



**Empowering Women  
since 1881**

**Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women**

**December 2014**

**AAUW Monterey Bay Interbranch Council Annual Meeting**  
**Featuring: Women in STEM-The Journey**



**Saturday, February 28, 2014**  
**11:30am—2:00 pm**  
**Bayonet & Black Horse Golf Course**  
**1 McClure Way**  
**Seaside, CA 93955**

Presented by: **Drs. Jennifer Rhatigan and Claudia Luhrs**—both women in the STEM fields, and faculty members at the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, CA.

Dr. Rhatigan has recently retired after a distinguished career at NASA, most recently holding the NASA chair @ NPS. She and her husband, a retired astronaut, live in Carmel Valley.

Dr. Luhrs, a member of the Monterey Peninsula branch of AAUW, has national and international credentials in the field of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Her field of research and teaching involves nanostructured functional materials. (Surely she will explain what that means to all of us).

We are honored that such exemplary women have agreed to share their journey with us.

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each. Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Menu: Please mark your CHOICE of Stuffed Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_  
OR Vegetarian entrée \_\_\_\_\_.

All lunches include organic green salad, chocolate cake and iced tea/lemonade.

Member name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP by Feb. 20

\*\*\*\*(all reservations must be pre-paid and are non-refundable)

Checks made out to: AAUW-MPB  
Mail to: Jane Di Girolamo at 665 Park St., Salinas, CA 93901-1352

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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

Isn't the rain marvelous? It seems as though December and winter are traveling together this year. What a timely arrival.

Our home is decorated for the holiday season. In our home the celebration is of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. In your home it may be Chanukah, or another type of observance. Whatever beliefs you adhere to, the one thing that should ring true with all is that it is considered a time of peace.

Unfortunately, there are not many places in the world where this actually rings true. Many in the world, even in our prosperous nation, struggle to survive each and every day.

For some the issue is a lack of means. They haven't enough to eat, or a way to keep warm and dry. Many struggle with mental and emotional health issues. Many are extremely lonely. There are many in the world who are persecuted simply for being alive. Many service men and women are serving in areas of the world in active conflict. Many feel that they can never have enough, so they take from those who do not have enough. This is not a world of peace; not even for a season.

This is also supposed to be a season of giving. It's easy to give to loved ones, but what about those we don't even know? Many of us think that our finances prevent us from being generous, but generosity doesn't come with a price tag.

One of my prayers this season is that the world would know the peace made available to us so long ago; and that everyone would have enough.

Be giving this season. Share with those you may never even meet. Give what you can. Give of your time. Give a smile. Give a prayer. Be giving this season and who knows what you might receive.

*Judy Cavin Brown*

President, AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch





## Local Scholarship News

### Annual Local Scholarships Holiday Luncheon

We had another successful Holiday Luncheon at Seascape Golf Course on December 6, 2014. 65 reservations were made and almost all were able to be there. Attendees were very generous in purchasing raffle tickets, crafts, books and white elephants. Fiat Musica was in fine voice and the profit (just under \$1800) will be used to send scholarship money to re-entry women at UCSC and Cabrillo College. Thanks to all who made this happen: Jean Smith, Lee Gilbert, Kyra DeBiaso, Carol de Lauder, Carol Schmidt, Liz Thorington, Joan Schwimmer, Mary Lou Stewart & all who we have missed!

Mark your calendars for the next fund raiser, a Shadowbrook night, **February 10th** when the restaurant will donate 33 1/3% of the tab spent to our scholarship fund.

Note re tax-deductible information: in the Directory the tax id number is incorrect. It should be: 11-3699781.)

Best wishes from Jeanne Jorgensen & Dorothy Patrick, Local Scholarship chairs.

Click here for full size photos of the festivities: [Holiday Photos](#)



## News from Tech Trek:



Jane Amaral & Jeanne Jorgensen, chairs of Tech Trek, were able to attend a luncheon in Foster City this month where most of the branch people who send girls to Tech Trek, Camp Curie, were able to meet each other and the new camp director. The overview of the program made attending this fine camp so appealing, we wish you all could have attended. The girls who go to Stanford for a week have such a wonderful science/technology/mathematics/engineering treat in store for themselves. **Thanks to three members who made significant contributions to this fine program this past month: Lois Holcomb, Mary Lou Stewart and Natalie Oliver.** We hope many more of you will be able to make contributions as well.

Please send any donations to AAUW-CA-SPF & mail to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

### Hospitality:

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



# AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE

December 12, 2014

Excerpts from an email from [Lisa Maatz](#), Vice President of Government Relations

This past year—and this past week, especially—has pretty much been a national teach-in on the issue of campus sexual violence.

For all the [attention](#) that's been paid to the [Rolling Stone article](#) about [gang rape allegations](#) at the University of Virginia, I fear that many commentators, school officials, students, and others who care about campus safety do not understand that [schools have a legal responsibility](#) to respond to campus sexual assault as a civil rights issue.

As I wrote in the [Huffington Post](#) this week, schools' role in responding to campus sexual assault is essential, because students' civil rights—an equal opportunity to education—are on the line. Rampant sexual violence creates a campus climate that is hostile to students, especially women. When students aren't safe, they can't learn. Civil rights are violated, and schools are on the hook.

That isn't just my opinion; the federal law known as [Title IX](#)—which AAUW strongly advocated for and continues to promote vigorous enforcement of—prohibits such sex discrimination in all federally funded educational programs. The problem at hand is not whether schools have a role to play but rather that some schools are not meeting their requirements under Title IX—rules that have been around for more than 40 years.

Smart schools understand that Title IX, successfully implemented, is the very tool they need to improve campus climates for everyone. Title IX isn't a new kid on the block; what's new is the increased attention being put on campus sexual assault by students, advocates, the U.S. Department of Education, Congress, and the media, combined with the increasing pressure on universities to face up to their responsibilities.

[It's on all of us](#) to keep the spotlight bright to help ensure that all schools follow the law and protect students' civil rights. We must hold schools accountable—one way to do this is by checking a school's annual security report, which explains its compliance with new campus safety regulations that were [finalized](#) in October.

Consider stopping by the website of your alma mater, local college or university, or the school your kids/friends/relatives attend, and type in "annual security report" in the search bar. The report should show up and have been updated on or by October 1. [Visit AAUW's blog](#) to learn more about what information to look for in these security reports.

AAUW will continue to lead on this issue and work with our allies to ensure students' civil rights are protected, and I will continue to keep you up to date. Thank you for your support.

Yours in AAUW,  
Lisa M. Maatz  
Vice President of Government Relations

## Top Stories

### For the First Time, FBI Releases Hate Crime Statistics Motivated By Gender, Gender Identity

On Monday, the FBI [released](#) its annual publication *Hate Crime Statistics 2013* detailing reported hate crimes by states, cities, towns, and colleges and universities. For the first time, this report [included](#) data on hate crimes motivated by gender and gender identity, as required under the [Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act](#). The report indicated there were 18 gender bias-motivated incidents nationwide, 13 of which were anti-female. The report also revealed that the total number of hate crimes in 2013 decreased from 6,573 to 5,928 incidents, the lowest number of reported incidents since 1991 (the first year of reporting). While the hate crimes statistics are useful, many jurisdictions reported incomplete or inaccurate data, indicating there is still work left to be done to capture the scope of the problem nationwide.

### House Narrowly Passes \$1 Trillion Government Funding Bill

On Thursday evening, 162 Republicans and 57 Democrats in the House teamed up to [approve](#) a massive spending bill to avoid another government shutdown. The bill includes good, bad, and ugly provisions for AAUW public policy priorities. The bill will increase funding for [Pell grants](#), which AAUW supports, but will also increase funding for [abstinence-only education](#) and allow individuals to circumvent long-standing campaign finance laws—two policies AAUW strongly opposes. The \$1 trillion spending bill will now move on to the Senate and is [expected to pass](#) as early as tonight. The Obama administration [indicated](#) yesterday that it supports the funding bill in spite of what it called "the inclusion of ideological and special interest riders."

### Senators Vocalize Support for Title IX at Hearing on Campus Sexual Violence

A Senate Judiciary subcommittee held a [hearing](#) on Tuesday to examine the issue of campus sexual violence. AAUW attended the hearing, in which senators vocalized their support for Title IX and stressed the need for schools to follow the law. Senators also discussed strategies to improve the response of local law enforcement and their coordination and communication with schools.

### AAUW Cheer of the Week

In what might be our first posthumous "Cheer of the Week," today we recognize Albert Einstein, who we recently learned [wrote a letter of support](#) to Nobel Laureate Marie Curie in 1911 when she was denied a seat as a physicist in the French Academy of Sciences. Einstein wrote that he was "so enraged by the base manner in which the public is presently daring to concern itself with you" and that he considered "himself lucky to have made [Curie's] personal acquaintance."



## December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14	15	16  Hannukah begins	17	18 1pm Books Sec. 2*	19	20
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## January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 10am Board Meeting 7pm PM Great Decisions*	6 7pm Evening Books*	7	8 11:30am Lunch Bunch* 2pm Mahjong!	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 9:30am Walking Group*	17
18	19	20	21	22 1pm Books Sec. 1*	23 10am Great Decisions*	24
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## 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 January book will be *A Fighting Chance* by Elizabeth Warren; reviewer is Carol DeLauder and we will meet at Jeanne Jorgensen's, 270 19th Ave., 477-7025 on January 6.

**Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One**, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email [cabeckett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cabeckett@sbcglobal.net) for January 22 at 1 p.m. at the home of Janet Bostrom, 1 Tankers Road, Scotts Valley. 440-9294 or [bozobostrom@gmail.com](mailto:bozobostrom@gmail.com). The book is *Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA* by Brenda Maddox, reviewed by Barbara Lewis.

**Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two**, leader Dottie Smith, [beechbyte@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beechbyte@sbcglobal.net). This group reads one book each month. The December meeting will be on Thursday, December 18 at 1:00 at the home of Karen Green. The book is *Someone* by Alice McDermott. Please RSVP to Karen Green, 688-7520. Please contact Dottie for January book and meeting information.

### Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group meets 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. Lunch Bunch will meet on the second Thursday, January 8th at Cafe Carbonero in Scotts Valley. Contact Andrea Losee at [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto:alosee@cruzio.com) for more information.

**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 leader Linda Owens, 408-204-0408, [jowens7069@aol.com](mailto:jowens7069@aol.com) for the time and place of the next outing.

### Walking Group

Our walks are about 60 to 90 minutes on easy to moderate trails. We will be walking at Pleasure Point, January 16th. For more information, contact Andrea Losee [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto:alosee@cruzio.com).

### Great Decisions

The Evening Great Decisions meets 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

Our eight week series begins Friday, January 23 at 10 am with the timely subject *Privacy in the Digital Age*. We're a friendly group with lively, diverse opinions. New members and interested visitors are most welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall [vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com](mailto:vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com) or Grace Gerbrandt, [graceger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graceger@sbcglobal.net).



# Branch Schedule



**2014-2015**

<b>January</b>	<b>5</b>	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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<b>February</b>	<b>2</b>	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	<b>10</b>	Local Scholarships Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
	<b>28</b>	Luncheon Meeting (IBC)	Blackhorse & Bayonet Golf Course, Seaside
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<b>March</b>	<b>2</b>	Board Meeting	TBD
	<b>14</b>	Annual Business (LAF)	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>	Gala Celebration	UCSC
	<b>18</b>	State Meeting	So Cal
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<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	<b>16</b>	Luncheon Meeting (Local Scholarships)	Seascape Resort
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<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	Board Brunch Meeting	CFSCC
	<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.

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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.