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# The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

February 2016

## Santa Cruz County Branch AAUW Fundraising Luncheon 2016 Benefiting AAUW Funds

### Guest Speaker: Rachel Nelson



Rachel is a PhD candidate in Visual Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She also works at UCSC's Institute of the Arts and Sciences as a curator and residency coordinator. Her dissertation research focuses on contemporary art practices, shown internationally, which engage current social and political unrest. Titled *On Perpetual Conflict, Art from Gaza to Ferguson*, this project questions what art has to add to current heated conversations about racism and systemic injustices. It undertakes close analyses of art practices to consider how artists work to expose the conditions under which injustice thrives.

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

Seascape Resort

One Seascape Resort Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

**Lunch served at 11:45 a.m.**

For additional information please contact Geri Williams ([gerisjs@aol.com](mailto:gerisjs@aol.com)) or Kathy Oing ([irishpml@yahoo.com](mailto:irishpml@yahoo.com)), co-VP's AAUW Funds

**Reservations with payment must be received by  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016.**

\$30 per person

Enjoy: Roasted Turkey and Avocado Salad with Grapefruit Radish, Organic Greens and Lemon Vinaigrette.

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Total Enclosed)  
(Your check is your receipt.)

Mail completed form and check payable to **AAUW (with Santa Cruz County Branch on the information line)** to:  
Geraldine Williams 412 Rio Del Mar Blvd., Aptos, CA 95003

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest names: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board Meetings**

Board meetings are held at 10 a.m., on the first Monday of each month. If you wish to be on the agenda, please contact the Secretary in advance. All members are welcome to attend!

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**President's Message**

2016 is well under way. There is so much promise in a new year. It's time for a fresh start. Yes, January has come and gone, but it's only February.

We live in a world of busy people. It doesn't seem to matter where we came from, where we are, or where we're headed. We are all so busy. Rest and relaxation are necessary for a healthy life. However, there is something to be said for being busy, being involved, living life. That being said...

Election of officers will take place in April. The slate of nominees must be full by March. Grace Gerbrandt has been asking for volunteers for the nominating committee, with little response. Each of the interest groups is required to contribute one person to serve on the Nominating Committee. These individuals need to be members not already serving on the Board. No, one person cannot cover more than one interest group's responsibility. We have been functioning with a few vacant positions yet again this year; and there will be even more positions to fill for the coming year. If you have a desire to serve our branch in some capacity, please don't wait to be asked, volunteer. If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer, contact Grace Gerbrandt. We are a volunteer organization. This means that nothing will happen if there are no volunteers.

2016 is well underway. Don't let it sail away without you on board.

*Judy Cavin Brown*  
President  
AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

## Membership News



Our heartfelt condolences to...**Marline Bushey**, for the loss of her dear husband Ralph. A memorial service will be held this spring.

Our Very Best Wishes... to our Fearless Leader, **President Judy Cavin Brown** for a smooth recovery! Judy had her right knee replaced on 2/4. Her husband Ken reported she came through with flyers colors and is expected to be fully recovered in 6 weeks! Amazing! It will be wonderful to see the spring back in her step!



Please note phone number change...

**Marcia Minnihan** prefers her cell# 831-239-6480.

Let Hospitality Chair Anne McCallum know if you hear of anyone who needs a kind thought or some cheering up. Tel. 465-1840.



Here's your chance! We have a few vacancies on our Board for 2016-17.

With a few hours of work each year, you can help advance AAUW's unique mission to achieve fairness and justice for women.

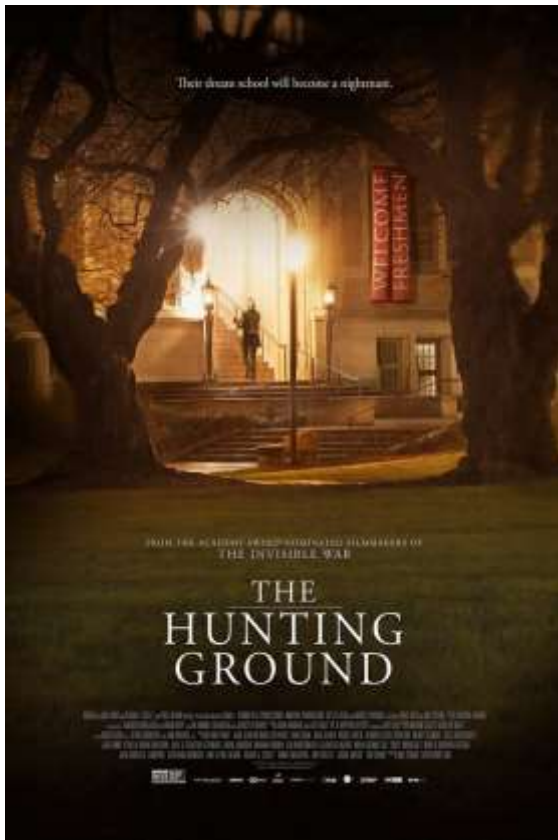
**Board Secretary** records the minutes once a month of the Board's Meeting. Minutes are usually about one page long. If Secretary is unable to attend a meeting, an officer present fills in for her.

**Legal Advocacy Vice-President (LAF)** coordinates one Membership Luncheon

each year whose theme promotes the legal advocacy efforts of AAUW. The VP keeps track of members who donate \$25 or more to the AAUW legal advocacy fund and thanks them by personal note and by acknowledgment in the Beacon.

**Program Vice-President** maintains a list of possible speakers for Membership Luncheons that reflect AAUW's mission to advance the position of women. Dynamic speakers add excitement and increased attendance for our Luncheons. This is an area we're eager to develop.

Contact Grace Gerbrandt [graceger@sbcglobal](mailto:graceger@sbcglobal) for these positions or other ways you can work with the Board. Help us make a difference.



## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for the screening of the movie

### THE HUNTING GROUND

a 2015 documentary film about alleged incidents of rape on U.S. college campuses

presented by your Legal Advocacy Fund

Date: Saturday, April 9

Time: 5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Place: Community Foundation Building (Aptos)

Program will include a boxed meal

from Erik's Deli for a fee

This is an evening program. Unfortunately, we could not secure space for a daytime session. So, for anyone who cannot drive at night, we will try to make carpooling arrangements for you.

Please plan to attend! Look for a sign-up form in the March edition of the Beacon.

## News from AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

### LAF-Supported Plaintiffs Win Settlement

In January 2016, the plaintiffs in the LAF-supported case *Moshak v. University of Tennessee* successfully settled their Title IX lawsuit against the university. As part of the settlement, the university will pay more than \$1 million.

Jennifer Moshak, Heather Mason, and Collin Schlosser are former employees of the University of Tennessee's women's athletic department. In 2012, they filed suit against the university, alleging sex discrimination and unlawful retaliation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Equal Pay Act of 1963. The plaintiffs claim they were unlawfully discriminated against and eventually forced out of their positions during a university-led merger of the men's and women's athletic departments.

Gender discrimination in sports remains a significant problem, for athletes as well as for coaches and administrators who support women's athletics. The Moshak plaintiffs shared a professional commitment to women's athletics at a university that has a rich history of excellence in women's sports. Their allegations show just how pervasive discrimination against women's sports and women athletes can be.

### AAUW Signs On to Support Women's Reproductive Health

AAUW joined an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Whole Women's Health v. Cole*, challenging a Texas state law that imposes significant restrictions on clinics that provide abortion care. The law would have the effect of closing the majority of the abortion care clinics in Texas. AAUW supports choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services.

*Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help balance the scales of justice. Make checks payable to: AAUW FUNDS And mail to: Lorraine Margon, 329 Canon del Sol, La Selva Beach, CA 95076*

## Local Scholarship News



Thanks to all who enjoyed a night out at Shadowbrook on February 9, 2016. 1/3 of your tab was donated to our Local Scholarship fund. This event and our Holiday luncheon are our major fundraisers for this worthy fund. However, if you wish to contribute directly to the foundation fund or if you wish to contribute to our current account, please send your tax deductible checks to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062.



The Tech Trek team is gearing up for another difficult year of decision making. Selecting five girls for the Math/Science/ Tech camp at Stanford is always a challenge. Helping this year with school and student contacts are members new (to our branch) and old: Jean Gregson, Kathy Oing, Geri Williams, Joan Rider and Kit Hein. We have several schools participating, so there is a lot to keep track of.

If you would like to help with interviewing the girls in March, we welcome you. Donations to Tech Trek are being accepted through February. Checks can be made to AAUW and sent to me at 409 Larkin Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076. Luckily, we have a carry over of funds from last year to help us out.

I hope to hear from you! Thank you. Give me a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Jane Amaral  
TT Coordinator



### AAUW MORGAN HILL 33rd ANNUAL WILD-FLOWER RUN Sunday, April 3, 2016

Fundraiser for AAUW Fund, Tech Trek and local scholarships for women and girls.

10K USATF Certified Run,  
5K Run/Walk/Stroller  
Kids' 2K Fun Run  
NEW: Senior 2K Run/Walk (ages 60+)

Family and Group rates

Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill.

Free Jamba Juice Smoothies and T-shirts.

Details and registration at [WildflowerRun.org](http://WildflowerRun.org)

Register online at [racemine.com](http://racemine.com) or [active.com](http://active.com) or by mail

Reduced registration fees through March 24



## Convention 2016: "AAUW California Empowering You"

April 15th through April 17th at the San Mateo  
Marriott Hotel  
1770 S. Amphlett Blvd - San Mateo, CA

This year's convention **AAUW California: Empowering You!** will offer more opportunity to feel empowered and encouraged than ever. With four workshop sessions, energizing speakers, and the chance to meet and mingle with AAUW California members from all over the state, you'll be brimming with ideas and flush with optimism!

### Convention Speakers



**Aileen Rizo** has been a math and science educator for nearly two decades. Not only is she the Partnership Liaison for the AIMS Center for Math and Science Education, but Aileen has worked tirelessly for Fair Pay. Her current discrimination litigation against the Fresno County Office of Education will be the topic of her discussion at our Sunday Public Policy Luncheon.

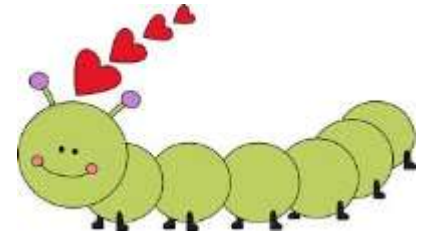
AAUW National Board Chair **Patricia Fae Ho** has served in many leadership roles over her long career with AAUW. Not only is she a member of five branches, she has also been a part of the leadership of several major non-profits including the United Way, the League of Women Voters, and the YWCA. Chair Ho will share her valuable personal experience and wealth of knowledge in her talk Friday night on *The Mission that Matters*.





AAUW California Legislative Advocate **Shannon Smith-Crowley** will give us insights into the business of government and how we can make Fair Pay the law of the land. In addition to being a vital member of our Public Policy team, Shannon serves on several state coalitions including California Women Lead, California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom, and the California Chronic Care Coalition.

Fans of such works as *Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon -- And The Journey of a Generation* and *The News Sorority: Diane Sawyer, Katie Couric, Christiane Amanpour - and the Triumph of Women in TV News* will be delighted to be at this year's gala dinner, where we'll hear from best-selling author and award-winning magazine journalist **Sheila Weller**.





February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9 LS Shadowbrook Dinner	10	11	12 10am Great Decisions*	13
14 	15  1pm Reader's Theater*	16 12pm Bridge*	17	18	19	20
21 28	22 29 1pm Reader's Theater*	23	24	25 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	26 10am Great Decisions*	27 IBC Event, RSVP by 2/19; refer to Jan. Beacon

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm Evening Books*	2	3 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ The West End Tap & Kitchen*	4	5
6	7 10am Board Meeting	8	9	10	11 10am Great Decisions*	12 AAUW Funds Event, see pg. 1 for details
13	14	15 12pm Bridge*	16	17 1pm Books Sec. 2*	18	19
20	21	22 	23	24 1pm Books Sec. 1*	25	26
27 	28	29	30	31		



## AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch Interest Groups

All work and no play will make you dull--and to counteract that we have a variety of interest groups enjoyed by many of our members. Some have gone on for years!

Some of these groups are close to capacity (limited by how much room people have in their homes) but it's always possible to start a new section. If you're interested in starting a new group, check with Rosemary Anderson, she will be able to give you some pointers.

Membership in these interest groups is a privilege of AAUW membership; you may bring a non-member guest three times but then we ask that they join AAUW if they wish to continue to attend. In order to attract new members and make AAUW's aims and goals more visible to the public, our luncheons/meetings are open to the public. Spouses, partners and guests are welcome to attend the Dining Out and Evening Gourmet groups.

### Book Groups

Our book groups have become extremely popular. Numbers in the groups fluctuate, and if you're interested contact the leaders to see if there's an opening at your preferred time. A new group is not difficult to establish, that's how we ended up with three!

Tuesday Evening Books, Leader Jeanne Jorgensen, "Bookies" the Tuesday evening book group will meet on March 1, 2016, at 7:00pm at Mary Maier's home at 21120 E Cliff Dr. Liz Thorington will review *ORPHAN TRAIN* by Christine Kline. For directions, please call 462-2764. All are welcome.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email [cabeckett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cabeckett@sbcglobal.net);

The Thursday Afternoon Book Group will meet February 25 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Sherwood, 632 Townsend Dr, Aptos. Phone 688-9753 and email [annasherwood2@gmail.com](mailto:annasherwood2@gmail.com). Our book will be *Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. Our discussion leader will be Andrea Losee.

On March 24th, we will meet at the home of Lois Trabing, 139 Carol Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95065. Her phone is 423-9113 and her email is [loistra-bing@comcast.net](mailto:loistra-bing@comcast.net). The book we will be discussing is *Some Luck*, by Jane Smiley. At this time we do not have a reviewer so we may just have a general discussion of the book.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, leader Dorothy Patrick, [dorothypat@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothypat@yahoo.com). This group reads one book each month.

On Feb. 25, we are reading *Dead Wake, the Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, by Eric Larsen. We meet at Pat Nellany's home and I will be the reviewer.

In March, we meet on March 17 to discuss *Tell the Wolves I'm Home*, by Carol Rifka Brunt. It will be at Dorothy Patrick's house, and the reviewer is Susan Elgin.

### Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will meet February 15 and February 29 from 1-3 PM to socialize and engage in play reading at Pat Clark's house. There will not be a meeting in March, but will be meeting April 18 and May 19. To join and for further information, contact Barbara Lewis, chairperson of this interest group, by telephone at 335-7816 or by email at [bob-bi44@gmail.com](mailto:bob-bi44@gmail.com).

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Join us for lunch at The West End Tap & Kitchen on March 3rd. Contact Kathy Oing [irishpml@yahoo.com](mailto:irishpml@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Marline Bushey. Contact her for details [mbushey1@yahoo.com](mailto:mbushey1@yahoo.com), 425-1491. We are looking for **NEW MEMBERS!**

**Dining Out--Seeking a new leader** This is a lot like Lunch Bunch except it's in the evening and spouses/partners are included. If you are interested in leading the group in trying different restaurants around town, contact former leader Linda Owens, 408-204-0408, [jowens7069@aol.com](mailto:jowens7069@aol.com).

### Walking Group

Our walks are about 60 to 90 minutes on easy to moderate trails, beginning at 9:30am. For more information, contact Andrea Losee [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto:alosee@cruzio.com).

### Great Decisions

GREAT DECISIONS is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Our AAUW group is lively and diverse and meets eight times between January and May. Visitors and new members are welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall [vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com](mailto:vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com) or Grace Gerbrandt, [graceger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graceger@sbcglobal.net).

**February 12 TOPIC: UNITED NATIONS** Friday 10 am  
Discussion Leader: Joan Schwimmer  
Hostess: Inga Hoffman

**February 26 TOPIC: CLIMATE CHANGE** Friday 10 am  
Discussion Leader: Melisa Walker and Sarita Motove  
Hostess: To be announced

**March 11 TOPIC: MIDDLE EAST ALLIANCE** 10 am  
Discussion Leader: Kathy Donovan and Martha Ashelman





# Branch Schedule

## 2016



February	9	LS Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
	27	Luncheon (IBC)	Seascape Resort
March	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	12	Luncheon (Funds)	Seascape Resort
April	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	9	Early Evening Mtg	CFSCC (Business Meeting) (LAF)
	15-17	State Convention	San Mateo Marriott
May	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	14	Luncheon (Local Scholarships)	Seascape Resort
June	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	26	Annual BBQ/Picnic	



### Our Vision is Simple

We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

### Our Mission is Sound

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.



**Help Us to Help Others**  
**Our philanthropic projects benefit women of all ages,**  
**both here at home and across the nation.**

*Make a donation to remember a family member, friend or colleague, or to honor a birthday, anniversary, graduation or other special occasion.*

A card or letter announcing your gift will be sent to the person you name.

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