

## In Touch

June 2021

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**June 3rd  
Thursday  
1:00 p.m.**

June Board Meeting  
Virtual via Zoom

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**June 12th  
Saturday**

**9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

AAUW's Health Care Kickoff  
Health Matters: Advocating for  
Washington Women

*Virtual Event featuring: Dr.  
Alyson McGregor and Dr. Dorothy  
Roberts. To register see page 3 of  
May Evergreen Leader emailed to  
you in mid-May*

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**June 13th  
Sunday  
2:00 p.m.**

Annual Meeting and Election of  
Officers via Zoom and  
Scholarship Winners Recognition  
*Watch for Email Invitation*

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### Message from the President

*Judy Prince*

This has certainly been an interesting year to be your branch president. When I agreed to be president-elect in 2019, we had no idea that there would be the start of a worldwide pandemic in 2020. We were able to pivot to virtual meeting early in the shutdown.

I'm a little more optimistic that we will be able to return to in-person meetings sometime in the 2021-2022 AAUW year. We are probably dependent on organizations with facilities figuring how and when they will return to scheduling their rooms for meetings.

Despite not being there in person, we have had some excellent programs. Since Public Policy is my first AAUW love, I liked the program with our "new" lobbyist. Nancy Sapiro gave us excellent information about bills AAUW state supports in the recently completed session. I also like the program presented by Stanwood Camano Diversity group of which our Katie Farrey is a member.

We also had the opportunity to select Tech Trek campers, high school STEM scholars, and scholarship recipients. Seems like a normal year in some ways.

It has been a pleasure serving the Stanwood-Camano branch as president. Enjoy the upcoming summer and the warm weather and flowers it brings.

### AAUW Virtual Scholarship Tea

*Marianne McGarry-Bloom*

Please join us via Zoom on Sunday, June 13, at 2:00 p.m. to meet our 2021 Scholarship Winners.

This year, our AAUW scholarship winners will be featured via Zoom at a "Virtual Tea." We have received many excellent applications from college students in their junior, senior or Master's level studies wishing to complete their degrees. Our \$4,000 scholarships are intended to fill the gap which many students experience as their undergraduate scholarships come to an end.

Don't miss this landmark occasion as we celebrate our future leaders.



### Newcomers' Focus Group

*Norma Mouton*

As a branch we are appreciative of the guidance and leadership provided by the President and President-elect each year. If you would like to learn more about these roles, please attend the June Newcomers' Focus Group. Presentations will be given by Judy Prince, President and India Nishi, President-elect on Tuesday, June 8, at 3:30 p.m.

This invitation is extended to all current members, not just newcomers. If you are interested in attending, please send a request to Norma Mouton, VP Membership, email found on the current roster and I'll be sure to send a Zoom invitation. Hope to see you there.



## Future Events

**Please watch for email updates of this event:**

**August 12th  
Thursday  
4:00 p.m.**

### Camano Hills Pavilion

Kick off the new year with new President, India Nishi, at our August BBQ. Guests are welcome.

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### Save the Date!

**December 16th  
Thursday**

Holiday Lunch at Cama Cafe



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

[www.aauwsc.org](http://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](http://www.aauw-wa.org)

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

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



## Renewing Friendships & More

Here is a gentle reminder that membership dues for the 2021-2022 year in the amount of \$96 are payable now. Jackie Olson, our VP Finance, shares the most efficient way to pay your dues and for the branch to receive the branch portion directly in our account is to pay online.

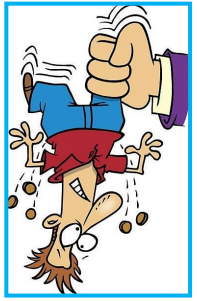
If you missed the email from National with the link you can renew easily with a credit card via National by logging in at [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org). If you forgot your membership number select "Forgot your Membership Number" at log in, fill out name, state and zip and your membership number will appear!

Click on "Enter Membership Services Database" and then "Renew my Membership."

- Click on Membership
- Membership Services Database
- Enter Member Services Database
- Renew My Membership

At this point you can pay via credit/debit card or have an invoice emailed to you. The choice to mail a check to our post office box is also an option. Send a check in the amount of \$96 to : AAUW-Stanwood Camano, PO Box 2652, Stanwood, WA 98292. Please do NOT mail to Jackie's home.

Dues for 2021-2022 is \$96 (\$62 National, \$10 State and \$24 Branch).



## Slate of Officers 2021-2022

Please review the slate of officers noted below for the 2021-2022 year and come prepared to vote at the Annual Meeting on June 13 at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Judy Prince if you are interested in filling any of the vacant positions.

President: India Nishi

President-elect: Nancy Voelckers

VP Finance: Jeanie Garrioch

VP Finance-elect: *vacant*

VP Program: Kathy Cunningham (finishing 2nd year of 2 year position)

Program Assistant: *vacant* (appointed position)

VP Membership: Norma Mouton (finishing 2nd year of 2 year position)

Membership Assistant: Lynda Buehring (appointed position)

Secretary: Georgi Proulx (2 year position)

Appointed Board Positions:

Public Policy: Judy Prince

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 all members.

If you would like to know what it entails to fulfill a position please contact Judy Prince for a job description. In addition to the Board positions there are open Activity Leader positions. Contact India Nishi, President-elect for more information about these opportunities.



## Operating Budget for 2021-2022

Jackie-Lyn Olson

Below is the Branch Operating Budget for 2021-2022 that will be presented to the membership for a vote of approval at our Annual Meeting on June 13, 2:00 p.m. to be held virtually via Zoom. Please contact Jackie-Lyn Olson, VP of Finance, with any questions you may have. Please review and come prepared to vote.

### AAUW - STANWOOD CAMANO

#### 2021-2022 - PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

(rev. 5-31-21)

	2020/2021 Budget (approved)	2020/2021 Actual (thru 4/30/21)	2021/2022 Budget (proposed)	
<b>Income</b>				
Branch Dues - 60 @ \$24	1,920.00	720.00	1,440.00	a
Holiday Luncheon - net	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operating Acct donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,920.00</b>	<b>720.00</b>	<b>1,440.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Accountant Fee	250.00	150.00	200.00	b
Annual Filing Fee	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Branch Programs	420.00	310.00	400.00	
Candidates Forum	25.00	0.00	25.00	c
Liability and D&O Insurance	525.00	0.00	533.00	d
Office - Sup, Box, Copies, postage	250.00	146.12	175.00	e
(President's) Conference	240.00	0.00	100.00	f
Website & Domain name (3 yr)	100.00	19.39	19.39	
Hosting Website	0.00	287.64	300.00	g*
Women's Expo	100.00	-100.00	100.00	h
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,920.00</b>	<b>823.15</b>	<b>1,862.39</b>	
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-103.15</b>	<b>-422.39</b>	i

a- 700.00 dues income and donations prior to 7/20 not reflected in this summary.

b- T Greer's office quoted \$250 three years ago. Increased slightly in case new owner raises prices.

c- Stanwood School District hosted candidate forum on their Zoom account. AAUW will split with SCNews as usual.

d- Waived insurance during COVID. Renew - \$196 Liability \$370 D&O

e- Reduced office supplies

f- Conference budget decreased due to decrease in members

g- Hosting website - \$300 for 3 years

\* Operating will pay 2/3 and Scholarship will pay 1/3

h- 2020 Women's Expo payment refunded

i- Expenses exceed Income by \$422.39 (Note paying for \$200 web hosting for next two years.)

## Your 2020-2021 Board

### President

Judy Prince

### President-Elect

India Nishi

### VP of Finance

Jackie-Lyn Olson

### VP of Finance-Elect

Jeanie Garrioch

### VP-Membership

Norma Mouton

### Membership Assistant \*

Lynda Buehring

### Secretary

Georgi Proulx

### VP of Program

Kathy Cunningham

### Program Assistant \*

India Nishi

### Public Policy

Cathlin Starke

### Communications

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

\* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

## Activity Leaders

### Purses with Purpose 2022

Gay Campbell

Jackie DeFazio

### High School STEM Scholars

Lois Ruskell

### Scholarship Chair

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

### Tech Trek Chair

Mary Chesney

### Art Education

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

### Grant Committee

(open position)

### AAUW Funds Coordinator

Jackie DeFazio

### Candidate & Issues Forum

Elaine Richards

### Historian

(open position)

### Diversity

Linda Lynn

### 501(c)(3) Compliance

Jackie DeFazio

### Stanwood-Camano Give

Lois Ruskell

### Title IX Liaison

Jackie-Lyn Olson

### Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

## Membership Spotlight: Are We Lucky or What?

*Nancy Roberts*

At age 82 I have begun spending more time reflecting on the periods and events of my life. The word that keeps coming to mind is "luck." Throughout the joyful and traumatic times, there has always been the intervention of outcomes that feel attributable, at least in part, to that somewhat magical force that brings a positive outcome. And so it is that I consider our AAUW Stanwood Camano branch a lucky organization, for me and you. Where else in my life has there been a more satisfying group for that part of me that values: social interaction with phenomenal, accomplished women, the opportunity to make a difference on a local level as well as national, and the availability of participating in continued learning.

I moved to the island in 2002 and joined AAUW a short time later. In 2012, when I was approached about serving as secretary, I elected to volunteer to be treasurer, thinking it would be simple, like managing my personal bank account. I attended a board meeting and found out that a chairman was needed for the art show, our annual fundraiser at the time. Leadership has always been a non-intimidating thing for me, so I raised my hand, thinking, "Anything to get out of being treasurer!" I talked Kathy Cunningham into being my co-chair, and together we oversaw a show that grossed the lowest percent of profit in the 30 years of its history. Times in the community had changed and it was time for our group to change as well.

I served on a committee to come up with a different fundraising idea. I had learned of a purse auction put on by an Everett group, which sounded like a plausible alternative. Several of us attended that auction and found it to be fun and profitable. Not sure if the idea would work, we decided to try it. Jo English and Beverly Maxwell chaired that first year's purse auction in October 2013, at The Floyd, and our doubts vanished. Norma Mouton and I chaired the second year 2015, moving to the Camano Center where there was more room; Jackie DeFazio and Gay Campbell took the reins in 2017 and Lynda Buehring and Norma Mouton in 2019, making improvements each year. So far a wildly successful event!

In the end we know that the "magic" of luck comes through the willingness and work of people dedicated to the success of our branch, and our fundraiser and other activities are what binds us as a group. Leadership becomes easy because members readily (mostly) volunteer. So let us stop for a moment and give thanks for the luck we all share by the existence of our branch.

### August 12 Kick Off BBQ

*Kathy Cunningham*

Our kickoff in-person meeting for 2021-2022 will be our August BBQ on Thursday, August 12, at 4 p.m. We will gather at the Camano Hills Pavilion where we have shelter, tables, a barbecue and lots of green grass. Spouses and guests are welcome to join us. There will also be some bubbly for a special toast in memory of long time member Joan Pang's beloved husband Frank, who served as one of our best helpers/bartenders/barbecue masters for many years of AAUW activities.

Please reach out to all members you know, past and present, any friends you would like to introduce to our Branch and invite them for this fun fest, which will also be a thanks for the work of President Judy Prince, and meet and greet for incoming President India Nishi, President-Elect Nancy Voelckers, and as many Board members who can join us. Watch for an email closer to the day of the event with specifics about what to bring. Please mark your calendars!





## Purses with Purpose 2022 - Why We Do It

Jackie DeFazio and Gay Campbell

"What's in a name?" asked Juliet of Romeo—a question worth pondering as we here in the Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW begin preparing for an in-person **Purses with Purpose Luncheon/Auction scheduled for April 30, 2022.** "Every woman should have a purse of her own," said Susan B. Anthony—referring not to the fashionable accessory that purses have become today, but to the importance of women's economic independence.



While that goal has yet to be achieved worldwide, today women control 80% of consumer decisions, including spending to support products and causes they value. Enter **Purses with Purpose**—an event designed to encourage the women in our community to spend their dollars on a product they value—a great purse—at the same time that they are supporting a cause that they value even more—education for women and girls. Now, more than ever, that education is essential to women's economic independence.

### How You Can Be Part of PWP 2022:

- ◇ Contribute a new or very gently used purse and encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. Please bring a purse to the August 12 picnic for all of us to admire. If you cannot attend the picnic, contact Rose Olson or Mary Raymond.
- ◇ Consider filling one of the remaining committee chair slots. Open positions at this time include: Tickets, Centerpieces, Publicity/Publications, and Grants. Contact Gay Campbell or Jackie DeFazio for a job description and become part of a fun group of women working together to make a real difference for local women and girls.
- ◇ If you know of someone who is a skilled video editor, contact either Gay or Jackie with that information. We need a short video of our scholarship winners and Tech Trek students to show at the PWP event to inspire attendees to be even more generous in their giving.

### The Power of Purses with Purpose/PWP 2022:

Making decisions about how to spend our money is a powerful way for women to vote for causes we believe in. Join our branch's effort to encourage the women in our community to use their purses for the purposes of funding local girls' attendance at Tech Trek Camps and enabling young women to complete their college educations.

### Public Policy: Want to Learn More?

AAUW is a powerful lobbying force on national public policy, frequently partnering with others. You can view our current efforts at a single source by going to <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/documents>. "AAUW Weighs In: Policy Updates" is an excellent source to stay informed.



Food for thought: "The words of the Declaration of Independence, as given effect by Washington...are to be accepted as real, and not as empty phrases...that in very truth this is a government by the people themselves, that the Constitution is theirs, that the courts are theirs, that all the government agents and agencies are theirs... It is for the people themselves finally to decide all questions of public policy and to have their decision made effective...We here, in America, hold in our hands the hope of the world."

~Theodore Roosevelt

## High School STEM Scholar Honorees

*Lois Ruskell*

Twelve STEM scholar honorees from Arlington, Lakewood, and Stanwood High Schools were recognized at our Zoom meeting on May 13. Each girl was introduced along with their high school accomplishments. They received letters of commendation for their scholastic resumes and an Amazon gift card. Our branch is proud to honor these young women:



Arlington High School pictured left to right: Sophie Willis, Hanna Jensen, and Anna Dodd  
Not Pictured: Madeline Andrich and Emily Mekelburg



Lakewood High School pictured left to right: Natalie Neiffer, Malia Schroeder, Kiana Oos, and Katelynn Carlson



Stanwood High School pictured left to right: Natalie Alexander and Matlyn Miller  
Not pictured: Marissa Ringness

## 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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### 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, June 7 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.

### June 7

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

*"Cussy Mary Carter is the last of her kind, her skin the color of a blue damselfly in these dusty hills But that doesn't mean she's got nothing to offer. As a member of the Pack Horse Library Project, Cussy delivers books to the hill folk of Troublesome, hoping to spread learning in these desperate times. But not everyone is so keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and the hardscrabble Kentuckians are quick to blame a Blue for any trouble in their small town."-- Provided by publisher.*

The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes

*"Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond, from the author of Me Before You and The Peacock Emporium Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law."-- Provided by publisher.*

### July 12 (note date change)

The Prince of Los Cocuyos by Richard Blanco

*"A memoir from the first Latino and openly gay inaugural poet, which explores his coming-of-age as the child of Cuban immigrants and his attempts to understand his place in America while grappling with his burgeoning artistic and sexual identities"--Amazon.com.*

### August 2

The Woman's Hour: The Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

*An account of the 1920 ratification of the constitutional amendment that granted voting rights to women traces the culmination of seven decades of legal battles and cites the pivotal contributions of famous suffragists and political leaders.*

### September 13

A Most Beautiful Thing by Arshay Cooper

*The moving true story of a group of young men growing up on Chicago's West side who form the first all-black high school rowing team in the nation, and in doing so not only transform a sport, but their lives"-- Provided by publisher.*

For more information, contact Katie Farrey.



## Images from our Virtual High School STEM Scholar Recognition, May 13, 2021

Photographer: Martha Huyler



### Celebrating Tech Trek 2021

In addition to honoring the High School STEM Scholars, the seventh grade girls who will be attending the virtual Tech Trek camp in July were invited to the meeting. The girls included:

Mattea Black, Port Susan MS

Willa Cross, Port Susan MS

Grace Ross, Port Susan MS

Briana Cutaran, Stanwood MS

Isla Hollingsworth, Stanwood MS

Maleah Jones, Stanwood MS

Lucy Sansom, Saratoga School

President Judy Prince congratulated them and awarded the Betty McCadden Scholarship to Willa Cross from Port Susan Middle School and the Leslie Gitomer Scholarship to Lucy Sansom from Saratoga School. Both Betty and Leslie were branch members who strongly support Tech Trek.



## General Meeting – May 13, 2021

*Program via Zoom: High School Scholar STEM Recognition; program speaker Michelle Totman, GIS Specialist for Tulalip Tribe Natural Resources Department. This was an evening meeting with students, teachers, and families of the honorees. Also presented were this year's Tech Trek campers who will attend a virtual camp experience in July.*

**Attendance:** (16) Judy Prince, Jackie Olson, Norma Mouton, Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler, Kathy Cunningham, Helen Smith, Jackie DeFazio, India Nishi, Lynda Buehring, Katie Farrey, Joyce Leak, Mary Pilkington, Mary Raymond, Doris Taylor, Liliya Tushinski. **Guests:** (18): Honorees and their families and guest speaker, Michelle Totman.

*There was no formal business meeting, therefore, no minutes other than attendance.*

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx

Secretary

