



In Touch

June 2022

Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



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**June 2nd
Thursday
1:00 p.m.**

June Board Meeting
Via ZOOM

**June 26th
Sunday
1:00 p.m.**

Scholarship Tea & Annual Meeting

*Camano City Schoolhouse
993 Orchid Road
Camano Island*

*Please enter at the Chapman
Road entrance*

**Please RSVP to
Marianne McGarry-Bloom**



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Message from the President

India Nishi

June marks the end of our AAUW branch year. For my final President's Message, I'd like to focus on our branch's highs...getting back together after a long time apart, and accomplishing some amazing things.

It seems like ages ago that we kicked off our year with a board retreat where we set priorities for the year. We decided to focus on our members by hosting interesting programs, encouraging participation and leadership, and finding ways to retain our members. We weren't sure how we'd do this, but we decided to move ahead safely and carefully.

We focused on Membership Engagement a couple of ways. First was the implementation of our monthly phone calls to members by several board members and committee chairs with the goal of talking with each member once a month. We received very positive feedback from those we talked with. Next, we continued the program to formally reach out to those we knew were hurting in our branch, due to illness, death, or other issues. The goal of both of these activities was to let members know that we care.

Our August in-person picnic to welcome our members and friends back was well received. We invited members who had recently left the branch, and paid tribute to those who had passed, including several spouses. Just being able to gather in person in a safe way, was such a gift.

Starting in September, we held some fantastic programs thanks to Kathy Cunningham. We met via Zoom when it didn't feel quite safe enough to meet in person, but also held several in-person events. Highlights were our annual holiday lunch at the Cama Beach Café, the Debbie Dimitre performance featuring Alice Paul at the Utsalady Ladies' Aid Building, and presentations by Mary Jennings about local history and the Sound Water Stewards.

One of my favorite programs was the May presentation of the STEM High School Scholars and introduction of our 2022 Tech Trek campers. I heard it said several times, and strongly agree, that the future looks bright when we meet these young women and learn of their accomplishments. So impressive.

Of course the biggest highlight of all was the great success of our **Purses with Purpose** event. Led by Gay Campbell and Jackie DeFazio, along with their hard-working team of committee chairs and members, we accomplished something truly to be proud of. While the final numbers are still being sorted, it appears that even in the middle of a pandemic, with fewer attendees than past years, we may have had the most successful event ever. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of you and our community, we will be able to continue sponsoring Tech Trek Campers and helping young women through generous college scholarships.

So, there is much to celebrate! We came a long way this year, but there is plenty to do next year. One area I'm looking forward to is learning more about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which is a focus area of our national organization. Katie Farrey is chairing this committee, and will work with the board to find ways for us to learn more about this as a branch.

Finally, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as your President. I will now pass the leadership baton on to Nancy Voelckers. I know that we have a great team of leaders that will work with her to make next year a success too. I can't wait!

Future Events

Please watch for email updates of this event:

August 11th

Thursday

4:00 p.m.

Camano Hills Pavilion

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



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/>

Scholarship Tea & Annual Meeting, June 26

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

Our 2022 Scholarship Tea & Annual Meeting will be held "live" this year at the historic Camano City Schoolhouse on Sunday, June 26, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Meet our three recipients and share an afternoon of encouragement and motivation. You will once again be impressed by the up and coming leaders of the next generation.

Those of you who wish to participate in our Tea by supplying tea sandwiches, flowers, punch, etc. please contact Marianne McGarry-Bloom via email or phone. Please RSVP so Marianne can establish the guest count for refreshments.

Camano City Schoolhouse, 993 Orchid Rd, Cam. Isl. (via Chapman Rd)

After the scholarship celebration, we will hold our annual meeting to approve the Operating Budget (pg 6) and slate of officers for 2022-2023:

President: Nancy Voelckers	President-elect: Jackie-Lyn Olson
VP Finance: Judy Trammell	VP Finance-elect: Judy Prince
VP Program*: Rose Olson	VP Membership*: Joanne Drewsen
Secretary: Georgi Proulx (finishing second year of a two year position) *2 year position	

Program Assistants: Doris Taylor, Mary Raymond
Membership Assistant: India Nishi
Communications Assistant: Martha Huyler

Appointed Positions for 1 year:
Communications: Georgi Proulx Public Policy: open position



Membership Renewal

India Nishi

Now that our branch year is almost over, it is time to renew. Emails from AAUW National with instructions on how to do that should have been received. You'll notice in the email that there is a change in the online process. A new National data base has been established called the AAUW National Community Hub, which replaces the old Membership Services Database (MSD). Using the Community Hub to renew will allow you to pay with a debit or credit card. It takes a little time to set up your account, but once you have, it is a good resource for address changes, updates to degrees earned, making donations, etc.

Join online by visiting https://my.aauw.org/NC_Login?startURL=%2F.

If you haven't already set up an account there, you can do so by scrolling below the blue login button and clicking "Forgot Your Password?" at the bottom. Enter your email address, then click "Reset Your Password" to receive your login email. If you don't receive an email within 20 minutes, please contact connect@aauw.org. After you receive the email, enter your email address and then "Create and Confirm your Password" to access your Personal Snapshot.

Once you are within your Personal Snapshot, click the blue RENEW button at the bottom to renew your national membership (\$67) and add your branch **(WA9003-Stanwood-Camano)** (\$24) and state memberships (\$10)!

If you choose not to renew with the new Community Hub, the second option is to send a check for \$101 made out to AAUW Stanwood-Camano to our mailing address: P.O. Box 2652, Stanwood, WA 98292. We hope that you will join us for another great year. There is much to look forward to: the summer picnic, in person meetings and programs, our wonderful holiday lunch, and most importantly, helping the girls and young women of our community have a better future!

When you have a moment check out the Community Hub. There is a lot of good information out there. To learn more about the Community Hub, go to this link: <https://www.aauw.org/membership/new-systems-update/>.



Your 2021-2022 Board

President

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*

Secretary

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



WE DID IT!

*"Alone we can do so little;
Together we can do so much."*

Helen Keller's words say it all. The estimated results of PWP 2022 indicate that we will have added approximately \$52,000 to the Stanwood-Camano AAUW Scholarship Account thanks to the generosity of:

- local area businesses via sponsorships (14) and donations (42),
- auction guests/bidders, who bought raffle tickets and purses and raised their paddles for Fund-a-Scholar,
- the Stillaguamish Tribe who contributed \$5,000 for scholarships, and
- branch members who contributed or funded beautiful new purses and/or encouraged family and friends to find new/gently used purses.

Over the next two years we will be able to fund as many as six scholarships of \$6,000 each to local students who have completed at least two years of college and require financial assistance to complete their degrees and twenty Tech Trek camperships for local girls moving from seventh to eighth grade.

How do we say thank you to all of you who contributed your time, energy, and resources to PWP 2022? We'll start with our 14-member Steering Committee, each one of whom oversaw a critical aspect of the event and stuck with us through all the ups and downs of planning during a pandemic. Thank you, also, to each of you who contributed purses or other items, solicited donations, purchased tables/tickets, helped with set up and/or take down, worked on the day of the event. Working together, we proved that women's purses do indeed have purpose and power.

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." –Amy Poehler

We couldn't agree more! -- Gay Campbell & Jackie DeFazio

Public Policy: Title IX 50th Anniversary

Judy Prince

June 23, 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the passage of Title IX legislation. AAUW continues to support Title IX plaintiffs through the Legal Advocacy Fund. Sadly, we still need to use the courts to see that this legislation is enforced.

On Thursday, June 23, at 1:30 p.m. PDT, AAUW will host a special webinar to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Title IX, highlight AAUW's role through the years and recognize our generous supporters and branches.

Stay tuned for more information including how to register to reserve your space.

What Are Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion?

Katie Farrey

Have you been wondering about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)? This is an area of focus for AAUW and there are many great resources at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/>. Scrolling all the way through, you can access video recordings of webinars, key terms and concepts, AAUW's Commitment to Inclusion and Equity, and much more. You can also access the information from the AAUW homepage, aauw.org. Select membership, then Governance and Tools. From there, scroll down and select Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Toolkit where you will find all the DEI resources. If you are interested in a book, I suggest starting with So You Want To Talk About Race by local Seattle author, Ijeoma Oluo.

High School STEM Scholar Recognition

Kathy Cunningham

On May 12, our branch honored junior year high school girls from Stanwood, Lakewood and Arlington High Schools for their exceptional academic abilities in STEM coursework (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).



The girls were nominated by their faculty and counselors. After hearing comments about the proficiencies in each discipline for which the students were nominated, each girl received a certificate and a digital charging station. Over 50 people attended the dessert reception sponsored by the Branch.

Stanwood High School honorees are Lael ten Hoopen (Engineering), Lindsey Khoury (Science), Maggie Flickner (Technology) who also was the program speaker sharing her past experiences as a Tech Trek camper and Counselor, and Quinn Weller (Math).

Lakewood High School students are Olivia Hayes (Technology), Maia Brown (Math), and Helena Burroughs, double honored for both Science and Engineering.

Arlington High School honorees include Morrigan Havelly (Math), Ella Larson (Science), Charlotte Wiktorowicz (Technology), and Jamie Kinney (Engineering).

STEM Program Coordinator, Kathy Cunningham, noted that all of the STEM honorees are impressively goal oriented, achieving the highest 4 point GPAs, with several engaged in Running Start to achieve an AA degree as well as high school diploma next year, serving in Student Leadership and Varsity Level Athletics, with time to engage in community and church activities.

Parent, Morgan ten Loopen sent this email thank you, "Wow! Thank you so much for the opportunity for Lael - to see the women at AAUW in action and rub elbows with that group on Thursday! The recognition is really an honor - thank you for doing what you do and for making it awesome. :)"

AAUW's mission is to support higher education and equity with the Stanwood Camano branch providing seven scholarships this year to area Middle Schoolers for a week at Pacific Lutheran University's campus for Tech Trek and three Scholarships of \$6000 each to girls from this area who will enter their third or higher levels of University Academics.



Stanwood High School



Lakewood High School



Arlington High School

Also announced at the honoree recognition was the names of our Tech Trek campers for 2022. Pictured left to right are: Port Susan MS: Camrie Ingram, Catlin Archer, Torrunn Stangeland, (not pictured: Olivia Otto); Stanwood MS: Veda Acuff-Nienhuser, Marla Larsen, Persephone Greenman.



Port Susan Middle School



Stanwood Middle School

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 has begun and we hope you will join us for lunch and a movie. Watch for an email invitation. Suggestions are encouraged. We will "see you at the movies" again soon.

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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the community.



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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 plans for in person gatherings underway .



June 6th, 2:00 p.m.

How to Fly in 10,000 Easy Lessons by Barbara Kingsolver
WHERE: Home of Joyce Leak

In her second poetry collection, Barbara Kingsolver offers reflections on the practical, the spiritual, and the wild. She begins with "how to" poems addressing everyday matters such as being hopeful, married, divorced; shearing a sheep; praying to unreliable gods; doing nothing at all; and of course, flying.

July 11th, 2:00 p.m.

A Knock at Midnight: A True Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom by Brittany K Barnett

WHERE: Pavilion at Camano Hills

"An urgent call to free those buried alive by America's legal system, and an inspiring true story about unwavering belief in humanity-from a gifted young lawyer and important new voice in the movement to transform the system. Brittany K. Barnett was only a law student when she came across the case that would change her life forever-that of Sharanda Jones, single mother, business owner, and, like Brittany, Black daughter of the rural South. Brittany's riveting memoir is at once a coming-of-age story and a powerful evocation of what it takes to bring hope and justice to a system built to resist them both."

August 1st, 2:00 p.m.

A Well-Behaved Woman: A Novel of the Vanderbilts by Theresa Fowler

WHERE: Zoom

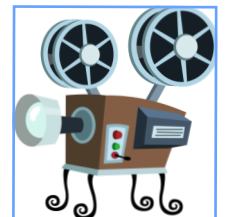
"Alva Smith, her southern family destitute after the Civil War, married into one of America's great Gilded Age dynasties: the newly wealthy but socially shunned Vanderbilts. Ignored by New York's old-money circles and determined to win respect, she designed and built 9 mansions, hosted grand balls, and arranged for her daughter to marry a duke. But Alva also defied convention for women of her time, asserting power within her marriage and becoming a leader in the women's suffrage movement.

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

See You At the Movies!

Georgi Proulx

Ten members came together on Monday, May 23 to view "Downton Abbey The New Era" at the Stanwood Cinema and restart our Movie Group activities. The reviews by our group were excellent and the group is eager to do it again!



Suggestions are always welcomed by Anne Milton or Georgi Proulx. Traditionally we meet for lunch then attend a movie but we can work with any schedule.

Want company at a movie? Let us know and we'll make every effort to make it happen.

Hope to "see you at the movies."

Below is the Operating Budget for 2022-2023 presented by the Board for vote of approval by the membership at the June 26th Annual Meeting. Please review before the meeting and direct your questions to the Finance Team, Jeanie Garrioch or Nancy Voelckers.

AAUW - STANWOOD CAMANO

2022/2023 - OPERATING BUDGET

	2021/2022 Budget (approved)	2021/2022 Actual (thru 4/30/22)	2022/2023 Budget (proposed)
Income			
Branch Dues	1,400.00	408.00	1,320.00 a
Holiday Luncheon - net	0.00	70.00	0.00
Operating Acct donation	0.00	27.00	0.00
Total income	1,400.00	505.00	1,320.00
Expenses			
Accountant Fee	200.00	150.00	200.00
Annual Filing Fee	10.00	20.00	20.00
Branch Programs	400.00	475.00	500.00
Candidates Forum	25.00	50.00	50.00
Liability and D&O Insurance	525.00	200.00	550.00 b
Membership Expense	150.00	0.00	50.00
Office - Sup, Box, Copies, postage	175.00	157.70	175.00
State Meeting Registrations	100.00	0.00	100.00
Domain Name	20.00	19.39	20.00
Website (3 yr)	300.00	323.64	0.00 c
Women's Expo	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total expenses	2,005.00	1,395.73	1,765.00
Net income (loss)	-605.00	-890.73	-445.00

a = 55 members @ \$24 each

b = D&O insurance due May 2022

c = paid every 3 years

Thank you's go to all of you for helping make **Purpose with Purpose 2022** a fabulous event. Below are additional photos of the day courtesy of Martha Huyler. (Continued on page 8).



Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx



Thea Wellington, Doris Taylor,
Helen Smith



Thea Hanna, Nancy Roberts



Greg & Jerod Proulx



Judy Trammell, Joanne Drewsen



Nancy Voelckers, Robin Hanks



Jackie DeFazio, Gay Campbell



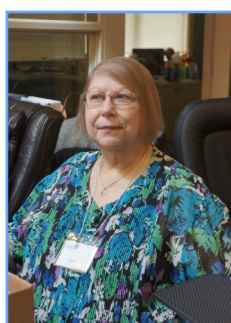
Kathy Cunningham, Kelly Cavanaugh



Mary Pilkington



Janet St. Clair



Kaye Sodd



Judy Prince



Mary Dicker



David Wellington, Rich Huyler

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Elaine Richards



Jill Johstone, Lynda Buehring,
Jeanie Garrioch



Kevin Van Hollebeke, Anne Milton



Georgi & Jeryl Proulx



Bonnie Lemkin, Mary Raymond



Marianne McGarry-Bloom, Norma Mouton



Joan Pang, Bev Maxwell



Cathlin Starke, Susan Jarvis



MaryAnne Schradi



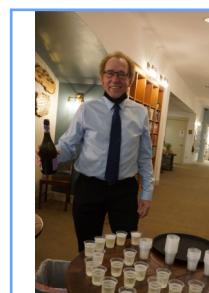
May Palmer



Linda Parker



Terry Roberts



Bob Milton



Jay Mouton

Business Supporters of Purses with Purpose

As you patronize our community business supporters listed below, please share with them that you're from AAUW and thank them for their support of our **Purses with Purpose** event.

Anthony's HomePort, Everett
Calico Cupboard, La Conner
Cama Beach Café, Camano Island
Camano Commons Marketplace, Camano Island
Camano Island Day Spa, Camano Island
Camano Plaza IGA, Pub 282, Camano Island
Caravan Gallery, La Conner
Chuckanut Manor Restaurant, Bow
Coastal Community Bank, Stanwood
Edward Jones; Office of Brenna K. Casey
Heron Inn & Day Spa, La Conner
High Point Painting
Identity Salon, Stanwood
Il Granaio Restaurant, Mount Vernon
Island Floral, Stanwood
Jasmin Thai Cuisine & Sushi, Stanwood
Krista's Pet Spaw
La Conner Brewing Company, La Conner
La Conner Country Inn, La Conner
La Conner Seafood & Prime Rib House, La Conner
Lashed Up Beauty Bar & Boutique, Smokey Point
Laurie's Boutique, Stanwood
Law Offices of Cole & Gilday PC
Leslie Tripp, State Farm
Lynn Schmidt, Camano Island
Mammoth Burger, Stanwood
Movement Arts, Camano Island
Museum of Northwest Art, La Conner
Mustard Seed Bakery, Stanwood
Nell Thorn Restaurant, La Conner
NW Restorations
O'Neill's Art, La Conner
Oyster & Thistle, La Conner
Patini Grill, Stanwood
Pelletier + Schaar
Picnic Pantry, Stanwood
Rockaway Bar & Grill, Camano Island
SAAL Brewing Co., Stanwood
Seattle Theatre Group
Sempre Italiano, La Conner
Silver Reef Casino & Resort, Ferndale
Skagit River Boutique, La Conner
Stanwood Grill, Stanwood
Stilly River Mechanical
Tapped Camano, Camano Island
The Chrysalis Inn & Spa, Bellingham
The Ginger Grater, La Conner
The Stall, La Conner
The UPS Store #4798, Stanwood
The Wood Merchant, La Conner
Wana Duma Children's Project, Camano Island
YMCA Snohomish County, Stanwood-Camano



Remembering Joyce Klabunde



On May 16 an email was circulated reporting the passing of Joyce Klabunde, a past member of our branch.

Helen Smith shared: "Joyce Klabunde was president of our branch before I was so I shadowed her. We worked well together. When she moved to Green Valley we visited her when we were in the area. She continued to be active in their branch in Arizona."

Our condolences go to her family and those who remember her service to our branch and community.

General Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2022

Program: High School STEM Scholar Recognition and Introduction of Tech Trek 2022 campers; Stanwood United Methodist Church.

Attendance: (19) India Nishi, Jeanie Garrioch, Kathy Cunningham, Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler, Judy Prince, Lynda Buehring, Gay Campbell, Mary Chesney, Jackie DeFazio, Katie Farrey, Joyce Leak, Linda Lynn, Mary Pilkington, Mary Raymond, Helen Smith, Doris Taylor, Judy Trammell, Cheryl Allen.

Call to Order: India Nishi called meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and introduced new member, Cheryl Allen.

Member Recognition: India Nishi recognized Jackie DeFazio and Gay Campbell for their outstanding leadership of Purses with Purpose 2022. Also acknowledged was Kathy Cunningham for her exceptional work stepping up to lead the High School STEM Scholar search and recognition reception in addition to her leadership role as VP Program.

Secretary: Discussion of April 14 minutes as published in May newsletter. Judy Prince moved to approve, Jeanie Garrioch seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer: The board approved the operations budget for 2022-23; it will be published in the June newsletter and submitted for branch approval at the June 26 annual meeting.

Membership Renewal: India Nishi reported that the national renewal tool seems to be ready, but when she tried to renew online the National renewal amount was incorrect. She has contacted National and advised members to wait to renew online until we can confirm everything is accurate.

PWP: India Nishi requested that all receipts requiring reimbursement be turned in so we can finalize the proceeds total for PWP. Final numbers are coming soon and preliminarily look very good.

Announcements:

Mary Raymond asked about a dependable microphone for the branch. India responded that she has the one from the disbanded Whidbey branch that she will pass on to Nancy Voelckers in June.

Adjourn: Kathy Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting; Jeanie Garrioch seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx

Secretary



*Tell me and I forget, teach me and I
may remember, involve me and I learn.
~ Benjamin Franklin*

*Have a Wonderful Summer.
See you in August at our Branch Picnic!*