



Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch

Empowering potential in women and girls through education, research, advocacy, and philanthropy.

September 2026

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September 3rd

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

September Board Meeting

SCAF Building

September 10th

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

September General Meeting

SCAF Building

Tech Trek Campers share their camp experiences

September 16th

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

JAVA BREAK

Cookie Mill

For Coffee and Conversation

Bring a Prospective Member



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President's Message

Deb Narcisso

Welcome to our new AAUW year! As the new President, I have been amazed at the enthusiasm and work ethic of our members. Throughout the summer, the new Board and Activity Leaders have been planning our upcoming year together. We have exciting events and programs planned.

As a relatively new member, I have enjoyed meeting the many women involved in the branch. But, just as important, I am enthusiastic about our new members who are stepping up to take an active role in our branch. My goal, as President, is to get to know our members, making sure that everyone understands what they mean to our branch. Every organization has those members who are actively involved in many projects. The goal is to reach out to those members who only attend occasionally to make sure that they feel welcome and appreciate the opportunities to engage with our very active branch.

What makes the branch unique is the many ways you can become involved. Obviously, there are the monthly meetings that highlight our philanthropic outreach, i.e., Tech Trek, STEM scholars and Scholarships. But there are also the meetings that provide educational opportunities. This year our focus will be Reaching Out to Our Community." This will allow us to learn more about the other non-profits in the Stanwood Camano area, the causes they serve, and provide them the opportunity to get to know us!

Then there are the gatherings that allow us to not only learn together but get to know each other on a personal level. The Book Group meets monthly and always includes lively discussions. Java Break is just that - a chance to take a break and meet other members. Sharing a movie is another way to get to know each other. Working together to plan for scholarships, Tech Trek, and STEM scholars allows us to use our talents to help others. Of course, this year we must start thinking about how to raise funds for these activities. The highlights of the year are always our "Day Tripper" activities that provide planned social opportunities. One thing is certain, you'll always learn something.

My goal this year is to create a welcoming environment for all our members, starting with you!

September Program: Hear From Our Tech Trek Campers September 10

Laurette Simmons, Chair

Let's start 2026-27 with one of our favorite meetings of the year, the presentation by our 2026 Tech Trek campers about their camp experiences this past July.

Join us for our September 10 evening meeting at Stanwood Camano Area Foundation (SCAF) 26911 98th Dr. NW, Unit A, Stanwood at 7:00 p.m.

Also presented this evening will be another fabulous raffle basket from Lynda Buehring with proceeds going to the Operations Fund. \$2/ticket or 6 for \$10.

And, last but not least, the last remaining purses from PWP 2026 available at bargain prices. Proceeds added to our Scholarship Fund. Anything not sold this night will be donated to Second Chance.

Cash, checks and credit cards (small fee) will be accepted.

If you can provide savory or sweet snacks please email Anne Milton.



2026 Tech Trek Campers

Future Events

October 1st

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

October Board Meeting

SCAF Building

October 7th

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Candidates & Issues Forum

Stanwood Middle School

October 8th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

October General Meeting

SCAF Building

October 20th

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

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What's going on at AAUW-WA?

<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/>

National AAUW Take Action

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

Public Policy Update!

Joanne Drewsen

Welcome to all our new members as we approach yet another important year for Public Policy. Our State of Washington AAUW has a website that helps you find information about how they approach Public Policy and ways that you can be involved: <https://aauw-wa.aauw.net/public-policy/>

In addition, please let me know if you are interested in taking a more active role within our branch. AAUW is non-partisan and is focused on issues of Pay Equity, ERA, Title IX, Women's Health, and School Board Advocacy.

Please use this link to learn about the National AAUW Public Policy Priorities – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881. **[AAUW Public Policy Priorities – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#)**

I look forward to making this an even more important year for Public Policy within our branch.

Candidates & Issues Forum - October 7th

Deb Narcisso

Please mark Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. on your calendar to attend our Candidate & Issues Forum at Stanwood Middle School. The forum is a long standing community tradition for which our branch is well known.

Come meet the candidates on the November ballot and hear about the issues we will be voting on. Questions will be accepted from the audience in addition to prepared questions our committee has compiled.

Deb Narcisso is chairing this year's event with her team: Wendy McKane, Karen Walden, Jackie DeFazio, Elaine Richards, Anne Milton, Lael Williams, Nancy Russell and Georgi Proulx. Please contact any one of them for information and watch for our publicity in GoSkagit, Everett Herald, Crab Cracker, Instagram, and Facebook. The Rotary Club of Stanwood-Camano is co sponsoring with us. Please share this important opportunity with your friends and neighbors.

We will be placing posters throughout Stanwood and Camano and would appreciate any help you can give in distributing these flyers to the businesses on our list. The more people help the fewer businesses each has to visit. Contact Georgi to assist.



Membership Corner—Leadership and Renewal

Georgi Proulx, Communications

Membership is an ongoing effort both to recruit and welcome new members and also to assist current members with their renewal.

We welcome four new members joining us over the summer: Carol Ellis, Nancy Politte, Laurette Simmons, and Kerry Serl. Kerry is joining as a dual branch member from Lewis County and will be moving to Camano soon. All are active in the community and are looking forward to becoming more active in our branch.

At the same time we say goodbye to Nancy Roberts who moved to Black Diamond and, while trying to stay involved locally, has decided to join the Issaquah branch. We've not seen the last of Nancy, that's for sure; she promises to visit.

Renewal is also important to maintain a healthy branch. Membership renewals are staggered throughout the year based on the month you joined. Watch for an email from national to remind you of your timing to renew. If you have difficulties with the dues amount—please speak to our VP Finance, Nancy Russell, to discuss eligibility of our Membership Assistance Fund that can help with partial dues.

Last, but not least, is leadership. Currently the voting board position of VP Membership is vacant. This can be a shared co-VP position. If you are at all interested in being on the Membership Team please let Deb Narcisso know. It is important to have leadership in this endeavor; your participation is extremely valuable to our branch.



Your 2026-2027 Board

President

Deb Narcisso

President-Elect

(open)

VP of Finance

Nancy Russell

VP of Finance-Elect

Cathy Massimino

VP of Membership

(open)

Secretary

Karen Walden

VP of Program

Lynda Buehring

Public Policy

Joanne Drewsen

Communications

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

Activity Leaders

Purses with Purpose 2028

(open)

High School STEM Scholars

Lael Williams

Scholarship Co-Chairs

Karen Rogers, Marianne

McGarry-Bloom

Tech Trek Chair

Laurette Simmons

AAUW Funds Coordinator

Jackie DeFazio

Candidate & Issues Forum

Deb Narcisso

Historian

Helen Smith

DEIA

Katie Farrey

Stanwood-Camano Give

Mary Raymond, Georgi Proulx

Sunshine

Anne Milton

Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler



DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

For the past several years, the DEIA report in our newsletter has served as a comprehensive guide to the terminology that shapes conversations around these critical issues and also provided a list of upcoming opportunities.

This year we will focus on educational acronyms currently being used by Stanwood-Camano School District. Some might be well known, some new to you, some a new name for a familiar practice. I thought it might be helpful to be up to date on terms being used at school board meetings and in educational conversations.

<https://www.stanwood.wednet.edu/about/glossary-of-education-terms>

An IEP (Individualized Education Program) is a legal plan that outlines special education services and supports for a student with a disability so that they can learn and succeed in school. The plan is reviewed annually so that services and supports can be adjusted as needed.

Upcoming Opportunities:

National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15)

Sept 23rd Bisexual Visibility Day

Sept 29th, 4:00 p.m., Edmonds Center for the Arts
Orange Shirt Day Community Workshop

<https://www.edmondscenterforthearts.org/events/orange-shirt-day/>

Sept 30th National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools (orange shirt day)

Celebrating Our Branch's 90th Year

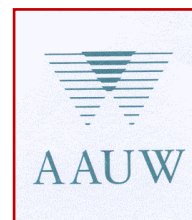
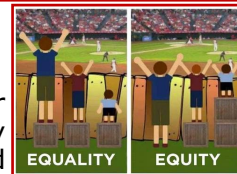
Martha Huyler

The Stanwood-Camano AAUW branch celebrated 90 years in April 2026. In October 2011, in honor of the branch's 75th anniversary we highlighted a decade of history (1935-1945) compiled by Helen Smith.

"1935-1945 In April 1936 the Arlington Branch of AAUW was formed. There were sixteen members. The first year was largely spent studying the history of education with emphasis on women's education.

AAUW nationally established a social studies committee to address a widespread interest in consumer problems and broader social and economic issues following the Great Depression. This committee worked to develop a well-rounded program that ranged from housing to individual liberties, consumer problems to mental health issues. By 1940 National established a refugee aid fund to assist women fleeing foreign dictatorships. Many branches contributed to this effort. After the war, it became the Reconstruction Aid Fund to assist people in recovery. Organizers sent over \$41,000 on the effort, and branches and individuals sent thousands of gift parcels and school supplies to European countries and Korea. By 1941 war involvement meant that AAUW recorded skills helpful in the war effort, and many members assisted this nation-wide effort. The Arlington branch studied consumer issues during 1940-41 years.

Nationally in 1945, members were sponsoring women from war-liberated countries to come to the U.S. to study."



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

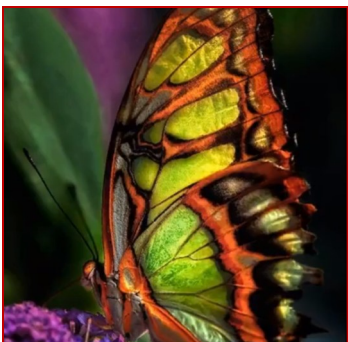
Book Group

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 September 14, 2:00 p.m. Camano Hills Pavilion

The House of Doors by Tan Twang Eng

"The year is 1921. Lesley Hamlyn and her husband, Robert, a lawyer and war veteran, are living at Cassowary House on the Straits Settlement of Penang. When "Willie" Somerset Maugham, a famed writer and old friend of Robert's, arrives for an extended visit with his secretary Gerald, the pair threatens a rift that could alter more lives than one. Maugham is beleaguered: Having long hidden his homosexuality, his unhappy and expensive marriage of convenience becomes unbearable after he loses his savings-and the freedom to travel with Gerald. Lesley, too, is enduring a marriage more duplicitous than it first appears. Maugham learns of Lesley's past connection to the Chinese revolutionary, Dr. Sun Yat Sen."

Monday October 5, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Marianne McGarry-Bloom

Speak by Laurie Anderson and Shout, A Poetry Memoir by Laurie Anderson

"Speak up for yourself—we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, an outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops. As time passes, Melinda becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back—and refuses to be silent.

"Bestselling author Laurie Halse Anderson is known for the unflinching way she writes about, and advocates for, survivors of sexual assault. Now, inspired by her fans and enraged by how little in our culture has changed since her groundbreaking novel Speak was first published twenty years ago, she has written a poetry memoir that is as vulnerable as it is rallying, as timely as it is timeless. In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven between deeply personal stories from her life that she's never written about before. Shout speaks truth to power in a loud, clear voice -- and once you hear it, it is impossible to ignore."

Monday November 2, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Mary Pilkington

The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

"Washington, D.C., 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boarding house in the heart of the nation's capital, where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship: poised English beauty Fliss whose facade of perfect wife and mother covers gaping inner wounds; police officer's daughter Nora, who is entangled with a shadowy gangster; frustrated baseball star Bea, whose career has ended along with the women's baseball league of WWII; and poisonous, gung-ho Arlene, who has thrown herself into McCarthy's Red Scare. Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and window-brewed sun tea become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears apart the house, the Briar Club women must decide once and for all: Who is the true enemy in their midst?"

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

Meet Our Member

Laurette Simmons



Laurette was born in New York City to parents who were both Greek with immigrant parents. "We moved to New Jersey when my father got a good job. I was very close to my grandfather and spent many weekends on the bus going from our New Jersey house to his Manhattan apartment. My grandfather was my favorite person throughout my life. I helped him with English words he didn't know especially modern ones. He encouraged me to eat at least five fruits and vegetables every day and to exercise thoughtfully. When I wanted to go to college, my father preferred that I become a secretary. I knew I would be terrible at the job and my grandfather offered to pay for me to go to college, my father reneged. I would have never become the person I am without the help, love, encouragement and confidence that my grandfather provided."

Laurette's education is varied and vast beginning with a Bachelors in Math at Ithaca College then an MBA with a specialization in statistics at The University of North Texas and a PhD in Information Systems and Decision Sciences at the U of NT as well.

"I later retired early and earned an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from the University of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland."

Her work continued as noted below:

- Worked in a pharmacy and was an assistant in an optometrists office where I did visual training and taught contact lens insertion and removal.
- Middle School Teacher of Mathematics at Colegio Nuevo Granada in Bogota, Colombia
- Middle School Teacher of Mathematics at McLean Middle School in Ft. Worth, TX
- Assistant Professor of Statistics and Decision Sciences at Texas A&M at Commerce, TX
- Assistant Professor of Information Systems at Loyola University, Baltimore, MD
- Visiting Associate Professor of Information Systems at the University of Leuven in Belgium
- Visiting Associate Professor of Information Systems at Alberto Hurtado University in Santiago, Chile
- Associate Professor of Information Systems (Fulbright Scholar) in Chang Chun, China
- Assistant Professor of English in the Department of TESOL at Columbia Community College, Columbia, MD.

She shares, "I have a son who met his Washington state wife in Uzbekistan when they were in the Peace Corps. They have a 19 year old daughter and a 17 year old son who are both Sophomores at U of WA. She wants to be a Pediatric PA, he is in the Allen school so has technology in mind.

We also have my husband's daughter in Boston who is exactly 1 month younger than my son. She has a 22 year old college graduate starting her masters. It is wonderful when we all get together!"

Laurette writes about her various hobbies, interests and travels:

She is a member of the Seattle Repertory Organization at the Seattle Rep Theater and play mahjong on Camano Island and Seattle. She has cooked Greek food for large groups in Sitka, Alaska, visited 64 countries and taught in Colombia, Chile, Belgium and China. Currently she is trying to learn to garden effectively. Laurette is active in 2 book clubs and will be starting to usher at the McIntyre Theater in Mt. Vernon. She has spent several years delivering Meals on Wheels and spends as much time as possible with her grandchildren.

What would surprise us about you?

I have seen the play *Come From Away* in five cities and one ship for a total of twenty-five times.

Reasons for joining AAUW

To help other young women be able to enjoy the wonderful career I have had which was possible only by pursuing a lot of education.

Laurette has accepted the Tech Trek Chair position for 2026-27.

Scholarship Tea

Photos by Martha Huyler

Once again our branch rose to the top by selecting and celebrating three young women of our community to advance their education another year by providing three \$7000 scholarships. Introducing Hannah Good, Gwen Guico, and Zoey Houser.



Hannah Good is a graduate in Political Science from Westmont College in California. Hannah is now pursuing a Master's degree at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. studying International affairs.

Hannah shares, "I'm so grateful to everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund and is supporting my education and career. I am so glad to have grown up in a place that continues to encourage me to pursue my career dreams in Washington, D.C. In the final year of my program, I'll be conducting a year-long research project on improving humanitarian assistance in the context of climate-related natural disasters. I'm also excited to be taking a range of classes that will continue to prepare me to continue my career in humanitarian non-profit work."



Gwenyth Guico is attending The University of Redlands in California studying Marine Ecology. Gwenyth will be studying in Turks and Caicos next semester to develop field and research skills that protect ocean ecosystems.

Gwen writes, "Dear Lovely Women of AAUW, Thank you so much for having my grandparents, Marybeth, and I for tea. It was a beautiful set up, and all the food was very delicious. It was so refreshing to meet so many wise, talented, kind, and hard working women who have created such a strong community. I left feeling surrounded with joy and gratitude. I hope to stay in touch, and will write again from Turks and Caicos and let you all know how my studies and scuba diving is going! I am so grateful to receive this scholarship and it truly has taken so much pressure and stress off me from the expenses of college! Thank you everything!"



Zoey Houser is pursuing a degree in Social Work working with women and families in recovery, focusing on empowerment, trauma-informed care and long term stability. Zoey is attending Western's Fairhaven College.

Zoey writes, "Stanwood/Camano AAUW, Thank you so much for this opportunity for me and my family It felt so amazing to get the call from Marianne. I hope to stay in touch. God Bless."

Annual Meeting and Branch Honorees

Photos by Martha Huyler

On June 27 our branch celebrated the end of another successful year and began our 2026-27 year with the elections of officers and approval of the operations and scholarship budgets.

Another branch tradition is the honoring of branch members that go above and beyond in their contributions and work towards our branch's success. This year we honored the following (left to right):



Karen Walden for her outstanding and thorough job as Secretary for our board meetings and general meetings.

Linda Demetre for her wonderful flower arranging for the PWP event and her contributions to the program team and high school STEM scholars.

Karen Rogers for graciously stepping forward to serve as scholarship chair after only one year with AAUW and participating in key activities.

Nancy Russell for her diligence as VP Finance this year including her implementation of the new finance software.

Thank you very much ladies for your hard work.



Row 1
Lael
Rose
Lynda
Deb

Rose
Anne

Wanda
Linda



Row 2
Robin
Cathy

Karen R
Karen W

Georgi
Martha

Row 3
Marianne

Joyce
Jackie

Louise
Joanne

Row 4
Nancy V

Jackie D
Kathy

Mary Ann

Janet

Helen



2026 Annual Kickoff Picnic/BBQ

Photos courtesy of Martha Huyler

Our annual kickoff picnic/BBQ at the Camano Hills Pavilion was a wonderful social event to kick off our 2026-2027 year. We welcomed new members and shared a braut or two and wonderful sides and desserts. Enjoy the photos below taken by Martha Huyler.



Mary Pilkington, Linda Demetre



Mary Chesney, Eryn Alexander



Nancy Russell, Cathy Massimino



Frank DeFazio



Judy Trammell



Laurette Simmons



Deb Narcisso, Lynda Buehring



Kerry Serl



Jackie DeFazio



Stanwood Camano AAUW Picnic 2026



Marianne McGarry Bloom, Nancy Politte



Mary Raymond, Cheryl Allen, Anne Milton



Helen Smith, Kathy Cunningham



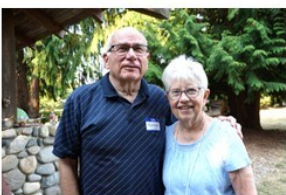
Joyce Leak, Robin and Richard Hanks



Wanda and Ed Hill



Nancy and Terry Roberts



Rich and Martha Huyler



Greg and Georgi Proulx

Making new friends
and greeting old friends.
A good time was had
by all!

Annual Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2026—Scholarship Tea at Camano City Schoolhouse

President Lael Williams called the meeting to order. She presented Honoree Awards to Karen Walden, Linda Demetre, Karen Rogers, and Nancy Russell in recognition of their outstanding service to our Branch.

Secretary's Report – The April 9, 2026 general meeting minutes and the May 14, 2026 general meeting minutes were voted on and approved by majority vote. Kathy Cunningham made the motion, which was seconded by Anne Milton.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Nancy Russell reported that due to the rise in operating expenses, the board is recommending a \$6.00 per year increase in our membership dues. A motion was made by Anne Milton and seconded by Jackie DeFazio that the membership dues be raised by \$6.00 yearly beginning July 1, 2026. The motion was voted on and approved.

The Operating Budget for 2026-2027 was presented by the Board for a vote of approval by the membership. The motion to approve the budget was made by Martha Huyler and seconded by Joyce Leak. The Operating Budget was approved by majority vote.

The Scholarship Budget for 2026-2027 includes \$21,000 for three \$7,000 scholarships (awarded in June 2026) that will be paid in July/August 2026 and \$18,000 for scholarships to be awarded in June 2027 and paid in July/August 2027. A motion was made to approve the budget by Nancy Voelckers and seconded by Deb Narcisso. The Scholarship Budget was approved by majority vote.

AAUW Funds – Jackie DeFazio recommended that the branch donate \$2,000 to the "Higher Education Fund," explaining that it closely aligns with our Branch goals. Marianne McGarry-Bloom moved that the membership approves the donation. Anne Milton seconded the motion, which was voted on and approved by the membership.

Financial Review of Books – Martha Huyler reported that she and Nancy Voelckers will serve as a committee to review financial procedures in 2026–2027.

Election of Officers

President – Deborah Narcisso	President Elect – OPEN
VP Finance – Nancy Russell	VP Finance Elect – Cathy Massimino
Secretary – Karen Walden	VP Programs – Lynda Buehring
VP Membership – OPEN*	Public Policy – Joanne Drewson
Communications – Georgi Proulx and Martha Huyler	

*(after the annual meeting Mary Raymond withdrew her availability for VP Membership—gwp 8-25-26)

A motion was made for a membership vote to approve these officers for the year 2026-2027 by Kathy Cunningham. The motion was seconded by Linda Lynn. The vote carried unanimously.

Signature Cards Approval - Nancy Voelckers moved to approve the newly elected President Deborah Narcisso, VP Finance Nancy Russell and VP Finance Elect Cathy Massimino as signers on our accounts at Coastal Bank for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Wanda Hill seconded, and the motion was carried. Retiring officer, Lael Williams should be removed from accounts.

Declaration of Land Acknowledgement – Joyce Leak and Anne Milton will share the responsibility to read aloud the Declaration of Land Acknowledgement at future AAUW Branch public meetings.

Candidates Forum – Kathy Cunningham reported that the committee met and made preliminary plans for the Candidates Forum in October and that will likely take place at Stanwood High School Performing Arts Auditorium. Save the Date invitations were mailed to the registered candidates.

Sno-Isle Library Levy – The library levy election is on August 4th. Jackie DeFazio made a motion that our AAUW Branch formally endorse the library's levy. Lael Williams seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved.

VP Programs – Deb Narcisso shared that the programs' theme for the coming year will be, "Engaging with Community". She announced that our Annual Picnic will be on August 13th at the Camano Hills Pavilion.

Movie Group – Georgi Proulx reported that she is looking for a suitable movie for the group to attend and mentioned Disclosure Day as a possible option.

Java Break – Georgi Proulx reminded members that Java Break will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15th, at the Cookie Mill.

President Lael Williams thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.

Committee Chairs for 2026-2027

DEIA – Katie Farrey	Scholarships – Marianne McGarry-Bloom and Karen Rogers
STEM Scholars – Lael Williams	Sunshine and Hospitality – Anne Milton
AAUW Funds – Jackie DeFazio	Book Club- Katie Farrey
Movie Group/Java Break – Georgi Proulx	Day Trippers – Lynda Buehring, Linda Lynn
Candidates Forum – Deb Narcisso (replaced Kathy Cunningham 7/26 gwp 8/25/26)	
Tech Trek – Laurette Simmons	SC Give—Mary Raymond, Georgi Proulx

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Walden, Secretary



DON'T CRY BECAUSE IT'S OVER, SMILE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED. THE TANS WILL FADE, BUT THE MEMORIES WILL LAST FOREVER.