



Empowering Women
since 1881



The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

December 2015

AAUW Santa Cruz County Presents: Local Scholarships Fundraiser



*Enjoy an evening of fine dining with friends and
Local Scholarships will receive 1/3 of the revenue from our meals!*

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Dinner at your Leisure

Shadowbrook Restaurant

1750 Wharf Road

Capitola, CA 95010

*Call the Shadowbrook at 831-475-1511 to make
reservations for February 9th or book a table for your
party online: [http://www.shadowbrook-
capitola.com/home/home.php](http://www.shadowbrook-capitola.com/home/home.php)*

*Be sure to mention AAUW when you make your
reservation.*

*If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy
Patrick: dorothypat@yahoo.com*

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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

Here we are in a time often called the season of miracles, especially if you buy into all those Hallmark Christmas movies. Those who know me well find it completely incongruous for me to watch said movies, as I am not drawn to cute and sappy things.

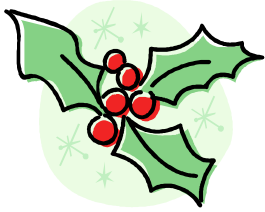
However, this season of holidays truly draws on the miraculous in origin. At least it does in relation to the holidays with which I am most familiar. My very dear Israeli friend is at this moment celebrating Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights. The miracle here being that one day's worth of oil kept the lamp burning for eight days at a critical juncture for the Jewish people. While she and her family celebrate one miracle, my family and I are celebrating another. We celebrate Christmas, and with it the miraculous birth of the Savior. Talk about a Christmas present.

Yes, I will admit that I like to watch Hallmark Christmas movies. No, they are not my usual choice of entertainment fare. No offense to Hallmark, but they are not high quality cinema. Still, I will watch all of them. Why? There is always a happy ending. Everyone ends up with what they need. Not always what they want, but always what they need. I can watch in total calm knowing this will be the outcome.

Don't you wish life was actually like a Hallmark Christmas movie in that respect? In this season of supposed peace on earth, wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone got what they needed? Not just that they received what they needed, but that they were truly content with it. Talk about peace on earth. That's the end my commercial for Hallmark.

Merry Christmas,

Judy Cavin Brown
 President,
 AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch



Local Scholarship News

Annual Local Scholarships Holiday Luncheon

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



Our Holiday Luncheon at Seascap Golf Course on December 12, 2015 was a great success! A full report to follow in our January Beacon, but your editor couldn't resist including the photos ahead of the report! Many thanks to **Jeanne Jorgensen, Dorothy Patrick, Jean Smith, Lee Gilbert, Mary Lou Stewart** and all who made this a wonderful event!



Membership News

With Sympathy...

Lee Gilbert's husband Dan passed away following a long illness. Priscilla Peter's husband Sid recently passed as well. Thoughts of comfort and peace to Lee & Priscilla at this difficult time.

Well wishes...

Marline Bushey's husband Ralph has been recovering from surgery in the hospital and hopefully will be discharged soon.



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

Local Scholarship News



The Local Scholarship Committee encourages you to SAVE THE DATE February 9, 2016 for an evening out at Shadowbrook Restaurant. Gather friends and reserve tables at this great restaurant where they will give 33 1/3 % of the tab to AAUW Local Scholarships. (Be sure to tell them who you are at that time). Even bar food is part of the program; however, not the Shadowbrook specials of that evening. Thanks to all who came to the Holiday Lunch at Seascapes Golf Course. A full report will be forthcoming.

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.

Tech Trek Note



Your donations are greatly appreciated! Please note the change in payee for Tech Trek donations to **AAUW Funds**. Thank you!

Jane Amaral
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831-359-3357
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AAUW Funds

AAUW Vision Statement:

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

Working within this Vision statement, in 2015, AAUW awarded \$3.7 million dollars to 241 Fellowship and Grant recipients in the U.S., with 25 recipients studying or directing projects in California.

And, because of the generosity of our members and branches, \$509,701.08 was contributed by California in 2014 to the various programs under the AAUW Fund.

Please plan to attend the Santa Cruz Chapter of AAUW's Fund-Raising luncheon this March 12, 2016, at Seascape Resort. Consider bringing a friend and/or potential member for AAUW !

Our Guest Speaker on March 12 will be Rachel Nelson, an AAUW American Fellowship recipient working toward her Ph.D in Visual studies at UC, Santa Cruz. Her research focuses on contemporary art practices that participate in conflicts for power, political representation, economic stability, and racial and social justice.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet and welcome one of the recipients of AAUW Funds. Send in your reservation on the attached flyer - with check made out to: AAUW - don't forget to write Santa Cruz Chapter on the information line at the bottom of your check!

For further information, contact:

Geri Williams, gerisjs@aol.com

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Santa Cruz County Branch AAUW Fund-Raising Luncheon 2016 Benefiting AAUW Funds

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Seascape Resort

One Seascape Resort Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

\$30 per person with reservation; \$35 at the door

Guest Speaker: Rachel Nelson

- Rachel is an American Fellowship recipient working toward her Ph.D in Visual studies at UC, Santa Cruz. Her research focuses on contemporary art practices that participate in conflicts for power, political representation, economic stability, and racial and social justice.

- Invite your guests and join your AAUW friends to hear Rachel and enjoy a delicious luncheon of Roasted Turkey and Avocado Salad with Grapefruit Radish, Organic Greens and Lemon Vinaigrette.

\$30 (a portion will be announced as tax deductible) per person or \$35 at the door

Lunch served at 11:45 a.m.

For additional information please contact Geri Williams (gerisjs@aol.com) or Kathy Oing (irishpml@yahoo.com), co-VP's AAUW Funds

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Number attending _____ x \$30 each = \$_____ (Total Enclosed)
(Your check is your receipt.)

Reservations with payment must be received by **Tuesday, March 8, 2016.**

Cost is \$35 at the door.

Mail completed form and check payable to AAUW (with Santa Cruz County Branch on the information line) to: Geraldine Williams 412 Rio Del Mar Blvd.
Aptos, CA 95003



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Start the New Year Off Right – Empower Women and Girls

December 09, 2015

2015 is coming to a close, and we're taking a moment to look back on everything that AAUW's members and supporters helped accomplish for women and girls this year – as well as look ahead at all we hope to achieve in 2016.

[Donate to AAUW by December 31, and your gift will be matched dollar for dollar](#)

From launching the nation's first free, citywide salary negotiation program for women to expanding our national science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs for girls, AAUW has made great strides toward empowering women and girls in 2015 – and the credit belongs to you!

Now, you have the chance to double your impact in empowering women and girls. [Thanks to the Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle, all donations made to AAUW by December 31 will be doubled, up to \\$40,000.](#)

You can continue AAUW's crucial work to empower women and girls throughout 2016. Just look at what your support has helped us accomplish together this past year:

- We awarded more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to 241 women during the 2015-16 academic year.
- We tackled the gender pay gap on a bigger scale than ever before by launching the AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation program in Boston, which will train more than 85,000 women by 2020.
- We fought to keep students safe from harassment and assault in classrooms and on campus by pushing for enforceable regulations for the Campus Save Act.

- We continued to bring women and girls into STEM fields through our AAUW National Tech Trek Program, AAUW National Tech Savvy Program, and acclaimed *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing* research report.

The fight for gender equality is ongoing, and with an election year ahead, there's so much at stake. There is no better time to join the fight by making a tax-deductible gift to AAUW today! [Double your impact for women and girls. This gift-matching offer expires December 31.](#)

Your support helped drive crucial successes in 2015. In 2016, one of our most important priorities will be preparing for the November election. **We're ramping up our election work to help young women understand what's at stake and why their votes matter.**

Many of the challenges that women and girls face will not only continue but also intensify if we don't act. With your help, we'll be in a strong position in 2016 to continue making America's campuses, boardrooms, and workplaces equal playing fields for all women and girls.

[Please don't miss your chance to make your year-end contribution to AAUW go twice as far. Give today.](#)

Our success – and the success of women and girls around the country – depend on your support. Thanks for standing with us.

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December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	14	15 12pm Bridge*	16	17 1pm Books Sec. 2*	18	19
20	21 1pm Reader's Theater*	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 		

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 10am Board Meeting	5 7pm Evening Books*	6	7 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Sawasdee Thai, Soquel*	8	9
10	11	12 12pm Bridge*	13	14	15	16
17	18 1pm Reader's Theater*	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2*	29 10am Great Decisions*	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 Rosemary Anderson, 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. Spouses, partners and guests are welcome to attend the Dining Out and Evening Gourmet groups.

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 night Book Group will meet on January 5, 2016. This month's book is NIGHTINGALE by Kristen Hannah and Joyce Hopkins will be the reviewer. Our meeting home is TBA. All are welcome to join this lively group. Get in touch with Joan Schwimmer, 408-353-2657, joanschwimmer@hotmail.com for further information. Please RSVP.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email cabeckett@sbcglobal.net;

The Thursday Afternoon Book Group will meet January 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carole Beckett, 353 Henry Cowell Drive, Santa Cruz. Contact her at cabeckett@sbcglobal.net or call 831-457-2992. The book is *Longbourn* by Jo Baker and the discussion leader will be Barbara Lewis.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, leader Dorothy Patrick, dorothypat@yahoo.com. This group reads one book each month.

The Dec. meeting is 12-17 at 1 pm at Jane Eckman's house at 7856 Tania Court, Aptos. We will each bring a favorite poem to share. Bring a wrapped used book for the gift exchange.

On Jan. 28, the meeting will be at Karen Green's house. The book is *Gutenberg's Assistant* by Alex Christie.

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will meet on December 21 and January 18 from 1-3 PM to socialize and engage in play reading at Pat Clark's house. To join and for further information, contact Barbara Lewis, chairperson of this interest group, by telephone at 335-7816 or by email at bobb144@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Join us for lunch at Sawasdee Thai Restaurant in Soquel Village on January 7th. Contact Kathy Oing irishpml@yahoo.com for more information.

Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Marline Bushey. Contact her for details 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.

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.

Morning Great Decisions

Great Decisions: Foreign Policy Group. Our 2016 eight week series begins Friday, January 29, 2016 10am with the topic *Migration*. *Discussion Leader: Vickie Birdsall; Hostess: Grace Gerbrandt*

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs.

We're a friendly group with lively, diverse opinions. New members and visitors are welcome. Contact graceger@sbcglobal.net or vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com.



Branch Schedule

2015-2016



January	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
February	1	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	9	LS Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
	27	Luncheon (IBC)	Seascape Resort
March	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	12	Luncheon (Funds)	Seascape Resort
April	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	9	Luncheon (Business Meeting) (LAF)	
	15-17	State Convention	San Mateo Marriott
May	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	14	Luncheon (Local Scholarships)	Seascape Resort
June	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	26	Annual BBQ/Picnic	



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.



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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 Aptos, CA 95003

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 (Girls Science Scholarships)**

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