



Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

The Beacon

January 2019

Annual Interbranch Council Luncheon

When: Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 @ 11:30 a.m.

Where: Bayonet & Blackhorse Golf Club Grill,
1 McClure Way, Seaside



Speaker: The committee is working on an exciting 'Mystery Guest' for this meeting but will not be able to confirm their availability until late Jan. (and they have some exciting 'backup speakers', if needed as well). Watch for an update in Feb. regarding the final speaker plans for this meeting. It will be one you don't want to miss!

Mail this form or a sheet of paper with the relevant information to RSVP for this exciting event!

Menu:

Young Organic Greens

with candied walnuts, goat cheese and balsamic vinaigrette

Choice Of:

Stuffed Chicken Breast

with roma tomatoes, jack cheese and basil in a whole grain mustard sauce

or

Grilled Portabella Mushroom Sandwich

with sautéed peppers and onions, lettuce, tomato & garlic aioli, rustic potato bun

Served with garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and dinner rolls

Dessert: Chocolate Cake with raspberry sauce

Beverages: Ice Tea and Lemonade

Please reserve ____ @ \$26 each. Includes tax and gratuity.

Menu choice: Stuffed Chicken Breast Mushroom Sandwich (vegetarian)

Total enclosed _____

Member name _____ Guest _____

Phone# _____

Deadline for reservations: Feb. 19. All reservations must be PRE-PAID and are NON-REFUNDABLE. Checks made out to: AAUW SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH Mail checks to: Kit Hein 208 Elinor St., Capitola, CA 95010-2420

Questions to Kit about reservations: bythebeach15@gmail.com or 831-305-2165

Other questions? Pat Fletcher (pletcher_ca@yahoo.com or 408-373-5800 cell/text)

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:

Happy 2019 Everyone!

Looking back on our branch accomplishments in 2018, thanks to all who supported our programs and fund raising efforts for Human Trafficking, Tech Trek, and Local Scholarships. Thanks also to the hardworking members who organized these events and made them so successful.

Now we are looking forward to programs in 2019. On February 23 we will be meeting with the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Branches in Seaside for the IBC program and luncheon. These programs are always outstanding and worth attending, so save the date!

If you are making New Year's resolutions, please consider a resolution to recruit at least one new member and to participate in branch activities, committees and offices. Become a board member!

Our mission to educate women and girls is not ours alone. Women around the world believe in education as the necessary element for change in every area of society.

As members of AAUW, we can be proud of that mission.

"We can't afford not to educate girls and give women the power and the access they need". Michelle Obama

Best Wishes for the New Year.

Audrey Strayer
Co-President, AAUW SC County

Membership News



Life member and former President (1989-1991) **Barbara O'Hara** passed away at the age of 92 in June. Her obituary appeared in the SC Sentinel on December 21st: [Barbara Ohara Obituary](#)

Barbara and her husband George were both active in our branch and other community organizations for many years.



Donate to Local Scholarships & Tech Trek via AmazonSmile!

Just a reminder that Kris Sheehan and Jeanne Jorgensen put together the AmazonSmile donation option for folks that order on Amazon. .5% of everything ordered comes back to the branch non-profit.

If you would also like to donate to Tech Trek through this Amazon option, please keep track of the amount you spent and let Kris or Jeanne know. It would be super helpful to Tech Trek as we don't have many options to raise the funds that we need to send the girls to camp.

While of course we all like to support local merchants...many of our purchases are made through Amazon these days and this is a great opportunity for our branch to benefit.

Go to smile.amazon.com to get started. Please note the first time you use it you need to designate AAUW Santa Cruz as the charity they want to have. There is an easy pop up that asks.

New Address

Pat Nellany has moved to Dominican Oaks.

Her new address is:

Pat Nellany

3400 Paul Sweet Rd. C-219

Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Please make a note in your directory.

Well Wishes

On December 20th, Beth Svee broke her hip requiring an immediate hip replacement. Fortunately she is doing well and hopes to be out and about in the next week or so.

Our very best wishes to Beth as she rehabs and recovers!

Local Scholarship News

Our annual Holiday luncheon supporting the Local Scholarship Funds for re-entry women to UCSC and Cabrillo College was, as usual, a great event. 55 attendees enjoyed music by Fiat Musica, bought raffle ticket & won great prizes.

If you would like to make a contribution to this wonderful fund, make out a check to AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch – Local Scholarships & send to: Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Holiday Party Snaps



Hope you all had a Wonderful Holiday and have made your resolutions for the New Year!

Our Tech Trek Committee will meet January 7 to begin the Tech Trek selection process. We have divided the County schools' contact responsibilities among the four of us, four schools apiece.

We each will contact four Science or Math Department Chair, or teachers sending them the Teacher Nomination forms with required completion dates.

Once we have received the nominations, each girl will receive an application packet. They are required to complete a detailed application explaining why they want to go to Tech Trek. Additionally, they each must write an essay explaining how they would use math or science to make the world a better place.

Our committee will evaluate the applications in February and will be interviewing the finalists in March. Final selection for the 2019 Tech Trek Girls comes in April.

Following our member request in November, we received Tech Trek donations from: Sharon Bush, Phyllis Edmundson, Audrey Strayer, Phyllis Taylor, Jane Amaral, Melissa Walker, Jeanne Jorgensen, Darby Kremers, Lois Holcomb and Anne Sherwood. We also received a donation from Marla Van Cleve, a former member. We are extremely grateful for our members' generosity as we work to raise the money (\$1000 per girl) to send selected girls to Camp Hopper at Stanford this summer.

If you make Required Distributions Annually, do you know that you can save on the tax charged on the distribution and the addition to your taxable income by having your Required Distribution sent directly to Tech Trek, which is a 501 3c? You would need to give your CPA or Financial Advisor the following information.



AAUW CA Special Projects Fund or AAUW CA SPF

TAX ID: #68-0463071

CALIFORNIA CHARITABLE TRUST
ID: CT-127807

PO BOX 160067 SACRAMENTO, CA
95816-0067

If you decide to do this, please remember to have them designate the funds for Santa Cruz County Tech Trek.

Of course, if you have already taken your Distribution and would still like to donate, please send a check 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

Thanks so very much,
Kris

JOTTINGS WITH JANE...

Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier, Co-Presidents, AAUW California, statepresident@aauw-ca.org



WE ARE A GENEROUS GROUP!

One million dollars! That is what our branches raise each year for Tech Trek. We also raise thousands of dollars for our local scholarships and for NCCWSL attendees. Then consider the thousands that we send each year to the AAUW Fund. If you add all of that to the Tech Trek money, I am sure that our donations pass the two million dollar mark if you consider everything that we give each year.

And to top it off, our state board recently put out an SOS call to help the 42 members of the Paradise Branch that lost their homes in the recent fire. We are still totaling the amount in gift cards that AAUW members have sent in, but I can tell you that I received gift cards from Oregon, and as individuals, my own branch (La Mesa-El Cajon) gave over \$1000!

At a recent San Diego Branch meeting, I told the members and guests about what had happened in Paradise. One of the guests was a Tech Trek girl from 2017. After the meeting, she gave me a \$25 gift card that her grandmother had given her. All of this generosity means so much to our Paradise members.

On behalf of them, Cathy and I thank you.

PUBLIC POLICY

Nancy Mahr, Director, Public Policy Committee Chair, publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org

IS A CALL TO ACTION FOR WOMEN

APPOINTING WOMEN TO COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

AAUW California collaborates with California Women Lead (CWL) in many public policy areas. They have launched a project to encourage women to apply for appointments to public boards and commissions. The project's goal is to ensure appointed boards and commissions reflect the rich diversity of California. The end goal is to present to the next governor **2019** and their transition team the names and resumes of women interested in serving within the new administration in order to provide a significant pool of qualified women to serve as appointees.

CWL is encouraging women to fill out an application for the project on their [website](http://www.cawomen.lead.org). This site also has information to answer questions about the process. You can contact California Women Lead with any questions at admin@cawomen.lead.org. Take advantage of this opportunity.

AAUW Fund News

How to Support AAUW's Mission

Every gift to AAUW has an impact — but your dollars go furthest when they support funds critical to our mission. Our **strategic plan** lays out a bold vision for the future. By giving to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund or our strategic focus areas, you can make that vision a reality. A donation to the Greatest Needs Fund will help us expand our highly successful, community-based, mission-driven programs, such as **Start Smart and Work Smart** and the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**, conduct groundbreaking **research**, and launch innovative initiatives to help women and girls thrive.



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

STEM Title IX Pathways to Jobs

*Examples of programs include:
Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives
Fellowships and Grants
Public Policy
Research*



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

Pay Equity Title VII Retirement Security

*Examples of programs include:
Start Smart
Work Smart
Work Smart Online
Legal Advocacy Fund*



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

Career Workplace Training

*Examples of programs include:
Campus Action Projects
Empower
NCCWSL*

Contributions to AAUW are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to the address on page 9 or made online at www.aauw.org/contribute.

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5 1pm Human Trafficking Committee*
6	7	8 10am Board Mtg; 7pm Tues. pm books*	9	10 12pm Lunch Bunch, Ella's @ the Airport*	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 27	21 1pm Reader's Theater*; MLK Day 28	22 29	23 30	24 1pm Sec. 1&2 Th.books* 31	25 Great Decisions*	26

February 2019

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					1	2 1pm Human Trafficking Committee*
3	4	5 7pm Tues. pm books*	6	7 12pm Lunch Bunch*	8 Great Decisions*	9
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17 24	18 1pm Reader's Theater; President's Day 25	19 26	20 27	21 28 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	22 Great Decisions*	23 Interbranch Council Luncheon, see page 1.

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 January 8, 2018 at 7:00. All are welcome to join this lively group. Call Joan Schwimmer 408-348-6472 or e-mail: joanschwimmer@hotmail.com for more information.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Andrea Losee, 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 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 bobbi44@gmail.com.

Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Jeanne Jorgensen. Contact her for details at jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com, 831-477-7025.



Lunch Bunch: A change in date for this month!

January Lunch Bunch will gather January 10, 12 noon, at **Ella's at the Airport, 100 Aviation Way, Watsonville**. We welcome new members. Contact Kit Hein: bythebeach15@gmail.com. Thank you Jane Amaral for arranging this event.

The Lunch Bunch usually 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!

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.

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 Calendar - 2019

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	Local Scholarships	Tech Trek
Make checks payable to AAUW FUND and send to Geraldine Williams 412 Rio Del Mar Blvd. Aptos, CA 95003 for AAUW Funds contributions, you may mail your check or do it online on the AAUW Website (at aauw.org - click on Educational Funding)	Make checks payable to AAUW-LS and send to Jeanne Jorgensen 270 19th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062	(Girls Science Scholarships) Make checks payable to AAUW CA SPF, with Santa Cruz County Tech Trek, Camp Hopper on the memo line and send to Kris Sheehan 215 Brodin Lane Corralitos, CA 95076

In Memory of/In Honor of _____
 Send announcement to _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____