

Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

September 2020

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September 3rd

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

September Board Meeting

Virtual via Zoom

September 10th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Virtual via Zoom

Program: Judy Prince provides an overview and updates from the State Leadership Meeting. India Nishi will present an explanation of the AAUW Five-Star National Recognition Program.

Program information contact:

Kathy Cunningham
VP of Program

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Message from the President

Judy Prince

Welcome back to a new AAUW year. What a lot of changes in our lives in the last six months. AAUW Stanwood Camano, like so may other organizations, will be having virtual meetings for the foreseeable future. We hope to have a holiday lunch as an in-person event. Keep your fingers crossed.

My goal in the next year is to help the branch prepare for the changes that will keep it viable in the 21st century. One thing I learned as state president is branches are doing the same things they have always done, but these activities need to keep up with future changes to survive going forward. Meanwhile, we continue to have monthly meetings, donate to AAUW scholarships/fellowships and Legal Advocacy Fund, offer local scholarships, send middle school students to Tech Trek, and sponsor Candidate Forum. There is lots of room to grow into our future. For example, we are optimistic that this year's Candidates Forum in October will be held virtually in a webinar format. Watch us flourish!

We need to understand that AAUW is bigger than the Stanwood Camano community. It is bigger than Washington State, and advocacy is becoming a bigger part of our actions. We have lobbied the state legislature for new legislation that helps women, and Washington was the first state to do so.

One of the proposed changes for you to consider is a proposal to remove all educational requirements from membership requirements. All of us will have a vote on this matter in the Spring.

All Ahead Full into September

Kathy Cunningham

It's been a long six months of somewhat disorienting isolation broken by a new tech learning curve with Zoom meetings, Facetimes, etc. As our branch meetings resume this fall, we will be implementing those same processes instead of in person meetings. With huge restrictions on how many attendees can be in the same place, using Zoom is our new reality for some time. While this creates a programming challenge, my program assistant, India Nishi, and I (plus assistance from Helen Smith and Katie Farrey), have collaborated to bring you relevant topics capable of Zoom presentations.

Our **September 10 meeting** will feature an overview by new President, Judy Prince, of her vision for our branch, as well as updates from the State Leadership Conference. India Nishi, the WA State Five-Star focal and newly returned Stanwood-Camano branch member, will be giving a modified version of the presentation she just delivered at the August State Leadership Meeting on AAUW's Five-Star National Recognition Program. (See article on page 2)

Please refer to page 3 for detailed information on using Zoom.

As always, your comments and program suggestions are deeply appreciated. Please feel free to text/call my cell or email me. Best regards to all.

Future Events

October 1st

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

October Board Meeting

Virtual via Zoom

October 8th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Virtual via Zoom

*Program: Panel discussion
presented by Stanwood Alliance
for Equity*

October 14th

Wednesday

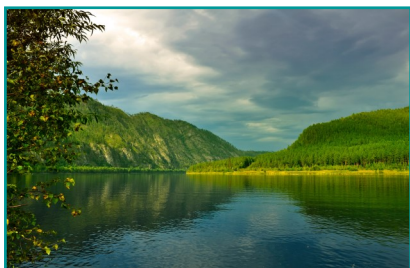
6:30 p.m.

Candidates & Issues Forum

Webinar

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

www.aauwsc.org



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/](http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/)**

AAUW Five-Star National Recognition Program

India Nishi

If you haven't heard of AAUW's Five-Star National Recognition Program, here's your opportunity! This two year program, launched July of 2019, rewards branches for championing the mission and strategic goals of AAUW. These goals include helping women achieve workplace and economic equity, improved access to education, and development of the next generation of women leaders.

The term "Five-Star" refers to the five components of the recognition program: Programs, Advancement, Communication/External Relations, Public Policy/Research, and Governance/Sustainability. Each of these categories has one or more activities that must be completed in order to earn a star. Examples of activities include hosting programs that relate to AAUW's mission, membership retention, posting information on social media about issues important to AAUW, lobbying for changes in legislation, and planning for the branch's future.

As more stars are earned, branches receive higher levels of recognition from National such as articles in National's newsletter and other publications and reward "badges" which can be displayed on the branch website and social media pages. If all five stars are earned, branches have a personal (most likely virtual) meeting with AAUW leadership including Kim Churches, AAUW CEO. It's a great opportunity to hear directly from Kim and her leadership team and ask them questions.

A decision was made at the last board meeting to participate as a branch in this program and earn as many stars as feasible over the next year.

More detailed information will be presented at the September 10 branch meeting. Hope to see you there (virtually)!

Leadership Conference, Virtually That Is

Judy Prince

When the annual AAUW Washington State annual convention was cancelled a special Leadership Meeting was developed and was held virtually on Saturday, August 8. Six members from our branch attended the virtual meeting: Lynda Buehring, Joyce Leak, Norma Mouton, India Nishi, Judy Prince, and Cathlin Starke. Two items that would have been part of the convention were adapted to this meeting.

The meeting started with Breakfast with Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW. She has done a great deal toward improving the financial standing of the national organization. Her initial presentation focused on our Mission: to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy, and Vision: equity for all. Kim followed with a review of our strategic plan and how we are doing towards accomplishing the goals. The final point of her speech was to share that having restrictions on membership was hindering our ability to get grants from certain philanthropies, for instance, The Ford Foundation. Expect to see a bylaws change in your 2021 ballot to remove the education requirement from membership.

The second guest was Barbara Callander, an actor and authority on suffrage in Washington State, portraying an anti-suffrage woman. Barbara answered questions about the suffrage movement as part of her presentation.

India Nishi, newly returned to our branch, made a presentation on the Five Star National Recognition program, the subject of our September branch meeting. Other presentations were on Walla Walla branch (our state's largest) and public policy cafes, a way for people to gather to discuss a number of issues. The meeting ended with breakout sessions for officers and regions.

This meeting had something for everyone. Meeting logistics were handled by Event Support LLC from Olympia. When you meet virtually, it doesn't matter where your event organizers are located!



Your 2020-2021 Board

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India Nishi

Public Policy

Cathlin Starke

Communications

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

Activity Leaders

Purses with Purpose 2021

Gay Campbell

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High School STEM Scholars

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Marianne McGarry-Bloom

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Jackie DeFazio

Stanwood-Camano Give

Lois Ruskell

Title IX Liaison

Jackie-Lyn Olson

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

Zoom....zoom

While Zoom is becoming familiar for many, for some it's new territory in communication. We have made every effort to make it secure and recommend you read the following for additional information and instructions.

Judy Prince will email an invitation to each member around September 3 with a link for attending our virtual Zoom general meeting on September 10.

On the day of the meeting please click on the link just prior to 1:00 p.m. and Judy will let you in.

Be patient; this joining step helps to insure only invited guests are joining us for increased security.

Please hit your MUTE button (little microphone icon at the bottom of your screen) for the entire meeting to limit background noise. For those of you with a temperamental Wifi signal, we suggest any other users of Wifi in your household suspend their use during the meeting. If you have questions for Judy or the presenter please use the "chat" section to write your questions and they will be addressed by Judy or the presenter.

For more detailed instructions please visit:

<https://www.seniorsguide.com/technology/a-step-by-step-guide-to-a-zoom-meeting/>



Purses with Purpose 2021

Gay Campbell & Jackie DeFazio

We want to thank our members who have stepped forward to chair committees for our 2021 Purses with Purpose fundraiser. In these uncertain times, we have many decisions to make about how we will raise the funds to fulfill our mission of funding scholarships and other learning experiences to promote women and girls. We are confident that, with the help of our committee chairs, we can come up with creative options if we find it is not possible to hold our traditional luncheon/purse auction. Toward that end, we will have a meeting this fall to begin planning for various scenarios.

We are asking every member to contribute ideas and, of course, your help. We will probably be working with a shortened timeline and will need all hands on deck. At this time, we especially need someone to spearhead grant writing and other fundraising in advance of the event. If you are interested in that job, want to work with another committee or have ideas to share, please contact us.



Public Policy

Cathlin Starke

Welcome to a wonderful new year with AAUW Stanwood-Camano! Let me introduce myself-Cathlin Starke. I have been fortunate to have held a number of positions, representing you and our branch: President, Membership, Public Policy, and a contributor to State AAUW meetings.

My goal will be to provide you with timely information on AAUW public policy initiatives and activities each month.

AAUW's MISSION: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW's VISION Equity for all.

AAUW's VALUES: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

As your Board, we will work to ensure these are integrated into all our Branch efforts and activities.

October 14th: "Save the Date" for our (virtual) **Candidate's Forum**. AAUW Stanwood-Camano co-sponsors this event with the Stanwood-Camano News. Watch for more information from Chair Elaine Richards.

This Fall: AAUW will ask every member to vote on our bi-annual Public Policy Priorities which will guide our efforts on a national, state and local level. Your vote counts...please vote.

For more information on this article, see:

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/02/Public-Policy-Priorities-2019-2021-nsa.pdf>

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/03/2018-AAUW-Strategic-Plan.pdf>

Be kind, be calm, and be safe.

To October and Beyond

Kathy Cunningham

Our **October meeting**, Katie Farrey has organized a panel of participants from her activities with Stanwood-Camano's S.A.F.E. organization (Stanwood Alliance for Equity). The panel, consisting of local leaders, a college educator, and local students, will lead us into courageous conversations of our biases that disconnect us and the pain that occurs from a lack of awareness which keeps us from empowering women of color.

More information will be forthcoming in the October newsletter. Katie has offered a short book list that members may want to peruse in anticipation of October's program content.

[So You Want to Talk about Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo

[How to Be an AntiRacist](#) by Ibram X Kendi

[The New Jim Crow](#) by Michele Alexander

As a calendar note, I have confirmed our **Holiday Lunch** for Cama Beach Cafe catered by Donna King for THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10. I did coordinate with one of the large garden clubs to avoid any date conflicts, and sincerely hope we will be able to gather in friendship in person.

Please contact me with your comments and program suggestions by text, call or email.

Newcomers' Group

Lynda Buehring

Newcomers Orientation Focal Group is an interest group for all newcomers meeting regularly with different board members to explain board positions, our programs and other interest groups. This is an opportunity for new members to get to know each other and learn more about our branch. The group will change annually with new members initiating the group for the next year's newcomers meeting via ZOOM or informal coffee meet-ups, wine and appetizers or some activity for fellowship when the isolation period allows.

Invitations have been sent to our new members: Lois Ruskell, Tammie Goodwin, Michele Simms, and Kestle Anne Olson for the first Newcomers Group on Tuesday, September 8 from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM. We will discuss AAUW Membership and our Day Trippers Program. Board members in attendance will be Norma Mouton, VP Membership and Lynda Buehring, President-elect.

A big welcome to Lois, Tammie, Michele and Kestle. We hope to meet you virtually on September 10, our first branch meeting of the 2020-2021 year.



Branch Beginnings: Louise Frederika Stilke Soper

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.

Louise was born in Washington State in October 1897, the second of four children. Her parents were immigrants from Germany. The 1900 and 1910 US Federal Censuses show the family living in Midland, Pierce County. Midland is an unincorporated area just south of the City of Tacoma. Louise attended Stadium High School in Tacoma, graduating in 1915. She obtained her college degree in Home Economics at Washington State College in Pullman, where she also played on the basketball team. In spring 1920, Louise was teaching in Ellensburg and boarding at the home of a local family. She subsequently moved back to Tacoma, where she taught. She married Edward William Soper of Arlington, Washington, on June 29, 1921 in Tacoma.

The couple lived in the Jim Creek area of Arlington. Louise, as was the custom of the time for most women, did not work outside the home after she married. She was one of the founders of our chapter of AAUW and remained a member for a number of years. The couple had three children. By the time the youngest child was in her late teens, Louise had filed for election as the Republican State Representative for the 39th District (July 1948). There is no record of her winning that election; however, she ran again in 1952 and was elected.

Sadly, Louise died too young on March 23, 1956, at the age of 60. She is buried at Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

Annabelle Birkestol

May 29, 1923—August 12, 2020

Annabelle was a long time member of our branch; her last year of membership was 2017. The picture to the right was taken at the last meeting she attended before she entered Josephine.

Georgi Proulx shares, "As part of the Historian Committee, I visited Annabelle at Josephine this past February 13 to discuss working with her on an oral history of her time with our branch. She was very alert despite her impaired hearing and very open to helping us. We had a nice visit and both looked forward to getting together again".

Biography below taken from SCNews, August 18, 2020 issue

Annabelle was born in 1923 to her Norwegian immigrant parents, Ole and Ingeborg Birkestol, in their homestead along the Stillaguamish River between Stanwood and Silvana. Along with her sister Grace, who was one year younger, she loved her life on the dairy farm.

She graduated from Stanwood High School where she enjoyed playing and earning her letter in volleyball. After losing her father to illness as a young child her mother continued to run the dairy farm which enabled Annabelle and Grace to go on to college at Pacific Lutheran Academy, now known as Pacific Lutheran University.

They began their college life in the fall of 1942 and tell of how the campus emptied out of most of the male students after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Earning their degrees in education they each had a full life of teaching, with Annabelle retiring after 30 years most of which were spent at Conway Elementary teaching 4th grade.

She is remembered fondly by many of her students and when driving through the Skagit Valley she would tell stories of the student who lived here and here and here and what they ended up doing.

After retirement she returned to the family farm where she and Grace cared for their mother and enjoyed their retirement years. In 2012 they moved to assisted living in the The Suites at Josephine Caring Community where she enjoyed activities and often read the Scriptures in the services and enjoyed worshipping with many friends at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church across the street.

She and Grace enjoyed traveling to the Holy Lands and to Norway where they met with relatives there and with whom they have corresponded for years in Norwegian. They also travelled to many places around the USA attending conferences of the women of the Lutheran Church.

Admired and respected by everyone, Annabelle was a life-long member of Zion Lutheran Church in Silvana (now known as The Little White Church On The Hill) which became Peace Lutheran Church in Silvana. She was active in Sons of Norway, the Stanwood Historical Society, and the American Association of University Women. For years she was also the contact person for her graduating class at PLA (PLU).



Annabelle Birkestol

Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Tammie Goodwin
Michele Simms

Movie Group

Movie Group is suspended during the social distancing period, but we hope you will join us for lunch and a movie when we once again can "see you at the movies."

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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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.



Online book group will meet Monday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m. using Zoom. If you have not done so already, be sure to let Katie know if you want to join in. It works by invitation only, so we have to add your email address to the list beforehand. You will receive an email with a link to join the discussion. A little before 2:00 p.m., click the link and wait for us to acknowledge you. Be patient.

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.

October

Reading with Patrick by Michelle Kuo

Michelle Kuo arrived in the rural town of Helena, Arkansas, as a Teach for America volunteer in 2004, bursting with optimism and drive. But she soon encountered the jarring realities of life in one of the poorest counties in America. In this unforgettable memoir, Michelle shares the story of her complicated but rewarding mentorship of one student, Patrick Browning, and his remarkable literary and political awakening. Fifteen and in the eighth grade, Patrick begins to thrive under Michelle's exacting attention. However, after two years of teaching, Michelle leaves Arkansas to attend law school. When, on graduating, she learns that Patrick has been jailed for murder, Michelle returns to Helena and resumes Patrick's education as he sits in jail awaiting trial. For the next seven months they pore over classic novels, poems, and history, and Patrick is galvanized by the works of Frederick Douglass, James Baldwin, Marilynne Robinson, W. S. Merwin, and many others. Reading with Patrick is an inspirational story of friendship, a coming-of-age story for both a young teacher and student, a resonant meditation on race and justice, and a love letter to literature and its power to bind us together.

November

Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

The Age of Innocence, one of Edith Wharton's most renowned novels and the first by a woman to win the Pulitzer Prize, exquisitely details the struggle between love and responsibility through the experiences of men and women in Gilded Age New York. The novel follows Newland Archer, a young, aristocratic lawyer engaged to the cloistered, beautiful May Welland. When May's disgraced cousin Ellen arrives from Europe, fleeing her marriage to a Polish Count, her worldly, independent nature intrigues Archer, who soon falls in love with her. Trapped by his passionless relationship with May and the social conventions that forbid a relationship with Ellen, Archer finds himself torn between possibility and duty. Wharton's profound understanding of her characters' lives makes the triangle of Archer, May, and Ellen come to life with an irresistible urgency. A wry, incisive look at the ways in which love and emotion must negotiate the complex rules of high society, The Age of Innocence is one of Wharton's finest, most illuminative works.

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

Meet Our Members

Lois Ruskell

Welcome to one of our newest members, Lois Ruskell. Born in Binghamton, a border town between New York and Pennsylvania, Lois lived there a short time with her family before moving to Arizona. She shares, "I spent my childhood in the desert southwest, including Tucson and a mountainous town in the San Gabriel mountains. Our family endured many mountainous wildfires, flooding, and a 7.2 earthquake, plus the frequent temblors for days and weeks later. I grew up in a rural area with no real town nearby. Girls had to wear dresses to school until we started high school. I was in girls' sports, but there were never any spectators. No one came to see girls' events, except track. Most of the schools I went to were brand new due to post-war growth of affordable housing. We were free to wander the foothills, but my oldest brother had more freedom, being the oldest and a boy."



Lois attended Pierce Junior College for Natural Resource Management and Arizona State University earning a BS in Ag Industry with a conservation theme. "I was also selected to participate in a 2-year leadership program called Ag Forestry Leadership. It included trips to Olympia and Washington DC to learn about policy and various state and federal agencies, and an international trip to China." Lois retired in May 2019 after 35 years in conservation in positions of Natural Resource Conservationist/Technician/Planner, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Public Outreach Specialist, and co-owner of a dairy farm for 12 years.

She writes, "I am divorced and have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. My youngest two are twins. My sons live in the Seattle/Lynnwood area and are Project Managers in Manufacturing and IT. My oldest daughter is a Science Professor in Illinois teaching Pre-nursing students and Science. My youngest daughter is finishing her second degree in Wyoming and currently is a Fisheries Field Technician for Wyoming Fish and Game."

Lois adds, "I have two grandsons, Finn and Gus (6 and 4, respectively) who live in Illinois. Their father is a PhD in Fisheries Biology and manages a Science Station studying fish and wildlife all over Illinois. For fun they all go hunting for turtles, snakes, frogs etc. They live on 18 acres with a huge pond, so they ice fish in winter and fish in summer."

Lois's interests are: Beachcombing, Walking, Gardening, Traveling, and "I am especially fond of wine and Dowdle puzzles on dark, cold winter nights. A cozy cat on my lap is nice too! I also enjoy visiting UNESCO World Heritage sites. Three of my four kids have lived abroad, and one has traveled overseas a lot when he worked in design for super yachts. With them, I have traveled to: Scotland, England, France, Italy, Spain, and Portugal. I have also gone to Ireland, Canada and the Yukon, Mexico, China, Hawaii, and southeast Alaska."

Lois has lived in the Stanwood/Camano area for 21 years recently joining our branch at the encouragement of Lynda Buehring. She looks forward to working on the Grant Committee, Stanwood-Camano Give, and High School STEM Scholar Recognition.

What would surprise us about you?

On our farm: I once saved my former husband's life digging him out of a 70 foot silo on our farm. I had a playpen and a trike in our heated milk house for when I was milking. My twins were born the night before a blizzard and we were in the hospital for a week, with nurses coming in on snowplows.

What advice do you have for girls today?

When I told my college advisor that I wanted to go into Wildlife Biology, he said "Why do you want to go into that? Wildlife Biologists are a dime a dozen and there are no women in the field." Disgusted, I changed majors when my friend told me that the Ag Department in the College of Engineering had a conservation program, and I decided that I wanted to work for a land grant college's Cooperative Extension Service, so I wrote my own senior project in Extension Education through the University of Arizona.

My advice - Don't ever let anyone tell you that females don't belong in a field or job. My daughters prove that to me every day. The very first time I walked into an auditorium for a seminar after college, three men were bent over the slide projector pulling out the dirty slides because they had a woman in the audience for the first time. We have made great strides since then, due in no small part to the women who have gone before us.

People often ask me about my "adventure daughter, Autumn", who has bicycled across the US from Bellingham to Washington DC, climbed the highest mountain in the Americas, Mt. Aconcagua in Argentina (one of only two women and three students out of 17 to make the top at 22,837 ft), worked many seasons as an elk hunting guide in Colorado, worked as a wrangler on at least 4 ranches - the largest a 100,000 acre ranch in Argentina, and completed the Camino de Santiago in Spain. She has trained two people to dog mush who have completed the Iditarod, and never ceases to amaze us all, as she was "the quiet one". She is fluent in Spanish and could no doubt encourage many young girls to never give up when you are discounted because "you're a girl."

Scholarship Winners for 2020

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

June 14 was a remarkable day. It marked the first virtual tea to recognize the three scholarship recipients for 2020. They are: Hannah Grierson, Saylor Anderson, and Samantha Hall.

To make their day the most special possible, chairman Marianne McGarry-Bloom hand-delivered, in protective gear of course with proper distancing, flowers and celebratory cake to each young woman. In the afternoon the branch held a virtual ceremony hearing from each of the winners and learning a bit about them.



Hannah Grierson is a rising Junior at Westmont College where she is studying Political Science with an emphasis in International Security and Development. She recently returned from Egypt where she was studying Arabic, Islam, and issues facing the modern Middle East. Her passions for gender equality, humanitarian relief, and U.S. global leadership have further been shaped by her experience this summer interning for InterAction, the largest alliance of international NGO's in the U.S. She is also minoring in Economics and Business, working as a Teacher's Assistant for that department. Hannah served as an intern last summer in the Congressional office of U.S. Representative Suzan DelBene and has also worked with the NGO World Vision on research projects related to global health and gender equity. Hannah is looking forward to returning to campus in the fall where she will serve as the student body Vice-President. Hannah graduated from Stanwood High School in 2018 and grew up on Camano Island with her parents and two younger

brothers.

Saylor Anderson has lived in Stanwood the entirety of her life and loves her community. In 2018 Saylor graduated from Stanwood High School as a Valedictorian and is currently attending Whitworth University as a student-athlete and majoring in Psychology with a minor in Communication. She is a dual sport athlete at Whitworth, playing volleyball in the fall and track and field in the spring. After graduating, Saylor plans on enrolling in a Master's program for sport and exercise psychology and pursue a career in sport psychology. Her goal is to serve young student-athletes, assist in building strong mindsets, and be a role model.



Samantha Hall is a senior at Montana State University where she is studying Chemical and Aerospace Engineering. Samantha is passionate about skiing, scuba diving, and outer space. She recently completed an internship with NASA where she developed an interest in fuel cells and electrochemistry. Samantha hopes to do more research in those areas as she pursues her Bachelor's degree and in her future career.

Good Morning Sunshine—June 14, 2020



Hannah & Marianne



Saylor & Marianne



Marianne & Samantha

General Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Google Hangouts to celebrate our three scholarship winners: Hannah Grierson, Samantha Hall, and Saylor Anderson and to conduct our annual meeting.

Call to Order: President, Mary Chesney, called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m.

Minutes: May 14, 2020 Meeting – Jackie DeFazio motioned to approve minutes as printed in the June newsletter; Gay Campbell seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer – Nancy Voelckers reviewed the financial reports emailed to the board. Our current balance of both accounts is \$66,896.91 as of May 31, 2020. Activity for May: dues for 18 renewals, transfer of funds; anonymous donation to Tech Trek; interest income; motion to accept the financials was made by Norma Mouton; Judy Prince seconded, motion approved.

Nancy presented the Operations Budget for 2020-2021 as published in the June newsletter for vote of approval by the membership. Jackie DeFazio moved to accept the budget; Katie Farrey seconded, motion approved.

Membership: In Martha Huyler's absence, Georgi Proulx reported we have 81 members and 27 have renewed so far. Notices will be emailed from National to all members who have not yet renewed. Members can mail their check for \$93 to Stanwood-Camano AAUW, P.O. Box 2652, Stanwood, WA 98292. Payment on line is available by responding to the email from National. Please contact Martha or Georgi if you need assistance before June 30.

New Business: Branch honorees were announced:

Katie Farrey for many years as Book Group activity leader and successfully adapting the virtual platforms for Book Group.

Carolyn Spector for her efforts of collecting and organizing our branch historical documents and the outstanding newsletter article series she provided the past few months.

Nancy Voelckers for her over-the-top dedication to the VP finance position stepping in to assist when unforeseen changes were necessary to the VP Finance position. Nancy was VP Finance-elect for two terms and is finishing her VP Finance term in June 2020.

Slate of Officers for 2020-2021: Mary Chesney presented the slate of officers for 2020-2021 for membership vote as published in the June newsletter. Norma Mouton nominated Lynda Buehring for President-elect and herself for VP Membership. Slate of officers accepted by voice vote of the 15 members in attendance.

Slate of Officers presented for vote of approval by the membership is:

President: Judy Prince

President-elect: Lynda Buehring

VP Finance: Jackie-Lyn Olson

VP Finance-elect: Jeanie Garrioch

VP Membership: Norma Mouton (2 years)

VP Program: Kathy Cunningham (2 years)

Secretary: Georgi Proulx (finishing Linda Lynn's second year)

Appointed position of Program Assistant was accepted by Lynda Buehring.

Minutes and the names of new officers will be presented to the bank(s) for updated signature cards. Authorized signers are the President, President-elect, VP Finance and VP Finance-elect.

Adjournment: Norma Mouton moved to adjourn the meeting; Jackie-Lyn Olson seconded; motion carried; meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx

For Linda Lynn, Secretary

