



# The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

September 2016

Empowering Women  
since 1881



Please join AAUW for brunch  
as we celebrate our Tech Trek campers 2016,  
and welcome our new members!



Five girls sponsored by Santa Cruz County Branch of AAUW attended the Stanford summer Tech Trek camp this year. This camp is geared toward developing a deeper interest in science and math for girls who might not otherwise have an opportunity to experience the STEM fields outside of school. These girls were nominated by their teachers for their enthusiasm in science and math.

The Tech Trek brunch will be held on October 1st, 2016 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Seascape Resort in Aptos, a beautiful location on the coast. The menu features both vegetarian and non-vegetarian quiche and fruit salad, with a variety of liquid refreshments. The cost is \$26.00 per person.

Special guest speakers will make an appearance, and the brunch will also offer plenty of time to socialize and meet new members. Existing and potential AAUW members are welcome to attend, so please bring a friend or family member (male or female—all are welcome!).

Only 50 spots are available, so please make your reservation early! Call (831) 471-8381 or email [louanneec@gmail.com](mailto:louanneec@gmail.com). Reservations close on September 17th, 2016.

RSVP to Louanne Ellison Cole by September 17, 2016.

Questions? Call 831-471-8381 or email [louanneec@gmail.com](mailto:louanneec@gmail.com)

Mail check made payable to AAUW Santa Cruz County and brunch reservation to:

Louanne Ellison Cole  
14221 Chanticleer Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Vegetarian  Non-Vegetarian

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

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

TOTAL at \$26 per person enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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**Election day will be here before we know it!\***

Your AAUW CA Public Policy Committee has developed an ambitious work plan for 2016-17. Our agenda includes supporting key legislation affecting women economically, encouraging branches to Get Out the Vote, updating AAUW CA's Public Policy Priorities, and increasing communication about public policy issues. We look to IBCs and branch leaders to provide information to their members and take action when requested.

The November ballot in California will contain 17 ballot measures, of which the Public Policy Committee reviewed and evaluated those related to AAUW's priorities and mission and took a position on five:

- Proposition 51, support - School Bonds. Funding for K-12 and Community College Facilities
- Proposition 52, support - The Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act, hospital fees that help fund Medi-Cal;
- Proposition 53, oppose - voter approval on specified bonds;
- Proposition 55, support - extend taxes for schools voted in Proposition 30;
- Proposition 58, support- The California Multilingual Education Act. allows structured bilingual education programs for English learners. A full report will be in the September edition of Perspective.

**Sue Miller**, Co-Chair, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee, [suellen-aauw@wavecable.com](mailto:suellen-aauw@wavecable.com)

*\*See the next page for details regarding a joint AAUW/LWV event on Oct. 5 where ballot propositions will be discussed.*

## Membership News



### A Warm Welcome to our Newest Members:

**Kris Sheehan**

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**A Fond Farewell to Bettye Pina**, who moved to Hillsboro, OR last month. Bettye was wonderful as our branch Historian and highly active in the branch. Though she will be sorely missed, we wish her all the best in her new locale!

Her cell number (831-247-7023) and email address ([bettyerpina@gmail.com](mailto:bettyerpina@gmail.com)) have stayed the same, but her new mailing address is:

7999 SW Patience Dr  
Hillsboro, OR 97123



## Upcoming Events



**October 5, 6:30-8:30pm**

**Bring your family and friends to this FREE informative event!**

### Community Forum on State Ballot Propositions

Cosponsored by SCC AAUW  
and League of Women Voters SCC  
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Live Oak Senior Multipurpose Center  
1777 Capitola Rd., Santa Cruz 95062

Light refreshments will be provided.

### AAUW Funds Luncheon—October 29th

Ever wonder where the money raised for AAUW Funds goes? Every fall we have the chance to hear from some of the Northern California women who have received AAUW grants about the studies and projects they are pursuing. This year the event will be a luncheon in Danville on Saturday, October 29. Full details will be in the September California Perspective coming soon. If you would like to be part of a carpool, please call Lynn Cummins at 728-2128.

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

## AAUW Funds



AAUW's fellowships and grants have provided more than \$100 million to more than 12,000 women and projects from 140 countries since 1888.

For the 2016-17 academic year alone, more than 230 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive \$3.7 million.

Our Santa Cruz County branch was very generous to AAUW Fund in the second quarter of 2016. Many thanks especially to:

Jane Amaral  
 Carole Beckett  
 Cathy Chavez-Miller  
 Kit Hein  
 Joyce Kamimura  
 Jocelyn Nelson  
 Tomi Newman  
 Dottie Smith  
 Lois Trabing  
 Denise Valencia  
 Marla Van Cleve  
 Clarice Wiggins

The awards will help AAUW's fellows and grantees achieve their educational and professional goals, allowing women to break through barriers in fields where they are traditionally underrepresented. In fact, 43 percent of AAUW fellowships and grants support women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

They provide women from all fields with the funding, confidence, and exposure that goes along with receiving a prestigious award – which is key to being competitive in the job market and tackling the growing burden of student debt.

But the impact will extend far beyond the hard-won accomplishments of our fellows and grantees. Their work will reverberate around the globe. AAUW alumnae have demonstrated their commitment to helping women and girls in their communities.

Fellows and grantees often dedicate their work to fields that empower, but they also personally serve others through mentorship and community service. AAUW alumnae have played pivotal roles in overcoming historical challenges in health care, astronomy, economics, and many other fields.

Who are these trailblazing fellows and grantees? Here's what just a few members of our 2016-17 class are doing to make advancements in their fields – and tackle the barriers facing other women and girls in their communities.

### Improving Cancer Screening in Black Communities

American Fellow Deonna Farr's intersectional research seeks to understand what factors affect inequities in cancer research participation and screening for breast cancer and colorectal cancer in black communities. Her dissertation at the University of South Carolina examines how mammography facilities, mammography providers, and patient characteristics influence black women's breast cancer screening experiences.

### Combining Medicine with Compassion

Career Development Grantee Ishah Dominguez is pursuing a second bachelor's degree in diagnostic multispecialty sonography at Nebraska Methodist College. She currently works as a Spanish medical interpreter for a children's hospital. Her love for medicine and compassion for others has led her to work that helps her community. Her new career will allow her to extend meaningful care to more people. Her combined experience in pharmaceuticals and patient advocacy will allow her to play a vital role in facilitating patient diagnoses and saving lives.

### The Sandra Day O'Connor of Jordan

International Fellow Samar Elshayeb works as the head of a three-judge panel in the Appeals Court of Amman. She is the first woman to serve in this position and has worked hard to prove that women judges in Jordan can carry out this job with the same professionalism and competitive quality that male judges do. Elshayeb's fellowship will help her get her master of laws at American University. Her goal is to move to the next level in the Jordanian judicial system and become the first woman judge on the High Court of Jordan.

### Inspiring Underserved Girls to Be Scientists

Selected Professions Fellow Auntaria Johnson is pursuing a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurial management at Florida Atlantic University. She is the president and CEO of a nonprofit that focuses on inspiring underserved girls to reach their full potential and become leaders in STEM fields – careers that often seem out of reach. She aspires to own and operate a STEM learning academy.

Find out more about the amazing work this year's fellows and grantees – and our alumnae – are doing by visiting the fellowships and grants directory and reading our blog.

Search the AAUW National site for: Fellowships and Grants Directory.

Do you know a woman who is seeking funding for academic or community work?

Learn more about our programs and applications.

Search: Educational funding and awards on the AAUW National site, [aauw.org](http://aauw.org):

**Applications for our 2017-18 American Fellowships and Career Development Grants and Community Action Grants are now open.**

## Local Scholarship News

The Local Scholarship Committee has concluded a year of fund raising and awarding of scholarships. We gave out \$9000 in scholarships in May and are now beginning our fund raising efforts for 2016-2017. (Thank you Jean Smith and Mary Lou Stewart for your generous donations in this new fiscal year!) Our holiday luncheon is set for December 3rd at Seascapes Golf Course and we anticipate another evening out in February at Shadowbrook where we can gather for good food & fellowship and raise funds for Local Scholarships. The committee would love to encourage anyone interested in this fine program to join us in the planning of and assisting at our events including brainstorming for new ways of raising funds.



Call Dorothy Patrick, 476-4462 or Jeanne Jorgensen, 477-7025 to volunteer to work on the Local Scholarship Committee.

Remember to send tax deductible contributions throughout the year to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.

## Tech Trek News



The Tech Trek pre-camp social at Joan Rider's home in Corralitos was a big success. All five of our girls and families attended along with two girls and families from Monterey Branch. The girls attended the Stanford camp in early July. Below are excerpts from thank you letters written at camp.

"I sincerely appreciate your showing me all the opportunities women can have in the world of STEM." (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) –Helen

"Thank you for gifting me this amazing scholarship. It allowed me to create unforgettable experiences and memories." –Jasmyn

"Tech Trek has taught me so many things and has allowed me to meet amazing women. I also met wonderful girls who are

like me in so many ways." –Lilith

"Thank you for supplying me with a most wonderful set of experiences this summer. I truly enjoyed and appreciate the opportunity to learn." –Ily

"I am extremely grateful for this once in a life time opportunity and want you to know how much I appreciate it." –Sara.

Plan to attend our AAUW gathering on Oct. 1st and meet the girls, who will share their experiences.

Jane Amaral  
Tech Trek Coordinator

Hillary Clinton (D)	Where the candidates stand on	Donald Trump (R)
Support	Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap	Mixed
Support	Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants and student loan forgiveness programs	Mixed
Support	Increasing resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of federal laws prohibiting sexual harassment and violence in schools	Unknown
Oppose	Changing or privatizing Social Security to lower recipient benefits or limit participation in the program	Oppose
Support	Raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10.10, pegging future increases to inflation, and raising the tipped minimum wage	Mixed
Support	Ensuring women's access to contraception without co-pay or cost-sharing, no matter where they work or go to school	Oppose
Support	Passing federal legislation requiring companies to allow employees to earn paid sick days	Mixed
Mixed	Using taxpayer dollars to fund private or religious schools	Support
Support	Amending the U.S. Constitution to guarantee equal rights for men and women	Unknown
Support	Passing a federal law to address bullying and harassment against all students, including LGBT and gender-nonconforming students	Mixed
Support	Reducing barriers to voting, like closing polling locations, eliminating early voting, and requiring voter identification	Oppose
Support	Confirming federal judges who uphold civil rights laws and established legal precedents	Oppose

*This guide is a public service and is not intended to be an endorsement of any candidate or political party. Candidates' positions were determined using their voting records, public statements, and campaign position papers, as well as information posted on the internet from trusted sources.*

**Support:** Candidate co-sponsored or voted for this legislation or explicitly stated a policy position on the record with no ambiguity.

**Oppose:** Candidate voted against legislation or explicitly stated a policy position on the record with no ambiguity.

**Unknown:** Candidate took no explicit or compelling public position.

**Mixed:** Candidate made conflicting statements and/or votes on the issue or took a nuanced position.

To learn more about the AAUW Action Fund, please call 202.785.7793 or visit [www.aauwaction.org](http://www.aauwaction.org).



September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6 7pm Evening Books*	7	8	9	10
11	12 10am Board Meeting	13 12pm Bridge*	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am-12pm Tech Trek Brunch
2	3 10am Board Meeting	4 7pm Evening Books*	5 6:30-8:30pm AAUW/LWV	6 11:45am Lunch Bunch*	7	8
9	10	11 12pm Bridge*	12	13	14	15
16	17 1pm Reader's Theater*	18	19	20 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Funds Luncheon

## 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-Cole, 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, Leader Jeanne Jorgensen, "Bookies" the Tuesday evening book group will meet on September 6, 2016 at 7:00pm at Jeanne Jorgensen's house, 270 19th Ave, Santa Cruz. The group will discuss *AAMERICA'S FIRST DAUGHTER* by Stephanie Dray and the discussion will be led by Carol DeLauder. Call 477-7025 for directions. All are welcome.

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

September 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. — *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haru, discussion led by Lori Teller. AND *Grow-ing Up* by Russell Baker, discussion led by Lois Trabing. Hostess will be Lori Teller, [loriateller@gmail.com](mailto:loriateller@gmail.com))

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

The meeting will be on September 22nd to discuss *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo.

### Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will meet from 1-3pm on October 17th. 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](mailto: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](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) .





# Branch Schedule

## 2016-2017



September	12	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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October	1	Membership Brunch	Seascape Resort
	3	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	5	AAUW/LWV Propositions Evening	Live Oak Sr. Ctr.
	29	AAUW Funds Luncheon	Danville
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November	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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December	3	Holiday Luncheon	Seascape Golf Course
	5	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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January	9	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Reproductive Rights Brunch	
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February	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Local Scholarships Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
	TBA	IBC Luncheon	
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March	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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April	3	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Annual Business Meeting	
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May	1	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Local Scholarship Luncheon	





**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>AAUW Funds</b>          Make checks payable to          AAUW FUNDS and send to          Geraldine Williams          412 Rio Del Mar Blvd.          Aptos, CA 95003</p> <p><b>Local Scholarships</b>          Make checks payable to          AAUW-LS and send to          Jeanne Jorgensen          270 19th Avenue          Santa Cruz, CA 95062</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tech Trek</b>  <b>(Girls Science Scholarships)</b>          Make checks payable to          AAUW with Tech Trek on the memo line          and send to          Jane Amaral          409 Larkin Valley Road          Watsonville, CA 95076</p>
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