



Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

The Beacon

February 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: Congressman JIMMY PANETTA

Alternate Speaker: Jeff Johnson PHd, speaking on
climate change



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. 18. 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:**

It can't be February already!

In addition to Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, Chinese New Year, and Groundhog Day, the IBC luncheon is on the calendar.

On February 23, our members have the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with members of the Monterey County Branches in a lovely setting, enjoy a great lunch, and hear an interesting speaker. You won't want to miss it!

This is also time to volunteer for board offices. Interest group leaders have selected members to the nominating committee, and they will be contacting prospective board officers.

Our branch cannot function without a board. Several board members have been doing "double-duty" in recent years. They have served for extended terms, in addition to fulfilling duties of more than one position. Serving on the board is an important and rewarding part of being a member of AAUW. So if you receive a call from someone on the nominating committee, say "Yes" - If you've never been on the board, try it-you might like it! Many thanks to you those of you who have already volunteered. You won't regret participating to keep our branch thriving. Remember, volunteers live longer, happier lives.

Wishing everyone a pleasant February.

Audrey Strayer

Co-President

" The search for human freedom can never be complete without freedom for women." Betty Ford

Membership News

Special thanks to the nominating committee in securing a terrific Board for 2019-2020.

These are offices membership will vote on at our April Business Meeting:

PRESIDENT--CO- PRESIDENTS KRIS SHEEHAN AND KIT HEIN

PRESIDENT -ELECT-PHLLIS TAYLOR

SECRETARY--CAROL DE LAUDER

TREASURER-DARBY KREMERS

FUNDS VP-LYNN CUMMINS

MEMBERSHIP VP-JEANNE JORGENSEN AND LIZ THORINGTON

Appointed offices:

Tech Trek committee--Kris Sheehan, Jane Amaral and Susan Chollar

Human Trafficking-Martha Mangan

By-Laws/IBC--Lois Holcomb

Historian--Jane Amaral

Publicity--Jeanne Jorgensen

Local Scholarships--Jeanne Jorgensen and Liz Thorington

Directory Editor--Jeanne Jorgensen

Communications-Debra Wallace

AAUW Training Session

Sharyn Siebert is holding an informational/training session on AAUW for anyone interested at her home in Carmel Feb 26 at 10:30 a.m.; contact Sharyn to RSVP: siebertsharyn@gmail.com

Address Correction



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Please make a note in your directory.

Human Trafficking Committee News

Michigan presents an annual event where experienced professionals, advocates, state and federal agencies and NGO leaders participate in learning how to address human trafficking in our communities.. (Michigan touts groups throughout the state for the purpose of ending human slavery).

Our branch's Human Trafficking Committee meets the first Saturday of every month, 1PM, 201 Prospect Hts. Contact Martha Mangan, tel # 425-1306, for more details.

Together all of us...are committed to ending human trafficking for its estimated 25 million victims, a staggering number of people whose basic human dignity is being cruelly robbed each day. We must reinvigorate our shared commitment to holding the perpetrators of this heinous crime accountable, achieving justice for survivors as they seek to rebuild their lives, and stamping out human trafficking wherever it exists." - Michael Pompeo US Secretary of State



Our Local Scholarship committee is now known as Local Scholarships & Projects funds. Monies you donate to Human Trafficking and special funds to Tech Trek will go through this account so that we can take advantage of our tax – exempt number. Please support all three areas of endeavor. Don't forget our upcoming Shadowbrook event on April 9, 2019. Also, if you are interested in helping with the scholarship selection for Cabrillo and UCSC candidates, please contact me (Jeanne Jorgensen.)

If you haven't had a chance to send a donation for any of our special projects, 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.



Happy February!

Our Tech Trek Committee; Kit Hein, Jane Amaral, Susan Chollar and I are working with the County science and math teachers to find those deserving Tech Trek 2019 girls.

We will be receiving three nominations from each of the schools January 30 and sending out the applications to the nominated girls the first week of February. Each nominated girl will receive a Congratulatory Certificate

Then, we wait.... The girls' applications are due by the last week of February for our review. We each read all the applications and essays carefully (potentially thirty-six). We include the nomination information provided from the teachers. We then select those girls to be interviewed.

Next month is Interview Month!!!

January brought more generous member contributions to help us reach our \$6000 goal to send six girls to Camp Hopper STEM camp: Marilyn Brenner and Lynn Cummins.

A very special donation in memory of David Muzzio, middle school science teacher in San Jose for 36 years was made by Jaime and Armand Muzzio, cousins.

Thank you all.

We have signed up for Smile. Amazon (Debra shared that information). Though it is a very small amount of each Amazon sale, .5%, every penny counts. So, hope you all sign up when you use Amazon.

December 16 Chronicle Business Section had a large article on the tax savings If you make Required Distributions Annually and hope those to whom this applies take advantage of it.

If you would like to help Tech Trek reach our goal, we would welcome your contributions. Please address checks 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

PUBLIC POLICY

Nancy Mahr, Director, Public Policy Committee Chair,
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A NEW YEAR FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Thanks to the more than 500 who contributed to the AAUW California Public Policy Priorities revision and renewal. The Public Policy Committee is reviewing member input. Look for the proposed new priorities documented in the winter edition of the Perspective.

January begins the new state legislative session. Legislators will be introducing bills through February 22. Our advocate and the Public Policy Committee will be determining which bills address issues relating to our mission. As bills are selected for further action by AAUW, they will be posted online. You can access the bill list from the AAUW California website, under Advocacy, Bill Tracking.

AAUW California signed on to a letter from AAUW National urging the new Congress to take the next step toward equal pay and make passing the Paycheck Fairness Act a priority. You will be hearing more about this effort from AAUW National.

Make 2019 a big year for Public Policy in your branch.

TECH TREK

Linda Stinebaugh, Tech Trek State Coordinator,
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you looking for something worthwhile to do in your spare time? We are looking for motivated individuals to volunteer for Tech Trek, our wonderful STEM program for girls. We have ten camps scattered throughout the state, so there is probably one located near you. If you have interest and skills appropriate for Tech Trek and would like to join us, please contact me at techtrek@aauw-ca.org. Our camps are looking for dorm moms, teachers, workshop presenters, on-site volunteers, future Camp Directors, web editors, a Financial Liaison, and a new State Coordinator, as I am termed out at the end of this camp season.

Working with Tech Trek is one of the most rewarding things you can do, as we are shaping the future by encouraging more girls to go into STEM careers. Come join the fun!

Check out the [Tech Trek website](#) for more information about the program.

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February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 1pm Human Trafficking Committee*
3	7	5 10am Board; 7pm Tues. pm books*	6	7 12pm Lunch Bunch, El Jardin*	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.

March 2019

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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, Our group will be meeting on February 5, 2019, at 7:00 pm to discuss HERO OF THE EMPIRE by Candace Millard. We will meet at Joyce Hopkin's home, and Darby Kremers will lead the discussion. Call 688-2397 for directions. 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 February 18. To join and for further information, contact Barbara Lewis, chairperson of this interest group, by telephone at 335-7816 or by email at bobbie44@gmail.com.

Bridge

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



Lunch Bunch

We will gather February 7, 12 noon, at **El Jardin, 655 Capitola Rd.**, Santa Cruz. We welcome new members. Contact Kit Hein: bythebeach15@gmail.com Thank you Sue Camerena 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 a location. Kit will handle communication with members and *The Beacon* once a restaurant is selected and confirmed. All AAUW members are welcome. 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

The February Great Decision meetings will be:
February 8 TOPIC: Refugees and Global Migration
 Discussion Leader: Darby Kremers Hostess: Lorraine Margon;
February 22 TOPIC: The Rise of Populism in Europe
 Discussion Leader: Grace Gerbrandt Hostess: Melisa Walker
 Great Decisions is our Foreign Policy Group. 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 Calendar - 2019

Feb. 5	Board Meeting	CFSCC
23	Interbranch Council Luncheon	Bayonet Club
26	AAUW Training Session	Home of Sharyn Siebert
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

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