

Hello AAUW members.

September always feels like the start of something new for me, with school starting back for many and the transition to Fall. With October, we have lots of great Branch events and news with more details in this newsletter.

Any questions or concerns? Reply to this email or contact me directly, [JenniferL91@hotmail.com](mailto:JenniferL91@hotmail.com).

Jennifer Long  
AAUW ESK Newsletter Coordinator



## Newsletter | October 2025

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## President's Message

How glorious has this fall been? I hope you've been able to enjoy it because we all know what's coming. I've got fingers crossed it lasts for at least a couple more weeks. Why, you ask? Because of the Art Fair for Scholarships!

By the time you're reading this the Art Fair will be over and the hardworking team, led by Elena Cervantes, will have done its work for another year. It's honestly been a bit of a slog this year and I so admire the positive leadership and determined efforts everyone put in to make it a success. I just wish I could tell you how successful!

The weekly emails continue with Jodi and Pat, and I encourage everyone to read them and mark your calendars for at least a few of the upcoming events. We benefit from Jodi still being on the AAUW WA State Board as she shares what's happening outside of our Branch.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on October 11. Our

own Casey Davis, Executive Director of the Edmonds Food Bank, will present on the work done at the Edmonds Food Bank. These are difficult times for far too many and her information will be very timely.

Thank you for reading the newsletter! It's the best snapshot of the Branch happenings, and I encourage you to find something you like and join us, whether it's the monthly meeting, an AAUW National opportunity, or one of our various teams. Together we'll be better, stronger, and make a difference in the lives of all women, including our own!

Linda Clay  
President

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## Programs

**October 11th Edmonds SnoKing Branch Meeting.** Edmonds College, 10am-12pm. Casey Davis, Executive Director of the Edmonds Food Bank, will join the meeting to share more about this local food bank.

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## Outreach

Exciting times as our annual Art Fair and Scholarship Fundraiser is coming up on October 4th, 11am-3pm!

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 look forward to seeing you at the event at Washington State University (915 North Broadway, Everett).



Elena Cervantes  
Outreach & Scholarship Fundraising



## Membership News

With the start of the Branch new year, we are excited to add two new interest groups to our existing activities.

We are starting to explore an Arts Interest group that will focus on attending movies, art galleries, live performances, etc. We'll probably do an activity 6 times per year.

We are also starting game day/night depending on availability of the members. Plan is to get together to share and play our favorite games. Also, our Sharing and Caring group has already started, and we collected food for Pathways for Women.

Finally, our Book Club meets monthly. More information is available in this newsletter regarding the Book Club.

Lots of ways to plug in and engage with other members! Let Jodi Forsell or Pat Hooper know if you'd like to get connected. We'd like to get to know you better.

Jodi Forsell & Pat Hooper

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## Sharing & Caring News

### Thank You for Your Generosity!

Our August–September food drive was a beautiful example of what happens when we come together to support women and families in our community. Thanks to the generosity of AAUW members, we were able to deliver three full car trunk loads of food to the YWCA Pathways for Women.

These donations are now providing nonperishable food to newly housed single women and mothers with children in the YWCA apartments in Lynnwood. For women who have just moved from homelessness into safe housing, being able to prepare meals for themselves and their families brings more than nourishment—it offers comfort, dignity, and a sense of normalcy during a time of transition.

Your caring spirit has made a real difference. Thank you for opening your hearts and helping women and children take their first steps toward stability and hope.

The Sharing and Caring Committee

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## Notes From the Board Meeting

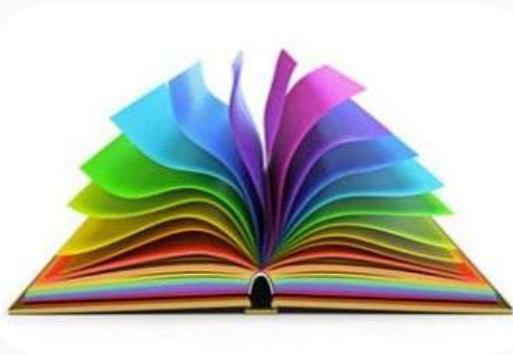
Art Show update: WSU has pledged \$2,000 towards our scholarship fund. Elena said the Branch had received about \$4,000 worth of donated items for the Art Show. There will be 16 artists and 20 tables of art.

We will offer the same slate of scholarships as last year. There will be a total of six scholarships worth \$2,000 each. Of these, four scholarships will be for High School students planning to pursue studies in a college, with three of the scholarships being for students planning majors in a STEM field, and one for a student planning a degree in fine arts. We will offer one scholarship to an Edmonds College student studying in a STEM field, and one scholarship to a first-generation college student at WSU/Everett.

Two new interest groups are being formed: “Explore the Arts” and “Movie night”.

Jodi is investigating the national 5-Star Recognition Program. Last year our Branch earned a 3-star rating.

Sita Bhaskaran  
Secretary



Our next book is *“Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan’s Plot to Take Over America, and The Woman Who Stopped Them”* by Timothy Egan, which was recommended by our new member Deirdre Devlin. Deidre will host the discussion on October 20 at 507 Forsyth Way, Edmonds.



## Public Policy Updates and Action

Public Policy updates will return next month.

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