

In Touch

March 2020

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



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March 5th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

March Board Meeting
Camano Library

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 and will discuss the efforts the school district has taken to comply with Title IX.

Program contact:
Carol Kayler
VP of Program



Message from the President

Mary Chesney

As I was thinking about what to write for this month's newsletter, I looked at past president's comments in March. Our previous president, Leslie Gitomer, wrote about equal pay. During a strike in 2000 she learned that she was paid, as a Boeing engineer with many years of experience, much less than her male colleagues with a similar work history. It spurred her on to work toward having her pay increased to that of the men. The sad part is it took six years of working much harder than any other comparable colleague, to make such a strong case, her request could not be denied.

The fight for equal rights has been going on since the 1800's and the solution is long overdue. Recently the state of Virginia passed the Equal Rights amendment, making it the 38th state to do so, the minimum number to amend the constitution. If the amendment will be added to the constitution is a bit questionable. Three states, Alabama, South Dakota, and Louisiana have filed a lawsuit to block the archivist of the United States from adding the ERA to the constitution. Visit link below:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/01/15/796754345/virginia-ratifies-the-equal-rights-amendment-decades-after-deadline>

The basis of the suit is that the deadline to pass the amendment happened in 1982. We can only hope that because of how the date was written into the legislation for the amendment, there might be a chance to have it accepted. In case you do not recall what the amendment covers, it includes protections on divorce, the ownership of property and employment no matter the persons gender. Had it been in place when Leslie was working, she would not have faced taking on the work of two people to prove she was worth the same pay as one man.

I had hoped we could form a group for Bellingham's event to mark the ratification of the 19th amendment in March. However, in checking their site, I learned all the tickets are sold. As the saying goes, the early bird gets the worm.

Remember, you can attend the general meetings using Skype. Taking care of family is no longer a barrier to attending as is travel. Here is the link to help you join the meeting no matter where you are.

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!AugFPuCW5Sjtq7EQp4ofgMS6TASijQ?e=fc0jbl>

Future Events

April 2nd

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

April Board Meeting
Home of Georgi Proulx

April 9th

Thursday

6:30 p.m.

General Meeting
Dusty Cellars Winery
Camano Island

Enjoy a nice glass of wine with friends while Dusty shares how she got started with the winery, what it took to make her dream a reality, and what sets Dusty Cellars apart as an award winning winery out of the 1000+ in Washington.

Husbands and friends are invited.

April 17-19th

Joint State AAUW Meeting
Vancouver, WA

April 25th

Saturday

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Women's Expo
Camano Center
Volunteers Needed

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

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

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>

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

www.aauwsc.org

Equity for All - AAUW's Legacy Challenged and Reaffirmed

Jackie DeFazio

As we move into March and a celebration of women's history on the heels of Black History month, let me introduce you, courtesy of AAUW's archives, to Mary Church Terrell, one of the first African American women to earn a college degree. She attended Oberlin College, receiving her bachelor's degree in 1884 and her master's degree in 1888.



After earning her degrees, Ms. Church moved to Washington, D.C., where she met and married Robert Herberton Terrell, the District's first African American municipal court judge. Her accomplishments there included serving on the D.C. Board of Education from 1895-1906 and being one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

In 1946, Terrell was invited to join the AAUW Washington (DC) Branch, an invitation that caused a sharp division in the branch when some members opposed her admittance because she was African American. The irony is that Terrell was once a national member of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA) and AAUW; her name is listed in a directory from 1905-06. And according to some of AAUW's archives, she was also a former member of the Washington branch — the same branch that in 1946 was resisting her membership.

The national leaders of AAUW ordered the branch to accept Terrell's application for membership or be dissolved, because AAUW had never explicitly excluded women based on race in its membership criteria or bylaws. In 1948 the branch sued AAUW in district court and won. AAUW appealed the court's decision but lost. With this controversy unresolved, AAUW President Althea K. Hottel consulted her friend, former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, who advised her that AAUW should revise its bylaws to clarify its membership requirements to prevent exclusion by race.

At the 1949 National Convention in Seattle, AAUW members voted overwhelmingly (2,168 to 65) to revise the bylaws so that the only requirement for membership was to be a woman with a college degree from an AAUW-approved university, reaffirming that women college graduates of all races were eligible for membership. The branch members that had opposed Terrell's membership quit AAUW and formed their own group. The remaining AAUW members stood proudly with Mary Church Terrell as have AAUW members ever since.

February 1: Scholarship Season is Upon Us

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

February 1 marked the opening of our branch 2020 scholarship season. The AAUW (American Association of University Women) Stanwood-Camano Branch is now accepting applications for four \$4,000 scholarships for continuing higher education for college students. All applicants must be a current resident of the Arlington, Stanwood, or Camano Island area AND/OR be a graduate of Lakewood, Arlington, Stanwood or Lincoln Hill High Schools.

The applicant must have completed at least 2 years of study at an accredited college or university by June of 2020 and have verifiable plans to continue upper-division or master's level post-graduate work at an accredited 4 year college or university in the Fall of 2020. The 2020 application can be obtained through the Stanwood Camano AAUW website: www.aauwsc.org/scholarship or at washboard.org.

All submissions must be postmarked on or before Friday, May 1, 2020. Mail applications to AAUW Stanwood Camano Branch, PO Box 2652, Stanwood, WA. 98292. Questions can be forwarded to the scholarship chair at the AAUW website.



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Celebrate March—Women's History Month

Georgi Proulx

Members of our branch are celebrating March—Women's History Month in several ways:

March 7: "Carried by the Current", Camano Schoolhouse

Saturday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m. the play "Carried by the Current" will be playing at the Camano Schoolhouse. This is "an award-winning play by Nicola Pearson, a mystery from history based on the true story of The Women's Commonwealth of Belton, Texas, a group that became so successful in business, they changed an entire community's perception of women's role in society. Because sometimes we need to look back in order to see the way forward." [taken from the Women's Work Production publicity flyer] Visit www.womensworkproductions.com for additional information.

March 21: Vintage Fashion Show, Bellingham

Bellingham AAUW branch is sponsoring a Vintage Fashion Show, Tea and Auction on Saturday, March 21, raising money for their scholarship program. While tickets are sold out at this time we do have a delegation participating in the event and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

March 28: Tea at the Floyd

A few of our members and their friends are attending the Tea and Auction at the Floyd in honor of 100 years of women's right to vote. We look forward to learning about the fun they had dressing in the attire of the 1920s and celebrating an important milestone of women's history.

What are YOU going to do...

...to celebrate Women's History Month?

Share your adventures and thoughts with your editor for inclusion in the April newsletter. Let's have some fun with this!

April Day Tripper: Georgia O'Keeffe Exhibit

Mary Pilkington

Please join the Day Trippers on Wednesday, April 15, to the Seattle Art Museum to see the Georgia O'Keeffe exhibit.

Enjoy the Georgia O'Keeffe exhibit of 17 pieces of her work created from the 1910's to the 1930's.

Lunch will be at nearby THE BROOKLYN.

We will carpool from Terry's Corner at 7:30 a.m. to the Everett Train Station where we will board the bus for downtown Seattle.

We will take the bus back to Everett and carpool back to Camano.

Museum admission: Member (with valid ID) - \$0.00, Adult - \$29.99, Seniors over 65 - \$27.99

Cost of the bus each way is \$1.00, unless you have an ORCA card

Plus your lunch and \$5 tip for the drivers of the carpool

Please contact Mary Pilkington, prior to April 1, 2020, if you are interested in attending and indicate if you can be a driver for the carpooling.



Branch Beginnings: Four from Montana, Part 2

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.

Margaret Lucille Dahl was born in Miles City, Montana on November 22, 1909. Her father was a railroad telegraph operator, and the family moved a number of times during her early childhood. The 1910 census shows them living in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, but by 1917 the family had moved to Ellensburg, Washington. The 1920 federal census shows the family living in the small town of Malden in Whitman County, Washington, where her father continued his employment with the railroad. Lucille by then had two younger siblings, Leonard who was born in Montana and Elizabeth who was born in Minnesota.



Lou, as she preferred to be called, was one of the more than 300 delegates to Washington State's first annual high school student convention, held in Spokane in April 1928. Her family was still living in Malden. Lou attended the Washington State College at Pullman, where in November 1928, as a freshman, she joined the Literary Staff of the Cougar's Paw, the college's humor publication. The following year, as a sophomore, Lou was initiated into Spurs, the campus service organization for undergraduate women. By 1933, she was one of the committee members of the Washington State College Advertising Club. Lou was also listed as a graduate member of Alpha Gamma Delta in the State College of Washington 1933 yearbook.

She attended the Inland Empire Education Association convention in Spokane in April 1934, where a newspaper article gave her home as Winona, Washington (a small town northwest of Pullman). By 1935, however, she was teaching Commercial Education at Arlington High School, where she also served as Adviser to the school annual and Pep Club, and was Honorary Advisor to "The Eagle Coterie" Club, whose membership consisted of female students majoring in Commercial work.

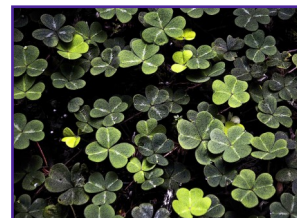
While she was one of the founders of the Arlington branch of AAUW, Lou did not remain in Arlington for very long. By December 1930 she was a resident of Sumner, Washington, where she married Rex K. Weick. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Brown; he was a member of the Sumner School Board, which suggests that Lou Dahl had been teaching in that district prior to her marriage, although no record can be found to confirm that. Lou and Rex had a son and daughter.

Lou passed away on Sept. 7, 2006, just a few months short of her 97th birthday.

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 Washington, Oregon, 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.

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

Dorm Moms Needed for Tech Trek This Summer

Judy Prince

The Tech Trek camper selection committee is moving into the interview process, the last step before camper selection. Because we will send more than 10 girls to camp, we are expected to send one dorm mom. This person, with the help of a student counselor, is responsible for 10 campers. She sleeps in a dorm room in the midst of her girls (who share 5 rooms). She gathers them in the morning to go to breakfast in the dining commons. Each dorm mom doubles as a teacher assistant for half of each class day. You get half a day free! You get to go on one of the field trips although you are responsible for a small group of girls. We don't leave anyone behind.



An honorarium (\$500 last year) is paid to each dorm mom. In addition, you are reimbursed for mileage from your home to PLU. If you opted to be a dorm mom in eastern Washington camp, you would get mileage to Cheney.

An application form is available at the Washington Tech Trek website: <https://techtrek-wa.aauw.net/>.

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.

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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.



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.

May

WHAT: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

WHEN: Monday, May 4, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mary Chesney's Home

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. She's barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark. But Kya is not what they say. Abandoned at age ten, she has survived on her own in the marsh that she calls home. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life lessons from the land, learning from the false signals of fireflies the real way of this world. But while she could have lived in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world--until the unthinkable happens.-- Provided by publisher.

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

Day Tripper Memories: Utsalady Ladies Tea, February 22, 2020



In attendance:

Members: Norma Mouton, Lynda Buehring, Joyce Leak.

Guests: Patty Prentice, Thea Hanna, Donna Joudrey, Milly Norwood, Clara Bryan



SECRET WORD DRAWING CONTINUES

Find the "secret" word in this newsletter to qualify for a drawing ticket at our March 12 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.

General Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2020

Call to Order: In Mary Chesney's absence, President-elect, Judy Prince, called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. Guests present were Carolyn Cliff, Carrie Richardson, and Qing Zhang.

Minutes: January 9, 2020 Meeting – Jackie DeFazio motioned to approve minutes as printed in the January newsletter; Anne Milton seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Voelckers presented the financials for January. As of January 31, 2020 the combined balance in Operating and Scholarship accounts was \$76,759.30. Annual report was filed in January 2020.

\$20,000 CD at Coastal matured February 2, 2020. Nancy reported the board approved her recommendation to open a 5 month CD maturing July 2 for \$15,000 leaving \$5000 available to pay Purses with Purpose deposits for Camano Center and the auctioneer due now. Funds for the Tech Trek due March 1 are available. MaxGiving refund mentioned at the board meeting has been received.

Tech Trek: Tech Trek applications have been received. Interviews to begin and eleven campers will be selected.

Dorm mom for Tech trek is needed. There is a \$500 stipend plus reimbursement for round trip to the camp.

Scholarships: Season opened February 1 for four \$4000 scholarships. Must be at least a junior or in a master's program to qualify to apply. Applications are at the Stillaguamish Center, libraries, Stanwood Community Resource Center, washboard.org and on our website.

New Business: *Day Tripper Activity Leader(s)* are needed for 2020-2021. Please contact Mary Chesney if you are interested.

Nominating Committee is comprised of Kathy Cunningham, Mary Raymond and Norma Mouton, has met and ready to solicit nominations. Mary Raymond reported that Jeanne Garrioch has stepped up to take the position of VP Finance-elect. Other positions are President-elect (2 year term), VP Membership (2 year term), VP Program (2 year term) and Secretary (1 year to finish out Linda Lynn's term). Linda Lynn is not continuing as Secretary for the second year of her two year term, therefore, a replacement for one year is needed.

Old Business: *Purses with Purpose 2021:* Gay Campbell and Jackie DeFazio have stepped up to chair the 2021 PWP event. Date is October 9, 2021 and will be at the Camano Center once again.

Joint State Convention will be April 17-19 in Vancouver, WA. Kim Churches, National AAUW President, will be the Friday night presenter. Let Mary Chesney know if you are interested in attending.

Announcements: Jackie DeFazio announced it was the last day to urge your congressman to support extending the due date for the Equal Rights Amendment. Please see the email from AAUW. It was also reported that the House of Representatives eliminated the deadline earlier this day; next is passage by the Senate.

Mary Pilkington announced the play "Carried by the Current" on March 7 1:00 p.m. at the Camano Schoolhouse. This production is in honor of Women's History Month.

Mary Pilkington also announced the upcoming plans of member, Virginia Sonett, to move and put her Camano Island home up for sale.

Adjournment: Kaye Sadt moved to adjourn the meeting; Martha Huyler seconded; motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx
for Linda Lynn, Secretary

Keep your promises and be
consistent. Be the kind of
person others can trust.