring Evening of Art and Empowerment – our major scholarship fundraiser! Location: Washington State University Everett, 915 North Broadway Everett, WA 98201. Tickets are \$25.00 – early bird tickets are \$20 before September 9th. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 and can be prepaid before the event.

**Saturday, October 19.** A statewide meeting Renton Technical college in Renton. Theme: “Telling Our Stories”. Hear great speakers and watch the movie “Arise” (See AAUW WA state website for movie trailer). Registration is available at 2024 In-person Statewide Meeting. \$40 includes lunch. We can arrange car pooling down there and there is financial support to attend for the day including reimbursement of mileage/gas.

November, 2024

**Saturday, November 16.** Zoom meeting. Joint meeting with Seattle branch. The program title is: “The Politics of bathroom access and exclusion in the US”. The presenter is Sara Chatfield, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Denver. She is the author of the

book: "In Her Own Name: the Politics of Women's Rights before Suffrage." Free registration required.

**Tuesday, November 19 at 6PM.** A free screening of the documentary *Join or Die* at the Edmonds Waterfront Center, 220 Railroad Ave, Edmonds, WA 98020. Seats are limited, register today to reserve your spot!

December, 2024

**Saturday, December 14. Annual Holiday Party** at Ann McNulty's house. Details in our December newsletter.

January, 2025

**Saturday, January 11. Discussion of Lobby Week.** Edmonds College Snohomish Hall, Room 338. We will be discussing upcoming Lobby week and the vetted bills AAUW WA will be following. Come and find out which bills AAUW WA State will be supporting in the upcoming legislative session. We will also be discussing branch fundraising ideas and ongoing needs to fundraise.

**Monday, January 27. State Lobby day via Zoom.** Mark your calendar for **Lobby Day** on Monday, January 27. Free, online via Zoom. Link/registration on AAUW WA state website.

February, 2025

**Saturday, February 8. Women and Ageism 10am – 12pm.** Hear AARP's Cynthia Hinton discuss ageism in the workplace, and how it affects women's health, work and family life. Edmonds College Snohomish Hall, Room 338, 20000 68th Ave W, Lynnwood 98036.

**Wednesday, February 19, 11am – 12pm. Coffee and Conversation.** All are welcome to join members of AAUW Edmonds SnoKing for Coffee & Conversation. This is an open opportunity for members and folks interested in learning more about AAUW ESK to gather. The American Association of University Women supports the advancement of equity for women and girls through Public Policy, educational opportunities and local scholarships. Coffee & Conversation is a monthly gathering event hosted by AAUW Edmonds SnoKing. We hope to see you for a chat and a cup of Joe at the Richmond Beach Coffee Company, 1442 NW Richmond Beach Rd., Shoreline, 98177!

March, 2025

**Saturday, March 8. An Overview of Autism for parents and grandparents.** Tanya St. John of the University of Washington will talk about under-diagnosed autism in youth, and how girls especially are getting under-diagnosed. Dr. St. John is a clinical psychologist at the UW Autism Center with more than 14 years of experience. Edmonds College Snohomish Hall, Room 338, 20000 68th Ave W, Lynnwood 98036.

April, 2025

**Saturday, April 12, 10am – 12pm. A Pink Tea Party and Debbie Dimitri.** AAUW will be hosting a Pink Tea party much like the ones held during the suffrage movement in the early 1900's. Once again, **Debbie Dimitri** will use her talents as story teller to bring to life Alice Stokes Paul (1885 – 1977) who was an American Quaker suffragist, feminist and women's rights activist. Paul was one of the foremost leaders and strategists of the campaign for the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits sex discrimination in the right to vote. Paul initiated, and along with Lucy Burns and others, strategic events such as the Woman Suffrage Procession and the Silent Sentinels, which were part of the successful

campaign that resulted in the amendment's passage in August 1920. Edmonds College Woodway Hall Room 202, 20000 68th Ave W, Lynnwood 98036. Tickets can be purchased.  
May, 2025

**Saturday, May 10, 10am – 12pm.** Branch Annual Business meeting to elect new officers and review bylaws. Edmonds College Snohomish Hall, Room 338.

June, 2025

**Saturday, June 14, 10am – 12pm.** Annual end of year scholarship celebration. Edmonds College Woodway Hall Room 202, 20000 68th Ave W, Lynnwood 98036.

#### Other Activities

We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Art show at Everett college to raise money for our scholarship program. A 6<sup>th</sup> scholarship was added for a Art Student and the scholarship is named after our member, Elena Cervantes

We held a Pink Tea party and over 100 people came, and we heard the story of Alice Stokes Paul. We raised over \$1000 for our branch funds.