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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

November 2015



AAUW Santa Cruz County Presents
Our Annual Holiday Local Scholarships Event
Silent Auction—Raffle Prizes—Holiday Crafts
Featuring Fiat Musica



Saturday, December 12, 2015

11:00am—2:00 pm

Seascape Golf Course

610 Clubhouse Drive

Aptos, CA 95003

Mail this form or a sheet of paper with the relevant information to reserve your lunch for this festive event!

Please reserve _____ @ \$23 each for a total of _____

Menu choices: Asian Chicken Salad _____

Pineapple Boat with Chicken _____

Butternut Squash Risotto (veg.) _____

Rolls, Coffee or tea & dessert included.

Non-dairy dessert _____

Member name _____ Guest _____

Included in my check, find \$_____ for raffle tickets. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10 or 24 for \$20 (etc.!).

Please remember small soaps, shampoos for the Women's Center, plus baked goods, food items & holiday crafts to sell (priced), plus priced White Elephants. We'll have our usual book sale as well.

Reserve by Dec. 4, 2015

Make checks payable to: AAUW Local-Scholarships

Send to: Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Tel. 831-477-7025

Can't attend? Send a donation!

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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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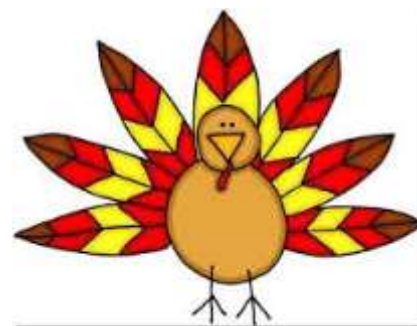
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Board News



President's Message

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers in the sudden loss of my mother. In some ways the unexpectedness makes for a more difficult adjustment. However, being able to be with her to the last second, and knowing that the worst of the pain didn't drag on for days on end was a relief.

We are all teachers of others. Someone is always watching us. I am not speaking only of children, but of friends, co-workers, partners and others. Even our own mentors learn from us. The question is what we are teaching them?

A friend said that she wishes she could be the sort of role model that when someone is struggling and asks her how they should be living their life, that she can simply say, "Just watch me." What a thought.

My mother never set down rules for me. She never set limits for me. She didn't need to. She simply set the example. She woke every morning singing. She treated every person fairly and equally. She was patient and tolerant with others who were not as kind as her. She supported me in every undertaking. She never spoke limitations on my capabilities. Stupid was not a word allowed in our home. She loved only one man and her family fiercely. All I had to do was watch her.

That is the kind of role model I would like to be. Not just one who talks a good fight. I want to be one who lives the life.

What kind of example are we setting for the people in our lives? We need to think about that every day; with every decision we make. Someone is always watching, whether we like it or not. What they learn depends on how we live.

Live a life for the good.

Judy Cavin Brown
 President,
 AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch



Santa Cruz County

Membership News



Sincere condolences...

Sally Smythe's daughter, Sydney, died of a sudden heart attack. We can think of nothing worse than losing a child. Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with Sally and her family.

Well wishes...

Sue Kleibrink has a heart condition and is now out of the hospital and her plan is to live until she is 100! We all will be pulling for her. We love your spirit.

Lois Holcomb is battling cancer and is having an operation to remove it. We wish her all the best and a swift recovery.

Lynn Raadik has been laid up for the past two weeks with a broken knee. She is doing well now with her husband's loving care, and she should be on two feet and back in action in a few more weeks. Do be careful!

Mary Lou Stewart fractured her shoulder, but thankfully is on the mend.

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

Welcome...to our newest dual member

Kit Hein

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Change of address: **Bettye Pina** will be moving to Capitola in December. Please note her new contact information (her email address has changed as well):

bettyerpina@gmail.com

912 Capitola Ave, Apt 22

Capitola, CA 95010

Phone# 831-247-7023

Picnic Note... The checks for the picnic were lost in the mail for six weeks(!) getting from picnic organizer Lynn Raadik to branch treasurer Lynn Cummins. They have now been delivered and deposited in the branch account. Your bank has probably cleared yours at last. We know this is inconvenient; our own checks were also affected. Thank you for your patience.



Local Scholarship News



The Local Scholarship Committee is looking forward to greeting members and guests on **December 12th** at Seascape Golf Course (not Resort) for our annual Holiday lunch. There will be many raffle prizes as well as books, crafts, white elephants and baked goods. Please bring money and checkbooks to the luncheon so you can buy raffle tickets and help support this wonderful program: scholarships for re-entry women at UCSC and Cabrillo College. Please bring donated items already marked. Small toiletries will be collected for the Walnut Street Women's Center.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for **Tuesday, February 9, 2016** when we will have a fundraiser at Shadowbrook Restaurant in Capitola. Local Scholarships will receive 1/3 of the revenue from our meals, and this is a very fun event for our members.



Tech Trek News

Heads up for a Tech Trek fund raising letter in the near future!! Having a physical fundraising event would be fun; however, a lot of work. It also requires many attendees. With our scholarship fundraiser event coming up on December 12th, I feel a letter asking you to participate in a simple way will work fine for most members. I hope you agree!

Because Tech Trek has become an AAUW National Assn. project, checks will now be made to AAUW and not to CA state AAUW. I will be attending a meeting in Foster City on Nov. 16th to find out more about this process.

If you are interested in joining a few other volunteers in discussing the choice of schools (Jr. Highs) selected in Santa Cruz Co., please contact me so you can attend an upcoming meeting. We need people to help contact teachers, read applications and essays, and interview girls at various schools. not too time consuming, and rewarding. Jeanne Jorgensen will continue to guide volunteers, but will not be involved with the 'footwork' this year.

Hope you will join the committee!

Thank you!

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Let's Ratify the ERA: A Look at Where We Are Now

November 05, 2015

In 1923, the Equal Rights Amendment was first proposed in the U.S. Congress. Almost a half-century later, it finally passed Congress with approval from two-thirds of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. To ratify a constitutional amendment, three-quarters of states must then agree to the proposed amendment. To date, the ERA has only been ratified by 35 of the necessary 38 states, leaving men and women unequal under the U.S. Constitution.

Why does the ERA matter?

"Certainly the Constitution does not require discrimination on the basis of sex. The only issue is whether it prohibits it. It doesn't."
— Justice Antonin Scalia

The ERA would guarantee constitutional equality between men and women — a concept the majority of Americans agree is necessary. In fact, most people believe the ERA has already been ratified. Although state and federal legislative champions continue to push for incremental change for women's equality, without the protection of the ERA those laws could be changed or revoked at the whim of legislators or judges. We can't afford to roll back the advances we've made on equal pay for equal work, educational equity, and so many other crucial rights for women.

What does the ERA actually say?

The Equal Rights Amendment is a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

What's the holdup?

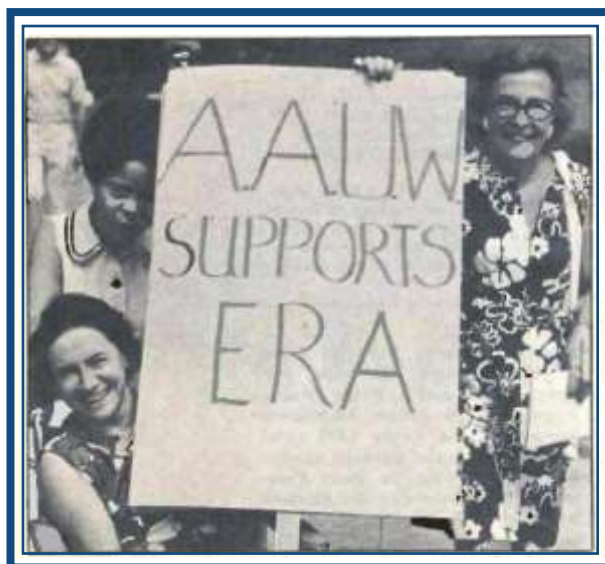
When the ERA initially passed in 1972, Congress placed a seven-year deadline on the ratification process. As that deadline neared, advocates successfully extended it until 1982. As 1982 came and went the number of states that had ratified the amendment stood at 35, three short of the required 38 states for full ratification. (Note: Five states — Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, Tennessee, and South Dakota — have attempted to withdraw their ratification of the ERA. However, legal precedent and statutory language establish that withdrawal of ratification is not accepted as valid.)

Where are we now?

Every year, our friends in the U.S. Congress reintroduce bills to move the ERA forward. Currently, legislators are working to advance two different strategies. The "three-state strategy" (S.J. Res. 15/H.J. Res. 51), championed by Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), would remove the 1982 deadline for ratification. Alternatively, the traditional "start-over strategy" (S.J. Res. 16/H.J. Res. 52), advanced by Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and leading ERA proponent Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), would offer the text of the ERA as a new amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would then need to go through the full state ratification process.

Legal scholars suggest that if three additional states do ratify the amendment, the ERA stands a good chance of acceptance. In 1992, states ratified the 27th Amendment, which was originally passed by Congress in 1789 — more than 200 years later.

Regardless of the strategy advanced, state action is needed to see a way forward for ratification. There are 15 states that have still not ratified this simple but crucial amendment. During the 2015 legislative session six states — Arizona, Florida, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada, and Virginia — had bills to ratify the ERA. Not a single one of those bills made it past committee in either chamber of those statehouses. In the past, Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Oklahoma have also made attempts at ratification. In 2014, the Illinois Senate passed the ERA, but it did not go to a vote in the state House. AAUW members in these crucial states continue to capitalize on these opportunities and keep the momentum going.





November 2015

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

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm Evening Books*	2	3 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Mozaic, downtown SC*	4	5
6	7 10am Board Meeting	8	9	10 1pm Books Sec. 1*	11	12 11:30 LS Holiday Party, see pg 1
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 		



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 December 1, 2015 at Marilee Werfhorst's house, 1850 Wharf Road, Capitola. We will discuss EUPHORIA by Lily King. The discussion will be led by Vickie Birdsall. Call 465-6830 for directions and more information. Please RSVP.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email cabeckett@sbcglobal.net; In November we will meet on the 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Marian Disperati, 531 Pinecone Drive, Scotts Valley. Her phone is 438-2561 and her email is raymard@pacbell.net. We will be discussing two short books this time: *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri and *A Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.

In December we will meet on the 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Lois Trabing, 139 Carol Ave., Santa Cruz. Her phone is 423-9113 and her email is loistrabing@comcast.net. We will be discussing *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron.

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

We will meet at Pat Nellany's on Nov. 19, in the community room at 190 Walnut Ave. Santa Cruz. Let her know if you can't attend. Her phone is 425-3576. The book is Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline.

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.

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will meet on November 16 and December 21 from 1-3 PM to socialize and engage in play reading. 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 Mozaic in downtown Santa Cruz on December 3rd. Contact Kathy Oing irish-pml@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 will hold its organizational meeting Friday, November 13, 10 am at the home of Grace Gerbrandt: 152 Spring Street, Santa Cruz, 95060. We'll schedule discussion leaders, hostesses, and order the booklets. Please join us.

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

Our AAUW group is lively and diverse. We welcome new members and interested visitors. Contact graceger@sbcglobal.net or vickiebird-sall@yahoo.com.



Branch Schedule

2015-2016



November	2	Board Meeting	CSFFC
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December	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	12	Luncheon Meeting (Holiday/LS)	Seascape Golf Course
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January	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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February	1	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	9	LS Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
	27	Luncheon (IBC)	Seascape Resort
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March	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	12	Luncheon (Funds)	Seascape Resort
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April	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	9	Luncheon (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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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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