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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

December 2018

AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

Local Scholarships Presents:

Our Annual Holiday LS Event
Silent Auction—Christmas Crafts
Featuring Fiat Musica



Saturday, December 8
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 _____@ \$25 each. Total enclosed _____

Menu choices: Grilled Salmon Salad _____

Pineapple Boat with Curried Chicken _____

Southwestern Vegetable Salad (veg.) _____

Dietary restrictions _____

Rolls, Coffee or tea & dessert included.

Member name _____ Guest _____

Included in my check, find \$_____for raffle tickets. \$1/ea, 6/\$5, 12/\$10
or 24/\$20.

Please remember small soaps, shampoos for the Women's Center, plus baked goods, food items & holiday crafts priced to sell. There will be a white elephant table.

RSVP by November 28

Make checks payable to: AAUW Local-Scholarships

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

Tel.831-477-7025

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:*

By the time you receive this issue of the Beacon, Thanksgiving will have passed, and we are looking ahead to the holidays.

For the victims of devastating fires, here and elsewhere in the state, we offer thanks for the brave firefighters and volunteers.

Another of the things for which we can be thankful is that as result of the midterm elections, more women than ever before are now representing us in Congress. Perhaps now some of the women's issues that AAUW supports will be supported by both parties. Studies show that women are willing to work together and seem to be willing to compromise. This can only benefit all citizens.

Next year we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. Now we will be celebrating our right to govern.

The major event on our December calendar is the holiday party/luncheon/ fundraiser for Local Scholarships. Jeanne Jorgensen and her committee have planned another memorable day when we will have a chance to support scholarships for re-entry women at UCSC and Ca-brillo.

There will be a drawing for great prizes, a lovely lunch, entertainment by Fiat Musica choristers, and a "bazaar" of "white elephants" and food items. You are encouraged to contribute to all of these, plus to bring donations of small toiletries for the Women's Center.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there. This is a chance to connect with friends and to support this important work and our hard-working committee.

Warm regards,
Audrey Strayer
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](#).



Announcement from State regarding Paradise Branch

Greetings,

We are sure that you have seen news of the destruction of the city of Paradise. Of the 45 Paradise members all except for three (Mary Peterson, Linda Menicucci, and Carol Holzgrafe) know or think they have lost their homes based on an email from branch member Carol Holzgrafe.

We realize that we can't use any branch or state money to help our members who lost their homes, but we encourage you to publish something to your branch members to urge individuals to help.

There are three ways members can personally provide assistance:

1. **Members can donate gift cards** to stores such as Target, Penney's, Macy's, K Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, Safeway, Walmart, Raley's etc. Send any gift cards to our state office:

AAUW of California
1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833

Our office manager will send them to a contact in the Paradise branch for distribution.

2. **Paradise members are in need of housing** in Northern California. If you have any information about rentals please contact Carol Holzgrafe at 530-774-4009 or email her at carol@holzgrafe.com.

3. **Donate through recognized 501(c)(3) organizations**

- Nvcf.org. The North Valley Community Foundation.
- For animals: Nvadg.org. The North Valley Animal Disaster Group. They rescued and are caring for a couple thousand dogs and cats plus horses, donkeys, pigs, llamas, rabbits, birds, tortoises, pet snakes and more.

Jane Niemeier and Cathy Foxhoven
AAUW CA Co-Presidents



Announcement from National

The Friday, November 30 application deadline for the AAUW National Board of Directors is fast approaching, but there's still time for prospective AAUW member candidates to submit an application or throw your own hat in the ring. You can review the selection criteria and [apply online directly](#) on the AAUW website.

Your leadership experience and network are invaluable to us, and we're so grateful for your help in finding the best candidates to lead AAUW and our vision for the future. There's never been a more important time to fight for an equitable future for all. Please feel free to contact the AAUW member-led Nominating Committee at nominating@aauw.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued commitment to AAUW.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Churches, Chief Executive Officer, AAUW

Public Policy News

Analysis: What the 2018 Midterm Results Mean for Women

The midterm elections ushered in changes at all levels of government: Democrats took control of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Republicans will likely increase their ranks in the U.S. Senate. At the state level, Democrats flipped seven state legislative chambers and picked up at least seven of 26 previously Republican controlled gubernatorial seats.

But the dominant story of this election is the power of women. So far, polling suggests over 52 percent of voters in this election were female, matching their previous turnout record in the 2010 midterms. And not only did a record number of women run for office, a record number of those women will now serve, even as we await more election results. Beating the former high of 112 women set by the current Congress, at least 102 women will be sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives and at least 23 women will serve in the U.S. Senate. Additionally, at least nine women will lead their states as governors.

The country also notched several notable firsts: Nevada elected a female-majority federal delegation, a female-majority state Supreme Court, and, depending on the outcome of some yet-to-be-decided races, may seat the first female-majority state legislature. Here are some examples of a few more firsts:

Sharice Davids (D-KS) and Deb Haaland (D-NM) were elected as the first two Native American women in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Ilhan Omar (D-MN) were the first Muslim women elected to Congress.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) became the youngest woman ever elected to Congress.

Ayanna Pressley (D) became the first African American woman from Massachusetts elected to Congress, while Abby Finkenauer (D) and Cindy Axne (D) were the first women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Iowa.

Tennessee will send Marsha Blackburn (R) to the Senate as its state's first woman senator.

Maine and South Dakota elected their first female governors, Janet Mills (D-ME) and Kristi Noem (R-SD), and Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) became New Mexico's first Democratic Latina governor.

These firsts are a reminder that while the number of women in elected positions has increased, we remain far from parity. This progress is critical, but the work is far from over.



It's time to take action for Title IX.

Last year, the administration began its systematic attack on Title IX, and even announced that additional rollbacks were coming. Today, it happened — the Department of Education issued a plan to make sweeping changes to Title IX's regulations, which would have significant implications for students' civil rights and for federal enforcement of the law.

Title IX protects all students from discrimination — students of all genders, from kindergarten through college. But these expansive changes put those protections at risk.
We need your help to fight to stop these changes.

It's the Department of Education's job to keep all students safe and to keep schools free from discrimination, including sexual harassment and violence. These proposed changes would weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to allow schools to exclude much of the abuse students experience, limiting when schools will respond, and putting in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward when they experience sexual harassment or assault. Simply put, these changes will make schools less safe for students. Over the next 60 days, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education on their proposed changes. It's crucial that advocates speak up — loudly — and fight back against any attacks on Title IX that attempt to diminish students' protections.

We can't let the Department of Education weaken Title IX. Add your name today to oppose the changes, and to learn more about how you can help fight back. CLICK [HERE](#).

Tech Trek News

Happy December and Holiday Festivities!

Kit Hein and I just went up to Foster City for an area Tech Trek Meeting to discuss Tech Trek selection processes and Camp Hopper at Stanford. It was great meeting with new staff members and discussing the camp operation. We have been asked to spread the word about a very important position still to fill. . . Camp Hopper needs a Nurse for the week of camp, mid July. If any of you know of a nurse who would like to spend a week with a group of wonderful middle school girls, please let me know and I can get her name and contact info to the right people. There is a small remuneration of \$300 for the week plus board and room. The nurse would be on duty for the girls for the entire time they are residing on Stanford Campus. My contact is Email: krisrsheehan@gmail.com or Phone: 831-915-3630

We've also been busy this past month writing and sending our annual donation letters to all you wonderful members!

You should have received them by the end of November. In this Season of Sharing, please remember Tech Trek. Though we have had recent generous contributions this month from **Beth Svee and Jean Gregson**, we still need several thousand more dollars to reach our goal and be able to send six girls to Camp Hopper as we did last year. We are very grateful for any amount you may decide to send. In case you did not receive a letter from me, we would be happy for your donation. You may 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

Happy Holidays! Hope to see you at the December 8th luncheon.
Best, Kris



Local Scholarship News

Our Local Scholarship committee wishes to thank **Sandy Hartman, Audrey Strayer, Lois Gregson & Jamie Muzzio** 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. Don't miss out on this great event. See page 1 for details.





December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 1pm Human Trafficking committee*
2 Hanukkah begins	3	4 10am Board Meeting 7pm Evening Books*	5	6 Lunch Bunch *	7	8 11am LS Holiday Event, see pg.1
9	10	11	12	13 1pm Books Sec. 2	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 1pm Books Sec. 1	21	22
23 30	24 31 New Year's Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29



January 2019

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



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,

Our next meeting will be on December 4, 2018 at 7:00 to discuss *THE SOUL OF AN OCTOPUS* by Sy Montgomery. We will meet at Darby Kremers' home, 22030 N. Pacific Ave., #117. Call 831-206-3623 for directions. Jeanne Jorgensen 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, with the exception of December for which we will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month due to the holidays. 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, with the exception of December for which we will meet on the 13th of the month due to the holidays. Contact Susan for details.

Reader's Theater

Our next meeting will be on 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 bob-bi44@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch

December Lunch Bunch will gather December 6, 12 noon, at the **Back Nine Grill and Bar**, 555 CA-17, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Pasatiempo exit off Highway 17). We welcome new members. Contact Kit Hein: bythebeach15@gmail.com. Thank you Beth Svee for arranging this event.

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 is handling communication with members and The Beacon once a restaurant is selected and confirmed. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Bring prospective members!

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 Amaral 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 Mangán, tel # 425-1306, for more details.

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 begin its eight week season on Friday, January 25, 2019.

The topic: The United States and Mexico: a Partnership Tested.

Our discussions are lively; our group is friendly and diverse. New members and interested visitors are very welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt, graceger@sbcglobal.net



Branch Schedule

2018-2019



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	Bayonet Club
Mar.	5	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Business Meeting / Nominations	
Apr.	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	9	Local Scholarships Shadowbrook Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
May	7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	TBA	Scholarship Luncheon, Installation of Officers	Seascope



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.*

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Geraldine Williams
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Aptos, CA 95003

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