



# Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

## In Touch

November 2019

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx


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**November 7th**  
**Thursday**  
**1:00 p.m.**

November Board Meeting  
 Camano Library

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**November 14th**  
**Thursday**  
**1:00 p.m.**

General Meeting  
 Camano Island Library

*Mary Knight, Writer/Filmmaker/  
 Retired Social Worker, will present  
 the topic of human trafficking of  
 adults and children.*

*Bring your checkbook to purchase  
 your \$26 ticket for the  
 December 12 Holiday Luncheon.  
 Tickets must be purchased by  
 November 25.*

Program information contact:

Carol Kayler  
 VP of Program



### Message from the President

Mary Chesney

It's November, the month where we traditionally give thanks for all we have. So let me be the first to list things I am thankful for:

- My family and friends.
- Being the president of the Stanwood/Camano Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for this year.
- All the wonderful men and women who stepped forward to make the Purses with Purpose the most successful event in our Branches history (you will hear more from the organizers).
- Being able to travel the world, learning not about the differences between people in other countries but the commonalities.
- Living in a country where I am free to speak my conscience on whatever topic I believe is important and follow it with my vote.

Given our right to freedom of speech, remember to vote. This seemingly simple act is the most powerful way to make a difference. Never sit back, fearful to speak out against the majority. Your *no* followed by your *why* can make a difference. Each of us has the power to persuade in groups large and small. Your comments can change minds and make a difference because you presented a point of view others had not considered.

And lest I forget, our **November meeting is the first one to be available via Skype**. The topic is very important in this age of #MeToo and #TimesUp. If you have a Skype account and would like to attend, send me an email at [mchesney47@gmail.com](mailto:mchesney47@gmail.com). I will watch for your account that day and enable you to virtually attend the meeting. If a vote takes place during the general meeting, you will be able to cast your vote using the comment option. The directions to set up a Skype account and how to log into our AAUW account can be found at this link. [https://1drv.ms/w/s!AugFPuCW5Sjtq4Mo\\_DqgBFW-AyM28g](https://1drv.ms/w/s!AugFPuCW5Sjtq4Mo_DqgBFW-AyM28g).

### November: Mary Knight, Human Trafficking

Carol Kayler

Please join us on Thursday, November 14 at the Camano Library 1:00 p.m. for a presentation by Mary Knight, writer, filmmaker, and retired social worker, on the topic of human trafficking of adults and children. Although many of us may be aware that this situation exists, we may never have met someone who lived through the experience.



Mary Knight is a survivor and will be speaking about the long-term effects on a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. She will also discuss the signs people should watch for that could alert them to offer help to a survivor, statements that are helpful to say to a survivor, and what things we as a community can do to help survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

This program is open to the public. No Social Half Hour for November; Social Half Hour will resume in January.

## Future Events

**December 5th**

**Thursday**

**1:00 p.m.**

December Board Meeting  
Camano Library

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**December 12th**

**Thursday**

**12:00-3:00 p.m.**

Holiday Party  
Cama Beach Cafe  
Cama Beach State Park

**\$26 due before  
November 25**

Guests interested in joining  
AAUW are welcome

### 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/)



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

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

## Candidate & Issues Forum: October 16

*Elaine Richards*

I would like to thank our AAUW branch members for their participation in this year's Candidate Forum. It was a big success and we are receiving compliments from attendees and candidates alike.

The estimate is that we had approximately 100 individuals in attendance. Offering the community voter information is an important role of our branch as we prize education as a core value. I am grateful to those of you who showed up to help with set-up, membership information, cookies distribution (they were exceptional and much appreciated), and pick up of audience questions, and/or your attendance.

Jackie DeFazio and Cathlin Stark played pivotal roles in this year's success and demonstrated a professional approach and organization for which we should be proud. The Stanwood Middle School, particularly its Principal and Janitor, provided an excellent, well organized venue on a rainy night and the co-sponsorship with the Stanwood Camano News is always appreciated."



## Pay Equity & Your Right to Vote

*Mary Chesney*

Being brave and sticking out her neck is something Megan Rapinoe, the leading player for the winning United States Soccer Team, has been doing with the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). Even though many continue to believe girls should sit down and be quiet about the "generosity" they receive in pay, Megan isn't afraid to stand up and point out the discrepancies.

According to an October 18 article by Melissa Murphy of the Associated Press the women earned \$4 million for winning the World Cup while the men earned \$38 million. (<https://www.apnews.com/ae1ac46aa0c044cdba8181a8dd0f33b2>)

FIFA said they are going to raise the reward for all winning women teams from \$30 million to \$60 million while the men received \$400 million in 2018. Oh, and I failed to mention the raise for the women doesn't take place until 2023. FIFA states the lower payout is because of attendance.

According to Soccer Stadium Digest men averaged about 24,500 per game this year, a 3 percent decline from 2018.

(<https://soccerstadiumdigest.com/2019-mls-attendance/>)

Soccer Stadium Digest (<https://soccerstadiumdigest.com/2019-nwsl-attendance/>) stated the average attendance for women's games this year was 12,000, a 22 percent increase from the previous year. I am not a mathematician but if the attendance at women's games is approximately 50 percent of the men's, at a minimum shouldn't their wages reflect the same? How does \$60 million equal half of \$400 million?

I am sharing this continuing example of unfair pay with you so you will keep it in mind as you go to the polls. No matter what the race, having people on boards or councils in villages, towns, and cities who understand that equality must apply to all does make a difference.

Fair is fair and the shallow excuses for discrimination must end.



## Your 2019-2020 Board

### President

Mary Chesney

### President-Elect

Judy Prince

### VP of Finance

Nancy Voelckers

### VP of Finance-Elect

Jackie-Lyn Olson

### VP-Membership

Martha Huyler

### Membership Assistant \*

Georgi Proulx

### Secretary

Linda Lynn

### VP of Program

Carol Kayler

### Program Assistant \*

Helen Smith

### Public Policy

(open position)

### 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

(open position)

### Tech Trek Chair

Judy Prince

### Volunteer School Partners

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

### Grant Committee

Norma Mouton

### AAUW Funds Coordinator

Jackie DeFazio

### Candidate & Issues Forum

Elaine Richards

### Historian

Carolyn Spector

### Diversity

Linda Lynn

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Jackie DeFazio

### Stanwood-Camano Give

Terry Benson

### Title IX Liaison

Jackie-Lyn Olson

### Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

## AAUW Funds

Jackie DeFazio

Supporting AAUW's Mission through PWP

In the afterglow of the great success of this year's *Purses with Purpose* event, it's important to take some time to reflect on how this branch's contribution to AAUW's National Funds can best support both AAUW's mission and our own goals in working to raise those dollars. A majority of the funds, of course, will stay right here in our own community, providing scholarships and Tech Trek grants to local women and girls. In addition, the branch will contribute to AAUW's national funds to address gender equity at large.

Currently, AAUW Funds emphasize support for the three pillars of the AAUW Strategic Plan as you will see by the titles of the funds. Each fund provides needed dollars to program and policy initiative necessary to accomplish AAUW's mission of achieving gender equity for all women and girls. As we approach the time to designate the areas branch funds will support, it seems appropriate to review the options.

The **Education and Training Fund** addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination. Important programs funded by this fund include STEM, Title IX, AAUW's Fellowships and Grants, and AAUW Research initiatives.

The **Economic Security Fund** ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life. Programs funded include Start Smart, Work Smart, and the Legal Advocacy Fund (which offers support against sex discrimination and harassment in higher education and the workplace. This includes personal support during a trial, community outreach and funding amicus briefs to support a case.)

The **Leadership Fund** is aimed at increasing the number of women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

Finally, the **AAUW Greatest Need Fund** allows the national organization to use the money in the areas deemed most important to the strength, relevance, and vitality of AAUW into the future.



## Purses with Purpose: How'd We Do?

Purses with Purpose Benefit Luncheon and Auction held on October 5 was the best one yet. This would have not been possible without the contributions of so many members, businesses, and the community. Donors of purses and certificates, our organizers, and support volunteers spending hours behind the scenes all impacted the success of this year's event.



Numbers are preliminary. Our treasurer, Nancy Voelckers, compiled the receipts and expenses and at this point our net income for the event (including the \$11,000 tribal grants) is \$52,332.07.

A more detailed report will be presented when the final numbers are available. The board will review and present a Scholarship Budget for membership approval at the January 9, 2020 general meeting.

Well done all!!

## 1935—Branch Beginnings

*Carolyn Spector*

The Stanwood-Camano Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) began as the Arlington Branch of AAUW, with an organizational meeting in December 1935. AAUW members from Seattle met with the group in January 1936 to explain more about the history and purpose of AAUW. There were 16 charter members at the first formal meeting of the group in April 1936. We'll be profiling these and other early leaders of our branch in future newsletters, but a general overview of the founding members reveals that 12 of the 16 were teachers; they ranged in age from 22 to 50. Their degrees and fields of teaching ranged from science to economics, English to liberal arts, commercial education to social science to mathematics. These were active women and involved in their schools and later in communities.



First, of course, they were all college educated women, which meant they were in a very small minority in the country. They came from families that not only had the means to educate their daughters, but also the belief that women could and should obtain college degrees. All born before women had right to vote in national elections (1919). Most would have remembered WWI. All would have remembered the October 1929 stock market crash; all experienced the worst of the Great Depression.

They were living through rapidly changing and often tumultuous times. They shared the ability to support themselves by virtue of their education, at a time when many people lacked the education or skills to do so. We can only surmise why they decided to form this branch when they did. Georgia Harris, one of the founders, later wrote: "Desire of women of similar experiences and training to get together for study and discussion as well as for social reasons, brought about the formation of the Branch in Arlington." The first impetus was self-education and meaningful relationships with other educated women in the community; it wasn't until later that the branch began actively supporting local women and girls' education. The first year was, in the words of Georgia Harris again, "spent largely in studying history, purposes and accomplishments of AAUW. History of education of women in general was also studied."

## Stanwood Camano Give on Giving Tuesday

*Mary Raymond*

Tuesday, December 3, is Giving Tuesday, and our community is joining the effort through the Stanwood Camano Give program, [www.SCGive.org](http://www.SCGive.org).



Our branch is participating again this year with the "Science & Technology Camp for Girls" project striving to raise \$1900 to send two girls entering 8th grade to Tech Trek next July.

Are YOU on Facebook? If you are, please "like" our "Stanwood Camano AAUW" branch page to follow us then "share" so your friends can learn about our project too. If you are not a "friend" of our page please use the link below to visit and begin:

[www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw](https://www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw)

There will be promotions throughout November publicizing our project. We are asking all members to support this effort by sharing our Facebook post promotions beginning November 1 through December 3. We have 85 members and only 14 follow our page and share our news and promotions; we can do better than this.

Friends from around the world can participate so please share, share, share...

## Spread the Word—Prospective Members

*Martha Huyler*

Invite prospective members to our informative November meeting and/or bring them to our Holiday Party on December 12. The Holiday Party is always an enjoyable event.

Also share this newsletter to showcase the many ways our members work together to promote AAUW values.

Like our branch founders, we foster self-education and meaningful relationships through our meetings, book group and day trippers while also actively supporting women and girls' education.



## Meet Our Members

*Bonnie Cavell*

Born in Minneapolis, MN with farming parents from a small South Dakota farming community, Bonnie came to idolize her older brother in her younger years and of course loves dearly to this day. Their childhood was spent primarily in South Minneapolis suburb of Richfield moving when she was five then five years later having a second brother who "I practically raised because he was born as I was outgrowing dolls." Her sister was born three years later; "yes, my parents rather had three families! I doted on the two younger siblings through high school years."



"Most significant in my education was my desire to continue with parochial school after 8th grade which found me in all-girl institutions of learning for the next 8 years. I felt empowered by my single gender education because it afforded an opportunity for independence in an era where girls were still restricted by encouraging feminine pursuits. It also leveled the playing field of economic stratus with mandatory uniforms in high school."

Selecting a college major, in Bonnie's middle class situation, truly only offered nursing or teaching even though accounting or veterinary medicine would have been her preference. "I graduated from the college of Saint Theresa in Winona, MN, although I spent my last semester at Saint Katherine's College in Saint Paul (CST) due to finances and having the opportunity to live at home. CST offered a five year program for nurses which allowed me to earn a BS degree with a nursing major and I had a psych minor. My intent was to get a masters in pediatric psychology but my 'master' became my husband. Continuing education course in various areas of nursing as well as having a business repairing windshields and acquiring a real estate license kept me stimulated."

Bonnie was a pioneer in Emergency Medicine for many years, establishing a branch of Emergency Room Nurses in both Washington and Minnesota as well as creating a program called MtScene which enabled rural Montana hospitals to transport critical patients with uniform descriptions of symptoms as well as measures that first responders could take to make a difference in patient outcome. Public education, both in the ER and in the community also gave her an opportunity to share her education with others. "Although I took a break from medicine to pursue other interests, I always returned to nursing primarily in critical care areas and eventually in managerial positions. I was fortunate to retire in the mid 90's as the shake up in health care was in its infancy. I held licenses in Minnesota, Washington, Montana, California, Nevada and Kansas, working in all states except California."

"Obviously, I have moved frequently in my early adult years but have been blessed to find 'home' on Camano Island for the past 23 years. No children for either my husband or myself (second marriage) but we consider our two standard poodles our family."

"I am a 'fixer' of things having owned 14 apartments in the late 60's early 70's, and, as I tease my husband I say, I brought more tools into our union than he did. We have been fortunate to travel for years until age has slowed us a bit, and I now occupy my time reading, playing bridge, caring for my family, enjoying friends and family (all of whom reside in Minnesota to this day), attending plays and the Met opera via satellite, working outdoors, contributing to our community and currently living that double life of 'seasonal' people having a winter home in Arizona."

"Our favorite destination is Italy with New Zealand coming in second, and we have been to each several times. My trip of a lifetime was our African vacation. Other European countries and India and China are also on our passport."

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

*I was an accomplished motorcycle rider as well as a keen shot and, although I got my deer and gutted her, once is more than enough for that.*

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

*Continue the great work*

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

*Be all you can be!*

## 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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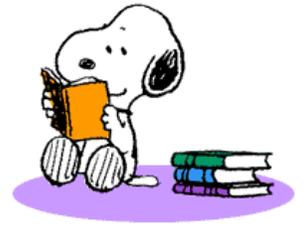
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**SHARE** to increase  
our visibility in  
the community.

## 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: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders

WHEN: Monday, November 4, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Thea Wellington's Home

*Set over the course of that one night and populated by ghosts of the recently passed and the long dead, Lincoln in the Bardo is a thrilling exploration of death, grief, the powers of good and evil, a novel - in its form and voice - completely unlike anything you have read before. It is also, in the end, an exploration of the deeper meaning and possibilities of life, written as only George Saunders can: with humor, pathos, and grace. On February 22, 1862, two days after his death, Willie Lincoln was laid to rest in a marble crypt in a Georgetown cemetery. That very night, shattered by grief, Abraham Lincoln arrives at the cemetery under cover of darkness and visits the crypt, alone, to spend time with his son's body. Willie finds himself in a strange purgatory-- the bardo-- where ghosts commiserate quarrel, and enact bizarre acts of penance and where a struggle erupts over his soul.*

### December

WHAT: The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

WHEN: Monday, December 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Martha Huyler's Home

*The Great Gatsby: This quintessential novel of the Jazz Age has been acclaimed by generations of readers. The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, of lavish parties on Long Island at a time when The New York Times noted "gin was the national drink and sex the national obsession," it is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.-- Provided by publisher.*

*Rebecca: The second Mrs. Maxim de Winter recalls the chilling events that transpired as she began her new life as the young bride of a husband she barely knew. For in every corner of every room were phantoms of a time dead but not forgotten--a past devotedly preserved by the sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. With an eerie presentiment of evil tightening her heart, the second Mrs. de Winter walked in the shadow of her mysterious predecessor, determined to uncover the darkest secrets and shattering truths about Maxim's first wife--the late and hauntingly beautiful Rebecca.--Provided by publisher*

### January

WHAT: The Island of the Sea Women by Lisa See

WHEN: Monday, January 6, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Jackie DeFazio's Home

*The Island of Sea Women is an epoch set over many decades, beginning during a period of Japanese colonialism in the 1930s and 1940s, followed by World War II, the Korean War and its aftermath, through the era of cell phones and wet suits for the women divers. This beautiful, thoughtful novel illuminates a world turned upside down, one where the women are in charge, engaging in dangerous physical work, and the men take care of the children. A classic Lisa See story--one of women's friendships and the larger forces that shape them--The Island of Sea Women introduces readers to the fierce and unforgettable female divers of Jeju Island and the dramatic history that shaped their lives"-- Provided by publisher.*

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

## General Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2019

*Program: History of Our Branch Founders and Stanwood-Camano School District presentation on the February 11, 2020 school levy vote and progress on the high school construction.*

**Call to Order:** Vice President, Judy Prince, called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

**Minutes for September 12, 2019 Meeting.** Vote to approve minutes was not taken. Tabled to November 14.

**Purses with Purpose:** Georgi Proulx shared the preliminary figures processed by PB&J which were very good. Nancy Voelckers felt we at least did as well as in 2017 but probably better including the grants from the tribes. Event review meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of December.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Voelckers presented the financials for September. As of September 30, 2019 the balance in Operating and Scholarship accounts was \$36,939.87. Included in Nancy's report was a comparison report showing budget amounts to actual expenses. She explained how the scholarship funds are distributed to scholarships, Tech Trek and AAUW Funds and any proceeds from PWP must go to scholarship funds not operations. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report; motion approved.

**Program:** Carol Kayler announced the November 14 meeting will be Mary Knight, a survivor's point-of-view regarding human trafficking. December 12 is our Holiday Luncheon at the Cama Café; please sign up to help with the set up and tear down for this event.

**Good of the Order:** Cathlin Starke asked for members to consider joining the Friends of the Camano Island Library. Membership drive goes through October. They have quarterly meetings.

**Candidate Forum:** Elaine Richards shared the Candidate Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. at Stanwood Middle School. She has received participation confirmations from 21 candidates. Jackie DeFazio will act as facilitator, and Cathlin Starke will organize the questions. Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. to help with set up.

**Adjournment:** Kaye Sodt moved to adjourn the meeting; Elaine Richards seconded; motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx

For Linda Lynn, Secretary



Vegetables are a must on a diet.  
I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and  
pumpkin pie.

~Jim Davis

Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

**Purses with Purpose Photos of the Day**

Photographer: Martha Huyler



Lynda Buehring, Norma Mouton  
Linda Parker, Sue Jarvis, Lilija Tushinski, Guest  
Judy Prince, Alice Jackson, Nancy Leuschel



**Purses with Purpose Photos of the Day**

*Photographer: Martha Huyler*



Karen VanLier, Terry Benson, Jeryl McDonald  
Janet St. Clair, Mary Chesney  
Joan Pang, Jo English, May Palmer, Nancy Roberts

