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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

March 2016



Members of AAUW Santa Cruz County:

Please join us on April 9 from 5:45 pm–8:30 pm at the SCCF in Aptos for a boxed meal and screening of “The Hunting Ground” presented by LAF. You will find a reservation form and all details on page 2. Carpooling is available.

We will also be conducting our annual business meeting at the April 9 meeting, voting on our 2016-2017 Board and budget. Please see our slate of officers on page 4 and proposed budget on page 5.



AAUW Santa Cruz County LAF Presents a Screening of:
"THE HUNTING GROUND"

Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 5:45 p.m.

The Community Foundation's Solari Room East

7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

From the makers of *The Invisible War* comes a startling exposé of sexual assault crimes on U.S. college campuses, their institutional cover-ups and the devastating toll they take on students and their families. Weaving together provocative footage and first person testimonies, *The Hunting Ground* follows the lives of several undergraduate assault survivors as they attempt to pursue—despite incredible push back, harassment and traumatic aftermath—both their education and justice. Since its premiere at Sundance, it has been screened at the White House and hundreds of college campuses across the country. The documentary has inspired new laws in New York and California and changes in campus policies.

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LAF Screening of "The Hunting Ground" – Sat. April 9 at 5:45 pm

Mail this form to reserve your seat and your box meal (optional).

RSVP by Friday, April 1, so try to put your form and check into the mail by Wednesday, March 30.

SELECT FROM TWO OPTIONS:

☐ Option #1 – Attend and DO NOT order a box meal – Cost is \$5 per person

☐ Option #2 – Attend and order a box meal (select below) – Cost is \$15 per person

Choose from one of the following Classic Box Meals from Erik's Deli; each served with a whole sandwich, potato salad & chocolate chip cookie; bottled water, coffee & tea also included; cost is \$15 per person:

_____ 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: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Guest name: _____

Total enclosed: _____ x **\$5 per person** = \$_____ (no meal)

_____ x **\$15 per person** = \$_____ (includes meal)

TOTAL AMOUNT = \$_____

Make checks payable to: AAUW Santa Cruz **Mail to:** Lorraine Margon, 329 Canon del Sol, La Selva Beach, CA 95076



CARPPOOLING ARRANGEMENTS: If you need help with carpooling OR if you can provide a ride to someone, please put your address below and we will endeavor to make appropriate connections. Someone will contact you between April 5 and 8 with arrangements.

_____ I need a ride. My address is: _____

_____ I can provide a ride. My address is: _____

Thank you in advance for your support in making this evening event accessible to all.

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**

Isn't this weather marvelous? After an unusually warm and dry February, it's nice to have the much-needed rain.

I appreciate and enjoy the freedoms, rights and responsibilities of being an American citizen. I enjoy participating in the election process. However, I ceased looking forward to election campaigns many years back. Wouldn't it be nice if mudslinging was the exception rather than the rule? I believe part of the problem to be that far too many people actually enjoy the turmoil that ensues, which is also the most likely explanation for so-called reality television. There has to be a more intelligent and more effective method for campaigning. Good luck sifting through the mud to find the truth. That being said...

Our Branch election of officers is just a month away; and people are stepping up to volunteer for positions on the Board. There are only a few spaces left to fill, so don't snooze and lose your opportunity to serve. If you are interested, please left Grace Gerbrandt know before the jobs are all filled.

Have a wonderful month.

Judy Cavin Brown
 President
 AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

Proposed AAUW Board Members 2016-2017

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to serve as officers on the Board for 2016-17! We will be voting on this slate at our April 9th Business meeting.

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| ♦ President | Grace Gerbrandt |
| ♦ President-Elect | <i>needed</i> |
| ♦ Branch Treasurer | Lynn Cummins |
| ♦ Secretary | Kit Hein |

Vice-Presidents

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| ♦ Legal Advocacy | <i>needed</i> |
| ♦ Membership Chair | Louanne Ellison-Cole |
| ♦ AAUW Funds | Geri Williams |
| ♦ Program | <i>needed</i> |

Appointed Positions

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| ♦ By-laws & IBC Liaison | Lois Holcomb |
| ♦ Local Scholarships | Jeanne Jorgensen |
| ♦ Tech Trek | Jane Amaral |
| ♦ Public Policy | Kathy Donovan |
| ♦ Directory Editor | Roberta Sosbee |
| ♦ Historian | Bettye Pina |
| ♦ Publicity | Jeanne Jorgensen |
| ♦ Hospitality | Ann McCallum |
| ♦ Mail Beacon (postal) | Liz Thorington |
| ♦ Communications | Debra Wallace |

We've sure got some "good eggs" on our proposed slate. We just need a few more!



Board Positions 2016-2017

The Board is still in need of officers for some positions for 2016-17. These positions are not demanding in time and are an excellent way to get involved. **Current openings include President-Elect, Program VP & Legal Advocacy VP.** Please help us continue our valuable work. It's interesting, it's fun, it's important.

Contact Grace Gerbrandt graceger@sbcglobal.net for more info or to volunteer.

**AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch
Proposed Budget For 2016-2017
To be discussed & voted upon
at our 4/9 business meeting**

Beginning Balance \$1500.00

Income

Dues (90 members at \$15) \$1350.00
Miscellaneous donations 100.00
Total funds available \$2950.00

Expenses

IBC dues 25.00
AAUW Funds Assessment 60.00
Directory 25.00
Liability insurance 475.00
Beacon printing & supplies 200.00
Convention 1000.00
Administration 250.00
Meeting space rent 120.00
Total expenses \$2155.00

Estimated Ending balance \$795.00



**Convention 2016:
"AAUW California Empowering You"**

**April 15th through April 17th at
the San Mateo Marriott Hotel
1770 S. Amphlett Blvd - San Mateo,
CA**

This year's convention **AAUW California: Empowering You!** will offer more opportunity to feel empowered and encouraged than ever. With four workshop sessions, energizing speakers, and the chance to meet and mingle with AAUW California members from all over the state, you'll be brimming with ideas and flush with optimism!

It's not too late! Four of our members are attending: **Judy Cavin Brown, Jane Amaral, Lynn Cummins and Kit Hein.** The more the merrier.



AAUW MORGAN HILL 33rd ANNUAL WILDFLOWER RUN

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Fundraiser for AAUW Fund, Tech Trek and local scholarships for women and girls.

10K USATF Certified Run

5K Run/Walk/Stroller

Kids' 2K Fun Run

NEW: Senior 2K Run/Walk (ages 60+)

Family and Group rates

Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill.

Free Jamba Juice Smoothies and T-shirts.

Details and registration at **WildflowerRun.org**

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

Reduced registration fees through March 24.



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.

Membership News



*In Memory of
Ralph L. Bushey*



Message from Marline Bushey... Celebrating the life of Ralph Bushey...

Ralph Bushey's (1924 - 2016) Memorial Service will be held on Holy Saturday, March 26th at 3:00 PM. The service will be held in the sanctuary.

On Saturday the 26th of March
3:00 PM. at Messiah Lutheran Church.
801 High St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

There will be a reception in Johnson Hall after the service.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

God's Blessings, Marline



Heartfelt condolences to... Linda Owens on the passing of her husband Jim. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

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

Tech Trek News

The Tech Trek interview team has now completed interviews with fifteen girls at five different middle schools. The next job is to select five girls to attend the Math/Science Camp at Stanford from July 3-9. It will not be an easy task as the girls are all very qualified. Thank you to the interviewers for all their time put into reading the applications and essays and connecting with teachers before going to the schools for the interviews. The volunteers are **Geri Williams, Kit Hein, Joan Rider, Kathy Oing, Bettye Pina** and me.

Thank you to our two latest donors to the Tech Trek program, **Joan Schwimmer** and **Marla Van Cleve**. And again, thanks to all who supported the program this past year.

Sincerely,

Jane Amaral
TT Coordinator

Local Scholarship News

Again thanks to all who enjoyed a night out at Shadowbrook on February 9, 2016. We received \$500 for our Local Scholarship Fund from the restaurant for participating in the Community Night. This event and our Holiday luncheon are our major fundraisers for this worthy fund. Other donations have come in & we would like to thank **Mary Lou Stewart, Mary K Simpson & Audrey Strayer**.

If you wish to contribute directly to the foundation fund or if you wish to contribute to our current account, please send your tax deductible checks to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Save the date, May 12th at Seascape for our Scholarship Award Lunch.





Women's History Month: March 2016

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

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		7pm Evening Books*			1 10am Great Decisions*	2
3	4 10am Board Meeting	5	6	7 11:30 Lunch Bunch, Café Sparrow, Aptos*	8 10am Great Decisions*	9 5:45 pm LAF Event & Annual Business meeting see pg. 2 for details
10	11	12 Equal Pay Day 12pm Bridge*	13	14	15 State Convention	16 State Convention
17 State Convention	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 evening book group will meet on April 5, 2016, at 7:00pm at The Porter Memorial Library on Old San Jose Road, Soquel. We will be discussing JULIET'S NURSE by Lois Leveen. The discussion will be led by Eileen Buron. For directions, please call 462-2764. All are welcome.

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

The Thursday Afternoon Book Group will meet on March 24th, at the home of Lois Trabing, 139 Carol Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95065. Her phone is 423-9113 and her email is loistrabing@comcast.net. The book we will be discussing is *Some Luck*, by Jane Smiley. At this time we do not have a reviewer so we may just have a general discussion of the book.

In April, the meeting will be 28th at 1pm at the home of Jean Gregson, 148 Zinfandel Circle, Scotts Valley. The book for discussion is *Beyond Belief: My Secret Life Inside Scientology and My Harrowing Escape* by Jenna Miscavige Hill. Jean's phone is 831-245-3639 and her email is jeangregson@comcast.net.

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

In March, we meet on March 17 to discuss *Tell the Wolves I'm Home*, by Carol Rifka Brunt. It will be at Dorothy Patrick's house, and the reviewer is Susan Elgin.

On April 28, we meet to review *Children's Crusade* by Ann Packer at Dottie Smith's house. RSVP to Dottie if you cannot attend.

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will not be a meeting in March, but will be meeting April 18 and May 16. To join and for further information, contact Barbara Lewis, chairperson of this interest group, by telephone at 335-7816 or by email at bobbi44@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 Café Sparrow on April 7. 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.

Great Decisions

GREAT DECISIONS is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Our AAUW group is lively and diverse and meets eight times between January and May. Visitors and new members are welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt, graceger@sbcglobal.net.

April 8 TOPIC: KURDISTAN

Discussion Leader: Darby Kremers

Hostess: Kathy Donovan

April 29 TOPIC: CUBA

Discussion Leader: Carol Horner

Hostess: needed

Storytelling Group

In light of our recent IBC Program, if interested in forming a storytelling group to rediscover this ancient art form—please contact Trudie Fator: trudiefator@aol.com



In the United States, Women's History Month traces its beginnings back to the first [International Women's Day](#) in 1911. In 1978, the [school district of Sonoma, California](#) participated in [Women's History Week](#), an event designed around the week of March 8 (International Women's Day). In 1979 a fifteen-day conference about women's history was held at [Sarah Lawrence College](#) from July 13 until July 29, chaired by historian [Gerda Lerner](#).^{[2][3]} It was co-sponsored by Sarah Lawrence College, the [Women's Action Alliance](#), and the Smithsonian Institution.^[4] When its participants learned about the success of the Sonoma County's Women's History Week celebration, they decided to initiate similar celebrations within their own organizations, communities, and school districts.^[3] They also agreed to support an effort to secure a National Women's History Week.^[3]

In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week.^[3] The proclamation stated, "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well. As Dr. [Gerda Lerner](#) has noted, 'Women's History is Women's Right.' It is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage, and long-range vision. I ask my fellow Americans to recognize this heritage with appropriate activities during National Women's History Week, March 2-8, 1980. I urge libraries, schools, and community organizations to focus their observances on the leaders who struggled for equality - [Susan B. Anthony](#), [Sojourner Truth](#), [Lucy Stone](#), [Lucretia Mott](#), [Elizabeth Cady Stanton](#), [Harriet Tubman](#), and [Alice Paul](#). Understanding the true history of our country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all our people. This goal can be achieved by ratifying the 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states that 'Equality of Rights under the Law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.'"^[3] Carter was referring to the [Equal Rights Amendment](#), which was never ratified, not to the amendment which did become the 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution after his presidency.

In 1981, responding to the growing popularity of Women's History Week, Sen. [Orrin Hatch](#) (R-[Utah](#)) and Rep [Barbara Mikulski](#) (D-[Maryland](#)) co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming a Women's History Week. Congress passed their resolution as [Pub. L. 97-28](#), which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as

"Women's History Week."^[4] Throughout the next several years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as Women's History Week.^[4] Schools across the country also began to have their own local celebrations of Women's History Week and even Women's History Month. By 1986, fourteen states had declared March as Women's History Month.^[3]

In 1987, after being petitioned by the [National Women's History Project](#), Congress passed [Pub. L. 100-9](#) which designated the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month.^[4] Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month.^[4] Since 1988, U.S. presidents have issued annual proclamations designating the month of March as Women's History Month.

State departments of education also began to encourage celebrations of Women's History Month as a way to promote equality among the sexes in the classroom.^[4] [Maryland](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [Alaska](#), [New York](#), [Oregon](#), and other states developed and distributed curriculum materials in all of their public schools, which prompted educational events such as essay contests. Within a few years, thousands of schools and communities began to celebrate of Women's History Month. They planned engaging and stimulating programs about women's roles in history and society, with support and encouragement from governors, city councils, school boards, and the U.S. Congress.

In March 2011, the [Barack Obama](#) administration released a report, *Women in America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being*,^[5] showing women's status in the U.S. in 2011 and how it had changed over time.^[6] This report was the first comprehensive federal report on women since the report produced by the [Commission on the Status of Women](#) in 1963.^[6]

Some organizations have issued statements marking Women's History Month, for example the [Republican National Committee](#) and the [Democratic National Committee](#).^{[7][8]}

A President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in History in America recently sponsored hearings in many parts of the country. The Women's Progress Commission will soon conduct hearings to promote interest in preserving areas that are relevant in American women's history. Some of the groups promoting this interest are state historical societies, women's organizations, and groups such as the [Girl Scouts of the USA](#).

-Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/>



Branch Schedule

2016



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April	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	9	Early Evening Mtg	CFSCC (Business Meeting) (LAF)
	15-17	State Convention	San Mateo Marriott

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May	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	14	Luncheon (Local Scholarships)	Seascape Resort

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June	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	26	Annual BBQ/Picnic	

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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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