

Hello AAUW members.

Welcome to September and the beginning of a new year for our Branch. I hope everyone enjoyed Summer and are ready for the Fall (the weather sure is turning quickly to cooler weather)! 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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President's Message

Hello, and Welcome to a New Year with the Edmonds SnoKing Branch! It's hard to let go of Summer but I'm excited for what's happening in the months ahead!

First, let me say that I'm honored to serve as the Branch President and I promise I'll do all I can to not mess it up! Knowing that our members share a wealth of knowledge, skills, and history with AAUW gives me courage and enthusiasm to continue the great path already set by past presidents, most recently, our wonderful Jodi Forsell. **Thank you, Jodi**, for your positive leadership for the last 3 years. I am so very grateful to have worked with you and am excited for a continued partnership.

We have a few changes on the board this year. We met a couple weeks ago and I was energized by the ideas and plans started, many of which will be proposed in the next month or two. Stay tuned!

Our first meeting is September 13th, 10am-noon, at Edmonds College,

Room 338. There will be a lot happening so I encourage everyone who can attend to do so. I'll send an agenda when we get closer to the date. The 'program' will be all about our upcoming annual Art Show Fundraiser. Elena and her planning team have been working ALL summer to get pieces for this event put together. In these uncertain times, it's been a tough job to get sponsors and donations, though. **It's very important that we sell tickets for attendance.** With it being on a Saturday we are hopeful we can draw in a good crowd. Put on your thinking caps and check your contact list to see who you might be able to invite!

Linda Clay
President



Programs

September 13th Edmonds SnoKing Branch Meeting. Edmonds College, 10am-12pm – Room 338. Join us for the first meeting of the new year for our Branch.



Outreach

Hi members! What a whirlwind of a summer it's been. Folks have been putting in tons of time and effort during summer break working on our Art Fair & Scholarship Fundraiser. With that said...we're so excited to share with you that tickets are now available for purchase!

You can snag your tickets a few different ways:

- 1) Online via [Eventbrite link click here.](#)
- 2) Scanning the QR Code with your phone camera on the poster below.
- 3) Print out the mail-in form below and send your cash or check to the PO Box or pay for your tickets at our September 13th meeting.
- 4) Lastly, you can purchase tickets day of, at the door.

Raffle ticket pricing:

Individual: \$5 each

Bundle: 5 for \$20

This is our opportunity to show up and support women's education, a cause so near and dear to our hearts and the AAUW mission. It takes a collective effort to publicize our fundraiser, and we ask that you share this with your friends, family, and neighbors.

We invite you to shop small, shop local, and support an array of established and up-and-coming artists as you add to your personal art collection or find the perfect treasure for someone on your shopping list!



Elena Cervantes
Outreach & Scholarship Fundraising



Membership News

Jodi Forsell and Pat Hooper are the new Membership Committee co-chairs for the 2025-2026 year. About 8 members joined us for a potluck picnic at Edmonds Park on August 23rd. I apologize to those who tried to come but didn't find parking. Cathy Draper has offered her church park for next year which has a great flat area and plentiful parking! We currently have just under 50 members.

We will have sign-ups for our various committees at our next Branch meeting scheduled for September 13th.

Would you like to start or belong to an interest group to get to know other members better? We plan on starting or restarting a few this Fall. Come share your ideas on what you would like to do.

Jodi Forsell & Pat Hooper



Sharing & Caring News

YWCA Food Drive

The YWCA Pathways for Women program is in need of food for their residents. The residents are both single women and women with children. When people arrive at their apartments, generally a 45 day stay, the program provides them with a box of food to help them settle

in their new environment. They are particularly in need of non perishable food that creates basic meals, such as spaghetti and sauce, tuna/ crackers and mayonnaise, pancake mix and syrup. You can help in any of the following ways:

- Bring food donations to our September meeting
- Deliver items directly to the YWCA Pathways for Women Shelter in Lynnwood - 6027 208th St, SW, Lynnwood / M-F, 9am-5pm
- Contact Vicki if you'd like her to pick up donations from your home (408-502-0636)

List of non/perishable food supplies in high demand:

- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Marinara sauce and pasta
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Dry milk
- Mashed potatoes
- Crackers
- Corn
- Mixed vegetables
- Beef stew
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Beef
- Salsa
- Rice

This location also accepts household and hygiene items that are appropriate for a family starting out in a small apartment.

Every item helps, and together we can provide much-needed support to local women and families facing food insecurity.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Notes From the Board Meeting

Laura Yurka, Branch Treasurer, will present the proposed budget to the membership at the September Branch meeting.

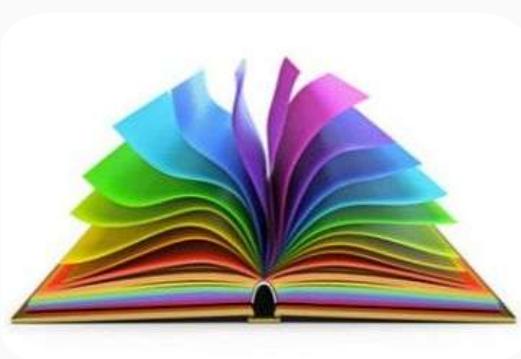
The Programs schedule for the year is being worked on. At the September meeting the Branch budget will be presented and upcoming Programs and the Art Show will be discussed.

Our membership is at about 47. We are losing Cindy Gobel, Phyllis Kelley-Tyler who has moved into a nursing home, and four graduate students.

Art Show update: at least 11 good quality artists will be participating. Finding sponsors has been a struggle this year. There will not be a silent auction. Rather, there will be a pivot toward more raffle baskets.

Branch member Lisa Utter, who is also the President of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Snohomish County, mentioned that LWV will have a Constitution Day to read the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

This year, Jodi Forsell will send out weekly emails like the WeekAheadsUP emails that Linda Clay sent out last year.



Our book sale is back! Please bring to our September meeting any books that you read over the summer that you think your fellow Branch members would enjoy reading (and that you are willing to donate) . Also, remember to bring some cash to take advantage of the sale. All proceeds go to Branch operations.

Book Club News: Our next book club meeting will be on Monday, September 15, at 1:30pm at the home of Sita Bhaskaran. We will discuss the book "An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of The 1960's" by Doris Kern Goodwin. The book is 500 pages, so start reading now if you have not already done so! All members are welcome to attend, but please notify Sita so she has an idea of how many to expect.

In October we will read "A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and The Woman Who Stopped Them".



Public Policy Updates and Action

Public Policy updates will return next month.

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