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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women
September 2017



MODERN-DAY SLAVERY Human Trafficking in Our Backyard

Saturday, October 7, 2017
2-5 p.m.

Santa Cruz Police Dept. Community Room
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz



Every year thousands of children, women, and men end up in the hands of traffickers who exploit them for forced labor or sexual slavery.

Deborah Pembroke, a trafficking survivor, will give an overview of the topic, including her own experiences. The panel will also include speakers from the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's office and the Santa Cruz police department. The panel will address key points including legal issues, enforcement, and safe harbor; following the presentation, the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

There will be light refreshments and a silent auction. Doors open at 1:45 p.m. for bidding on auction items. Presentation starts at 2:00 p.m. Proceeds from the silent auction will go for forum expenses and to Monarch Services, <http://www.monarchsc.org/> a local organization that provides shelter and services for victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual abuse.

A free educational event. Open to the public.

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Visit our website: <http://santacruz-ca.aauw.net/>

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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 President in advance. All members are welcome to attend!

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**President's message:**

You renewed your AAUW membership? Congratulations!

By taking a few minutes to write that check or renew on line, you got a terrific bargain.

For eighty-four dollars a year—twenty-three cents a day, AAUW gives you the stress-reducing satisfaction of:

- . Doing something specific and measurable to improve the world
- . Advancing women's rights nationally through lobbying and education
- . Resisting the effort to undo Title IX strictures against sexual assault
- . Working to undo gerrymandering and protect voting rights
- . Advancing Californian efforts for equal pay to women for equal work
- . Protecting Health and Reproductive rights for men and women
- . Belonging to a local service organization that provides scholarships and community action
- . Belonging to an amazing group of women who offer you friendship and intellectual stimulation.

For twenty-three cents a day? A truly great investment. Congratulations!

We're glad you're part of our community. We need you.

Grace Gerbrandt

President, AAUW Santa Cruz County

Learn more about AAUW's ongoing fight. Become a two-minute activist by clicking [here](#), or sign up for email newsletter Mission & Action [here](#).

Membership News

Memorial for Sue Kleibrink, September 30th

Please watch for a separate email with details as they become available.

Human Trafficking Event, October 7th

The event to describe Human Trafficking will take place Oct. 7th in the Santa Cruz Police Community Room, 2-5PM. Volunteers will be needed for sign in and to help with refreshments and the silent auction. Donations for auction need to be delivered to Martha Mangan's house, 201 Prospect Heights, whenever convenient. League of Women's Voters will co-sponsor our event. Fliers are available from board members to distribute to the community.

Upcoming State Funds Luncheons, October 28th, 29th

As described in the *California Perspective*, there will be 2 Funds Luncheons in our area this year: on Saturday, October 28 in South San Francisco and Sunday October 29 in Danville. Lunch will cost \$45 and the speakers will be current Fellowship and Grant recipients. If you would like to carpool to either one as a passenger or driver, call Lynn Cummins at 728-2128. This is always an inspiring event.

2017-2018 Membership Directory:

A HUGE THANK YOU to Louanne Ellison and her daughter Susan Howard for producing our 2017-2018 Member Directory. The directories will be available for pick up at the Membership/Tech Trek luncheon on September 23rd.

Those who are unable to attend will either receive the directory by personal delivery or US mail.

Additions and Changes:

Contact Louanne Ellison if your information is incorrect in any way at 831 471 8381 leaving a message with corrections if not answered or email louanneec@gmail.com. She will contact Debra Wallace with corrections.

Interest Group News

New Interest Group—First Event:



FIELD TRIP INTEREST GROUP

PLACE: Sculpture Garden at [Sierra Azul Nursery](#), Watsonville —Hwy. 129

DATE: Tues. October 17th

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

Meet at Comerica Bank at corner of Main Street and Green Valley Road, Watsonville. We will go together from there. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Call or email me if interested or want more information or directions.

Jane Amaral
lvswamp@charter.net
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If you have something to share from your interest group's activities, send your write-ups and/or photos to Debra Wallace, dwallace@karonproperties.com.

Tech Trek News



Thank you Jane for your introduction last month. I am excited to be chairing the Tech Trek group this year.

We will be building on previous Tech Trek successes and welcome several new Tech Trekers this year. Current members include: **Geri Williams, Kathy Oing, Jane Amaral, Kit Hein, Joan Rider, Susan Kettmann, Lynn Barry, Jean Gregson and Kris Sheehan.** We would love to have other interested members join us in our efforts.

Tech Trek may be new to some, but, has been sponsoring summer camps for rising 8th grade girls with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classes and activities for 20 years. Camp Hopper at Stanford is the camp that girls selected by our branch attend.

You have generously donated in the past to send the girls to Camp Hopper. We welcome donations anytime for future camp scholarships. You can donate by check to AAUW with Tech Trek Camp Hopper in the Memo Line. You may donate online, and must indicate Camp Hopper so that our group can be credited.

At the luncheon on September 23rd, there will be materials at each table with more information on Tech Trek. You will have a chance to hear Dr. Campbell Leaper and Christy Starr from UCSC share their work with STEM. The current Tech Trek girls will be introduced and tell us a little about their Camp Hopper experience and what it has meant to them.

The Tech Trek campers and their families appreciate the opportunities that our branch has afforded them. Alison Roberts, grandmother of a current Tech Trek recipient recently wrote a lovely thank you note to Jane about her granddaughter's experience at camp.

Dear Jane,

Just a few words to say enormous thanks to you and all of the Santa Cruz County branch of AAUW for the unbelievable scholarship bestowed upon my dear granddaughter Francesca in July.

For these fortunate young girls, the week of Tech Trek at Stanford was a wonderful gift that expanded their horizons as far as their ongoing education and career choices within the STEM world.

Please know that all of Francesca's family and caring adult friends are most grateful to you and the AAUW branch in Santa Cruz County for the scholarship to Camp 'Grace Hopper' at Stanford.

*Most Sincerely,
Alison Roberts*

Local Scholarship News



Save the date: December 9, 2017 for our Holiday luncheon supporting the Local Scholarship Funds for re-entry women to UCSC and Cabrillo College.

We thank **Anne Sherwood, Anne McCallum, Lois Holcomb, Audrey Strayer & Dottie Smith** who have sent contributions to the fund recently.

For those of you who would like to make a contribution to this wonderful fund, please make out checks to AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch Local Scholarships & send to: Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Public Policy Matters!

Kathi Harper, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Public Policy Chair

Can you remember the day you first learned about AAUW? It may not be as imbedded a memory as “I remember what I was doing when Kennedy was shot”, but if you think back you might remember what that special thing was that made you think - “Yes - I want to be a part of that!” Was it the desire to join the fight to help all women achieve economic self-sufficiency? Or maybe it was the idea of finding ways to guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for the underserved in your community that got your juices flowing. How about playing a role in ensuring legislation that protects women’s reproductive rights? Any of this sound familiar?

Now, here you are, 2 or 5 or 10 years and 120 bridge games, or lunches, or book discussions later ... and public policy is just that report you listen to each month from your branch PP Chair. Now we public policy nerds enjoy our interest groups and social activities as much as anyone, don’t get us wrong. But what if you could fit in just one extra hour, or maybe two, each month, to rekindle your passion for doing something that would really make a difference in the lives of girls and women?

In talking with branch Public Policy Chairs around the state, the common and recurring lament is that “nobody wants to do public policy work!” In so many branches, all the work is left to a single person - the PP Chair. Worse than being merely overly burdensome for one person is the fact that there is so much that is left undone - one person can only do so much. And there is so much that still needs to be done. We are still fighting for equal pay for equal work; still being denied promotions and access to power; still facing workplace policies that make it harder on women than men to balance life/work responsibilities; still watching our female athletes being denied equal access on the playing fields and in coaching positions; still watching state-after-state pass laws restricting our access to safe, effective family planning methods of our choice; still afraid of sexual violence on campus, and domestic violence in the home, and physical violence in the military.

Any of these making you mad? Are you ready to join the chorus and declare “we’re not going to just keep taking it?” Your State Public Policy Committee wants to remind you that Public Policy *Still Matters*, and encourages you to contact your branch PP Chair today to ask - “what can I do to make a difference?” *Sometimes all that’s needed is just an extra pair of hands. You don’t need to be an attorney or a political science major to do public policy work - just passion and your gift of time.*

Kathi Harper is a member of the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

NOTE: AAUW Santa Cruz County does not have a Public Policy chair at present; contact President Grace Gerbrandt to volunteer.



Learn more about AAUW’s ongoing fight. Become a two-minute activist by clicking [here](#), or sign up for email newsletter Mission & Action [here](#).

AAUW Fund News

Members of our branch are so generous and supportive!

We just received the second quarter of 2017 list of donations to AAUW Funds from the state office.

Contributions to Tech Trek included those from:

Laura Boostani, Sharon Bush, Nini Cohen, Mary Dunn-Ruiz, Lois Holcomb, Barbara Lewis, Martha Mangan, Natalie Olive and Kris Sheehan.

Donations to AAUW Fund were sent from: Jane Amaral, Carole Beckett, Cathy Chavez-Miller, Shanna Howard, Susan Kettmann, Ann McCallum, Tomi Newman, Marcia Minnihan, Lark Ritson, Kris Sheehan, Dottie Smith, Maria Van Cleve, Debra Wallace, Clarice Wiggins.

Remember you can donate by going to the AAUW California web page <http://www.aauw-ca.org/> and clicking on the button: **SUPPORT US**

Or, you can send your check to me at:

Geraldine (Geri) Williams

412 Rio Del Mar Blvd.,

Aptos, CA 95003 - and the treasurer and I will make sure it goes to the proper place! Be sure to put: Santa Cruz County Branch on the information line.

**Your gift to the AAUW Fund
helps support**



AAUW National Convention Campus Outreach Grants
Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Research Fellows Alumnae
Initiative LAF Case Support Travel Grants
Legal Case Support New Program Development
Regional Field Representatives

and so much more!

September 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18 1pm Reader's Theater*	19	20	21 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	22	23 Membership/Tech Trek Luncheon, see pg 4
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 10am Board Meeting	3 7pm Evening Books*	4	5 11:45 Lunch Bunch*	6	7 2-5 Human Trafficking Event, Police Dept
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 12pm Bridge* 1pm Reader's Theater*	17 Field Trip to Sierra Azul Nursery*	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	27	28 AAUW Fund luncheon—South SF
29 AAUW Fund luncheon—Danville	30	31 Halloween				

November 2017



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		1	2 11:45 Lunch Bunch*	3	4	
5 Daylight Savings Time ends	6 10am Board Meeting	7 7pm Evening Books*	8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY



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 October 3, 2017 at Jeanne Jorgensen's home. We will discuss *SAVING CAPITALISM FOR THE MANY* (not the few) by Robert Reich. Joan Schwimmer will lead the discussion. Call 831-477-7025 for directions. All are welcome to join this lively group. Get in touch with Joan Schwimmer, joanschwimmer@hotmail.com for further information.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email cabeckett@sbcglobal.net; We will meet on September 21st and October 26th. Contact Carole for details.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, Leader, Susan Elgin, phone (831) 335-7288, email elgin@cruzio.com. This group reads one book each month. Our upcoming meetings are on September 21st and October 26th. Contact Susan for details.

Reader's Theater

To join and for further information, contact Barbara Lewis, chairperson of this interest group, by telephone at 335-7816 or by email at bobbil44@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 for more information.

Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Jeanne Jorgensen. Contact her for details at 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.

Great Decisions

We'll meet in November to plan our next season. The date and place for this planning session will be emailed. Starting in January, Great Decisions will meet eight times to discuss topics selected by the Foreign Policy Association. New members and interested visitors are welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt graceger@sbcglobal.net.

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Branch Schedule

2017-2018



September	23	Membership/Tech Trek Luncheon	Seascape Resort
		Program: Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Tech Trek (STEM); Speaker: Campbell Leaper from UCSC.	
October	2	Board Meeting	
	7	Panel on Human Trafficking, open to public 2-5 pm Martha Mangan and Kit Hein	Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room 155
	28	AAUW Fund Luncheon	South San Francisco
	29	AAUW Fund Luncheon	Danville
	31	Halloween	
November	6	Board Meeting	
December	4	Board Meeting	
	9	Holiday Local Scholarships Luncheon	Seascape Golf Club
		Program: Fiat Musica, Fundraising Raffle	
January	8	Board Meeting	
February	5	Board Meeting	
	TBA	Interbranch Council Luncheon	TBA
March	5	Board Meeting	
April	2	Board Meeting	
	10	Local Scholarships Dinner	Shadowbrook
	21	Annual Gen. Membership Business Meeting	Museum of Natural History
	27-29	State Convention	Irvine Marriott
May	7	Board Meeting	
	19	Local Scholarship Luncheon, Installation of Officers	Seascape Resort



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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.

AAUW Fund

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site (at aauw.org - click on Ed-
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(Girls Science Scholarships)

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and send to

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