



September 2025

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September 4th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

September Board Meeting
SCAF Meeting Room

September 11th

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting

SCAF Building
26911 98th Dr. NW, Stanwood
Tech Trek 2025 Campers' Presentation

September 17th

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

JAVA BREAK

Cookie Mill

*For Coffee and Conversation
Bring a Prospective Member*



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President's Message

Lael Williams

Greetings during this warm, beautiful time of the year! Our AAUW branch begins a new program season this month with the new president – me! I look forward to joining you at our monthly meetings (with terrific programs!) and working with you as we, both, fundraise through Purses with Purpose and execute our Tech Trek, STEM Scholars and College Scholarship programs.

The past and present board and committee lead members gathered at my house in August to form our understanding of “all things” our branch accomplished over the last year and goals for the coming year.

Our board and committee leads are filled except for VP Finance-elect. New this year—we need a committee to manage the sweet and savory treats at meetings and the food and drink for the May and June gatherings.

We will experience the reflections of our Tech Trek campers at our September meeting. Looking forward, we will discuss whether or not to hold a Candidates Forum in October, what work is needed to create an extraordinary Purses with Purpose event in April, and determine what help is needed to create successful programs for young women as they move toward their educational goals.

Our organization has smart, lovely women who have joined AAUW for many different reasons. As we evolve as an organization, many of you have contributed time and energy to keep us moving forward. Please know we always need you to volunteer! May the year ahead bring you satisfaction and joy as you offer what you have to our branch!

September 11—Tech Trek Presentation

Mary Chesney, Mary Pilkington

In July, 110 fortunate rising 8th graders spent a week at a camp that most likely will change their lives. As the father of one of our campers put it, his “daughter made life-changing decisions because of camp,” and he believes it set her on a wonderful career path.



Join us for our September 11 meeting to hear our Tech Trek campers talk about their experiences at the Tech Trek 2025 camp. We will meet at Stanwood Camano Area Foundation (SCAF) 26911 98th Dr. NW, Unit A, Stanwood at 7:00 p.m. If you can provide snacks please email Mary Pilkington.

We are looking for two more members to be part of the selection committee. Selecting campers is one of the most important and rewarding things you can assist with in our Branch. It does require the ability to use a computer and video chats as well as being available during the months of January through March. However, no traveling, other than going to your computer, is required. All the work is done virtually. If you have any interest in being part of this team, email Mary Chesney and she will send you information on the expectations of a team member. If you would like to get firsthand insight into what it is like to be on this team, reach out to Wanda Hill who has been a member for two years.

Future Events

October 2nd

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

October Board Meeting
SCAF Building

October 9th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Location to be confirmed
*Cindy Smith presents "Alaskan
Glaciers"*

October 14th

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

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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/)

Membership Corner

Lynda Buehring, Joyce Leak

Member engagement is the heartbeat of any successful organization. Whether it's a nonprofit, professional association, or social club, keeping members active and involved is essential for growth and sustainability.

Engaged members are more likely to renew their memberships, participate in events, and advocate for the organization's mission. However, achieving and maintaining this level of engagement is not always easy.

This year the membership team will incorporate a well-crafted membership engagement strategy that will boost membership through Day Tripper events, programs, and collaboration with other organizations.

Organizations can transform their communities into thriving, loyal networks by understanding member needs, creating meaningful experiences, and leveraging the right tools. Membership is the responsibility of all members to engage and challenge each other with innovative ideas.

Stay tuned!



Sunshine Report

Anne Milton

We have a Sunshine Committee for our branch, and it's designed to send good cheer and well wishes to members when needed. If you would like a card, phone call or email sent to one of our members, kindly reach out via email to Anne Milton, and we will honor your request.

Projected Program Schedule for 2025-2026

October 9	Cindy Smith presents "Alaskan Glaciers" <i>(location to be determined)</i>
November 13	Linda Demetre presents "Pearl Wanamaker" <i>(location to be determined)</i>
December 11	Holiday Luncheon <i>(location to be determined)</i>
January 8	Deb Narcisso presents "AURA" <i>SCAF Building</i>
February 12	Arrowhead Ranch Tour <i>Arrowhead Ranch</i>
March 12	Debbie Dimitre presents "Annie Oakley and Calamity Jane" <i>Utsalady Ladies Aid Building</i>
April 9	Washington Poet Laureate <i>(location to be determined)</i>
May 14	High School STEM Scholar Recognition and Tech Trek Campers <i>Stanwood United Methodist Church</i>
June 28	Scholarship Tea and Annual Meeting <i>Camano City Schoolhouse</i>



Your 2025-2026 Board

President

Lael Williams

President-Elect

Deb Narcisso

VP of Finance

Nancy Russell

VP of Finance-Elect

(open)

Co-VP of Membership

Lynda Buehring, Joyce Leak

Secretary

Karen Walden

VP of Program

Mary Pilkington

Assistants: Linda Demetre,
Mary Raymond*

Public Policy

Joanne Drewsen

Communications

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

* Appointed position, shares
vote with VP

Activity Leaders

Purses with Purpose 2026

Georgi Proulx, Mary Raymond

High School STEM Scholars

Linda Demetre, Lael Williams

Scholarship Chair

Karen Rogers

Tech Trek Chair

Mary Chesney

AAUW Funds Coordinator

Jackie DeFazio

Candidate & Issues Forum

(open)

Historian

Helen Smith

Diversity

Katie Farrey

Stanwood-Camano Give

Mary Raymond, Georgi Proulx

Sunshine

Anne Milton

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler



DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion 7 Accessibility) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

This year we will focus on mental health with definitions and resources from NAMI.

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

NAMI recognizes that other organizations have drawn distinctions between what diagnoses are considered "mental health conditions" as opposed to "mental illnesses." We intentionally use the terms "mental health conditions" and "mental illness/es" interchangeably.

A mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, behavior or mood. These conditions deeply impact day-to-day living and may also affect the ability to relate to others. If you have — or think you might have — a mental illness, the first thing you must know is that you are not alone. Mental health conditions are far more common than you think, mainly because people don't like to, or are scared to, talk about them. However:

- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24

A mental health condition isn't the result of one event. Research suggests multiple, linking causes. Genetics, environment and lifestyle influence whether someone develops a mental health condition. A stressful job or home life makes some people more susceptible, as do traumatic life events. Biochemical processes and circuits and basic brain structure may play a role, too.

None of this means that you're broken or that you, or your family, did something "wrong." Mental illness is no one's fault. And for many people, recovery — including meaningful roles in social life, school and work — is possible, especially when you start treatment early and play a strong role in your own recovery process.

Upcoming Opportunities:

Portraits in Red by Nayana LaFond
Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve

<https://www.hibulbculturalcenter.org/Exhibits/PortraitsInRed>

September 15—October 15 - National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 23 - Bisexual visibility day

September 30 - National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools (orange shirt day)

Public Policy

Joanne Drewsen

I look forward to being your representative to our State and National AAUW National Policy Committee so you can participate in ways that you choose to impact our AAUW priorities important to you locally and nationally.

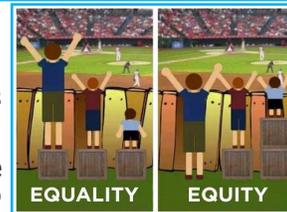
As I learn more about my new position, I will share more details. For now, you can go to the WA State Public Policy page at <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/public-policy/>

In addition, here is a link to AAUW National's Strategic Plan.

<https://www.aauw.org/?s=strategic+plan>

Also, the recent National Public Policy Priorities

<https://www.aauw.org/?s=public+policy>



Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Lynda Buehring

Movie Group

Meet for a movie at our local Stanwood Cinema. Watch for an email invitation.

Suggestions are encouraged.

Anne Milton, Georgi Proulx

JAVA Break is held monthly alternating between the third Tuesday and third Wednesday 10:00 a.m. at the Cookie Mill. 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...!

Nancy Voelckers, 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.



Monday September 8, 2:00 p.m. at Brookdale hosted by Judy Trammell

The Women by Kristin Hannah

"Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America. The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten."

Monday October 6, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Jackie DeFazio

The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club by Helen Simonson

"Constance Haverhill is without prospects. Her mother has just passed away, her brother is newly married, and now that the Great War is over, she has been asked to give up managing the estate she helped to run when the men all joined the army. It is suggested to her that she become a governess. But first, she will act as caretaker to Mrs. Fog, an old family friend who is convalescing at a seaside resort. Constance is soon swept up in the social whirl of the Meredith Hotel and its colorful inhabitants, most notably, Poppy Wirrall. Poppy wears trousers, operates a taxi and delivery service to employ local women, and manages a ladies' motorcycle club. She and her friends welcome Constance into their circle, despite the differences in their stations--Poppy is, for all her empowered modernity, the daughter of a land-owning gentleman, while Constance has only weeks before she must find a position and a home. Constance soon learns, however, that not everything is as it seems in this pocket of English high society. As her connection to this new group deepens and she makes a powerful impression on Poppy's recalcitrant but handsome brother--a former fighter pilot who recently lost a leg in battle--old secrets come to light. Soon, the women are forced to confront the fact that the freedoms they gained during the war are likely to be revoked as the country settles into a hard-won peace."

Monday November 3, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Karen Rogers

Behold the Dreamers by Ombolo Mbue

"At the intersection of "Americanah" and "The Help" comes a riveting debut novel about two marriages - one immigrant and working class, the other from the top 1% - both chasing their version of the American Dream. In the fall of 2007, Jende Jonga, a Cameroonian immigrant living in Harlem, lands a job as a chauffeur for Clark Edwards, a senior executive at Lehman Brothers. Their situation only improves when Jende's wife Neni is hired as household help. But in the course of their work, Jende and Neni begin to witness infidelities, skirmishes, and family secrets. Then, with the 2008 collapse of Lehman Brothers, a tragedy changes all four lives forever, and the Jongas must decide whether to continue fighting to stay in a recession-ravaged America or give up and return home to Cameroon."

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

Purses with Purpose April 25, 2026—Cookin' with Gas

Mary Raymond, Georgi Proulx

Thank you to everyone that has contributed purses to our FUNdraiser. We received a trunk load (yes, my Civic's trunk was full to the brim) of purses new and gently used at the August 14th Kickoff Barbeque. We are off to a flying start! The procurement committee will meet in early September to evaluate what we have received and report. Congratulations to Kathy Cunningham, our winner of the raffle at the barbeque.

We still need leadership in setting up the purses for the silent auction on Friday afternoon, coordinating the student and adult volunteers, managing the raffle, and directing setting the tables for the luncheon. These positions can be teams—whatever it takes to get the job done. See descriptions below.

Our next big task is to organize the Business Sponsorship Team. We have an experienced member of this team returning for 2026, but this is not a one person job. There are businesses and non-profits are willing to donate cash to our scholarship cause....we just need to ask them. Some businesses, such as banks, need to be approached in October for the line item to get on their budget for 2026. In so many cases we just need to ask "in person," and they will accommodate our need. Their business logo is included on our event webpage and in graduated ad sizes based on their giving in the event program. The logo is also included on our branch website on the Purses with Purpose page for two years....so lots of visibility.

Grant writing is a vital part of our fundraising via the grant writing process. We have the past grant requests for your reference and would really like your help in this category.

Leadership for all these needs 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 activity leaders 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

Live Auction Organizer: Karen Walden

Fulfillment/Bagging Team: Jill Johnstone, Linda Lynn

Catering Coordinator and Centerpieces: Linda Demetre

Wine and Champagne: Helen Smith

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!

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 raffle tickets during the event. 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.

Table Set Up will organize volunteers to set up the tables on Friday afternoon.

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. Martha Huyler has stepped up to be on the team, now she needs a team...please consider.

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

TEAM WORK will make our event the best and most FUN ever. Join in and help today.

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

Contact Mary Raymond or Georgi Proulx with any questions.



Meet Our Member

Clarene Ricarte

I grew up in a very small farm town south of Spokane right on the Idaho border. My parents were farmers so we lived on the farm and learned to grow our own - meat, vegetables, milk and make butter from the cream! We used to joke about what we did in our spare time - we would sit around and watch the cars rust! I chose to go to Washington State University right out of high school since I was the third of four and my older sister and brother had chosen Eastern Washington University - and I HAD to be different! It was at WSU that I met my future husband and we married before we graduated as it was more economically feasible! I soon developed a *nine month flu* and was unable to do my student teaching. We moved to Spokane where my husband completed his student teaching, and in May I returned to Pullman for a day to welcome our daughter into the world. This was during the school protests and we interrupted a protest to get to the hospital - she was born very shortly after we arrived, and I only spent one night in the hospital.



We moved to an even smaller community in North Central Washington, Mansfield, where my son was born. When he was three, I did my student teaching in Wenatchee in a third grade classroom. In 1979 I was hired to teach kindergarten in the morning and help K-12 students in the afternoon. In October I was sent to a meeting where I learned I was a special education teacher under the new IDEA law! So ---- I started picking up classes wherever I could! I have transcripts from almost every college in Washington State and northern Oregon! My master's was in curriculum development through Eastern Washington University. I was moved around a bit teaching 3rd grade, 3-4 combination 2nd grade and a 5-6 combination until circumstances led us to Maple Valley. There I was hired to create a behavioral program at the high school level.

When my husband once again was moved to apply in Stanwood, he was hired to be one of the original teachers at the alternative high school. The administration called and asked if I would come and talk to them! I came and it was an interview. I was hired to teach the behavior program at Stanwood Middle School and was moved to the new Port Susan Middle School the following year where I taught an English/History block at the 7th and 8th grade level. A few years later, I moved up to the high school to teach algebra and after one year, I was moved into special education at Stanwood High School. After 44 years of teaching, my husband thought I should retire. In the years since retirement I have done three long term sub jobs, been the graduation success coordinator, assessment coordinator, and credit recovery teacher as well as teaching summer school every summer. I say I am "mostly" retired. Not sure if that is even true!

I have cooked for church camps and harvest crews, driven wheat trucks, school buses, and even cleaned houses.

My sister has always spoken highly of AAUW so I thought it was time to give it a try! I have worked with ISE, International Student Exchange, for 20 years and have been able to travel to several countries in Europe through the exchange program. I did not enjoy my time in Ireland as the first day there I fell and broke my hip. Instead of a few days, I was in the hospital for 21 days with a severe infection. If I limp, it is because I have a lot of metal holding my legs together!

Day Trippers to Betty Dorotik Garden and Roses Tour

Day Trippers had a marvelous day on June 13 at the Betty Dorotik Garden and Roses Tour on Camano Island followed by lunch at the Blue Heron. Members and guests in attendance were Lynda Buehring, Gay Campbell, Joanne Drewsen, Jackie DeFazio, Jackie's daughter Patti, Lael Williams, Mary Chesney, Mary Pilkington and Joyce Leak.

Lynda will be planning more outings for 2025-26—we hope you can join us.



Branch Honorees for 2024-25

At our Scholarship Tea and Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 29, our branch honored four members for their outstanding service to our branch. Honored that day were (left to right):

Gay Campbell for her assistance to the branch whenever called upon.

Robin Hanks for her excellent handling of the VP Finance position.

Linda Lynn for her excellent service as Secretary for several years.

Jackie-Lyn Olson for her contributions to the branch as President.



Scholarship Tea—June 29, 2025

Sunday, June 29, was a day of celebration for our branch as we introduced the three recipients of our \$7000 scholarships for 2025. Pictured from left to right are: Ainsley Allen, Maggie Flickner, and Sadie Mack.



Ainsley Allen grew up in the Stanwood Camano area and graduated from Stanwood High School. She is now pursuing a major in Elementary Education with minors in Sociology and Psychology at Western Washington University. She is especially interested in making science education accessible for all students and enjoys connecting science with art, literacy and social-emotional learning. Ainsley really looks forward to beginning her career as an elementary school teacher and inspiring her students to stay curious, creative, and confident in their learning!



Maggie Flickner was born and raised in Stanwood where she attended Stanwood High School. She now attends the University of Washington where she studies Molecular and Cellular Developmental Biology and Gender and Women's studies. She also studies neuroscience in the Millen lab at Seattle Children's Integrative Brain Research Center. Maggie is excited to attend medical school to earn her PhD/MD and work with the young people in her community as a physician.



Sadie Mack is a proud Stanwood native. Upon graduation from Lakewood High School, she attended college virtually and received her bachelors in business from Arizona State University all while simultaneously working in the corporate world. Along the way, and while volunteering with mental health nonprofits, she decided to pursue a career that felt more meaningful, especially in the lives of young people. She began her masters of education in school counseling online at Arkansas State University in 2024 and is expected to graduate this coming April 2026. She is looking forward to jumping into a position as a school counselor at a high school in Snohomish county very soon!

Scholarship Tea—June 29, 2025 (continued)

Below and on page 9 are photos of the day courtesy of Martha Huyler.



Anne Milton, Jackie DeFazio, Gay Campbell



Linda Demetre, Deb Narcisso



Lael Williams, Lynda Buehring



Patti Pontikis, Nancy Russell, Linda Lynn



Nancy Voelckers, Marcia Woodard



Georgi Proulx, Anna Hiatt (guest)

Scholarship Tea continues.....



Kathy Cunningham, Jackie-Lyn Olson



Martha Huyler, Darlene Hofbauer



Robin Hanks, Joyce Leak



Katie Farrey, Deb Narcisso, Joanne Drewsen



Judy Trammell, Thea Wellington



Marianne McGarry-Bloom



Ainsley Allen, Cheryl Allen

Karen Walden



Jackie-Lyn Olson
accepting her President's
Gift

August Kickoff BBQ—August 14

The branch kickoff barbeque at the Camano Hills Pavilion was held on Thursday, August 14. Enjoy the photos below and on page 11 of the participants courtesy of Martha Huyler.



Cheryl Allen and Kathy Cunningham



Nancy Russell Mary Raymond



Helen Smith and Georgi Proulx



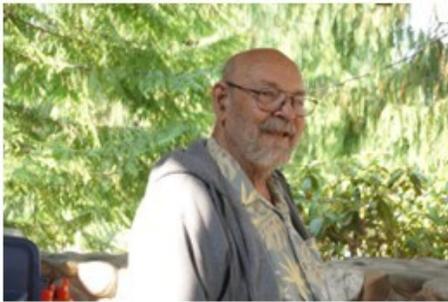
Rich Huyler and Frank DeFazio



Debbie Demetre and Martha Huyler



Anne Milton and Jackie DeFazio



Greg Proulx



Robin and Richard Hanks



Oren and Gay Campbell

August Kickoff BBQ—August 14

The branch kickoff barbeque at the Camano Hills Pavilion was held on Thursday, August 14. Enjoy the photos below of the participants courtesy of Martha Huyler.



Katie Farrey



Janet St. Clair



Mary Pilkington



Nancy Roberts and Judy Trammell



Deb Narcisso

Lynda Beuhning

Joyce Leak



A good time was had by all!

General Meeting Minutes - June 29, 2025

Program: Scholarship Tea and Annual Meeting at the Camano City Schoolhouse.

Call to Order: Following lunch and inspirational scholarship recipient presentations, President Jackie Olson called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Presentation of 2025 Branch Honorees: Jackie Olson presented appreciation certificates to three members: Linda Lynn, Gay Campbell, and Robin Hanks. Lael Williams then honored Jackie for her contributions as President.

Secretary: Jackie Olson presented May minutes for approval as printed in the June newsletter. Motion to approve: Martha Huyler moved, Robin Hanks seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer: Robin reported that Income for May includes \$120 from branch dues and \$17.15 for interest income. Expenses were \$335.33 for bookkeeping software, and \$348 for Liability and D&O insurance for a total of \$683.33. Current operating balance is \$2701.75. Total assets are \$61,255.19. Georgi moved and Anne Milton seconded to approve both the operating Budget and the Scholarship Budget; the motion was carried.

Elected Officers for 2025-2026:

President: Lael Williams
President Elect: Deborah Narcisso
VP Finance: Nancy Russell
VP Finance Elect: Open
VP Program: Mary Pilkington (second year of two-year term)
CO-VP Membership: Joyce Leak, Lynda Buehring (second year of two year term)
Secretary: Karen Walden

Appointed Officers:

Public Policy: Open
Communications: Georgi Proulx
Communications Assistant: Martha Huyler
VP Program Assistants: Linda Demetre, Mary Raymond

Gay Campbell moved to accept officers as presented; Jackie DeFazio seconded; motion carried.

Signature Cards Approval: Georgi Proulx moved to approve the newly elected President (Lael Williams), VP Finance (Nancy Russell), and President-Elect (Deborah Narcisso) as signers on our accounts at Coastal Bank for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Jackie DeFazio seconded, and the motion was carried. Retiring officers Jackie Olson, Robin Hanks and Susan Jarvis should be removed from accounts.

Programs: Linda Demetre reported that programs are being planned for the 2025-2026 year. Cindy Smith will talk about glacial activity in October, Linda Demetre will talk about Pearl Wanamaker, the Mabana schoolmarm in November, a tour of Arrowhead Ranch may occur in February, and Debbie Dimitre will be the presenter in March. Next meeting will be the Annual Picnic held in August.

Candidate Forum: Planning has yet to occur for Fall, 2025. A chair is needed for this event.

DEI: Katie Farrey reported that her focus might be on mental health this next year and that she will be researching the topic.

PWP: Georgi reported that there are currently 79 silent auction purses and 8 purses that may be live auction candidates. More live auction purses are needed, and members are encouraged to provide them.

Communications: Georgi will be gone the month of July and will return in August. In Georgi's absence, Martha will be her backup.

Interest Groups:

Book Group will meet on July 7 at 2:00 at the Camano Hills picnic area to discuss [The Lincoln Highway](#).
Java Break: Wednesday, July 16 at 10:00 at The Cookie Mill, led by Nancy Voelckers

Adjourn: Jackie Olson adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Lynn
Secretary



Make time to visit the places of your ancestors. The experience is very rewarding and fulfilling especially shared with your next generations.