

Hello AAUW members.

Here we are in November and Fall seems to have fully settled in with leaves changing color and falling to the ground...and blocking those storm drains! Please see details in this newsletter for more information on our Branch events and news.

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 | November 2025

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## President's Message

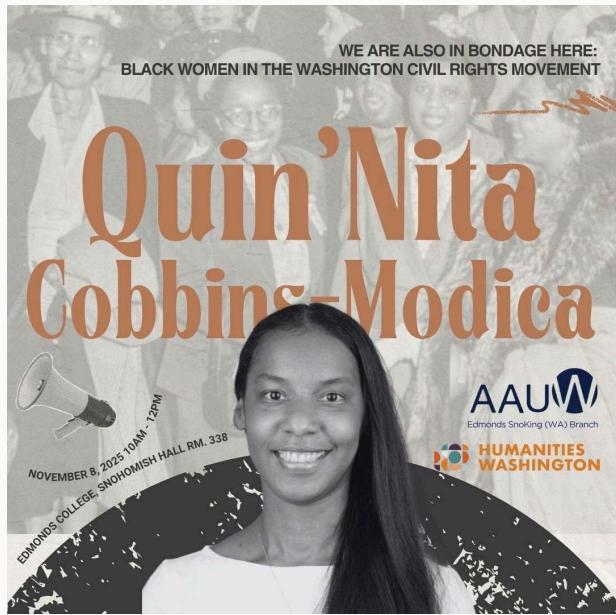
Hello all! Welcome to another wonderful newsletter. Now that our Branch year is truly up and running you will find some interesting reading! So, get a cup of coffee or tea and put your feet up for a bit while you catch up and learn about upcoming events.

Being involved is the best way to support the Branch and create more interest in what we do. A good example is attending monthly meetings!

At the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting we will host a speaker from Washington Humanities, Quin' Nita Cobbins-Modica, who will speak on "*We Are Also in Bondage Here: Black Women in the Washington Civil Rights Movement.*" So, share the news, bring a friend and come to learn! If you're on Facebook or Instagram, please share the postings from our pages.

I look forward to seeing you on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The coffee will be on and refreshments ready!

Linda Clay  
President



## Programs

**November 8th Edmonds SnoKing Branch Meeting.** Edmonds College, 10am-12pm. We will host a speaker from Washington Humanities, Quin' Nita Cobbins-Modica, who will speak on “*We Are Also in Bondage Here: Black Women in the Washington Civil Rights Movement.*”



## Outreach

We're looking forward to finding community engagement opportunities. If you happen to know of any, please send the info my way: [elena.cervantes1@gmail.com](mailto:elena.cervantes1@gmail.com)

Elena Cervantes  
Outreach & Scholarship Fundraising



## Membership News

As we settle into our Fall routines we are starting up some ways to stay engaged as members of our Branch. We've launched "Explore the Arts" and "Game Nights" interest groups.

For our first event, we'll attend a holiday music performance of the Everett Symphony (think Nutcracker). Performance date is at 3pm on Sunday, November 30, and tickets are \$20.00. We can carpool from Edmonds. Let Jodi know if you'd like to join! [Jrforsell92@gmail.com](mailto:Jrforsell92@gmail.com) or 425-877-7044

Jodi Forsell & Pat Hooper



## Sharing & Caring News

Updates on our Sharing & Caring Committee will continue in future newsletters.



### Notes From the Board Meeting

WSU Everett is now officially an AAUW college affiliate campus and our two representatives are Hayley Larson (Development) and Jess Lorre (Admissions Counselor). So now, Edmonds College and WSU, Everett are both officially affiliated with us.

In November, our Branch will host the Humanities Washington presentation: *“We Are Also in Bondage Here: Black Women in the Washington Civil Rights Movement”* by Quin’Nita Cobbins-Modica, an Assistant Professor of History at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The profit from the Art Show is expected to be approximately \$8,000. Positive reviews and good feedback were received from several artists.

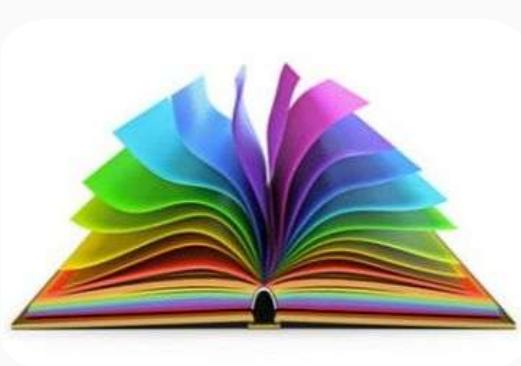
The late Jan Holsbo, a former member of our Branch, has left a bequest of \$34,955 to the A3E Foundation that administers and funds the AAUW ESK scholarships. Thank you very much, Jan!

There is an opening for a Secretary of the AAUW WA State Board.

Anyone interested in this opportunity is advised to contact Jodi Forsell, who sits on the State Board.

Sita Bhaskaran  
Secretary

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Our next book is “The Evangelicals: Living and Leaving the White Evangelical Church” by Sarah McCammon. We’ll discuss on November 17 at 1:30pm at Helen Behan’s house.



## Public Policy Updates and Action

Many local AAUW members joined one of the numerous October 18 “No Kings” Rallies in Snohomish and King counties after AAUW National encouraged members. The current US Government actions to coerce higher educational institutions to limit student rights and

academic freedom along with actions to reduce or eliminate the student loan programs that open the doors of education to citizens, conflict with AAUW's goals of encouraging higher education as a pathway to economic security and upward mobility for women and girls.

**NATIONAL** Action requested.

The so-called Safeguarding American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act (H.R. 22) passed the U.S. House this Spring. It is now before the U.S. Senate. **This is a dangerous voter suppression bill** that would require every voter to present a paper citizenship document—like a birth certificate or passport—each time they register or re-register, and undermine current methods such as online, mail-in, and automatic voter registration by requiring in-person submission of documents. This will disenfranchise up to **21 million U.S. citizens** due to lack of access to required paperwork. And it would disproportionately harm **people of color, voters with disabilities, older adults, and women**—especially those whose names have changed due to marriage or divorce, adding **costs, confusion, and barriers** to voting. **Tell your senators - Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell: Oppose the SAVE Act and protect fair, accessible elections. Do it easily - [Here](#).**

**STATE** - The State AAUW team continues to meet to monitor legislation and plan for the next legislative session. More next month on this.

**LOCAL** - Local elections are important. In Snohomish County the once in a decade Charter Review Commission is up for election. This is the governing document (like a county constitution) for the county. Each voter gets to select three members to the commission. The LWV has [a panel discussion online](#) and additional information.

Recently I wrote a column titled "Who to Vote for When the Voters Pamphlet is Not Enough" with some additional resources for voting. It is posted on the LWV Snohomish county [Facebook page](#).

And lastly the State Auditor's office has warned that changes at USPS mean that not all mail is postmarked on the day you deposit it in the mailbox. If you have not already mailed your ballot, you either want to

find a ballot box or go into the post office and ask them to postmark it. Remember Election Day is Tuesday, November 4.

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