

Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

September 2011

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Our Mission

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

September 7th

10:30 a.m.

Board Meeting
Cathlin Starke's Home

September 8th

1:00 p.m.

Merrill Gardens
Potluck Lunch &
75th Celebration of
Stanwood-Camano AAUW

For more information contact:

Susan Blake
Vice President, Program

Jo English
Program Assistant

Message from the President

Cathlin Starke

Welcome Back!

As I write this, it will not be long until our September meeting followed closely by our 30th Art Show for Education!

There was great fellowship and sunshine at our August picnic which was beautifully organized by Susan Blake and Jo English.

Bring your cameras to our September meeting! We will have a potluck lunch and kick off celebrations of our 75th year as an AAUW branch! Start thinking about the memories you would like to share.

Then it will be a busy month as we prepare for our Art Show-our fundraising becomes more and more important as resources continue to dwindle for students, and tuitions continue to increase. Let's make this the best ever!

"I don't think you ever stop giving. I really don't. I think it's an on-going process. And it's not just about being able to write a check. It's being able to touch somebody's life." ~Oprah Winfrey

Stanwood-Camano AAUW Celebrates 75 Years

2011 marks the 75th year of our branch. Begun as Arlington-Stanwood in 1936 our branch flourished and eventually becoming Stanwood-Camano branch.

This year we also celebrate a three decade milestone for our 30th annual Art Show for Education. When the art show began in 1981 it was the only venue for local Stanwood, Arlington and Camano Island artists. Over the years we have seen the art community flourish and bloom and now there are several area art shows and galleries. AAUW's Art Show continues to feature new artists and will welcome several returning artists.

Join us at the September 8 meeting, 1:00 p.m. at Merrill Gardens, with a potluck luncheon to share memories and celebrate our branch's longevity.

We have been searching the archives for historical information but welcome any information pertaining to the branch that you might have.



Save These Dates

October 3rd

10:30 a.m.

Board Meeting
Cathlin Starke's Home

October 13th

9:00 a.m. Art Show Setup
12:00 p.m. General Meeting

October 14th

6:00—9:00 p.m.

Patron's Party &
30th Year Celebration
Stanwood-Camano Fairgrounds

October 15-16th

30th Annual Art Show
Stanwood-Camano Fairgrounds

Where Can You Help?

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

High School Scholars Chairperson is needed to coordinate the High School Scholars Recognition.

Public Policy A volunteer is needed to communicate AAUW Public Policy issues to our branch.

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

Cathlin Starke

Teresa Garrison

AAUW Funds Updates

Jackie DeFazio

Breaking through Barriers Major Gifts Campaign: The successful completion of this major fundraising campaign was announced at the AAUW Convention in June. Thanks to the generosity of AAUW members across the country, the campaign exceeded its goal of \$1 million. Contributions to this campaign will help fund important AAUW programs that are not funded by AAUW's endowed funds but are vital to our mission. These include programs to protect the rights of those facing discrimination and research on issues important to women and girls.

Legal Advocacy Fund: In early August, a U.S. District Court delivered a mixed decision in the AAUW-supported case *Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California*. The court found that the University of California, Davis, failed to comply with Title IX during the time that plaintiffs were students and ineffectively accommodated female student athletes by not expanding the athletic program. The judge also ruled, however, that the defendants' actions relating to the wrestling team were meritless. While AAUW applauds this partial victory, it is disappointed that the judge did not hold the university officials responsible for the violations and awaits further developments in the case. AAUW provided nearly \$100,000 to the plaintiffs over the last six years.

Crossing the Line Report Underway: LAF Program Manager, Holly Kearn, and AAUW Director of Research, Catherine Hill, are producing a research report on sexual harassment in grades 7-12. Survey data from nearly 2,000 students was completed in July, and Kearn and Hill are currently writing the report scheduled for release later this fall. This report will update AAUW's 2002 report on the same topic and will include data on cyber harassment as well. Jackie DeFazio served on the advisory committee for the formulation of this research.

October Summit on Workplace Sexual Harassment: On October 15, 2011, at Hunter College in New York, AAUW will co-sponsor a summit focusing on workplace sexual harassment. Anita Hill will keynote the summit which we expect to be broadcast online. More details will be available in September.



Your 2011-2012 Board

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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/
aauw/home/](http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/)

2011 Named Honorees

At our June 25 general meeting celebrating our scholarship winners, Jackie DeFazio presented certificates to our seven honorees for their numerous contributions to our branch: Barbara Carroll (not present), Jo English, Martha Huyler, Joyce Leak, Beverly Maxwell, Betty McCadden, and Karen Van Lier.

Our branch contributed \$3610 to AAUW Education Funds providing the seven honorees.



Pictured above: Martha Huyler, Jo English, Joyce Leak, Betty McCadden, Karen Van Lier and Beverly Maxwell. Barbara Carroll is not pictured.

2011 Scholarship Winners

Taken from the July 12, 2011 Stanwood Camano News Article

This year's winners of the Stanwood-Camano AAUW scholarship are Marina Messerli and Heather Baxter pictured below.

Both young women are recent graduates of Stanwood High School and recipients of associate degrees from Everett Community College.

Marina received her degree in pre-nursing and has been accepted to Oregon Health and Science University. She will work toward a BS degree in nursing then a Master's degree in midwifery.

Heather received her associates transfer degree in civil engineering and has been accepted to the University of Washington. She will work toward a double major in math and civil engineering with a long term goal of a Doctorate in civil engineering.



Marina Messerli and Heather Baxter

Leaders for Branch Activities

AAUW Educational Foundation and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund
Jackie DeFazio

2011 Art Show Co-Chairs

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High School Scholars

Open position

Scholarship
Betty McCadden

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Public Policy
Open position

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Laura Lewis

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Georgi Proulx

Martha Huyler



Meet Our Members

Mary Raymond

Born in Erie, PA Mary was only there a short time before her family moved to Scarsdale, NY prior to her first birthday. Living in New York until she was in the seventh grade she and her family spent summer vacations in Orleans on Cape Cod. "I think my love of the water from these experiences is why I am so happy to spend time nearly every day on the beach on Camano. I still travel to Cape Cod several times a year to visit my sister and her family."



Growing up in the 1950's was very traditional. "I was given many opportunities to try different activities – none of which I excelled in, by the way! In school, there was a big discrepancy in sports between girls and boys – we couldn't even play full-court basketball –thank goodness for Title IX! I always felt there was a difference in the way girls were perceived as math students in my high school."

Upon graduation from high school in York, PA Mary attended Smith College in Northampton, MA majoring in English. Later she attended graduate school at the University of Washington receiving a Master's Degree in Librarianship.

Mary taught English for two years in Florida before moving to Washington. After graduate school she took a job with La Conner Schools and was district librarian for 32 years fully retiring 4 years ago.

Her husband, Bill, and she have lived in the Stanwood area since 1976. Both of their children went to school in Stanwood. Her daughter now teaches second grade in Seattle and their son just finished getting his MAT in Oregon and will hopefully be teaching soon. "We built a beach cabin on Camano four years ago and, since our retirements, have been here ever since."

Mary's main interests are reading and knitting. She also enjoys playing around with watercolors "and I can't leave out yoga!"

Mary joined Stanwood-Camano AAUW two years ago after retirement and her move to Camano. Her reasons for joining: "Having attended a women's college and seeing the positive influence this can have, I am very supportive of any organization that focuses specifically on supporting educational opportunities for women and encourages study in the math and science fields. AAUW certainly is a good fit for those reasons."

Her activities in our branch are high school scholars recognition and her current board position as secretary. Mary is also our Public Relations leader.

What advice do you have for AAUW members?

No advice – I'm just pleased to be associated with such an interesting and involved group of women.

What advice do you have for girls today?

My advice for girls would be the same as advice for all young people – to challenge themselves to get the very best education possible and use this to create a meaningful, productive and satisfying life.

Special Branch Activities

Book Group

Claire Winget

Day Trippers

Helen Smith

Branch Information

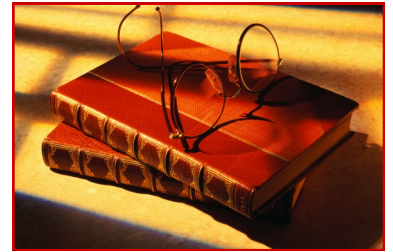
Now you can easily access the following on our branch website-

www.aauwsc.org

- 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.



September

WHAT: The Tiger by John Vaillant

WHEN: Monday, September 12, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Ann St. Laurent's Home

October

WHAT: Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English by Natasha Solomons

WHEN: Monday, October 3, 2011, 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Fatima Young's Home

November

WHAT: The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

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

WHERE: TBA

For more information, contact Claire Winget

Be a Day Tripper!

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



Meeting Minutes: June 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by President-elect Cathlin Starke.

Cathlin thanked Betty McCadden, Barbara Carroll and Bev Maxwell for their work on our scholarship awards.

The new slate of officers was presented and approved by the membership present: Cathlin Starke, President; Teresa Garrison, President-elect; Susan Blake VP Programs; Jo English co-VP Programs; Mary O'Connor VP Membership; Ann Wilson co-VP Membership; Secretary Mary Raymond; VP Finance Terry Benson; VP Finance-elect Barbara Shaffer.

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Sign-up sheets were passed around for art show committees and chairs. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to chair and participate in fundraising recommendations and implementation for 2012.

Our August 10 picnic at the state park is exempt from the park fees recently enacted. Cathlin will work with the ranger to determine how we will identify the group as such to avoid citation. An email will be sent out to members once resolved.

General meetings previously held at 10 a.m. will now be at 1:00 p.m. at Merrill Gardens.

Mary O'Connor indicated that she will call Monday, June 27, about our table at Art by the Bay, but she needs volunteers to staff the table.

Laura Lewis advised that the date for our branch sponsored Candidate Forum has not been set and reviewed the positions of importance to our community that will be up for elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Cathlin Starke
for Mary Raymond
Secretary

