

In Touch

January 2017

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January 4th

2:00 p.m.

January Board Meeting
Norma Mouton's Home

January 14th

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

General Meeting &
Vote on 2017 Scholarship
Budget

Camano Island Library
848 N. Sunrise Blvd.
Camano Island

Program: *Panel Discussion on "Our Community & Us" with a panel of community partners from Stanwood-Camano Community Resource Center, Camano Center, Stanwood Food Bank and Safe Harbor*

January 30th

LOBBY DAY

Olympia, Washington

For more information contact:

Kathy Cunningham
VP of Program

Message from the President

Norma Mouton

I am writing to you during the closing days of 2016. This is a time for reviewing the past year and preparing to face the adventures of 2017. The Fall of 2016 has been an exciting time. The country has faced a contentious presidential election. I would suggest that no matter which side of the coin you identified with, going forward our emphasis should be on what we can do in our community to improve it. To that end, we will be enjoying vital presentations on topics near and dear to a woman's heart. Our January program on Saturday, the 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Camano Library, will include 4 women who are also executive directors of local organizations like the Stanwood-Camano Community Resource Center, the Camano Community Center, the Stanwood Food Bank and Safe Harbor. This panel will not only inform us of the valuable work they do in our community, but also present us with possibilities for more closely collaborating within our community both as an organization and as individuals.

Another opportunity to voice your position on several issues of interest to women is by attending Lobby Day. This year Lobby day is on Monday, January 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To facilitate such an early start, it's best to make plans to travel to Olympia the day before. The morning's activities will be at St. John's Episcopal Church in Olympia. Registration for the event is \$20.00 and includes a sack lunch. After some motivating presentations followed by lunch, each delegation (or individual) goes to the Capitol to meet with representatives from their area with whom they have previously made appointments. The point is to let our state representatives know how we think on issues important to women. This year our state legislature is scheduled to consider the McCleary Decision on Public Education Funding and Reform. For a complete overview on this issue see <http://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/overview-of-the-mccleary-decision-on-public-education-funding-and-reform>.

If you're not sure with whom you might want to set up an appointment check out <http://leg.wa.gov>. At this site you can find your district, senators and representatives. You can contact your legislators and track legislation, see what bills are coming up and gather information that can help you prepare for meeting with your legislators.

We are living in exciting times. Let's resolve to take the reins and forge ahead to make sure that our voices are heard. Whether you decide to participate in Lobby Day or prefer to work on a local level, our organization is based on the seven areas of advocacy, campus, career and workplace, community, education, leadership and economic justice. In our branch, we don't have the opportunity to work with university students except in the form of scholarships since there is no college campus nearby. But in all the other areas, we can step up and make our positions known. Whether we see ourselves as leaders or not, by virtue of having completed a university degree, the community sees us as leaders. As we turn the page on the calendar, let's resolve to better both ourselves as individuals and AAUW as an organization.

**Happy
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Future Events

February 1st

2:00 p.m.

February Board Meeting

Norma Mouton's Home

February 11th

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

General Meeting

Camano Island Library

848 N. Sunrise Blvd.

Camano Island

Program: *Women in the Workplace*

April 22nd

AAUW-WA State Meeting

Cedar River Watershed

Educational Center

North Bend

Visit our branch website for forms, newsletters, and upcoming events.

www.aauwsc.org



January: Our Community & Us

Kathy Cunningham

Our Stanwood-Camano branch will try something new in January; we have scheduled a Saturday meeting for January 14 at the lovely Camano Library meeting room beginning at 10:00 a.m. This year's program themes include presentations about "Our Community & Us". What better way than to listen and explore some wonderful organizations working hard for the betterment of the areas in which we live?

Maybe you've thought of doing some volunteering, some physical activity programs, finding a new bookstore for your leisure hours, etc. The Executive Directors, all women, of The Stanwood-Camano Community Resource Center (Christie Connors), The Camano Center (Karla Jacks), the Stanwood Food Bank (Lynn Ayers) and Safe Harbor Free Clinic (Jennifer Shaw) will discuss their organizations' mission, outreach programs and whether or not volunteering with them is something that might work between you and their group.

The panel will begin immediately after President Norma Mouton's welcome and introduction of guest attendees. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for their educational forum and plan to stay for the business meeting with its important scholarship budget vote.

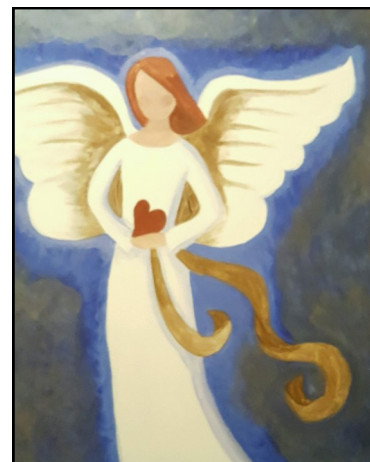
Day Trippers' Paint Party

Lynda Buehring

Tuesday, December 20, a group of six Day Trippers met at the Crow's Nest on Camano Island for Lynda's debut event. Looks like they had a terrific time. Great artists all.



Sarah Berrett, India Nishi, Norma Mouton, Leslie Bentley, Lynda Buehring, Janie Morgan (Guest)



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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/)

AAUW Art Contest Benefits Member Artists and AAUW Funds

Jackie DeFazio

"We hear about the gender gap all the time: in salary, in math and science fields, and in leadership. One of the most glaring and longstanding gaps is in the art world. For centuries, women artists were unrecognized, unencouraged, or even discredited simply because they were not men," states the AAUW website.



One of the 2016 winners

Although things are improving, in 2012 only 4 percent of artists on display at the Metropolitan Museum were women. Enter AAUW's annual art contest created to give women artists the equal attention they deserve and to provide AAUW members who are artists an opportunity to share their work with thousands of other AAUW members.

Submissions open January 4, 2017 and are open only to AAUW members. The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards that will be mailed to AAUW members in the spring for hoped-for donations to AAUW funds. For more information see www.aauw.org.

**A girl can
never have
too many
purses**

Purses with Purpose Procurement

Anne Milton

Now that 2017 is here, let the countdown begin. In just 10 short months, our PWP Auction and Luncheon Fundraiser will be HERE.

With our pledged commitments as AAUW Members to purchase new purses for our rigorous recruitment goals, now is the time to hit the malls, boutiques and unique retail shops. That special purse that will yield 'beaucoup \$\$\$' is waiting for you. As you clean your closets this year know that we will greatly appreciate you and your friend/neighbor's 'gently used' purse donations. We are still searching for 'glass purses' that may serve as table centerpieces at the luncheon.

The Purse O Meter presently indicates a procurement of 65 purses to date. That leaves fantastic opportunities and avenues ahead to obtain our needed inventory.

Under the leadership of Jackie DeFazio and Gay Campbell, there are 11 PWP committees comprised of AAUW Members that are busily outlining plans, themes, strategies, etc. At the January and February monthly meetings, we will be circulating sign up sheets for additional volunteers.

I hope you feel as I do how invigorating and inspiring it is working together to secure scholarships for our Stanwood Camano girls and future leaders.

AAUW: Victories and Disappointments

Gay Campbell

National AAUW staff members work throughout the year to influence public policy issues that affect women. They focus on civil rights, education, Title IX and economic issues. Among AAUW successes this year are:

- 200,000 messages sent to federal and state legislators by AAUW members
- Six states passed equal pay laws
- 19 AAUW members were elected to state legislative offices.

A current AAUW concern is complete and fair vetting of cabinet appointments and the influence of those positions on women and girls. To quote an AAUW article, "From campus sexual assault to sex discrimination to reproductive health care, all kinds of crucial issues can be at stake when a presidential administration comes into office".

A setback is the recent injunction against President Obama's rule giving overtime rights to salaried workers. The rule would have derailed a common practice of moving nonexempt employees to low-level "management" status jobs.

On the local scene, a victory for women workers. Employees in Washington will accrue one hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked beginning in 2018.

Washington State data continues to show women in our state make 76 cents on the dollar compared to men; lower in Snohomish County, women making only 74 cents for each dollar earned by a man putting Washington 38th in the nation behind Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas

Contact our representatives in the state legislature. Go to aauw.org and click on "two-minute action" to send your opinion to those who represent you in Congress.

When thousands of us do this, we can make a difference. Make your voice heard!

Leaders for Branch Activities

Purses with Purpose 2017
Jackie DeFazio

Gay Campbell

AAUW Education Funds and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund
Jackie DeFazio

Public Policy
Gay Campbell

High School STEM Scholars
Helen Smith
Judy Trammell

Scholarship Chair
Anne Milton

Tech Trek Chair
Leslie Gitomer

Volunteer School Partners
Cathlin Starke

Media Coordinator
(open position)

Communications
Georgi Proulx

Newsletter Team
Send Your News to:
Georgi Proulx
Martha Huyler



Meet Our Members

Lynda Buehring

Introducing Lynda Buehring, our newest Day Tripper activity leader. Her debut Day Tripper event was held on December 20; take a look at the photos on page 2 and notice the smiles on all participants. Looks like fun! Lynda will also be our program presenter at the March general meeting. Her topic, "human trafficking"; sounds interesting doesn't it?

Born in Oakland, CA, Lynda spent her childhood in Hayward attending high school in Union City, CA.

She shares, "While in high school I took an interest in tennis because our tennis coach's nephew was Arthur Ashe. Mr. Ashe was a well-known tennis player and won many national and world tennis competitions."

"One day Mr. Ashe came to our high school to meet with our team and I also got to interview him for our school newspaper. My article was entered in a national high school journalism contest whereby I won best sports feature article." Lynda continues, "Tennis has been part of life through my career in the Air Force Reserve, college and law enforcement career. I tried out and was selected for the Air Force Tennis Team, but had to decline as I received military orders for an overseas assignment. During my federal law enforcement career, I played in several Police/Firefighters Games and competitions winning two silver medals."

Growing up "it was not the norm for girls to go onto the military or law enforcement." Lynda's college and career successes include:

Air Force Specialty Degrees: Survival and Rescue Operations and Resource Management.

Pierce College: Business Administration

Central WA University: Law and Justice

Supervisory Special Agent, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Department of Homeland Security

Special Agent, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Special Agent, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)

Victim Assistance Coordinator, HSI, ICE, INS

Records Controller, Internal Revenue Service

Air Force Reserve Retired, Life Support Specialist, Lodging Management, NCOIC Customer Service and Deployment Mobility Team Chief

While Lynda has no children she does have a 19 year old Chihuahua. Her travels and career have allowed her to live in Japan, Philippines, South Korea, California and Washington. Her hobbies and interests are: Volunteerism, tennis, gardening, travel, hiking and fun.

What would surprise us about you? "I shoot straight and can take down people a lot bigger than me."

Having lived in the Stanwood/Camano area for 20 years Lynda recently joined AAUW in September 2016 and jumped right in to our Tutoring program then as Day Tripper activity leader.

What advice do you have for AAUW members?

Enjoy yourself and appreciate humor.

What advice do you have for girls today?

You do not have to be the best, but just do your best.



Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

An informal gathering of members with time and interest to participate in a variety of outings.

Lynda Buehring

Movie Group

Join us for lunch and a movie.

Anne Milton

Georgi Proulx



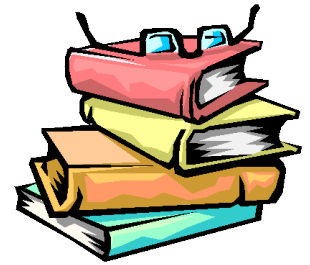
December 8, 2016 Minutes

There was no business conducted at the holiday luncheon therefore no minutes for publication.

Book Group

India Nishi

The Book Group is open to all members. Books are available through Sno-Isle Libraries. Join us for lively conversation if you've read the book or if you just want to come join the discussion.



January

WHAT: The House of Hope and Fear by Audrey Young
Book Kit Reserved Dec. 1-15, 2016

WHEN: Monday, January 2, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: India Nishi's Home

February

WHAT: The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson

WHEN: Monday, February 6, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sarah Berrett's Home

Arriving in the village of Rye, England, in 1914, Beatrice Nash, a young woman of good family, becomes the first female teacher of Latin at the local school and falls in love with her sponsor's nephew. East Sussex, 1914. Hugh Grange is down from his medical studies, visiting relatives. His Aunt Agatha has just risked her carefully built reputation by pushing for the appointment of a woman to replace the Latin master. When Beatrice Nash arrives with one trunk and several large crates of books, it is clear she is significantly more freethinking than anyone believes a Latin teacher should be. Beatrice simply wants to be left alone to pursue her teaching and writing, but the perfect summer is about to end as this small Sussex town and its inhabitants go to war in the Balkans. --Provided by King County Library

March

WHAT: The Immortal Irishman by Timothy Egan

WHEN: Monday, March 6, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mary Pilkington's Home

A dashing young orator during the Great Famine of the 1840s, in which a million of his Irish countrymen died, Thomas Francis Meagher led a failed uprising against British rule, for which he was banished to a Tasmanian prison colony. He escaped and six months later was heralded in the streets of New York--the revolutionary hero, back from the dead, at the dawn of the great Irish immigration to America. Meagher's rebirth in America included his leading the newly formed Irish Brigade from New York in many of the fiercest battles of the Civil War--Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg. Twice shot from his horse while leading charges, left for dead in the Virginia mud, Meagher's dream was that Irish-American troops, seasoned by war, would return to Ireland and liberate their homeland from British rule.-- Provided by publisher.

For more information, contact India Nishi.

Proposed Scholarship Budget for Stanwood-Camano AAUW 2017

At the January 14, 2017 general meeting we will be voting on our scholarship budget for 2017. A copy of the proposed budget is included below.

In the budget, we would like to have at least \$5,000 left in our scholarship account and also the CD of \$5,000 so that we have \$10,000 to begin our Purses With Purpose in 2017. Some money has already been advanced. We have in SCAF \$300 for scholarships and \$200 for Tech Trek.

In 2016 we budgeted for 3 people at \$900 for Tech Trek but were able to send 4 thanks to additional donations made via the Tech Trek SCAF account. The proposed budget is for 4 people at \$900 per person.

Comments, questions and discussion are welcome at the meeting, but if you have questions prior to then, please contact Martha Huyler.

	2015	2016	2016	2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed
Scholarships				
University/College Juniors	8000.00	8000.00	8000.00	8000.00
Tech Trek/(7th Grade)	4500.00	2700.00	3600.00	3600.00
Education Foundation	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Scholarships				
Search Admin	26.00	35.00	0.00	35.00
SCAF Admin*	50.00	59.00	70.00	95.00
SCAF Admin - Tech Trek	27.93	75.00	25.00	75.00
STEM Expenses (gifts)	0.00	100.00	122.06	100.00
Candidate Forum**	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Administrative/Printing	0.00	0.00	41.84	50.00
Total Scholarship Budget	14103.93	12489.00	13358.90	13455.00

* \$50 Scholarship + 15 deposits @\$3

** \$21.15 paid out of Operating

	Scholarship Balance as of
	12/6/2016
Checking Account	1149.45
Savings Account	16525.07
SCAF - Scholarship	300.00
SCAF - Tech Trek	<u>200.00</u>
	18174.52
Less money to be left in account	<u>-5000.00</u>
	13174.52
PWP Advances (to be reimbursed)	925.00

The CD is not being touched (Current amount in CD is \$5139.32)

Recommendations:

- Remove Candidate Forum from Scholarship Budget (is in Operating Budget)
- Include line item for Administrative/Printing in new budget.
- Increase SCAF Admin Fees to cover additional potential donations via PWP.

