

# Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

## In Touch

February 2020

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



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### February 6th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

February Board Meeting  
Camano Library

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### February 13th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting  
Camano Library

*Program: Shaina Holbeck, President of Stanwood Chamber of Commerce, will discuss her role with the Chamber, women-owned businesses and how that is translating into women in local leadership, as well as share her knowledge of local developing real estate trends for Stanwood, Camano and Arlington and the shifting demographics.*

*This is a "Shape the Future" event and open to the public.*

Program contact:  
Carol Kayler  
VP of Program



### Message from the President

Mary Chesney

February is the month of lovers (Valentines Day) and one month closer to spring. As we anticipate returning to warmer weather, we also need to begin anticipating preparation for future activities. These include identifying members who would be willing to serve on the Board, members who will help with identifying scholarship recipients, and members who are willing to help with Tech Trek including serving as a Dorm Mom for a week at the camp held at PLU. Do not be surprised if you get a phone call or email from someone asking you to help. We all know everyone has many things they enjoy doing and might feel taking on any active role in the Branch only adds to more stress. Let me reassure you, that isn't the case, and I am a prime example.

As I write this February newsletter article (and the one for March), I will be many thousands of miles from home, enjoying the warmth and sunshine of the tropics. With the use of Skype, board members are not captive to home. As you may know, I attended Purses With Purpose meetings, the last General Meeting, and many board meetings last year and this using Skype. When I was asked to be President-elect, the first thing I said was I'm gone a lot and was reassured that would not be a barrier since my travel bug was common in the group. To date, it has not created any issues of which I am aware. As a matter of fact, it has been said it seems like I am in the room when on Skype.

Please consider offering your time and talent to the board. New members could be the spark in the room we always need. If the board consists only of members who have been involved for years, we will just keep repeating ourselves. You might have an idea that will help us continue being successful.

Happy Valentines Day. Remember to give a hug to those dear to you.

P.S. below is the link to help you attend general meetings or Board meetings from home, wherever that may be.

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### Lobby Day Report: January 27

Judy Prince

Norma Mouton, Lynda Buehring and I joined 50 other AAUW Washington members for this year's Lobby Day in Olympia. Speakers included Steve Breaux, lobbyist for Planned Parenthood. Steve shared talking points about the Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, SB5395 and HB2184 that requires age appropriate instruction with emphasis on good/bad touching, protection from sexual predators at the younger ages and more emphasis on personal safety for the older students.

Karen Anderson, Washington Public Policy director, gave us talking points on all the bills that AAUW Washington is following or that members may wish to support in conversation with their legislators. Pam Crone, AAUW lobbyist, explained where bills are in the legislative process. Later in the day attendees were invited to meet with their legislators.



## Future Events

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

March Board Meeting  
Camano Library

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**March 12th**  
**Thursday**  
**12:30 p.m.**

Social Half Hour  
**1:00 p.m.**

General Meeting  
Camano Library

*Program: Maureen Stanton  
Title IX Coordinator at the  
high school level. She is the  
Director of Human Services  
for Stanwood Camano  
School District.*

### 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)

## February 1: Scholarship Season is Upon Us

*Marianne McGarry-Bloom*

February 1 marked the opening of our branch 2020 scholarship season offering four \$4,000 scholarships. We are thankful to the community for the successful PWP 2019 revenues and individual donations to our branch that continue to come in.

Included with this newsletter is the 2020 application highlighting the eligibility, criteria, and listing of application requirements. We encourage you to share with friends, colleagues and neighbors as we hope to increase our candidate pool. What differentiates our branch from other organizations is our focus on students entering at least their junior year of college or a master's level program where the greatest need for financial/support assistance peaks.

Due to our 501c3 status mandates, we cannot allow direct family members of our AAUW branch to apply.

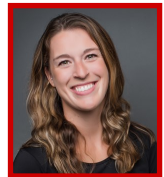
The 2020 application and qualifications will be found on our own [www.aauwsc.org/scholarship](http://www.aauwsc.org/scholarship). This site will be linked to the state scholarship umbrella at [www.washboard.org](http://www.washboard.org). The application deadline is Friday, May 1, 2020.



## February 13th: Shaina Holbeck

*Carol Kayler*

Shaina Holbeck, ReMax Realtor and President of Stanwood Chamber of Commerce, will discuss her role with the Chamber, women-owned businesses and how that is translating into women in local leadership, as well as share her knowledge of local developing real estate trends for Stanwood, Camano and Arlington and the shifting demographics.



This is a "Shape the Future" event and open to the public. If your guest joins at the meeting National dues is reduced by half. Join us at the Camano Library 1:00 p.m.

## February 22: Day Tripper Utsalady Ladies Aid Valentine Tea



Utsalady Ladies Aid Valentine Tea  
Saturday, February 22, at 12 Noon

Tickets are \$25

Lynda Buehring has purchased a table of 8; please contact her to purchase your ticket.

## Working in Partnership for Gender Equity

*Jackie DeFazio*

As we in Stanwood-Camano AAUW work hard to raise money to fund local scholarships for young women, award Tech Trek grants to rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and contribute to AAUW funds nationally, it is reaffirming to know that the work of our national organization has also attracted funding from outside sources. Indeed, in 2019, AAUW received the largest corporate gift in AAUW history-\$500,000 from The Coca-Cola Foundation.

These funds enabled AAUW to train more than 102,000 women in salary-negotiation skills in 2019 through the Work Smart and Start Smart programs. In addition, AAUW was able to implement **Empower**, AAUW's new leadership development and networking event in cities around the country. Empower is designed to help women explore their own leadership journeys.

In addition to The Coca Cola Foundation, AAUW is proud to partner with many other organizations, including alliantgroup, Arconic Foundation, BAE Systems, GEICO, IE University, Junior League of Wichita, LinkedIn, Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle, Morgan Stanley, PPG Industries, Starbucks and the U.S. Secret Service, as we all work to further our organizational mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.



## **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 2021**

(open position)

### **High School STEM Scholars**

Leslie Moore

### **Scholarship Chair**

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

### **Tech Trek Chair**

Judy Prince

### **Art Education**

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

### **Grant Committee**

Norma Mouton

### **AAUW Funds Coordinator**

Jackie DeFazio

### **Candidate & Issues Forum**

Elaine Richards

### **Historian**

Carolyn Spector

### **Diversity**

Linda Lynn

### **501(c)(3) Compliance**

Jackie DeFazio

### **Stanwood-Camano Give**

Terry Benson

### **Title IX Liaison**

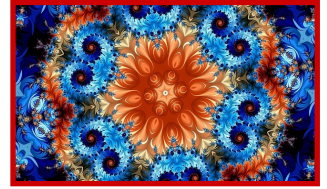
Jackie-Lyn Olson

### **Newsletter Team**

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

## **Membership Includes Leadership**

*Georgi Proulx*



Being a member of an organization is more than attending stimulating meetings, book group, going to the movies, fun outings, and fundraisers. In order for it to be a successful organization, strong leadership and *new blood* is absolutely necessary. Our Nominating Committee will soon begin contacting members to fulfill the four board positions available for 2020-2021. They are:

### **President-elect**

President-elect is a voting member of the Board and expected to attend Board meetings and regular meetings. This is a two year position: first year as President-elect; second year serves as President.

Traditionally, President-elect has been dedicated to learning the job of president before becoming president the following year. The Board recommended that beginning in 2020, the President-elect coordinate the continuity of policies and procedures, oversee all activity committees, gather and review end-of-the-year reports in June, and pass them along to the Historian. This will prepare the President-elect for her job as President. In 2019-20 the monthly time commitment for this position was 4 hours attending board and regular meetings.

### **Program Vice President**

This is an elected two year Board position carrying one vote. Program VP is expected to attend Board meetings and regular meetings. Monthly time commitment in addition to attending board and regular meetings is 3-4 hours that include arranging program and the location, setting up/taking down the social half hour and publicity.

Responsibilities include lining up interesting speakers to present at meetings, reserving the library or other meeting place each month, organizing the Holiday party in December and Picnic in August, and publicizing "open to the public" meetings in the local media. Program VP can accept the support of a Program Assistant if she chooses.

### **Membership Vice President**

Membership VP is two year Board position carrying one vote. Membership VP is expected to attend all Board meetings and regular meetings. The Membership VP recruits and selects a Membership Assistant to share duties, attend Board meetings and regular meetings, and vote in the absence of the VP. Time commitment per month in addition to attending meetings and special events is 5 hours.

Responsibilities are: Invite and welcome prospective members. Nurture new members making sure they are aware of opportunities within the organization. Bring nametags, literature and sign-in sheets to meetings. Assure all attendees are welcomed. Track attendance and follow up with non-participants.

Organize a New Members' Tea, chair branch participation Women's Day Expo, provide information table at Candidate Forum and assist in the Holiday Luncheon. Invite members to renew annually and reach out to those who chose not to renew.

### **Finance Vice President-elect**

Finance VP-elect is a voting member of the Board and expected to attend Board meetings and regular meetings. This is a two year position: first year as Finance VP-elect; second year serves as Finance VP. Monthly commitment in addition to board and regular meetings is 1-2 hours.

Finance VP-elect will shadow the Finance VP to learn the job and help where needed and make the financial report at Board meetings and general meetings in the absence of the Finance VP.

Please contact the current member in any of the above leadership positions and ask questions or come to the board meeting on February 6. Our branch needs YOU to be its BEST.

## Branch Beginnings: Four from Montana, Part 1

*Carolyn Spector*

Our branch of AAUW was formed in Arlington in 1936 by a group of 16 women. This is one of a series of articles profiling the women who founded our chapter.

**Estella Lucille Dyer** was born in Kalispell, Montana, on August 17, 1905, the only child of Avery and Myrtle Dyer. The 1910 census captures the family in Kalispell, Montana on April 18, and in Lewiston, Idaho on May 14. One census lists Avery's occupation as "none," while the other indicates "own income" for occupation. By 1920, the family had moved to Sedro Woolley, where her father's occupation was listed as "sanipractor" (a term used primarily in the Pacific Northwest to indicate drugless healing, akin to today's naturopath).

Estella attended the State College of Washington at Pullman. She was elected president of the "Community" Hall for one semester. In 1927, she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.



The 1930 census finds her in Seattle, teaching school. By 1935, she was teaching "Commercial Education" at Arlington High School, and was the Senior Eagle Coterie Advisor. The Eagle Coterie Club was made up of students majoring in commercial work, and espoused the ideals of friendship, honesty, efficiency and loyalty. Each year the club raised funds to provide something needed by the school's Commercial Department. During Estella's term as advisor, the Club presented an Interval Timer for timing speed tests.

The 1940 census finds Estella still teaching at Arlington High School in the Commercial Department and rooming with fellow AAUW founder Liv Meyers in Arlington.

In 1944, Estella was working as a Counselor at Mt Vernon High School. In August of that year, she married Tobey L. Henrichsen. The wedding took place in Vancouver, WA with fellow AAUW founder Lorraine Coy as witness.

Little can be found of Estella's life from that point on. The couple had one son, Tobey Henrichsen, a career Naval officer serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam retiring with the rank of Commander. Estella passed away in California on May 2, 1966, at the age of 60.

Was teaching typing and other business courses a satisfactory career for someone who earned a degree in Economics? During the time Estella was a member of AAUW, a wide variety of speakers were invited, and paid, to speak to the members. Perhaps the friendship of the other AAUW members, as well as the programs, provided her the mental stimulation that one imagines she craved.

*[photo courtesy of 1941 Mt Vernon WA High School Yearbook]*

## Joint State AAUW Regional Meeting in Vancouver, WA

*AAUW-WA Facebook Post*

Reserve April 17-19, 2020 on your calendar. This will be a record breaking important regional meeting inviting AAUW members from Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii. We are also inviting AAUW members from across the US. The program team is already working on the events at the Heathman Lodge.

We will recognize the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage at Saturday's dinner. Bring your suffrage white to wear that evening. Judith Entwistle, Bellingham branch, has a terrific outfit that includes purple and gold as well as white. There will also be a program focused on women's history. Other speakers are still being negotiated.



<https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/2019/07/13/2020-multi-state-aauw-convention/>

### **SECRET WORD DRAWING CONTINUES**

Find the "secret" word in this newsletter to qualify for a drawing ticket at our February 13 meeting. You will write the article topic of the secret word's location on your drawing ticket at the meeting.

Guaranteed prize to the drawing winner.

Secret word is included in the cover email for this issue.

## 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

### 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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**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.



### February

WHAT: Becoming by Michelle Obama

WHEN: Monday, February 3, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Marianne McGarry-Bloom's Home

*In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. Michelle Obama describes the early years of her marriage as she struggles to balance her work and family with her husband's fast-moving political career. She takes us inside their private debate over whether he should make a run for the presidency and her subsequent role as a popular but oft-criticized figure during his campaign. [This book] takes us through modest Iowa kitchens and ballrooms at Buckingham Palace, through moments of heart-stopping grief and profound resilience, bringing us deep into the soul of a singular, groundbreaking figure in history as she strives to live authentically, marshaling her personal strength and voice in service of a set of higher ideals. In telling her story with honesty and boldness, she issues a challenge to the rest of us: Who are we and who do we want to become?--Dust jacket.*

### March

WHAT: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

WHEN: Monday, March 2, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Terry Benson's Home

*In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned - from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. Enter Mia Warren - an enigmatic artist and single mother - who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community. Little Fires Everywhere explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood - and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster--Provided by Publisher*

### April

WHAT: The Library Book by Susan Orlean

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

WHERE: Trish Coan's Home

*Susan Orlean reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history and delivers a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution--our libraries. She chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity; brings each department of the library to vivid life through on-the-ground reporting; studies arson attempts to burn a copy of a book herself; reflects on her own experiences in libraries; and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago"-- Provided by publisher.*

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

## Day Trippers: March 21, Bellingham AAUW Tea & Fashion Show

Lynda Buehring

MARCH 21, 2020, Saturday, is an outing to Bellingham for an AFTERNOON TEA AND VINTAGE FASHION SHOW celebrating the ratification of the 19th Amendment and the Women of Whatcom County, sponsored by the Bellingham AAUW Branch.

1:30 - 4:00 p.m. at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Cost is \$35.00. Tickets are available at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Proceeds from the event will go toward Bellingham AAUW branch scholarships for women attending local colleges and programs for Whatcom middle and high school girls excelling in STEM. There will be a raffle for gift baskets and a raffle for a "Susan B. Anthony Purse".

Email Mary Chesney to coordinate the purchase of a table.

## Day Tripper Memories: La Conner NW Quilt Museum, January 22, 2020

"Great Day of Fellowship and Fun" —Lynda Buehring



Left to right around the table:

Lynda Buehring, Diane Blair (guest), Thea Hanna (guest), Milly Norwood (guest), Clara Bryan (guest), Marianne McGarry-Bloom, Norma Mouton, Mary Ann Schradi



## Heart-felt Thank You

from Helen Smith

Helen Smith sends her deeply heart-felt thank you to the branch members and friends that brought sandwiches, cookies and fruit or helped with serving during the reception at the memorial for her husband, Jerry, on Friday, January 17.

Your support and kindness helped through a difficult time and is much appreciated by Helen and her family.

## Purses with Purpose in 2021?

Georgi Proulx

Historically, Purses with Purpose is well-received by our community raising more funds each time we host it growing on the improvements from the years before. It has proven a sure fire way for our guests to have a terrific time while giving to our worthy cause—our branch scholarship program.

Do you want our scholarship program to stay viable?

Do you want this event to happen in 2021?

If you do then we need you to participate in the leadership of this event now. Camano Center needs to be reserved and the auctioneer needs to be hired.

Share your opinion at the February 6 board meeting or speak with a previous chair of the event to inquire the scope of the job.

Without leadership this event will not happen, and our scholarship program is in jeopardy. Don't let our worthy cause go without funding.



## General Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2020

**Call to Order:** President-elect, Judy Prince, called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m. Prior to call to order and due to the illness of our program speaker, Judy shared the state-wide policy topics being considered for presentation to our state legislators on Lobby Day, January 27, in Olympia.

**Minutes:** November 15, 2019 Meeting – Carol Kayler motioned to approve minutes as printed in the December newsletter; Jackie DeFazio seconded; motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Voelckers presented the financials for December. As of December 31, 2019 the balance in Operating and Scholarship accounts was \$76,809.21. A total of \$1670 was received from SCAF for our participation in SC Give; an anonymous donation of \$330 helped us reach our goal of \$2000.

Scholarship Budget proposed by the Board was published in the January newsletter. Leslie Moore, High School STEM Recognition Chair, requested the budget increased to \$300 to allow \$25 per honoree gift. Terry Benson moved to approve the \$300; Norma Mouton seconded; motion passed. Martha Huyler moved to approve the scholarship budget as revised; Carol Kayler seconded; budget was approved.

**Programs:** Carol Kayler reported Janelle Mastain will reschedule for a future date. February 13 program will be Shaina Holbeck to discuss her role with the Chamber of Commerce and women in leadership.

**Day Trippers:** Lynda Buehring shared the upcoming Day Tripper outings for the remainder of this year:

MARCH 21, 2020, Saturday, Bellingham AAUW branch's Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show celebrating the ratification of the 19th Amendment and the Women of Whatcom County.

APRIL, 2020 will be a trip to Seattle to see the Georgia O'Keeffe Exhibit at the Seattle Art Museum.

MAY 21, 2020, Thursday, Marianne McGarry-Bloom's encore presentation of "Songs and Poetry of War and Peace" at the historic Camano Schoolhouse.

**Guest:** Darlene Dubay was introduced. She also was a guest at our Holiday Luncheon.

**New Business: Document Retention:** Carolyn Spector explained that the Board has established a committee to evaluate and prepare a document retention policy covering Branch legal, financial and historical documents. Georgi Proulx, Nancy Voelckers and Carolyn are part of this committee; 2-3 additional members are needed to volunteer.

**Nominating Committee:** Judy is calling for a nominating committee to prepare the slate of officers for election in June. Leadership will reach out to members, and there will be an email to the membership sharing the positions that need nominees with a brief description of the job requirements and a timeline for response.

**Tech Trek:** Judy needs one or two members to join the Tech Trek interview team. She and Mary Chesney will begin interviewing candidates and their parents at the four middle schools in February. Selections must be made before March 1.

**Joint State Convention** will be April 17-19 in Vancouver, WA. Kim Churches, National AAUW President, will be the Friday night presenter. Save the dates; more information to come.

**Old Business: Purses with Purpose 2021:** Georgi Proulx reported that Camano Center is available October 2 and 9, 2021 and so is auctioneer, Kevin Van Hollebeke. Decision to lock in one of these dates will be decided at the February 6 board meeting. The event needs leadership. Georgi shared a 4 chair proposal to lead the event suggesting a team of four in the following areas: venue, purses, auction, and volunteers; Georgi is available to chair the auction portion of the event; leadership is needed for venue, purses and volunteer. Without leadership this event will not happen. Send your inquiries to Georgi.

**Announcements:** Movie Group will meet on Wednesday, January 15, at Stanwood Cinema to watch the 1:10 p.m. showing of *Little Women*. If you want to join us for lunch at 12 noon you are welcome.

**Newsletter Secret Word** drawing was initiated; find the secret word in the newsletter for eligibility in the drawing. Our first winner was Julie Maxwell; her prize was a loaf of home-baked banana bread.

**Adjournment:** Norma Mouton moved to adjourn the meeting; Carol Kayler seconded; motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Georgi Proulx  
for Linda Lynn, Secretary

