

Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch



October 2022

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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

2:45 p.m.

General Meeting

Stanwood High School

Spartan Way Entrance

Program: *Tour of Stanwood HS*

Please RSVP by October 5

Message from the President

Nancy Voelckers

Fall is one of my favorite times.

The days start out cool and crisp but the sun still warms my face.

The leaves turn yellow, orange and red, falling off to allow future new growth.

The sound of children's laughter and school buses fill the road each week day.

The first fire in the fireplace is not too far off, and it is time to bring out my boots and cozy, colorful scarves.

It is also the time of year to come back inside and enjoy time spent with our friends in AAUW.

The month of October has many opportunities to reconnect:

Book Group, Candidate and Issues Forum, Tour of Stanwood High School and General Meeting, and the return of Day Trippers and Movie Group!

Please take the time to read all about these events included in the following pages of this month's newsletter.

Hope to see you there!

October Program: Tour of Stanwood High School

Rose Olson

Satisfy your curiosity about what's inside the new Stanwood High School with our program this month, a guided walking tour of the school followed by our branch meeting held in one of the science classrooms.

The tour begins at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday October 13. We will meet inside the front doors on the upper level. Please arrive promptly (but after 2:30 – allowing time for the students to clear out following their dismissal at 2:10) and wear comfortable shoes.

Guests are welcome; please RSVP for yourself and any guests to Rose Olson by Wednesday October 5. The school would like to know how many people to expect.

If you will not be joining us on the tour, you may be interested in seeing this early 2021 virtual tour (construction almost complete): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceP_9q-7kiA Also, we will offer a hybrid option for our business meeting. Please watch your email for a zoom link closer to October 13.

Directions:

Traveling eastbound on SR 532, take a left onto 72nd Ave NW. Take the next left onto Spartan Way (also known as 272nd NW).

Turn left into the parking lot nearest the entry and find a spot in visitor parking near the front, or in any open space nearby.

Looking forward to seeing you and REMEMBER to RSVP.



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Future Events

November 3rd

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

November Board Meeting
Community Resource Center

November 10th

Wednesday

1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Program: Marianne McGarry-Bloom presents *All Quiet on the Western Front*

Location to be announced

November 29th

Giving Tuesday

Donate to our project: "Science & Technology Camp for Girls"



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/>



Candidate & Issues Forum - October 12

Elaine Richards

In partnership with Stanwood Camano News, this year's Candidate and Issues Forum will be in Zoom Webinar format, a third for our AAUW branch in the many years we have presented this Forum. This is a great opportunity for the

community to meet and ask questions of our candidates and hear the issues for the November election. This year we have many candidates, including the District 2 Congressional race, the 10th Legislative District, PUD candidates and Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney. There are assorted Island County races that include Commissioner for District 3, Sheriff, Clerk, Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer.

This Forum has been presented before every major election year since 1998 and has great attendance by candidates. Ballots will be mailed on or near October 14. The Forum is intended to provide candidates an opportunity to let voters know about their experience and qualifications for the office they seek.

Time for the webinar on October 12 is 6:30-9:00 p.m.

As Elaine Richards works on the details of this virtual experience she will share with you the details of how to register to participate and receive an email invitation. There will also be information on how to submit questions for the candidates and issues' representatives.

Your job now is to pass along this "save the date". Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw for information and share, share, share. There will also be information in the Crab Cracker and on our website www.aauwsc.org/candidateforum2022.

If you would like to help, please contact Elaine Richards. She is looking for help with questions to ask of the candidates and helping with the practice sessions of the Webinar. Also, please let your contacts know about the Forum!

Tech Trek Going Forward

As a result of our generous donors, we have funding for at least 10 campers and possibly more for next summer. I sent out information about the camp to multiple principals in late August to help increase participation from the Arlington and Lakewood schools and the Stanwood home school program. My plan was to follow up the letter with a phone call in late September or early October. Then I got the following news from our state camp administration.

"For the last 10 years (since the first Tech Trek camp in 2013), the administration of the camp has been facilitated pretty much by the same group of people. All of us love the program, but it is time for some to move on with their lives."

The following positions must be filled or there will be no 2023 camp(s)

- Curriculum Coordinator for the overall program
- Volunteer Coordinator for the overall program
- Camp Director(s) for the PLU camp(s)
- Program Director (for 2024)

The deadline to fill these administrative positions is January 1, 2023. All positions and the available stipend can be found at <https://techtrek-wa.aauw.net/volunteer/>. Once on the page, scroll down to find the link for the full description for each position. Perhaps you know someone who might be a great candidate for these positions. Please keep in mind the person must be an AAUW member so be sure to make them aware of the need to join before they apply.

This is critical to continue this very worthwhile STEM program.



Your 2022-2023 Board

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* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

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(open position)

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Candidate & Issues Forum

Elaine Richards

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(open position)

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Day Tripper Outing to Edmonds

Day Trippers are back! Join us for an outing to Edmonds' museums, art walk, lunch and shopping on Wednesday, October 26.

Please sign up before October 15 for the Day Tripper outing to view the art and sculptures at the Anderson Center/Library Anderson Center Plaza, 700/650 Main Street, Edmonds WA 98020. The Edmonds Art Walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. or earlier and proceed to Beach Place to view and walk amongst the sculptures along the Edmonds Marina.

We will proceed to the Cascadia Art Museum, 190 Sunset Ave, Edmonds, WA 98020 for a tour. General admission is \$12.00 and seniors, teachers and active military are \$9.00. We will then walk through the Edmonds Historical Museum (1910 Carnegie Library). The suggested donations are \$5.00 for adults.

After the tour, the group will have lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Las Brisas Mexican Restaurant, 201 5th Ave S, Suite 101, Edmonds. After lunch we will have shopping on our own before returning home by 3:00 p.m.

Carpools will leave Terry's Corner Camano at 8:30 a.m. and Stanwood around 8:45 a.m. at the Haggen's Parking Lot. We hope you can join us and please bring a friend. Lynda Buehring and Jill Johnstone will be carpool drivers, but will need a few more depending on attendees.

Please RSVP no later than October 15 to Lynda Buehring.



Public Policy: AAUW State Focus

Anne Milton

The AAUW Washington 2022 Legislative priorities will focus on 9 bills which are reflected in health care, education, human trafficking, pay equality and preservation of abortion access. Our understanding of these bills and priorities can help guide our own January 2023 Lobby Day actions and next steps. Below are the highlights:

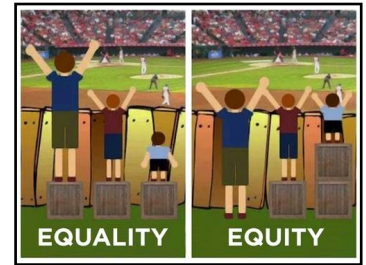
- **Keep Our Care Act (HB 1809)**-Health entity mergers and acquisitions must improve access to affordable quality care.
- **Concerning Protection and Services for Indigenous person:** Missing, Murdered, Trafficking. (HB-1571)-provides amber alerts, hotline information, healing center.
- **Creating Teaching endorsements in Computer Science (SB 5389)** -allow current teachers to be qualified to teach computer sciences. This will allow greater accessibility to computer science courses and skills to underserved communities.
- **Sexual assault nurse examiner training (HB 1621)** Department of Health establish stipend program for licensed nurses to become certified sexual assault nurse examiners. Helps underserved communities.
- **Increasing availability of sexual assault nurse examiner education in rural and underserved communities.** (HB 1622)
- **Higher Education Affordability (HB 1659)** modify the income eligibility thresholds. Allows for expenses beyond tuition—books, supplies, lab fees, child care, transportation.
- **Changes to Paid Family Leave (SB 5649)** easier for workers, health care providers and employers to utilize.
- **Pay Gap Legislation (SB 5761)** requires employers to provide wage and salary information to applicants for employment.
- **Preserving Abortion Access (HB 1851)** preserve ability to access abortion care. Prohibits the state from taking action against an individual based on pregnancy outcomes or for assisting a pregnant individual.

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

Equity is giving all people fair treatment, access, and opportunity. Barriers that prevent full participation need to be identified and removed. Some groups are historically underserved and underrepresented. Rebalancing these conditions will help to provide everyone with equal opportunities.

Upcoming Opportunities:



- Sno-Isle Library:
Oct. 1st, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Seeds of Culture With Matika Wilbur: Portraits and Stories of Indigenous Women. This online event is free, but registration is required <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/62c4b6b1a627452f0045ce40>
- Community Resource Center of Stanwood-Camano (events are free, but registration is required):
Oct 4th, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: Disability History With Corbett O'Toole, An Ed Wiley Neurodiversity Lending Library Online Event <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-conversations-disability-history-with-corbett-otoole-tickets-417540784727>
Oct 22nd, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: What Laughter Tells Us: Asian American, Comedy, and Belonging <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/62b5ea1958568df727342079>
- AAUW-Seattle has some interesting programs coming up that are available on Zoom. Both are free, but do require registration: <https://aauw-seattle.org/events/branch-events>
Oct. 15th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Meaningful Mentoring for Afghan Women Evacuees with Tressa Lacy, Founder of Undaunted Women
Nov. 12th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Marilyn Morgan: Author of Trailblazing Black Women in Washington State
- Stanwood Camano Area Foundation (SCAF), with funding from The Community Foundation of Snohomish County, is hosting the following workshop for community non-profits on Oct 19 / Nov 2 / Nov 16 / Dec 7, 4:30 p.m to 6:00 p.m at SCAF, 26911 98th Drive, Suite A, Stanwood.
Healing the Colonized Mind: The Path to Personal Decolonization is a four-session (90 minutes each) educational and experiential workshop. This workshop strives to dismantle radicalized identities and guides participants toward reconnecting to their humanity. We equip participants with the practical tools to engage in productive conversations about colonized paradigms and their effects on our social institutions. The goal is to learn about the root cause of racial inequities and social injustices and leave prepared to effect change through self-reflection and healthy dialog. Registration is required <https://secure.givelively.org/event/stanwood-camano-area-foundation/healing-the-colonized-mind-workshop-series>

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.

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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SHARE to increase our visibility in the community.

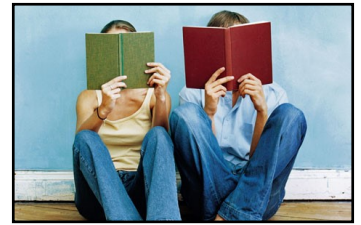


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Book Group

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.



October 3rd, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Helen Smith

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.

December 5th, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Mary Chesney

Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen

"When you climb a tree, the first thing you do is to hold on tight...Thirty-four-year-old Harry Crane works as an analyst for the US Forest Service. When his wife dies suddenly, he is unable to cope. Leaving his job and his old life behind, Harry makes his way to the remote woods of northeastern Pennsylvania's Endless Mountains, determined to lose himself. But fate intervenes in the form of a fiercely determined young girl named Oriana. She and her mother, Amanda, are struggling to pick up the pieces from their own tragedy--Amanda stoically holding it together while Oriana roams the forest searching for answers. And in Oriana's magical, willful mind, she believes that Harry is the key to righting her world. Now it's time for Harry to let go...Harry's Trees is an uplifting story about the redeeming power of friendship and love and the magic to be found in life's most surprising adventures"

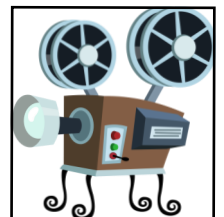
For more information, contact Katie Farrey or Marianne McGarry-Bloom.

See You At the Movies!

Georgi Proulx

Movie releases looking better for October...

Possibility - "Amsterdam": "Set in the '30s, it follows three friends who witness a murder, become suspects themselves, and uncover one of the most outrageous plots in American history." [from imdb.com]



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.

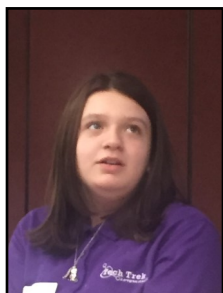
Want company at a movie? Let us know and we'll make every effort to make it happen.

Hope to "see you at the movies."

Tech Trek Presents

Our September 8 general meeting was held in the cafeteria/multipurpose room of Port Susan Middle School. Four of our Tech Trek campers for 2022 were in attendance and shared their experiences and suggestions for future campers. Family members attended and a counselor from Port Susan Middle School, Kelli Niegeman, who had questions of her own for the girls to help her on a strategy for presenting future Tech Trek nominees so the girls would feel comfortable accepting the recognition and be eager to participate.

The girls present at our meeting are pictured below.



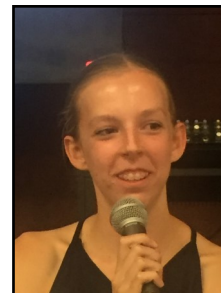
Veda Acuff, Stanwood MS



Caitlin Archer, Port Susan MS



Olivia Otto, Port Susan MS



Camrie Ingram, Port Susan MS

Science & Technology Camp for Girls

Mary Raymond

Stanwood Camano Give is coming on Giving Tuesday the end of November. This online community giving campaign is very successful for our Science and Technology Camp for Girls project. This year we are hoping to receive \$2200 for two camperships.

Are YOU on Facebook? If you are, please "like" our "Stanwood Camano AAUW" branch page to follow us then "share" so your friends can learn about our project too. If you are not a "friend" of our page please use the link below to visit and begin:

www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw

There will be promotions throughout November publicizing our project. We are asking all members to support this effort by sharing our Facebook post promotions beginning November 1. More information about the prizes offered that day for online giving will be coming.

Friends from around the world can participate so please share, share, share...



General Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2022

Program: Tech Trek campers' presentations at Port Susan Middle School. (Z=Zoom)

Attendance: (14) Cheryl Allen, Lynda Buehring, Jackie DeFazio, Katie Farrey, Joyce Leak, Marianne McGarry-Bloom, Jackie-Lyn Olson (Z), Mary Pilkington, Judy Prince, Georgi Proulx, Helen Smith, Doris Taylor (Z), Judy Trammell, Nancy Voelckers. Campers and families (9): Veda Acuff (Stanwood MS), Caitlin Archer (Pt Susan), Olivia Otto (Pt Susan), Camrie Ingram (Pt Susan) and counselor, Kelli Niegemann (Pt Susan). Guest: Jackie DeFazio's sister, Diane Moran.

Call to Order: Nancy Voelckers called meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

Secretary: Georgi Proulx presented June 26 minutes for approval as printed in the September newsletter. Motion to approve: Jackie DeFazio moved, Judy Trammell seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer: Judy Trammell and Nancy Voelckers reviewed the financial reports for July and August. Operating account had \$4513.97. Total assets are \$84,183.20. An anonymous donation of \$2200 was received for Tech Trek and the three university scholarships have been paid. Other income from dues. Expenses included a meeting expense from previous meeting, the domain name renewal, and Greater Giving subscription. Joyce Leak moved to accept the financials and Judy Prince seconded. Financials accepted.

Membership: In Joanne Drewsen's absence Nancy Voelckers related we have 45 renewed members; membership team is working on the remaining 7. Team is also working on the revised phone tree call list and contacting other successful branches for their ideas of membership growth.

Programs: Rose Olson presented details on the following programs:

October 13 will be at Stanwood High School for a tour of the new buildings. Meet at the upper level on Spartan Way for the 2:45 p.m. tour; guests are welcome. A short business meeting will follow. RSVPs are required; due date for the RSVPs is October 5 to Rose. There is a virtual tour link available that Rose will share.

November 10 will be a presentation by Marianne McGarry-Bloom of All Quiet on the Western Front; program team is hoping to reserve the Camano School House for this meeting; if not, the Camano Library. This program links to the Book Group study of same title.

December 15 is our Holiday Luncheon at Cama Beach Café. More information to come.

SC Give: Nancy Voelckers reported our participation application has been approved; event is November 29. Mary Raymond and Georgi Proulx are attending workshops as needed and request members spread the word of our Tech Trek project's \$2200 goal.

Candidate Forum: Nancy Voelckers shared Elaine Richards' report that Candidate Forum will be a webinar on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Anne Milton will act as facilitator; Cathlin Starke will be timekeeper. Elaine is still working on someone to actually run the Zoom webinar software; please let her know if you know someone that might be interested.

DEI: Katie Farrey reported the committee had begun work on a diversity document and is working on a plan to increase our reach within scholarships, STEM and Tech Trek. If you have a topic that you want Katie to explore please share with her for investigation.

Public Policy: Nancy Voelckers shared Anne Milton's report describing her approach to Public Policy beginning with National in the September newsletter then showcasing State in October and carrying over through November and December as we prepare for Lobby Day in January which will probably be virtual per Judy Prince.

Activity Groups: Nancy Voelckers accepted reports from the various activity group leaders:

Book Group is currently choosing the book list for 2022-23.

Movie Group is watching for engaging movies. Please share interest in movies; doesn't have to be in Stanwood.

Day Trippers has new leadership from Lynda Buehring and Jill Johnstone. Watch for more information about an Edmond's outing in October.

Scholarships: Marianne McGarry-Bloom shared the future plans of our three 2022 scholarship winners:

Kate Hovda is planning a Master's in Library Science. She will use her interest in archiving to help at the Camano City School House.

Olivia Murray want to finish Psychology and explore being a school counselor.

Sara Newman plans on being a medical neurologist.

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General Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2022 (continued from page 8)

Using Zoom: Doris Taylor and Jackie-Lyn Olson thanked the group for their work on offering Zoom commenting that the presentation by the girls was garbled perhaps due to a microphone issue or the size of the auditorium and its echo. Lynda Buehring suggested a tech team with Cheryl Allen to work on improving using Zoom.

Adjourn: Judy Prince moved to adjourn the meeting; Lynda Buehring seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx
Secretary

