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# The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

October 2014



## AAUW Santa Cruz County AAUW Funds Luncheon

The League of Women Voters will present the Pros and Cons of the six state ballot propositions for the November 4th election. This is a non-partisan explanation of state propositions with supporting and opposing arguments. The League encourages informed and active participation in government.

Two of the propositions were put on the ballot by the California Legislature, and four of them were put on the ballot by supporters who gathered sufficient signatures; of these, three are initiatives that seek to change state law and one is a referendum on an existing law.

See page 4 of the Beacon under Public Policy news for AAUW California's positions on the six propositions.



October 25th  
11:30am–2:00 pm

Mei Gardens  
533 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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

### Deadline is October 20

A variety of Chinese dishes will be served family style, including vegetarian options

\$12 per person

Make your check payable to AAUW Santa Cruz  
and send to Grace Gerbrandt, 152 Spring St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Coffee or tea included.

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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# Board News

## President's Message

I recently returned from a vacation road trip with my husband. We were only gone for twelve days, but still managed to set foot in seven states beyond California. This country truly has a diverse landscape, but none of it is more magnificent than our home state. It's always good to be home.

We met up with our own Rosemary Anderson at a buffalo roundup in South Dakota. We only made contact because my husband saw someone a short distance away wearing a UCSC t-shirt and went to make their acquaintance. He came back with Rosemary.

The prior evening we were at Mount Rushmore. During the course of the lighting ceremony, the Equal Pay Act was mentioned. Of course there was a fair amount of cheering in reaction, largely by the females in the crowd. Although the passing of this act in 1963 was a huge step, most women still only get three quarters of the wage cookie.

No matter what one believes about the actual intent of the framers of our country's Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, this is the United States of America. This is the land of freedom, equality and opportunity. Our nation has made many strides in the first 238 years. However, there is still a ways to go. As citizens we are responsible for any and all future growth and progress in this nation. The easiest form of participation is to vote in all elections. The League of Women Voters will be speaking to us at our October meeting concerning the upcoming election.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Judy Cavin Brown*

President, AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch



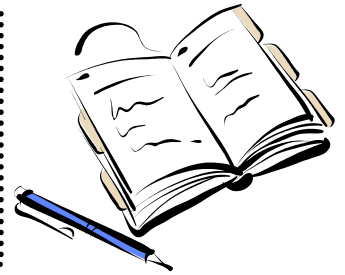
# Membership News



**Honorary Life Members:** Because of the merger, we now have 11 members who have belonged for 50 or more years with no breaks longer than one year. They are: **Beverley Bontadelli, Marline Bushey, Audie Henry, Frances Kempton, Sue Kleibrink, Navarre Marshall, Beatrice McCombs, Ethlyn Miller, Barbara O'Hara, Dorothy Orr and Elsie Staley.** We are sorry that not all of them are marked in the directory.

**Directories:** If you would like to pick up a directory, they will be on Membership Chair Linda Owens's front porch at **440 26th Avenue from October 13th–17th.**

Please write your name on the list so that we will have an account of who has received and who is in need of their directory.



**Be a Member, Get a Member:** As your membership chair, I'd like to challenge you to get a friend, neighbor or family member to join AAUW! -Linda Owens, 464-1291, [jowens7069@aol.com](mailto:jowens7069@aol.com)

**Changes to By-Laws:** Following the merger of the Santa Cruz and Watsonville Branches, the By-Laws needed to be updated. See the email from Roberta Sosbee dtd 10/13/14 on behalf of the By-Laws Committee reflecting these changes before the end of the month for your review. We will be voting on the proposed changes at our October 25th event.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Lois Holcomb, [locomb@cruzio.com](mailto:locomb@cruzio.com), 831-688-0541.



## Hospitality:

- Well wishes to **Lois Holcomb** as she recuperates from gall bladder surgery.
- **Muriel Fulford** had a fall and is recovering. Out best wishes to Muriel!
- Many members and friends attended a celebration of life service for Drew Kleibrink, **Sue and Paul Kleibrink's** son on September 20th, who passed away in April.

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

**AAUW Northern CA Fall Funds Luncheon:** On Sunday, November 2, at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville, the Northern California AAUW Funds Luncheon will hear from California Fellows and Grant Recipients. This is always a festive event and the speakers inspire those who attend. The distance may sound daunting, but a carpool extends the social event. Make your reservation at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) and call Lynn Cummins by Oct. 22 at 728-2128 to make a plan.



# Public Policy News



If you'd like to study up on the Ballot measures in depth prior to our Oct. 25th meeting & be well prepared for the election, November 4th, please refer to your Sept. Beacon or visit the AAUW CA website ([aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org)).

Proposition 1 : Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

AAUW CA supports the passage of this initiative.

Proposition 2: State Budget. Budget Stabilization Account. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

AAUW CA remains neutral on this proposition.

Proposition 45: Healthcare Insurance. Rate Changes. Initiative Statute.

AAUW CA recommends an oppose position on Proposition 45.

Proposition 46: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits. Initiative Statute.

Recommendation: Because AAUW supports access to quality, affordable health, it opposes this initiative and recommends a NO vote.

Proposition 47: Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties. Initiative Statute.

AAUW CA recommends a support position on this initiative.

Proposition 48: Indian Gaming Compacts. Referendum.

AAUW CA did not study this initiative, as it is not related to the AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities.



## Get the Facts:

The gender pay gap is real, and it hurts women and families.

Among full-time, year-round workers, women are typically paid 78 percent of what men are paid.

The pay gap is worse for women of color.

When you account for all factors known to affect pay, women are still paid almost 7 percent less than men just one year after college – and the gap only grows from there.

The pay gap has barely budged in the last decade.

## News from National:

### See You in San Diego!

Registration is now open for the 2015 AAUW National Convention! Will you be the first to join the wave headed to sunny California next June? Register today to take advantage of Best Value rates.

### 2014-15 Supreme Court Preview Member Call

This year, the Supreme Court will consider a number of cases with the potential to significantly affect the rights of women and girls. Join AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund staff on October 22 to stay informed on these cases and many more.

### 2015 AAUW National Election

Attention AAUW members: It's your AAUW, so make your voice heard! Run for AAUW national office, comment on bylaws amendments (or propose your own!), and weigh in on our Public Policy Program. Visit the AAUW election page to get started!



## Local Scholarship News

We are getting near to our big fund raiser for this fine program, our holiday luncheon at Seascap Golf Club. Save the date-December 6, 2014.

Be sure to bring your white elephant treasures, home baked goods and hygiene items for the Walnut Street Women's Center. We will have lots of donated gifts to give out to lucky raffle ticket holders, plus entertainment from Fiat Musica.

Thanks to Jacqueline Cotta for her contribution to Local Scholarships during the past month.



## Upcoming Local Scholarship Event



**February 10\***—Shadowbrook will donate 33% of our restaurant tab to AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch. Gather together to make a festive night of it. Last year we raised \$500!

\*Note change of date (from Dec. to Feb. 10)

## News from Tech Trek

This wonderful program will be starting a new round of finding girls for the camp for summer 2015. Thanks to all who donated at our September luncheon when we had the opportunity to hear directly from the girls who attended Camp Curie at Stanford.



If you are interested in being on the new combined Watsonville/Santa Cruz Tech Trek team, give Jeanne Jorgensen, 477-7025 or Jane Amaral, 722-7839 a call.

All can help by supporting Tech Trek with tax deductible contributions. Send checks, made out to AAUW-CA-SPF, to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.

**Photos Show the Power of Tech Trek** Tech Trek 2014 was a huge success. But really, [these photos](#) along with a few words from the campers speak for themselves. —*courtesy of National*



**October 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13 Columbus Day 1-3pm Reader's Theater*	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 6pm Dining Out—Café Cruz*	23 12pm Thurs. Books Sec. 1* 1pm Books Sec. 2*	24 9:30am Walking Group, Neary Lagoon to SC Wharf*	25 11:30am October Luncheon, see front pg.1
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	

**November 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Norcal Funds Luncheon—Danville	3 10am Board Meeting 7pm Great Decisions*	4 7pm Evening Books*	5	6 Lunch Bunch	7	8
9	10 1-3pm Reader's Theater*	11	12	13 12pm Thurs. Books Sec. 1*	14 10am AM Great Decisions planning meeting*	15
16	17	18	19 6pm Dining Out*	20 1pm Books Sec. 2*	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
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## AAUW Santa Cruz 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 Linda Owens, 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 as is the Evening Great Decisions group. Spouses, partners and guests are welcome to attend the Dining Out and Evening Gourmet groups. Check your new Directory for phone numbers and email addresses.

### 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 Dorothy Foglia, [dorothyfoglia@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothyfoglia@yahoo.com). The November book will be Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo at the home of Jeanne Jorgensen on November 4th.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, The Afternoon Book Group will meet October 23rd at the home of Carole Beckett, 353 Henry Cowell Dr., Santa Cruz, phone 457-2992, email [cabeckett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cabeckett@sbcglobal.net). The book we will discuss will be Transatlantic by Colum McCann.

For Nov. 13 the book is The Bully Pulpit by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Email or call Carole Beckett, 457-2992 or [cabeckett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cabeckett@sbcglobal.net) for hostess.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, leader Dottie Smith, [beechbyte@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beechbyte@sbcglobal.net). This group reads one book each month. The October meeting will be on Thursday, October 23 at 1:00 at the home of Dottie Smith. The book is World's Strongest Librarian by Josh Hanagame. Please RSVP Dottie @ [beechbyte@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beechbyte@sbcglobal.net) or call 685-1487.

On November 20 we meet at 1:00 at Jane Eckman's home to read Me Before You by Jojo Moyes. RSVP at 687-0923.

### Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will meet Monday October 13 from 1-3 PM for socializing and play reading. For further information contact Barbara Lewis, 335-7816.

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month. All AAUW members are invited. Please contact Andrea Losee at 502-554-7572 or [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto:alosee@cruzio.com) for more information or to make a reservation.

**Gourmet Group—SAVE THE DATE: February 15, Scotts Valley Senior Center**

### 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!

### Mahjong!

Originating in China, mahjong is a game of skill and strategy, calculation and luck. Janet Bostrom coordinates this delightful game. [bozobostrom@gmail.com](mailto:bozobostrom@gmail.com) on the first and third Thursdays at 2pm, recommencing in January.

**Dining Out**—This is a lot like Lunch Bunch except it's in the evening and spouses/partners are included. If you are interested in joining the group & trying different restaurants around town, contact new leader Linda Owens, 464-1291, [jowens7069@aol.com](mailto:jowens7069@aol.com).

Our October dinner will be on October 22 at 6pm at Café Cruz. If you'd like to join us, please contact Linda Owens (contact info above).

The November dinner will be on November 19, place TBD.

### Walking Group

Walking/Hiking Group Schedule for October :

October 24 Neary Lagoon to Santa Cruz Wharf

Our walks are about 60 to 90 minutes on easy to moderate trails. For more information, contact Andrea Losee at 502-554-7572 or [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto:alosee@cruzio.com)

### Great Decisions

Beginning in October, The Evening Great Decisions will meet on the 1st Mon. eve. of each month from 7-8:30 pm. at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Aptos. Dr. Laina Farhat-Holzman is the lecturer. The public is welcome. For more information call Lois Holcomb at 688-0541.

### Morning Great Decisions

The Morning Great Decisions will meet 10 am Friday November 14 for our organizational meeting. All are welcome. Contact Grace, [graceger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graceger@sbcglobal.net)



# Branch Schedule

2014-2015



<b>October</b>	<b>25</b>	Luncheon Meeting (Funds)	Mei Gardens
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<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Nor Cal Funds Luncheon	Danville
	<b>3</b>	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	<b>6</b>	Luncheon Meeting (Holiday)	Seascape Golf Course
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<b>January</b>	<b>5</b>	Board Meeting	TBD
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<b>February</b>	<b>2</b>	Board Meeting	TBD
	<b>28</b>	Luncheon Meeting (IBC)	Blackhorse & Bayonet Golf Course, Marina
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<b>March</b>	<b>2</b>	Board Meeting	TBD
	<b>15</b>	Gala Celebration	TBD
	<b>21</b>	Nor Cal Leadership Development	TBD
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<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	Board Meeting	TBD
	<b>11</b>	Annual Business (LAF)	TBD
	<b>18</b>	State Meeting	So Cal
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<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>	Board Meeting	TBD
	<b>16</b>	Luncheon Meeting (Local Scholarships)	Seascape Resort
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<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	Board Brunch Meeting	TBD
	<b>18-21</b>	National Convention	San Diego
	<b>28</b>	Annual BBQ / Picnic	TBD





**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.

<p><b>Educational Foundation / AAUW Funds</b>          Make checks payable to  <b>AAUW FUNDS</b>  <i>position vacant</i></p>	<p><b>Local Scholarships</b>          Make checks payable to          AAUW-LS and send to  <u>Jeanne Jorgensen</u>          270 19th Avenue          Santa Cruz, CA 95062</p>
<p><b>Legal Advocacy Fund / AAUW Funds</b>          Make checks payable to          AAUW FUNDS and send to  <u>Rosemary Anderson</u>          14 Parkwood Drive          Watsonville, CA 95076</p>	<p><b>Tech Trek          (Girls Science Scholarships)</b>          Make checks payable to          AAUW-CA SPF and send to  <u>Jeanne Jorgensen</u>          270 19th Avenue          Santa Cruz, CA 95062</p>

In Memory of/In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send announcement to \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**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.