



Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

November 2017

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November 2nd

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

November Board Meeting
Camano Island Library

November 9th

Thursday

12:30 p.m.

Social Half Hour

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting
Camano Island Library

Program: Reflections of a Veteran. Retired Colonel Tracey Meck, USAF will share her experiences from her military career, her journey in Spain, and her passions now as a community volunteer.

Program information contact:
Lynda Buehring



Nov. 28, 2017

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Message from the President

Mary Raymond

As we are all still catching our breath after a truly amazing Purses with Purpose event, November has somehow arrived! I know that the specifics of PWP will be addressed later in this issue, but I just want to thank each one of you who contributed to this two-year project – in ways big and small. It took all of us working together to pull it off. In our efforts to support the AAUW mission of advancing equity through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy, we exceeded our goals, built new relationships with each other and had a terrific time at the event itself. It is exciting to think of the educational support we can provide with these funds, so congrats to us all!

At our October meeting we had a chance to hear from three of the middle-schoolers we sent to Tech Trek this past summer, listen to our STEM scholars report on their senior year and future plans, and meet the two Stanwood High School representatives on the school board. It is always so encouraging to hear from these future contributors to our society.

November brings with it our newest endeavor –participating in Stanwood/Camano Give on November 28. We are testing the water here since we have just completed such a major fundraiser, but the impact of online giving to projects that benefit the local community is powerful. I view this as a way to get the message of our branch out there as much as to receive donations. We will start posting on Facebook on the AAUW page in early November and, as Georgi Proulx stated at the last meeting, the important thing for us to do is “share” each post, not only to “like” it. This will spread our mission and alert all our Facebook friends to look at the Stanwood/Camano Give site on November 28...and if anyone is inspired to donate to either Tech Trek or our scholarship fund, so much the better! There are many incentives for giving online throughout the day so it should be fun to monitor donations and be part of a learning experience for us as well. Some of us will be volunteering by putting up signs and manning the several physical donor stations in Stanwood and Camano. Please call me if you would like to join us – we could use a few more volunteers.

Traditionally, this month is one in which we give thanks, and I want to say that I am truly thankful to live in such a giving and community-minded area and to be a part of this organization of intelligent and dedicated women.

November Program: Reflections of a Veteran Retired Colonel

Lynda Buehring

Colonel Tracey Meck, USAF grew up in Alaska and after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs in May 1987, she was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and spent the next 25 1/2 years serving her country retiring in November 2012 as a Colonel.

In 2013, she attempted to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain, but only made 300 miles. Unwilling to accept this failure, she was compelled to return in 2015 to complete the entire 500 mile trail!

Tracey will share her experiences from her military career, her journey in Spain and her passions now as a community volunteer at our meeting November 9 at the Camano Library.

Come early and join us at 12:30 p.m. for a social half hour. Enjoy a cup of coffee, a snack and a visit with friends.

Future Events

December 7th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

December Board Meeting
Camano Island Library

December 14th

Thursday

11:30 a.m.

Holiday Luncheon
Cama Beach Café
Cama Beach State Park
Camano Island

*Tickets go on sale for \$26 at our
November meeting. They go
fast; don't hesitate to purchase
yours.*

January 4th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

January Board Meeting
Camano Island Library

January 11th

Thursday

12:30 p.m.

Social Half Hour

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting
Camano Island Library

*Program: Dementia: Education,
Resources, and Experiences*

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Little Girls with Dreams Become Women with Vision*

Gay Campbell, Jackie DeFazio



We are women with a dream. As AAUW members, we dream of empowering women and girls. In our Stanwood-Camano branch, we have a vision of providing scholarships to help many students succeed. We know every one of our scholarship recipients has a dream and, with a little help, will become a woman with vision.

The members of our branch don't just dream; we turn dreams into reality. More than 18 months ago we imagined a fundraising event that would raise more money than ever before for scholarships. On October 7, our *Purses with Purpose* auction did just that. We grossed approximately \$40,000. More than \$17,000 of that amount was outright gifts from friends and community members who share our vision for the future of women and girls.

This dream came true because of the work of each of you. Almost every member of our group worked on this project. Our committee chairs met for more than a year to steer the project. These amazing women were:

- Mary Raymond and Rose Olson, who spearheaded the procurement of the purses for the auction
- Cheryl Gruger and Bev Maxwell, who gathered the glass purse centerpieces and filled them with flowers
- Elaine Richards and Joyce Leak, who handled ticket sales and table assignments
- Helen Smith, who oversaw both the set-up and take-down of the entire event
- Norma Mouton, who took charge of displaying the purses for the silent auction
- Jo English, who planned the food and wine and who, with her husband Kert, donated the Mazatlán condo stay for the raffle
- Linda Buehring, who supervised the raffle
- Kathy Cunningham, who oversaw the bagging of purses from the silent auction
- Cathlin Starke, who managed the staffing for the event and arranged for the student helpers
- India Nishi, who served as finance chair and is still tracking income and expenses
- Anne Milton, who handled publicity, newsletter communications, text and photos for the auction program; stored the purses for the live auction, and was the "voice" of the event
- Georgi Proulx, who with the help of her daughter (and branch member) Jeryl McDonald, chaired the auction committee, including all data processing, check-in and check-out; stored the purses for the silent auction and hosted the cleaning and pricing parties; saw to the printing of the program, and continues to work on final wrap up of all of the above

Approximately 50 members worked on setting the stage on October 6 and, when "show time" arrived, we provided an irresistible reason for our guests to support our cause.

A big thanks to everyone who worked on this. You dreamed it and you did it!

"The ones crazy enough to think they can change the world usually do."

— Steve Jobs

*title quote - author unknown

The Purpose of Purses

Anne Milton

What a success! There was truly something for everyone at the PWP fundraising event. The live auction was filled with high quality purses and fun events like crab feeds and Seahawks' tickets. The raffle for Mazatlán, Mexico, silent auction, artist canvas bags and Fund-a-Scholar donations were all enthusiastically embraced. It was evident throughout the day that the attendees enjoyed themselves and were committed to our scholarship endeavors.



Mary's Welcome

Photo-Martha Huyler



Live Auction Item Display

Photo-Jay Mouton



Anne Milton, Our Most Stupendous Mistress of Ceremony

Photo-Jay Mouton



Kevin Van Hollebeke
Auctioneer Extraordinaire

Photo-Jay Mouton



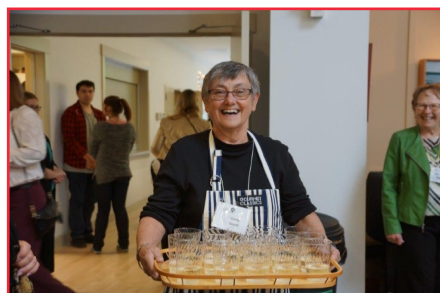
Winner, Winner, Winner

Photo-Jay Mouton



Artist-decorated Canvas Bags

Photo-Martha Huyler



Champagne Anyone?

Photo-Martha Huyler



Mazatlán Condo Raffle

Photo-Martha Huyler

“Drive to 75” Success

Norma Mouton

Two years ago, as Anne Milton was handing off the Presidency, she encouraged us to work on increasing our membership to 75. She told us to “Drive to Seventy-five.” I am glad to report that we have surpassed that goal. Having reached that initial milestone doesn't mean that we should just sit back and not invite neighbors to join AAUW. We can lose anywhere from 3 to 5 members each year. Some people move away and others find their personal circumstances have changed. Whatever the reason, we need to continue taking in new members to make up for normal attrition.

You may think that our organization has plenty of money after our successful purse auction, but those funds all go for scholarships. Our dues are the only money that goes into our operating budget. So please don't sit back and wait for someone else to invite your neighbor. Pick up extra application forms and keep them handy.

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Tech Trek News

Elaine Richards, Leslie Gitomer

At our regular October 12 AAUW meeting, we had three of our four middle school Tech Trek winners describe their impressions of the 2017 Tech Trek camp. Grace Henken, Greta Hendrickson and Jolene Henrikson (Carolina Tenorio did not attend) explained their experiences at Tech Trek Camp at the PLU campus. Each girl was enthusiastic and confident in their responses to the questions they prepared to answer. Their experiences at the camp heightened their interest in STEM subject areas.



Each girl had a favorite class, lab or subject area, and they made lots of new connections with other girls in attendance. They loved living in a dorm and seeing what college life might be like. In all, they said the camp was very worthwhile, and they were very appreciative of the opportunity to attend. Several parents were present to speak of the positive experience for their daughters. Also joining us was George Zeigen, the counselor from Stanwood Middle School. He sang praises of this program. The feedback from the girls, their parents and the school counselor solidified our branch's commitment to this important scholarship program.

There is also good news about the program's future. For 2018 two sessions will be offered at PLU and will increase capacity from 100 to 160 girls on the Western Washington side; attendance will be 80 girls per session.

Day Trippers: December 17

Lynda Buehring

Crow Island Farms 5-Course Dinner by Chef Dennis Newman
Sunday, December 17, 5:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

AAUW members and spouses/guests will have an opportunity to enjoy a 5-course dinner prepared by Chef Dennis Newman. The cost is about \$50.00 per person to include gratuity, and we can bring our own wine for the tables.

Crow Island Farms is a farm to table dining extravaganza at 27008 102nd Ave. NW, Stanwood. The reviews have been phenomenal in that everything is locally provided and cooked to perfection.

We are limited to 24 attendees and 3 of those are already reserved for those who are going to help plan the menu. If you want to experience the ultimate dining encounter in Stanwood please email Lynda Buehring no later than November 15, 2017.

December Holiday Luncheon

Valerie Spagnolo

Holiday luncheon is December 14 at Cama Beach Café, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$26 per person, including gratuity.

We are asking members to **bring their check to the November 9 meeting** to give us an idea how many people will be attending. Caterer, Donna King will be labeling the items so that you will know if they are dairy, nut and gluten free. Everyone in attendance will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win some wonderful gifts. Hope to see you there for a spirited afternoon.



MENU

Asian Flavored Salmon
Rice
Salad & Rolls w/ Butter
Dessert Tray

Pork Loin
Winter Vegetable
Glass of Prosecco
Coffee & Tea

Wine can be purchased for \$5.00 a glass the day of the event from the catering staff. They will have a station for wine and a separate station for complimentary coffee and tea.



Meet Our Members: Carolyn Spector



Carolyn Spector

Although Carolyn has lived on Camano Island for 18 years she recently joined our branch this past spring. She says her reason for joining was "to support the educational goals of girls and young women, to support opportunities for all women, and to do so within a group women with the same goals."

Born in Boseman, MT, Carolyn spent her childhood in Stevensville/Bitterroot Valley. "At that time, Stevensville was a town of about 700 people. My parents rented a house about 3 miles out of town. Expectations for girls growing up in rural areas in the 1950's and early 1960's revolved around family. Girls talked about working as secretaries or nurses or teachers, but only until we were married and raising children, at which time we all expected to be 'housewives.' It was particularly limiting for girls from low income households such as mine, who had no hope of being able to pay for college."

Carolyn attended Riverside City College in California earning an Associate of Arts degree then continuing at the University of Washington earning a BA, Psychology then a MSW, Social Work Administration.

"With some clerical classes in high school and 6 months at a business college, I entered the workforce as a receptionist. Over the years I worked in law enforcement as a clerk-stenographer and as a dispatcher/reserve officer. I began working as a legal secretary and then legal assistant. During that time, sometimes one class at a time, I was able to complete a two-year degree. After moving to Washington, with the support of the attorney for whom I worked at the time, I was able to reduce my work hours from 40 to 30 a week with a flexible schedule, and return to college to earn a BA and MSW over six years. I was in my 40's then."

Carolyn has lived in Montana, southern California, and Washington (where Murry and she met and married). They celebrate their 37th anniversary this year. They have no children.

Genealogy is her passion. "By virtue of training and experience I consider myself a professional genealogist, although because I have chosen to not apply for certification, I don't charge anyone for helping with their family research. Genealogy is fascinating because it is full of challenges and no two problems are ever the same. A particular interest for me is the matriarchal lines, which until recently were largely ignored by genealogists. Gardening, reading, crocheting, quilting and almost any kind of puzzle are additional favorite pastimes. I'm a member of and volunteer for the Camano Animal Shelter, the Stanwood Area Historical Society and Museum, the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society, and now AAUW."

Carolyn's travels outside of the US include Canada and England. Within the United States, she and Murry have traveled to various places in the Midwest as well as northern California, Oregon, Montana and Washington State. Several years ago visiting Richmond, Virginia to attend a National Genealogy Society Conference and visited the Bruton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg where her ninth great-grandfather, born in Virginia Colony in 1653, was a vestryman.

Her interests in genealogy and history has led her to volunteer to begin creating a written history of this chapter of AAUW. It will be interesting what she finds.

What would surprise us about you?

As a child I loved horses and practiced whinnying until it was realistic enough that horses would whinny back! (That is not a skill I have maintained into adulthood, so please do not expect a demonstration.)

What advice do you have for AAUW members?

None at this point – the work you do is so important, and the warm welcome you give to new members is impressive.

What advice do you have for girls today?

Don't let anyone discourage you from achieving your goals. Believe in yourself and be yourself.



Welcome new members joining our branch in:

July

Marilyn Grosjean, Elizabeth Rutherford, Julie Parker

August

Dana Anderson, Naomi Wark, Connie Carr

September

Cyndi Ingram

Welcome ladies!

We look forward to getting to know you.

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

Book Group

Open to all members. Join us for lively conversation if you've read the book or if you just want to come join the discussion.

Katie Farrey



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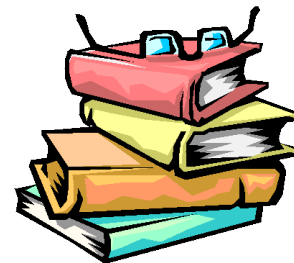
AAUW Action Network for Congressional items regarding the national issues for action.

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Book Group

Katie Farrey

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.



November

WHAT: The Green Road by Anne Enright

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

WHERE: Terry Benson's Home

December

WHAT: The Bishop's Wife by Mette Ivie Harrison

WHEN: Monday, December 4, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Martha Huyler's Home

"In the predominantly Mormon city of Draper, Utah, some seemingly perfect families have deadly secrets...Linda Wallheim is the mother of five grown boys and the wife of a Mormon bishop. As bishop, Kurt Wallheim is the ward's designated spiritual father, and that makes Linda the ward's unofficial mother, and her days are filled with comfort visits, community service, and informal counseling. But Linda is increasingly troubled by the church's patriarchal structure and secrecy, especially as a disturbing situation takes shape in the ward."-- Provided by publisher.

January

WHAT: Euphoria by Lily King

WHEN: Monday, January 8, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mary Pilkington's Home

"English anthropologist Andrew Bankson has been alone in the field for several years, studying the Kiona river tribe in the Territory of New Guinea. Haunted by the memory of his brothers' deaths and increasingly frustrated and isolated by his research, Bankson is on the verge of suicide when a chance encounter with colleagues pulls him back from the brink." -- from publisher's web site.

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

Calling Tutors to Make a Difference

Helen Smith

Local students benefit from those adults who can just listen to them read, use flash cards to learn math facts, or practice procedures like long division.

Members volunteer weekly to listen to, read with or read to students. The following times are Monday through Friday:

- Kindergarten from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- 2nd grade 11:00-11:45 a.m.
- LAP Program, K-5 10:30-11:00 a.m. or 1:05-1:35 p.m.

You pick the day, time that you're available, and if you have travel plans or conflicts with your schedule, that is all right. Grab a friend or partner to go with you and you'll love it!

Any questions on procedures or training or to volunteer call Helen Smith.



“The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.”

-St. Augustine (354-430 AD)

Bev Maxwell's Recollection of Her Recent Trip to the Middle East

Once an exotic region hospitable to travelers, The Middle East has changed - especially in recent tumultuous years. Today the area is often perceived as a murky and dangerous blur on the map and many otherwise adventurous travelers have placed these countries essentially off limits. We found this diverse and misunderstood corner of the world a hospitable and compelling place to visit.

Travel in the United Arab Emirates is generally considered safe, and that has helped make Dubai, the UAE's most famous city and one of the hottest tourist destinations in the Middle East. In just 14 years, (1991-2005) Dubai transformed itself from an average desert town to one of the richest cities in the world. It is a center of skyscrapers, malls, resorts and glittering urban extravagance. 99% of the land is owned by the Sheiks, and all business ownership endeavors must be in partnership with the Sheiks which makes them extraordinarily wealthy. The Burj Khalifa, Dubai's most iconic destination, and the world's tallest building, stands at 169 feet or more than half a mile in height.



To reach our next destination, Doha, Qatar we did some creative planning. In June, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain and Egypt broke off all diplomatic relations and transport links with Qatar. To circumvent the blockade we traveled by air through Oman to Doha. Reasons given for the blockade were Qatar's close relationship with the Muslim Brotherhood party in Egypt, the news channel Al Jazeera and Qatar's good relations with Iran. Politically, Qatar supports the Hamas Government on the Gaza Strip and does not recognize Israel. The embargo gave Qatar an opportunity to explore new trade relationships and today their economy is described as the richest per capita in the world. This is largely due to its vast natural gas supply.

Doha is scheduled to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup and is slowly but surely becoming noticeable as a tourist destination. To prepare for the World Cup, a planned city named Lusail is under construction. Today we saw miles of desert sand but by 2022 a population of up to 260,000 people are expected live here and enjoy marinas, island resorts, luxury shopping, and a golf course community.

The design for a stadium with a capacity of 80,000 people is inspired from the sail of a traditional dhow. This iconic building will be used for opening and final matches of the World Cup. Seven other new stadiums are under construction. Only 3 or 4 will be kept in the country after the games. The others will be disassembled and shipped to developing countries. Today the traditional sport of the Sheiks is camel racing but no betting is allowed.

Kuwait City is one of the warmest cities on earth. Temperatures during our visit exceeded 109F, It began as a small mud-walled city in the 1700's but with the discovery of oil, the city's economy flourished. It's been rebuilt following the 1991 Gulf War and today is an advanced metropolis. In Kuwait, Islamic law mandates the prohibition of all alcohol sales. Fortunately, we only spent one night in Kuwait and the other Islamic countries we visited did serve alcoholic beverages in western hotels. Married Kuwaiti citizens are required to provide a copy of their marriage license when checking into a hotel.

If you want to learn more about Islam, there is no better place on earth to visit than the Grand Mosque in Bahrain. Built in 1984 from Italian marble, Indian teak wood and Austrian glass, the building is a spectacular example of Bahrain craftsmanship and design. From the friendly guide we learned about religious etiquette and history while admiring the stunning architecture.

Bahrain became an independent state in 1971 after gaining sovereignty from the United Kingdom. A highlight of our visit to Bahrain was driving the causeway to the border of Saudi Arabia over the waters of the Persian Gulf. The entrance from our high tech Westin hotel led into a colossal mall where chic muslims dressed in traditional Abeya and hijab clothing shopped at Sak's 5th Avenue, Pottery Barn and Victoria's Secret.

Our next destination was Yerevan, Armenia, a landlocked country in the South Caucasus. Yerevan has a very European feel to it and was the first country in the world to adopt Christianity as its state religion, ten years before Constantine. Mt. Ararat, biblical site of Noah's Ark, is visible from the city. It is reported that a volcanic eruption in 1840 dislodged remnants of the ark.

In Tblisi, Georgia we learned about its long history as part of the world's greatest empires, from Roman rule to the Soviet Union. We drove along the Great Silk Road and visited the Stalin Museum in the town of Gori. In Soviet Union times, Georgia was a main tourist destination. When the country gained its independence in 1991 their economy collapsed. Today the country no longer depends on Russia for natural resources. Oil and gas are piped in from Azerbaijan and there are no diplomatic relations between Russia and Georgia due to a disputed occupation of some Georgian territory by Russian troops.

Our last stop, Baku, Azerbaijan, was established in 1991 after being part of the USSR for 71 years. It is located on the Caspian Sea and rich in oil and gas. The derricks are visible from the airport along the freeway. Pipelines from Azerbaijan to Georgia carry the resources to the Black Sea where they are transported to Europe. The city has transferred from Soviet Style to a modern city with futuristic buildings.

General Meeting Minutes- October 12, 2017

Call to Order: Mary Raymond called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., at Brookdale Senior Living. She began by asking members to introduce any guests they may have brought. Elaine Richards introduced her friend, Marsha McGough. Cathlin Starke introduced Judith Prince, our state AAUW President, who was kind enough to join us not only for our meeting today, but who also attended our recent fundraiser, Purses with Purpose.

Tech Trek: Elaine Richards then began the program by introducing three of the four girls our branch sent to Tech Trek this year, Grace Henken, Greta Hendrickson and Jolene Henrickson. The girls responded to questions posed by Elaine. These questions gave them the opportunity to express some of the highlights of their week at the camp. They then answered a few questions from the audience.

School Board: The program proceeded with Jean Shumate introducing the two student representatives to the Stanwood-Camano School Board. Ashley Peterson represents Stanwood High School and Opie Figueroa represents Lincoln High School. Each student then gave a brief summary of how and why they came to serve on the board. While both students are extremely qualified, Opie's story was particularly compelling because when he was a freshman he wasn't interested in attending school and his story reflects what it was that turned him around. These students also fielded questions from the audience.

Tutoring: Helen Smith proceeded with the program telling members about tutoring options within the district and encouraging them to make time in their busy lives to help the children in our district succeed. Helen then introduced the STEM students who are now seniors. There were four girls present who received recognition at our spring ceremony. Teaghen Eddy, Saylor Anderson and Hannah Grierson were from Stanwood High School. Paige Shimkus was from Lakewood High School.

School Levy: Here followed Jean Shumate and Lloy Schaff who presented on the school replacement levy for 2019-2022. Several of their staff presented on areas under their purview, and it was stated that the handout made available to us would also be sent out to all the homes in our district.

PWP Celebration: There was a short break followed by the business meeting. The first order of business was to pass out glasses of champagne to properly celebrate our efforts in our recent fundraiser. Jackie DeFazio and Gay Campbell, our co-chairs, announced that while there are still a few outstanding accounts to be reconciled, they could safely state that we had raised about \$40,000.00. Glasses were raised and cheers went up! They also stated that this amount could not have been raised without our "Fund a Scholar" effort and that would not have been possible without our new 501(c)(3) status.

Attendance: We were reminded to follow the newly established procedure of initialing our attendance on the sheet provided and of course that all our guests please sign in.

Facebook: Georgi Proulx made us aware that our participation and sharing of Facebook posts is important to get the word out about our fundraising efforts. She also said that she needs addresses for guests who donated so that she can send them a tax-deductible receipt. She will send out a list of the names for which she needs addresses to all the members within the next few days. Please help her to either gather these addresses or be willing to hand deliver them to your guests.

Stanwood Camano Give: Mary Raymond explained about Stanwood-Camano Give. This is a nationwide day of giving online. She stated that our organization is participating this year. It occurs in November and could become our primary fundraising effort in years we don't hold a PWP event. We will need volunteers to help with this program. It will require people to staff donor stations, put up signs and distribute posters. Our goal would be to raise \$1,900.00 for Tech Trek and \$6,000.00 for scholarships.

Candidate Forum: Mary also reminded us that the Candidate Forum is Wednesday, October 18, at Stanwood Middle School. We are again co-sponsoring this event with the Stanwood-Camano News. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

AAUW Funds Coordinator: Mary then expressed the need for an EF/LAF coordinator. Judy Prince mentioned that this position was no longer going by that name and now was called the AAUW Funds coordinator. Jackie DeFazio who has filled this position in the past gave a brief overview of the responsibilities: write a paragraph in the newsletter that highlights the opportunities for individual giving to AAUW. It is important here to stress the legal advocacy fund that impacts working women.

Treasurer: It was mentioned that India Nishi, our treasurer, would be moving to Bellingham (but not before wrapping up our PWP donations). Liliya Tushinski, our VP-elect of Finance will be stepping up to finish India's year. India reviewed the treasurer's report and said that anyone wanting their own copy could email her for an electronic version.

Programs: Lynda Buehring presented an overview of upcoming programs. November would have a focus on veterans. Tracey Meck will be presenting her recent writings on her trip to Santiago de Compostela and her experiences in Afghanistan with the U.S. Air Force. Lynda also encouraged people to attend the upcoming Veteran's Dinner on November 10 at Camano Chapel. The dinner is free to veterans plus one guest. Mary Pilkington will have a table with her husband's artwork and his WWII experiences. Georgi will send out the information so that people can sign up for the dinner.

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Holiday Luncheon: The holiday luncheon will be Thursday, December 14 from noon until 2 or 3 p.m. Cost will be \$26.00/person. Please bring a checkbook to the November meeting to reserve and pay for your luncheon tickets. Guests are welcome and we will have access to the entire facility.

Day Trippers: Lynda also filled us in on upcoming Day Tripper outings. October 19 will be the Bow - Chuckanut-Fairhaven outing to visit a bakery, cheese factory and blueberry farm with lunch in Fairhaven. In November we are planning to attend a performance in Mt. Vernon highlighting diversity. That trip will be on a first come first served basis since seating is limited and seats are not assigned. For December, we have also been looking into a dinner at Crow Island Farms Restaurant. This is a highly rated restaurant that seats a maximum of 24 people. This would be for Sunday, December 17. We can bring our own alcoholic beverages and the cost would be about \$50.00/person for a five-course dinner.

Next Meeting: Our general meeting in November will be at the Camano Island Library.

Adjournment: Cheryl Gruger moved that our meeting be adjourned with Kaye Sodt seconding the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Mouton for Lesley Bentley, Secretary



Day Trippers Photo Gallery: October 19 Trip to Fairhaven District, Chuckanut Drive

Lynda Buehring



Outing Participants:

Lynda Buehring
Kathy Cunningham
Patty Pontikis
India Nishi
Joyce Leak
Janie Morgan
Norma Mouton
Joan Cresap
Mary Pilkington
Mary Chesney
Val Nelson
Helen Smith
Linda Lynn
Connie Carr

Guests:

Linda Demetre
Milly Norwood



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the greatest of virtues,
but the parent of all
others.
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