

June 2011

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



Our Mission

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

June 6th

10:30 a.m.

Board Meeting
Helen Smith's Home
207 Iverson Road
Camano Island

June 25th

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Joyce Leak's Home
747 Tillicum Way
Camano Island

College Scholarship Awards
Dessert Buffet

Branch Annual Meeting
Election of 2011-2012 Officers

August 10th

6:00 p.m.

Group Picnic and Barbeque
Camano Island State Park

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Message from the President

Helen Smith

As seasons change so does the leadership of our branch and with that I mark this as my final president's message. I have enjoyed serving with the board guiding our branch to make our community a welcoming place for all who embrace equity and education for women and girls. I so appreciate the "detail" women on our board who have tidied our by-laws, given their time and service to plan our events, recognized the need to move forward with new ideas and press on with our agenda. Many thanks to: Cathlin Starke, Susan Blake, LaVonna Ihde, Jo English, Ann Wilson, Teri Benson, Mary O'Connor, Martha Huyler, and Georgi Proulx who met with concern and caring for our AAUW organization each month. I am especially grateful to our newsletter chairs who made us look great both at home and to the state organization!

A special thank you goes to Mary Raymond and May Palmer for a lovely evening May 12 when we had our High School Scholar Recognition. We certainly got great, timely press from the *Stanwood-Camano News*. As I write, the Scholarship Committee is making their final decisions and they will, as usual, find it difficult to make their choices from well-qualified candidates. We look forward to their announcements!

I want to encourage all of you to attend our June 25 meeting from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Leak where we will celebrate the culmination of our year by awarding the scholarships supported by your hard work and talents to these deserving recipients. We will also honor seven of our own members as "Named Honorees". This recognition is due to the generous donations by the branch and individual members to the AAUW Educational Funds. Be sure to let Joyce Leak joyce@webtv.net (629-0524) know what you plan to bring to this event.

As we move forward in 2011-2012, we look forward to celebrating 75 years of AAUW in the Stanwood-Camano-Arlington area. Enjoy your summer with its reunions, picnics and family events. See you on the 25th of June.

Branch Dues

Branch dues in the amount of \$83 are due at this time.

Please make payable to "Stanwood Camano AAUW" and mail to Ann Wilson, Finance VP, at :

AAUW
P.O. Box 2652
Stanwood, WA 98292



Save These Dates

October 14th-16th
30th Annual Art Show
for Education

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

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

[http://capwiz.com/
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Slate of Officers for 2011-2012

Election of officers for 2011-12 will be held at the June 25 general meeting to celebrate the College Scholarship Awards. Slate of officers is noted below:

President: Cathlin Starke
President-elect: Teresa Garrison
VP of Finance: Terry Benson
VP of Finance-elect: Barbara Shaffer
VP Membership: Mary O'Connor
Secretary: Mary Raymond
Co-VP Program: Susan Blake
Co-VP Program: open position



We need some new volunteers for our upcoming year 2011-2012!

Program Co-Chair Susan Blake needs help with programs planning.

Membership VP Mary O'Connor needs help with new member recruiting

Fundraising Committee: Three or four enthusiastic volunteers to work on planning our branch fundraising for 2012. Barbara Carroll is volunteer #1.

Day Trippers - Position is filled. Helen Smith has volunteered!

Please contact Cathlin Starke or Teresa Garrison if you can help!

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High School Scholars Recognition

Introducing the honorees of our 2011 High School Scholars Recognition. The girls were nominated for the honor by teachers at their schools.



From left to right: Kaci Jones (Stanwood), Autumn Forsythe (Stanwood), Jennifer Domanowski (Arlington), Megan Beierly (Arlington), Lauren Hippenstiel (Lakewood), Kristina Arndt (Lakewood), Mackenzie Kilmer (Arlington), and Kiley Brown (Lakewood).

Your 2010-2011 Board

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Named Honorees

Our branch contributed \$3610.00 to AAUW Education Funds, therefore, we are eligible to name seven honorees for recognition for their numerous contributions to the Stanwood-Camano Branch.

The names of those being honored will be announced at the June 25 branch meeting at Joyce Leak's home. Join us in congratulating our honorees, greeting our scholarship winners, and celebrating a successful year of fundraising for education and equity for women and girls.

Legal Advocacy

Jackie DeFazio

Highlighting the need for Legal Advocacy: Recent events at Yale University have served as a stark reminder of the need for continual vigilance on issues related to women's safety on campus. Yale students and alumni filed a Title IX complaint citing the university's "inadequate response to a long trend of public sexual harassment" and the existence of a "sexually hostile environment" on campus. AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz was sought out as an expert by numerous news organizations. You can watch Lisa's *Good Morning America* segment at www.AAUW.org. AAUW believes that increasing and ensuring access to educational opportunities for all women and girls is a critical step towards financial security and economic independence. Title IX protects students from unlawful sexual harassment in all of a school's programs or activities, whether they take place in the facilities of the school, on a school bus, at a class or training program sponsored by the school at another location, or elsewhere. Recently, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights issued guidelines on sexual violence in schools. The guidelines make clear a school's obligation to prevent and respond to sexual violence under Title IX's provisions on sexual harassment. The department also recently announced that it is investigating a sexual harassment complaint by students at Yale University.

Previewing AAUW's Next Research Piece: AAUW is currently in the process of conducting its next research project, a new survey of middle and high school students focused on sexual harassment. This will be the first nationally representative study on sexual harassment since the 2001 AAUW report *Hostile Hallways*. This time the survey will also examine cyber sexual harassment. The report will be available for distribution in mid-fall. Jackie DeFazio is serving on the advisory committee for this new research and will be part of a panel discussing issues of bullying and harassment at AAUW's Convention in Washington, DC, in June.

Supporting the Women of Wal-Mart: AAUW showed our commitment to equity and to the women involved in the historic, LAF-supported case, *Wal-Mart v. Dukes*, not only by providing financial support to the lead plaintiffs and by signing an amicus brief but also by literally standing with them before and during the U.S. Supreme Court hearing. On March 28, AAUW, with Alliance for Justice, co-hosted a reception for the plaintiffs. It was well attended by community members, local AAUW members, and AAUW staff. The five plaintiffs who attended expressed gratitude to AAUW during their speeches. On March 29, LAF Program Manager Holly Kearl attended part of the hearing, and AAUW co-led a rally of support for the women outside the courthouse. Photos of AAUW signs during the rally appeared in coverage of the case in dozens of media outlets. Visit the AAUW blog to read Kearl's account of the events, watch a video clip of Betty Dukes, and view photos.

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Meet Our Members

Sue Hunter

Sue was born and raised in Toronto, Canada until moving to the West Coast in 1979 with her husband, Ted. "I had a small immediate family with one younger brother, and a large and loving extended family. We summered together every year in a cottage and lake area north of Toronto called Muskoka. This time spent in Muskoka was very special in my childhood. We were surrounded by family and friends and were allowed much freedom to be ourselves, to be creative and to explore. I believe it is here that my love of the water and science began. We made casts of deer prints and collected butterflies. In those days, I was always bringing home 'pets'."

"My childhood experiences were not affected much by being a girl. Girls and boys experienced the same freedoms at the cottage. The only time I really felt singled out as a girl was when called to 'slave' in a very hot kitchen at the cottage on the numerous occasions that my grandmother liked to entertain. After dinner, the boys were excused to play but I was expected to work in the kitchen until every last dish was dry!"

Sue attended Queens University in Kingston, Ontario for 2 years and then transferred to the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario graduating with a four-year honors degree in Marine Biology. "I made a start on my MBA at York University in Toronto, Ontario but moved to British Columbia before I completed the degree."

She began her career as a research assistant with the North York Board of Education in Ontario and worked as an educational researcher until moving to Vancouver BC. In Vancouver, Sue was employed as a researcher for the Vancouver School Board until choosing to stay home with her children. She continued in research, working at home as a contractor, until both children were in school.

Since moving to the US in 1979, Sue has worked part-time in the schools as a teacher assistant and has had a long career in real estate retiring about a year ago. "I have just recently started working part-time, from my home, as an application specialist with Wycliffe Bible Translators."

Sue and Ted have two children both born in Vancouver, BC. James, the eldest, graduated from Stanwood High School in 2000 and Western Washington University in 2004, and has recently completed his MBA at WSU. Lesley also graduated from SHS, in 2002. She attended one year of university and then decided to hone her snowboarding skills and set off on a life of adventure at Whistler. In 2008, Lesley returned to the US and has been studying Geology at Western ever since.

"Since moving to the US, I have spent much of my free time and derived much pleasure from volunteering in the community. I also love to read. Ted and I like to sail, crab, camp, hike and snowshoe. We are members of Camano Chapel and involved with the missions ministry there." Sue and Ted travel often to Toronto to spend time with family. They try to go the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland OR annually and take time to visit the wine country on the trip. "Our two most memorable trips were a four-month visit to Europe in 1980 and 10 days in Egypt and Israel, with the Camano Chapel group in 2008."

They have been in the S/C area since 1993. Sue has been in the AAUW since the mid-1990's. "Frances LaCroix invited me to my first meeting and I met some wonderful women there. I joined because I believed in the cause that AAUW represented and because the group was known for their wonderful art show." Sue has been involved in almost every Art Show since joining, and has served on the Board as treasurer for two years.

What advice do you have for AAUW members?

I would advise members to become involved in the activities of AAUW as much as they can. The young women of today need our support and the programs that our branch provides in this community are outstanding. It is the relationships built with and support of the other AAUW members that keeps me coming back year after year!

What advice do you have for girls today.

Reach for your dreams and don't accept "can't" as an alternative!



Special Branch Activities

Book Group

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Day Trippers

Helen Smith
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Branch Information

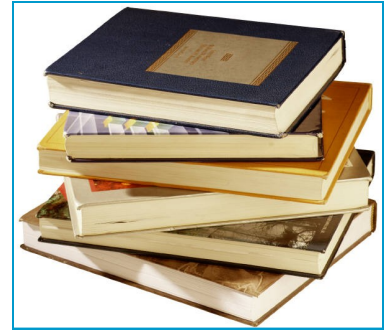
Now you can easily access the following on our branch website-

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.



June

WHAT: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

WHEN: Monday, June 6, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Karen Van Lier's Home, 19724 Soundview Dr., Stanwood
(360-652-8638)

July

WHAT: Welch Girl by Peter Ho Devies

WHEN: Monday, July 11, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Helen Smith's Home, 207 Iverson Road, Camano Island
(360-387-5362)

NOTE: Copies of this book from the Sno-Isle Library will be available at the June book group meeting. Contact Terry Benson if you need a copy.

For more information, contact Terry Benson at bensontab@hotmail.com or 360-387-9524.

Be a Day Tripper!

Please contact Helen Smith at helen@geraldsmith.com with your ideas for future group outings.



Stanwood-Camano Branch Gets State Attention

Please take a look in the on-line state newsletter, *Evergreen Leader*, summer issue for mention of the Stanwood-Camano branch in the report on the state general meeting held in Bellingham April 16.

A link to the *Evergreen Leader* can be found at www.aauw-wa.org.

Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2011

President Helen Smith welcomed high school scholars, guests and members to the annual High School Scholars Recognition program.

Mary Raymond introduced scholars in the areas of Science, Technology, and Math from the three schools in our area. Each scholar introduced family and friends in attendance.

Helen introduced our speaker Jennifer Hannibal, EF Career Development grant recipient. Jenny has traveled the world while developing her educational goals. She is currently working on a degree in Library Science.

BUSINESS MEETING: Helen informed the group that the scholarship recipients celebration will be held on June 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Leak. Members were asked to bring desserts.

ART SHOW: Nancy Roberts will send members a list of patrons to be invited to the Patron's Party. She asked that we all review the list and send her necessary changes. All people receiving invitations will receive follow-up calls.

DAY TRIPPERS: A chair for Day Trippers is needed for next year. Also a Co-chair for Programs and a Chair for a fundraising committee (Barb Carroll will be on the committee) are needed. If members are interested they should call Helen.

DUES are \$83 of which \$46 is tax deductible. Payment is required by June 25.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo English
Secretary

Public Policy

Joyce Leak

The state legislative special session has ended with some deep spending cuts in the final budget.

AAUW supports the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act S/ 834) to help stop sexual violence on campus. A 2007 campus sexual assault study by the US Department of Justice found around 28% of women are targets of attempted or completed sexual assaults while they are college students. This Senate bill would help to end sexual assault and violence on campus by requiring schools to spell out their policies, conduct preventive activities, and ensure necessary assistance for victims.

Please thank Senator Patty Murray for being a co-sponsor for this bill and ask Senator Maria Cantwell to become a co-sponsor.

