



# AAUW Stanwood-Camano

## *In Touch*

January 2011

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### Our Mission

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

### January 3rd

10:30 a.m.

Board Meeting  
Helen Smith's Home

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### Friday, January 14th

1:00 p.m.

### **Note day and time change.**

January Meeting  
Merrill Gardens  
7212 265th NW  
Stanwood

*Joan Pang presents her experiences growing up in the Japanese internment camps during World War II*

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Co-Vice President, Program

### Message from the President

*Helen Smith*

I can't believe the new year is here. I'll again have trouble writing the new date down on forms and checks for a few weeks. I'll look back at 2010 and wonder where it went. When I do look back, I'll see a group of intent and interested women who care about their community and the situations of women everywhere.

Thank you for your generosity toward the Stanwood-Camano Community Resource Center of cash and gift donations for the families needing a hand up this season. We are all aware of the needs this organization fills. Our thanks also go to Susan Blake and LaVonna Idhe for doing the shopping for gift cards and organizing the wrapping bonanza!

As we face the bleak future on our 2011 Washington state budget, it behooves each one of us to be mindful of the cuts and let our opinions be known to our representatives and senators. Lobby Day, January 24, is an opportunity to "get up close and personal" with issues and our legislators. By joining other AAUW members from around the state, we will be informed by our organization's lobbyist, Pam Crone, J.D., as well as Senator Lisa Brown, majority leader, and Dan Steele, Assistant Director of Government Relations for Washington Association of School Administrators (K-12), about issues facing Washington during this budget crunch. Consider joining me for this day trip which includes lunch and a short visit with our legislators after the program.

Finally, I want to encourage members to join us for our January meeting, Friday, January 14, at Merrill Gardens 1:00 p.m. This is a change in date and time in order for members who have tutoring/volunteer commitments to participate. I am grateful that our member, Joan Pang, has agreed to talk to us about her experiences during World War II as an internment camp resident. This page in history was not discussed or written about in the history books read by many of us growing up in the 1950's. Many members have already read, Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet which was the catalyst for this month's program. We continue to educate and be educated!

## Save These Dates

**February 7**

**10:30 a.m.**

Board Meeting  
Helen Smith's Home

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**February 10**

**10:00 a.m.**

February Meeting

Merrill Gardens  
7212 265th NW  
Stanwood

## January Meeting

*Friday, January 14th, 1:00 p.m.*

Joan Pang, a member of our branch, will share her experiences in a Japanese internment camp during World War II. This program was inspired by the book group read, Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet. This should be a special and moving program.

Please note the change in date and time: Friday, January 14, 1:00 p.m.

Susan Blake is also requesting two volunteers bring cookies. Please call her if you can help.

## Lobby Day

*January 24, 2011*

Lobby Day is Monday, January 24, 2011, in Olympia, Washington.

Members who attended the 2010 Lobby Day felt that it was an informative, interesting event and well worth attending.

Registration fee of \$20 is due before January 18. Included in the fee is the morning program at the First United Methodist Church with speakers and snacks followed by lunch. In the afternoon, participants have the opportunity to meet with their legislators.

If you are interested in going to this event please contact Helen Smith or Joyce Leak.

## More on Lobby Day

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

Lobby Day - January 24, 2011 is fast approaching. We encourage members and guests to register and make appointments with their legislators.

We are excited to announce that our keynote speakers will be Senator Lisa Brown, current democratic majority leader and Dan Steele who is the Assistant Executive Director of Government Relations for the Washington Association of School Administrators. We also expect to have a speaker representing the issues facing higher education.

The day promises to be eye opening and very informative.

## AAUW National Convention

*Best Value Registration is Open*

This year's national convention, "Breaking Through Barriers—Advocating for Change", will be held in Washington, D.C. June 16-19, 2011. Register before January 21 to take advantage of the best-value registration.

Find more information on the state website: [www.aauw-wa.org](http://www.aauw-wa.org)

See article on the home page, left column for the link.



## Your 2010-2011 Board

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## Budget Matters 2011

Proposed budget recommendation for 2011 is reported below. This budget will be discussed and voted on at the January 14 general meeting.

Based on past history, the following percentages were used to allocate money from fundraising: 70% of the proceeds from art show profits, cookbook sales, and donations is used for local scholarships, 20% for national Education Fund, and 10% for the national Legal Advocacy Fund.

\$2055 donated in memory of Bonnie Wagner was applied directly to local scholarships. An additional \$500 unrestricted contribution was made by a member to SCAF for use in our AAUW Scholarship budget.

The community service budget and branch programs are supported by the branch dues totaling \$1,080 for 2010/2011. Specifics of the Branch Budget will be distributed at the meeting since the Board has not finalized the line item budget.

Please contact any member of the board if you have questions about the proposed 2011 branch budget. In order to be prepared for the budget discussion, we would like to have an idea in advance of what questions might be asked.

### Proposed Budget 2011

#### Scholarship Budget

Local Scholarships	\$5500	
Education Foundation Fund (EF)	\$1000	
Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)	\$500	
Search Committee Expenses	\$100	
SCAF Administration Fee	\$25	
Total Scholarships		\$7125

#### Community Service Budget

High School Scholar Recognition	\$150	
Education Event		
Candidate Forum	\$125	
Total Community Service		\$275

#### Branch Budget

Total Branch Programs	\$805
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**Total Branch Expenses for Calendar Year 2011** \$8205

## One Member, One Vote

*Helen Smith*

AAUW is promoting a more inclusive way of electing national leaders and establishing bylaws, resolutions and their public policy platform by way of a one member, one vote system. This campaign is discussed at length in the Fall *Outlook* issue.

Voted on and approved by the National AAUW Convention delegates in 2009, each member throughout the U.S. is eligible to vote either by mail or email for ballot issues and candidates. Watch for information in the January 2011 Winter issue of *Outlook* for the initial slate of candidates and ballot issues that will be presented to the 2011 convention in Washington D.C.

In early May all members will receive a ballot and instructions to vote by mail or email. Results will be announced at the convention.



## Leaders for Branch Activities

### AAUW Educational Foundation and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

Jackie DeFazio

### 2011 Art Show

Chair & Co-chair  
Positions Open

### High School Scholars

Alanna Stone

### Scholarship

Betty McCadden

### Tutoring

Janice Hertz

### Webmaster

Georgi Proulx

### Public Relations

Kathy Cunningham

### Public Policy

Joyce Leak

### Candidate Forum

Alanna Stone

### Newsletter Team

Send Your News to:

Georgi Proulx

Martha Huyler

## Meet Our Members

*Connie Hevly*

Connie has been a member of the Stanwood-Camano branch since 1995 joining to meet other women "with like interests".

Born in Seattle, Connie spent her early years in an Interbay home built by her grandfather then the family moved to Magnolia (Pleasant Valley). Her father was in the Army transportation corps in North Africa, France and Germany. Her mother had only completed an eighth grade education and originally worked for the Northern Pacific later going to business school. She later owned a real estate company in Magnolia. Connie reports, "I was on my own, but [could] go anyplace in Magnolia on my bike to play with friends or take the bus downtown".

Connie graduated from Holy Names Academy then attended Seattle University for her first two years of college. She majored in Dietetics, part of the Home Economics department, until they dropped the Dietetics program at the end of her sophomore year. Transferring to the University of Washington, Connie graduated in 1955. She interned at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio which represented her first opportunity to move away from home. She admits, "My folks didn't find out for twenty years that I could have interned in Seattle. I was an only child".

She began her dietician practice at Providence Hospital, Seattle providing diet instructions to patients of private doctors in their homes then became a school food service consultant for the Upper and Lower Snoqualmie School District and South Central School District.

Raising five children in Wedgewood and Shoreline, Connie and her children spent every summer in the two story, four bedroom cabin she and her husband built on Camano Island in 1966. When they retired there in 1995 it was remodeled.

Connie loves to travel and has visited most every country in Europe, some several times, and China. They plan to go on a safari to Africa this year. They winter every year in their condo in Encinitas, California on the ocean north of San Diego.

Connie's interests are varied. She began a candle making business in 1995 making beeswax/soy aromatherapy candles poured in pots and glass made by artists as well as votives, tea lights and beeswax tapers. You may have seen her work displayed at our AAUW Art Show for Education for which she has been the Sales Floor Chairman several years. She was the Art by the Bay chairperson for the Stanwood-Camano Art Guild for ten years and has organized the artists' part of the holiday gift shop for the Camano Island Coffee Roasters for eight years. She also maintains a booth at the Allied Arts of Whatcom County Holiday Festival every year.

What advice do you have for AAUW members?

***Find your niche and enjoy working with fellow members.***

What advice do you have for girls today?

***Find your strengths and follow those into higher education until you have a degree.***



## Special Branch Activities

### Book Group

Terry Benson

### Day Trippers

Susan Blake

## Branch Information

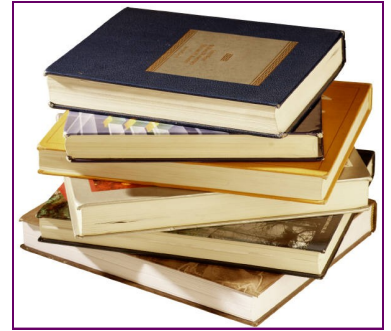
Now you can easily access the following on our branch website-

[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.



### January

WHAT: The Help by Kathryn Stockett

WHEN: Monday, January 10, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Jackie DeFazio's Home

### February

WHAT: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

WHEN: Monday, February 7, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Claire Winget's Home

For more information, contact Terry Benson.

## Be a Day Tripper!

WHEN: Wednesday, January 5, 2011

WHERE: Seattle Art Museum to see the Picasso Show and have lunch at the museum.

Leave from the Camano Island Park 'n Ride at 9:00 a.m. An additional driver is needed. Please call Susan Blake if you can drive.

WHEN: Thursday, January 27, 2011

WHERE: Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea, 7:30 p.m., Mt. Vernon.

Tickets are \$35.00 each; 2 tickets available. Payment must be made to hold your ticket. Call Susan Blake to purchase.

Leave from the Camano Island Park 'n Ride at 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Susan Blake to RSVP or with your ideas for future group outings.

*Wishing You & Yours  
a Safe, Joyous,  
& Prosperous  
2011.*