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April 2nd
Thursday, 1:00 p.m.
 April Board Meeting
 SCAF Building

April 9th
Thursday, 1:00 p.m.
 General Meeting
Open to the Public
 Derek Sheffield
 WA State Poet Laureate
 SCAF Building

April 21st
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
 JAVA BREAK
 Cookie Mill
 R.S.V.P to Georgi Proulx
For Coffee and Conversation
Bring a Prospective Member



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President's Message

Lael Williams

Celebrating 90 Years - April 16, 2026

The Stanwood-Camano AAUW branch will celebrate 90 years this month. In honor of the anniversary of our founding, each month our newsletter will feature articles in which we reminisce and also look forward to the future. Our Communications Team has planned a series of articles highlighting our journey through the years. We will reprint articles written by our historians and also focus on the service provided by our members with emphasis on the past 20 years. Join us as we celebrate this milestone throughout the coming year.

Purses with Purses is our 7th biennial event and our main source of fundraising for our scholarships. At publication, a little more than half of the 144 available tickets have been sold. We must sell ALL of them to hit our goal for awarding three scholarships with the hope we can offer a higher award than \$7000. Invite friends and family who share our goal to raise these mightily important funds. You can volunteer to help and be a "staff bid-only" bidder if you want to bid during the Silent Auction or purchase tickets for our two fantastic raffles: Italy and Hawaii!

Our Nominating Committee has been established to find officers for 2026-27. We are grateful for their time and effort. Please consider serving your branch through your leadership to make our branch very successful in creating community and supporting young women seeking to further their educations.

I'm confident each member will find their path to contributing to the success of our branch and all the things we stand for and hold dear.

April 9: Washington Poet Laureate Derek Sheffield

Mary Raymond

On April 9 we will host a virtual presentation at SCAF with Derek Sheffield, the current Washington State Poet Laureate (2025-2027). Following is a short bio:

Derek Sheffield is the 2025-2027 Washington State Poet Laureate. Hailing from the Wenatchee Valley, Sheffield is the author of *Not for Luck*, selected for Wheelbarrow Books Poetry Prize, and *Through the Second Skin*, runner-up for the Emily Dickinson First Book Award. He is the co-editor of *Cascadia Field Guide: Art, Ecology, Poetry*, which won a 2024 Washington State Book Award.

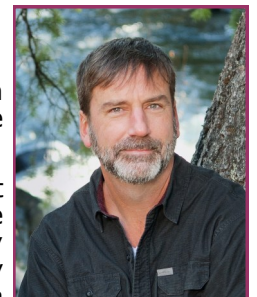
The first in his family to attend college, Sheffield is now on the English faculty at Wenatchee Valley College and is the poetry editor of *Terrain.org*. When he's not crafting poems, Derek is teaching his beloved Northwest Nature Writing class, where he has shared his passion for the outdoors with students for the past 20 years.

The Poet Laureate program is sponsored by Humanities Washington and The Washington State Arts Commission/ArtsWA.

More information can be found at www.dereksheffield.com.

Make sure to join us at 1:00, April 9 (12:30 Social Half Hour) for what should be an engaging presentation. Derek will have time for any questions and comments you might have.

Contact Anne Milton if you can bring savory or sweet treats for 12:30 p.m. Social Half Hour.



Future Events

May 7th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

May Board Meeting

SCAF Building

May 14th

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

EVENING General Meeting

High School STEM Scholar
Recognition

Introduction of Tech Trek 2026

United Methodist Church

May 20th

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

JAVA BREAK

Cookie Mill

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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

AAUW Washington to keep up with happenings in the current legislative session and to learn about areas for action.

[https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/
actions-we-take/](https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/actions-we-take/)

National AAUW Take Action

<https://www.aauw.org/act/>

AAUW Funds—PWP 2026—the Gateway to April's Promise

Jackie DeFazio



"April is a promise of what's to come," wrote Gladys Taber, a prolific mid-20th-century American writer. For AAUW Stanwood-Camano, her words are certainly true as we prepare for Purses with Purpose (PWP) 2026, our biennial fundraiser. The success of this event will determine the extent to which we will be able to help achieve AAUW's strategic priority "to advance equity for women and girls by championing success in higher education" over the next two years.

A majority of the funds we raise through PWP are used locally to provide funding for selected rising eighth-grade girls to attend Tech Trek Camp and for scholarships for local students who have completed their second year or higher in college and need help to continue their education. The number of such students and the amounts to be awarded over the next two years will depend on the proceeds of our April 25 event.

In addition, this branch contributes to AAUW's national efforts to achieve gender equity by contributing to AAUW Fund(s). At our June branch meeting we will select which of the three funds we want to support this year:

The Greatest Needs Fund #9110. This fund gives AAUW the mobility to rapidly respond to new and emerging challenges or opportunities facing women and girls. These unrestricted funds are crucial for AAUW's long-term sustainability, empowering the organization to drive meaningful change. They are carefully managed to maximize impact, ensuring every dollar serves AAUW's mission.

The Defend Higher Education Fund #4513. This fund enables AAUW to elevate the critical higher education issues impacting women. It also provides strategic resources to students, staff and faculty on campuses and fuels investment in infrastructure and technology necessary to move AAUW's mission forward. Donations to this fund ensure AAUW can effectively fight on behalf of women on campuses across the country.

The Public Policy Fund #4337. This fund enables AAUW to take action to oppose all forms of discrimination, e.g., discrimination on the basis of age, disability, race, ethnicity, sex and gender, etc. This fund also enables AAUW to invest in strong public education, inclusive curriculum and STEM opportunities. Other areas that this fund supports are economic security for women and the reinstatement of Title IX rules.

In an ideal world, we would be able to fund all of the above. Failing that, let us do our best to make PWP 2026 the most successful yet—fulfilling the promise of April for the next two years!

Membership Corner: Welcome Jane Downey to AAUW-SC

Lynda Buehring, Joyce Leak

We are delighted to welcome Jane Downey as a new member of AAUW-SC. Jane is a retired teacher from the Arlington School District and has devoted many years to educating young people across various age groups. Her extensive experience in the classroom is an asset to our community.

Members had the opportunity to meet Jane in person at Java Break at the Cookie Mill on March 18 where everyone enjoyed getting acquainted and sharing stories. It was a wonderful introduction for Jane and a chance for us to learn more about her background and interests.

Jane Downey's New Role

While Jane is new to our branch, she is not new to AAUW. AAUW State leadership just named her as the Tech Trek Camp Director. Jane's background in Tech Trek curriculum development and insights will serve her well in this position, and we are confident that she will excel in her new role.

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

Kathy Cunningham

Historian

Helen Smith

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Sunshine

Anne Milton

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler



DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

This year we are focusing on mental health with definitions and resources from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

Psychosis is a symptom (rather than an illness) that disrupts a person's thoughts and perceptions, causing them to have difficulty recognizing what is real and what isn't real. They often see, hear, and feel things that aren't real or have strange thoughts, behaviors and emotions. 15 -100 people out of 100,000 experience psychosis every year. Teenagers and young adults have an increased risk. Genetics, trauma, substance use, physical illness or injury and mental health conditions are all possible causes. Early warning signs include a drop in grades or job performance, trouble thinking clearly or concentrating, suspiciousness or unease with others, decline in self-care or personal hygiene, excess alone time, strong inappropriate emotions or no feelings at all. Treatment after a first episode is critical. Coordinated specialty care (CSC) is a successful treatment for early psychosis which involves family support and education, psychotherapy, medication management, supported education and employment and peer support directed by health professionals and specialists.

<https://www.nami.org/types-of-conditions/psychosis/?tab=abouttab-0>

Upcoming Opportunities:

National Arab American Heritage Month

Woven Ways: The Gift of Coast Salish Basketry, Hibulb Cultural Center

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

April 1, 7:30 p.m., Lincoln Theatre, Live in Concert: Stella Standingbear - Off the Rez

<https://lincolnthatre.org/live-concert-stella-standingbear>

April 2, 11:00 a.m., Sno-Isle Online, The History of US Women Astronauts with Smithsonian Curator Emerita Valerie Neal - Online Author Talk

<https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/v2/events/69829a6e3cc3e0c9ecb6f335>

April 11, 1:00 p.m., Stanwood Library, Women Who Step Up, Not Aside

<https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/v2/events/6986375a6724c63d00f109a6>

April 18, 7:00 p.m., Lincoln Theatre, Skagit Drag Series: The Reunion Show

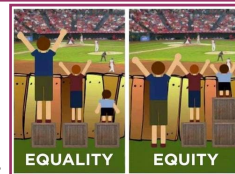
<https://lincolnthatre.org/skagit-drag-series-reunion-show>

April 21, 6:30 p.m., Sno-Isle Online, What Does It Mean To Be Landless? With Chris La Tray

<https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/v2/events/699f2976491b809c6f1c609b>

Lynda Buehring Receives the "Pay It Forward Award"

Congratulations to our own Lynda Buehring for her recent honor at the SCAF Philanthropist of the Year Awards Breakfast on March 20. This award is presented to individuals who have a proven history of giving generously of their time directly to people in need, to activities that benefit the community, or to local nonprofit organizations. The award honors outstanding volunteers who live and volunteer in the Stanwood-Camano community. The award this year was called the "Barbara Christoferson Pay It Forward Award" and, in keeping with tradition, will be called the "Lynda Buehring Pay It Forward Award" next year.



Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Lynda Buehring, Linda Lynn

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



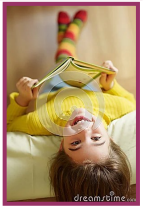
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Book Group

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 April 6, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Martha Huyler

My Friends by Frederik Backman

"#1 New York Times bestselling author Fredrik Backman, who "captures the messy essence of being human" (The Washington Post), returns with an unforgettably funny, deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a stranger's life twenty-five years later "

Monday May 4, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Kathy Cunningham

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

"Lydia Quixano Perez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with four books he would like to buy-two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the jefe of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride la bestia-trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach el norte, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?"

Monday June 1, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Georgi Proulx

The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by Joshua Hammer

"Describes how a group of Timbuktu librarians enacted a daring plan to smuggle the city's great collection of rare Islamic manuscripts away from the threat of destruction at the hands of Al Qaeda militants to the safety of southern Mali."

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



Send a Little Sunshine

Anne Milton

Our branch has a Sunshine Committee 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.

Check It Out!

How many ways can you find to get involved in our AAUW branch? From committees to outings to fellowship to presenting something new...take the opportunity to find something interesting.

Contact the person who submitted the article you will read using the roster of current members to discover how to participate or ask questions about something that interests you.



Public Policy Update!

Joanne Drewsen

The short legislative session for 2026 is officially over, but that doesn't mean that talking to your legislators about issues that interest you have ended. I have copied highlights from our State "This Week in Olympia" from the final week of the legislative session. "This Week in Olympia" is written weekly during the legislative session and I highly recommend that you sign up for this next time, so it comes directly to your email.



Use this link to sign up: <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/legislative-tracking/>

It is extremely informative, well-written and gives you a better understanding of what happens during a legislative session.



You can also look at all the previous weekly highlights from this 2026 Legislative session by going to Public Policy on the State of Washington AAUW website. <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net>

The 60-day 2026 legislative session concluded on Thursday, March 12. The last day of the legislative session is called Sine Die, Latin for "without a day," meaning the state legislature adjourned for the 2026 session without setting a specific return date.

This was NOT your typical short session. Despite the even-year calendar, the Legislature moved at an extraordinary pace, advancing a high volume of major proposals. The closing days of the session were nothing short of history-making.

AAUW secured several victories that are now either law or awaiting the Governor's signature, including:

- New protections for users of AI chatbot companions
- Prohibition from AI usage in preauthorization processes
- Passage of the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights
- Technical updates to the Healthy Starts Act (pregnant workers accommodations)

Since this is the second year of the biennium, any bills that did not pass are truly dead and those concepts will require that brand new bills be introduced next year to start the process anew. As for those bills that are delivered to Governor Ferguson, at this point in the process, he has 20 days to sign or veto a bill.

While we may be headed into interim, there are still opportunities for your continued engagement. Consider reaching out over the interim to talk with your legislators about issues you care about. As cliché as it may sound, they represent you and are always interested in hearing your perspective on public policy issues. Happy Interim!

Tech Trek 2026

Mary Chesney

Excitement is rising in anticipation of Tech Trek 2026, July 12-18, at Seattle Pacific University.

As of this publication, we have received seven applications for camp, and all were invited to sign up for interviews. Of the seven, six have decided to move forward. We are looking forward to meeting our potential Tech Trek campers during the interview.

The selection team is looking forward to introducing this year's campers at the High School STEM Scholar Recognition on May 14. More information will be shared with the membership as it evolves.



Program Schedule for 2026



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| May 14 | 7:00 p.m. | High School STEM Scholar Recognition and Tech Trek Campers
<i>Stanwood United Methodist Church</i> |
| June 28 | 1:00 p.m. | Scholarship Tea/Annual Meeting
<i>Camano City Schoolhouse</i> |

Purses with Purpose April 25, 2026—Headed to the Finish!

Mary Raymond, Georgi Proulx

We are happy to announce that the Procurement/Live Auction Team has put together 35 fantastic packages for the Live Auction. In addition, we have Special and Handcrafted categories for the Silent Auction that will knock your socks off! You'll not want to miss.

Ticket sales (\$50 each) are ongoing. We've sold over half of the tickets so don't wait....invite your friends and get your tickets soon at <https://aauwsc.ejoinme.org/pwp2026>.



NOTE: If you want to request a specific table, to be with a certain group of friends, or want to make a change, every attempt will be made to accommodate your request. Table assignments are first-come-first-served, so make your request now as your first choice may not be available. Final changes in seating requests must be submitted to Mary Chesney by April 17 so we can finalize other details of the event.

A girl can
never have
too many
purses

VOLUNTEERS: We still need recorders and runners for the silent auction, live auction spotters, and set up and take down. Contact Georgi Proulx or Mary Raymond to sign up.

This is a TEAM effort; it takes ALL of us to make this successful! Put Friday, April 24, on your calendar for helping set up in the afternoon at Camano Center; time to be announced.

TEAMWORK is what makes our event the best and most FUN ever. Join in and help today.

This branch has proven it can work as a team....keep it up! You do not need to do it by yourself nor will you have to.

Contact Mary Raymond or Georgi Proulx with any questions.

Day Trippers Light Rail Adventure: Seattle Waterfront Outing

Lynda Buehring, Linda Lynn

On May 20, our Day Trippers group will embark on an exciting journey to the Seattle Waterfront, combining public transit learning with leisure and good company. This outing promises both educational and enjoyable experiences for all participants.

Travel Itinerary

The day will begin in the morning at Stanwood Park N Ride, where participants will learn how to take Community Transit Bus 905 to the Lynnwood Transit Station. From there, the group will transfer to the light rail and ride into Seattle, disembarking at the station closest to the Seattle Waterfront Park.

Activities and Lunch

Upon arrival, there will be time for leisure shopping at the Waterfront. Afterwards, everyone will enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. Participants will return home later in the afternoon.

Fees and Further Details

The Community Transit bus fare is \$1.00, and light rail fares are typically \$3.00 each way. Please stay tuned for additional details regarding this fun and educational outing in Seattle.



Scholarship Application Packets Due April 30

Marianne McGarry Bloom, Karen Rogers



Applications for our AAUWSC Scholarship are live at our website. Application packets will be accepted until April 30, 2026. Read more at <https://aauwsc.org/scholarship>.

Past history shows that word of mouth is one of the most effective ways of reaching out to our scholars. Students from our area who have completed at least 2 years of study at an accredited college or university by June 2026 or are pursuing a Master's Degree and are a current resident of the area or a graduate of an area high school are eligible. Running Start students qualifying as a junior in September 2026 are eligible.

Family members of our AAUWSC Board or Scholarship Committee are excluded from applying.

Please spread the word.



High School STEM Scholar Recognition

Linda Demetre, Lael Williams

Linda Demetre and Lael Williams are working with the high school counselors at Arlington, Stanwood, and Lakewood High Schools to each nominate four junior girls that excel in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These wonderful young women are our future and will be recognized on May 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Stanwood United Methodist Church. Often these girls return to us as scholarship applicants and are past Tech Trek campers.

Make plans to attend this anticipated evening meeting to greet these young women and their families. Also a special opportunity this evening is to be introduced to the Tech Trek campers for 2026.

Truly a meeting we look forward to that reflects our hard work.



Stanwood-Camano Branch Celebrates 90 Years

Helen Smith, first published in 2016 for our 80th anniversary

April 16 is the 90th anniversary of this AAUW branch's founding day! Established in 1936, in Arlington, Washington, just 10 years past the creation of AAUW in Washington State, our branch started with fifteen charter members. Dues in 1936 were \$2.50. Nine women graduated from University of Washington, four from Washington State College (WSC) (now Washington State University), one from Colorado University, and one from Vassar.

Their first year together they studied the history and purpose of AAUW. Later, the branch became known as the Arlington-Stanwood branch, and eventually what is now known as the Stanwood-Camano branch.

In the 1970's the branch began to raise money for college scholarships sponsoring a local yearly juried art show. For at the next 35 years, art shows were the major fundraiser activity until there were so many art shows in the area that our profits declined. Purses with Purpose began in 2013. Our Purses with Purpose luncheon and live/silent auctions have been an incredible source of scholarship funds for Tech Trek and college scholarships.



Branch Leadership Team - Focus on the Board of Directors

The Bylaws of the Stanwood-Camano AAUW establish that the Board of Directors shall include the following elected and the appointed officers:

President, President-Elect, Membership VP, Program VP, Secretary, VP of Finance, VP of Finance-Elect, Public Policy and Communications. Election of Officers is held in June and Public Policy and Communications are appointed positions.

As we look at the women who have served on the Board for the past 20 years we realize how many are still active members of the branch. 35 of our 58 members have served on the Board/Leadership role in one or more capacity in the past 20 years. Look through the list to see how many members you recognize.

* - Continue to next page for board leadership history since 2007

Branch Leadership Team

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Membership VP</i>	<i>Membership Asst</i>	<i>Program VP</i>	<i>Program Asst</i>
2007-08	Linda Livengood	Jo English	Joyce Leak*	Leslie Link*	Valerie Herlocker*	Claire Winget*
2008-09	Jo English	Helen Smith	Cathlin Starke	none	Maryjean Jones	Linda Livengood
2009-10	Helen Smith	none	Cathlin Starke	none	Maryjean Jones	Linda Livengood
2010-11	Helen Smith	Cathlin Starke	Mary O'Connor	none	Susan Blake	LaVonna Ihde
2011-12	Cathlin Starke	Teresa Garrison	Mary O'Connor	Ann Wilson	Susan Blake	Jo English
2012-13	Teresa Garrison	Kathy Cunningham	Fatima Young	none	none	Helen Smith
2013-14	Kathy Cunningham	Anne Milton	Fatima Young	Cathlin Starke	Bev Maxwell	Joyce Leak
2014-15	Anne Milton	Cheryl Gruger	Thea Wellington	Cathlin Starke	Bev Maxwell	Joyce Leak
2015-16	Cheryl Gruger	Norma Mouton	Thea Wellington	Cathlin Starke	Jo English	Joan Pang
2016-17	Norma Mouton	Mary Raymond	Susan Blake	Valerie Spagnolo	Kathy Cunningham	Nancy Roberts
2017-18	Mary Raymond	Leslie Gitomer	Norma Mouton	Martha Huyler	Valerie Spagnolo	Lynda Buehring
2018-19	Leslie Gitomer	Mary Chesney	Martha Huyler	Georgi Proulx	Carol Kaylor	Helen Smith
2019-20	Mary Chesney	Judy Prince	Martha Huyler	Georgi Proulx	Carol Kaylor	Helen Smith
2020-21	Judy Prince	India Nishi	Norma Mouton	Lynda Buehring	Kathy Cunningham	India Nishi
2021-22	India Nishi	Nancy Voelckers	Norma Mouton	Lynda Buehring	Kathy Cunningham	Kathy Cunningham
2022-23	Nancy Voelckers	Helen Smith	Joanne Drewsen	India Nishi	Rose Olson	Doris Taylor, Mary Raymond
2023-24	Helen Smith	Jackie Lyn Olson	Joanne Drewsen	Jackie DeFazio, Thea Wellington	Rose Olson	Karla Jacks
2024-25	Jackie Lyn Olson	none	Lael Williams*	Joyce Leak*	Mary Pilkington	Mary Raymond, Linda Demetre
2025-26	Lael Williams	Deb Narcisso	Joyce Leak*	Lynda Buehring*	Mary Pilkington	Mary Raymond, Linda Demetre

* - Co-chair

<i>Year</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Finance VP</i>	<i>Finance-elect</i>	<i>Public Policy</i>	<i>Communications</i>
2007-08	Gail Ryer	Sue Hunter	Nancy Roberts	none	Leslie Link, Martha Huyler
2008-09	Nancy Roberts	Sue Hunter	Karen Van Lier	none	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2009-10	Nancy Roberts	Karen Van Lier	Ann Wilson	Joyce Leak	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2010-11	Jo English	Ann Wilson	Terry Benson	Joyce Leak	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2011-12	Mary Raymond	Terry Bensen	Barbara Shaffer	Gay Campbell, Laura Lewis	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2012-13	Mary Raymond	Barbara Shaffer	Kaye Sodt	Gay Campbell	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2013-14	Cheryl Gruger	Barbara Shaffer	Kaye Sodt	Gay Campbell, Karen Van Lier	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2014-15	Mary Raymond	Kaye Sodt	Terry Benson	Mary Raymond	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2015-16	Mary Raymond	Terry Benson	Martha Huyler	Gay Campbell	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2016-17	Cathlin Starke	Martha Huyler	India Nishi	none	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2017-18	Lesley Bentley	India Nishi	Lilija Tushinski	Cathlin Starke	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2018-19	Linda Lynn	Nancy Voelckers	none	Cathlin Starke	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2019-20	Linda Lynn	Nancy Voelckers	Jackie Lyn Olson	none	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2020-21	Georgi Proulx	Jackie Lyn Olson	Jeanie Garrioch	Cathlin Starke	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2021-22	Georgi Proulx	Jeanie Garrioch	none	Judy Prince	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2022-23	Georgi Proulx	Judy Trammell	none	Anne Milton	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2023-24	Linda Lynn	Robin Hanks	none	Anne Milton	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2024-25	Linda Lynn	Robin Hanks	none	Judy Prince	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx
2025-26	Karen Walden	Nancy Russell	none	Joanne Drewsen	Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx

Utsalady Ladies Aid Building: Debbie Dimitre—add photos

Martha Huyler, Photographer

What a wonderful time on March 12 visiting the Utsalady Ladies Aid Building to meet Calamity Jane and Annie Oakley as presented by Debbie Dimitre. Below are festive memories of the group.



Mary Pilkington, Helen Smith



Anne Milton, Jill Johnstone



Mary Raymond, Kaye Sodt



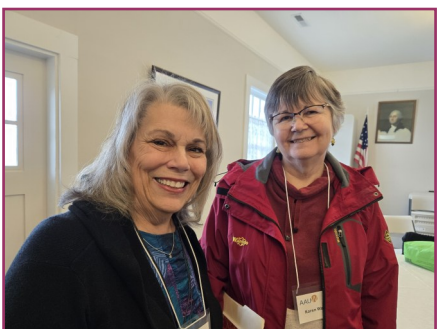
Lael Williams, Sherri Williams,
Joanne Drewsen



Cathy Massimino, Joyce Leak



Guest, Tracy Gilroy, Thea
Wellington



Cheryl Allen, Karen Walden



Nancy Voelckers, Mary O'Connor



Nancy Russell, Deb Narcisso



Gay Campbell, Jackie DeFazio



Linda Demetre, Lynda Buehring



Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

General Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2026

Program: We were treated to a performance of Annie Oakley and Calamity Jane by Northwest storyteller, Debbie Dimitre at the Utsalady Ladies Aid Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was opened by President Lael Williams at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes: The February 12, 2026 general meeting minutes, published in the March newsletter, were approved by majority vote. Jackie DeFazio made the motion, which was seconded by Lynda Buehring.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nancy Russell reported the balance of our three accounts as of February 28, 2026. Scholarship checking account is \$15,059.90, Scholarship Money Market holds \$36,909.51, and the Operating account stands at \$3,743.30.

VP Programs: Mary Pilkington provided an update on upcoming program events. She announced that the April meeting will be held at the SCAF building and will feature a presentation by the Washington Poet Laureate. An honorarium will be paid by the branch. The High School STEM Scholars program will take place on May 14th at the Methodist Church, and the Scholarship Tea/Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 28th.

Membership: Lael Williams commented on the nice newsletter write-ups about our new members.

Day Trippers: Lynda Buehring shared that she is looking for a date in May for our Seattle trip. The trip will include a ride on public transit from Stanwood to Waterfront Park in Seattle.

Hospitality: - Anne Milton thanked our new member, Sherri Williams for bringing snacks today.

Public Policy: Lael Williams updated us on the issues still in discussion at the end of our state legislature happening now. Chatboxes, Healthcare, Domestic Workers, Pregnancy Accommodation and Human Trafficking are still in play. More information about these issues will be available in the April Newsletter.

Purses with Purpose 2026: Georgi Proulx told us that the purse committees are proceeding well and are working to complete tasks in a timely manner. The total Fair Market Values of the live auction purses is higher this year than in 2024. She reminded members to buy tickets for this event. Announcement articles will be published in the Evergreen Leader on March 15th. Georgi also mentioned the need for more help. Contact her for more information on ways to volunteer. Linda Demetre reminded us to bring vases for table flower arrangements.

High School STEM Scholars: The student recommendations from the counselors are due March 27th.

New Business: Nominating Committee for the elected board officers for 2026-27 has been selected. The members who will serve are Deb Narcisso, Helen Smith and Judy Trammell. The open positions are President-elect, VP of Finance, VP of Finance elect, VP of Membership, and VP of Program.

Book Group: The book group will meet on April 6th and discuss the book, My Friends.

Java Break: The next Java Break will be held at the Cookie Mill on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Georgi Proulx if you plan to come.

Adjournment: President Lael Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Walden, Secretary



*Easter is the only time of year it's okay to put all your eggs in one basket.
Happy Easter*