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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women
January 2015

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



**Saturday, February 28, 2015
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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**President's Message**

The New Year is already in full swing. Before we know it 2015 will be half gone, so enjoy each day to the fullest.

Election of officers will take place in the coming months. Each of the interest groups is asked to contribute one person to serve on the Nominating Committee. No, one person can't cover more than one interest group's responsibility. We have been functioning with a few vacant positions this year; and there will be even more positions to fill for the coming year. If you have a desire to serve our branch in some capacity, please don't wait to be asked, volunteer. If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer, contact Grace Gerbrandt,

The remainder of the year is full of promise. The slate of meetings should be looked forward to with great anticipation. Plans for our gala celebration in April are progressing nicely.

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

Judy Cavin Brown
 President, AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch



Local Scholarships News

AAUW Local Scholarships Fundraiser

Enjoy an evening out at the Shadowbrook on February 10th! To make reservations*, call the Shadowbrook at: 831-475-1511 or book online at: [Shadowbrook Reservations](#); lounge opens at 4pm, dining room at 5pm.

*Dining Out Group members, contact Linda Owens, see below.



As attendees will remember, we had a lovely holiday luncheon that provided fellowship for all and increased our scholarship fund by \$1800.

Mark your calendars for February 10th when we can again enjoy an evening at Shadowbrook and raise money for Local Scholarships. Remember to mention AAUW and they will donate 30% of the bill, including bar food (but not happy hour specials) to AAUW. Gather your friends and make a party!

Donations directly to this fund are always appreciated. Your tax deductible checks should be made out to AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch Local Scholarships and sent to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.

Dining Out Interest Group—February

If you would like to join the dining out group, please contact Linda Owens at JOWENS7069@aol.com. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30. We will begin the New Year on February 10 at the Shadowbrook, in support of our Local Scholarships event mentioned above in Local Scholarship News. Last year, AAUW made \$500! Space fills up quickly, so reservations must be made early. Please email JOWENS7069@aol.com before January 30th. We look forward to seeing you.

News from Tech Trek



We are gearing up for contacting schools to find girls for our wonderful Stanford Mathematics/Science camp this upcoming July. As most of you know, this camp costs \$900 per girl. Jane Amaral and Jeanne Jorgensen will soon send out a general informational letter soliciting donations for this program. Consider supporting one day of camp for a girl. We appreciate all the donations we have recently received; thank you to all of you fine people! And we hope others will join in this branch supported program. Checks should be made out to AAUW CA SPF and sent to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz or Jane Amaral, 409 Larkin Valley Rd., Watsonville 95076.



Membership News

Save the Date!

What: AAUW SC County Gala

Celebrating 80 years

When: April 11, 2015—5:00—8:00 pm

Where: UCSC University Center

Spouses and Guests Welcome

Evite and Reservation Form to follow.



Member contact information changes / corrections:



Karen Green, email address—karenrgreen@gmail.com

Darby Kremers, email address—dkrem1960@aol.com

New Address:

Pat Nellany has moved to 190 Walnut Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Pat's new tel# is 831 345-3447.

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.

Hospitality:

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

Acronym key:

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

IBC (Inter Branch Council)

LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund)

AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE

January 9, 2015

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

Top Stories

President Obama Announces Plan for Free Community College: On Thursday, President Obama [announced](#) a plan to offer free community college tuition to some students for the first two years. If every state participated in the joint federal-state program, the proposal has the potential to help an estimated 9 million students. AAUW research [finds](#) that more women than ever are relying on community colleges as a path to higher education and workforce preparation and that community colleges can help move women toward bachelor's degrees in STEM.

California Sen. Barbara Boxer to Not Seek Re-election in 2016: On Thursday, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) [announced](#) that she will not run for re-election when her term ends in 2016. Boxer, currently the third most senior woman in the Senate, leaves behind a [legacy](#) of pro-choice leadership and advocacy for women and families. In a video interview with her oldest grandson, Boxer said, "I am never going to retire—the work is too important. But I am not going to be running for the Senate in 2016."

Office for Civil Rights Reaches Agreement with Harvard Law School: Last week, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights [announced](#) that it had entered a voluntary resolution agreement with Harvard Law School after finding the school in violation of Title IX for not appropriately responding to student complaints of sexual assault and harassment. The law school has agreed to revise its sexual assault policies and review sexual harassment complaints from the 2012-13 school year. This agreement, which resolves the Office for Civil Rights' longest outstanding complaint, does not affect the ongoing, separate Title IX investigation of Harvard College.

State of the Union: The State of the Union is addressed to all of us—especially the members of Congress sitting in the chamber in front of the president. Before the speech on January 20, read up on the 113th Congress' record on AAUW policy priorities with the [AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record](#)!

Get Social: [Watch](#) and [share](#) this video from AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman about why we need campaign finance reform—after you watch the video, you can also sign the petition for the Democracy for All Amendment!

New Resource: The Women's Bureau [released](#) a fact sheet on state legislation aimed at eliminating pay secrecy. The fact sheet reiterates that employees' inability to discuss salary information with coworkers contributes to the gender pay gap. The Guttmacher Institute [released](#) a report on 2014

state laws affecting reproductive freedom. Just last year, state lawmakers introduced 341 provisions to restrict access to abortion, and 26 of those provisions passed. The report also shows that within the last four years, state lawmakers have passed 231 new abortion restrictions. On a positive note, 95 measures were introduced in 2014 to protect and expand abortion access, the highest number of positive measures in one year since 1990.

The *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* recently [published](#) its annual survey, which shows that elite universities are enrolling more black students, except in states that ban affirmative action in admissions.

The Thomas B. Fordham Institute blog created a [table](#) that breaks down a potential Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization into which provisions will most likely pass, which are uncertain, and which will most likely be eliminated in the new Republican-controlled Congress.

Republicans Introduce Five Anti-Abortion Bills In First Days Of New Congress: click [here](#) for Huffington Post article, 1/8/15 by Laura Basset

Upcoming Local Events Commemorating Roe v. Wade:

The Future of Choice: High stakes politics, deepening disparities & reproductive justice

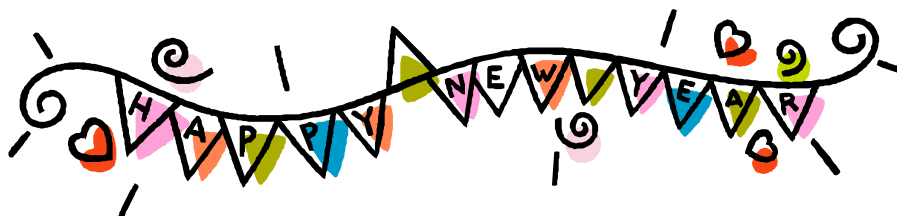
Santa Cruz, CA on January 17 @ 10am: United Methodist Church, 250 California Street. Keynote by Kathy Kneer, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA.

[Reserve in advance](#) or pay at the door. Sliding scale \$10-25

Sex & Politics, a cross generational conversation

Monterey, CA on January 22: In commemoration of the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, LeaPP (Leadership Planned Parenthood) and Planned Parenthood Mar Monte will host an annual luncheon in Monterey. This year it will include the current status of judicial / legislative activity surrounding abortion (and now birth control) by the board chair of the ACLU of Northern California; and a conversation between 22 year old recent college graduate, to represent the millennial generation, a mid-career professional of the sandwich generation and a 92 year old activist from the greatest generation. The panel's conversation will cover the range of attitudes women have encountered to these many years, and to explore which have evolved and which remain stubbornly unchanged.

[Buy Tickets!](#)

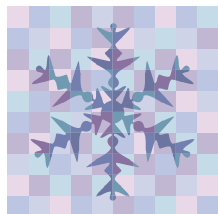


January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 10am Board Meeting 7pm PM Great Decisions*	6 7pm Evening Books*	7	8 11:30am Lunch Bunch*	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 9:30am Walking Group, Pleasure Pt.*	17 10am Pro-Choice Brunch, see pg 5 f/details
18	19	20	21	22 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2*	23 10am Great Decisions*	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 10am Board Meeting	3 7pm Evening Books*	4	5 11:30 Lunch Bunch, Severinos*	6 9:30am Walking Group, Chaminade*	7
8	9 Reader's Theater*	10 Dine @ Shadowbrook to benefit Local Scholarships, see pg. 3 for details	11	12	13 10am Great Decisions*	14 Happy Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20 9:30am Walking Group, Arana Gulch/Harbor.*	21
22	23	24	25	26 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2*	27 10am Great Decisions*	28 11:30am IBC Luncheon, see pg. 1 for details



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. The February book will be White Teeth by Zadie Smith. We will be meeting on February 3rd at Joyce Hopkins (688-2397) on February 3.

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

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, beechbyte@sbcglobal.net. This group reads one book each month.

Jan.22, Wild by Cheryl Strayed @Karen Green's home
Feb.26, Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin @ Dotty Fry's home

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

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

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

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. The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, February 5th at Severino's in Aptos. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Contact Andrea Losee at alosee@cruzio.com for 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, 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. If you are interested in joining the group & trying different restaurants around town, contact leader Linda Owens, 408-204-0408, jowens7069@aol.com. Our next outing will be at The Shadowbrook on Feb. 10th. See page 3 for details.

Walking Group

Our walks are about 60 to 90 minutes on easy to moderate trails. We will be walking at Pleasure Point, January 16th, Friday, February 6th we will walk the trails above Chaminade. 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 begins Friday, January 23 at 10 am, *Privacy in a Digital Age*.

Friday February 13, *India Changes Course*

Friday, February 27, *Russia's Challenges*

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



Branch Schedule

2015



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





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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.*

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