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**April 5th
Wednesday
2:00 p.m.**

April Board Meeting
All Members Welcome
Norma Mouton's Home

April 14th

National AAUW Election begins

**April 22nd
Saturday
10:00 a.m.**

General Meeting
Camano Island Library
848 N. Sunrise Blvd.
Camano Island
Program: *Mary Lou Sanelli*
presents "A Woman's Work"

April 22nd

AAUW-WA State Meeting
Cedar River Watershed
Educational Center
North Bend

April 27th

Day Tripper: Bonhoeffer
Botanical Gardens Tour,
Lunch & Wine Tasting

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Message from the President

Norma Mouton

Even with the rain coming through the ceiling of the Camano Library at our March general meeting, it did not put a damper on the record attendance for our panel on Human Trafficking. Huge thanks to Lynda Buehring for having secured the participation of all the panelists. These are people with whom Lynda had worked before retiring from government service. If you were able to join us, you might remember that I introduced Judy Prince, our AAUW Washington state President before the panel began. I am pleased to inform you that Judy was so impressed by what she heard that she has asked Lynda to coordinate a similar presentation at the upcoming state convention on April 22 in North Bend. I hope that some of you will be willing to support Lynda's efforts as a member of our branch and attend the state convention if only on that Saturday. Lynda's presentation begins at 9:30 a.m. Details of the convention can be found by following this link <http://aauw-wa.aauw.net/> and clicking on "Evergreen Leader (the latest one)." The link for registering for the convention is <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edxje47pc2cc7a8b&llr=psxfmitab>.

For those who will not be driving to North Bend, our branch will be hosting its April general meeting at the Camano Library on Saturday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. This month we switch gears departing from community oriented topics and once more focus on topics that celebrate the individual. Mary Lou Sanelli, who has presented to our branch before will be reading from her latest work, *A Woman Writing*. Even if you are not interested in becoming a novelist, you will enjoy her perspective on getting to know yourself at a deeper level. This presentation promises to have applications in all types of personal writing from letters and thank you notes to blogs and Facebook postings. It will highlight "skills that apply in both (volunteer) and professional lives."

And let's not forget that PWP is fast approaching. Ticket sales begin May 1, and we still are only about half way to our goal of purses we need to collect. Be sure to do your part in collecting/buying and otherwise obtaining new and gently used purses for our auction. This is the event that we rely on to fund our scholarship efforts for the next two years. We need all hands on deck to make this event a success. If you haven't yet signed up to help, check with Jackie DeFazio and Gay Campbell. I'm sure they can put your talents to use.

We have set our clocks ahead and Spring is now on our doorstep. The crocuses have bloomed in my garden and the hyacinths are opening. Let's open ourselves up to new possibilities. Let's develop our potential and apply it to bettering the lives of those around us. There are many reasons why I have dedicated so much time and effort to this organization: 1) we help girls achieve their dreams, 2) we serve as examples of excellence in our community and 3) we extend a compassionate, caring hand to those around us both in our organization and in our community. We don't need to stand on soapboxes to achieve these goals; we simply need to be willing to work together to accomplish much. Find your niche for service and make new friends in the process. Those friends will be there for you when you need them.

Future Events

May 3rd

Wednesday

2:00 p.m.

May Board Meeting
Norma Mouton's Home

May 11th

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

High School STEM Scholar
Recognition

United Methodist Church
27128 102nd Dr NW
Stanwood

Presenter: *Ann Marie Hall*

May 17th

Wednesday

Day Tripper Outing

Island County Museum Tour
Christopher's Restaurant,
Coupeville

2017-2018 DUES NOW !

AAUW's fiscal calendar runs from July 1st to June 30th. We are accepting dues payments for 2017-2018 now.

Please send a check for \$83 made out to "AAUW Stanwood Camano" to PO Box 2652, Stanwood, WA 98292.

The \$83 includes \$49 for national, \$10 for state, and \$24 for our branch.

\$46 of this is tax-deductible.

By sending in your dues now, you will help us reach the goal of having ALL of our dues to national/state by mid-June.

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

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Purses with Purpose: Procurement

Anne Milton

WE are so thankful to our AAUW Members for the wonderful purses that are coming in to our PWP inventory. You wouldn't believe the variety, colors, shapes and sizes. For example, in the pictures you can see a lovely maroon Vince Camuto shoulder bag along with the blue (rave purse color of the season) Kipling bag with the adorable monkey waiting for its owner. Yes, the Crab bag has emerged again and is patiently awaiting the auction!!!! Check out one of our newest members, Bonney Lemkin, donating a brand new shiny grey satchel purse. What an incredible find!!



Bonnie Lemkin

Spring is here; let's welcome it with additional contributions to our needed inventory. Our official count is now at 135 with 140 purses needed to hit our goal of 275. That leaves only 4 months ahead to rigorously accrue purses for both our live and silent auction. Now is the time to peruse your closets for spring cleaning and find that special "gently used" or "practically new" purse that is screaming to find its mission. Talk to your friends, neighbors, work out partners, book group attendees, fellow church pal; ask them to donate a purse that will truly benefit the students of our area.

If creativity is your strength, put some ideas together to create some special additions to the auction purses that will add value and revenue: A Crab Feed with the Crab Bag...a vacation trip with the gorgeous tote...a special dinner with the lovely evening bag.

Your dedication and involvement to our PWP are so appreciated. At our April meeting, PWP updates and timelines will be announced regarding procurement, committees, event preparations and tickets. See you then.

Mary Lou Sanelli: "A Woman's Work"

Kathy Cunningham

Seattle area author, Mary Lou Sanelli, returns to our branch with a reading of her newest work, "A Woman Writing," that explores the realities true to anyone thinking of making writing a part of their life. With her first new work in six years, Mary Lou "opens the curtain on the personal writing experience, expertly yet provocatively, asking us to see more, to know her more deeply." (Aequitas Books, NY). From book clubs to Soroptimist, workshop presentations for other writers, regular contributions to Seattle City Living Magazine, Seattle Metropolitan Magazine, Art Access, and NPR Radio affiliates, Mary Lou has contributed to both skill enhancement for those who have thought about writing, but also, the teachable moments of verbal presentation skills that apply in both voluntary and professional lives. The April program will share the life lessons that Mary Lou learned through writing: determination, persistence and the rollercoaster ride of choosing a writing life.

Once again, we will hold this program on a Saturday: April 22, at 10:00 a.m. at the Camano Island Library. Next Month, our meeting will be the evening of May 11, to celebrate and recognize our High School STEM Scholars and the selected Tech Trek Scholarship winners. Please contact Helen Smith, event coordinator, to volunteer your assistance. On Sunday, June 25, we will gather at the home of Joyce Leak, to meet our scholarship winners. We take a break for July, then kick-off the beginning of Mary Raymond's Presidency, and thank Norma Mouton for her Past Presidential year, at our annual picnic, August 10. Details will follow in upcoming newsletters.

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Shattering the Glass Ceiling

Jackie DeFazio

In 2017, more than 5 percent of Fortune 500 CEOs will be women, a record high number, according to AAUW's website. Despite this progress, there are only 27 women CEOs in the entire country, indicating how much more work needs to be done. To combat this gender leadership gap, AAUW has awarded 11 campus teams Campus Action Project (CAP) grants to put AAUW's research into action.

Inspired by AAUW's research report, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*, students, faculty, and staff will confront stereotypes and bias in their communities this spring. The 2017 CAP teams represent the spectrum of higher education institutions — the Ivy League, public universities, community colleges, historically black and tribal universities, and the first international school to receive the grant. Some winners and their projects include:

- The University of the District of Columbia has designed a peer mentoring program to promote leadership skills among college women to address the unique challenges faced by a diverse campus.
- Navaho Technical University will address the gender stereotypes Navaho women experience through a speaker series featuring distinguished Navajo women leaders discussing their life stories. The aim is to inspire students, staff, and faculty across NTU to find innovative ways to break through barriers to leadership.
- Cornell University's CAP team aims to empower undergraduate and graduate women to be agents of change and lead the movement for greater inclusion in the sciences. The team will build solidarity among college women scientists and equip them with tools to promote greater gender and racial inclusivity within the STEM fields.
- At the University of Dar es salaam, where females lag behind in many forms of faculty, administrative, and student participation, the team will use their CAP grant to increase the number of women in their student government by addressing negative stereotypes on campus, and demanding effective policy reform for greater equity across the social, political, and economic realms.

Just a reminder of the amazing things AAUW members help to accomplish when we contribute to AAUW Funds at the national level, something we do through branch and individual contributions.



Working for Our Wishes

Gay Campbell

... to become reality.

I recently met a young woman wearing a T-shirt that said, "We can't all get ahead if half of us are held back."

The Washington State House of Representatives took a step this week to remedy women being held back in earning the same wages as men for equal work. The House passed a measure that seeks to provide working women with equal pay, growth opportunities and fair treatment in the workplace. The bill passed 61-36 in the House and its fate may have been decided in the Senate by the time you read this newsletter.

This effort to update the 70 - year-old equal pay act has been supported by AAUW members throughout the state and reflects the work of our national AAUW colleagues in this area.

If you are concerned about this and other issues affecting women, let your legislators know why you want changes and tell them you support them when they work for changes that positively affect women and girls. When we join together, our many small voices become one strong message for fair treatment for women.

Leaders for Branch Activities

Purses with Purpose 2017

Jackie DeFazio

Gay Campbell

AAUW Education Funds and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

Jackie DeFazio

Public Policy (open position)

High School STEM Scholars

Helen Smith

Judy Trammell

Scholarship Chair

Anne Milton

Tech Trek Chair

Leslie Gitomer

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Cathlin Starke

Media Coordinator

Lesley Langille

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Membership Progress

Lynda Buehring

We are happy to report that so far in 2017 our branch has 61 members. This is a steady increase from our membership of 59 in 2016 and 52 in 2015. You can help this upward momentum by inviting your friends and associates to join.

Consider sharing this newsletter and even previous newsletters so they can see the many ways AAUW contributes to the community while providing educational and enjoyable activities. Members who join now will have membership for this year and through June 2018.



Tech Trek Update

Leslie Gitomer

March was a busy month for the AAUW Tech Trek committee. We completed interviews of candidates from Port Susan and Stanwood Middle School. Every girl was delightful, and each brought a different perspective to the interview process. The common thread of course was interest in science and math. We also had good parent support. It was fun getting to know the girls and is always a difficult decision in the end when it comes to assigning the camp scholarships.

I have to thank my committee members for making the decision process go smoothly. Anne Milton, Joanne Drewsen and Elaine Richards each had specific insights that helped us make a consensus in the best way to distribute the awards. Letters will be sent out this week and announcements as to the awards will be made in May.



April Day Tripper: Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens

Lynda Buehring

Please join us April 27 at 11:30 a.m. for a private tour by Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens followed by lunch and wine tasting.

Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens will conduct a private tour of an old church, cemetery and botanical garden. Address: 2300 300th St. NW, Stanwood. Outing will be followed by a 1:00 p.m. lunch at Conway Pub & Eatery, 18611 Main St., Conway and a 2:30 p.m. wine tasting at Pasek Cellars Tasting Room and Gift Shop, 18729 Fir Island, Mt. Vernon.

PLEASE WEAR BOOTS OR COMFORTABLE SHOES FOR THE GARDEN TOUR!

Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens is only a few miles from Conway Pub & Eatery and Pasek Cellars is within walking distance or a short drive from the Conway Pub & Eatery.

Car pools will be arranged from the Park n Ride at Terry's Corner on Camano Island at 10:45 a.m. The Bonhoeffer Garden Tour and Pasek Cellars are free to all members and guests, however donations are appreciated. There will be a charge of \$5.00 for the wine tasting if we have over 12 attendees. If you are interested in attending, please email Lynda Buehring. Please RSVP by April 24.

Thank you Sarah Berrett for arranging our April Day Tripper's event!



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



Island County
Museum Tour

Christopher's
Restaurant,
Coupeville

May 17, 10:00 a.m.

Private tour for AAUW members is scheduled at the Island County Museum, 908 NW Alexander St, Coupeville. Learn about Island County history, from the Ice Age to present.

The tours are wonderful and the cost is \$5 general with a discount for seniors and military. Car pools will be arranged from the Park n Ride at Terry's Corner on Camano Island and Stanwood. Lunch at Christopher's Restaurant, 103 NW Coveland St., Coupeville at 12:00 p.m. following the tour.

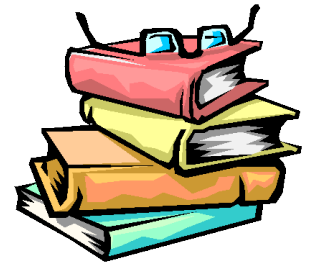
Email Lynda if you want to carpool



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.



April

WHAT: March/Little Women by Geraldine Brooks/Louisa May Alcott

WHEN: Monday, April 3, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Thea Wellington's Home

May

WHAT: My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem

WHEN: Monday, May 1, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Joyce Leak's Home

Gloria Steinem had an itinerant childhood. Every fall, her father would pack the family into the car and they would drive across the country, in search of their next adventure. The seeds were planted: Steinem would spend much of her life on the road, as a journalist, organizer, activist, and speaker. In vivid stories that span an entire career, Steinem writes about her time on the campaign trail, from Bobby Kennedy to Hillary Clinton; her early exposure to social activism in India, and the decades spent organizing ground-up movements in America; the taxi drivers who were "vectors of modern myths" and the airline stewardesses who embraced the feminist revolution; and the infinite, surprising contrasts, the "surrealism in everyday life" that Steinem encountered as she traveled back and forth across the country. "-- Provided by publisher.

June

WHAT: The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

WHEN: Monday, June 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Helen Smith's Home

*An epic that sweeps from San Francisco in the present-day to Poland and the United States during WW II. In 1939, Alma Belasco's parents send her away to live in with an aunt and uncle in their opulent mansion in San Francisco. There she encounters Ichimei Fukuda, the quiet and gentle son of the family's Japanese gardener. A tender love affair begins to blossom. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the two are cruelly pulled apart as Ichimei and his family are declared enemies and forcibly relocated to internment camps run by the United States government. Throughout their lifetimes, Alma and Ichimei reunite again and again, but theirs is a love that they are forever forced to hide from the world. Sweeping through time and spanning generations and continents, *The Japanese Lover* explores questions of identity, abandonment, redemption, and the unknowable impact of fate on our lives.*

For more information, contact India Nishi .

General Meeting Minutes- March 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Norma Mouton. Guests and new members were introduced. Norma introduced Judith Prince, Washington State AAUW President, who encouraged all to attend the April 22, 2017 one day Annual Meeting at the North Bend Cedar River Educational Center. Judith also asked for candidates for three open State Board positions, and said all information will be in the upcoming Evergreen Leader newsletter.

Norma then introduced Kathy Cunningham, VP Programs, who introduced the guest panel on Human Trafficking, brought to us by member Lynda Buehring. The panel included Jennifer Williams, HSI Special Agent, SPD Detective Megan Bruneau, and HSI Victim Assistant Specialist Clint Watanabe. They spoke on sex and labor trafficking, child exploitation, forced fraud coercion, and domestic servitude; they stressed the need for community involvement and encouraged us all, "If you see something, say something".

Following the panel and a question-and-answer period, Norma called the business portion of the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The February General Meeting Minutes were approved.

Jackie Defazio gave an update on PWP including the Board approval of an expenditure of \$850 to submit to the IRS for a 501(c)3 status. She asked that all purses be submitted by members by June, 2017.

Anne Milton gave an update on Scholarships and Tech Trek. Twelve candidates were interviewed for Tech Trek; we will send four, possibly five, this summer. University scholarship applications are open and on the WashBoard.org website. An email will be sent to members with information and application forms, for members to share with the community as well. The close date is May 15, 2017.

Martha Huyler advised that annual dues of \$83 are due by July 1 and requested members submit by June 1 ; members who join on or after March 16 pay only the new year's dues.

India Nishi reviewed the status of our Strategic Plan development and members broke into small groups to complete a short questionnaire.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Cathlin Starke
Secretary



Day Tripper outing to Mark Ellinger's Glass Quest Studio followed by lunch. Lynda reported, "It was a fascinating time watching and listening to glass artist Mark Ellinger and his son who demonstrating the different stages and processes of their art. Left to right: Lynda Buehring, Helen Smith, Karen Van Lier, Sara Berrett, Deb Wade, Norma Mouton, Julie Maxwell and guest, Diane Blair.

Not pictured: Kathy Cunningham and Valerie Spagnolo

