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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

October 2018

Ending the Exploitation of Children

October 20, Saturday 1-5PM

Bayside Baptist Church
1335 Seabright Avenue



Shared Hope is our presenter along with a panel:

- ◆ L. McKinney, DA Santa Cruz Office
- ◆ Farris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
- ◆ Assemblyman Mark Stone on Child Welfare Reform

Shared Hope was recently featured in a Sentinel article as a force in the ending of abuse to minors.

A video produced by Shared Hope, "Chosen", will be shown.

Free admission

Light refreshments

A raffle with prizes contributed by Chardonnay Cruises, Shoppers Corner, Grey Bears, Soquel Winery, Lillians, Hindquarter, Santa Cruz Coffee Roasting Company and Pacific Cookie. All proceeds to be used by ongoing projects of End Human Trafficking Committee of AAUW.

League of Women Voters and Soroptimist Club are co-sponsoring this 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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**President's message:**

I hope you are enjoying our balmy fall days as we launch another year of AAUW activities.

Our first event, the Tech Trek and Membership meeting, was held on Sept. 15.

Future events:

On Oct. 13 our branch and The League of Women Voters will be co-sponsoring an information meeting about the proposals on the Nov. ballot. The meeting will be held at the Aptos Library, Soquel Dr., on Oct 13, 10AM-12PM.

On Oct 20, a program titled 'Ending the Exploitation of Children' will be held at Bayside Baptist Church, 1335 Seabright Ave, SC from 1-5PM.

These are both free events, bring a friend.

We have many talents among our members and I would like to find a member interested in grant writing. Grants could supplement our fund raising efforts for Tech Trek and Local Scholarships. The Community Foundation Center in Aptos offers classes for grant writing.

I look forward to seeing you at these events and interest groups.

Mary Maier

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](#).

Tech Trek News

Tech Trek, Membership Luncheon September 15, 2018

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!! So many thanks to give.

To our very special Tech Trek Committee, Kit Hein, Jane Amara and Susan Chollar: who took care of reservations and name tags; defined table centerpiece drawing; created beautiful centerpieces; introduced the TT girls; beautified and managed the Opportunity Drawing Table and spoke so eloquently of the teacher's responsibility in the Tech Trek selection process.

To Lois, who helped secure the beautiful Bayview Room and then graciously shared Tech Trek's founding and early days.

To Audrey, Linda, Kit and Liz who staffed the Signup Tables through the pre luncheon Social Hour.

To Debra who willingly caught members mingling and the Tech Trek girls for photos.

To the MEMBERS who came out in numbers, 56 to be exact to meet and greet (and not complain too-much about the color seating).

To the MEMBERS who supported the Opportunity Drawing

To the MEMBERS who additionally donated to Tech Trek August and September: Pamela Peterson; Mary Maier, Joyce Hopkins, Jaimie Muzzio, Sandra Hartman, Mary Kay Simpson, Diane Jones and Kit Hein. Additionally, Nehal Pfeiffer (Santa Cruz County STEM Coordinator) and parent of current Tech Trekker, Krissy Petersen attended the luncheon and generously donated.

I hope I have not missed anyone. I have thanked all our great speakers personally.

We hope the mentoring offered the current Tech Trek girls by WISE SIS women, Anna Johnston and Caroline Park will help them to maintain and grow their interest in STEM.

As you all know it takes many to put on an event. We began in June when Lois introduced me to the Seascape Staff and we secured the room. It culminated Saturday with our enjoyable luncheon.

BUT, we still have a year ahead of us and work to do; contacting schools and teachers, generating interest in the program from 7th grade girls, reviewing applications, interviewing candidates and finally selecting the next group to attend Camp Hopper.

Would any of you like to work on Tech Trek with us? One of the biggest challenges is raising the \$1000 per girl needed to send her to camp. That is ongoing.

New ideas are always welcome. Anyone you know want to do: grant writing; scout out company donations; and of course encourage our members to continue their ongoing generosity. All help is greatly appreciated.

If you did not have an opportunity to donate at the luncheon, and would like to do so, please:

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



Tech Trek 20th Anniversary Celebration: Click [HERE](#) or on any photo below to see full size photos.

A BIG Thank You to Kris Sheehan and Committee for a wonderful event!





Pros & Cons of the November State Ballot Measures

Saturday, October 13, 2018 10am-12pm

Aptos Library Meeting Room 7695 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

Come hear the arguments, both for and against, the statewide propositions to be voted on during the November 6, 2018 General Election and pick up a copy of the League's Easy Voter Guide. This event is free and open to the public. We are co-sponsoring this event with the League of Women Voters. Bring friends and neighbors.

Local Scholarship News

Our Local Scholarship committee wishes to thank Sharon Bush, Karen Coatney, Carol DeLauder, Cathy Chavez-Miller, Grace Gebrandt, Joyce Hopkins, Pat Nellany, Nancy Remde, Joan Schwimmer, Anne Sherwood, Mary Kay Simpson, Kris Sheehan, Mary Lou Stewart, Phyllis Taylor, Liz Thorington, Claudia Slater and Sarah Howell for their recent donations. 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 our Holiday luncheon in support of this fund. More information on that will be forthcoming.



Photo of our Local Scholars from May 12th luncheon, courtesy of Lorraine Margon

AAUW Fund News



AAUW FELLOWS /GRANT RECIPIENTS & FANTASTIC LUNCHES

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.

AAUW Funds -

“I just wanted to say I am humbled to be part of such an organization that encourages women to achieve the impossible. Being a woman, a mother, a Muslim, and from developing countries are all challenges but with great organizations like AAUW, I feel empowered to attain new heights in my career.”

– Ghadeer Dawwas, 2017-18 International Fellow

AAUW’s fellowships and grants is celebrating 130 years of helping scholars and activists like Ghadeer Dawwas overcome barriers to their education and advancement. Recipients have become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts, and the sciences.

For the 2018-19 academic year, 250 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive \$3.9 million from AAUW. This level of funding for women’s education and projects has a tremendous impact on women and their communities by expanding women’s potential and supporting their future promise.

By easing the pressure of financing academic and community work, AAUW’s awards help women tackle the growing burden of student debt and focus their efforts on the task at hand: developing the skills and experience they need to excel in their fields and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

One of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing \$3.9 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2018-19 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. AAUW seeks a diverse applicant pool.

Our Fellowships and Grants American Fellowships

Who may apply: Women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks

Funding: \$6,000-\$30,000

Opens: August 1

Deadline: November 1

[Learn More](#)

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2	28	29
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October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10am Board Meeting 7pm Evening Books*	3	4 11:30 Lunch Bunch *	5	6 1pm Human Trafficking Funds Lunch-eon. See pg. 6
7 Funds Lunch-eon. See pg. 6	8	9	10	11	12	13 10am AAUW/ LWV Voter's Event, see pg. 5
14	15 Reader's Theater* 12pm Bridge*	16	17	18	19	20 1pm Human Trafficking Event, see pg. 1
21	22	23	24	25 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

Membership Corner

New address for Kit Hein:

208 Elinor St., Capitola, CA 95010

*Please make a note in your directory.

**WOMEN IN THE U.S.
ARE TYPICALLY PAID
80 CENTS
FOR EVERY DOLLAR
PAID TO MEN.**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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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.

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 October 2, 2018 at 7:00. We will be discussing THE KURDISH BIKE by Alisa Lightbourne who will be attending the meeting. We will meet at Marilee Werfhorst's house, 1850 Wharf Road, Capitola. Call 831-234-5481 for directions. Joan Schwimmer will lead the discussion. All are welcome to join this lively group. Call Joan Schwimmer 408-348-6472 or e-mail: joan_schwimmer@hotmail.com for more information.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Andrea Lossee, phone 462-3010, email 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. This group reads one book each month. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm. Contact Susan for details.

Reader's Theater

Our next meetings will be on October 15, November 26 and January 21. 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. 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 for more information and to choose your month.

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.

Adventure Group

Stay tuned for upcoming adventures. Call or text Jane at 359-3357 OR email at 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 Mangan, tel # 425-1306, for more details. See page 1 for upcoming event October 20th.

Also, We now have the task of finishing the DA program of listing all businesses that qualify for the SB1193 posting. This program allows the DA office to immediately target the business with a non compliance notice and a fine. We would like to ask for volunteers to help with this task. Contact Martha, 425-1306.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions, our Foreign Policy Group, will meet Friday, November 9, at the home of Grace Gerbrandt to plan our 2019 schedule. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Each of our eight meetings focuses on a critical foreign policy issue facing the US, with the Great Decisions' booklet and DVDs providing background information. Our discussions are lively; our group is friendly and diverse; new members and interested visitors are welcome.

Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt, graceger@sbcglobal.net



Branch Schedule

2018-2019



Oct.	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	13	AAUW/LWV Voter Event	Aptos Library
	20	Program: 'Ending Exploitation of Children'	Bayside Church
Nov.	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
Dec.	4	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	8	Local Scholarships Holiday Luncheon	Seascope 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 / Election	
Apr.	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
May	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Scholarship Luncheon, Installation of Officers	Seascope



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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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 Geraldine Williams
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 Aptos, CA 95003

for AAUW Funds contributions, you may mail your check or do it online on the AAUW Web-site (at aauw.org- click on Educational Funding)

Local Scholarships

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