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JULY 10th

Paradise Park Picnic Grounds

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If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact

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Board Meetings

Board meetings are generally held at 10 a.m., on the first Monday of each month, however there will be special meeting times in June: 6/13 & 6/20, 9am-1pm. 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 time has come for me to pass the gavel to Grace Gerbrandt, our incoming President for 2016-2017.

It has been a busy, and interesting, three years. There have been many changes in both my life and in our branch.

We have grown from the Santa Cruz Branch into the Santa Cruz County Branch, which took place via our merger with the Watsonville Branch. Having worked closely with some of the ladies from Watsonville, I can attest to this having been an excellent move on our part.

During my time in office, we also celebrated our 80th birthday with a blowout of a birthday gala. Much has been accomplished by the AAUW during those eighty, now 81, years; and this branch has been a part of it all.

Yes, much has been accomplished, but there is much yet to be accomplished as well. Accomplishment requires effort. This is not a time to rest on the last 81 years. This is a time to take action heading into the next 81. Step up and be counted, Santa Cruz County.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your President. Thank you for both your support and the opportunity.

Judy Cavin Brown
 President
 AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

Membership News

50-Year Member and friend **Geraldine Van Buren** passed away peacefully on April 10th at Sunshine Villa. She was 98 yrs. old and a past President of our AAUW in Santa Cruz. She was an amazing lady in all that she did, including having been a WAC in WWII in London during the BLITZ.

She outlived almost everyone in AAUW who knew her, though she was very active for a long time.

Services or memorial will be announced at a later date.

-Courtesy of Sally Smythe

Sincere condolences...to **Anne McCallum** for the loss of her husband of 59 years, **Neil**. He was a great father and grandfather and will be sorely missed by friends and family. You will find Neil's obituary here: <http://pacificgardenschapel.com/tribute/details/1594/Neil-McCallum/obituary.html>

Well wishes...to **Audrey Fieberling's** husband **Bill**, who is in the hospital with pneumonia.

An official welcome "back" to **Cam Corbin** as a Dual Member. Cam will be serving as President of her new branch in MD. We miss you Cam!

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

Congrats to our incoming Board and new President Grace Gerbrandt, installed at our May 14 meeting and THANK YOU to the outgoing Board and Judy Cavin Brown for three years of service as President!

Dues note

The membership year is July to June. Invoices for dues covering the 2016-17 year were sent recently. Most will come as emails from memberinfo@aauw.org; these messages are not junk mail. Members with no email address on file will receive paper invoices in the mail. No dues are paid by Honorary Life Members; they will not receive invoices.

If you know of someone who would like to join, this is the time. New members who join now will be paid through June 2017. What a bargain!

Please notify me of address or other contact info changes; or if you have questions. Lynn Cummins, 728-2128.

Local Scholarship News



On May 14th we had a chance to meet our next year's scholarship recipients, re-entry women from UCSC and Cabrillo College. Their stories always touch our hearts and remind us that we are fulfilling our mission, making a difference for women & girls when we support Local Scholarships.

Thanks to all who have contributed directly through the year as well as contributing through attendance at our holiday luncheon, our scholarship luncheon and our Shadowbrook dining out fundraiser. Thank you, **Audrey Strayer & Mary Lou Stewart** for your recent contributions.

Remember to send tax deductible contributions throughout the year to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.

Tech Trek News



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

May Greetings!

It has been traditional to have an ice cream party for the selected girls from Santa Cruz, Monterey and Salinas branches before they go to camp. It helps orient the girls and their parents and answers questions they all have. Member Joan Rider will host the event on June 25th at her home in Corralitos. Thank you again for your donations which made camp possible.

Jane Amaral
Tech Trek Coordinator



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16 1pm Reader's Theater*	17 12pm Bridge*	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	27 10am Great Decisions*	28
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11:45 Lunch Bunch, The Haute Enchilada*	3	4	
5	6	7 7pm Evening Books*	8	9	10	11
12	13 9-1 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 9-1 Board Retreat	21	22	23 1pm Books Sec. 1*	24	25
26	27	28	29	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 June 7th, 2016 at 7:00pm at Lynn Raadik's home, 697 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz. We will consider various titles and vote on what we will read for the next year. Call 425-1038 for directions. All are welcome.

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

On May 26th, the meeting will be at the home of Barbara Lewis, 851 Lost Acre Dr., Felton. Her phone is 335-7816 and her email is bobbi44@gmail.com. The book we are reading is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd and the discussion leader will be Beth Svee.

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

The meeting will be on May 26 at Phyllis Taylor's house. We will have a potluck lunch at noon. The book selection is "The Boys in the Boat" by David J. Brown. There will be no meeting in June.

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will be meeting 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 the Haute Enchilada on June 2nd. 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.

May 13 TOPIC: ISIS

Discussion Leader: Phyllis Taylor
Hostess: Phyllis Taylor

May 27 TOPIC: KOREA

Discussion Leader: Sarah Howell
Hostess: Sarita Motove

AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE

May 13, 2016

Next week we are gearing up for an important discussion on Capitol Hill. Both the House and Senate may consider their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), something they do every year. But this year [both bills support](#) a critical policy change - making our Selective Service equal by including women. Given that the military recently opened up all combat roles to women, and we've just seen the [appointment of the first woman](#) to serve as a combatant commander, the discussion is very timely.

You'll be pleased to hear that AAUW has a long history of supporting the inclusion of women in the Selective Service. In 1947, we went on record in favor of drafting women, noting that the principle of equality for women meant equality of responsibility as well as equality of rights. In 1980, we re-affirmed our support for including women in any proposal for military registration. And, in 1981, AAUW joined a brief in the Supreme Court case *Rostker v. Goldberg* where we, along with coalition partners, argued that, "Equal rights for men and women mandate an end to an all-male draft registration. The exclusion of women from registration is based solely on archaic notions of women's role in society."

The [Selective Service System](#) and the registration requirement is a structure and a system of guidelines that would lead to a prompt, efficient, and equitable draft, if the country should need it. There are also some [benefits linked to registration](#). Currently, someone who fails to register with Selective Service may be ineligible for federal student financial aid, state-funded student financial aid in many states, most federal employment, some state employment, security clearance for contractors, job training under the Workforce Investment Act, and U.S. citizenship for immigrant men.

I think AAUW member Judge Sarah T. Hughes, who was a part of the AAUW National Committee on Economic and Legal Status of Women, said it best in 1944 when she shared that, "The benefits of victory in this war will be the same for men and women. The obligations to their country should be the same." Hughes went on to say that "every individual should be willing and be required to render service according to his or her abilities."

Both the House and Senate have included this change to include women in Selective Service registration in their bills, but the House may put forth an amendment to strip the policy. I hope you'll join me in cheering loudly for full equality for women in the military and in society. It's our right and our responsibility as citizens.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Maatz
Vice President of Government Relations

The One Thing You Must Do...

Most U.S. schools still don't offer computer science. Now governors, educators, and CEOs—including AAUW's CEO, Linda Hallman—are asking Congress to fund it. Computer science is critical to ensuring our economic future and global competitiveness. [Take action by calling on your members of Congress to fund K-12 computer science!](#)



Branch Schedule

2016



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June	13	Board Meeting
	20	Board Strategic Planning
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July	10	Annual BBQ/Picnic Paradise Park



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.

<p>Educational Foundation / AAUW Funds* Make checks payable to AAUW FUNDS and send to Geraldine Williams 412 Rio Del Mar Blvd. Aptos, CA 95003</p> <p>Legal Advocacy Fund / AAUW Funds Make checks payable to AAUW FUNDS and send to Lorraine Margon 329 Canon Del Sol La Selva Beach, CA 95076</p>	<p>Local Scholarships Make checks payable to AAUW-LS and send to Jeanne Jorgensen 270 19th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062</p> <p>Tech Trek (Girls Science Scholarships) Make checks payable to AAUW with Tech Trek on the memo line and send to Jane Amaral 409 Larkin Valley Road Watsonville, CA 95076</p>
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**Courtesy of AAUW Funds chair Geri Williams, please see pages 9 & 10 for more information from National about AAUW Funds.*

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AAUW Advocacy: Guided by our member-endorsed Public Policy Program, AAUW's local, state, national, and global lobbying and grassroots efforts help empower women and girls.

AAUW National Convention: Our biennial meeting empowers women leaders to learn new skills, gain insight and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders.

Campus Outreach Grants: These grants provide funding for AAUW members to host events educating students about unfair pay, sexual harassment and assault, pregnancy discrimination, and Title IX violations.

College/University (C/U) Partners: C/U membership opens doors to AAUW grants and fellowships, leadership training, professional development, and advocacy tools.

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund: The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund supports research on gender equity in education and the workplace.

Elect Her—Campus Women Win: Elect Her is the only national program encouraging and training college women to run for student government and future political office.

Fellows Alumnae Initiative: This initiative connects former AAUW fellows and grantees with one another and with AAUW.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): LAF challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

LAF Case Support Travel Grants: These grants pay the travel expenses of AAUW-supported plaintiffs and their lawyers who are speaking at state conventions or regional meetings.

Legal Case Support: These awards support cases in the workplace and academia that have the potential to protect all women.

Member Leader Programs: The programs include formal leadership training, resources, and opportunities for members at the branch, state, and national levels.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL): America's premier annual conference for college women prepares attendees to be campus and community leaders.

National Student Advisory Council: These AAUW ambassadors advise staff about college students' needs, lead on-campus gender equality projects, and help plan NCCWSL.

New Program Development: Elect Her, Start Smart, Tech Trek, and others new programs empower women and girls at the branch, state, and national levels.

Outlook: Our AAUW magazine covers the issues that women face today, from the gender pay gap to human trafficking.

Regional Field Representatives: This pilot program assists four states with membership recruitment and retention, fundraising, and advocacy.

Start Smart: These workshops prepare college women to enter the job market with the confidence, knowledge, and skills they need to negotiate salaries and benefits.

Tech Savvy: These daylong conferences seek to interest girls in grades 6–9 in STEM fields and inform their families about STEM education and careers.

Tech Trek: Our weeklong camps are designed to encourage girls in STEM in high school, college, and beyond.

Work Smart: These workshops teach working women how to evaluate, negotiate, and convey their worth confidently in the job market.

Younger Women's Task Force: This AAUW-affiliated entity is geared toward younger women fighting for social justice.

