



Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

January 2021

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January 7th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

January Board Meeting
Virtual via Zoom

January 14th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

General Meeting
Virtual Via Zoom

Program: Karen Anderson, Public Policy Chair for AAUW-WA presenting Public Policy for our state

February 1st
Monday

Virtual Lobby Day

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Message from the President

Judy Prince

I had the opportunity to attend a Legacy Circle event where we heard from Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair, Kim Churches, Chief Executive Officer, and three other National board members about where AAUW is headed. We learned that there will be new research on women in manufacturing. This is exciting to me because the manufacturing that we still do in the US (think Boeing) offers living wage jobs. Of course, AAUW will continue our advocacy role. We are especially involved in strengthening the provision of Title IX. There were about 100 participants in this call.

This meeting included two break out sessions where we were able to speak to other AAUW members from all over the country. I learned that the Appleton, Wisconsin branch held a virtual fund raiser that brought them more money than any past, in-person event! Another thing that was of interest to me is that there is an interbranch council in the Los Angeles area. When I was state AAUW president I was closely connected with the Portland area interbranch council (5 Oregon and 2 Washington branches). For fun, in our second breakout session, three women from Washington and one from Oregon were part of the group.

I learned that branches all over are adopting on-line technology to hold their meetings. We are not unique in that respect.

In an on-line event sponsored by my college regarding things returning to "normal" in 2021 we had a panel discussion on line after 2020. One of the panelists (a doctor) was asked whether he planned to take a COVID vaccination. His response was: "If my appointment is at 3:00 a.m., I'll be there early with my sleeve rolled up." Let's all follow his advice.

The AAUW Legacy Circle is composed of donors who have made a planned gift to AAUW, thereby affirming their commitment to the future of women and girls. See information on page 3 to see how you can become a Legacy Circle member.

I look forward to 2021 with optimism. We will have a vaccine!

January: Lobby Day and Public Policy by Karen Anderson

Kathy Cunningham

In preparation for Lobby Day, please join us on January 14, 1:00 p.m. for Karen Anderson's presentation "Making a Difference in the lives of Girls and Women: AAUW-WA Advocacy Past and Present." Karen is the Public Policy Chair for AAUW-WA and describes her program as: "Everyone knows that historians love titles with colons. I will talk about our issues and give guidance on virtual advocacy."

Karen received her Ph.D. from the University of Washington in history in 1975 and is a History Professor Emeritus at the University of Arizona. She specialized in women's history and recent U.S. history. After moving back to western Washington, she joined the Gig Harbor Branch of AAUW, which she has served as a co-president and as program chair. Karen is in her fourth and final year as public policy director for AAUW-WA.

Hope to see you via Zoom on January 14 at 1:00 p.m.



Future Events

February 4th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

February Board Meeting
Virtual via Zoom

February 11th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

General Meeting
Virtual Via Zoom

Program: Local Women
Entrepreneurs Share their
Stories



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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/)

Public Policy: Lobby Day - February 1

Cathlin Starke

State AAUW will hold a Lobby Day Zoom meeting on February 1, 2021 to prepare us for lobbying our state legislators that week. Start time has not been published.

Please email Cathlin if you wish to join the meeting.

This is a fabulous opportunity learn more about AAUW and to participate in our democracy...an added bonus is we don't need to drive to Olympia!

We are fortunate to have Karen Anderson, AAUW-WA Public Policy Chair, at our branch meeting, January 14. Make a connection that day to benefit your participation on Lobby Day, February 1.

Wishing you a wonderful 2021!



PWP: A Two-Pronged Approach

Jackie DeFazio and Gay Campbell

The availability of the COVID vaccine increases our optimism for a gala in-person Purses with Purpose luncheon and auction. However, we know there are many unknowns right now, so we are hedging our bets and planning for either a virtual or in-person event. Many of the things we need to prepare to pull off an effective virtual event can also be used to enhance an in-person event.

One thing we do know—for either venue we need purses, purses, purses! All of us need to be on the hunt for like-new and gently-used purses, and we ask that each member purchase at least one new purse to contribute. There should be some great bargains at after-holiday sales, online as well as in brick-and-mortar stores. Your new purse doesn't have to be an expensive designer purse. If you buy something you would like for yourself, chances are, one of our potential buyers will covet it.

Send your purses to PWP Procurement Committee co-chair Rose Olsen, and put "AAUW purse" on the package. And if shopping is not your thing, remember that you can contact Rose or co-chair Mary Raymond and "commission" someone on the Procurement Committee to purchase a purse on your behalf. Contact information is available on the branch membership roster.

If you have already contributed a purse, thank you on behalf of all the Tech Trek girls and scholarship winners who will benefit from your generosity. Let's make 2021 the year that we spend our treasure (time as well as money) where it can make a real difference!



Successful Stanwood Camano Give

Lois Ruskell

The Stanwood-Camano Give project administered by SCAF (Stanwood Camano Area Foundation) on Giving Tuesday was a great success. We received 26 unique donations; 14 of which were members or former members. Our branch project, "Inspiring Young Women in Science and Tech Careers," brought in donations totaling \$2330 including a \$200 match from Lenz Enterprises.

This was a great response, and our thanks go out to those who donated.



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Tech Trek, Our Shining Diamond

Mary Chesney

Our shining diamond. That's how I think of this program. It is indeed the jewel in our crown, but the pandemic has put a veil over the program.

I know a few of you expressed interest in helping recruit girls among current 7th grade students to attend virtual camp this coming summer or opt for the in-person camp in 2022. However, recruitment might not take place this winter. Branches that were asked if they were willing and able to recruit from this group of students overwhelmingly said, "No." We were one of three that said we would recruit.

For now, the state web site instructs viewers when a decision will be made: "Soon after the new year, we will provide further guidance to the state wide Tech Trek community regarding more detailed 2021 summer plans and IF 2021 camp recruitment should be considered."

I will let everyone know the recruitment plans as soon as I receive notice. I have not received any response from the 2020 student group saying they would not attend the virtual camp which is wonderful. The likelihood of in in-person camp in 2021 is nil. As reported in an article by the American Association of Pediatrics (link below) currently the vaccines for COVID are only approved beginning at age 16. Vaccine trials have yet to begin for children 15 and younger and if they don't begin soon, they might not be available in time for the school year beginning fall of 2021.

<https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/12/10/vrbpac-pfizer-vaccine-121020>

Given this information, an in-person camp for 2021 is pretty much ruled out.

Membership Newcomers' Meeting

Norma Mouton

The membership leadership team is hard at work and has developed a Newcomers' Zoom Meeting program to introduce our newcomers to the various programs that our branch offers.

Our next meeting will provide background information about Lobby Day and Public Policy. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, January 12, at 3:00 p.m.

If this is topic holds a particular interest for you, please let me know so that I can send you the link.

For information on the AAUW Legacy Circle please visit:

<https://ww3.aauw.org/resource/aauw-legacy-circle/>

Hope to Zoom you soon and welcome to our branch.



Scholarship Budget for 2021

Jackie Olson

At the January 14 meeting we will be voting on our Scholarship Budget for 2021. A copy of the proposed budget is below for your review in preparation for the vote. AAUW Funds will be distributed as was done in 2020: \$3000 to Greatest Need Fund. Changes to the Tech Trek and Scholarship budget amounts are shown.

Comments, questions and discussion are welcome at the meeting, but if you have questions prior to then please contact Jackie Olson, VP-Finance.



AAUW - STANWOOD CAMANO 2021 - SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET

	2020 Budget (approved)	2020 Actual (1/1/20- 11/30/20)	2021 Budget (proposed)	
Income				
Donations-non-designated	500.00	593.00	500.00	
Donations-Tech Trek	3,000.00	1,050.00	3,000.00	A
Interest Income	700.00	713.82	100.00	
Total Income	4,200.00	2,356.82	3,600.00	
Expenses				
Tech Trek	-11,000.00	-11,000.00	-8000.00	
STEM Expense	-300.00	-250.00	-300.00	
Scholarship Admin/Printing	-150.00	0.00	-150.00	
College scholarships	-16,000.00	-12,000.00	-12,000.00	
AAUW Education & Training Fund	-2,000.00	0.00	0.00	
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund	-1,000.00	0.00	0.00	
AAUW Greatest Need Fund	0.00	-3,000.00	-3,000.00	
Total expenses	-30,450.00	-26,250.00	-23,450.00	
Net before 2019 PWP	-26,250.00	-23,893.18	-19,850.00	
2021 PWP				
PWP Income		100.00		
PWP expenses		-1492.94		
Net PWP		-1392.94		
Total Scholarship Budget	-26,250.00	-25,286.12	-19,850.00	

A - \$2000 Giving Tuesday plus \$1000 memorial donation

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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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.



Online book group will meet Monday, January 4 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.

January 4

The Bone and Sinew of the Land by Anna-Lisa Cox

The American frontier is one of our most cherished and enduring national images. We think of the early settlers who tamed the wilderness and built the bones of our great country as courageous, independent--and white. In this groundbreaking work of deep historical research, Anna-Lisa Cox shows that this history simply isn't accurate. In fact, she has found a stunning number of black settlements on the frontier--in the thousands. Though forgotten today, these homesteads were a matter of national importance at the time; their mere existence challenged rationalizations for slavery and pushed the question toward a crisis--one that was not resolved until the eruption of the Civil War.--Provided by publisher.

February 1

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

Marie Benedict has once again brought a deserving woman out of the shadows into the spotlight. Hedy Lamarr, although well-known for her triumphs on the silver screen, should be featured in history classes for her contributions to science. Compelling, fascinating, and impossible to put down, this is another triumph for Benedict." -- from the Indie Next List.

March 1

Pilgrimage to Eternity by Timothy Egan

"At a time when Britain, America, and much of Europe have never been so secular--and when his mother's death and his Irish Catholic family's complicated history with the church prompted a reckoning with his own beliefs -- Timothy Egan decided to follow in the footsteps of centuries of seekers. He embarked on a thousand-mile pilgrimage through the theological cradle of Christianity, to explore one of the biggest stories of our time: the collapse of religion in the world that it created. Egan sets out along the Via Francigena, once the major medieval trail leading the devout to Rome, and makes his way overland via the alpine peaks and small mountain towns of France, Switzerland and Italy. The goal: walking to St. Peter's Square, in hopes of meeting the galvanizing pope who is struggling to hold together the church through the worst crisis in half a millennium. Making his way through a landscape laced with some of the most important shrines to the faith, Egan finds a modern Canterbury Tale in the chapel where Queen Bertha introduced Christianity to pagan Britain; parses the supernatural in a French town built on miracles; and journeys to the oldest abbey in the Western world, founded in 515 and home to continuous prayer over the 1,500 years that have followed. He is accompanied by a quirky cast of fellow pilgrims and by some of the towering figures of the faith--Joan of Arc, Henry VIII, Martin Luther."

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.

Branch Beginnings: Margaret Jones

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 branch.

Margaret's life is somewhat of a mystery. She was born in 1907 or 1908 in Washington to immigrants from Wales. She attended the Normal School at Cheney, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1925. While attending the State Normal School she was a member of the Girls "W" Club.

The 1930 U.S. Federal Census shows her living on Summit Avenue in Seattle with two other women, all three of whom were grade school teachers. By 1935 she was teaching Home Economics at Arlington High School.

The last record that can be found for her is the 1940 U.S. Federal Census, which shows her living and teaching in Arlington, with an income of \$1,300/year. There are numerous records for women named "Margaret Jones" in genealogy sites, but it is such a common name that none of the entries can be definitively linked to the Margaret who helped found our branch.

After the publication of the December newsletter and Carolyn's article on Nettie Johnson, the branch received the email below from a relative of Nettie, Kara Pinetti. We want to share this poignant note:

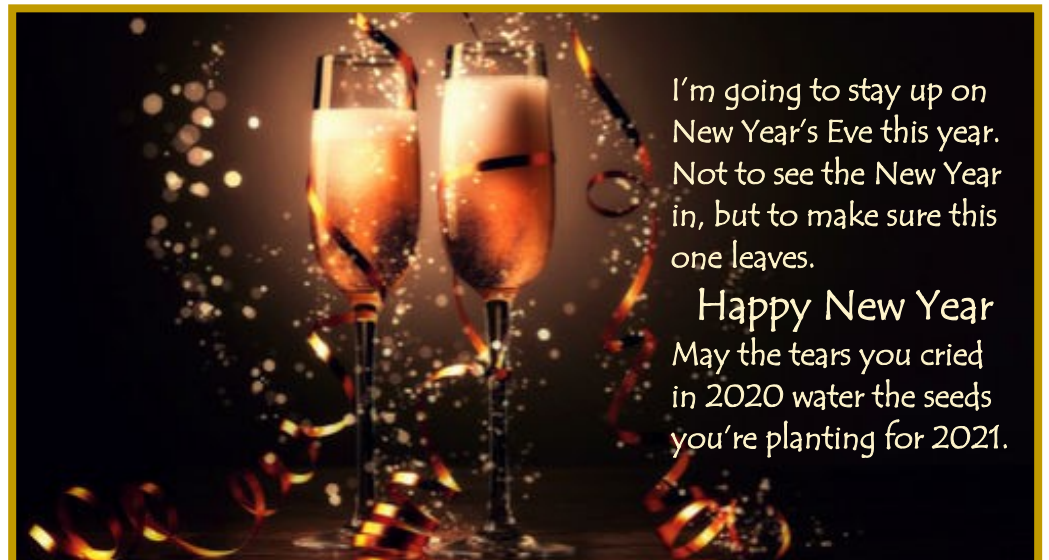
Hi there - Viv Henderson sent me a piece from AAUW written by Ms. Spector. Nettie is buried in our family plot in Stanwood. My understanding is that she died at about 36 of a brain aneurism while she and my dad were out fishing. Please send my email on to Ms. Spector, if you would.

There are several of us that have graves in the Pioneer Cemetery - the Our Savior's Cemetery in Stanwood. We're working on doing a better job maintaining the gravesites there. We just did a cleanup in October around Josephine Hals and her family's graves. That's the Josephine of the Old People's Home, a shirttail cousin of mine.

Kara Pinetti



There was no business meeting in December therefore no minutes .



I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

Happy New Year
May the tears you cried in 2020 water the seeds you're planting for 2021.