



June 2019

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



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**June 6th**

**Thursday**

**1:00 p.m.**

June Board Meeting  
Camano Library

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**June 23rd**

**Sunday**

**1:00 p.m.**

Scholarship Tea  
Stanwood-Camano Community  
Resource Center  
9612 271st NW  
Stanwood

*Presentation of the 2019  
Scholarship Winners, Election of  
Officers and Budget Vote  
See page 4 for Slate of Officers  
and proposed operating budget.*

Program information contact:  
Carol Kayler  
VP of Program



**It is that time of  
year again to  
renew your  
AAUW  
membership.**

Please send your check for \$93 made out to "AAUW - Stanwood-Camano" to our post office box:

AAUW, PO Box 2652,  
Stanwood, WA 98292.

Dues are due by June 30th so sending now helps the treasurer file promptly.

### Message from the President

*Leslie Gitomer*

Thanks to all members of AAUW Stanwood-Camano Branch for a wonderful year. Because of you and previous fundraising we were able to award the most scholarships, four, for college/graduate study to hard working women from our community. We were also able to award the most scholarships, eleven, for middle school girls to pursue their interest in the sciences and math at Washington State's week long AAUW Tech Trek camp.

I wanted to share that we have had great leadership and participation on the committees that select the recipients for our university and Tech Trek scholarships. Leading these committees has been enjoyable experience for myself, Anne Milton and Terry Benson, but we will not be continuing in a leadership role. I want to encourage anyone interested in serving on one of these committees or as a leader contact Mary Chesney. Anne, Terry and I are happy to coach the committee members and leaders going forward. These activities give you a chance to know the applicants first-hand and are so important to what we do as a local group.

We are also seeking interested members to support and expand some of our fundraising activities. This new committee would support activities such as grant writing, Stanwood-Camano Give and possibly working with local tech companies to request funds for middle school campers. The money to fund scholarships is raised by donations and fundraising activities. PWP goes a long way towards funding these activities, and I am looking forward to our auction in October. I want to thank that committee and its leaders, Lynda Buehring and Norma Mouton.

I hope to see you all at the Scholarship Tea on June 23. In addition to meeting our university scholarship award winners, we will be voting on the nominations for next year's president-elect, treasurer-elect, and secretary and on our operating budget that is funded by our local membership dues. Membership dues are payable now for the branch, state and national organizations. AAUW does research that provide the facts behind these issues. I encourage all members to visit the national website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). This month articles included "Women are hurt most by the Loan Crisis"; "Most Americans believe Pay Gap is due to Bias"; and "2019-2020 Fellowship and Grant awards."

Have a wonderful summer, and we will reunite again after June at the Autumn Picnic & BBQ.

### Scholarship Season Coming to a Close!

*Anne Milton*

Please join us at the annual Scholarship Tea on Sunday, June 23, 1:00 p.m. at the Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center. We will be congratulating the four scholarship winners and awarding each \$4,000 to help complete either their undergraduate or graduate studies.

We welcome goodies for the event. Please contact Helen Smith if you can bring something. This is a special event each year for our own branch members because it's so enjoyable and heart-warming to share these young women's accomplishments. See you there!

## Future Events

**September 5th**  
**Thursday**  
**1:00 p.m.**

September Board Meeting  
Camano Library

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**September 12th**  
**Thursday**  
**1:00 p.m.**

General Meeting  
Camano Island Library

Coast to the End of Summer  
with us at the

### **AAUW Picnic & BBQ**

**August 8th**

**Thursday**

**4:00 p.m.**

Camano Hills Picnic Shelter

We'll bask in the late  
afternoon sun, enjoy  
sumptuous goodies and  
maybe even play some  
games.

Remember, we barbeque so  
bring your own meat. Add a  
salad or dessert to share.  
Drinks and paper goods are  
provided.

Bring a folding chair and  
come ready to catch up with  
friends and have fun.

Spouses and Guests are  
welcome.



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

**[www.aauwsc.org](http://www.aauwsc.org)**

## PWP Tickets Update for October 5th Event!

*Cathlin Starke*

To Our Wonderful and Totally Amazing AAUW Members!!!

I don't want anyone to be disappointed, so am providing an update. As you know, tickets went on sale May 1. Right now, we have only 57 tickets left for this fundraising event (out of 176 tickets).

If you want a ticket, or tickets, please mail me a check for \$35 per ticket. I will process in the order checks are received and mail your tickets to you.

Contact Cathlin Starke to purchase your ticket(s).

I will also maintain a wait-list of those who wish tickets once we sell out, as we frequently have last minute changes.

Protection of your PII: **P**ersonally **I**dentifiable **I**nformation: your name, address, phone, and email. This year we are collecting this information from you and your guests at the time of their ticket purchase to expedite the check in and check out experience at our Purposes with Purpose event.

The Board reassures you that it will use this information for branch business only and will not share with other organizations with the exception of what is required to process your credit card purchases at the event. We are assured by the vendors that all information is encrypted then transferred and stored by a VISA subsidiary.

Thanks for all each of you do to support women and girls in our community!  
You are AWESOME!!!



## AAUW Funds Coordinator

*Mary Raymond*

As I have mentioned in previous articles, our branch donations to national AAUW's Education Fund contribute substantially to AAUW's mission so that a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and career opportunities. The Education Fund is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women. In the 2018-19 year AAUW is providing \$3.9 million for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations.

The Legal Advocacy Fund works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace with resources ranging from community outreach to the backing of major cases. Sex discrimination takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault and violations of Title IX which can affect both men and women. These are the issues our local contributions to the LAF help address.

I'm mentioning the above because I am hoping to encourage someone to take on the position of AAUW Funds Coordinator. This is a great opportunity for a new member to be a branch activity leader, attend Board meetings and become familiar with the national AAUW website. The only requirements are to write monthly articles for the newsletter throughout the year in order to keep members in-the-know about national happenings at AAUW Funds. All information is available on the national website. This position is a great way to step up and become more involved with AAUW without a significant time commitment.

Please consider increasing your involvement with our branch....you will not regret it! Please call me or Mary Chesney if you are interested.



## Your 2018-2019 Board

### President

Leslie Gitomer

### President-Elect

Mary Chesney

### VP of Finance

Nancy Voelckers

### VP of Finance-Elect

(open position)

### VP-Membership

Martha Huyler

### Membership Assistant \*

Georgi Proulx

### Secretary

Linda Lynn

### VP of Program

Carol Kayler

### Program Assistant \*

Helen Smith

### Public Policy

Cathlin Starke

### Communications

Georgi Proulx

\* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

## Activity Leaders

### Purses with Purpose 2019

Lynda Buehring

Norma Mouton

### High School STEM Scholars

Leslie Moore

### Scholarship Chair

Anne Milton

### Tech Trek Chair

Terry Benson

### Volunteer School Partners

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

### AAUW Funds Coordinator

Mary Raymond

### Candidate & Issues Forum

Elaine Richards

### Historian

Carolyn Spector

### Diversity

Linda Lynn

### 501(c)(3) Compliance

Jackie DeFazio

### Stanwood-Camano Give

Mary Raymond

### Title IX Liaison

Connie Carr

### Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

## Public Policy: Women Hurt Most

Cathlin Starke

By supporting our Purses with Purpose on October 5 and generously contributing and inviting others you know who want to actively support education of women and girls, this article below gives a clear picture of today's challenges.

When women take the stage to get their diplomas this spring, they'll be graduating to staggering debt. As of early 2019, women hold almost two-thirds (\$929 billion) of the country's \$1.46-trillion student debt, according to a new analysis of AAUW's report "Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans."

"Sadly, as women graduate, they are already at a significant financial disadvantage, with higher debt and lower pay in their first jobs than men," says Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW.

Meanwhile, the Class of '19 is the most racially and ethnically diverse US college student body ever — and women comprise a growing majority of students. Women earned 57% of bachelor's degrees in 2019.

"Despite all the advances women have made in education, they still face a pay gap from the moment they graduate," says Churches.

To address the crisis, join AAUW and call on lawmakers to:

- Safeguard and expand Pell Grants and other aid.
- Support efforts toward tuition-free and debt-free options for students.
- Help meet students' academic and financial needs, including affordable access to child care.
- Narrow the pay gap through equal-pay legislation at the local, state and federal levels.

How can you help? One way is to tell #5GradsYouKnow about AAUW's free Work Smart online salary-negotiation course, so they can enter the job market on strong financial footing.

Source: AAUW Newsletter

## Purses with Purpose Challenge

Lynda Buehring

We are doing great collecting purses for silent and live auction. We could really use more scarves and items to enhance the live auction purses.

Examples of "boost" items for live auction purses are dinners, art, getaways, and themed items.

All members are invited to our PWP Steering and Planning Committee meetings on June 18 and July 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Camano Library. We will also be categorizing purses on July 30 at Georgi Proulx's home beginning at 10:00 a.m. and can use some extra hands.

We will be collecting bottles of wine to accompany the live auction purses. Please bring your donation to the annual AAUW Picnic on August 8 at the Camano Hills Pavilion.

Thank you again for your generosity and support in helping to change the lives of others.

Have a great summer!



## 2019-2020 Operating Budget

Nancy Voelckers

Below is the Branch Operating Budget for 2019-2020 that will be presented to the membership for a vote of approval at our Annual Meeting and Scholarship Tea on June 23, 1:00 p.m. at the Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center. Please contact Nancy Voelckers, VP of Finance, with any questions you may have. Please review and come prepared to vote.

### AAUW - STANWOOD CAMANO 2019/2020 - OPERATING BUDGET

	2018/2019 Budget (approved)	2018/2019 Actual (thru 4/30/19)	2019/2020 Budget (proposed)
<b>Income</b>			
Branch Dues - 80 @ \$24	1,680.00	1,272.00	1,920.00
Holiday Luncheon - net	0.00	34.00	0.00
Operating Acct donation	0.00	59.01	0.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,680.00</b>	<b>1,365.01</b>	<b>1,920.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Accountant Fee	250.00	150.00	250.00
Annual Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00
Branch Programs	454.00	126.91	420.00
Branch Website 3 yr contract	50.00	287.64	100.00
Candidates Forum	25.00	22.50	25.00
Domain Name	16.00	0.00	0.00
Liability Insurance	525.00	522.00	525.00
Office - Sup, Box, Copies, postage	150.00	91.84	250.00
President's Conference	100.00	0.00	240.00
Women's Expo	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,680.00</b>	<b>1,310.89</b>	<b>1,920.00</b>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>54.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Slate of Officers for 2019-2020

Please review the slate of officers noted below for the 2019-2020 year and come prepared to vote at the Scholarship Tea on Sunday, June 23, 1:00 p.m. Please contact Leslie Gitomer if you are interested in filling the vacant leadership position as Public Policy Chair.



President:	Mary Chesney
President Elect:	Judy Prince
VP Finance:	Nancy Voelckers
VP Finance Elect:	Jackie-Lyn Olson
VP Program:	Carol Kayler (completing 2nd year)
Program Assistant:	Helen Smith (appointed position)
VP Membership:	Martha Huyler (completing 2nd year)
Membership Assistant:	Georgi Proulx (appointed position)
Secretary:	Linda Lynn (2 year term)



## Special Branch Activities

### Day Trippers

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

Lynda Buehring  
Mary Pilkington  
Patti Pontikis

### Movie Group

Join us for lunch and a movie. Suggestions welcome.

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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follow us then

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our visibility in  
the community.

### Public Policy

Go to:  
AAUW Washington to keep  
up with happenings in the  
current legislative session  
and to learn about areas  
for action.

[www.aauw-wa.org](http://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/)

## 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.



### June

WHAT: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towels

WHEN: Monday, June 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mary Pilkington's Home

*"In 1922 deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors." - Provided by publisher.*

### July

WHAT: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

WHEN: Monday, July 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Joyce Leak's Home

*Presents a true account of the early twentieth-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.*

### August

WHAT: The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa Sea

WHEN: Monday, August 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Nancy Robert's Home

*The story of a Chinese mother and her daughter, who has been adopted by an American couple, tracing the very different cultural factors that compel them to consume a rare native tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations.*

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

## Day Trippers: September 17, Learn Raku

Mary Pilkington

September 17, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. is a Day Tripper outing to Matkze Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park learning about the Raku process. RAKU (an ancient way of making pottery) is an easy and exciting art-making process. No prior experience is necessary.



Decorate a pre-made bowl and watch it fast-fired into a beautiful work of art as you wait. The process is quick, exciting, and, above all, FUN! You will go home with a beautiful bowl which you decorated. Mary Pilkington and other AAUW members have attended these workshops and highly recommend them.

Cost: \$54.35 (including tax) for a standard bowl (approx. 6" diameter), \$81.53 (including tax) for a larger bowl (approx. 8" diameter). If we have 18 people sign up, our group will make up the entire workshop. If less than 18 sign up, we will be in the workshop with other attendees.

If you are interested, please make out your check to MATKZE FINE ART GALLERY for either a standard bowl or larger bowl and mail it as soon as possible to Mary Pilkington. We must pay for the class to be registered. These classes are very popular, limited in size, and fill up quickly.

Carpools will be arranged from Terry's Corner.

## Meet Our Members

Judy Prince

Although Judy Prince is a new branch member she is not a newbie to AAUW. She is formerly a member of the Everett branch and is currently enjoying her term as AAUW-Washington President. You will find her name on our slate of officers for 2019-2020 as President-Elect.



Born in Waukegan, Illinois, Judy grew up in Chicago's northern suburbs on Lake Michigan. A graduate of Libertyville High School she shares, "Girls were encouraged to get as much education as they could. My mother believed that a girl should have the skills to support herself regardless of whether she had to do so. I'm fairly sure her mother had the same opinion, and her mother also raised her daughters with skills to make a living."

Judy graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota earning a BA in English Literature. She also holds a Masters Certificate in Project Management from Stevens Institute of Technology, a distance-learning degree paid for by the Boeing Company. I "started out in admin support positions with Baxter International in Deerfield, Illinois then moved to Mukilteo where I went to work for Boeing in similar positions. I took advantage of the Boeing education to get my masters and moved into project management."

She is divorced and has no children. "I live in central Everett near Evergreen Middle School and Cascade High School. I love to read and am a well-known patron of the Everett Public Library. I have traveled to Europe and throughout the United States visiting most every corner of Washington State."

"I have lived in Snohomish County for 40 years, mostly in Everett. I joined AAUW about 20 years ago finding a community of like-minded, interesting women. I served as Secretary and President of Everett Branch. During part of that time I completed some treasurer duties.

At the state level, I have been Secretary, Membership Director, and President.

In addition to the Stanwood-Camano branch I am a member of Edmonds Sno-King branch where I recently became a member of their foundation board.

For three years (before I was state president) I served as a Dorm Monitor for the PLU Tech Trek camp.

### **What would surprise us about you?**

I may be a senior citizen, but I love new technology. I use a smart phone with a GPS app that gets me anywhere I want to go.

### **What advice do you have for AAUW members?**

Participate in branch activities. You will work, but it will be fun (as long as you like meeting new people).

### **What advice do you have for girls today?**

Get the education required to get a family wage job. This does not have to be college. If you are interested in fields that require an associate degree, a certification, or an apprentice go with that.

## Consider Our Book Group

Book Group meets the first Monday of every month including the summer months. Members take turns hosting the group, bringing snacks, and preparing the study questions to direct the group's discussion about the book providing a bit history of the topic and/or the writer. Below are pictures of the May gathering at Lilija Tushinski's home to discuss Beartown written by Fredrik Backman. Consider joining us in the future.

Pictured from left to right are:



Martha Huyler, Nancy Voelckers, Kathy Cunningham, Helen Smith

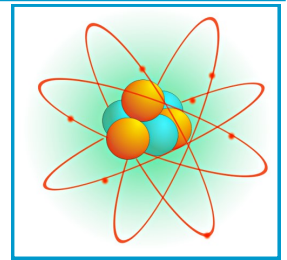


Joyce Leak, Lilija Tushinski, Terry Benson, Gay Campbell, Christa Baltsch, Katie Farrey, and Jackie DeFazio



## High School STEM Recognition

As a full crowd watched, High School STEM Scholar Recognitions were presented on Thursday, May 9. Helen Smith introduced and shared a little about each recipient's interests and goals. Michelle Totman, a GIS Specialist for the Tulalip Tribe's Natural Resources Department, gave an excellent presentation sharing how she found her calling and giving inspiration to the young scholars to strive to fulfill their dreams.



Recipients are listed below left to right:

Arlington HS: Carina Ableman, Tessa Kenney, Pearl McNally.

Lakewood HS: Haley Schoenbachler, Julia Williams, Rachel Magelsen, Rayne Rader

Stanwood HS: Arabella Terpening, Jetlynn Hau, Lindsey Hendrickson



## Tech Trek Campers Revealed

Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Trek Scholarship campers were revealed on May 9 during the High School STEM Scholar Recognition.

Winners are pictured here left to right: Top: Cassandra Mugleson (PS), Madison Hostetter (PS), Ashley Cartwright (H), Emilia Monty (S), Kyla Nekuda (S), Alyssa Acosta (P), and Saraiah Donnelson (P)

Bottom: Lexi Berry (PS), Gwen Guico (PS), Katana Karasti (PS) and Brooklyn Helle (P)

H—Haller MS, Arlington

PS—Port Susan MS, Stanwood

P—Post MS, Arlington

S—Stanwood MS, Stanwood



Saraiah Donnelson was awarded the Betty McCadden Memorial Scholarship. Pictured with Saraiah is Betty's son, Troy Twibill.



## Day Trippers Friday Harbor, May 30

Looking for adventure....and whatever comes our way....

The ladies below had just begun their quest to Friday Harbor ....first stop, American Camp. Ask them about their Day Tripper experiences at your next encounter.



Back row, left to right: Val Nelson, Robin Hanks (guest), Kelly Cavanaugh (guest), Linda Lynn, Kay Reed (guest), Donna Joudrey (guest), Jean Petroskie (guest), Lynda Buehring, Christa Baltsch

Front row, left to right: Clara P (guest), Millie Norwood (guest), Linda Demetre, Ellen Schufreider, Joyce Leak, Norma Mouton



## General Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2019

Our May AAUW meeting started with the annual High School STEM Scholar Recognition and reveal of the eleven 2019 Tech Trek campers. Many of the girls had family members present. Snacks and cakes were served, and tables were arranged to accommodate visitors and snacks. President Leslie Gitomer introduced the program.

**Call to Order:** President Leslie Gitomer called the general meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. After praising the night's program and the quality of the STEM scholars and Tech Trek girls, she told us that the one remaining general meeting this year will be the scholarship tea and election of officers on Sunday, June 23. After June, Mary Chesney will be our new President. Slate of Officers for 2019 are: President-elect— Judy Prince, and Treasurer-elect—Jackie-Lyn Olson. We still need a Public Policy chair.

**Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from member April 11 meeting: Cathlin Starke moved and Joyce Leak seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was carried.

**Finance:** Nancy Voelckers presented the monthly financial reports. We have \$50,067.44 as of the end of April, having received \$659.01 in income (\$600 dues and a \$59.01 donation) and expenses totaling \$1322.17 (for Branch Programs, Liability Insurance, Office Supplies, and \$950 for Tech Trek).

**Purses with Purpose:** Lynda Buehring reported that we now have at least 200 purses for the silent auction, 30 or more for the live auction, and enough glass purses. Volunteers have been stepping up to fill the open positions. There will be two raffles at the event: one for a Kauai trip and another for a crafter's quilt. Past member India Nishi contributed 2 Seahawks tickets. Cathlin reported that more than 50% of the tickets are sold, and she will maintain a waitlist. All are welcome at the future steering committee meetings which will be held May 21, June 18, and July 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Camano Library.

**Programs:** The June meeting, Scholarship Tea and Election of Officers, will be held at the Stanwood Camano Resource Center on Sunday, June 23, at 1:00 p.m. There will be cake and snacks. The annual picnic will be held at Camano Hills on August 8 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.; spouses and guests are welcome.

**Membership:** Annual dues are now payable. Under the "Shape the Future" plan, National tracks our membership numbers and is waiving the national dues for three members this year. There are no rigid criteria for this honor; if you would like to nominate anyone, please send an email to Martha.

**Scholarships:** Deadline for submitting applications and supporting documentation is May 15. Anne Milton reported that we have received seven applications. Four recipients will be chosen and honored at the June 23 Scholarship Tea at the Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center.

**Public Policy:** The Equal Pay Act passed the house.

Norma Mouton moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., and Cathlin seconded. The motion was carried.

Respectively submitted,  
Lynda Lynn, Secretary



Some of the best memories  
are made in flip flops.  
~Kellie Elmore