

Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

May 2017

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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
Tech Trek Campers for 2017

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

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Kathy Cunningham
VP of Program



Message from the President

Norma Mouton

First I need to mention that Lynda Buehring and her former colleagues did a wonderful job at the AAUW State Convention in North Bend on Saturday, April 22. They presented a program on Human Trafficking similar to the one we had here in March. Many branches approached her after the panel about having a panel present on this topic at their branches. It's very satisfying to be able to make a worthy contribution to the mission of AAUW and it's something that every one of our members can be proud of. There were 17 branches represented from throughout the state with about 70-80 people in attendance. Our branch was represented with a group of five: Mary Raymond, Helen Smith, Lynda Buehring, Janie Morgan and me.

I truly wish that I could have been with you on Saturday, but circumstances were against me. I have heard that the program was well received and I appreciate each person who was able to attend. Many thanks to Anne Milton for stepping up to officiate the meeting. For May, our meeting has traditionally been reserved for our STEM and Tech Trek scholars. This covers two of the three goals towards which we work every year. The meeting will be on Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanwood Methodist Church. At this meeting, the high school STEM scholars will be recognized. We will also announce and present the middle school scholars who will be attending Tech Trek this summer. Parents, teachers and all the important people in their lives are encouraged to attend. Because we will have so many visitors, it is important that we all greet them warmly and sit with them to make them feel welcome.

I recently had a letter addressed to AAUW-WA leaders forwarded to the entire membership. I consider you all to be leaders and/or potential leaders so I thought it important that you all receive this information. The most important note is in the third paragraph entitled Outlook Going Digital. As a cost-cutting measure at the national level, the limiting of hard copies sent by mail is necessary. Unless you each individually contact national at the links provided, you will no longer receive a hard copy of our quarterly publication. National needs our help in cutting costs. Please take this into consideration before requesting a hard copy.

In the most recent and final hard copy of Outlook on page 2 you will note that national will be imposing a dues increase of \$10.00. This is an item to be voted on at the national convention and if adopted would go into effect July 1, 2018. Beginning on page 33 of this issue, you'll find the AAUW National Election manual. Please take time to make an informed decision on all the positions and resolutions before you go online to vote. In order to vote you need both your member ID and the Voter Pin. Both of these numbers are just to the left of your address. You may vote online by going to www.aauw.org and clicking on VOTE NOW. For a paper ballot you need to request it not later than May 4; e-mail connect@aauw.org or call 800.326.2289 to request a ballot. You need to include your name, member ID number, city and state when you make your request. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 29.

Our branch has proven itself to be timely in its consideration of issues both with the March panel on Human Trafficking and in the review of the book, *Hidden Figures*, presented by Jackie DeFazio last November (see Outlook, p. 32). As our year winds down, let's take all we've learned and find ways to positively apply these things in our daily lives.

Future Events

June 14th
Wednesday
2:00 p.m.

June Board Meeting
Norma Mouton's Home

June 25th
Sunday
2:00 p.m.

Scholarship Awards Tea
Election of Officers
Joyce Leak's Home

August 10th
Thursday
4:00 p.m.

August BBQ
Camano Hills Shelter

2017-2018 DUES NOW !

AAUW's fiscal calendar runs from July 1st to June 30th. Dues for 2017-2018 are payable 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.

www.aauwsc.org

Scholarship Applications Due Soon...Pass It On

Anne Milton

Our AAUW Stanwood Camano Branch, due to the fantastic outcomes of the Purse Auction will award 2 \$4,000 scholarships in June.

All students are encouraged to apply, but must be a current resident of the Arlington, Stanwood, or Camano Island area AND/OR be a graduate of Lakewood, Arlington, Stanwood, or Lincoln Hill High Schools. The applicant must have completed at least 2 years of study at an accredited college or university by June 2017 and have verifiable plans to continue upper-division or master's level post-graduate work at an accredited 4-year college or university in the fall of 2017.

The 2017 application can be obtained through our own website, www.aauwsc.org/scholarship and the Stanwood-Camano Community Scholarship site http://www.s-ccs.org/AAUW_Scholarships.php.

All submissions must be postmarked on or before Monday, May 15, 2017. The 2017 application has been emailed to our members; kindly share with friends and neighbors that may have an eligible applicant.

The Scholarship Committee will present the 2 scholarship recipients on June 25 at Joyce Leak's home for our annual Scholarship Awards Tea. The Committee members include: Leslie Gitomer, Terry Benson, Joanne, Drewson, Elaine Richardson and Anne Milton.

Wrapping Up Programs

Kathy Cunningham

May and June traditionally focus on the results of our mission within our Stanwood Camano branch community: our High School STEM Scholar Recognition, the introduction of this year's Tech Trek campers, and the awarding of our college scholarships. Families join their student and it is gratifying to meet them and offer our personal messages of congratulations and support for their daughters.

These are easily two of our most heartfelt celebrations as we enjoy the opportunity to actually engage with those young women whose academic feats are acknowledged through their nominations of school faculty, and/or whose determination to complete their higher education initiates with their application and attention to the requirements we ask them to fulfill.

Please join us for our High School STEM Scholar Recognition and Tech Trek camper introductions on Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanwood United Methodist Church. Helen Smith will be coordinator of the reception. A cake will be ordered but she requests that members who are able, to please bring offerings of savories or fruit to add to the table.

Our branch member, Ann Marie Hall, will once again be our keynote speaker sharing her journey through STEM coursework in college and life choices she continues to make that uses that education.

Ann Marie Hall is a Western Washington native who benefited from several programs designed to encourage girls to pursue education in math and science while in high school. That, and exposure to the field of engineering through her father, led Ann Marie to obtain a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Washington.

While in the chemical engineering program, Ann Marie found she had particularly good "chemistry" with one of her classmates, Charlie. Ann Marie and Charlie were married two weeks after graduation. Ann Marie worked in the oil industry both in California and Washington State for corporations such as Chevron and B.P. before "retiring" to raise a family.

Charlie and Ann Marie live on Camano Island and have two daughters. Ann Marie currently works as a consultant and also does the administration and bookkeeping for Charlie's orthodontic practice in Stanwood.



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AAUW Announces 2017-18 Awards & Grants

Jackie DeFazio

Each year as part of its scholarship budget, the Stanwood-Camano Branch contributes funds to the national AAUW Education Funds to support the AAUW fellowships and grants program and the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

On April 14, 2017, AAUW announced 250 awards and more than \$3.7 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2017-18 award year. These recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

For more than 125 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$100 million in fellowships and grants to more than 12,000 women and nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world.

The 2017-18 award year will kick off on July 1, 2017, with the release of an updated Fellowships and Grants Directory, where you can find more information about the remarkable women and organizations receiving these awards. The directory will be available on the AAUW website.



Hope In Spite of Homelessness & Violence

Gay Campbell

A research report called "Let Her Learn" shows nearly one in three girls age 14-18 has experienced sexual assault or other violence. More than one in 10 has been homeless.

The report, released in April by the Women's Law Center and offered on the Let Her Learn website, says black girls are more than five times as likely as white girls to be suspended from school. They are six times more likely to be expelled.

Needless to say, the effects of abuse and discrimination can cause profound emotional and physical problems and discourage school attendance. However, these young women have not given up hope. Four out of five girls want to attend a four year college.

The data in this report underscores AAUW members' beliefs and reaffirms the importance of our local branch work to encourage girls and women to pursue education. Every purse we sell adds to our resources that help girls dream of what they can become and helps fund their studies to make those dreams come true.

Education, health care, racial, ethnic and gender justice, diversity, inclusion and other issues important to women are the backbone of the 2018-19 AAUW proposed public policy program.

Read these proposed policies in the Spring 2017 issue of AAUW Outlook and cast your vote for AAUW national officers and proposed bylaws amendments. Join thousands of other women who are working together to make the changes we want to see in our world.



Leaders for Branch Activities

Purses with Purpose 2017

Jackie DeFazio

Gay Campbell

AAUW Education Funds and AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

Jackie DeFazio

High School STEM Scholars

Helen Smith

Judy Trammell

Scholarship Chair

Anne Milton

Tech Trek Chair

Leslie Gitomer

Volunteer School Partners

Cathlin Starke

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Meet Our Members

Kelsey Langille

Kelsey is one of our newest members. Born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham, Washington she "spent my childhood in Bellingham, Washington. I endured chronic pain as a child and young adult, manifesting in the form of extraordinary pain in my left hip, and later migraines. These mysterious medical conditions introduced me to the concept of ableism before I had the word to describe it, and although I have since found ways to manage my health issues, this is a life experience that has forever changed the way I interact with people. The idea that illnesses and disabilities are not always visible is not revolutionary, and there are laws protecting those with such ailments, however, many people in our society still face discrimination and prejudice based upon health conditions outside of their control. I am driven to social service and activism because I want everyone to have the opportunity to find relief for their ailments, whether they are physical or mental."



"I grew up in the 1990's and 2000's, when TV shows with strong female leads, like the X-Files and Buffy the Vampire Slayer, were popular and successful. Even so, and even in liberal Washington, I still observed and experienced a surprising amount of gender bias and stereotyping as a child, from school sports to themed dances that shoehorned women into the role of demure arm-candy. I am an enthusiastic member of a generation of women who believe it is our role to continue the fight for gender equality in our workplaces and homes."

"As a young woman, I decided to attend Scripps College (a women's college in California) to continue my budding feminist education. I graduated from Scripps College in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Languages (French and Spanish). I studied abroad in Spain and France as a part of my degree."

Kelsey's current occupation is Safety Coordinator and Brand Manager at Cruncher Construction in Bellingham. "I hope to begin my Master's of Social Work studies at the University of Washington this fall."

"My boyfriend, Nick, and I have four cats that keep us plenty busy in our free time. We are part of the generation of young people who are putting off marriage and parenthood until our thirties, in the hope that our careers and finances will be more stable then."

She enjoys reading, dancing, gardening, hiking, camping, travel, cooking, and board games. In addition she has "participated in a sister city exchange to Japan and a summer AFS program in Costa Rica during high school."

What would surprise us about you?

I was briefly on the ballroom dance team during college! My favorite styles of dance are social dances, such as swing dancing and salsa. Also, I worked at a comic book store for a few months and have developed an interest in indie comics and board games.

I was a member of the Bellingham branch from 2012 – 2013. I'm glad to renew my involvement now that I'm back in Washington. I believe in the power of education, mentorship, and community to create positive change in people's lives. Also, I think it's clear that the work of feminism is far from done, and I share the values and focus of AAUW. I will be serving as Media Coordinator until I start my graduate studies in the fall.

What advice do you have for AAUW members?

Create and maintain connections with younger women, and encourage them to get active in organizations such as AAUW. Invest in education, and continue your own learning in whatever ways are possible.

What advice do you have for girls today?

Harness your outrage and frustration for the power of good: start a club, educate yourself, speak up, and don't forget to take care of yourself.



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

June Day Tripper's Event is tentatively planned for the week of June 19th to 23rd.

Friday Harbor Tour

During the week of June 19th to the 23rd, a private tour for AAUW members is scheduled with a tour director for a 5 hour tour of the entire island. The tour include transportation, activities and tour sites. The most popular would be the museum, art galleries, sculpture museum, lunch in town or in Roche Harbor and whale watching. The museum would cover the 5 hour tour for \$20.00 a person, but lunch would be on our own plus passenger ferry fare.

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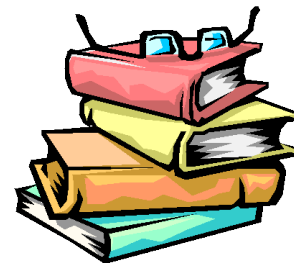
Spring 2017 issue of the Outlook Magazine is the last paper copy that will be sent to all members. It is possible to continue to receive a print Outlook by Opting In at this link

<http://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/outlookmag/>.

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.



May

WHAT: My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem

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

WHERE: Joyce Leak's Home

June

WHAT: The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

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

WHERE: Helen Smith's Home

An exquisitely crafted love story and multigenerational epic that sweeps from San Francisco in the present-day to Poland and the United States during the Second World War.

July

WHAT: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

WHEN: Monday, July 10, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: LaVonna Ihde's Home

"Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon - the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." But behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations" -- from publisher's web site.

For more information, contact India Nishi.



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 Rides at Terry's Corner on Camano Island and also in 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 .

General Meeting Minutes- April 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by former President Anne Milton. Guests and new members were introduced.

Kathy Cunningham introduced our guest speaker, Mary Lou Sanelli, who spoke of her experiences as a writer, read and discussed excerpts from her newest book, and answered questions from the group. Anne Milton then called the General Meeting to order at 11:40 A.M.

The March General meeting minutes were approved. Anne advised we need 100 more purses for PWP. She also thanked Jackie and Gay for their work on filing for our 501(c)3 status. She advised that the June scholarship meeting will be June 25 at 2:00 P.M. at Joyce Leak's home. She reminded us that scholarship applications are due by May 15.

Leslie Gitomer advised that Tech Trek candidate selections are completed. Campers will be introduced at the High School STEM Scholar Recognition at 7:00 P.M. at Stanwood United Methodist Church on May 11 and to please bring savory foods.

India Nishi gave an update on the Strategic Plan. We will complete the last questionnaire following the general meeting today, and findings will be presented to the Board at their June meeting. India, for Martha Huyler, asked that members' annual dues of \$83 be sent to the AAUW PO Box 2652 in Stanwood as they are now due.

Day trippers will meet on April 27 for lunch in Conway. Cathlin Starke and Jackie DeFazio discussed the importance of voting for AAUW National officers and answered questions from the membership. May Palmer invited members to the Stanwood library's book sale next month and encouraged us to donate books.

Kathy Cunningham asked for help with programs January 2018 through March 2018, and answered questions about future branch general meetings schedules and locations.

The meeting was adjourned by Anne Milton at 12:18 P.M. Members broke into subgroups to complete the final questionnaire for the Strategic Plan.

Respectively submitted,

Cathlin Starke
Secretary

