

# Edmonds SnoKing Branch February, 2016 newsletter

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## Calendar

**Saturday, February 13,  
10 a.m. to noon, Branch  
meeting at Shoreline  
Community College,**

**Bldg. 2900, Room 2925.** Rachel David talks about "How Gender Affects Our Lives." Signs will be posted on campus directing you to the location (same room as last year) and carpooling is recommended.

## Other 2016 events and programs:

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● **Wednesday, February 17, 1 p.m., Diversity Book Group,** at the home of

Mary Freundlich. The group will be discussing *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze* by Peter Hessler.



● **Friday, February 19, 10 a.m., Coffee and Conversation.** At Panera Bakery and Cafe, 7929 Lake Ballinger Way.

● **Monday, February 22, 12:30 p.m., Bridge Group** at the home of Judith Baker.

● **Saturday, March 12, Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser,** at Trinity Lutheran Church. (Registration form on p. 5)

● **Tuesday, March 22, Expanding Your Horizons** conference at Edmonds Community College.

## From Your Co-Presidents

AAUW Chief Executive Officer, Linda Hallman, said, "We must give every girl who has ever dreamed of becoming an astronaut, computer scientist, engineer, industrial designer, or mathematician, the chance to fulfill her goals. And that's what we are doing through our STEM programs."

You, members of our AAUW Edmonds SnoKing Branch, are the best! Each of you constantly reaches out and makes the future possible for a young woman who may only have dreams, and no way to realize them. We have continued opportunities to see our time, talents, gifts, and education come alive by being active in our branch.

You are needed! We are putting together a nominating committee that will be seeking out members for open leadership positions for 2016-2017. Those positions are for Membership, Program, and Finance. If you are interested, please step up to the plate. As we have found, there is always plenty of support and guidance when you take on roles such as these. And, each person will do the job just a little differently. So, think it over and consider being nominated for one of these openings. If you have questions, please contact Nadine or Anne.

As we help future STEM dreamers, our branch continues to expand. See you at our meeting on February 13!

*Anne Penny and Nadine McCray*



## Notes from the Board

The Board is recommending a change to the Branch bylaws. Here is the wording for the bylaws change (Article VI, Section 3):

“The budget for the branch shall be prepared by the team leaders with the finance vice president, approved by the board of directors no later than August 31, and accepted by the membership at the

September meeting. The executive committee shall have the authority to review the budget within available income.”

The new wording for the bylaws was read at the January 9 Branch meeting and will be voted on at the April 9 Branch meeting. (Remember that the Branch Bylaws and Policies are available on [our website, in the Members Only section.](#)) The Board is recommending this change to bring the bylaws into alignment with our past practice. Branch bylaws and policies were last revised in May, 2012. Other revisions are needed (mainly branch name change and revisions to comply with national AAUW bylaws) and the Board will appoint a committee to explore and recommend broader changes to our bylaws during the summer.

At the January Branch meeting, a survey was distributed, asking members for input on the printing of an annual directory. For those who didn't yet complete a survey, it will be distributed again at the February Branch meeting and through the mail and email.

## *Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser*

Our annual Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser is on Saturday, March 12, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood.



Our speaker will be Eva Abram, Rainwater Storytelling. Eva spoke to us last April on *Defeating Racism Today*, through a Humanities Washington grant. Eva will be presenting a true story of the friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune.

Although Bethune was a well-established African American leader before she met Eleanor Roosevelt in 1927, her career benefited substantially from Mrs. Roosevelt's enthusiastic support. Eleanor valued Bethune's political acumen and dynamic personality and was instrumental in bringing her to Washington, D.C. She also made sure that Mrs. Bethune had access to President Franklin Roosevelt. The two women were close personal friends. They met regularly, traveled together, and attended conferences and meetings together.

Mark your calendars for this event and invite your friends to attend.

You'll find the registration form for the March Luncheon in this newsletter.

*Roberta Jonnet*

## Member Profile: Jo Parkening



Jo Parkening graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1960. Her first job was teaching fourth grade in Inglewood (CA). While there she taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Inglewood schools had a program

that allowed her to take a leave of absence to teach for the Department of Defense. First she taught in Germany for two years, then returned to Inglewood to teach another year. Then she taught for DoD in Okinawa for one more year. She is grateful to Inglewood for giving her the years off to travel and teach in these places. It was a great experience to see some of the world and be able to return to her job in Inglewood.

Jo met her husband, Blaine, and they drove down to Pismo Beach and Arroyo Grande (CA) to explore the areas. She first joined the Antelope Valley branch of AAUW and later the San Luis Obispo Branch, where she was involved in several activities. After that she joined the Five Cities–Pismo Beach Branch of AAUW. She served in most of the committee positions as well as serving as Vice President for Program and President of the Branch.

After several years she and her husband decided to move to Seattle where their daughter found better job opportunities. They remained here for ten years. During that time she joined the Edmonds SnoKing Branch of AAUW and served on the Program, Membership, and Philanthropy teams. She was co-president of the Branch, with Jan Holsbo, from 2007 to 2009.

They returned to California for a few years before moving back here in June, 2015. This move was for their daughter to work in a corporate position. Their daughter has worked in fine dining and bartending and now wants to own her own place in the Los Angeles area. Jo says that you might call her and her husband “daughter groupies.” “We like Seattle and we will see what happens in the future. We are not currently planning on leaving this area.” She believes that belonging to AAUW is “the best thing for women

who move around because there is a branch almost every place you go, you meet great friends in the branches, and get involved in the community quickly.”

### Book Group

The book for February (February 17, 1 p.m. at the home of Mary Freundlich) is [River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze](#) by Peter Hessler. Here are other upcoming dates and book titles:

- March 16, 7 p.m., At the home of Lori Cross, [Little Bee](#) by Chris Cleave.
- April 20, 7 p.m. At the home of Helen Stanley, [An Unnecessary Woman](#) by Rabih Alameddine.

If you are new to the book group, call Helen Behan to RSVP and for more information.

### TITLE IX Project Update

The committee had an informative meeting with Yvonne Terrell-Powell on January 15. Yvonne is an assistant dean and one of several Title IX Deputy Coordinators at Shoreline Community College. We learned that the materials we were delivering had been distributed to them at an earlier Title IX training. We also learned that the Title IX Coordinator Stephen Smith, and the deputy coordinators do a variety of training sessions for staff and students throughout the year.



Dr. Cheryl Roberts, President of Shoreline CC, provides great support for Title IX. A document, "[Our Community Standard](#)," along with Title IX, provides a framework

of belief on the campus. We saw these posters around the campus setting up a positive learning environment. Yvonne explained that instructors are asked (voluntary) to put a Title IX statement in course information. Later it will become policy.

She suggested a variety of resources to us, including a documentary, [Hunting Ground](#), which we hope to show at a meeting soon.

Our next Title IX Project meeting is on Wednesday, February 17, time and place TBA.

*Phyllis Keiley Tyler*



## Lobby Day Reports

The AAUW-WA State Lobby Day was held on Monday, January 25, at the Lacey Community Center. Representatives from Edmonds SnoKing Branch were Helen Behan (Public Policy Team Leader), Jan Holsbo and Phyllis Keiley-Tyler.

*(Report from Phyllis)* Elaine Rose, CEO of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, spoke to us about the state of reproductive rights in 2016. Here are highlights:

- Every state is different but the number of hostile states has increased. Currently, 57% of women of reproductive age live in states hostile to women making a decision regarding abortion. When time and distance restrictions are imposed, self-abortions increase.
- There have been 300 attacks on Planned Parenthood facilities, including in Washington State.
- Three out of ten women by the age of 35 will have had an abortion.
- Studies show contraception over the last 35 years has been huge in transforming women's lives. One-third of women's wage gain is due to access to reproductive healthcare.

The assault on Planned Parenthood is coming from the most extreme groups and has created an "ugly climate." The Center for Medical Progress is the group responsible for the "scam" videos claiming that Planned Parenthood sold fetal body parts. Planned Parenthood has been cleared of any wrong-doing and the group is being sued. Watch the news for more information. A resolution is coming in opposition to violence against women's health centers.

The information Elaine presented is disturbing and isn't going to improve anytime soon. Elaine Rose remains a powerful voice on reproductive rights and health both at the policy and electoral levels. Planned

Parenthood deserves on-going support to continue this critical care for women.

*(Report from Jan)* Pam Crone, our AAUW-WA State lobbyist, updated us on the current status of the Legislature. With no new taxes or "special" tax cuts, there will be no economic change for education for the next four years. AAUW is opposed to Charter Schools. The proposed bill using LOTTO money would only take away from scholarships for community colleges and universities. The decision has been made to "plan" to make a plan for the McCleary court decision in 2019.

*(Report from Helen)* "Understanding the Gender Wage Gap" was presented by Eileen Baratuci, AAUW member and lawyer who works in the area of employment and labor law. She has done very extensive research on the gender wage gap.

- Out of 142 countries, there is no country with totally equal pay for equal work. Only 25 had equal access to education. The U.S. ranks 65<sup>th</sup>.
- The Equal Pay Act was passed in 1963 and enacted in 1964. Many states chose to ignore it. Due to a lawsuit in 1972, it was expanded.
- Washington State, during Governor Dan Evans' term, started an Equal Pay Study which extended into Governor Ray's term but yielded no results. There was a lawsuit against the state and \$800 million was awarded to women for back pay but this was overturned.
- In 1993 the Family Medical Leave Act was passed. Workers got 12 weeks of unpaid leave and the right to return to their positions.

An AAUW study found that there was a 7% gender pay gap in the first year of employment. Over a lifetime of work, this means women who are high school grads will lose \$700,000. College grads lose \$1.2 million. Graduates of professional schools lose \$2 million.

With a gap of 78 cents to every dollar earned, women work 133 days for free. And at the present rate the gap should be closed about 2050.

[ESHB 1646 The Equal Pay Opportunity Act](#) is again before the lawmakers. Sponsors include legislators Kagi, Ortiz-Self, Ryu, and Peterson. Contact your legislators today. Urge them to get this act passed.



## National Women's History Month 2016

*Working to Form a More Perfect Union  
Honoring Women in Public Service and Government*

### **SPRING FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS and BRANCH PROJECTS**

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

**Trinity Lutheran Church - 6215 196th SW, Lynnwood**

Doors open	Noon
Lunch	12:30 -1:15 p.m.
Programs	1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

ENJOY	<i>Music</i>	<i>Entertainment</i>	<i>Women's History Stories</i>
BROWSE	<i>Women's History Displays</i>	<i>Theme Baskets</i>	
BUY	<i>Theme Basket Raffle Tickets</i>	<i>Books</i>	

Special guest: Eva Abram, "Breaking Barriers: Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune"

Tickets: \$30 per person - Open to members, friends and guests

Mail check with registration form to: Jan Holsbo  
655 Main Street, #304  
Edmonds, WA 98020

(Make checks payable to AAUW Edmonds SnoKing Branch)

Registration deadline is Monday, March 7.

For information and more forms see website: [esk-wa.aauw.net/2015-2016](http://esk-wa.aauw.net/2015-2016)

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Total registration amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30 per person)

Special needs diet available: Vegetarian (#) \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry, I cannot make the event but here is my donation: \_\_\_\_\_