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# The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

November 2016

## AAUW Santa Cruz County Presents Our Annual Holiday Local Scholarships Event

Silent Auction—Raffle Prizes—Holiday Crafts  
Featuring Fiat Musica



Saturday, December 3, 2016

11:00am—3:00 pm

Seascope 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 Curried Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Butternut Squash Risotto (veg.) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Rolls, Coffee or tea & dessert included.

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 Nov. 23

Make checks payable to: AAUW Local-Scholarships

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

Tel.831-477-7025

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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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**President's message:**

Whew! It isn't just me! It isn't just you! The American Psychological Association surveyed our astonishingly negative campaign season. The majority - 59 percent of Republicans and 52 percent of Democrats - say the election has caused significant stress in their lives.

In the face of this negativity, we can be proud of our AAUW groups working on local and national levels. AAUW's student organizations have been getting out the vote, registering millennial women. Over 100 AAUW student organizations helped create campus programs around women's issues. College students have learned about AAUW's policy priorities, where candidates stand on our issues. Events were co-hosted by AAUW student organizations and local branches, a great example of generations of women working together.

Our Santa Cruz County Branch has been part of this. With the League of Women Voters, we co-sponsored an October meeting open to the public on California Ballot Propositions. An overflow crowd packed the room. The event strengthened our relationship with students at Cabrillo College who turned out in large numbers. Congratulations to everyone involved, especially our branch representatives, Lynn Cummins and Kit Hein.

As we near the finish line, there's still crucial work to be done. Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump will be elected President of the United States. The number of votes they receive makes an important statement. If voters stay home or use a protest vote, they're not "sending a message." They're wasting their chance to make an impact.

Do you have friends or family in other states? Urge them to vote for the candidate closest to their values. Make one phone call. Send one sincere email. When women vote, we change the conversation. Help get out the vote on November 8.

*Grace Gerbrandt*  
 President, AAUW Santa Cruz County

## AAUW Takes Positions on the 2016 November Ballot Initiatives

October 13, 2016 by [Eve Toles](#)

The November ballot in California will contain 17 ballot measures, of which the Public Policy Committee reviewed and evaluated those related to AAUW's priorities and mission and took a position on five:

- Proposition 51, support - School Bonds. Funding for K-12 and Community College Facilities
- Proposition 52, support - The Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act, hospital fees that help fund Medi-Cal;
- Proposition 53, oppose - voter approval on specified bonds;
- Proposition 55, support - extend taxes for schools voted in Proposition 30;
- Proposition 58, support- The California Multilingual Education Act. allows structured bilingual education programs for English learners.

**Proposition 51 - School Bonds.** Funding for K-12 and Community College Facilities (Statute): Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for K-12 school construction and modernization, funds for community college buildings, funds for facilities for charter schools and technical education programs. **SUPPORT:** adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students.

**Proposition 52 - The Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act** (Statute and Constitutional Amendment): Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature to amend a current law that imposes fees on hospitals; fees are used to obtain federal matching funds for Medi-Cal. It directs fees and matching funds to uncompensated care provided by hospitals and to children's health coverage. It eliminates the law's ending date. **SUPPORT:** guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society; increased access to quality, affordable health care.

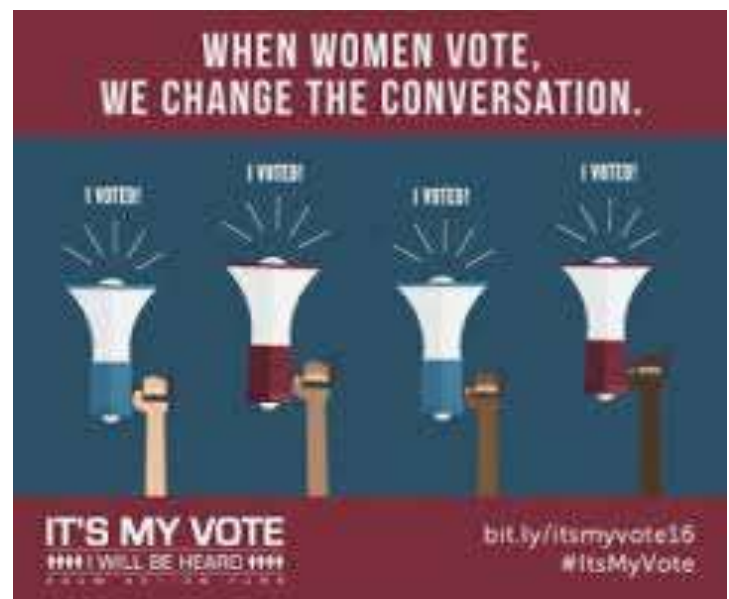
**Proposition 53 - Voter Approval to Issue State Bonds** (Constitutional Amendment): Requires statewide voter approval before state may issue bonds of over \$2 billion to finance a single project. Prohibits dividing projects into segments to avoid public vote. Includes clause that if other bond measures on the ballot that conflict with this measure, and both that measure and this measure pass but this measure gets more votes, then the other measure is null and void ("poison pill clause"). **OPPOSE:** the "poison pill" clause could nullify Proposition 51, which AAUW is supporting.

**Proposition 55 - Extends Income Tax on high earners** (Constitutional Amendment): Extends Proposition 30 (passed by voters in 2012) through 2030 - currently set to expire in 2019. This will generate \$ 8-11 billion per year to be used for public schools and community colleges, health care for low-income families, and local public safety. The public can track expenditures at [www.trackprop30.ca.gov](http://www.trackprop30.ca.gov). This does not add new taxes, but continues taxes already in place. **SUPPORT:** Support for a strong system of public education; access to quality, affordable health care; guarantee of equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. AAUW supported Prop 30 in 2012.

**Proposition 58 - The California Multilingual Education Act.** (Statute): Amends 1998's Prop. 227 (which requires children in public schools to be taught in English) to allow public school students who speak limited English to be taught for a defined period of time in languages other than English. Districts using this option must develop an accountability plan and involve a parent advisory committee. Parents may opt out of the program. **SUPPORT:** support for a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity.

To learn more about all 17 propositions, a good resource is the CA Secretary of State website. Go to [www.sos.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections) for more details. Your state and county Voter Guides, arriving in your October mail, will also contain helpful information.

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## Local Scholarship News

SAVE THE DATE! December 3, 2016 is our Holiday Party. Don't miss out.

Send your reservation to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA. See page 1 for details.

To contribute to this fine fund, please make your checks payable to: AAUW-Santa Cruz County Branch-Local Scholarships and send them to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062.



## Tech Trek News



Photo courtesy of Lorraine Margon

Everyone was delighted that four of our girls and three parents attended our Fall brunch. The girls shared their camp experiences, and all gratefully thanked us for the learning opportunity. Two of the nominating teachers joined us also, which was a nice addition to the event.

Thank you to all who have donated so far to the 2017 camp program. Letters will be sent soon to ask for your contributions. The goal is to sponsor five girls again. Hope you can help!

Thank you,  
Jane

## AAUW Fund

**AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.**

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2016-17 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities – breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

More information can be found at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)- click on Educational Funding!





## November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm Evening Books*	2	3 11:30 Lunch Bunch *	4	5
6	7 10am Board Meeting	8 	9	10	11	12
13	14 12pm Bridge* 1pm Reader's Theater*	15	16	17 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2*	18 10am Great Decisions*	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30			



## December 2016

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				1	2	3 Holiday Party—see pg. 1
4	5 10am Board Meeting	6 7pm Evening Books*	7	8	9	10
11	12 12pm Bridge*	13	14	15 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	16	17
18 Merry Christmas!	19 25	20 26	21 27	22 28	23 29	24 30
						31 Happy Hanukkah!



## 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 Louanne Ellison, 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 lunches/meetings are open to the public.

### 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, The Tuesday night Book Group will meet on November 1, 2016. This month's book is **WE ARE NOT OURSELVES** by Matthew Thomas; our reviewer is Mary Maier. We will meet at the home of Eileen Buron, 1542 Calypso, Aptos. Call 688-0876 for directions. All are welcome to join this lively group. Get in touch with Joan Schwimmer, 408-353-2657, [joanschwimmer@hotmail.com](mailto:joanschwimmer@hotmail.com) for further information.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email [cabeckett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cabeckett@sbcglobal.net); November 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. – please contact Carole for details.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, Leader, Susan Elgin, phone (831) 335-7288, email [elgin@cruzio.com](mailto:elgin@cruzio.com). This group reads one book each month.

The meeting will be held on November 17 to discuss **Euphoria** by Lily King.

### Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will be meeting Nov. 14th. To join and for further information, contact Barbara Lewis, chairperson of this interest group, by telephone at 335-7816 or by email at [bob-bi44@gmail.com](mailto:bob-bi44@gmail.com).

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Contact Kathy Oing [irishpml@yahoo.com](mailto:irishpml@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Jeanne Jorgensen. Contact her for details at [Jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com](mailto:Jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com), 831-477-7025.

**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](mailto:jowens7069@aol.com).

### Great Decisions

We're meeting Friday, November 18, 10 am at the home of Grace Gerbrandt to plan our 2017 season. Current members and interested newcomers are most welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall [vickiebird-sall@yahoo.com](mailto:vickiebird-sall@yahoo.com) or Grace Gerbrandt, [grace-ger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grace-ger@sbcglobal.net).



# Branch Schedule

## 2016-2017



November	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	8	Election 2016	VOTE!
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December	3	Holiday Luncheon	Seascape Golf Course
	5	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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January	TBA	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Reproductive Rights Brunch	
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February	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	25	IBC Luncheon	
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March	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
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April	3	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	11	Local Scholarships Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
	TBA	Annual Business Meeting	
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May	1	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Local Scholarship Luncheon	





### Did you know...?

Through research, education, advocacy, and philanthropy, AAUW members have worked together for more than 130 years as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

**Research:** AAUW conducts groundbreaking research on issues related to gender equity in education and the workplace. This research serves as a catalyst for action at local, state and national levels.

**Education:** AAUW’s campus leadership programs shape the lives of thousands of college women to be the next generation of leaders. Through our summer Tech Trek camps on college and university campuses, we are leveling the playing field for girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Through AAUW Start Smart and AAUW Work Smart, we are fighting to close the pay gap, one workshop at a time.

**Advocacy:** We advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls. We support challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

**Philanthropy:** One of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2016-17 academic year. –*Courtesy of Kit Hein*

#### 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.*

#### **AAUW Fund**

Make checks payable to  
AAUW FUND and send to  
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412 Rio Del Mar Blvd.  
Aptos, CA 95003

#### **Local Scholarships**

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Jeanne Jorgensen  
270 19th Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

#### **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

In Memory of/In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
Send announcement to \_\_\_\_\_  
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