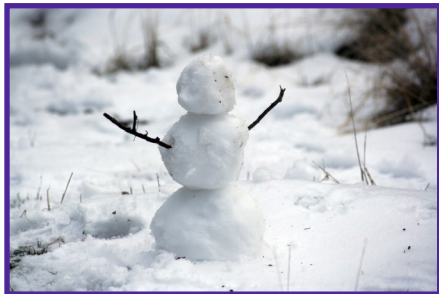


Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW



In Touch

January 2022

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January 6th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

January Board Meeting
Via Zoom

January 13
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

General Meeting via Zoom

Program: Sandra Distelhorst, AAUW-WA Public Policy Director, will discuss Lobby Day 2022 and public policy issues that are of importance today.

January 24
Monday

Lobby Day, Virtually

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Message from the President

India Nishi

Greetings to all! I hope all of you have been enjoying this wonderful holiday time with friends and family. Today started out at a very cold 4 degrees here in Bellingham, which is unheard of. We have had our share of wacky weather this year for sure, and the year isn't over yet! It was so nice to have a white Christmas at our house though; they happen so infrequently that it is a special treat when they do come along. The snow is so beautiful the first couple of days, but of course, it also makes it more difficult to get around. Our Christmas dinner had half the number of expected attendees. There will be lots of dinners of leftovers Chez Nishi for the next few days.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our annual holiday luncheon and to get the chance to meet many of you for the first time in person. Coming together to celebrate was really a blessing; many thanks to Kathy Cunningham for scheduling the luncheon and for working with the Cama Beach Café to provide a delicious lunch, in a socially distanced way. Thank you to Georgi Proulx for her wonderful snowflake decorations and for the little gifts for the table who won our little trivia game icebreaker.

Another wonderful aspect of our luncheon was seeing the generosity of our attendees. You brought purses galore for PWP, with selections for everyone's tastes (I have my eye on a couple). And a special thank you goes to Mary Raymond for providing the beautiful gift basket for our raffle drawing. Thanks also to those who brought contributions for our local food banks, and those who purchased some of the tempting offerings provided by Wana Duma. Once again, our branch members stepped up to help people both within and outside our community. You all are the best!

I hope you will be able to join us for our January General Meeting. Sandra Distelhorst, who heads AAUW WA State's Public Policy team will be speaking to us about the upcoming Lobby Day on January 24, including information about potential legislation that is of particular interest to AAUW. The meeting will be held virtually, but feel free to bring questions for Sandra about Lobby Day, pending legislation, or any other public policy matter of interest to you. I know Sandra from the State board and am impressed with her knowledge, and her boundless energy. She'll be a great speaker!

Here's wishing that all of you have a safe and happy New Year. Let's hope that the worst of the pandemic is behind us and that we'll have much smoother sailing as we go forward in 2022. I'm looking forward to a new year, and to ramping up our planning for PWP. Please remember to sign up to help, if you're able. It will take many of us to plan and deliver a successful event under the leadership of our dynamic duo, Gay Campbell and Jackie DeFazio.

Stay warm everyone!



Future Events

February 3rd

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

February Board Meeting
Zoom/In person TBD

February 10th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Program: *Shore Water Stewards*



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/>

January - AAUW State Public Policy Director

Kathy Cunningham

Please join us via Zoom on Thursday, January 13, to hear a presentation by Sandra Ripley Distelhorst, the AAUW-WA Public Policy Director (pictured to the right). Sandra will be discussing Lobby Day (January 24) and public policy issues that are of importance today.



She is a small business owner/consultant for Northwest Health Communications working with research groups and individuals to develop/write/edit scientific and medical journal articles, patient education materials, and book chapters for publication. Her clients have included local and international groups including the Breast Health Global Initiative where she was lead author or co-author for a series of breast cancer care guidelines for low- and middle-income countries that used a resource stratified framework now used by the World Health Organization's Breast Cancer Awareness Group.

Sandra is honored to be the new AAUW-WA Public Policy Director for 2021-2022 and looks forward to working with branches on public policy advocacy. Please email Sandra at publicpolicy@aauw-wa.org with any questions, ideas for projects or ways to improve our public policy program, or public policy news or concerns you want to share.

Public Policy: Lobby Day

Judy Prince

January is an important time for public policy in Washington State. Lobby Day is January 24 and will be held virtually. We will hear presentations and learn about legislation that AAUW Washington is supporting in the next legislative session. There will be a \$15 fee to attend Lobby Day to help cover the fees of the company that provides the administrative support for our meeting.

I will schedule meetings with the legislators for the 10th Legislative District. These will be very short (about 15 minutes) and will be the week of the 24th. We will have the opportunity to share legislation that our branch supports.

There will be a special mailing to all AAUW members early in the new year with information about Lobby Day registration



Stanwood Camano Give was Phenomenal

Mary Raymond, Georgi Proulx

The Stanwood-Camano Give project administered by SCAF (Stanwood Camano Area Foundation) on Giving Tuesday was a great success. We received 41 unique donations; 22 of which were members or former members. Our branch project, "Science and Technology Camp for Girls," brought in donations totaling \$7010 including a \$200 match from Lenz Enterprises and a \$100 match from RE/MAX Elevate.

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



Tech Trek Update

Mary Chesney

Just after the Thanksgiving weekend, seven schools in three school districts were sent the nomination forms. Follow up will be done after the holiday break. For now, we patiently wait to receive the names of potential campers.



Your 2021-2022 Board

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India Nishi

President-Elect

Nancy Voelckers

VP of Finance

Jeanie Garrioch

VP of Finance-Elect

Open position

Acting VP of Membership

India Nishi

Assistant: Martha Huyler*

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Georgi Proulx

VP of Program

Kathy Cunningham

Assistant: Judy Prince*

Public Policy

Judy Prince

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

Open position

Scholarship Chair

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

Tech Trek Chair

Mary Chesney

Art Education

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

AAUW Funds Coordinator

Jackie DeFazio

Candidate & Issues Forum

Elaine Richards

Historian

Helen Smith

Diversity

Katie Farrey

Stanwood-Camano Give

Mary Raymond

Sunshine

Jackie-Lyn Olson

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler



Scholarship Budget for 2022

Jeanie Garrioch

At the January 13 meeting we will be voting on our Scholarship Budget for 2022. A copy of the proposed budget is below for your review in preparation for the vote. AAUW Funds will be distributed as \$1500 to AAUW Education & Training (fund 4450) and \$1500 to AAUW Greatest Needs (fund 9110). Updates to the Tech Trek and Scholarship budget amounts are also reflected.

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

AAUW - STANWOOD CAMANO				
2022- SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET				
	2021	2021	2022	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	
	(approved)	(1/1- 11/30/21)	(proposed)	
Income				
Donations-non-designated	500.00	175.00	200.00	
Donations-Tech Trek	3,000.00	450.00	3,300.00	A
Interest income	100.00	42.27	50.00	
Total Income	3,600.00	667.27	3,550.00	
Expenses				
Tech Trek	-8,000.00	0.00	-4,500.00	B
STEM Expense	-300.00	-300.00	-300.00	
Scholarship Admin/Printing	-150.00	0.00	-150.00	
College scholarships	-12,000.00	-12,000.00	-12,000.00	
Webhosting (\$300/3)	0.00	0.00	-100.00	
AAUW Education & Training (4450)	0.00	0.00	-1,500.00	
AAUW Greatest Needs (9110)	-3,000.00	0.00	-1,500.00	
Total expenses	-23,450.00	-12,300.00	-20,050.00	
Net before 2022 PWP	-19,850.00	-11,632.73	-16,500.00	
2022 PWP				
PWP income		1,500.00		
PWP expenses		-85.40		
Net PWP		1,414.60		
Total	-19,850.00	-10,218.13	-16,500.00	
A - \$2,200 ask on 2022 Giving Tuesday plus \$1,100 memorial donation				
B - Ten students at \$1,100 each less \$6,500 carryover at AAUW - WA				

Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Open position

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
Marianne McGarry-Bloom



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LIKE our page to
follow us then
SHARE to increase
our visibility in
the community.

Book Group

Katie Farrey, Marianne McGarry-Bloom

All members are invited to join the Book Group whether you have read the book or just want to join the conversation. Please contact Katie Farrey if you want to be added to the email list. We are currently operating on a month-to-month basis with a Zoom link and possible in person discussion.



January 3rd

Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague by Maggie O'Farrell

A short, piercing, deeply moving novel about the death of Shakespeare's 11 year old son Hamnet--a name interchangeable with Hamlet in 15th century Britain--and the years leading up to the production of his great play. England, 1580.

February 7th

Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

"Caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about power--which groups have it and which do not. In this book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Using riveting stories about people--including Martin Luther King, Jr., baseball's Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others--she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day."

March 7th

Braiding Sweetgrass; Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer

"An inspired weaving of indigenous knowledge, plant science, and personal narrative from a distinguished professor of science and a Native American whose previous book, *Gathering Moss*, was awarded the John Burroughs Medal for outstanding nature writing. As a botanist and professor of plant ecology, Robin Wall Kimmerer has spent a career learning how to ask questions of nature using the tools of science. As a Potawatomi woman, she learned from elders, family, and history that the Potawatomi, as well as a majority of other cultures indigenous to this land, consider plants and animals to be our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowing together to reveal what it means to see humans as "the younger brothers of creation." As she explores these themes she circles toward a central argument: the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgement and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the world. Once we begin to listen for the languages of other beings, we can begin to understand the innumerable life-giving gifts the world provides us and learn to offer our thanks, our care, and our own gifts in return"

For more information, contact Katie Farrey or Marianne McGarry-Bloom.



There was no business meeting in December therefore no minutes .

Holiday Luncheon 2021: A joyful gathering of friends with a purpose.

December 16 marked one of our first in-person activities in two years. A wonderfully delicious lunch was organized by Kathy Cunningham at the Cama Beach Café and served to 32 members and guests. India Nishi planned a fun AAUW trivia game, Purse Procurement held a raffle for those bringing purses or checks for purses, Linda Langkow, representing Wana Duma Project, was selling holiday gifts, and checks were collected for the Camano Chapel or Stanwood Camano Food Banks. All in attendance were in the spirit to begin their holiday season of joy and giving. Below are a few photos taken by Martha Huyler of the afternoon. Present but not included: Mary Pilkington, Carol Panek-Clark and Valerie Nelson .



Nancy Voelckers, Rose Olson



Nancy Voelckers, Jeanie Garrioch



Joanne Drewsen, Anne Milton, Gay Campbell



Joyce Leak, Kay Sodt



Guest, Tracy Gilroy



Maryanne Schrader, Marianne McGarry-Bloom

Holiday Luncheon 2021: A joyful gathering of friends with a purpose (continued)



Mary O'Connor, Janet St. Clair



Jackie DeFazio, Nancy Roberts



Karen Van Lier, Robin Hanks



Kathy Cunningham, Teresa Garrison



Helen Smith, Bev Maxwell



Lynda Buehring, Norma Mouton

Holiday Luncheon 2021: A joyful gathering of friends with a purpose (continued)



India Nishi, Mary Dicker



Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx



Linda Langkow, Wana Duma Project

If you missed purchasing a Wana Duma Project item, you may find it at Studio 271 (9009 271st St. NW, Stanwood). Wana Duma markets items at the salon to support their education program. You can also call or email Georgi Proulx for Linda Langkow's contact information.



The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.

~Melody Beattie