

In Touch



November 2024

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November 7th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

November Board Meeting

SCAF Meeting Room

November 14th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

SCAF Meeting Room

*Deborah Rumbaugh
SCSD Superintendent*

November 20th

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

JAVA BREAK

Cookie Mill

For Coffee and Conversation

Bring a Prospective Member

November 24th

Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

Day Tripper Event

Lunch—Calico Cupboard

Performance of *Wizards & Winds*

See page 2 for details

President's Message

Jackie-Lyn Olson

Many thanks to Kathy Cunningham, Anne Milton, Jackie DeFazio, Martha Huyler, Georgi Proulx and everyone who worked to make the Forum a tremendous success! This was a true service to our entire community. Preparing for our Forum, I realized there seemed to be little understanding in our community at large about the mission of AAUW and the service we provide to our local students in terms of scholarships, Tech Trek and events such as the Candidate Forum. At our state Presidents' Meeting, I learned this is a common dilemma. Other branch presidents had great suggestions to help educate our communities. We are engaged in some of the ideas and others we could consider.

Thank you also, to Lael Williams, Joyce Leak, Rose Olson, and their team for all they did to make the New Member Gathering a fun event which welcomed our new members in style!

Feedback from the AAUW-WA October 19 event, "Telling Our Stories", was very moving! Although only three of our regions' presidents attended, they felt it was an amazing event and provided timely information about the struggles of women in education and in the workforce. A compelling question from the event was, "When did you first realize your gender and ethnicity?" The premises are, we define ourselves, our abilities, and our futures by the perceptions of others. I knew instantly when I learned my ethnicity and must admit it was the foundation for my ambition, understanding, and defining my limitations. The presenters for the event are working to distribute their documentary via PBS or at least on You Tube. Hopefully, we can all watch it and learn from it!

We are still working to fill crucial board positions of President-elect and VP Finance-elect. At the Presidents' meeting, other branch leaders offered some intriguing suggestions which I will be discussing with the board. If you have suggestions, please let me know; your input is important to me.

November: Deborah Rumbaugh, SCSD Superintendent

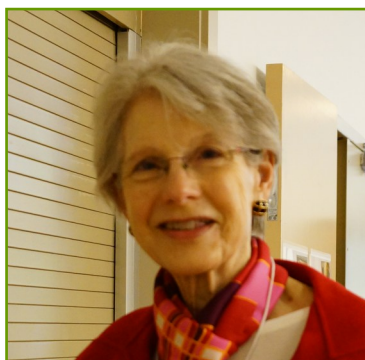
Mary Pilkington

Please join us on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the SCAF Meeting Room to hear a presentation by Stanwood Camano School District Superintendent, Deborah Rumbaugh, on the current status of our school district. Stay informed and bring your questions.



Social Hour begins at 12:30 p.m.; program begins at 1:00 p.m. SCAF building is located at 26911 98th Dr. NW, Unit A, Stanwood. If you can bring savory or sweet treats please contact Mary Pilkington. Hope to see you there!

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Tribute to Doris Taylor

We lost a valued member on Monday, October 28, after a unexpected illness. Doris Taylor was active in Book Group, Programs, Tech Trek, and Scholarships and will be greatly missed.

Marianne McGarry-Bloom writes, "Doris was a quiet force for good; always with deep insight in our book group discussions. Her years with Mike and their work around the country gave a voice to the Native American experience."

Memorial information will be forwarded as available.

Future Events

December 5th

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

December Board Meeting

SCAF Meeting Room

December 12th

Thursday, 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Luncheon

Il Granaio Authentic Italian
Restaurant

100 E. Montgomery, Unit 110

Mount Vernon

December 17th

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

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AAUW Washington to keep
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regarding the national
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2025 Tech Trek—Looking Forward

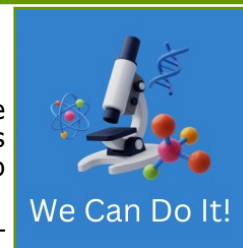
Mary Chesney

This is the time in the Tech Trek (TT) calendar I call the holding pattern. It is the time between camps as well as fundraising, but that doesn't mean there is nothing to share.

Last week the TT committee, which includes all the TT Coordinators, the treasurer for the Special Projects Fund (SPF), and the camp directors met to discuss the most recent camp and begin thinking about next summer. Unlike last year our finances are in excellent shape. Costs were carefully managed, and we expect there might be operating funds remaining to be used for next year but...there is a bit of a challenge.

Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) is raising their rates which could impact the cost per camper. The process to find a different westside campus has begun but the fees are enormous. Because of that, there is no projected fee per camper yet determined for next summer. Everyone is aware that if the costs keep increasing, the number of campers individual Branches can send will drop dramatically, reducing the number of girls who get this experience. So, we wait. As an interesting aside, Krislyn Davis, the camp director, was a TT camper when she was 13! What goes around comes around.

P.S. If you are a new member and looking for a way to become involved, helping select TT campers is a great way to do that. Please reach out to me if interested.



Day Trippers: Wizards & Winds, North Cascades Concert Band

Lynda Buehring

Please join us for a November Day Tripper on Sunday, November 24. We begin the day with lunch at Calico Cupboard in Mount Vernon at 12:30 p.m. followed by attending the North Cascades Concert Band 3:00 p.m. performance of "Wizards & Winds" at McIntyre Hall, 2501 East College Way, Mount Vernon.

The band will play the music of *Harry Potter* (John Williams) and *The Lord of the Rings* (Howard Shore). In addition to the movie themes, they will perform *Dance Macabre* by Camile Saint Seans as well as movements from Joan De-Meij's *Lord of the Rings* Symphony for Symphonic Band.

Complimentary tickets are available for seniors, military and college and high school students, however, you do need to book a reservation for these tickets by calling the box office at 360-416-7727. Box office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Complimentary tickets can be mailed or left at will call. Seating is booked by reservations. Lynda has booked 11 tickets of which 7 are still available for AAUW, but you must contact her to reserve or call the box office at 360-416-7727 to make your own arrangements.

As always we will organize carpools from Terry's Corner at 11:30 a.m. and the Viking Village parking lot in Stanwood at 11:45 a.m. near Coastal Vie.

If you are interested in attending this event please email or call Lynda Buehring. Please invite your friends.



Projected Program Schedule for 2024-25

December 12	Holiday Lunch at Il Granaio Authentic Italian Restaurant
January 9	Helion Energy, Building the World's First Fusion Power Plant
February 13	Joan Pang, Japanese Internment Camp Experience
March 13	Debbie Dimitre presents Harriet Tubman and Harriet Beecher Stowe, Utsalady Ladies Aid
April 10	Learn about Neurodiversity
May 8	High School STEM Scholar Recognition & Introduction of Tech Trek Campers 2025

Your 2024-2025 Board

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AAUW Funds: Helping to Fund a Better Future for All

Jackie DeFazio



November is traditionally the beginning of a season of giving as the holidays approach and appeals for end-of-year donations to nonprofit organizations begin to arrive in our mailboxes and inboxes. As you consider your response to AAUW's "ask," perhaps some additional information on our national organization's proud tradition of funding women's education and research will be helpful.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, in 1920, members of AAUW, then known as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA), launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 as part of a larger effort led by American journalist Marie Meloney to purchase one gram of radium for scientist Marie Curie. In true AAUW fashion, ACA members exceeded their goal and actually raised \$156,413, for the fund, enabling Madame Curie to continue her research, which would eventually lead to her discovery of radiation as a treatment for cancer.

In May 1921, the ACA received a handwritten note on letterhead entitled "Faculte Des Sciences De Paris, Institut Du Radium, Laboratoire Curie," addressed to the treasurer, which read, "I ask you to thank the American Collegiate Alumnae and so accept for yourself the expression of my gratitude," signed Marie Curie.

After the gram of radium had been purchased, the remaining balance of \$53,000 was placed in a trust fund for Mme. Curie to be used during her lifetime. Curie went on to work with her daughter Irene, a professor of physics at the Sorbonne, who continued her mother's work after her death in 1934. Irene later returned a portion of the unused funds to AAUW, which used them to create the endowment that still funds the Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

Marie Curie became the first woman to receive a Nobel Prize and the only woman to receive two of them, one in physics, which she shared with her husband Pierre for their study of spontaneous radiation, and a second in chemistry in recognition of her work in radioactivity.

I don't know about you, but knowing that as a member of AAUW I stand on the shoulders of women like those in 1920 who worked to raise the funds for Mme. Curie so that she could continue research so pivotal to the advancement of science inspires me to contribute to AAUW Funds annually in the certain knowledge that women who receive our backing will continue to shape a better world.



Candidate Forum, October 9

A huge thank you to Kathy Cunningham and Jackie Olson for producing our traditional Candidate Forum on October 9. This year's event at Stanwood High School's Performing Arts Center was well received by our community and the candidates. Twenty-two candidates were invited, twelve were able to attend, and we filled the front section of

the large auditorium with seating for 600 people.

Candidates greeted the guests in the auditorium foyer with flyers and posters. During the program each candidate participated in a nine minute presentation and answer period at the podium. Anne Milton was marvelous as the moderator asking questions that were submitted by guests and compiled by our branch members. Afterwards the candidates voiced their appreciation for AAUW sponsoring this opportunity for them to speak to their citizens.

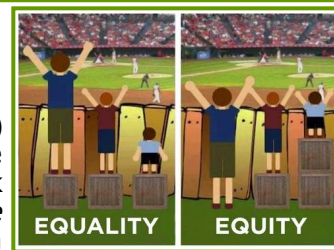
There were many requests for a hybrid event and/or recording which we will accommodate at the next event.

Another example of the impact our AAUW branch has on our community. Stay informed and VOTE!

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

ADHD (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder) is an umbrella term for several closely related experiences. People with ADHD *inattentive type* (formerly ADD) mostly have challenges around focus, organization, and task management. People with ADHD *hyperactive-impulsive type* are often very active and make quick decisions. They may also have trouble focusing. People with ADHD *combined type* have traits from both of the first groups. The old view focused on challenges, such as getting easily distracted or being extra energetic and often overlooked the cool aspects of ADHD, such as creativity and fast thinking. Whether ADHD is felt as a challenge or strength often depends on circumstances, understanding, and support. *Taken from Neurodiversity for Dummies by Josh Marble, Khushboo Chabria, and Ranga Jayaraman*



Upcoming Opportunities:

Native American Heritage Month

Nov 4th, 10:00 a.m. Mount Baker Theatre (something for the grandkids)

Around the Americas with 123 Andres

<https://www.mountbakertheatre.com/events-tickets/123andres-americas/>

Nov 13th, 3:00 p.m. Sno-Isle Online

Indigenous Tabletop: Meet the Creators of Coyote and Crow

<https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/66e0bfca6001895d73faeda>

Nov 16th 10:00 a.m. Hosted by Seattle and Edmonds/SnoKing branches on Zoom, registration required.

The Politic of Bathrooms with Dr. Sara Chatfield

Social citizenship requires that individuals and groups be able to fully take part in the public sphere, however, denying toilet access means that individuals can only exist in public for as long as they can 'hold it.' Ensuring equal access to bathrooms – or denying it to targeted groups – becomes a powerful way for society to define who is a full citizen and to indicate who belongs and who doesn't belong in public spaces.

Sara Chatfield is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Denver. Her research focuses on American political development, women in politics, and political behavior.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsd-mprTsiGdeAI5BORfpIN7Crjb51OsWh#/registration>

Nov. 20th Transgender Day of Remembrance

Nov. 20th, 4:00 p.m. Sno-Isle Online

A Council of Dolls: A Conversation with Mona Susan Power - Online Author Talk

<https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/66bf9c344bbeaa3e00cff408>

Nov. 24th Native American Heritage Day

Meet Our Members

Katie Farrey is currently our leader for Book Group and DEI. Below is her contribution about herself.

I was born in Connecticut where my dad was completing his PhD at Yale. I grew up with a younger sister in La Canada, a suburb of Pasadena, CA. Our job was to do well in school, practice the piano, and keep our rooms clean. We moved to Bellevue when I was in high school. Family ties were strong even though all our family was in the Midwest. My sister and I were taught that education was important, and we had the freedom to achieve whatever we wanted.

I have a BA in Elementary Education from WSU and a Masters in developmental reading from UW.

I spent 37 years teaching kindergarten, first and second grades in Darrington and Stanwood-Camano.

I like to walk, read, travel, and spend time with my grandchildren. I've travelled all through Western Europe and have visited Peru, Ecuador, Mexico, and Morocco. I've also spent time on both US coasts and the Midwest visiting family.

DEI: Diversity, equity, and inclusion is one of my passions. Everyone deserves to be included and given the tools they need to be successful.

I spent my 8th grade year in the third form at Llwyn-y-bryn Girls Grammar School in Swansea, South Wales, where my dad had a research fellowship at the University of Wales. Every school vacation we explored the United Kingdom and the European Continent in a VW camping bus.

My grandmother and mother were both AAUW members, so we have a family tradition. Supporting women and girls is important.



Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

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

Lynda Buehring

JAVA Break

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

Nancy Voelckers

Movie Group

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

Anne Milton
Georgi Proulx

Book Group

Open to all members. Join us for lively conversation if you've read the book or if you just want to come join the discussion.

Katie Farrey
Marianne McGarry-Bloom

LIKE our page to follow us then

SHARE to increase our visibility in the community.



www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw

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.

November 4, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Mary Chesney

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

"Winner of the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for fiction *Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, Demon Copperhead is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival.*"

December 2, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Pilkington

The Maid by Nita Prose

"A charmingly eccentric hotel maid discovers a guest murdered in his bed, turning her once orderly world upside down--and inspiring a motley crew of unexpected allies to band together to solve the mystery--in this utterly original debut. Molly Dunn is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and interprets people literally. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by. Since Gran died a few months ago, twenty-five-year-old Molly has had to navigate life's complexities all by herself. No matter--she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. She finds herself in a web of subtext and nuance she has no idea how to untangle."

January 6, 2:00 p.m. Location to be determined

Flower Net: A Red Princess Mystery by Lisa See

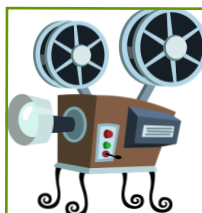
"In the depths of a Beijing winter, during the waning days of Deng Xiaoping's reign, the U.S. ambassador's son is found dead--his body entombed in a frozen lake. Around the same time, aboard a ship adrift off the coast of Southern California, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Stark makes a startling discovery: the corpse of a Red Prince, a scion of China's political elite. The Chinese and American governments suspect that the deaths are connected and, in an unprecedented move, they join forces to see justice done. In Beijing, David teams up with the unorthodox police detective Liu Hulan. In an investigation that brings them to every corner of China and sparks an intense attraction between the two, David and Hulan discover a web linking human trafficking to the drug trade to governmental treachery--a web reaching from the Forbidden City to the heart of Los Angeles and, like the wide flower net used by Chinese fishermen, threatening to ensnare all within its reach. A Finalist for the Edgar Award for Best First Mystery. A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK"

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



Next **JAVA Break** will be Wednesday, November 20, at the Cookie Mill 10:00 a.m. Please save the date, bring a friend! Our gatherings are a special time with friends to share memories and thoughts we usually don't have time for during general meetings.

Let's share a mug and great conversation...you never know where it's going to take us...!



See You At the Movies!

Anne Milton, Georgi Proulx

Watching for viewings of "Here" with Tom Hanks and "Lee" starring Kate Winslet at Stanwood Cinema. Suggestions welcome!

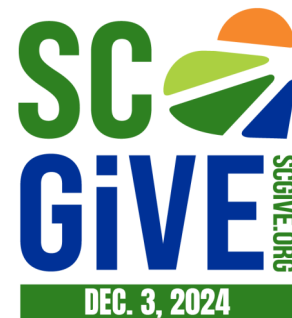
Email Georgi with your movie interest and we will schedule a time for the group to meet.



Giving Tuesday is December 3 for our local Stanwood-Camano Give. Our AAUW project is to raise \$3000 for "Science and Technology Camp for Girls", our AAUW Tech Trek program.

You have two opportunities to help:

- #1 Follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaaauw for prize announcements and incentives throughout the day then share on your news feed to spread the word.
- #2 Get the word out before the event by sharing this publication with friends and family around the country, even the world. Friends everywhere can donate online at www.scgive.org on December 3.



You can find these projects on Instagram at [@scgivingtuesday](https://www.instagram.com/scgivingtuesday) and on Facebook at [@stanwoodcamanogivingtuesday](https://www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanogivingtuesday)

Step by step instructions will be detailed in the December newsletter regarding how to donate online December 3. Donations are online only for our project to qualify for the creative prizes below although donations are welcome any time. Plan your giving using the prize structure described below:

Last But Not Least - Midnight to midnight - \$150 prize given to the project that receives the last donation of every hour from midnight to midnight. Sponsored by THE OLSON FOUNDATION.

Early Bird Boost - 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. - The first \$1000 in donations of any amount up to \$500 from different donors given between midnight and 7 a.m. will be matched by GET SIMPLE BOX.

Power Hour—AM - 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. - The project with the greatest number of unique donors between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. will win \$250. Sponsored by GOODNIGHT HOMES—NORTH 48.

Snooze Button Blast - 8.a.m. to 9 a.m. - The first 20 \$25 donations from different donors given between 8 a.m.—9 a.m. will be matched. Sponsored by CEDARHOME COFFEE CO.

Morning Motivator - 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. - The first 10 \$50 donations from different donors given between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. will be matched. Sponsored by RE/MAX ELEVATE and M/Q GIFTS.

Golden Ticket—AM - 11 a.m. to Noon \$250 prize given to the project that has received the most donations between 11 a.m. and Noon. Sponsored by LESLIE TRIPP, AGENT STATE FARM.

Lunchtime Lift - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. - The first 10 \$100 donations from different donors given between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. will be matched. Sponsored by COASTAL.

Small Donors, Big Impact— 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The first \$500 in donations of \$10 to \$20 from different donors given between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. will be matched. Sponsored by GREENWORKS OF WASHINGTON SEPTIC.

Happy Hour Helper - 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. - The first 4 \$250 donations from different donors given between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. will be matched. Sponsored by WINDERMERE REAL ESTATE.

Golden Ticket—PM - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$250 prize given to the project that has received the most donations between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sponsored by LESLIE TRIPP, AGENT STATE FARM.

Power Hour—PM - 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. - The project with the greatest number of unique donors between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. will win \$250. Sponsored by EVERGREEN HOME LOANS.

Happy Homestretch - 10 p.m. to Midnight. The first \$1500 in donations between \$100 and \$250 from different donors given between 10 p.m. and midnight will be matched. Sponsored by LENZ ENTERPRISES.

Most Creative Social Media— \$250 prize given to the two that had the most creative social media campaigns. Sponsored by COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY.

Highest Average Donation—\$250 prize given to the two projects that had the highest average of dollars given per unique donor. Sponsored by COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY.

All matches are based on a donation made in the qualifying amount to a single organization, not to multiple organizations totaling the qualifying amount.

All matches are limited to one match per donor household per prize category. Households can qualify for matches in more than one prize category throughout the day.

Only donations made online are eligible toward prizes.

Please share with me any ideas for a creative social media campaign, and I'll work to make it happen!

If you have any questions contact Georgi Proulx.

Good luck and thank you for your support. Have fun with this; it's for a great cause.

General Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2024

Program: Jessica Russell presented "Freedom to Read" at the Camano Island Library

Call to Order: President Jackie Olson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and began comments and discussion from our Candidate Forum on October 9. (See Candidate Forum below for details.)

Secretary: Georgi Proulx presented the general minutes as published in the October newsletter for approval. It was moved and approved to accept the minutes as published.

Treasurer: Robin Hanks shared that we received dues income from one new membership. We ended the month with \$61,842.31 in total assets.

Candidate Forum: Thank you Kathy Cunningham for a successful evening. Discussion of Candidate Forum revealed approximately 45-50 guests plus the 15 candidates were present and provided a positive reaction to the evening. The consensus was to continue this event but more branch visibility is needed.

New Member Gathering: Lael Williams discussed the New Member Gathering scheduled for October 17 for about 30 people. She will serve flatbread pizza and cookies with lemon water and wine. Please arrive about 4:00 p.m. at Rose Olson's "Barn" to help set up. New members will be contacted by board members; any member may attend; please RSVP to Lael and bring a bottle of wine and sign up for food. Lael also needs help with flowers for small arrangement on the tables. We also added one new member at the Candidate Forum.

SC Give: The event will be on Tuesday, December 3, and our goal is funding two Tech Trek girls. Mary Raymond reported that everything is on track. Georgi Proulx requested everyone join our Facebook page since that's where most of the publicity will be; please share with friends.

Sunshine Report: Send names to Mary Ann Schradi for a bit of sunshine. Suggestions of Doris Taylor, Jackie DeFazio and May Palmer were given. Hard copies of the newsletter will be mailed to May and Doris.

Programs: Mary Pilkington reported November 14 will be Dr. Deborah Rumbaugh, SCSD Superintendent. December 12 is our holiday luncheon at Il Granaio in Mt. Vernon. January 9 program is being planned as the poet laureate is not available.

Public Policy: Judy Prince urged us to read the voter's pamphlet and vote.

Open Positions: Jackie Olson discussed the open positions of President-elect and VP Finance-elect and requested that each of us consider their participation. Georgi noted if our branch does not have those positions filled, we will be disbanded. ALL the money we have successfully raised and carefully shepherded for the future, will be seized by the national organization. Our branch will lose all rights to self-determine how those funds get spent-when, on whom, and where.

New Business: Mary Pilkington shared the project, Wreaths Across America, to place wreaths on veteran's graves in three local cemeteries. Make your donation online with the American Legion or in October, when the monthly "round-up" at Ace Hardware on Camano will support this effort.

Upcoming veteran events: Veterans' Dinner at Camano Chapel on November 8 at 6:00 p.m. and the Floyd's commemoration on November 11 at 11 a.m.

National Bylaws: Jackie DeFazio, Martha Huyler and Georgi Proulx will be reviewing our bylaws and our compliance with the new National bylaw edits.

Purses with Purpose 2026: Georgi Proulx called for leadership of the purse auction for April 2026.

Activity Groups:

Book Club: Demon Copperhead at Mary Chesney's on November 4. If you want lunch please RSVP to Mary before October 15.

Day Trippers: Lynda Buehring planning a trip to McIntyre Hall on November 24 to watch "Wizards & Winds", a journey of the music of "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings" plus more.

Java Break: Tuesday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cookie Mill.

Movie Group: Watching for "Lee" with Kate Winslet about Lee Miller, a fashion model who became a Vogue correspondent during World War II.

Adjourn: Jackie Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Georgi Proulx
for Linda Lynn, Secretary

*Have a
wonderful
Thanksgiving*

