



Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

The Beacon

March 2019



Annual Local Scholarships

Shadowbrook Evening Out

When: Tuesday, April 9, 2019, time of your choosing between 4pm & 10pm

Where: Shadowbrook Restaurant

1750 Wharf Road, Capitola, CA 95010

Call: 831-475-1511

for reservations

OR

Call Jeanne Jorgensen @ 831-477-7025 or Dorothy Patrick @ 831-476-4462

to join a table or offer to share a table.

Please be sure to inform the waiter **before ordering** that you are with AAUW.

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 appears that March chose to roar in like a lion this year. I appreciate the rain. However, there are many in our country ready for a break from the cold, wet and wind.

As I write, it is International Women's Day, which was first observed in 1909 when approximately 15,000 women marched in New York City. They were marching for fairness. They wanted better pay, better working conditions and the right to vote.

Here we are, 110 years later. Progress has been made, but it is not enough. The only fully realized of these goals is the right to vote; and even now there are those in parts of our nation who would look to hinder some from acting on this right.

Still, progress has been made. There are more women in positions of authority in both the private and public sector than ever before. Even more influential are the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters whom so many look to for strength and guidance. May we all perform our duties well.

The work of the AAUW has been instrumental in bringing about much of the progress made thus far. However, there is a ways yet to travel on this road we walk. Let's journey together and strive to fulfill our mission of advancing equity for ourselves and those yet to come.

Judy Cavin Brown
Co-President

Membership Business

We will be voting on our terrific slate and proposed budget for 2019-2020 at our May 18 Local Scholarships Luncheon.

Slate of Officers 2019-2020

PRESIDENT--CO- PRESIDENTS KRIS SHEEHAN AND KIT HEIN

PRESIDENT -ELECT-PHYLLIS TAYLOR

PROGRAM VP - LORRAINE MARGON

MEMBERSHIP VP-JEANNE JORGENSEN AND LIZ THORINGTON

FUNDS VP-LYNN CUMMINS

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Appointed offices:

Tech Trek committee--Kris Sheehan, Jane Amaral, Kit Hein 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



Proposed Budget 2019-2020

Estimated Carryover Budget Surplus 2018-19 \$ 1,900.00

Estimated Income

Dues (85@\$16)	\$ 1,360.00	
Beacon Mailing Fees	\$ 90.00	
Miscellaneous Income		
Total Income 2018/19	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00
Anticipated Funds Available		\$ 3,350.00

Expenses

IBC dues	\$ 25.00	
AAUW Funds Assessment	\$ 65.00	
Liability Insurance	\$ 450.00	
Website Maintenance	\$ 120.00	
Directory	\$ 100.00	
Beacon printing & supplies	\$ 90.00	
Convention	\$ 250.00	
Membership	\$ 50.00	
Administration	\$ 50.00	
Outreach Programs/UCSC, Public	\$ 200.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 250.00	
Projected Expenses	\$ 1,650.00	(\$1650)
Est. Budget Overage/Deficit 2019-20	\$ (200.00)	\$ 1,700.00

Membership News



Our sincerest condolences to Co-President Mary Maier and family for the loss of her wonderful husband Dave. Many of us enjoyed delightful gourmet evenings with Mary and Dave over the years. Dave's obituary can be found here: [David Michael Maier](#)



Calling all those who like a good time! Join your AAUW friends for a special night out at the Shadowbrook Restaurant on April 9th. The restaurant rebates 1/3 of our dinner/drinks bill (including dinner at the bar; just not the "specials") for our Local Scholarship Fund. We have been welcomed back for the past several years because we bring in over 45 dinner guests. Let's reach that goal (or higher) this year. Please call Jeanne Jorgensen 477-7025 or Dorothy Patrick 476-4462 if you have a table and can add more or if you are looking for a table to join. Remember to mention AAUW when you are there so we get credit.

A Reminder--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. (And when shopping on amazon use "Smile.amazon" and choose AAUW-Santa Cruz Branch-Local Scholarship & we will receive a percentage of what you spend.)

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.

Address Correction

to the Prior Correction

Anna Marie Ferrari Garban

209 Central Avenue

Capitola, CA 95010

Tel. 650 464 3399

Please make a note in your directory.

New Member Tea

April 20th



There will be a new member tea on Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 2-4 at Jeanne Jorgensen's house: 270 19th Ave. If you know of any potential members, let Jeanne know and she will send them invitations. Call 477-7025 or e-mail: jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com.



Our Tech Trek committee is currently reviewing the nominated girls's applications and essays. We will be interviewing the girls on March 30 at Seacliff Inn. (This is the second year they have kindly offered use of their Board Room for the interviews and comfortable lobby for parents to wait during the interviews.)

Three committee members interview each girl about their application, their essay, their interests and family. One of our members hosts the parents in the lobby and gets to know a bit more about the girls.

AAUW and our Branch want to make sure that we select girls for the Tech Trek opportunity who have both the interest and passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); and who might not otherwise have a STEM and camp opportunity such as Camp Hopper.

March 1st is a big day for Tech Trek. That is the day that funds are due for Camp Hopper for the Tech Trek girls that will be selected for the summer 2019 STEM camp.

Through our members' generosity, we have been able to fully fund the camp experience for five girls this year. Thank you Trisha Kett, Darby Kremers and Lynn Cummins for your donations this month.

We were extraordinarily fortunate that one of our members has just pledged to pay the full Tech Trek fee for one of our girls on an annual basis.

This member made her donation this year by a direct donation of her IRA Minimum Required Distribution (referred to as a Qualified Charitable Distribution). She told me that it was very easy to set up. Making donations to qualified charities in this way can be advantageous for several reasons. You may want to speak with your tax consultant about those benefits.

Annual pledges of any amount are very helpful as it enables us to know with certainty how many girls can be offered the Tech Trek experience each year. If you can make an annual pledge of any amount, it would be most appreciated.

We are pleased that Shanna Howard, (Louanne Ellison's granddaughter) has joined our committee. Though she is very busy as a UCSC graduate student and WISE member, she has volunteered to help when she can with the Tech Trek selection and very importantly fund raise. We will count on her for 2020 Tech Trek funds!!!

If you would like to help us with our ongoing fundraising there are a number of ways:

- If any of you have written grants, or, are interested in writing one for Tech Trek, there are free classes and support at the Santa Cruz Community Foundation that you may take.
- If you know of a company that might be interested in supporting STEM and our Tech Trek girls, please let us know if you have a contact with whom we might discuss our need.
- Of course if you would like to donate through your IRA MRD, please contact your Financial Advisor to set it up..
- Finally, but, very importantly, if you would like to donate directly, 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

Thanks, Kris

AAUW Hears from Rep. Jimmy Panetta

Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA; 20th District) addressed the AAUW branches of Santa Cruz County and the Monterey Peninsula over lunch on February 23. The annual AAUW Interbranch Council meeting was held at the Bayonet & Blackhorse Golf Course Grill in Seaside. Mr. Panetta was accompanied by his middle-school-age daughter who, he said, he was happy to expose to the values and goals of AAUW.

The group heard from Mr. Panetta for 30 minutes with a Q&A session following his prepared remarks. Panetta emphasized the importance of constituent relations, stating that his office has a 95 percent success rate in replying to his constituents, both Democratic and Republican. If one doesn't get a reply, he wants to hear about it. He is working tirelessly on Capitol Hill fighting for



legislation to help the Central Coast's agriculture industry, its environment, the quality of education, and equal and civil rights issues. His values seem well aligned with AAUW's values of empowering women and improving the lives of millions of women and their families.



*Grace Gerbrandt leads a discussion of *The Rise of Populism in Europe* at the lovely home of Melisa Walker.*

Great Decisions

Our Great Decisions interest group meets approximately twice per month from January to late-May or early-June. Members discuss a variety of foreign policy issues using guidebooks and DVDs. Members take turns hosting these Friday morning sessions and leading discussions on topics such as US international relations, regional disorder, trade, nuclear warfare, refugees and global migration. Each year the Foreign Policy Association selects the year's topics and prepares the corresponding reference materials for the group to use. Presently, there are approximately twenty members.

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AAUW Gilroy Quilt Show

Gilroy Branch is holding a Quilt Show in May as a Tech Trek/Scholarships fund raiser. Tickets for lunch and quilt viewing are \$25. There will also be a table of quilts for sale, raffle tickets (\$1 each, 6 for \$5) and the opportunity quilt shown here (\$5 each, 5 for \$20).

The event will be Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the IFDES Lodge, 250 Old Gilroy Street, Gilroy. If you want to have a quilt in the show, contact Marianne Peoples, quiltldy@garlic.com for an entry form. If you are interested in a "field trip" and would like to carpool, contact me to make arrangements. We will need to prepay the admission tickets. Lynn Cummins, 728-2128, lynncummins113@gmail.com

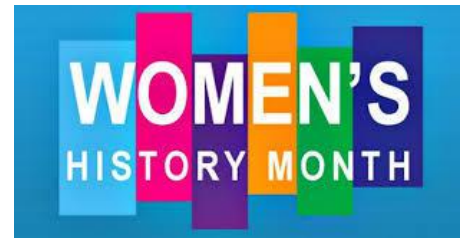


Shanna Howard is a member of AAUW and a graduate student at UCSC, who is also a member of a group called WiSE, or Women in Science and Engineering (you may remember their presentation from the Tech Trek gala). WiSE organizes outreach and education programs that aim to inspire and empower women and girls and show that STEM is for everyone. If you want to learn more about the organization, what they do, or how you can get involved, she would love to talk to you individually. Her phone number is 408-564-9045.

WiSE also has a weekly email newsletter with information about volunteer opportunities and programs that AAUW members might enjoy attending! For example, Shanna and her grandma Louanne Ellison have been going to the monthly Science on Tap presentations at the Crepe Place that are organized by WiSE. You can subscribe to the newsletter on the UC Santa Cruz WiSE website, or contact Shanna and she can add you to the list.

We are also thrilled to announce that Shanna has joined our Tech Trek committee, demonstrating her commitment to STEM for women and girls of all ages.





March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Daylight Savings - YAY!	11	12	13	14 1pm Reader's Theater*	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Great Decisions*	23
24 31	25	26	27	28 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	29	30

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10am Board; 7pm Tues. pm books*; Equal Pay Day	3	4 12pm Lunch Bunch, Oswald's*	5	6 1pm Human Trafficking Committee*
7	8	9 4-10pm LS Shadowbrook evening	10	11	12 Great Decisions*	13
14	15 1pm Reader's Theater*	16	17	18	19 Passover begins	20 New Member Tea, see pg. 4
21 Easter 28	22 1pm Reader's Theater* 29	23 30	24	25 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	26 Great Decisions*	27

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 April 2, 2019, at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing NEWS OF THE WORLD by Paulette Jiles. We will meet at Mary Maier's home: 2-1120 East Cliff Dr. Call 462-2764 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

The Readers Theater will meet on Thursday, March 14 and on Monday, April 15 and May 20 at 1 pm. 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

We will gather April 4, 12 noon, at **Oswald's**, Santa Cruz. We welcome new members. Contact Kit Hein: bythebeach15@gmail.com

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 next two meetings will be Friday, March 8 with Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future? and March 22, Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics. Our meetings focus on a critical foreign policy issue 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 most welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt, graceger@sbcglobal.net



Branch Calendar - 2019



Mar. 5	Board Meeting	CFSCC
Apr. 2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
9	Local Scholarships Shadowbrook Fundraiser	Shadowbrook
20	New Member Tea	Jeanne Jorgensen's
May 7	Board Meeting	CFSCC
18	Scholarship Luncheon, Business Meeting	Seascape Resort

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

In Memory of/In Honor of _____

Send announcement to _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Tell Congress: Support the EMPOWER Act to Fight Workplace Harassment

Far too many barriers prevent survivors from speaking out when they experience harassment in the workplace. As a result, harassment continues to affect workers nationwide and across industries, impacting their success in the workplace, and ultimately, their economic security.

It's time for Congress to strengthen our laws to make it clear that discrimination and harassment have no place in the workplace — and this week, Congress took the first step by introducing the EMPOWER Act.

The EMPOWER Act is a bipartisan, bicameral bill that would improve the lives of workers by reducing barriers to speaking out when harassment occurs, requiring companies to report on workplace harassment and arming workers with resources they need to address workplace harassment.

Women are raising their voices, and they will no longer be silent. Urge your members of Congress to support the bipartisan EMPOWER Act and put an end to workplace harassment!

The far reaching effects of harassment on an employee's pay, advancement and well-being cannot be overstated. This is particularly true for women and people of color, who are disproportionately impacted by harassment. By passing the EMPOWER Act, Congress will let survivors know: we hear you, we support you and we will stand by you.

Congress must improve protections against all forms of harassment in the workplace. Urge your members of Congress to support the EMPOWER Act!

TAKE ACTION!

