



Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

May 2025

Founded in April 16, 1936 - Celebrating 89 Years Edited by Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx



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May 1st

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

May Board Meeting
SCAF Meeting Room

May 8th

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Social Half Hour 6:30 p.m.

High School STEM Scholar
Recognition and Introduction of
2025 Tech Trek Campers

United Methodist Church
27128 102nd Dr NW, Stanwood

May 17th, Saturday

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Women's Expo at Camano Center

*Free event to learn about
women's community services*

May 21st

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

JAVA BREAK

Cookie Mill

Bring a Prospective Member

President's Message

Jackie-Lyn Olson

Earlier this month I received devastating news of the death of my friend, Mary Selekey. Mary lived in Northeastern Washington and was a pioneer in Health and Human Services in Stevens, Ferry, and Pend Oreille Counties. I met Mary in 1985 when she was working to establish the Rural Resource Center in Colville and worked with Northeast Tri County Regional Health District. In 1999, Mary was hired by Gary Locke to serve as the State Secretary of Health where she served until 2013. She pioneered legislation to ban public smoking and led initiatives to increase opportunities for immunizations. Mary was President of the Colville Branch of AAUW. She was a tremendous mentor and friend and I will miss her dearly.

In thinking about Mary's contributions to the communities she served, I was reminded of a quote by Ruth Bader Ginsberg, "Women belong in all the places where decisions are being made." I did some research and found statistics reflecting the percentages of female representation in the following places where "decisions are being made": US Supreme Court 33%, U.S. Senate 26%, U.S. House of Representatives 23%, State Governors 18%, State Legislators 29%.

As individuals, let's think about we can encourage women to contribute to their communities the way Mary did.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

May 8 — High School STEM Recognition

Mary Pilkington

The High School STEM Scholar Recognition is a yearly tradition to honor those high school juniors nominated by their STEM teachers for special attention of their excellence. Added to this tradition a few years ago is the introduction of the Tech Trek campers that will attend the camp in the summer. You'll not want to miss this special evening; it reflects the mission and hard work of our branch.



Sighting at Stanwood Library

A special speaker is invited to inspire all the girls and their families to great things and new ideas. This year we welcome Katie Maletich, the Genitourinary (GU) Medical Oncology Sr. Medical Science Liaison (MSL) in the Pacific Northwest, where she is the clinical and scientific expert responsible for performing scientific exchange with healthcare providers. Her experience spans multiple clinical and therapeutic areas including general oncology, blood and marrow transplant, clinical research and the operating room.

Please join us on Thursday, May 8, at the Stanwood United Methodist Church [27128 102nd Dr NW, Stanwood, just west of the Floyd Norgaard building and the food bank]. Social Half Hour begins at 6:30 p.m. We ask members to arrive early to greet the students and families. After the meeting we will hold our General Meeting. We will be approving our updated branch bylaws.

If you can bring sweet or savory snacks, please email Mary Pilkington. Since we invite the families of our scholars and campers, we always have a large crowd.

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Future Events

June 5th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

June Board Meeting
SCAF Meeting Room

June 17th

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

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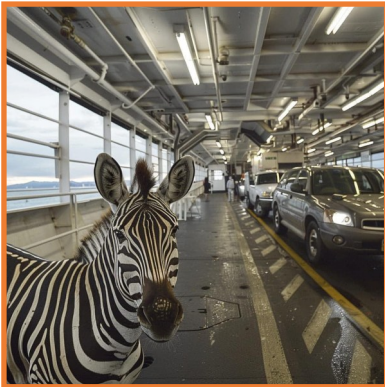
*For Coffee and Conversation
Bring a Prospective Member*

June 29th

Sunday

1:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting and
Scholarship Tea
Camano City Schoolhouse



What's going on at AAUW-WA?

[https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/
activities-information/calendar/](https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/activities-information/calendar/)

Visit our branch website:
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/](http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/)

AAUW Funds—Working Together to Keep AAUW Relevant

Jackie DeFazio



For the past five months, this column has been focused on providing information about AAUW as a **national** association—in fact, the oldest and largest national organization working for the advancement of women and education. We've noted its origins, its historic accomplishments, and its current contributions to empowering women through education—all with an eye toward understanding the benefits of belonging to a larger entity than just our local branch, important as that is.

As we prepare to adopt branch operation and scholarships budgets for the 2025-26 year, among the issues we will be deciding is not only how much the branch should contribute to AAUW at the national level but whether we should donate some of those funds to the unrestricted Greatest Need Fund to enable the Association to respond more quickly to unexpected challenges and opportunities.

To help with that decision, here is some information from AAUW's recently released Annual Report:

- AAUW manages \$76 million in endowed funds and \$52 million in restricted assets, which generate more than \$6 million annually for fellowships, grants, and other donor-designated projects.
- AAUW received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and a Platinum Transparency Seal from GuideStar, reflecting its accountability and best practices.
- 96% of AAUW's net assets are donor-restricted for programs like fellowships and grants. Only 4% in unrestricted assets is available to enable the organization to stay agile in supporting branches and states as well as new opportunities to advance education and economic empowerment for women and girls.
- Donations to the Greatest Need Fund are unrestricted and can be used to provide support for new challenges and opportunities, thus providing greater flexibility in addressing the Association's priorities and operational needs.

As I said in the January newsletter, donations to unrestricted funds depend upon the donor's trust in the integrity of the organization, its leadership, and its record of achievements. I hope the information provided in these articles has shown we belong to an organization whose history and current record of accomplishments demonstrate that it is worthy of our trust.

Public Policy Understanding Our State Legislature

Judy Prince

There are forty-nine legislative districts in the U.S. state of Washington since the 2024 redistricting. From the time Washington achieved statehood in 1889, it has elected members for representation to the state legislature. Each district elects a state senator and two district representatives. The districts have changed throughout state history through periodical redistricting, most recently in 2024 following the *Soto Palmer v. Hobs* court case. District lines in Washington are drawn by the Washington State Redistricting Commission, which is made up of four members appointed by the legislature's party leaders and a fifth non-voting chair.

The legislature is in the final weeks of the 105-day regular session. Also, the biennial budget needs to be approved, because the budget is not complete and has not been sent to the Governor, there will probably be a special session. The budget must be finalized by June 30 or the state will run out of funds.



Your 2024-2025 Board

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Judith Prince

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Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

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Tech Trek 2025 Campers

Mary Chesney

The Tech Trek committee is pleased to announce six middle school girls from the Stanwood-Camano School District have been chosen to receive a Tech Trek campership for 2025. One of these girls has been designated the *Doris and Mike Taylor Honoree* camper.



Doris Taylor was a long standing member of our branch and a dedicated supporter of Tech Trek serving on the selection committee for many years. Her husband, Mike, made a very generous donation in Doris' name to Tech Trek fund just prior to his passing. The board has asked the Tech Trek committee to select a deserving camper to receive this honorable mention.

Please join us at the May 8 meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Stanwood United Methodist church. The campers and their families will be in attendance and the girls introduced to the members.

Scholarships—What Do We Have in Common?

Marianne McGarry-Bloom

What does a wildlife biologist, social worker, mechanical engineer, political scientist, solar cell physicist, and children's book illustrator have in common? They are all AAUW Stanwood-Camano Scholarship recipients from the last five years. As I began to ponder what theme ran through their disparate essays, the prime commonality was their goal to serve. Their studies were not just aimed at academic excellence, but more to the improvement of the world and those who dwell on it. The 2025 Scholarship Season has closed, and now the reading of these new essays begins. I am always in awe of these scholars' accomplishments and dreams. How fortunate are we, the members of AAUW Stanwood-Camano, to have pursued our accomplishments and dreams? Our members have that in common with the scholars; we have improved our world in lifetimes of service.



Projected Program Schedule for 2025

June 29	Scholarship Tea and Annual Meeting <i>Camano City School House</i>
August 14	Branch BBQ Kickoff <i>Camano Hills Pavilion</i>
September 11	First General Meeting of 2025-26

What's With the Zebras?

Georgi Proulx

You may be asking, "What's with the zebras?"

If you recall, on Sunday, April 28, 2024 (the day after PWP2024), the owner of four zebras who was transporting them from Winlock, WA to Anaconda, MT, stopped just off Interstate 90 near North Bend to fix a problem with the trailer. That's when the zebras escaped and ran away.

Three of the four were captured within hours but the fourth "SUGAR" or "Shug," for short, ran wild in the North Bend and Snoqualmie Valley frequently spotted by residents and passersby until May 3.

Social media was filled with creative, entertaining memes of possible sightings, thus, the sharing of this fun memory. Yes, I've been waiting all year to share.

Animal services investigated the escape. The owner faced potential fines. However, the county ended up not fining or citing the owner.....probably because of the "good" press for the community. [KIRO-5 TV]

Enjoy!



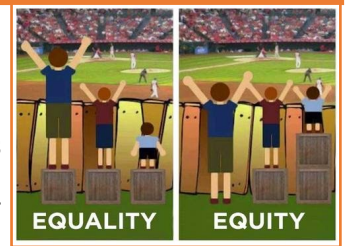
DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

DEIA

AAUW-WA added accessibility as a component of our DEI focus. Accessibility ensures that people with disabilities have equal opportunities to participate and thrive, removing barriers and promoting inclusivity in all aspects of our organization. AAUW-WA supports Diversity, Equity, Inclusion **and** Accessibility.

<https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/deia/>



Upcoming Opportunities:

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month

May 5, Cinco de Mayo

May 6, US Holocaust Remembrance Day

May 8, 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Theatre

Free Event: Let's Go Together - Storytelling, Music, and Conversation. Sponsored by Paths to Understanding, a non-profit organization that builds bridges between neighbors of all walks of life.

<https://lincolntheatre.org/free-event-lets-go-together-2025>

May 16, Malcolm X Day

May 22, Harvey Milk Day



Sighting at Our Local
Camp Killoqua

Day Trippers – Betty Dorotik's Garden and Roses

Lynda Buehring

Join us Friday, June 13 at 1:00 p.m. for a local Day Tripper to Betty Dorotik's Garden and Roses Tour followed by a visit to the Blue Heron for appetizers and refreshments to celebrate the afternoon. We expect to be at the Blue Heron by 2:30 p.m. if you can only join us for that portion of the day.

Explore the wonderful garden of Betty Dorotik on Camano Island. Betty is a local artist and the President of the Camano Island Garden Club.

Camano carpooling is encouraged; meeting at Terry's Corner at 12:15 p.m. Please contact Lynda Buehring if you want to carpool and if you can drive.

Betty Dorotik Garden and Roses' location to be provided when you RSVP.

Blue Heron, 170 E. Cross Island Road, Camano - 2:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Lynda Buehring no later than June 1. You are encouraged to bring a friend.

Welcome New Members

Joyce Leak, Lael Williams

Our branch is rocking! Just since February 2025 we have added five new members and a renewal of a long time member. Our membership roster has swelled to 60. Our programs and activities are top shelf, and it shows in the new members that have joined us.

We extend a warm welcome to new members: Jennifer Engleman, Brooke Knight, Clarene Ricarte, Karen Rogers, Sarah Young-Shepperd, and the return of long time member Vivian Henderson.

Membership renewal for many of us on the fiscal year schedule is approaching. Watch for your email from National for an *easy peasy* renewal process; cost for this new year is \$108: \$74 National (fully tax deductible), \$10 State, and \$24 Branch.

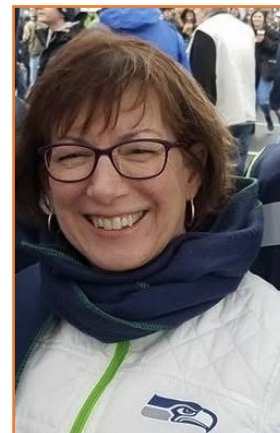


Meet Our Member

Nancy Russell

My father worked for US Steel. When I was almost four we moved from Indiana to Montreal, Quebec and then less than a year later we moved to Port Cartier, Quebec. An almost non-existent town 500 miles north of Montreal at the mouth of the St. Lawrence river. Only years later did I appreciate the magic of growing up there. It was wild country with long cold snowy winters, blackflies, moose, and one store. The town grew up around us. Certainly it defined me. It was just expected that I would go to college, be independent, and be able to support myself. I believe all the girls I grew up with were strong and we were in a new frontier that didn't have old barriers and stereotypes to hold us back.

After two years at prep school in Massachusetts, I went to the University of Vermont. I started out in Special Ed, then just Education. I wanted to quit college after my sophomore year and my dad would have nothing to do with that. He let me spend a year abroad to get my act together, and I did! I finally settled on a direction and earned a BS in Consumer Economics. I wanted to be one of Nader's Raiders. Consumer rights at its earliest!



I got married my senior year and we moved back to Port Cartier after graduating where my first job out of college was a bilingual switchboard operator and then a file clerk. I cried a lot then. All those years for this! A move abroad allowed me to develop a career in the hospitality industry. I was a district manager in food service on two Canadian military bases. After we returned, my career followed many aspects of institutional food services from operations to sales and marketing and long term strategic planning. I have supported food services in white collar businesses, industries, factories, senior living and even jails and prisons.

I love cooking, traveling, reading, gardening and grandbabies! I was a bit of a wild child - for example I traveled by sidecar from Nice, France to Berlin through East Germany in 1975 - in February!

After attending the Purses for Purpose in April 2024, I was very interested in the mission of the organization. Having lived so many years in Canada and Germany I was unfamiliar with AAUW but identified with its goals and wanted to help support it. I also was attracted to the opportunity to meet so many interesting and strong women.

Meet Our Member

Deb Narcisso

I grew up in the Seattle area and relocated to Massachusetts when I was in high school. I was fortunate to have parents who were very supportive of my academics and other interests. In high school, I particularly enjoyed sciences and languages. I didn't personally experience any direct discouragement as a girl, but I was aware that as the difficulty level in science and math increased, fewer girls were in those classes.

I attended the University of Massachusetts where I studied political science and economics. In my junior year, I transferred to Goucher College in Maryland where I graduated with a degree in Economics. I received my MBA from George Mason University. The early part of my career was spent in the for-profit business world where I was in financial management eventually rising to the position of Vice President of Administration.



I joined the Council of Graduate Schools as Director of Finance in 2000. The mission of the Council of Graduate Schools is to provide support and research primarily for Deans of graduate schools around the nation. Part of the research conducted was focused on STEM programs and the level of gender and ethnic participation at research universities. The results of that research identified on a macro level, gender and ethnic composition across various fields of study. Of particular note was the significantly lower participation of women in the sciences, most especially in physics.

I joined the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy in 2005 as part of the Senior Management team. I oversaw all Finance, Accounting, Treasury, Human Resources and Government contract relations for this non-profit organization. AURA is a Scientific Research Organization with over 1000 employees and \$2 billion in federal funding. Its principal funding comes from the National Science Foundation and NASA. Its mission is to advance research in the field of astronomy. I worked directly with the President and other oversight committees to present matters of critical importance to the advancement of AURA's mission and strategic plan. I retired from this position in 2016.

My husband and I are passionate about travel. We love traveling with our five children and 10 grandchildren to introduce them to different cultures for the purpose of expanding their world view. I also love being a homebody, gardening and quilting. We relocated to Camano full-time in 2020. We love our life on Camano.

Over the last 2 years I have served as the Treasurer of the Stanwood Camano Foodbank and the Camano Schoolhouse Foundation.

I joined AAUW 15 years ago when I lived in Washington, D.C. and was pleased to find out there was a Stanwood-Camano Branch. I was drawn to join AAUW initially because of its focus on STEM and advocacy.

Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Lynda Buehring

JAVA Break

Meet for coffee/tea and great conversation getting to know your fellow members. Bring a prospective member too if you would like.

Nancy Voelckers

Movie Group

Meet for a movie at our local Stanwood Cinema. 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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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.

May 5, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Thea Wellington

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

"In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows."

June 2, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Leak

How to Say Babylon by Safiya Sinclair

"This stunning story of the author's struggle to break free of her strict Rastafaria upbringing ruled by a father whose rigid beliefs, rage and paranoia led to violence shows how she found her own power and provides a unique glimpse into a rarefied world we know little about."

July 7, 2:00 p.m. at the Camano Hills Picnic Shelter

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

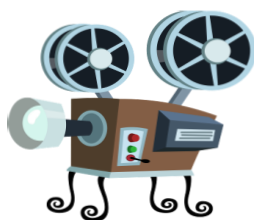
"In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction-to the City of New York."

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



Next **JAVA Break** will be Wednesday, May 21, at the Cookie Mill 10:00 a.m. Please save the date, bring a friend! Our gatherings are a special time with friends to share memories and

thoughts we usually don't have time to share at general meetings. Let's share a mug and great conversation...you never know where it's going to take us...!



See You At the Movies!

We check the Stanwood Cinema schedule weekly hoping for a good movie and welcome your suggestions. Email Georgi with your movie interest, and we will schedule a time for the group to meet.

Join us for our next adventure in cinema.



Purses with Purpose April 25, 2026—Less Than a Year Away

Mary Raymond, Georgi Proulx

May marks a year since our 6th biennial PWP, and we see the power of our efforts this time of year with recognition of our twelve high school STEM scholars, selection of six Tech Trek campers, and, especially, the impact we make in the lives of three qualified scholarship recipients. We cannot do this without YOUR help.

In anticipation of our 7th biennial event, starting in September's newsletter we will be highlighting needed positions on the steering committee explaining the position and its responsibilities that come to fruition next April 2026.

Leadership can be provided by teams...sometimes it's easier to volunteer for leadership with a co-leader....works for Mary and Georgi as it has for many before them. Talk to your buddies and see where you can assist in fulfilling the jobs we need for April 2026.

At this point, the Steering Committee is comprised of:

Procurement Team: Jackie DeFazio, Karen Walden, Joanne Drewsen

Auxiliary Procurement Coordinator: Mary Pilkington

Fulfillment/Bagging Team: Jill Johnstone, Linda Lynn

Catering Coordinator: Linda Demetre

Additional positions are noted below. Please contact Mary Raymond or Georgi Proulx for more detailed descriptions if you can help. This is a TEAM effort; it takes ALL of us to make this successful!

Table Set Up and Centerpiece Coordinator will organize volunteers to set up the tables and develop a plan for simple centerpieces that will be available for bidding.

Live Auction Team will evaluate the purses for live auction, write up the descriptions for the auctioneer and the program, and stage the purses on the racks before the auction. The team will select 35 superb purses to be offered at the live auction that will also include the certificates and tickets procured by Mary Pilkington's team.

Silent Auction Team will manage the set up of the silent auction tables on Friday, April 24.

Volunteer Coordination Team will solicit volunteers from our members, the schools, and other organizations to help us set up on Friday afternoon, serve the meal, manage silent auction sold purses, and help us return the space to original condition after the event.

Raffle Team will solicit raffle item(s) and sell tickets during the event. The generous condo donation we have had in the past will not be available for April 2026 so we are looking for a donation of an AirBnB or equivalent for use in a "Staycation" raffle prize; although, an out-of-state condo always works if you have connections. Perhaps you have family or friends that can accommodate our need and donate; we would be eternally grateful. Traditionally, the condo raffle package raises \$4500-\$5000 for our scholarship program; we don't want to miss the enthusiasm and generosity a great raffle provides.

Grants Coordinator will apply for grants from the tribes and other generous community organizations.

Business Sponsorships Team personally approaches businesses in the community for cash donations. This team can be extremely effective and has been very successful the past two events.

We traditionally put the FUN in FUNdraiser and what makes our event so successful and fun is the TEAM WORK demonstrated every day by our membership.

You do not need to do it by yourself nor will you have to.

Contact Mary Raymond or Georgi Proulx with any questions.



Oh Look....Michael Kors Likes Zebras Too!

With Mother's Day approaching, there are several purse sales this month. Check out the Seattle Outlets for specials and to assist you in searching online for the perfect purse to donate to our auction the links below are offered:

<https://www.dooney.com/mothers-day-sale/>

<https://www.bloomingdales.com/shop/sale/handbags-purses/Style/Mini%20Bags?id=5070>

<https://www.nordstromrack.com/clearance/women/handbags>

Your purse donation can be tax deductible so be sure you have a copy of the Donation Receipt which we will include in the cover email for this newsletter. If a friend or family donates please provide them with a copy as well.

General Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2025

Program: Lei Wiley Mydske presented Neurodiversity 101 at the Stanwood United Methodist Church.

Call to Order: Following the Neurodiversity presentation, Jackie Olson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

- Jackie mentioned the upcoming Great Discussions program on April 13 at 1 p.m. The topic is Israel and Palestine, and many members have expressed interest.
- League of Women Voters emailed offering support for our Candidate Forum in the fall.

Secretary: Linda Lynn presented the March 13 minutes for approval as printed in the April newsletter. Jackie DeFazio moved to approve, and Katie Farrey seconded; the motion was approved.

Treasurer: Robin Hanks reviewed the financial reports for March. Income for March includes a \$1,000.00 donation from Richard and Bonnie Cavell which was deposited directly into the Money Market Account, \$35.00 donations for Tech Trek, interest of \$19.74 and branch dues of \$48.00 for Jennifer Engleman and Clarene Ricarte. Expenses were \$275.00 for Deborah Dimitre's Performance and \$87.50 for Facility Rental for the Candidates Forum. Current operating balance is \$3675.13. Total assets are \$71,791.95.

Scholarships: Marianne McGarry-Bloom told us that she has received three or four applications. This is typical, as the deadline is April 30, and applications tend to come in closer to that date. After the deadline she will start the screening process.

Bylaws Update: Martha Huyler, Jackie DeFazio, and Georgi Proulx are on the Bylaws committee. The National AAUW organization has requested some changes. Martha said they have made those changes, and are looking at our local bylaws as well. She has sent out the old and new versions to the membership. She encourages that we ask any questions we might have before we vote on acceptance, which will occur at the May 8 meeting.

Communications: Georgi is helping with the transition to our new Navy/Red logo. It will be displayed at the Womens Expo at the Camano Center in the form of a new 2'x4' banner at the Camano Center.

PWP 2026: Georgi told us that everything is going smoothly with 44 very nice purses already donated. Purses we do not include in our event will be donated to the Second Chance Thrift Shop. Linda Demetre volunteered to be the Catering Coordinator and will coordinate the menu with the Camano Center. Prices are not known yet. We will need people to volunteer for table setup, centerpieces, and live and silent auction setup. Please read the newsletter for more information.

Nominating Committee: Martha announced that almost all roles for elected positions have been filled. Lael Williams has been nominated for President and Carolyn Spector has been nominated for President-Elect.

Programs: Topics have been chosen for the remainder of the year. May is STEM Scholars, and June is the Scholarship Tea. The picnic will be in August. Mary Pilkington is working on speakers for next year.

Tech Trek: Mary Chesney reported via phone that six girls have been selected.

Membership: Lael told us that the number of members is increasing – we have two new members and one renewed membership.

DEI: Katie Farrey attended an AAUW state meeting where she exchanged information with other attendees. If anyone wants to submit an idea for a focus for next year, contact Katie.

STEM Scholars: Lael has names from two high schools, and is waiting for names from the third. STEM scholars will be honored at the May general meeting. The speaker will be Lael's daughter.

Interest Groups:

Book Group: May 5, 2:00 p.m. at Thea's house: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

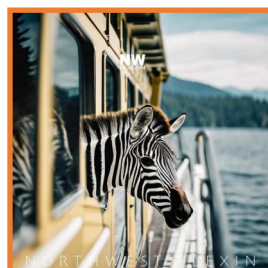
JAVA Break: April 15, Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Cookie Mill in Stanwood.

Day Trippers: Lynda Buehring is working on scheduling a garden tour in May.

Adjourn: Jackie Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Lynn
Secretary



Why did the zebra go to school?

~To earn its stripes.