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**June 1st
Monday
2:00 p.m.**

Book Group via Hangouts
See page 4 for Book Information
Watch for Email Invitation

**June 4th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.**

June Board Meeting
Via Hangouts
Watch for Email Invitation

**June 14th
Sunday
2:00 p.m.**

Annual Meeting via Hangouts
and
Scholarship Winners Recognition
Watch for Email Invitation

Program contact:
Carol Kayler
VP of Program



Message from the President

Mary Chesney

All good things must come to an end and as the lovely summer days of June pass by, so does my term as President of this wonderful Branch of AAUW. When I rejoined this Branch after a nearly 20 year absence, I expected to find a group of committed women who focused on an important cause, promoting women and girls so that they could be educated and recognized on their merits and not their gender. I also hoped to find some social things I would enjoy since my circle of friends had been all work related, and I was no longer connected to anyone.

My expectations were fulfilled, and I am so glad this group continues to exist. I never sought or expected to be asked to be the Branch President within a year of returning. I really prefer to work behind the scenes, but I agreed and here I am. In retrospect, I am glad I accepted the position. Little did I know my focus on making us technologically accessible would become so important to the future of this group.

Each year those on the Board are asked to summarize what they have done/accomplished during their term. Here is my list:

- Found a way for us to hold meetings electronically
- Promoted the development of clear and concise position descriptions
- Functioned as the door greeter/hostess for the very successful Purse With Purpose fund raiser
- Helped decide who would receive the Tech Trek Scholarships
- Presided over all but one Board meeting (I was 30,000 feet in the air during the one I missed)
- Had the sad task of suspending all future in-person events due to COVID-19.

The last one is something I could never have envisioned when I agreed to take this position. I hope within the next 12 to 18 months this becomes nothing more than a horrible memory and a safe and effective vaccine is available. I long for the time we can all meet again, be close, give each other a hug and enjoy the chatter of a group of strong, committed women continuing to make a difference in the world. Please welcome Judy Prince as she steps into this role.

Scholarship Committee Announces Winners

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

The Scholarship Committee met and has selected three women to each receive a \$4,000 scholarship. The honorees include: Hannah Grierson, Samantha Hall, and Saylor Anderson. Plans are underway to honor them at a virtual tea on Sunday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. At that time we will learn more about their impressive backgrounds and plans for the future. More information to follow.



Future Events

Please watch for email updates regarding the status of these future events.

August 13th

Thursday

4:00 p.m.

Kick Off BBQ

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



Slate of Officers for 2020-2021

Please review the slate of officers noted below for the 2020-2021 year and come prepared to vote at the Annual Meeting on June 14 at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Mary Chesney if you are interested in filling any of the vacant positions.

President: Judy Prince

President-elect: *vacant*

VP Finance: Jackie-Lyn Olson

VP Finance-elect: Jeanie Garrioch

VP Program: Kathy Cunningham (2 year position)

Program Assistant: *vacant* (appointed position)

VP Membership: Lynda Buehring (2 year position)

Membership Assistant: Norma Mouton (appointed position)

Secretary: Georgi Proulx (finishing Linda Lynn's 2nd year of term)

Appointed Board Positions:

Public Policy: *vacant*

Communications: Georgi Proulx

Communications Assistant: Martha Huyler

Please consider the vacant positions to ensure the future success of our branch. We cannot continue the positive effect on our community through our scholarship fund without participation from our members.

If you would like to know what it entails to fulfill a position please contact Mary Chesney.



Renewing Friendships & More

Martha Huyler

Here is a gentle reminder that membership dues for the 2020-2021 year are payable now. The amount is \$93 (\$59 for national, \$10 for state, \$24 for branch). Please consider paying as soon as possible so our treasurer has time to process your checks and send in our payment before June 30.

Please mail check made out to "Stanwood-Camano AAUW" to Stanwood-Camano AAUW, PO Box 2652, Stanwood, WA 98292.

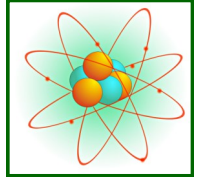
Membership may be renewed via credit card via national at www.aauw.org. Go to Membership, Membership Services Database, (you will be asked to log in with your AAUW number). Click on "Enter Membership Services Database" and then "Renew my Membership". The branch will be notified once you have renewed.



High School STEM Scholars

Leslie Moore

By Sarah Arney, Special to the Stanwood Camano News



Nurture or nature?

Much debate goes into the talent of artists, and whether or not it comes naturally or must be developed, but the same is true for scientists.

In its effort to advance gender equity for women and girls, the Stanwood/Camano branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) annually honors several high school juniors who excel in the sciences at the Stanwood, Arlington, and Lakewood High Schools. "The students were identified by the schools' faculty as outstanding scholars," said Leslie Moore, the High School STEM Scholar chair of the local AAUW program. "This is part of AAUW's national effort to encourage girls and women to pursue careers in STEM," Moore said. Most of this year's honorees acknowledge an early interest in science... with a bit of nudging from their parents.

This year's High School STEM Scholars include:

Arlington High School

Victoria Applegate — engineering

Amelia Bryant — engineering

Tatum Dickison — science

Mailinh Vu — STEM

Lakewood High School

Audrey Stich — math

Audrey Ziemer — engineering

Maritsa Perez-Romero — science

Marissa Stutheit — technology

Stanwood High School

Avery Zill — science

Hannah Woods — math

Emily Molstad — technology

Like Avery Zill, a science student at Stanwood High School, "One of my earliest memories of interest in science was being the only first-grader in my class who wanted to dissect a cow eye.". Since then, her interest in science was broadened by several role models in STEM fields.

For Audrey Ziemer, the engineering STEM Scholar at Lakewood High School, a passion for the sciences began in middle school when she enjoyed the topics covered in her science classes. But she was really inspired when her dad took her to a lecture by astrophysicist Brian Cox. "The lecture was really intriguing," Ziemer said. "I was so curious that I went home and did some more research."

"I appreciate that AAUW is bringing more visibility to women in sciences in order to break these stereotypes," Audrey Ziemer said.

Arlington High School's engineering STEM Scholar, Victoria Applegate found a natural talent in science and math, which she attributes to both parents. She found an ability to excel in science and math and was lucky to have some good teachers that kept her interested.

The Stanwood High School STEM Scholar for technology, Emily Molstad found herself to be very passionate about her engineering classes in high school. She said she always enjoyed different STEM subjects, but it wasn't until an Engineering and Design class with Mr. Hanson that she could imagine a career in STEM. Stanwood's STEM Scholar in math, Hannah Woods, also found that the STEM subjects came easy for her.

That's something the local AAUW likes to hear. Each year, AAUW members work hard to make a difference in the academic lives of girls. They raise funds for projects like this with their Purses with a Purpose luncheon and auction which also helps pay entering eighth grade STEM students to attend Tech Trek summer camp.

"This year, to honor the students' hard work we are sending a letter of recognition for their student portfolios and a \$25 gift card" Moore said. While the reward is small, the girls appreciate the recognition.

"I am very thankful for this award," Woods said. "I am proud to represent my school and the women of my generation."

Applegate was thrilled to receive the honor from AAUW. "It's so satisfying to see all my hard work pay off," Applegate said. "They could have chosen many other talented girls." Ziemer agreed. "To be honored by AAUW means a great deal to me," she said. "I appreciate that AAUW is bringing more visibility to women in sciences in order to break stereotypes."

Operating Budget for 2020-2021

Nancy Voelckers

Below is the Branch Operating Budget for 2020-2021 that will be presented to the membership for a vote of approval at our Annual Meeting on June 14, 2:00 p.m. to be held virtually via Google Hangouts. Please contact Nancy Voelckers, VP of Finance, with any questions you may have. Please review and come prepared to vote.

	2019/2020 Budget (approved)	2019/2020 Actual (thru 4/30/20)	2020/21 Budget (proposed)
Income			
Branch Dues—80 @ \$24	1920.00	840.00	1920.00
Holiday Luncheon—net	0.00	0.11	0.00
Operating Acct donation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	1920.00	840.11	1920.00
Expenses			
Accountant Fee	250.00	150.00	250.00 A
Annual Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00
Branch Programs	420.00	197.42	450.00
Candidates Forum	25.00	0.00	40.00
Liability and D&O Insurance	525.00	527.00	530.00
Office—sup. Box, Copies, postage	250.00	133.75	200.00 C
(President's) Conference	240.00	0.00	340.00 D
Website & Domain name (3yr)	100.00	17.99	100.00
Women's Expo	100.00	100.00	0.00 E
Total Expenses	1920.00	1136.16	1920.00
Net Income (loss)	0.00	-296.05	0.00

A—T Greer's office quoted \$250 two years ago. Keep at that level in case they do not give us the discount.

B—SC News paid 100% of bill for 2019 Forum. AAUW will pay for 2020 Forum.

C—Reduced office supplies to increase budget item for conferences.

D—Increased budget for conferences to encourage members to attend.

E—2020 Women's Expo payment will be applied to 2021 Expo.

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

Gay Campbell

Jackie DeFazio

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

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Carolyn Spector

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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

Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW

Jackie DeFazio

Because our Book Group is reading two books about Eleanor Roosevelt (ER) this month, it seems a good time to remind us all of ER's connections with AAUW. Although ER herself was not eligible for membership because she never attended college, she became a member in 1929 when the New York City AAUW Branch awarded her an honorary membership as the state's First Lady. At the time, ER was close friends with the NYC Branch president Marion Dickerman and branch member Nancy Cook. In fact, the three women operated Val-Kill Industries, a business that employed local residents in making furniture and handicrafts.

Over the years, ER attended many AAUW branch meetings around the country, sometimes writing about them in her syndicated news column "My Day." In 1936, as First Lady of the U.S., she visited AAUW's national headquarters to discuss plans to gather materials to document women's contributions to the world, expressing dismay that major U.S. history books failed to mention a single woman. In 1959, she spoke at AAUW's national convention in Kansas City about the responsibilities of Americans as leaders of the noncommunist world.

In 1961, President Kennedy appointed ER to chair the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, where she was joined by three other AAUW members who had been appointed to the 26-member commission. ER also asked AAUW's general director to serve on the commission's Committee on Education. The Commission investigated the social and economic conditions of women in America and recommended, among other things, the development of legislation to address workplace discrimination, maternity leave, and equal pay. In 1963, President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act into law.

In 1989, AAUW created the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award to honor ER's legacy to the world and to AAUW. The fund supports activists and scholars who work to remove barriers to women's and girls' participation in education, to promote the value of diversity and cross-cultural communication, and to develop greater understanding of the ways women learn, think, work, and play.

Purses with Purpose—Sign up Now!

Gay Campbell

Planning is underway for Purses with Purpose 2021, our branch's main source of funds for Tech Trek and scholarships. October 7, 2021 may seem far away, but it will come fast, and there is a lot to get ready for this fun, profitable event.

We need the involvement of every member of our branch, and here is what you can do now to help us succeed in our goal:

Sign up for a committee such as: Procurement, Tickets, Event Staffing, Food and Wine, Setup and Grants. To sign up or to see the job description of any or all of these committees, contact Gay Campbell or Jackie DeFazio.

Start looking for new and gently-used purses and scarves to contribute. We ask that each branch member contribute one new purse and as many gently-used purses as you can find. We are especially looking for designer purses and elegant scarves. This may be a good time to look online for bargains that will turn into profit for us.

Let us know if you have a special skill that we might need as we progress through this event. We have many jobs to fill for PWP and your hidden talent could be exactly what we need. This could be anything from graphic design and publications expertise to determining the market value of purses, displaying merchandise, scrounging for needed items, flower arranging, or working with volunteers.

Stay tuned for news about our first planning session coming sometime in mid or late July, virtually or in person. In the meantime, if you have questions, suggestions, concerns or comments, please contact one of us.



Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

(Needs Leader)

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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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.



May 4: 1st Virtual Book Group

Online book group will meet Monday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. using Google Hangouts. If you have not done so already, be sure to let Katie know if you want to opt in. It works by invitation only, so we have to add your email address to the list beforehand. We will be discussing Eleanor and Hick: The Love Affair That Shaped a First Lady by Susan Quinn and White Houses by Amy Bloom.

You will receive an email with a link to join the discussion; this email was sent

May 25 to those on the list. A little before 2:00 p.m., click the link and wait for us to acknowledge you. Be patient. It works best if you use Chrome as your browser.

Since we do not know what future months will hold, here's the list of future books. All are available from Sno-Isle Library in eBook or audiobook (but you may need to get on the waiting list) and most are available in paperback from Amazon. Stay well and enjoy the extra time to read!

June

Eleanor and Hicks: The Love Affair that Shaped a First Lady by Susan Quinn and White Houses by Amy Bloom

A warm, intimate account of the love between Eleanor Roosevelt and reporter Lorena Hickok a relationship that, over more than three decades, transformed both women's lives and empowered them to play significant roles in one of the most tumultuous periods in American history.

July

Fly Girls by Keith O'Brien

The untold story of five women who fought to compete against men in the high-stakes national air races of the 1920s and 1930s -- and won.

August

Us Against You by Fredrik Backman

A small community tucked deep in the forest, Beartown is home to tough, hardworking people who don't expect life to be easy or fair. No matter how difficult times get, they've always been able to take pride in their local ice hockey team. So it's a cruel blow when they hear that Beartown ice hockey might soon be disbanded.

September

Safe Houses by Dan Fesperman

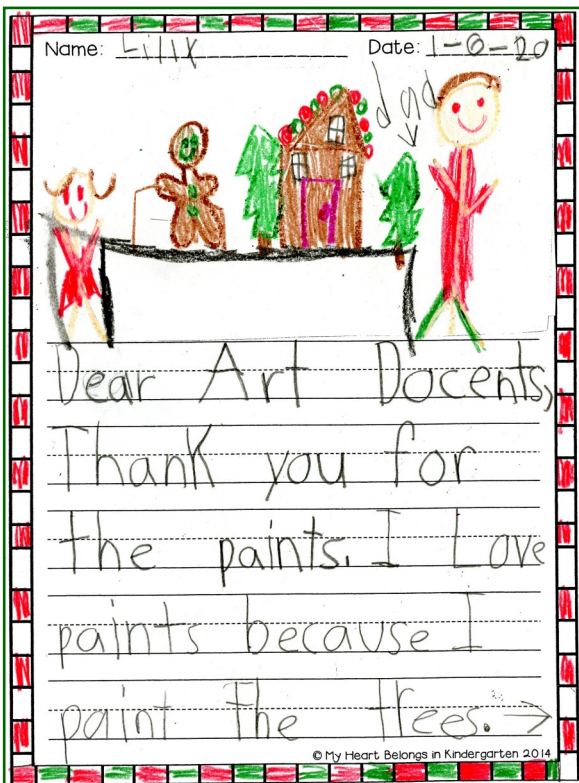
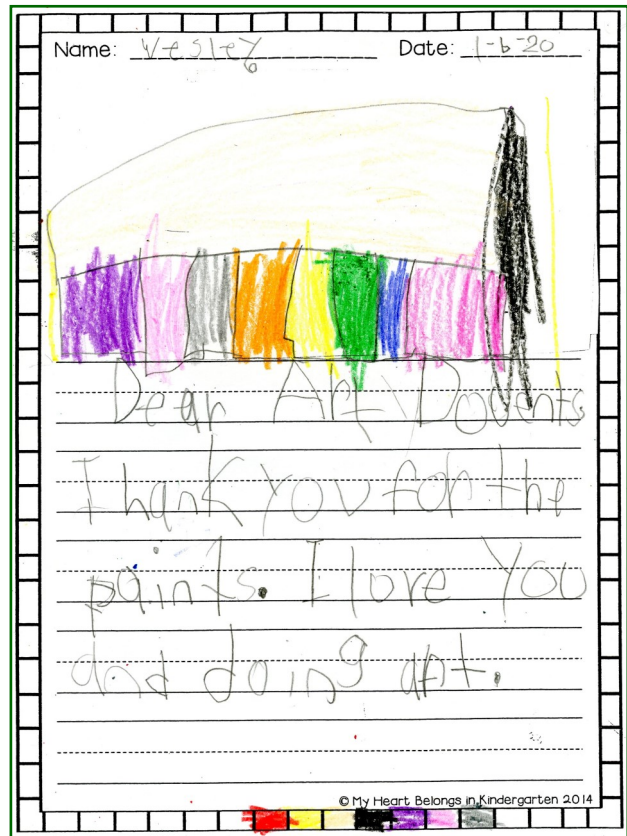
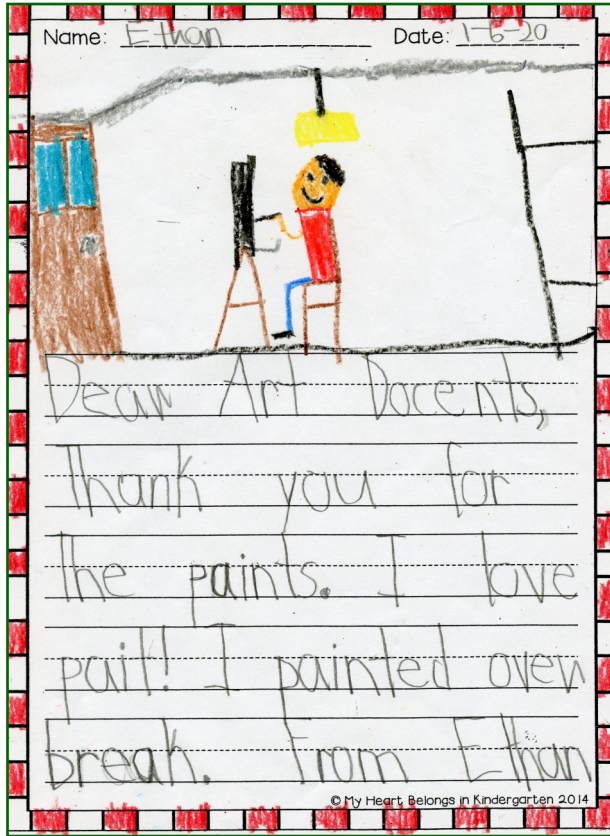
The germ of the story begins in West Berlin in 1979. Helen Abell oversees the CIA's network of safe houses, rare havens for field agents and case officers amidst the dangerous milieu of a city in the grips of the Cold War. But during her routine inspection of an agency property, she overhears a meeting between two people speaking a coded language that hints at shadowy realities.

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

Thank You's from Stanwood Elementary

Marianne McGarry-Bloom, Nancy Voelckers and Jackie-Lyn Olson led watercolor classes for the first graders at Stanwood Elementary School this year as our Art Docent program kicked off in the Stanwood-Camano School District.

Below are a few of the thank you's received from the students thanking us for the watercolors that were donated by our members.



Light at the End of the Tunnel?

Georgi Proulx

Comments and contributions from members during our stay-at-home status:



Cathlin Stark shares:

Best ever gluten free chocolate cookies (make double--they go fast)

300 degree oven 16-19 min.

Mix in one bowl, drop by spoonful onto cookie sheet lined with parchment paper:

1-3/4 cup powdered sugar

1/2 cup Hersheys Dark Cocoa powder

2 tsp cornstarch

1/4 tsp salt

2 egg whites

1 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts

1 tsp vanilla (opt. 1 t. instant espresso coffee-I use Megaglia D'Oro)

Judy Trammell reports:

We are still busy with animals and large garden/orchard. We've also attacked organizing photos. Other than trying to lose weight while isolated from temptations at church and choirs, we have just turned into homebodies! Take care!

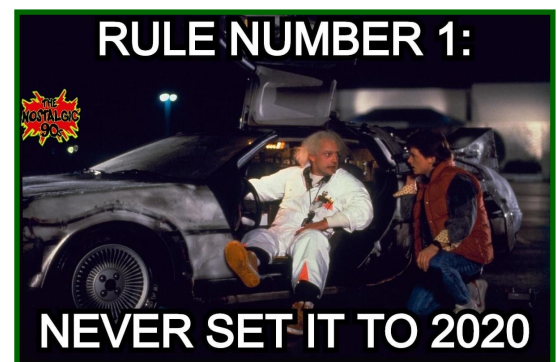
Judy Prince imparts:

COVID-19 alters a significant event.

In November 2018 I received a postcard save-the-date for my 50th college reunion June 5-7, 2020. I began looking forward to the event expecting to have enough miles for a free airplane ticket.

Earlier this year, the registration information came out. For some reason, I kept delaying registration and getting my airline ticket. We had already decided to cancel the Washington State Convention and other events were also being cancelled or moved on-line.

Finally, I receive notice that the on-campus reunion was cancelled. We were assured that planning for a delayed or on-line event was going on. Last week I received registration information for an on-line event to be held June 5-13, 2020. Thanks to Zoom, this online event will be a number of events scheduled one or two each day. There is no cost! I received a text today talking about planning for an on-campus event (2021 or maybe 2022). The longer it is delayed, the fewer class member will be able to attend the event.



General Meeting Minutes—May 14, 2020

Call to Order: President, Mary Chesney, called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m. This stands as the first virtual general meeting of our branch, and we are using Google Hangouts. Eighteen participants in addition to presenter. NOTE: three couldn't join.

Minutes: February 13, 2020 Meeting – Marianne McGarry-Bloom motioned to approve minutes as printed in the March 2020 newsletter; Judy Prince seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Voelckers reviewed the financial reports emailed to the membership. Our current balance of both accounts is \$66,361.41 as of April 30, 2020. Activity for April: received dues renewals from three members, paid liability insurance, and received money market and CD interest; motion to accept was made by Judy Prince; Jackie DeFazio seconded, motion approved.

Membership: Martha Huyler reminded members to send in dues of \$93 to AAUW -SC, PO Box 2652, Stanwood 98292. Georgi Proulx will email a reminder. Online renewal is also an option. There is a delay of our receipt of the branch portion. Deposits from National are made once a month for the branch portion.

PWP: Gay Campbell reported she and Jackie DeFazio have revised the committees and will be notifying the membership about the initial meeting in August. All members please start thinking about the event, committee participation and contributing new purse, gently used and scarves.

Tech Trek: Judy Prince shared this event is cancelled for 2020 but will be held in 2021 in addition to the 2021 camps. Moneys were paid the beginning of March. The Special Projects Fund that received the fees will hold them and apply to 2021.

Social Activities: Book Group has been successful. May meeting was successful on Zoom as reported by Katie Farrey. Georgi Proulx informed the group about Netflix Party and received a few more interested members.

Scholarships: Marianne McGarry-Bloom reported we received four applications. Scholarship Committee is reviewing now and discussed having an online tea with the recipients. An article will be submitted to SC News and Crab Cracker.

High School STEM: Mary Chesney shared Leslie Moore reported she had received responses from all three high schools and reported the results; suggested certificates/letters of recognition; Article will be submitted to the SC News, Everett Herald, and Crab Cracker; girls will receive a \$25 gift card from Amazon.

Art Education: Marianne McGarry-Bloom reported their last meeting with the children in February was the end. She would like more volunteers to commit to two hours a month to next year's Art Docent program so the program can be expanded to additional elementary schools.

Nominating Committee: Mary Chesney shared that we need candidates for President-elect, Norma Mouton will finish Linda Lynn's second year as Secretary, Kathy Cunningham will do Program but wants an assistant (perhaps a hostess for the meetings), and Lynda Buehring will commit to one year of the two year Membership position.

Programs: Carol Kayler shared that the August picnic may be revised to a potluck picnic. Holding this event will be determined at a later date.

New Business: Martha Huyler thanked those members that supported CASA during the Giving Tuesday on May 5.

Old Business: none

Adjournment: Katie Farrey moved to adjourn the meeting; Doris Taylor seconded; motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx
For Linda Lynn, Secretary



Advice from a Farmer's Wife

Whenever you return a borrowed pie pan, make sure it's got a warm pie in it...and

Nothin' gets the frustrations out better 'n split'n wood.