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# The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

August/September 2018



SEPTEMBER 15: AAUW FALL LUNCHEON  
CELEBRATING TECH TREK'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY  
*Membership and Interest Groups*



20 Years ago, Santa Cruz AAUW sent one girl to Stanford's STEM Camp. This year we sent six! **SEE PHOTOS** on page 9.

We will share with you how your support of Tech Trek has helped AAUW Santa Cruz grow the Tech Trek program for Santa Cruz County Girls.

*Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future!!!*

**Speakers:**

- Lois Holcomb, Past President
- Sally Hancock, Parent, Post Tech Trekker Update
- Susan Chollar, Teacher and Santa Cruz County Future Support
- 2018 Tech Trek Girls Camp Experience
- Future Mentoring: WISE (UCSC Women) Caroline Park, Anna Johnston

September 15th

11 AM - 1:30 PM

Bayview Room

Seascape Resort

Seascape Resort Drive,

Aptos, CA 95003

Welcome Hour 11 AM - 12 PM: New Member Meet & Greet

—Bring a Friend to Join—Sign Up for Interest Groups—

—Tech Trek Opportunity Drawing—  
No Host Bar - Iced Tea, Water

Doors Open to Luncheon: 12 PM

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 7TH**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Classic Brown Derby Cobb Salad: Chicken, Avocado, Bacon, Chopped Egg,  
Crumbled Blue Cheese, Vinaigrette

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Option: Greens with cannellini bean, raw veggies, hard boiled egg.

Cost: \$25 (includes dessert, rolls, iced tea, coffee)

Let us know if you do not want blue cheese or are Vegan.

Send your checks payable to AAUW SCCo Branch for reservations:  
Kit Hein, 208 Elinor Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FANTASTIC KICK OFF EVENT!**

**Board Meetings**

Board meetings are held at 10 a.m., on the first Tuesday 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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Learn more about AAUW's ongoing fight. Become a two-minute activist by clicking [here](#), or sign up for email newsletter Mission & Action [here](#).

goodbye, august  
hello, september

**President's message:**

Hope you are having a lovely summer.

A new year for AAUW S.C. has begun to support our mission to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Our events in the coming year will also nourish our souls with friendship as we support the mission.

I am joining Audrey Strayer and Judy Cavin Brown as a co-president for this year. As you know some of our leadership positions are looking for leaders. Please consider stepping up and continuing our efforts. The support and camaraderie is here.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Sept. 15 luncheon at Seascape. Kris Sheehan has put together a dynamic program.

*Mary Maier*

President

AAUW Santa Cruz County

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## Tech Trek News

Tech Trek has been busy!

The **big news**, of course is our September 15th luncheon at Seascape. It's Tech Trek's 20th Anniversary. We would love to have you share it with us.

More about that later, but first...

In late April, Lynn Barry went to the AAUW State Convention and took part in Tech Trek's 20th Anniversary. The Tech Trek Reunion Reception with over 200 attendees included former campers, parents, and staff.

Meeting Tech Trekkers from all over the state was beneficial and we will be utilizing many suggestions from the convention.

**Fund Raising**, always necessary to support AAUW goals and fund the Tech Trek camps was discussed. Branch coordinators noted that to be successful, you must reach companies, which need not be local.

- -Learn who handles corporate giving program and try to meet that person face to face.
- -Ask membership for possible referrals to specific employees, then seek their contact information.
- -Use Facebook Fundraiser.

### School Involvement:

- -Ask Principal for meeting to make presentation to STEM teachers.
- -Enlist aid of District Title IX Coordinator.

**Arrange field trip** for members to visit camp in session.

The end of June our Tech Trek Committee hosted a desert party for our six Tech Trek girls (and parents), chosen to attend Camp Hopper at Stanford from July 15-22nd. They were able to meet each other and find out more about the camp from a couple of last year's campers.

Kit Hein and Darby Kremers went to Camp Hopper while the girls were there. They visited the girls and worked all day with the Mad Money project. One of the week's highlights, the program shows girls how to handle finances, pay bills, save money etc. Of course the girls had daily exposure to mentors in STEM fields. Each of the girls has been asked to speak about a specific camp memory at our September 15th luncheon.

This month, new member Susan Chollar (just retired from Aptos Jr) and I met with new County STEM Coordinator, Nehal Pieffer. Susan will share more about our potential coordination with ongoing STEM offerings in county schools at the luncheon, as well as discussing a teacher's role with Tech Trek selection.

### AND NOW:

The September 15th Luncheon: We are trying something new this year. There will be a Meet and Mingle from 11-12 in the open space adjacent to the Bayview Room. As noted on your invitations, there is a no host bar, ice tea and water available while members can meet and visit with new and returning members.

We will have four tables staffed by members to discuss the various Interest Groups with you. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the groups. If you are already a member of a group, but need to update information (or create a new group) you can do that at these tables.

Audrey Strayer will be at the Membership Table providing information and welcoming new members.

Kit Hein will be at Tech Trek/Human Trafficking/Local Scholarships.

Linda Owens will host the Book Groups/Great Decisions/Readers Theatre table.

All the "social" activities, Lunch Out, Dining Out, Bridge etc. will be available for signup with Liz Thorington at the final table.

During this Social Hour, we will have a mystery Opportunity Drawing for beautiful Fall Wreaths and Centerpieces, which will be on display.

When the doors are opened to the dining room, members and guests will find tables with colored runners that will match their name tags. We hope members will embrace an opportunity to sit with, and meet the luncheon guest speakers and members they may not necessarily know well.

We are pleased to be able to Celebrate the Past and Embrace the future with a variety of speakers discussing Tech Trek at the 20th Anniversary.

20 years ago, Lois Holcomb, Past President, was responsible for our branch's first Tech Trek girl. A Tech Trek Mother, Sally Hancock has a story to tell about what Tech Trek meant to her daughter, now at Columbia. Susan Chollar, just retired teacher will talk about the role the teacher plays in our Tech Trek selection process. Our current campers will each share a special experience from camp. UCSC WISE women will talk about the new Mentoring program to be offered to Tech Trek alumni.

Many thanks to Mary Maier and Kit Hein for their contributions to Tech Trek this month.

If you are unable to attend the Luncheon and would like to donate to future Tech Trek campers, we could use your help.

Make checks payable to AAUW CA SPF, with Santa Cruz County Tech Trek, Camp Hopper on the memo line. Send to: Kris Sheehan 215 Brodin Lane Corralitos, CA 95076



## Local Scholarship News

Our Local Scholarship committee sent out letters recently requesting funds for this outstanding project. The response has been great. Thanks to all who have contributed. If you haven't had a chance to send a donation, it's never too late.

Make out checks to AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch Local Scholarships and mail to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062.

Mark your calendars for December 8th when we will once again have out Holiday luncheon in support of this fund. More information on that will be forthcoming.



### Stand Up for Women's Rights: Urge Your Senator to Oppose Judge Kavanaugh

Last month, President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to a lifetime appointment on the U.S. Supreme Court and the stakes are enormously high. Despite the fact that his full record has not been released, the Senate has scheduled his confirmation hearings to begin as soon as September 4. AAUW has carefully considered his available record and one thing is clear: Judge Kavanaugh would put at risk the issues that are central to AAUW's mission.

AAUW advocates for the health, education, and economic security of all women and girls. But Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation would put women's constitutional rights, including access to abortion and contraception, at risk. Judge Kavanaugh has also called into question the protections of the Affordable Care Act, and his record shows that he is willing to do grave harm to women by upending employment and labor rights and restricting voting rights. We cannot support a nominee who will not uphold and protect our most fundamental freedoms and rights.

Judge Kavanaugh's Senate confirmation hearings will begin as soon as September 4, and it's vital that every senator hear from their constituents about what's at stake.

**TAKE ACTION!**

## Human Trafficking Committee News

### Event: Ending the Exploitation of Children

October 20 1-5PM Bayside Baptist Church, 1335 Seabright Ave. Santa Cruz

Presented by Shared Hope, speaker, video "Chosen"  
Moderator Deborah Pembroke

Panel: Ilia McKinney Assistant District Attorney  
Farris Sabbah, County Office of Education describing new legislation

Mark Stone, outlining plan for reforming the child welfare system.

Cosponsored by League of Women Voters  
Rising International  
Coalition to end Human Trafficking  
Dress a Girl Around the World

Want to help?

Contact Martha Mangan 425-1306 for further information  
Committee meeting, Sept 1, Saturday  
201 Prospect Hts 1PM

### Take action now:

1. Join a nationwide day of action on August 26 to Unite for Justice. On Women's Equality Day, Americans will stand united in commitment to women's rights to demand that the U.S. Senate oppose Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation. Use our unique link to find and register for an event near you and show up to speak out.
2. Share your personal story with your senators and urge them to oppose Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation. Your voice matters! AAUW's toll-free number, 1-855-973-0824, will automatically connect you to your senator's office. Let your senator know what's at stake if Judge Kavanaugh is confirmed - from the erosion of health care coverage for pre-existing conditions to the elimination of access to abortion and contraception.
3. Share this opportunity with friends and family in key states. The votes of senators in Alabama, Alaska, Indiana, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, and West Virginia are critical. Urge your networks in these key states to make their voices heard.

Judge Kavanaugh has shown he won't stand up for the health, education, and economic security of women and girls — and we won't stand for that. Take action today to oppose Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court.

## AAUW Fund News



### AAUW FELLOWS /GRANT RECIPIENTS & FANTASTIC LUNCHESES

The 2018-19 AAUW Fund Luncheons in both Northern and Southern California are ready for your reservations today! Please note that the deadline for reservations for all three luncheons is September 26, 2018 and the cost is \$45 per person.

Saturday, October 6: Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco  
 Sunday, October 7: Danville Crow Canyon Country Club  
 Saturday, October 13: Seal Beach Old Ranch Country Club

For more details and to register, click [HERE](#).

The speakers will be the 2018-19 AAUW Fellows/Grant recipients studying in California. We have thirty women studying in California this year, so several will attend each luncheon. Please join us for an inspirational afternoon. Register early as spots fill quickly!

If you would like to participate in a carpool, call Lynn Cummins, 728-2128.

### Sharon Westafer, Chair AAUW Fund

Thank you and congratulations to the members of AAUW California for your generous donations in 2017 of \$1,336,746.56 to the AAUW Fund. The power of each donation is critical as AAUW strives to break barriers for women and girls in all areas of their lives, from education to health care to pay and employment equity. While much has been accomplished since the founding of AAUW in 1881, our work is far from over. If you haven't explored the AAUW website, we encourage you to do so as there is a wealth of information about AAUW and its many programs.

\$767,718.91 of the donations went to support California Tech Trek camps, the week-long math/science camps held during the summer at various colleges and universities in California. What a wonderful opportunity for girls entering the eighth grade to explore careers in these fields while being encouraged to further their educations. Because Tech Trek funds will now be administered by the California Special Projects Fund, donations are still tax deductible but won't be included in branch donations to National.

Other programs supported by your donations include the Educational Opportunities Fund which provides Fellowships and Grants, the Legal Advocacy Fund, providing case support for women in the workplace and in educational institutions, leadership programs such as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (<https://www.nccwsl.org>), and groundbreaking research on issues pertaining to women and girls.

It's wonderful that four California endowments were completed in 2017: Half Moon Bay branch (Half Moon Bay), Lucy Lindsey/Margaret Hankle (Hayward-Castro Valley), Helen and Marie Salandra/Friedel Volz (Alhambra San Gabriel and San Jose branches), and the Sacramento branch 100th anniversary. Congratulations!

There are still a few endowments to be completed and we would appreciate your help. The current balances on them will be listed on the AAUW CA website as soon as the figures are received from AAUW.

We realize that many of you are involved with organizations besides AAUW and there is competition for your donations. Please continue to include AAUW in your generosity! Please remember that donating money to other organizations by branches is against AAUW policies.

Consult AAUW Funds on the AAUW website for more information regarding the Fund and Policy 501: Fundraising Guidelines for fundraising questions. (<https://www.aauw.org/?s=Policy+501>)



## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



## September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					9:30 Easy Walking Group*	1 1pm Human Trafficking committee*
2	3 Labor Day	4 10am Board Meeting  7pm Evening Books*	5	6 11:30 Lunch Bunch *	7	8
9	10 12pm Bridge*	11	12	13	14	15 Tech Trek luncheon—see pg. 1
16	17 Reader's Theater, 1pm*	18	19	20 1pm Books Sec. 2	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27 1pm Books Sec. 1	28	29



## AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch Interest Groups

All work and no play? To counteract that we have a variety of interest groups for our members. If you'd like to join a group or attend one to see if it interests you, please contact the leaders listed below. We'd love to see you.

If you're interested in starting a new Interest Group, we welcome your ideas. Contact Jeanne Jorgensen, [jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com).

In order to attract new members and make AAUW's goals more visible to the community, our Membership meetings and luncheons are open to the public. Come join us and bring a friend! You'll find an amazing group of women who offer you friendship and intellectual stimulation.

### 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,

Tuesday evening book group will be meeting on September 4, 2018 at 7:00. We will be reading *THE GREAT ALONE* by Kristen Hannah, reviewed by Joyce Hopkins. We will meet at Louanne Ellison's home, 1421 Chanticleer. Call 471-8381 for directions. All are welcome to join this lively group. Call Joan Schwimmer 408-348-6472 or e-mail: [joan.schwimmer@hotmail.com](mailto:joan.schwimmer@hotmail.com) for more information.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Andrea Lossee, phone 462-3010, email [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto:alosee@cruzio.com); We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm. Contact Andrea 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. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1pm. Contact Susan for details.

### Reader's Theater

Our next meetings will be on September 17 and October 14 at 1pm. 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](mailto:bobbi44@gmail.com).

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month. This year each member is being asked to select a month and location. Kit will do all the communication with members and The Beacon once a restaurant is selected and confirmed. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Bring prospective members! Contact Kit Hein: [bythebeach15@gmail.com](mailto:bythebeach15@gmail.com) for more information and to choose your month. The first meeting will be on September 6 at a restaurant in Capitola Village. Kris Sheehan is the "selector".

### 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).

### Adventure Group

Stay tuned for upcoming adventures. Call or text Jane Amaral at 359-3357 OR email at [lvswamp@charter.net](mailto:lvswamp@charter.net) to join the group.

### Human Trafficking Committee

The Human Trafficking Committee meets the first Saturday of every month, 1PM, 201 Prospect Hts. Contact Martha Mangin, tel # 425-1306, for more details. See page 4- for announcements.

### Great Decisions

Our Great Decisions foreign policy group will begin meeting in January.

Visitors and new members are welcome to join this dynamic discussion group. Dates and topics to follow in upcoming Beacons.

In the meantime, please contact [VickieBirdsall@yahoo.com](mailto:VickieBirdsall@yahoo.com) or [graceger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graceger@sbcglobal.net) for more information.



# Branch Schedule



## 2018-2019

Sept.	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	15	Membership/Tech Trek Luncheon	Seascape Resort
Oct.	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	20	Program: 'Ending Exploitation of Children'	Bayside Church
Nov.	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
Dec.	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	8	Local Scholarships Holiday Luncheon	Seascape Golf Club
Jan.	8	Board Meeting	CFSCC
Feb.	5	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	23	Interbranch Council Luncheon	Fort Ord
Mar.	5	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Business Meeting / Nominations	
Apr.	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
May	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Scholarship Luncheon, Installation of Officers	Seascape



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If you are not able to attend the luncheon on September 15th and would like to donate to Tech Trek (Girls Science Scholarships) Make checks payable to AAUW CA SPF, with Santa Cruz County Tech Trek, Camp Hopper on the memo line. Send to: Kris Sheehan 215 Brodin Lane Corralitos, CA 95076