

Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch



September 2022

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**September 1st
Thursday
1:00 p.m.**

September Board Meeting
Community Resource Center

**September 8th
Thursday
7:00 p.m.**

General Meeting
Port Susan Middle School
7506 267th St NW
Stanwood

Program: Tech Trek Presentations



Message from the President

Nancy Voelckers

It was great to see many of you at our August potluck. Thank you to all the organizers, grill masters and those that came out to gather, visit and help us kick off our branch's 86th year.

As we wind down our warm and long summer days, I am looking forward to the re-starting of our monthly meetings.

Beginning September 1, our leadership team will be holding their board meetings the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Resource Center (CRC) in Stanwood. All are welcome to join us.

On Saturday August 13, I had the opportunity to attend the WA State Summer Leadership Meeting via Zoom. I must admit I was hesitant to dedicate more than half a summer Saturday to a virtual conference. But I am very happy I did. The conference was well planned, very informative and worth the time.

I encourage all of you to take time out of your busy lives to take advantage of these various opportunities that are offered. AAUW is sponsoring a Fall Webinar Series. They are offering a full-series price (\$50 members/\$60-non-members) and an individual webinar price (\$15/\$20). The first webinar is September 13. Below is the link to register:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-wa-fall-webinar-series-tickets-401674127127>.

Program Notes for September

Rose Olson

Our 2022-23 program year begins Thursday evening, September 8 when we gather in person to hear from our Tech Trek campers about their experiences at camp this past summer. We sponsored seven girls entering eighth grade to attend the Tech Trek camp held at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in Tacoma. Now you will have the chance to hear from our campers about how this program impacted their lives and dreams for the future.

In past years, this program has been consistently one of the best of the year; you don't want to miss it. Please join us, the girls and their families September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Port Susan Middle School located at 7506 267th ST. N.W. in Stanwood. We will be meeting in the school cafeteria, located to the left after you enter the school through the main doors. The Branch meeting will follow the program. I look forward to seeing all of you on September 8.

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Have you considered joining the branch leadership team?
We are looking for volunteers to fill the positions of Historian and Title IX

Future Events

October 6th

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

October Board Meeting
Community Resource Center

October 12th

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Candidate & Issues Forum
Zoom Webinar

October 13th

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Location to be Announced

*Program: SCSD Presentation or
Possible Tour of Stanwood HS*



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/>

Tech Trek Was a Blast!

Mary Chesney

What a treat to be able to return to hearing from our Tech Trek residential campers. Prepare yourself for a blast in multiple ways. The blast of enthusiasm, excitement, and gratitude we inevitably feel from our campers. Even the virtual camp resulted in positive responses about their experience. I can hardly wait to hear from this group, the first ones attending a residential camp since I had the wonderful experience of interviewing campers after being a Dorm Mom in 2019. Please mark the evening of September 8 at 7:00 p.m. sharp to attend our first meeting of our new year and to celebrate these amazing girls' achievements and ourselves for raising the money to enable them to attend probably the best camp EVER!!!!

And...if anyone is interested in assisting with the interview process for 2023, let me know ASAP. All the work is done virtually so no worries about where you are, time of day, or concerns about meeting in a group. Even the interviews with the girls are virtual. If you would like to help but are a bit uneasy about the virtual aspect, don't let that be a barrier. Judy, Doris, and I are ready, willing, and able to help you out.

Enjoy the photos of this year's camp below and see you on September 8.



<- Dorm Buddies

Wearable Art ->



Learning the Body



Your 2022-2023 Board

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Nancy Voelckers

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VP of Finance-Elect

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Georgi Proulx

VP of Program

Rose Olson

Assistant: Doris Taylor*

Mary Raymond*

Public Policy

Anne Milton

Communications

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

Activity Leaders

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Marianne McGarry-Bloom

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Mary Chesney

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Marianne McGarry-Bloom

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Jackie DeFazio

Candidate & Issues Forum

Elaine Richards

Historian

(open position)

Diversity

Katie Farrey

Stanwood-Camano Give

Mary Raymond

Title IX

(open position)

Sunshine

India Nishi

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler



Public Policy: AAUW National

Anne Milton

AAUW's Public Policy Priorities are adopted every two years by member votes. The Priorities establish the federal action issues on which AAUW members across the county focus their advocacy efforts on state and local issues. Inherent in the development of policy priorities are AAUW's core mission, beliefs and values. The following is a summary of these governing beliefs:



- True equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for civil rights of individuals.
- High quality education is the foundation of a democratic society and the key to improving economic prosperity and gender equality.
- Economic security for all women is contingent on pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits.
- Guaranteeing equality and individual rights requires the self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions.
- AAUW promotes the economic, social and physical wellbeing of all persons. Recognizes that gun violence is a public health and safety crisis.
- AAUW believes in the right to privacy and freedom from violence; global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking.
- AAUW believes in the need to end white supremacy and address structural and systemic racism.

For updated quick facts on AAUW's priority issues, visit the Issues Webpage <https://www.aauw.org/issues/>.

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

I will try to define a word each month (ideas from University of Washington College of Environment) and alert you to opportunities that are available in our community or online.

Definition: **Diversity** refers to a wide variety of identities as well as ideas, values, and perspectives. It includes race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, education, language, marital status, veteran status, disability, physical appearance, age, etc.

Opportunities:

Saturday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., Rena Priest, the WA state poet laureate and a member of the Lummi Tribe, is doing a poetry reading and workshop at The Lincoln Theatre in Mount Vernon on Saturday. The focus will be salmon and its cultural impact on the peoples of the Salish region. The reading/workshop is free.

<https://lincolntheatre.org/poet-rena-priest>

Tuesday, September 6, 6:00 p.m., The Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano is hosting a community conversation with Michele Huntley, organizer of Stanwood & Camano Island Pride. "What did we learn at Pride and what comes next? Do LGBTQIA+ citizens feel safe, valued and supported in Stanwood & Camano Island? How can others in our community be better allies?" There is no charge, but those interested are encouraged to register using the link below:

<https://www.crc-sc.org/event-details/community-conversation-stanwood-camano-pride>

Presenting 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship Chair: Marianne McGarry-Bloom

On June 26 at the Camano School House, our branch held its yearly Scholarship Tea and Annual Meeting recognizing three young women from our community as the 2022 branch scholarship winners. Each received an award of \$6000. The 100+ year old school house was perfect for this celebration of the influence of women from the formal tea to the stories from history. Candi Bowden, the Camano School House event coordinator, opened the gathering with a historical welcome sharing the school house past, present, and future. Marianne shared her story. She began, "Today I would like to speak to you of the legacy of educated women. I find it amazing how our lives are woven together through time and space. My own family's story dates back to this same time period of 1906 in a similar one room schoolhouse on the other side of the state, near Spokane.



My grandmother, May Lewis DeVoe, was born in Wales and immigrated to America with her family as a young girl. At the age of 16, May graduated from teachers' training and went to work in a one room schoolhouse teaching children from the logging camps in the area of Deer Park. She was a diminutive woman, short and round and full of love of learning which she passed on to her students and to all of us in her family. It was she who taught me to read, sing and tend my roses. My first book was Little House in the Big Woods, which set me on my course for the love of history and story. Her sweet Welsh voice taught me the joy of singing my heart out, and the roses you see as your centerpieces are a product of her training she gave me in the garden. Now of course, women in those days, had to give up their careers as teachers once they married. Ernie DeVoe was a young lumberman whom May met at church. He had a deep baritone that combined so beautifully with her soprano voice in the choir. And as things go, they married after his graduation from Washington State College at Pullman. Her formal career as a teacher came to an end, but her legacy of teaching and leaning continues. Ernie and May believed in education, so much so, that they established university scholarships for each of their seven grandchildren. It was by their means, that I was able to accomplish my goals to become a teacher, just as my grandmother had 70 years before.

Teaching for 35 years was my vocation, and passion, not just a job. The fulfillment of using our gifts and talents in our careers can bring meaning and purpose to our entire lives and those we touch. Hopefully, my grandmother and grandfather's legacy trickled down to the thousands of students with whom I had the honor to share a classroom. And now that legacy continues.

Here in this one room schoolhouse, built for the children of lumberman, where so many lights of literacy had been kindled, we honor three more young women who will bring light to our world as they continue their education, thanks in part, to all of you who have worked so hard to bring about this special occasion. Countless hours, and literally years of work and planning went into our Purses With Purpose Auction to support our scholarships. It is to our members that I also want to extend honor for without you, this day could not occur. Kate, Olivia and Sara, all of us of the Stanwood Camano AAUW Branch wish you so much success in your coming endeavors. May the legacy of education strengthen our world. May you be the beacons of light to help build a world where all can learn and flourish. And now, it is my honor to ask each of you to tell us your stories."



Olivia, Marianne, Kate



Kate Hovda



Sara Newman



Olivia Murray

Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Lynda Buehring
Jill Johnstone

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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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 .



September 12th, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Mary Dicker

Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's most Powerful Mobster by Stephen Carter

"She was black and a woman and a prosecutor, a graduate of Smith College and the granddaughter of slaves, as dazzlingly unlikely a combination as one could imagine in the New York of the 1930s--and without the strategy she devised, Lucky Luciano, the most powerful Mafia boss in history, would never have been convicted. When special prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey selected twenty lawyers to help him clean up the city's underworld, she was the only member of his team who was not a white male. Moving, haunting, and as fast paced as a novel, [this book] tells the true story of a woman who often found her path blocked by the social and political expectations of her time. But Eunice Carter never accepted defeat, and thanks to her grandson's remarkable book, her long-forgotten story is once again visible."--Dust jacket.

October 3rd, 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Tightrope by Nicholas Kristof and Sherly WuDunn

Nicholas Kristof grew up in rural Yamhill, Oregon, an area that prospered for much of the twentieth century but has been devastated in the last few decades as blue-collar jobs disappeared. About one-quarter of the children on Kristof's old school bus died in adulthood from drugs, alcohol, suicide, or reckless accidents. And while these particular stories unfolded in one corner of the country, they are representative of many places the authors write about, ranging from the Dakotas and Oklahoma to New York and Virginia. These accounts provide a picture of working-class families needlessly but profoundly damaged as a result of decades of policy mistakes.

November 7th, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Marianne McGarry-Bloom

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Depicts the experiences of a group of young German soldiers fighting and suffering during the last days of World War I.

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

See You At the Movies!

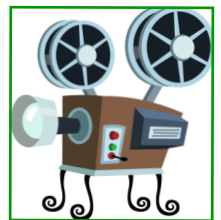
Georgi Proulx

Let's get this party started!

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."



Branch August BBQ

We had perfect weather for a comfortable evening full of fellowship for the Branch August BBQ at Camano Hills Shelter. Twenty members participated, six husbands and five guests. This may set a new record of attendance. Everyone brought a potluck dish and an item to grill, Thank you Terry Roberts for being an excellent grill master. Below and on page 7 are photos from the occasion. Photographer: Martha Huyler



Guests, Beth Brewer plus one



Guest Mary Summer and Maryanne Schradi



Anne Milton, Cheryl Allen, Mary Raymond, Cathlin Starke



Helen Smith, Mary Dicker, Christa Baltzsch



Oren and Gay Campbell



Guest, Mary Velasco and Lynda Buehring



Judy and Jack Trammell



Don and Joyce Leak



Greg and Georgi Proulx

Branch August BBQ

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Katie Farrey and
Marianne McGarry-Bloom



Thea and David Wellington



Rose Olson and Guest Jodie Brand



Nancy Voelckers,
Nancy Roberts



Terry Roberts



Martha Huyler

Branch Honorees

The following members were acknowledged at the Scholarship Tea for their contributions and support of our branch this past year.

Katie Farrey for continuing her outstanding work running the book club, taking on the role of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Chair, and her coordination and supervision of the students who were our servers at PWP.

Martha Huyler for always being there behind the scenes helping the branch run smoothly and complying with all our policies and procedures and her great work taking photos which allowed us to commemorate these events and activities Martha also stepped in as Membership Assistant when the prior assistant resigned.

Mary Pilkington for her fantastic work obtaining donations for PWP. This year we received substantially more donations than in prior years, and this was due in large part to her diligence (I know she will want to also acknowledge her trusty partner in getting donations, Marianne McGarry-Bloom).

Georgi Proulx for her above and beyond support of PWP this year which included overseeing the front desk at the event, as well as her countless hours learning the new Greater Giving software which allowed her to build an amazing website, set up all of the auction items, help track attendees and their meals, to make sure credit cards were set up, and countless other activities.

General Meeting Minutes - June 26, 2022

Program: Scholarship Tea at the Camano City Schoolhouse, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Scholarship winners are: Kate Hovda and Olivia Murray in person and Sara Newman, not present.

Attendance: (16) Nancy Voelckers, Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler, Judy Prince, Lynda Buehring, Katie Farrey, Joyce Leak, Helen Smith, Anne Milton, Cheryl Allen, Jackie DeFazio, Marianne McGarry-Bloom, Doris Taylor, Judy Trammell, Thea Wellington, Mary Pilkington. Guests: (5) Kate Hovda, Oliva Murray, Stacy Murray, Candy Bowden, Carrie Urling.

Call to Order: Nancy Voelckers called meeting to order at 2:28 p.m.

Named Honorees: Nancy Voelckers recognized four members being honored by the board for their work this year:

Mary Pilkington for her fantastic work obtaining donations for PWP.

Katie Farrey for continuing her outstanding work running the book club, taking on the role of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Chair, and her coordination and supervision of the students who were our servers at PWP.

Georgi Proulx for her above and beyond support of PWP learning the new Greater Giving software.

Martha Huyler for was always being behind the scenes helping the branch run smoothly and acting as branch photographer. In addition, Martha stepped in as Membership Assistant when the prior assistant resigned.

Secretary: Georgi Proulx presented May 12 general meeting minutes for approval as printed in the June newsletter. Motion to approve the May 12 general meeting minutes: Jackie DeFazio moved, Anne Milton seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Voelckers presented the operating budget for 2022-23 as published in the June newsletter. Martha Huyler moved that we approve the operating budget, Katie Farrey seconded, motion passed.

Election of Officers: Nancy Voelckers announced the slate of officers for 2022-23:

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 2nd year of 2 year position)

Appointed Positions:

Program Assistants: Doris Taylor, Mary Raymond

Membership Assistant: India Nishi

Communications: Georgi Proulx Communication Assistant: Martha Huyler

Public Policy: *Anne Milton accepted this position in August 2022-gwp 08-28-22*

Jackie DeFazio moved to accept the slate of officers as noted above; Joyce Leak seconded; motion approved.

Signature Cards: President (Nancy Voelckers), President-elect (Jackie-Lynn Olson), VP Finance (Judy Trammell), and VP Finance-elect (Judy Prince) will be the signers on our Coastal Bank accounts for FY2022-23. Motion to approve the above said officers as signers on our accounts at Coastal Bank for FY2022-23 was made by Martha Huyler and seconded by Anne Milton; motion approved. Judy Trammell will go to the bank and get the new signature cards started.

New Business: Nancy Voelckers shared a thank you to India Nishi, in her absence, for her tenure as president. Her gift from the board (a pendant by Kathy Dannerbeck) will be mailed to her. Helen Smith has a box of office supplies from PWP and is looking for the owners of the supplies. Reminder of August 11th BBQ at Camano Hills Shelter at 4:00 p.m. More information coming. A volunteer to do the grilling is needed.

Adjourn: Anne Milton moved to adjourn the meeting; Doris Taylor seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx

Secretary



Love doesn't make the
world go 'round.

Love is what makes the
ride worthwhile.

~Franklin P. Jones