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Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

February 2015

AAUW Santa Cruz County LAF Presents: UCSC Title IX Officer Tracey Tsugawa

About Tracey: This past fall, Tracey was appointed the new UCSC Title IX Officer, overseeing compliance with federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in education. Tracey grew up in Santa Cruz and is returning to the Central Coast after 24 years. She comes to UC Santa Cruz from the Vermont Human Rights Commission, where she worked as a civil rights investigator and trainer. Her areas of specialization in Vermont included school bullying and harassment, disability accessibility, and refugee and immigrant issues.

Tracey is also a dedicated educator with almost three decades of graduate and undergraduate teaching experience at colleges and universities in Vermont and Massachusetts. She has taught courses on cross-cultural studies, ethics and leadership, workplace conflict, organizational development, diversity and equity in the workplace, women's studies, Asian American studies, and environmental justice. She has also worked as a diversity/cultural competency trainer and consultant for public and private organizations. She has a B.A. from Oberlin College and a M.Ed. from the University of Massachusetts at Am-

Topic: Tracey will address the changes and impact of new state and federal laws and regulations related to sexual violence and sexual assault on college campuses -- the legal and practical challenges. Also, she will talk about the work of the UC Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault, both on a local UCSC level as well as system-wide.

Saturday, March 14, 2015

11:30am–2:00 pm

The Community Foundation

Solari Room East

7807 Soquel Drive

Aptos, CA 95003

We look forward to you joining us for this timely and important topic and welcoming Tracey back to the Santa Cruz community.

Mail this form or a sheet of paper with the relevant information to reserve your box lunch! **Deadline is March 9**. Make your check payable to AAUW Santa Cruz and send to Rosemary Anderson, 14 Parkwood Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076.

A Classic Box Lunch from Erik's Deli will be served with a whole sandwich, potato salad & chocolate chip cookie; coffee & tea also included.

Please check your choice of:

_____ RIO GRANDE CLUB: Turkey breast, hickory smoked bacon & pepper jack cheese with Erik's guacamole, tomatoes, & lettuce served on a toasted ciabatta roll.

_____ DEL MONTE SPECIAL: Avocado & Monterey jack cheese on 9 grain wheat bread, with red onions, tomatoes & sprouts.

Member name _____ Guest name _____

TOTAL at \$15 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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Board News



The next few months are very busy and important ones for not only our branch but in State and National news. Please note; our LAF luncheon will take place on March 14, featuring the new Title IX officer for UC Santa Cruz. Please get your reservations in promptly.

The Gala Committee has been very busy planning our celebration that will take place on April 11, 2015. This promises to be a very memorable event and we would like to have extensive member participation in this historic commemoration. The Gala Evite will be sent to you electronically, so please be on the lookout for it.

While we are still experiencing a record drought, we are fortunate to be shielded from the brutal cold and weather the rest of the nation is experiencing. We look forward to coming together in March to learn more about what is going on at the state and national level.

May 16th will be our scholarship, branch election and installation of officers meeting and luncheon at Seascape Resort. Mark your calendars now.

-AAUW Santa Cruz Board



Membership News

Save the Date

American Association of University Women Gala

Commemorating 80 Years in Santa Cruz County

Celebrating the Merger of
the Santa Cruz & Watsonville Branches

April 11, 2015

5:00—8:00 pm

UCSC University Center

Member Contact Information Change:

Carol Newman
707 Elm St., Apt. 239
San Carlos, CA 94070

Carpooling to Feb. 28th IBC Event

If you would like to carpool to the February 28th IBC luncheon in Seaside, please call Lois Holcomb at 831-688-0541.

If you move, get a new phone number or email address, please let the Editor know:

dwallace@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.

Our Heartfelt Condolences...



Fellow Member and Friend Judy Bottenberg passed away on Dec . 21st 2014. Judy had esophageal cancer. Judy found out last year that she had cancer and had been battling it with many months of treatment and an operation at Stanford, but lost her battle in December. Our sincere condolences to her family. Judy joined AAUW in 1989 and was active in evening gourmet and dining out. She will be missed.

Our sincere condolences to Trudy Fator and family for the loss of husband Wes. Wes had been ill for quite some time and passed away early this month.

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



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A Warm Welcome to New and Returning Members!

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL:

Live Stream AAUW's *Solving the Equation* Launch

AAUW's latest research report on women in STEM, *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*, will be released on March 26, 2015, with an event and panel discussion at Samsung's new research headquarters in Silicon Valley. We know how much you care about AAUW and our STEM programs, so make sure you [sign up to watch the event as it happens](#).

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. It's your AAUW, so [learn about the candidates](#) and make your voice count.



We have begun the process of finding our campers for next year's Tech Trek Camp at Stanford. We hope to visit more schools now that we are a combined Santa Cruz-Watsonville Branch. We send special thanks to recent donors to this fine program:

Jane Amaral, Sharon Bush, Cathy Chavez-Miller, Lynn Cummins, Donna & George Erickson, Sarah Howell, Jeanne Jorgensen, Anne McCallum, Pat Novakovich, Kathleen Oing, Priscilla Peters, Bettye Pina, Jean Poulos, Nancy Remde, Joan Schwimmer, Mary K Simpson, Phyllis Taylor, Alice Thomas and Debra Wallace.

Remember, it's not too late to add your donation to this fine program. Send checks, made out to AAUW-CA-SPF, to Jane Amaral, 409 Larkin Valley Rd., Watsonville 95076 or Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.

Local Scholarships News

Thanks to all who enjoyed a night out at Shadowbrook on February 10th. We filled many tables and enjoyed good food and fellowship. The total we raised for Local Scholarships isn't known as yet, but will be soon.

We are now in the process of gathering names from UCSC and Cabrillo to choose from for next year's scholarship winners.

If you didn't have a chance to attend and donate to Local Scholarships that way, feel free to make a direct tax deductible donation to AAUW-Santa Cruz County Branch-Local Scholarships and send it to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062.



**This is the only sweet talk we want
this Valentine's Day.**





Budget 101: What the President's New Plan Means for Women

February 04, 2015

Every year, on the first Monday in February, the president sends a budget proposal to Congress. That budget covers the next fiscal year, which begins in October. While Congress will end up passing its own proposal ([or proposals](#)), the president's budget kicks things off. AAUW pays close attention to the president's plan — it's a signal of [where women and girls stand](#) in the administration's work and a place where good ideas often get their start.

This year, in a \$4 trillion FY16 budget from the president, several new initiatives are included. The main focus? [Middle class economics](#). Key to that approach is a rejection of Congress' plans to continue a policy of austerity through cuts or [sequestration](#). AAUW agrees; it's time for Congress to pass and enact a budget that will end the thoughtless cuts and needless harms of sequestration. This must happen by increasing investment in nondefense spending, like education and programs to help working families, in addition to supporting our military.

Outlined [in the State of the Union](#) were several new priorities that the president's budget explains in more detail: free community college for some students, early childhood education and child care, and investments in [paid family leave](#). The measures may not have a high likelihood of becoming part of Congress' budget, but they are certainly proposals that AAUW's supports.

We'll also be watching how Congress reacts to

Investments in the Pell Grant program: The president's budget proposes a maximum grant of [\\$5,775 in school year 2015-16](#) and continues to index Pell Grants to inflation after 2017.

Support for ending campus sexual assault and enforcing Title IX: The Department of Education proposes hiring an additional [200 staff members to help with civil rights enforcement](#), and the Department of Justice would provide [additional grants](#) to focus on campus sexual violence.


Continuing the work of the Department of Labor Women's Bureau: In recent years this bureau, which is the only government department dedicated solely to the needs of working women, has seen [reduced funding](#). The president's budget proposes continuing the current amount, \$12 million, for FY16 and providing additional support to Department of Labor programs to analyze and start [paid family leave initiatives](#) in the states.

What's missing: Unfortunately, the president's budget isn't all positive proposals. The Women's Educational Equity Act, an AAUW priority that authorizes grants to support Title IX compliance, continues to receive no funding. And the administration has again zeroed out support for an effective program to move women into nontraditional fields, the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) grants.

By: [Anne Hedgepeth](#), AAUW Government Relationship Manager



February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9 Reader's Theater*	10 Dine @ Shadowbrook to benefit Local Scholarships, see pg. 3 for details	11 1-3 Mahjong!*	12	13 10am Great Decisions*	14 
15	16 President's Day	17	18 1-3 Mahjong!*	19	20 9:30am Walking Group, Arana Gulch/Harbor.*	21
22	23	24	25 1-3 Mahjong!*	26 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2*	27 10am Great Decisions*	28 11:30am IBC Luncheon, see pg. 1 for details

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 10am Board Meeting 7pm Great Decisions	3 7pm Evening Books*	4 1-3 Mahjong!*	5 11:30 Lunch Bunch, Star of Siam	6 9:30am Walking Group,	7
8	9	10	11 1-3 Mahjong!*	12	13 10am Great Decisions*	14 11:30am LAF event, see pg. 1 for details
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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.

And the Dark Sacred Night By Julia Glass

Reviewer: Dorothy Foglia Hostess: Marilee Werfhorst 3/2

Invention of Wings By Sue Monk Kidd

Reviewer: Joyce Hopkins Hostess: Eileen Buron 4/7

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

February 26 at 1 p.m. at the home of Linda Owens, 440 26th Ave, Santa Cruz. 464-1291 or jowens7069@aol.com. The book is *The Night Listener* by Armistead Maupin, reviewed by Janet Bostrom.

March 26 at 1 p.m. at the home of Lois Trabing, 139 Carol Ave, Santa Cruz. 423-9113 or loistrabing@comcast.net. The book is *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri, no reviewer yet.

April 23 at 1 p.m. at the home of Anne Sherwood, 632 Townsend Dr, Aptos. 688-9753 or annesherwood@comcast.net. The book is *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin*, reviewed by Lois Trabing. May & June info to follow.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, leader Dottie Smith, beechebyte@sbcglobal.net. This group reads one book each month.

Feb.26, *Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin @ Dotty Fry's

March 26, *God's Hotel* by Victoria Sweet @ Pat Nellany's

April 23, *Call to Action* by Jimmy Carter @Lois Holcomb's

May 28, *In Falling Snow* by Mary Rose McCall @Phyllis Taylor's

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group meets for socializing and play reading and will resume April 13. Readers Theater will continue to meet from 1-3 PM on the second Monday of the month in April and May, but will not meet in June. For further information contact Barbara Lewis, 335-7816.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month. On March 5, lunch will be at the Star of Siam. All AAUW members are invited. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Contact Andrea Losee at alosee@cruzio.com for information.

Bridge

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

Walking Group

Our walks are about 60 to 90 minutes on easy to moderate trails. On Friday, February 20th we will walk Arana Gulch to the Harbor Lighthouse. For more information, contact Andrea Losee 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

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.

Our eight week series began Friday, January 23 at 10 am, *Privacy in a Digital Age*.

Friday February 13, *India Changes Course*

Discussion Leader: Grace Gerbrandt,

Hostess Kathy Donovan

Friday, February 27, *Russia's Challenges*

Discussion Leaders: Melisa Walker and Sarita Motove

Hostess: Linda Owens

Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt graceger@sbcglobal.net.



Branch Schedule

2015



February	10	Local Scholarships Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
	28	Luncheon Meeting (IBC)	Blackhorse & Bayonet Golf Course, Seaside
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March	2	Board Meeting	Carriage House, UCSC
	14	LAF Luncheon & Program	CFSCC
	21	Nor Cal Leadership Development	Hayward
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April	6	Board Meeting	Carriage House, UCSC
	11	Gala Celebration	UCSC
	18	State Meeting	Manhattan Beach
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May	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	16	Luncheon Meeting (LS & Annual Mtg)	Seascape Resort
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June	1	Board Brunch Meeting	CFSCC
	18-21	National Convention	San Diego
	28	Annual BBQ / Picnic	TBD



AAUW MORGAN HILL 32nd ANNUAL WILDFLOWER RUN

Sunday, March 29, 2015



Fundraiser for AAUW Funds, Tech Trek and local scholarships for women and girls

10K Run, 5K Run/Walk/Stroller

2K Run for Kids

Family and Group rates

Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill.

Free Jamba Juice Smoothies and T-shirts Details and registration at www.WildflowerRun.org

Register online at racemine.com or active.com or by mail

Reduced registration fees through March 19.



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For more information and giving options, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877-357-5587.





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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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Legal Advocacy Fund / AAUW Funds

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Local Scholarships

Make checks payable to
AAUW-LS and send to
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**Tech Trek
(Girls Science Scholarships)**

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Our Mission is Sound

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.