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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

November 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:

What an eventful and stressful few months it has been. AAUW had urged its members to write their senators and congressional representatives to vote against Judge Kavanaugh's nomination for the Supreme Court. However, he has been confirmed and officially sworn in.

Whether we agree with the outcome or not our government proceeds according to its rules. What does this mean for the women of America and AAUW?

I believe it is a call to action on our part to support women's issues. Do not lose heart, keep informed, contact your representatives with your opinions, support AAUW positions.

Above all VOTE! The General Election is on Nov. 6. We joined with The League of Women Voters in presenting a panel giving information on the propositions on Oct. 13. On Oct. 20 we presented a program called 'Ending the Exploitation of Children' at Bayside Baptist Church, 1335 Seabright Ave., SC. **Martha Mangan** and her committee assembled an impressive panel to discuss this problem, Assemblyman Mark Stone, Asst. DA L. Mc Kinney, Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools. The League of Women Voters co-sponsored this event. I hope you were able to take in these informative events.

On a lighter note here is a picture of myself, **Claudia Slater** and **Alesa Lightbourne** taken at our last Book Club meeting. We are wearing traditional dress that would be worn to a wedding party. Alesa is the author of "The Kurdish Bike" which our group read. Alesa is a local author and came to discuss her book based on her time teaching in Kurdistan.



Save the date for these events, **Holiday Party Dec. 8** at Seascape Golf Course and **The IBC (Interbranch) Council Meeting Feb. 23** at the Bayonet Club, Marina.

Warm regards,
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](#).

Membership News

I am very sorry to share the news of long time member Judy Nielsen's passing. She had been battling cancer for the past few years. Judy was very active in our branch and was always in good cheer. She loved walking her dog along West Cliff and I would see her doing so often when driving by. We will miss Judy's wit and warmth. Below is a copy of the obituary that appeared in the Sentinel a couple of weeks ago.



*Judy Nielsen
Dec. 26, 1933 - Sep. 23, 2018
Santa Cruz*

Judy grew up in Denmark and worked as a tour manager covering the western United States before retiring in Santa Cruz. She is survived by her children, Anne Marie Nielsen and Tage Nielsen, and grandchildren Marie Hopkins and Soren Hopkins.

A Memorial was held on Saturday, Oct 27th at 3 pm at the Shrine of St. Joseph-Guardian of the Redeemer in Santa Cruz.



Photos courtesy of Kit Hein from Oct. 13th Event:

Pros & Cons of the November State Ballot Measures



Our Human Trafficking Event on October 20th with its screening of the film 'Chosen' and impressive panel assembled by **Martha Mangan**, **Kit Hein**, our valued partners and committee was well very attended. Pam Newberry from the LWV wrote an excellent article on the event: Click [HERE](#) to read it (go to page 3). You can also click [HERE](#) to see a video of the event if you were unable to attend.

Human Trafficking Event

AAUW Fund News

2018 Fund Luncheon Presentations: AAUW California is especially delighted to formally present our Fellowship and Grant recipients at the 2018 Fall Fund Luncheons.

Click [HERE](#) to see videos of these presentations.

Tech Trek News

Here it is another New Year! At least it is a new year for our Tech Trek Committee. After the auspicious beginning with the September 20th Year Celebration, we have begun the new Tech Trek girls' selection process.

We have confirmed the specific teacher contacts for all the County's public middle schools and written a letter inviting the schools to participate once again in nominating the 7th grade girls they feel would benefit from a Tech Trek experience.

Letters and the important dates' schedule will go out to the teach-

ers and principals the first week of November. We will follow up with them after the winter holidays with a request for their nominations.

Last year we had seven out of the twelve schools participate. This year we would love to have participation from all of them.

As we noted at our September meeting, we were able to send six girls to Tech Trek's Camp Hopper at Stanford last year. We hope to be able to send the same number again this year. However, we can only do that with your help. We need to raise \$1000 to pay for each girl that we

send to camp.

We received a very generous donation from Priscilla Peters this month. Thank you, Priscilla.

If you would like to help send a girl to camp, please contribute to our Tech Trek fund.

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

Thank you so much, Kris



Local Scholarship News

Our Local Scholarship committee wishes to thank **Sandy Hartman, Carole Beckett, Pamela Peterson, Pat and Cindi Schuette** 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. See page 1 for details.

We have also been offered Tuesday, **April 9, 2019** for another fundraiser at Shadowbrook Restaurant. Local Scholarships will be receiving a third of the proceeds. Reservation information to follow as the date gets closer.

Public Policy News

AAUW California 2018 Legislative Year Update

If you've been tracking AAUW California legislation in the last few years, you'll note the number of bills related to closing the gender pay gap. We've made tremendous headway since 2015 working with the Stronger California coalition. The Fair Pay Act has been improved (SB 358-2015, SB 1063 - 2016) and California now limits the use of one's prior salary to establish a new salary. Just this year, an additional refinement was made (AB 2282 - Eggman) so there is no doubt, an employer cannot inquire or use one's prior salary. There are still

other areas to be addressed, including pay data transparency so that employers and the public can better understand a company's pay practices. Unfortunately our cosponsored bill on this issue (SB 1284- Jackson) was stalled in the legislative process this year.

Momentum on the equal pay bills was assisted by the #MeToo movement and awareness that sexual harassment is fueled by disproportionate power dynamics, as is the gender pay gap. Many bills made it to the Governor's desk, with mixed results. Most importantly, Governor Brown signed SB 1300 (Jackson), also known as the "no free

grope" bill.

Our work is not done. To quote a former Governor, "we'll be back", to work with the new Governor to accomplish all that needs to be done to make California a bastion of equity and fairness for women.

For a full list of our bills in 2018, go to our website: www.aauw-ca.org



November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11	12 Veterans' Day	13	14	15 1pm Books Sec. 1 & 2	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving!	23	24
25	26 Reader's Theater*	27	28	29	30	



December 2018

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



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 November 6, 2018 at 7:00. We will be discussing *THE MUSIC SHOP* by Rachel Joyce. We will meet at Jeanne Jorgensen's house at 270 19th Ave. Santa Cruz. Call 831-477-7025 for directions. Liz Thorington will lead the discussion.

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 Andree Lossee, phone 462-3010, email alosee@cruzio.com; We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm, with the exception of November and 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 November and December for which we will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month due to the holidays. Contact Susan for details.

Reader's Theater

Our next meetings will be on 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 bobbil44@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 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! 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 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 Discussion Group, will have its organizational meeting Friday, November 9, 10 AM at the home of Grace Gerbrandt, 152 Spring Street, Santa Cruz. Newcomers are welcome to see what we're about. We're a lively, respectful group, interested in this fascinating, complicated world.

Contact graceger@sbcglobal.net or vickiebird-sall@yahoo.com or just show up!



Branch Schedule

2018-2019



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	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	Seascape



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
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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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Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Tech Trek

(Girls Science Scholarships)
Make checks payable to
AAUW CA SPF, with Santa Cruz
County Tech Trek, Camp Hopper on
the memo line
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Corralitos, CA 95076

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