



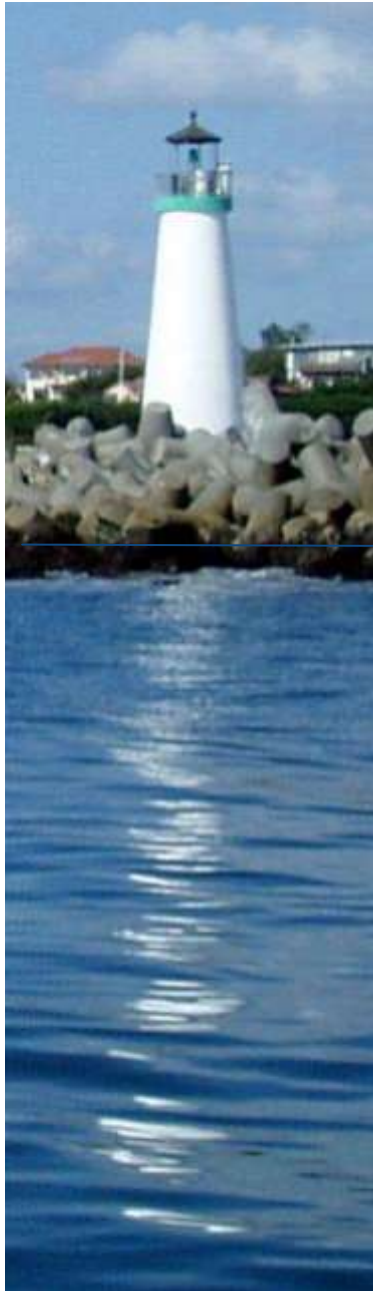
The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

May 2017

Empowering Women since 1881

2017-2018 Programming



The Board is looking for topics and speakers for our Fall 2017 through Spring 2018 Membership Meetings.

Help us make the meetings interesting and lively with topics that appeal to you.

Send us any ideas you may have, from Birdwatching to Homeless Shelters. If we can't use your suggestions for some reason, they may stimulate other ideas.

Contact any Board member including Program Chair Trudie Fator, trudlaf@aol.com or President Grace Gerbrandt, graceger@sbcglobal.net.



Who will lead our organization? What will our public policy platform be for the next two years? It's your AAUW, so your voice counts.

Meet the Candidates

Who will lead AAUW? See profiles of each [candidate for election](#) to the 2017-19 AAUW Board of Directors.

Voter Guide

Get all the details on the [proposed changes to our bylaws, Public Policy Program, and resolutions](#) and the rationale behind them. *

Questions?

Get [answers to your questions](#) about the AAUW National Election process.

AAUW: Empowering Women Since 1881

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:**

Dispiriting. That's one word for the current political atmosphere as we watch fifty years of progress in civil rights, health care, and women's rights being systematically attacked. Fortunately, AAUW members can take comfort knowing that we're helping to resist these onslaughts.

AAUW's activism in Public Policy and Legal Advocacy is especially noteworthy. Without AAUW's financial and vocal support, essential progressive legislation would not have been passed, including the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

AAUW chooses legal cases where a favorable outcome will provide significant protection for all women. Lawsuits currently being assisted by AAUW include women workers denied promotions at Wal-Mart, military veteran survivors of sexual assault, college/university staff who suffer unfair pay discrimination, activists fired for whistle-blowing about sexual harassment and financial discrimination in corporate America.

Public Policy and Legal Advocacy are just two of the vital areas where AAUW is fighting the good fight. Our effort requires energy and determination. Your membership and enthusiasm are key components of AAUW's outstanding success in advancing equity for women and girls. Thank you.

Grace Gerbrandt

President, AAUW Santa Cruz County

Learn more about AAUW's ongoing fight. Become a two-minute activist by clicking [here](#), or sign up for email newsletter Mission & Action [here](#).

Membership News



We have lost our long time member (50+ years) and dear friend **Sue Kleibrink**. Sue was a steadfast and very active member of our branch for years and years. A celebration of life will be held in July. Stay tuned for details. She will be greatly missed. For more about Sue: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/santacruzsentinel/obituary.aspx?n=sally-sue-susan-kleibrink-richmond&pid=185373398&fhid=8818>

IMPORTANT: Membership renewal information

Now is the time to renew membership in the AAUW Santa Cruz County branch. It can be done individually through AAUW.org or by sending a check payable to AAUW Santa Cruz County to Louanne Ellison at 1421 Chanticleer Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95062 for either \$84 or if you're a life member for \$35. Please include any changes to the directory that you wish for the coming year.

Louanne would also like to create a separate page in the future with a list of college affiliation for each member. Please leave Louanne a message at 831-471-8381 as to your college affiliation.

Additions and Changes to the Directory:

Audie Henry has a new email address: audiehenry@gmail.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.

Human Trafficking:

Click here to purchase online tickets for the documentary, I am Jane Doe:

risinginternational.org/imjanedoe, which begins at 6:00 with info about supporting organizations. The film begins at 7PM, duration 1 1/2 hours.



Prevention Workshops for youth sponsored by Rising will take place May 20th, 11:30 Louden Nelson Center, May 27th-11:30 Pajaro Valley Community Trust, June 3rd, 11:30am, Louden Nelson Center. E-mail marie@risinginternational.org for info.

Be sure to Like our AAUW Santa Cruz County page on Facebook for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/scaauw/> (Thank you Lorraine Margon!)



Tech Trek News

Dear Members,



‘Our’ girls will leave for camp on July 16th and return on July 22nd. On June 17th an orientation for the girls and parent(s) will be held at Joan Rider’s home in Corralitos for the Monterey and Santa Cruz Co. branches. Our job is minimal at this point. Unless someone needs guidance with camp paper work, which is sent back to the camp registrar, or help with National AAUW registration, they are on their own!

I am sharing part of a recently received email from a former Tech Trekker’s mother. Sarah is now a senior, with a full four year scholarship offered by five universities.

“I always think of the part that you and Tech Trek played in her young life at a time when so many girls start to lose interest in STEM, and I know it made a difference in Sarah’s life. You saw her spark and picked her to come to Tech Trek, and I am always thankful that happened to her.”

There will be some changes next year—will keep you posted.

Our AAUW board members and the Tech Trek team are ever grateful to you, our donors.

Best Regards and enjoy the summer,

Jane—and Kit, Joan, Kris, Geri, & Kathy



Local Scholarship News

We had a successful fundraiser at Shadowbrook this year. Thirty guests enjoyed a convivial evening with good food and drink and we raised \$513!

Thanks to all who took part in this event. If you missed out, they are inviting us back next year so make a point of attending next spring.

Donations (tax-exempt!) can be sent to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.



Women have heard it all.

- We've never hired a woman for this position before
- Don't take it personally
- You have a lot of experience, but we're looking for someone who has more authority
- We need someone who is going to be tough
- But you're so good at taking notes
- We didn't realize you *had* got it
- Why your kids get in the way of your work?
- Why are you getting emotional about this?
- Can you get the coffee?
- I've never met a woman executive
- I don't think you'd want that much responsibility
- Women aren't natural leaders
- You're so pretty, people have a hard time taking you seriously
- I need you to plan the office birthday parties
- I never thought a woman would be interested

Don't be a barrier on a woman's path toward leadership.
Learn more at www.aauw.org. #leadHERship

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The House of Representatives took the first step toward stripping health care coverage from millions of Americans when it passed the American Health Care Act (AHCA) by a razor-thin margin.

Let's not mince words: the AHCA harms women and their families by putting quality, affordable health insurance out of reach for many. Passed without hearings or a Congressional Budget Office score, the AHCA defunds Planned Parenthood, severely limits access to health insurance for people with pre-existing conditions, decimates Medicaid as we know it, and strips 24 million people of their health insurance.

Now, the bill heads to the Senate. It's time to fight back.

[Click here to urge your Senators to oppose the AHCA and any steps to gut or repeal the Affordable Care Act.](#)

AAUW believes that everyone deserves high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care, and we won't stand idly by while Congress removes these protections.

[Make your voice heard. Tell your Senators to reject the AHCA and any legislation that severely limit access to health care for millions of women and their families.](#)



May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am Board Meeting	2 7pm Evening Books*	3	4 11:45 Lunch Bunch*	5	6
7	8 12pm Bridge*	9	10	11	12 10am Great Decisions*	13 LS Luncheon, Seascape
14	15 1pm Reader's Theater*	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31		JUNE 2: 10am Great Decisions*	



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 June 6, 2017. This month's meeting will feature book choices to read for next year. We will meet at Marilee Werfhorst's home. Call 234-5481 for directions and further information. All are welcome to join this lively group. Get in touch with Joan Schwimmer, joanschwimmer@hotmail.com for further information.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email cabeckett@sbcglobal.net; We will meet on May 25th. Contact Carole for details.

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

We'll discuss *Jaybar Crow* by Wendell Barry on May 25th.

Reader's Theater

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 began Jan. 27, now it continues:

May 12 TOPIC: SAUDI ARABIA IN TRANSITION

Discussion Leader: Sara Howell

Hostess: **Linda Owens 464-1291**

440 26th Avenue Santa Cruz 95062

From Highway 1 take 41st toward the ocean.

Right on Portola ---left onto 26th Avenue

Or take East Cliff to 26th Avenue
June 2 (Monday May 29 is Memorial Day)

TOPIC: Trump Administration's Effect on Topics Covered Earlier This Season

Hostess: **Sarita Motove** Potluck

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



Branch Schedule



2017

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May 13 Local Scholarship Luncheon Seascape Resort
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June 5 Board Meeting CFSCC
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****Summer events TBA...stay tuned****



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

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Aptos, CA 95003

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