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since 1881

Santa Cruz Branch, American Association of University Women

February, 2014

Inter-Branch Council (IBC) presents: Speakers from The Panetta Institute for Public Policy

Dr. Richard Kezirian: Professor and Senior Program Coordinator
Coordinates the Congressional Internship Program and is the lead professor for the Institute's Master of Public Policy.

Ellen Wilson: Program Coordinator and Archivist

We are so fortunate to have 2 talented speakers to inform us about the institute's amazing and diverse program.



February 22, 2014

11:30 am

Appleton Grill

30 W Beach St, Watsonville, CA 95076

831-724-5555

Directions: Riverside Dr. onto Main St., left on Main St, left on W. Beach 1 block. Parking garage is on left side of W. Beach in that 1st block. You must cross the street to enter the restaurant in the middle of the block or you can enter the restaurant from the back side on Rodriguez St. and park in the old Gottschalks parking lot at the back. Don't park in front of CVS or on that side of lot. Check for signs.

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

Deadline is February 18th

\$20 per person

Make your check payable to AAUW Monterey Bay IBC
and send to Jane DiGirolamo, 665 Park St., Salinas, CA 93901-1352

Mediterranean salad with choice of dressing (veg.) _____

Mediterranean salad with chicken _____

Mediterranean salad with salmon _____

Coffee or tea, rolls and butter and cherry cheesecake for dessert

Member name: _____

Guest names: _____

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Board Meetings

Board meetings are held at 10 a.m., at the Goodwill Conference Room, 350 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, 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

The holiday season is past. The New Year is here. Before we know it 2014 will be half gone, so enjoy each day to the fullest.

Before going any further, I would like to thank Debra Wallace for taking on the position of Beacon Editor. As Kyra DeBioso, and Cam Corbin before her would tell you, this is not an easy task. Perhaps the most difficult portion of this undertaking is gathering the necessary content information. I am quite certain that dealing with people, such as me, is much like pulling teeth and requires vast amounts of patience. Please give her your full cooperation.

Our January meeting was nicely attended. Bruno's took good care of us, as expected. Our speaker was Truett Bobo, former professor of theology at Bethany University. The subject of the day was human trafficking here, in our own country. This was not a pleasant subject, but one we need to keep in our awareness and work to bring to extinction.

Election of officers will take place in the coming months. We are asking for two volunteers from each of the interest groups to serve on the Nominating Committee. We have been functioning with a few vacant positions this year, which has been trying at times. If you have a desire to serve our branch in some capacity, please don't wait to be asked, volunteer.

Speaking of volunteers, I would again like to thank Kyra DeBioso for her time and energy in publishing the Beacon for so long. The next time you see Kyra or Debra; remember to thank each of them.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings throughout the remainder of the year.

Judy Cavin Brown
 President, AAUW Santa Cruz Branch



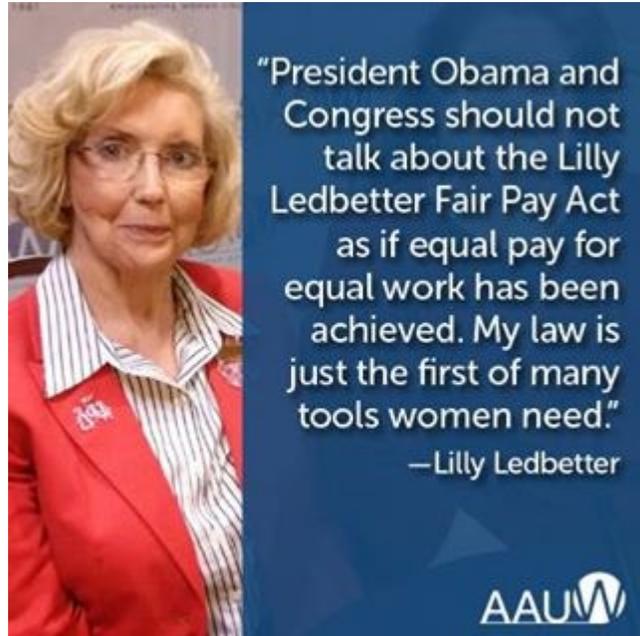
Public Policy News

Equal Pay

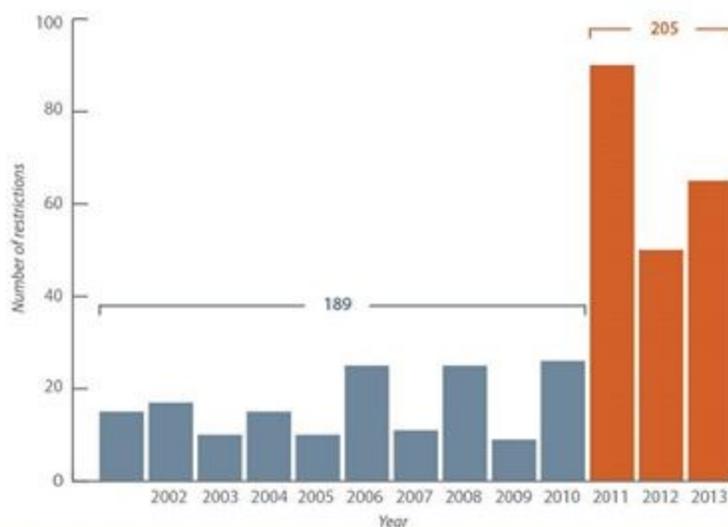
Lilly Ledbetter and AAUW were in the Washington Post! An excerpt: "...As AAUW has recommended, the president could start by issuing an executive order that would ban federal contractors from retaliating against workers who ask about wage practices or share salary information. This is a critical element of the stalled Paycheck Fairness Act. And the president doesn't need to wait for Congress; he has the power to put it in place with another history-making stroke of his pen..." Click here to read the full article: [Lilly Ledbetter says the President can do more for Equal Pay by Executive Order.](#)



It's been 5 years since President Obama took the first step on fair pay. Now is the time for the next step. Take action to help make it happen --> [2-minute activist](#)



More abortion restrictions were enacted over the past three years than during the entire previous decade.



Yep, enough of this.



Source: www.guttmacher.org

Reproductive Rights

"Behind every great woman there's a man. . . trying to force an ultrasound while cutting her pay." - comedian Lizz Winstead

Women's access to quality, reproductive healthcare is no laughing matter. Learn about AAUW's Grassroots Campaign to organize and get out the vote in 2014 to stop "The War on Women" in its tracks: <http://www.aauw.org/article/grassroots-organizers/>



News from Tech Trek

We have begun the process to find our campers for 2014. Nomination forms have gone out to teachers and soon we will have essays and applications from eager 7th graders hoping to be chosen to attend the Stanford Tech Trek camp for a week in July. Soon you can be a part of the selection process. We will read and rank essays and then interview the applicants. Please let me know if you would like to take part in this process. It is very heart warming to get to know the young girls & encourage them in their careers paths that we hope will go in the direction of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics.)

Please contact Jeanne Jorgensen, 477-7025 for details.



Local Scholarship News

We will soon be contacting Cabrillo College and UCSC for applications and essays for the scholarships we will be able to award this year.

If you would like to be part of the process of selecting winners for the scholarships, please contact Jeanne Jorgensen, 477-7025.

Local Scholarship Thanks...

Thanks go to the merchants who contributed gifts for our raffle at the holiday luncheon in December. We provide scholarships for local re-entry women and the donations help us greatly.

Thanks go to Chardonnay Sailing, Hilton Hotel Scotts Valley, Artisans Gallery, Shopper's Corner, Laili Restaurant, Palapas Restaurant, Café Cruz, Linda's Seabreeze Café, Roaring Camp Railroad, Alfaro Family Winery, Dharma's Restaurant, Ristorante Italiano, Pottery Planet, Palace Arts, Azhar Hair Design, Walnut Avenue Café, The Buttery, Carrie Van Hee, Pacific Cookie Company, and The Bagelry.

Our support of these businesses is a great way to thank them for their generosity!

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. The February book is The Art Forger by B.A. Shapiro, the meeting will be on the 4th of February at 7 p.m at the home of Mary Maier. Contact Mary at 462-2764 for more details/directions/etc .

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, leader Carole Beckett. This group reads two books each month. The next meeting is February 27th at 1 p.m. at the home of Lois Trabing (139 Carol Ave, Santa Cruz, 423-9113, loistrabing@comcast.net). and the books are The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, and Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, leader Dottie Smith, beechebyte@sbcglobal.net. This group reads one book each month. The next meeting, discussing The Hare with Amber Eyes by deWaal will be on February 27th at 1 p.m. at the home of Dottie Smtih.

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater group will be meeting on February 10. Contact interest group chairperson, Barbara Lewis, at 335-7816, if interested in joining Readers Theater and for further information.

Lunch Bunch

This is a really fun thing to do. Andrea Losee (alosee@cruzio.com) arranges for the group to have lunch monthly at a variety of local restaurants. Some are fabulous, some are an interesting experience, the company is always the very best! Contact Andrea for February details.

Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Marline Bushey. Contact her for details mbushey1@yahoo.com, 425-1491. We are looking for NEW MEMBERS!



Dining Out

This is a lot like Lunch Bunch except it's in the evening and spouses/partners are included. Janet Bostrom is the new coordinator, and the group enjoys fine dining and socializing at local restaurants one evening a month. Janet's email is bozobostrom@gmail.com.

The schedule from now until June is:

—February 19th - Pino Alto in Aptos (Cabrillo College Culinary School)

—March 19th - Pearl of the Ocean in Santa Cruz (Indian)

—April 16th - Rosie McCann's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Santa Cruz (Irish pub)

—May 21st -Lago Di Como in Santa Cruz (Italian)

—June 18th - Paradise Beach Grille in Capitola (Seafood)

All dinners are at 6:30 PM. Please let Janet know if you will be attending at least 2 days before the dinner. She will send out reminders and directions a week before.

Walking Group

The Walking/Hiking Group meets at 9:30 am on the first and third Friday of the month.

—February 7- Pleasure Point-with a planning meeting of future hikes to follow

—February 21- Trails at Henry Cowell

We welcome anyone interested in an hour long leisurely hike to join us. For more information email Andrea Losee-alosee@cruzio.com.

Great Decisions

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 all Lois Holcomb at 688-0541.

The Morning Great Decisions - Foreign Policy: We're a lively, diverse group. New members and interested visitors are welcome. We meet 10 am, second and fourth Fridays. Our next meeting will be on February 14 to discuss **Israel, Iran, The Arab Spring**. The Arab Spring, Palestine, Israel's decision to cold-shoulder Washington are creating new problems. How will the US go forward? Contact Vickie Birsdall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt graceger@sbcglobal.net for further details.



Branch Schedule

2014



February 3 Board Meeting 10 a.m., Goodwill Conference Room, Santa Cruz
February 22 IBC/Public Policy Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Appleton Grill, Watsonville

March 3 Board Meeting 10 a.m., Goodwill Conference Room, Santa Cruz
March 22 Program: LAF, Luncheon 11:30 a.m., UCSC

April 7 Board Meeting 10 a.m., Goodwill Conference Room, Santa Cruz
April 11-13 State Convention, Los Angeles
April 26 Film, Miss Representation, SCCC Foundation

May 5 Board Meeting 10 a.m., Goodwill Conference Room, Santa Cruz
May 17 Local Scholarships and Installation of Officers, Luncheon 11:30 a.m., Seascape Resort

June 2 Last Board Meeting 10 a.m., Brunch, location TBD
June 22 Picnic, Paradise Park

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.

Educational Foundation / AAUW Funds

Make checks payable to
 AAUW FUNDS and send to
Dottie Fry

Legal Advocacy Fund / AAUW Funds

Make checks payable to
 AAUW FUNDS and send to
Rosemary Anderson

Local Scholarships

Make checks payable to
 AAUW-LS and send to
Jeanne Jorgensen

Tech Trek (Girls Science Scholarships)

Make checks payable to
 AAUW-CA SPF and send to
Jeanne Jorgensen



In Memory of/In Honor of _____
 Send announcement to _____
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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Membership News

Board Positions 2014-2015

The Board needs officers for some positions for 2014-15.

These positions are not demanding in time and are an excellent way to get involved. Our local AAUW provides service opportunities, book groups, bridge groups, foreign policy discussions, walking groups, speakers on important women's issues.

Current openings include Treasurer, Program VP, Public Policy, Historian, Publicity.

Please help us continue our valuable work. It's interesting, it's fun, it's important. Contact Grace Gerbrandt grace-ger@sbcglobal.net for more info or to volunteer.



Hospitality

Pat Jackson has moved to Dominican Oaks, *Natalie Oliver* has had surgery and has moved to Dominican Oaks, also. *Lynn Raadik* has come home from a hospital stay and is now recovering from a bout of pneumonia.. *Marilyn Brenner* is having knee surgery and would appreciate a kind word. Ladies, get your flu shot, if you haven't already done so.

-Anne McCallum, Hospitality.

Editor's note: Please let [Anne McCallum](#) know if you hear of anyone who needs a kind thought or some cheering up.

Tel. 465-1840.

A Warm Welcome to our New Member Holly Edwards Duby!

Holly's contact info:

628 Meadow Rd. Aptos, CA 95003

phone: 688-1903

email: hollyme@charter.net

Membership Number

Forgot your membership Number? Our membership Treasurer, Margaret Schraft can look it up for you. Email her at mkschraft@gmail.com or call her at 438-3680.

Miscellaneous

Keeping in Touch! If you move, get a new phone number or email address, please let the Editor know: dwal-lace@karonproperties.com, 831-325-9948. The newsletter editor, membership team and directory editor all work together to keep our roster current. Changes will appear in the next issue of The Beacon so you can update your Directory.

Tax Deduction! AAUW members may deduct \$46 of their annual national dues from their taxes. The remaining \$3 is not tax-deductible because it supports lobbying and get-out-the-vote activities.

