



Empowering Women
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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

January 2017

Monterey Bay Interbranch Council Annual Luncheon



Featuring Sisters in Crime

Authors (see bios on pg. 5):

- Katherine Hyde
- Mary Feliz
- Vinnie Hansen

Saturday, February 25, 2017

11:30am—2:00 pm

Bayonet & Black Horse Golf
Course

1 McClure Way
Seaside, CA 93955

Mail this form or a sheet of paper with the relevant information to reserve your lunch for this exciting event!

Please reserve _____ @ \$25 each. Total enclosed _____

Menu: Please mark your CHOICE of Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Roma tomatoes, jack cheese & basil in a whole grained mustard sauce, served w/garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables & dinner rolls _____
OR Grilled Portabella Mushroom Sandwich _____

All lunches include organic green salad w/candied walnuts, goat cheese & balsamic vinaigrette, chocolate cake w/raspberry sauce & iced tea.

Member name _____ Guest _____
Phone# _____

RSVP by Feb. 15

****(all reservations must be pre-paid and are non-refundable)

Checks made out to: AAUW-MPB

Mail to: AAUW MBP at P O Box 1786, Monterey, CA 93942

Questions? Nancy Soule 831-236-3763

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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:**

Who knew? George Washington anticipated Donald Trump's election. At his inauguration in 1789, Washington expressed concern about being selected President. He said the magnitude and difficulty of the position demanded a distrustful scrutiny of his qualifications for the job.

The position, even for the wisest, most experienced citizen would "... overwhelm one, who, inheriting inferior endowments from nature and unpracticed in the duties of civil administration, ought to be peculiarly conscious of his own deficiencies."

Fortunately - we're here to help our incoming President remember his deficiencies. Trump's statements insult and threaten women, immigrants, Muslims, Hispanics, handicapped people, members of the LGBT community, survivors of sexual assault.

On January 21, 2017, women will march in Washington and in other cities around the nation. The march will show in numbers too great to ignore that women's rights are human rights, that defending any marginalized group is defending us all. AAUW members have been on the forefront of social progress since 1881 and we continue this work. As respected, nonpartisan voices in the nation, AAUW will have an official delegation to the Women's March in Washington. AAUW stands in solidarity to shape the direction of our nation with justice and decency.

December is usually the time for cheerful messages about enjoying the holidays and hopes for a bright new year. This time perhaps the parties and family celebrations will help renew our spirit and strengthen our motivation for the important work that lies ahead.

Grace Gerbrandt
 President, AAUW Santa Cruz County

Membership News

The **New Member Dessert and Tea** is being held this year at 1421 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062 from **1pm through 3pm Saturday, January 7th**. The home is on the corner of Chanticleer Ave and Silvana Ave behind a wrought iron and brick fence located between Capitola Road and Brommer Avenue in the Live Oak Area of Santa Cruz County.



New members joining during 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 are invited to come. Some of the Board members will be attending to lend information about the ways you can participate in both the social groups and in the National, State and Branch activities, as well as a variety of other avenues, supporting the Advancement of Equity for Women and Girls through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research. New members will be receiving or have received a written invitation. Anyone in the branch is also welcome if interested. Just let Louanne Ellison know by leaving your name at 831 471 8381.



A hearty **WELCOME** to new members: **Kyra Delbasio**, daughter of Jeanne Jorgensen and always a **BIG** help at our annual holiday party, **Esther Lauer** and **Aime McNamara**! You will find their contact information in the box below.

Well wishes to **Sue Kliebrink** who is recovering from burns to her feet.



A humongous **THANK YOU** to Membership Chair **Louanne Ellison** and her daughter for doing our Membership Directory. If you have not received your copy, please contact Louanne at 831-471 8381 or louanneec@gmail.com.

Additions and Changes to the Directory:

Additions

New Members

- **Kyra DeBioso**, 3750 Vista Drive, Soquel, CA 95073
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- **Esther Lauer**, 908 Tower Place, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
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- Returning Member **Eileen Buron**, 1542 Calypso Drive, Aptos, CA 95003-5803
h) 831-688-0876 email: oeburon@aol.com
- Returning Member **Elizabeth Moore**, 980 Burl Road, Santa Cruz. CA 95060
h) 821-423-8373 email: jimmigal@cruzio.com

Changes and Corrections

- **Rosemary Anderson**, change her address to 754 Cynthia Court, Watsonville, 95076
- **Darby Kremers**, her zip code 94006 to 95006
- **Mary Maier**, her zip code 94062 to 95062
- **Marcia Minnihan**, change her address to 315 Spruce Street, #3, Santa Cruz 95060 and tel# to 831 239 6480
- **Judy Nielson**, add cell phone: 831 601 4016 and cross out the landline listed
- **Kris Sheehan**, change Brodini to Brodin in her address
- **Roberta Sosbee**, change 94066 zip code to 95066
- **Mary Lou Stewart's** name currently is incorrectly printed as Mary Stewart
- **Audrey Strayer**, add email: molliej6@cruzio.com

Contact Louanne Ellison if your information is incorrect in any way at 831 471 8381 leaving a message with corrections if not answered or email louanneec@gmail.com. She will contact Debra Wallace with corrections.

Membership News Cont'd



Find us on 

Ladies, our new Facebook page is up and running. Member **Lorraine Margon** created it for us. See the link below.

If you are a Facebook user, please "Like" our page and enjoy the content Lorraine and others will be posting. Also, share this page with your friends so we can get our message out there and perhaps also recruit new members.

If you are not on Facebook, consider doing so. If you are leery, remember that you don't have to post any content yourself if you don't want to. You can just look at what others post. Most people have found Facebook to be a fun way to stay connected to one another and to see what's happening in each other's lives. Aside from the political banter, it's mostly a place of happiness and good information (but watch out for the fake news!).

<https://www.facebook.com/scaauw/>



January Events

January

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NEW MEMBER TEA AND DESSERT at the home of Membership Chair Louanne Ellison. See previous page for details.

January

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REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS NETWORK BRUNCH

Saturday, January 21, 10:30 First United Methodist

Annual Roe v. Wade Brunch at First United Methodist Church at 250 California Ave., Santa Cruz. No reservations required. Suggested \$10+ donation at the door.

WOMEN'S MARCH, SANTA CRUZ - IN SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN'S MARCH ON D.C.

Saturday, January 21, 1:30 pm Santa Cruz City Hall

The Women's March on Washington is expected to be the largest protest ever held following a presidential election. Forty states are holding marches of their own. **AAUW will have an official delegation participating in the March on Washington.**

Click here for more information on our local Santa Cruz march:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1791872174370830/>

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/article/NE/20161130/NEWS/161139968>

<https://www.pussyhatproject.com>

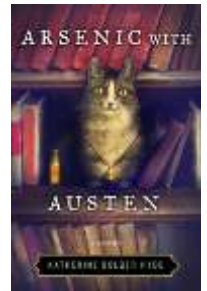


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Monterey Bay Interbranch Council Annual Luncheon Featuring Sisters In Crime Novelists (see page 1 to RSVP):



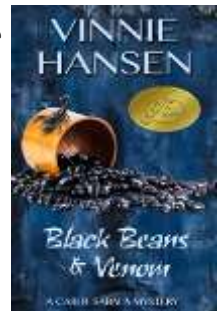
Katherine Bolger Hyde spent her career as an editor before venturing into writing. In addition to *Arsenic with Austen*, her debut mystery in the Crime with the Classics series, Katherine has published two children's books. The setting of Crime with the Classics was inspired by her annual writing pilgrimage to Rockaway Beach on the Oregon coast. Katherine makes her home in the redwoods of Santa Cruz County with her husband, the youngest of her four children, and two obstreperous cats.



Mary Feliz writes the Maggie McDonald Mysteries featuring a Silicon Valley professional organizer and her sidekick golden retriever. For Mary, the heart of high-tech is a series of small towns filled with quirky characters and customs. A Smith College graduate, she has worked for Fortune 500 firms and mom and pop enterprises, competed in whale boat races and done synchronized swimming. She attends organizing conferences in her character's stead, but Maggie's skills leave her in the dust. Her debut novel, *ADDRESS TO DIE FOR*, was awarded a KIRKUS starred review.



Vinnie Hansen fled the South Dakota prairie for the California coast the day after high school graduation. A reading addict since childhood, Vinnie is now the author of numerous short stories and the Carol Sabala mysteries. *MURDER, HONEY* is now available in the bestselling e-collection: *Sleuthing Women: 10 First-in-Series Mysteries*. The seventh installment in the series, *BLACK BEANS & VENOM*, was a finalist for the Claymore Award. Still sane after 27 years of teaching high school English, Vinnie has retired and lives in Santa Cruz, California, with her husband and the requisite cat.



Announcement: We are cordially invited to Santa Clara's IBC Event, January 29. Click here for details: [Women Changing our World—Paths to Leadership](#)

In Memorium: Harriet Dorothea (Griek) Maurer 1923-2016

Harriet Maurer, a leader in the National office of AAUW, passed away recently in Santa Cruz. She was not known to many in our branch as she moved here in January and passed away in July. Her work with AAUW was long and remarkable. Her educational background was in finance & ultimately she became Comptroller and Director of Membership Services and then acting General Director of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). In that capacity she testified on behalf of women's rights before Congress, frequented the White House to advocate for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and was a college commencement speaker. In retirement she and her husband Ralph left the DC area & eventually she settled permanently in Sun City AZ. There she was President of the Sun City AAUW (along with participating in many other organizations). She moved here in January to be close to her daughter and grandson & lived at Dominican Oaks until her death. She was certainly a role model for any of us in AAUW.

Local Scholarship News



Thanks to Lynn Bull (a non-member), Elizabeth Porter, Mary Lou Stewart, Trudie Fator, Mary Maier, Joyce Hopkins, & Sharon Bush for recent donations to Local Scholarships, many in honor of Natalie Oliver.

Thanks to all of you who came to the Holiday luncheon where we enjoyed entertainment by Fiat Musica and some of us were lucky enough to win great prizes! For those of you who were unable to attend, try to earmark your calendars with a "Must Attend" note for next December. We will have another opportunity to support this fine program in April with our dining out event at Shadowbrook. More details as we get closer to the date.

End of the year donations (tax-exempt!) can be sent to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.

Click here for full size photos of the festivities:

Holiday Luncheon Photos



January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year	2	3 7pm Evening Books*	4	5 11:45 Lunch Bunch*	6	7
8 New Member Tea	9 10am Board Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 MLK Day 12pm Bridge*	17	18	19	20	21 Repro-Rights Brunch & Women's March
22	23 1pm Reader's Theater*	24	25	26 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	27 10am Great Decisions*	28
29	30	31				



February 2017

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		1	2 11:45 Lunch Bunch*	3	4	
5	6 10am Board Meeting	7 7pm Evening Books*	8	9	10 10am Great Decisions*	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19 26	20 1pm Reader's Theater* 27	21 28	22	23 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	24 10am Great Decisions*	25 11am IBC Event (see pg. 1)



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 Louanne Ellison, 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 lunches/meetings are open to the public.

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, The Tuesday night Book Group will meet on January 3, 2017. This month's book is **THE MAN FROM BEIJING**, by Henning Mankill. Our reviewer is Marilee Werfhorst. We will meet at the home of Mary Maier, 2-1120 East Cliff Dr. Call 462-2764 for directions. All are welcome to join this lively group. Get in touch with Joan Schwimmer, 408-353-2657, joanschwimmer@hotmail.com for further information.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email cabeckett@sbcglobal.net; January 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Sherwood, 632 Townsend Dr., Aptos. RSVP to: anneshewood2@gmail.com

The book for January is *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. Discussion by Linda Owens.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, Leader, Susan Elgin, phone (831) 335-7288, email elgin@cruzio.com. This group reads one book each month.

January 26, we will discuss **Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close** by Jonathan Safran Foer and on February 23, we will discuss *All the Single Ladies* by Rebecca Traister.

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will be meeting Jan. 23rd and Feb. 27th. To join and for further information, contact Barbara Lewis, chairperson of this interest group, by telephone at 335-7816 or by email at bobbi44@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Contact Kathy Oing irishpml@yahoo.com for more information.

Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Jeanne Jorgensen. Contact her for details at Jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com, 831-477-7025.

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.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions' eight week series begins:

Friday, January 27, 2017 at 10 am, *Latin America's Political Pendulum*.

Friday February 10, *Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan*

Friday, February 24, *The Future of Europe After Brexit*

New members and interested visitors are welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt graceger@sbcglobal.net.



Branch Schedule



2017

January	7	New Member Tea	Louanne Ellison's Home
	9	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	21	Reproductive Rights Brunch Women's March	First United Methodist SC City Hall
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February	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	25	IBC Luncheon	Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Club
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March	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	25	Annual Business Meeting	CFSCC
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April	3	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	11	Local Scholarships Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
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May	1	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	13	Local Scholarship Luncheon	Seascape Resort

Look What AAUW Action Network Accomplished in 2016!

200,000+ messages went out to state and federal legislators. AAUW Action Network supporters in all 50 states made their voices heard on our priority issues. With your help, we contacted all 435 U.S. House offices and all 100 U.S. Senate offices throughout the year!

6 states passed new equal pay laws in 2016. AAUW members played a key role in achieving new equal pay laws in California, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, and Utah. Yes, you read that right: Those are red, blue, and purple states taking action to close the gender pay gap – thanks to you and AAUW.

714 resource guides were delivered to Title IX coordinators in 29 states. AAUW branches and supporters delivered critical new resources released by the U.S. Department of Education to make our schools safer and more equitable. This first tool kit of its kind was created at AAUW's prompting, and now we are delivering the good news nationwide.

2,200 signatures collected on AAUW's petition urging Anheuser-Busch to sign the White House Equal Pay Pledge. Just three months after the pledge was released – on Women's Equality Day – Anheuser-Busch signed the pledge. To date, more than 100 companies have signed on and committed to closing the gender pay gap. 44 years of Title IX celebrated with Senator Harry Reid. AAUW presented Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) with our Title IX Champion award at a packed Capitol Hill reception in June. Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Reps.

Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Dina Titus (D-NV) also spoke to the crowd of 300 attendees about the positive effect Title IX has had in our country's schools. AAUW has long been a protector and defender of Title IX, and your strong voices have helped to make this groundbreaking civil rights law a real success story.

900+ get-out-the-vote events organized by members in 46 states. AAUW branches, Younger Women's Task Force chapters, and student organizations hosted voter registration drives and candidate nights with AAUW's It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard resources. If you haven't told us about your get-out-the-vote or voter education event, it's not too late!

19 AAUW members were elected to state legislatures. We know of 19 AAUW members who were elected to state legislatures or state senates in 2016. Do you know of any AAUW members in office? Be sure to tell us about them!

Feeling inspired by what we did together? Help AAUW continue speaking truth to power in 2017. With your support, AAUW will continue to be a valued ally or a fierce critic as the situation warrants in the year to come. When you give by December 31 your contribution will be matched, dollar for dollar, to double the effect you have on AAUW's work!

Give today to help empower women and girls in the New Year.



Did you know...?

Through research, education, advocacy, and philanthropy, AAUW members have worked together for more than 130 years as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

Research: AAUW conducts groundbreaking research on issues related to gender equity in education and the workplace. This research serves as a catalyst for action at local, state and national levels.

Education: AAUW’s campus leadership programs shape the lives of thousands of college women to be the next generation of leaders. Through our summer Tech Trek camps on college and university campuses, we are leveling the playing field for girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Through AAUW Start Smart and AAUW Work Smart, we are fighting to close the pay gap, one workshop at a time.

Advocacy: We advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls. We support challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

Philanthropy: One of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2016-17 academic year. –*Courtesy of Kit Hein*

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.

AAUW Fund

Make checks payable to
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Aptos, CA 95003

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