

# Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

## In Touch

December 2011

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### Our Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

### December 5th

**10:00 a.m.**

Board Meeting

Cathlin Starke's Home

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### December 8th

**1:00 p.m.**

December Meeting

Merrill Gardens  
7212 265th NW  
Stanwood

*Holiday Celebration of Giving  
Vote on the 2012 Scholarship  
Budget and Fundraising Plan  
Presentation by Wana Duma  
Children's Project, a Stanwood  
Organization for children in  
Kenya, Africa*

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Program Assistant

### Message from the President

*Cathlin Starke*

Happy Holidays to one and all!! And welcome to all of our new guests and previous members who joined us at Snow Goose!

We have a wonderful opportunity for giving this year, to help the Stanwood Food Bank and the Food Pantry on Camano—bring your checks to our December 8 meeting, or mail directly to Susan Blake, if you wish to help.

Other giving opportunities include SCAF, for our scholarships, or a donation to AAUW for their national efforts to AAUW Funds. These may be mailed directly to AAUW or may be given to Terry Benson to submit along with our branch gift. All are tax deductible.

At our December 8 General Meeting we will ask you to approve the 2012 scholarship budget and vote on the fundraiser plan for 2012.

Mark your calendar for Monday, January 23, Lobby Day in Olympia! Registration is \$20; we will have information for you at the December and January meetings. You can find the registration form on page seven of the newsletter. This year it was suggested that the group drive down on Sunday and share hotel rooms; carpooling will be available. It should be a fun day!

Wishing you and yours a peaceful and joyous holiday and New Year!

### Holiday Giving

*December 8 Branch Meeting*

Please join us on Thursday, December 8, 1 p.m. at Merrill Gardens for holiday giving and a presentation by the Wana Duma Children's Project for the children of Kenya, Africa. Gifts from Kenya will be available for purchase.

Bring your checkbook! Instead of wrapped holiday gifts, this year Susan Blake will be collecting money for two food banks of Stanwood and Camano Island: Stanwood Food Bank and the Food Pantry at Camano Chapel. Checks will be made payable to the food bank of your choice and collected at the meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting please mail your donation to Susan Blake. Susan will deliver your gifts in time for the holidays.

Program for this meeting is a presentation by the Wana Duma Children's Project for the children of Kenya, Africa. Founded in Stanwood, this organization believes "an education holds the key to a healthy adulthood" and "an educated child who has developed good life skills is more likely to become a steward of the environment and lay the foundation for a stronger community". Taken from

[www.wanaduma.org](http://www.wanaduma.org).



## Save These Dates

**January 9th**

**10:00 a.m.**

Board Meeting

Cathlin Starke's Home

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**January 12th**

**1:00 p.m.**

January Meeting

Merrill Gardens  
7212 265th NW  
Stanwood

*Presentation by Bev Maxwell  
on her trip to India*



## Celebrating 75 Years

*In celebration of our branch's 75th anniversary each month we will highlight a decade of history compiled by Helen Smith.*

### **1946-1956**

Arlington Branch

Information in 1949 revealed that nationally there was an emphasis on the arts. Branches held art displays, supported dramatic presentations. Money was raised by barn dances, ballroom dances, art bazaars, flower and antique shows, community sings, Christmas craft and rummage sales, theater and opera parties. Funds raised went to fellowships, record-lending libraries were established with public libraries, and contributions were made to nursery schools. It was estimated that one half million people attended these functions.

At the national convention in 1949, one headline speaker was Margaret Mead. Her topic was : "Radio: the Molder of Listeners."

Locally, in 1953, one of the programs at the branch was on the Interpretation of Exhibitions on Indians of the NW Coast which was at the Washington State Museum at the UW. Other programs included primitive and folk music. In 1954 the branch held its first art exhibit at the VFW Hall. It was the first exhibit from the Stillaguamish Valley pioneers and others who had added to the cultural background of the region. It covered the years from 1884-1954. Artists ranged from 8-70 years old. There were 200 visitors. The hall cost \$8 and miscellaneous items added another \$7 to the bill!

Other programs in the 1950's included ethnic music from China, India, Arabia, Africa, North and South American Indians, United Nations, consumer protection, travel to Alaska, and trends in religious thinking.

State-wide AAUW had been in existence since 1927. State conventions encouraged local branches to support women by funding scholarships.

Nationally, funding was provided to "mature women" who have already demonstrated their quality of scholarship, leadership and service" by offering scholarships to graduate students. Other scholarship entities such as the National Science Foundation gave 93% of their funds to men. The association felt its greatest contribution could be made in helping outstanding and gifted scholars for it is they who can have the greatest influence on others, therefore, by having the greatest influence by training the outstanding few, we can help the many.

### **Women Haven't Reached Parity Yet !**

*compiled by Jackie DeFazio*

- Only 24.3% of the members of state legislatures are women.
- The United States is ranked 71<sup>st</sup> internationally in women's political representation, behind even Iraq and Afghanistan.



## Your 2011-2012 Board

### President

Cathlin Starke

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### Secretary

Mary Raymond

### VP-Program

Susan Blake

### Program Assistant

Jo English

### Public Policy

Go to:  
AAUW Washington to keep up with happenings in the current legislative session and to learn about areas for action.

[www.aauw-wa.org](http://www.aauw-wa.org)

AAUW Action Network for Congressional items regarding the national issues for action.

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>

## Public Policy

*Gay Campbell*

In an effort to mobilize women to vote, AAUW is launching a nation-wide Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout campaign based on effective voter turnout techniques. More information about this campaign and other AAUW policy issues can be found at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

AAUW national public policy includes supporting legislation and budgets which:

- Implement Basic Education Reform
- Fund Basic Education
- Improve access to postsecondary education
- Protect access to comprehensive reproductive health care

On a statewide level, AAUW members will be watching the special session of the Washington State Legislature which convened November 28 to wrestle with issues around balancing the state budget. The governor's budget recommendations and continuing coverage of the legislature are available at [www.aauw-wa.org](http://www.aauw-wa.org).

AAUW members are urged to contact their national and state representatives to promote legislation which benefits women and girls.

## AAUW Funds Updates

*Jackie DeFazio*

### ***Crossing the Line* Report Released**

AAUW's groundbreaking research report on sexual harassment in grades 7-12, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, was released electronically on November 7. You can download the full report online or you can order print copies from **ShopAAUW** on the AAUW website. Now it's time to share the report with educators, students, parents, and our community. Our efforts can help protect students from sexual harassment.

The documentation of the prevalence of sexual harassment and its negative impact on students touched a nerve across the country. The report earned more than 1,000 media hits the day it was released, and the coverage keeps growing. A sampling of the news coverage — which includes stories by the Associated Press, the *New York Times*, CNN, and *Education Week* — is also available on the AAUW website.

### **AAUW Dialog : Blogs from AAUW Fellowships and Grants Recipients**

African American womanhood and hip-hop culture. Stereotypes and images of women in media. Postpartum mental health. These are just a few of the fascinating topics addressed in blog posts about AAUW fellowships and grants alumnae. You can read more about AAUW's impact on our fellows' lives and projects on AAUW Dialog, <http://blog-aauw.org/>.



## Leaders for Branch Activities

**AAUW Educational Foundation and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund**  
Jackie DeFazio

**High School Scholars**  
Bev Maxwell  
Betty McCadden

**Scholarship**  
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## Meet Our Members

*Mary Pilkington*

Born in Springfield, Illinois Mary spent her childhood moving from Illinois, to Indiana, to Texas and back to Illinois due to her father's job transfers. She reports, "I was in four different elementary schools and three different high schools". Growing up girls were encouraged to become nurses or teachers.

Mary attended Southern Illinois University where she earned a BS in Business Education with minors in English and math. She continued in graduate school at the University of Illinois obtaining an MS in mathematics then completing post graduate work in several universities.

She was a math teacher in different school districts: junior high in Springfield then high school in White Plains, New York. She was also the Chairman of the high school math department in Mineola, New York (Long Island) and Director of Science and Mathematics K-12 in Mineola as well.

"When I finished graduate school in Illinois, I moved to Westchester County, New York (just north of New York City) and then to Long Island where I met my husband, Fred. I have three wonderful step-children, seven step-grandchildren and three step-great grandchildren."

Mary enjoys traveling, art, photography, gardening, reading, cooking and hiking, especially in the Western National Parks. Her travels have taken her to all fifty states, Mexico, Canada, Europe, New Zealand, Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, China, Tibet, Peru, Ecuador, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

What would surprise us about you?

***In 1986 when I was planning to get married, I was diagnosed with breast cancer, completed treatment and got married on Valentine's Day, 1987. Fred said, "We don't know what is going to happen so why don't you quit your job and let's enjoy life". He was already retired. So I retired early and we moved 3000 miles from Long Island to Camano Island. I am one of the lucky cancer survivors.***

That was 24 years ago. Mary has been a member of AAUW for 22 years joining because she wanted to meet college educated women and her interest in the art show. Her activities in AAUW include the art show and hosting a meeting in her home years ago. She did a demonstration of various types of art: etching, clock printing and bronze sculpture casting. She and Fred have an etching press in their home.

What advice do you have for AAUW members?

***Stay involved in the organization. We can make a difference.***

What advice do you have for girls today?

***Follow your dreams.***



## Special Branch Activities

### Book Group

Claire Winget

### Day Trippers

Helen Smith

## Branch Information

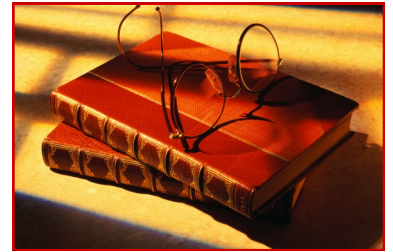
Now you can easily access the following on our branch website-

[www.aauwsc.org](http://www.aauwsc.org)

- Current and past newsletters
- Branch By-laws
- Reimbursement Form
- Program Schedule
- Email webmaster for current membership roster

## Book Group

The Book Group is open to all members. Books are available through Sno-Isle Libraries or can be purchased at the Snow Goose Bookstore at a 10% discount. Join us for lively conversation if you've read the book or if you just want to come join the discussion.



### December

WHAT: Cleopatra: a Life by Stacy Schiff

WHEN: Monday, December 5, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Jackie DeFazio's Home

### January

WHAT: Confederates in the Attic, Dispatches from the Unfinished Civil War by Tony Horwitz

WHEN: Monday, January 9, 2012, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Sarah Hayne's Home

For more information, contact Claire Winget



## Be a Day Tripper!

Please contact Helen Smith with your ideas for future group outings.

## Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Cathlin Starke at 7:04 p.m. at the Snow Goose Bookstore.

### Treasurer's Report

Terry Benson reported on the art show receipts. Patron's Party had 3% less people. Sales were 11% less. Donations totaled \$1210. Silent Auction was big success taking in \$1665. Penny Buse's donation of the proceeds from her book, Stuck in the Mud, sold at the show totaled \$715. These funds have been sent to SCAF by Penny.

\$16,296.80 Art Show Income  
-\$10,599.25 Art Show Expenses  
\$ 5,697.55 Net  
+ \$715.00 Penny Buse  
+ \$105.00 Cookbooks and Donations  
\$ 6,517.55 Profit

Branch budget is based on 51 members; currently we have 40 paid members. Terry thought we should be okay if budget items are not spent entirely. A big surprise this year was the extra charges by the county fire department of \$850 for use of the fairgrounds.

### Christmas Program

Susan Blake reported we will be collecting monetary donations for the Stanwood and Camano Island food banks this year at the December 8 general meeting. Penny Buse will be in attendance with her book available for purchase continuing her donation of \$30 per book sold. There will also be a presentation by Wana Duma Children's Project, an organization founded in Stanwood for the children of Kenya, Africa. Gifts will be available for purchase of items brought by the school.

### Operation Budget

Cathlin Starke presented that the number of members times \$24 is how our operations budget is calculated. As the membership increases so does what our branch can do.

### Fundraising 2012

Cathlin reported the board has been considering art show statistics and member input and presented a synopsis of the board's recommendation for membership consideration and comment.

*Home Tour* is not recommended based upon input from other groups that have found it difficult to get volunteer homes due to security concerns.

*3D Art Sale* would be a single evening similar to the patron's party but with major changes.

*Purse Auction & Luncheon*

*Alternate idea:* dinner parties. Members would invite guests for dinner party with the idea that guests would also "bring their checkbook" and make a donation to SCAF at the end of the evening.

Cathlin pointed out that we have a \$5000 reserve for a transitional year of fundraising and maintaining our scholarship commitment. Cathlin asked the membership to think about these ideas and come December 8 with a vote for recommendation.

Business meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. followed by a wonderful presentation by Christine of the Snow Goose Bookstore of new books for the new year.

Respectively submitted,  
Georgi Proulx for  
Mary Raymond  
Secretary

*Happy Holidays!*





## AAUW-WA AND BPW LOBBY DAY JANUARY 23, 2012

Women advance equity through advocacy on current legislative issues. Attend Lobby Day, get the latest information from legislators and experts, and make your collective voices heard.

\*Call your legislators for appointments \* Organize your carpools  
\* Join us in Olympia at:

The First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way

8:00 - Coffee, Check-In

8:30 - Introductions

8:45 - Speakers

11:30 - Lunch

12:15 - Off to Capitol Hill

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-5 North, take exit 105 B, Port of Olympia (from the south take exit 105). Take the first right and follow the Port of Olympia signs. Go North on Plum Street then turn right on Legion Way. A school is on the right and the church is on the left. Free parking is in front and on the side of the church.

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### **REGISTRATION**

Please return this registration form and your check for \$20, payable to AAUW-WA by January 17<sup>th</sup>. **Send to: Judy Fegley**, 19829 147<sup>th</sup> Ave, Yelm, WA 98597 For information call her at: 360-894-7403 or email her at [jacee44@earthlink.net](mailto:jacee44@earthlink.net)

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