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# The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

May 2015



## AAUW Santa Cruz County: Let's Make our Voices Heard! It's Time to Vote!

Online voting began April 15 and ends June 19. You should have received an email from National on April 15th to guide you through the process.

At our May 23rd meeting, we will have laptops available for anyone who would like assistance or expedience in the online voting process.

Are you ready to cast your vote for AAUW's future? Learn about the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, and find details on the proposed changes to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>. It's your AAUW, so make your voice count.

### [Candidates for the 2015-17 AAUW Board of Directors](#)

It's time to meet the candidates! When voting opens on April 15, members will select the AAUW president, vice president, and 10 directors.

### [Application for Appointment to the 2015-17 AAUW Board of Directors](#)

After the election, the new board appoints three additional directors. Applications for appointments closed May 1.

### [AAUW National Election Voter Guide](#)

Find out what's on this year's ballot: proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program, proposed amendments to the AAUW Bylaws, and candidates for national office. This information was also printed in the Spring/Summer 2015 issue of Outlook recently mailed to all members.

### [AAUW National Election FAQ](#)

Got a question? Find the answer in our detailed election FAQ.



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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

I can't believe it's already May. I would say that 2015 is simply flying by, except there has been nothing simple about it. What a year it's been thus far.

Due to the Gala, our annual business meeting was postponed until the May meeting, when we will hold our election of officers and approve the 2015-2016 budget. There is also still time to vote in the national election. There are some extremely important changes being proposed, with the possibility of changing the face of our organization. Remember: one member, one vote. The process is simple; just follow the directions in the e-mail you received from the national office.

This is also the first year that you will be able to renew your membership online through the national website. The national office will be sending you an e-mail for this as well. Those of you who still receive the Beacon in hardcopy through the US Postal Service will still be able to renew the way you always have.

You won't want to miss the May meeting at Seascape. We will meet our scholarship recipients from Cabrillo College and UCSC. We will hold our annual business meeting, followed by the installation of officers. There will also be a silent auction of the bottles of wine and Martinelli's that were leftover from the Gala. It's going to be fun and busy meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Judy Cavin Brown*  
 President,  
 AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch



# Annual Business Meeting, May 23rd

In conjunction with our Local Scholarships Luncheon  
at Seascape Resort, 11:30am–2pm

## Slate of Officers for 2015-16

Thanks to those who have volunteered to serve as officers on the Board for 2015-16! We will be voting on this slate at our May 23rd Business meeting.

President  
President-Elect  
Branch Treasurer  
Secretary

Judy-Cavin Brown  
Grace Gerbrandt  
Lynn Cummins  
Louanne Ellison-Cole

### Vice-Presidents

Legal Advocacy  
Membership  
AAUW Funds  
Program

Lorraine Margon  
Rosemary Anderson  
Geri Williams & Kathy Oing  
Donna Erickson

## Appointed Officers for 2015-16

By-laws & IBC Liaison  
Local Scholarships  
Tech Trek  
Public Policy  
Publicity  
Hospitality  
Historian  
Directory Editor  
Communications  
Beacon Mailing

Lois Holcomb  
Jeanne Jorgensen  
Jane Amaral (seeking Co-Chair)  
Kathy Donovan  
Jeanne Jorgensen  
Anne McCallum  
Bettye Pina  
Roberta Sosbee  
Debra Wallace  
Liz Thorington



## AAUW Santa Cruz Branch Proposed Budget For 2015 - 2016

To be discussed & voted upon at our 5/23 business meeting

<b>Estimated Balance Forward</b>	\$3020.00
<b>Anticipated Income</b>	
Dues Based on 115 Members (based on \$84/member)	9660.00
Directory Ads	100.00
Miscellaneous Donations	100.00
<b>Total Funds Available (1st of fiscal year)</b>	12,880.00
<b>Expected Expenses</b>	
National Association Dues	5,635.00
California Dues	2,300.00
IBC Dues	25.00
EF Assessment	60.00
Beacon Printing and Supplies	200.00
Directory	300.00
Liability Insurance	450.00
Convention Reimbursement	1,000.00
Meeting Space Rent	120.00
Administration (stamps, paper, misc.)	250.00
<b>Total Budget Expenses</b>	10,340.00
<b>Estimated balance at end of year</b>	\$2,540.00

Budget note: We expect to be using the national website for members to join and renew very soon. That would mean that our line items numbers would change, but not the bottom line. Once the directory goes on our website, there should be very little expense involved with its publication. Our meeting space is to be determined for next year, but there may be a small expense involved with it.



### To our 2014-2015 Board!

#### President

Judy Cavin Brown

#### President-Elect

Grace Gerbrandt

#### Vice Presidents

##### Membership

Linda Owens

##### Legal Advocacy

Rosemary Anderson

##### Branch Treasurer

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# Local Scholarships News



We have chosen our scholarship recipients for this year. From Cabrillo we have selected Karina Rocha, Teresa Fernandez, Jessica Starkes, Katie Marlow and Jenelle Cross. From UCSC We have chosen Heidi Stauffer, Rachel Zueches, Tonje Switzer and Darshani Alasar. All have been invited to the luncheon on May 23rd and we look forward to hearing their stories.

Keep donations coming to support this great program so we can continue to help re-entry women achieve their dreams. Send tax deductible donations to: Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.

After reading essays and interviewing nearly 30 girls throughout Santa Cruz County we chose five girls to send to Stanford's Tech Trek camp this July. Gabriela Rivas and Halle Katz are from New Brighton, Lucy Meza is from Shoreline and Brooke Moreno and Alexia Perez are from Lakeview School.

The girls will meet each other and girls from Monterey and Salinas at an ice cream social on June 27th at Ginny Miller-Lohr's house.

To support next year's girls, send checks made out to AAUW-CA-SPF to Jane Amaral, 409 Larkin Valley Rd., Watsonville, 95076.



## LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE WHO WANT A REWARDING JOB IN AAUW -----



Jeanne and Jane are seeking two members to coordinate the Tech Trek program for our branch. The program is set up to take over with ease. Contacts are set with schools, and a state timeline and procedure ensures that the program is accessible and easy to follow. We will work with you and guide you through the selection process.

We hope a few members will consider teaming up to coordinate the program for 2016.

Thank you for your wonderful monetary support again this year. We are able to send five fortunate girls to the Math/Science camp at Stanford in July!

Sincerely,  
Jane and Jeanne

# AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE

This was a busy week in Washington. AAUW joined over 30 organizations to kick off a month of action to speak out about policies that impact the economic security of women and families. These include paid sick days, paid family and medical leave, and pay equity - policies that AAUW advocates for every day. With our continuing work in Washington, DC and your support across the country we know these policy priorities can be [#MissionPossible!](#)

AAUW's Vice President for Government Relations, Lisa Maatz [spoke](#) about AAUW's work for equal pay and ending campus sexual assault during a press conference on Capitol Hill. She was joined by champions like Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), who rallied the group discussing several of her key pieces of legislation - the Paycheck Fairness Act, the Healthy Families Act, and the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act. As well as Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who reminded us all that, "When women succeed, America succeeds." The AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps made visits to the House of Representatives on Thursday about the FAMILY Act - and were joined by AAUW VA members for their annual federal lobby day.

But you don't have to be in Washington to make an impact on these important issues! You can always use AAUW's 2-Minute Activist tool to send a message to your members of Congress to make sure your voice is heard in support of [paid sick days](#), [paid family and medical leave](#), and [pay equity](#).

Thank you for everything you do.

Anne Hedgepeth

Government Relations Manager

## Top Stories

### U.S. Department of Labor Issues New Guidance on Insurance Coverage of Birth Control

Following the recent [reports](#) that health insurance plans were limiting their coverage of contraception, the Obama administration issued [clarifying guidance](#) this week, stipulating that insurance companies are required to cover all FDA-approved birth control methods for women without charging a copay. Additionally, the guidance emphasized that insurance plans must provide coverage for contraceptive-related clinical services, which include education and counseling.

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The House [passed](#) H.R. 36, an anti-choice bill that would ban abortions after 20 weeks. It has narrow exceptions for rape survivors, requiring adult survivors to report the sexual assault to law enforcement. It also would impose up to five years in prison for healthcare providers who violate the 20-week ban for any reason. AAUW joined coalition members in sending a [letter](#) to members of the House of Representatives, stating our opposition to the bill on the grounds that it is an unconstitutional and dangerous limitation that puts women's health at risk.

### On a Lighter Note...

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Audre Lord, bell hooks, or Gloria Steinem? Take the [quiz](#) and see which feminist icon you are!

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## 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.



## May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	11 1-3pm Reader's Theater	12	13 1-3 Mahjong!*	14	15	16
17	18	19 4pm Investment Group *	20 1-3 Mahjong!*	21	22 10am Great Decisions*	23 11:30am Local Scholarships event
24 31	25 	26	27 1-3 Mahjong!*	28 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2*	29	30

## June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am Board Meeting 7pm Great Decisions	2 7pm Evening Books*	3 1-3 Mahjong!*	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 1-3 Mahjong!*	11 11:30 Lunch Bunch*	12 10am Great Decisions*	13
14	15	16	17 1-3 Mahjong!*	18 National Convention, San Diego	19 National Convention, San Diego	20 National Convention, San Diego
21 National Convention, San Diego	22	23 4pm Investment Group *	24 1-3 Mahjong!*	25 1pm Books Sec. 1	26 10am Great Decisions*	27 Tech Trek ice cream social f/ girls
28	29	30				



## 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 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 Goldfinch By Donna Tartt

Reviewer: TBD Hostess: Marilyn Brenner 5/5

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

The Afternoon Book Group will meet on May 23 at the home of Andrea Losee, 1170 Edmar Lane, Santa Cruz 95062. Her email is [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto:alosee@cruzio.com) and her phone is 662-3010. Our book is *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Discussion will be led by Beth Svec. Please RSVP. We will also be choosing the books for next year.

Our June meeting is planned for June 25. I think the hostess will be Marian Disperati, but she has been ill and wasn't sure she would be able to do it. Hopefully that will be firmed up at the May meeting.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, leader Dottie Smith, [beebyte@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beebyte@sbcglobal.net). This group reads one book each month and is currently at capacity. They will consider adding additional members in the fall.

May 28, In Falling Snow by Mary Rose McCall @Phyllis Taylor's  
No meeting in June, recommence in September.

### Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater group will not be meeting in June, over the summer or in September (Barbara will be attending the Shakespeare Festival in OR). The group will recommence October 19, which is the third Monday of the month and meeting on the third Monday for the months that follow. This is a change of date for the AAUW calendar. 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 welcome to join us. Contact Andrea Losee at [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto:alosee@cruzio.com) for 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!**

### Mahjong!

Now meeting every Wednesday from 1 to 3 PM. Anyone who is planning to attend should call Janet Bostrom (440-9294) before hand so that she can set up the right number of tables.

**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 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).

### Morning Great Decisions

*Great Decisions* is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Each meeting focuses on a critical foreign policy issue facing the US. The Great Decisions booklet provides background information for our lively discussions. We're a friendly, diverse group. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Morning Great Decisions will recommence in the fall. For questions in the meantime, please contact Contact Vickie Birdsall [vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com](mailto:vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com) or Grace Gerbrandt [graceger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graceger@sbcglobal.net).

### Evening Great Decisions

Evening Great Decisions had an incredible run...since 1998. Gratitude to Laina Farhat-Holzman for doing these informative lectures for 17 years and to Lois Holcomb for coordinating it all those years!

### Want to know more about investing?

The Women's Investment Network (WIN), which was started by AAUW members, has openings for new members. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 4 - 5:30 PM near Costco. We are affiliated with NIAC (National Association of Investment Clubs). We study stocks and the markets and invest a small amount of money (minimum \$30 per month). For further information, call Sue Kleibrink at (831) 425-8560 or email Audrey Fieberling at [anfieb@yahoo.com](mailto:anfieb@yahoo.com). Come and visit one of our meetings!





# Branch Schedule



## 2015

**May**      **23**      Luncheon Meeting (LS & Annual Mtg)      Seascape Resort

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**June**      **1**      Board Brunch Meeting      CFSCC  
   **Incoming & Outgoing Board Members**  
**18-21** National Convention      San Diego  
**28**      Annual BBQ / Picnic      TBD

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**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.

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