



Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

The Beacon

April 2019



Annual Local Scholarships Luncheon and Branch Business Meeting

May 18, 2019, 11:30 am

Seascape Resort

1 Seascape Resort Drive

Aptos, CA 95003

Come and be inspired by our UCSC and Cabrillo College Scholarship recipients. We will also be voting on our 2018-2019 slate of officers and proposed budget (see page 6 for our slate and budget).

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

Menu:

Choice Of:

Asian Chicken Salad

or

Vegetarian Salad

Served rolls, coffee/tea and dessert

Please reserve ____@ \$25 each. Includes tax and gratuity.

Menu choice: Asian Chicken Salad Vegetarian Salad

Total enclosed ____

Member name _____ Guest _____

Phone# _____

Deadline for reservations: May 10th.

All reservations must be PRE-PAID and are NON-REFUNDABLE. Checks made out to: AAUW SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH

Mail checks to: Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Questions? Please contact Jeanne at jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com or 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:

Greetings ladies!

Is it spring or still winter? March roared in like a lion and out like a lamb, but April doesn't seem to be able to make up its mind. Either way, we are blessed to live in such a beautiful area.

We are fast approaching our annual business meeting, which will take place on 18 May. This includes the election of officers for 2019-2020, as well as the approval of our annual budget. If you have questions, everything you need to know is located in this edition of the Beacon. As our business meeting has been postponed until May, new officers will be installed at this same meeting.

This will also be the occasion for meeting our scholarship recipients. This is one of my favorite events of the year. It is so uplifting to hear the goals of each of these women. If you have yet to attend this particular gathering, now would be the perfect time to start.

I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Judy Cavin Brown
Co-President
AAUW Santa Cruz County

Membership News



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.

Condolences

Our condolences to long-time AAUW member, Kathy Nelson, on the recent death of her husband, Tom. Kathy is currently a member of the Readers Theater interest group, with some of us remembering the play readings done in years past at Kathy and Tom's home, their hospitality, and beautiful holiday decorations. Kathy's address is 501 Potter Rd., Aptos, CA 95003-9795 should you want to send a condolence card or personal note.

--Barbara Lewis, Readers Theater chairperson



Human Trafficking Committee News

This past month the county district attorney hosted an event at Twin Lakes Church featuring a dynamic speaker. More than 250 people attended. A former victim of trafficking from Santa Cruz, she described the horrific experience of her years as a "sex slave". The audience was dramatically moved as she told of her escape and ability to finally incarcerate the "john" involved. She repeatedly emphasized that trafficking does happen here and how easy it is for traffickers to lure victims into the trade. The nation had a 13% jump in calls to national hotline in 2018. Our committee continues with the warning sticker project. The sticker will be placed in restrooms. Money produced from our events and committee members have contributed to the cost. We welcome any donations. Our next event will take place during human trafficking awareness month, January, 2020.

The Human Trafficking committee meets the first Saturday of each month at 1pm. Contact Martha Mangan if you are interested in working on this important issue: 425-1306.



Tech Trek, April, 2019

Tech Trek 2019 girls have been chosen! Thank you to our great Committee: Jane Amaral, Kit Hein and Susan Chollar. We interviewed the nominated girls on March 24 and March 30.

Following the interviews we discussed the girls' applications, their essays and their interviews. It was amazing getting to meet these young ladies. In a short period of time, we found out a bit about their passion for STEM and how they plan on changing the world (or work toward changing it!)

We selected five girls from Santa Cruz County schools to attend Camp Grace Hopper at Stanford this summer.

They are: Ashley Jacob, Aptos Jr. High; Charlotte Bakum, New Brighton; Daisy Mueller, SLV Nature; Nevaeh Karraker, Shoreline and Jazmyn Cornejo, Lakeview..

We will be hosting a get acquainted party for the selected girls and their parents to meet each other on June 30, prior to their leaving for camp on July 14.

We will look forward to the girls sharing their camp experiences with our members at our Fall Meeting.

Through your generosity we were able to send the five girls to Camp Hopper where they will participate in STEM experiences and meet women active in STEM fields.

We are already planning for next year. We definitely could use your help. We would love more members to join our committee who are interested in promoting STEM, helping young women succeed in this challenging Tech World.

Any skills you have are helpful; from meeting with teachers, to helping find the funds to support this very worthwhile cause.

Each girl we sponsor to go to Camp Hopper costs \$1,000. Each year we work hard to raise the money. Please consider sponsoring a girl to attend camp (or getting together with a few friends to sponsor a girl.)

A member recently sponsored a girl to go to camp through her Required Tax Distribution from an IRA or 401K. It goes directly to Tech Trek without you paying any tax on the distribution. Do speak with your financial advisor if you are interested in doing this.

Of course, you may also contribute directly by writing a check to AAUW CA SPF (Tech Trek Santa Cruz County on the memo line). Send it to Kris Sheehan, 215 Brodin La, Corralitos, CA 95076. Tech Trek is a 501 3c fully deductible charity. Tax ID 68-0463071

The girls who may become future STEM successes will appreciate your help.



Looking forward to seeing you at our April 9th dining out event at the Shadowbrook!

Also, please save the date for our scholarship luncheon: May 18th at Seascape Resort. You will find the reservation details on page 1.

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 - deferred 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.

Gilroy AAUW Quilt Show

Gilroy Branch of AAUW has invited us to their Quilt Show on May 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event, at the IFDES Lodge, 250 Old Gilroy Street, Gilroy, will be a Tech Trek/Scholarships fundraiser.

Admission tickets are \$25 each and include lunch and viewing the quilt display. There will also be a table of quilts for sale, raffle tickets, and a separate drawing for the quilt shown here.

We will be able to reserve our tickets and pay at the Will Call table. If you want to be part of a carpool, contact me to make arrangements. Or, if you want to go separately, I can give you the contact info for the organizers.

Lynn Cummins

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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

SECRETARY--CAROL DE LAUDER

TREASURER-DARBY KREMERS

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

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	22	23	24	25 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	26 Great Decisions*	27
28	29	30				

May 2019

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			1	2 12pm Lunch Bunch, West End Tap*	3	4 1pm Human Trafficking Committee*
5	6	7 10am Board; 7pm Tues. pm books*	8	9	10 Great Decisions*	11
12	13	14	15	15	17	18 LS Luncheon, see pg. 1
19	20 1pm Reader's Theater*	21	22	23 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	24 Great Decisions*	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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 May 7, 2019, at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing EDUCATED by Tara Westover. We will meet at Lynn Raadik's home: 697 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz. Call 425-1038 for directions. Carol DeLauder will lead the discussion. 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

After the summer break, the date of our play reading group will be changed to the third Wednesday of the month. We will continue with the third Monday of the month dates for the next two months, April 15 and May 20, then take a summer break. If you are on the list and cannot make the change this fall, let us know. 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 May 2nd, 12 noon, at **West End Tap Room**, 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

- April 26 TOPIC: State of the State Department and Diplomacy
- May 10 TOPIC: The Middle East: Regional Disorder

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





AAUW Applauds Paycheck Fairness Act Introduction in Congress

The Paycheck Fairness Act is sponsored by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA). The bill is bipartisan in the House of Representatives and co-sponsored by every Democrat in both the House and Senate. (A version of the bill was first introduced in 1997.) The Paycheck Fairness Act is also an important complement to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which ensures that ongoing pay discrimination at work can be challenged regardless of when the discrimination began. That act was signed into law 10 years ago on January 29, 2009.



Paycheck Fairness Act Passes in House of Representatives

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives voted [242-187](#) to pass the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#) (H.R. 7) with bipartisan support. Since the start of the 116th Congress, AAUW has been working to ensure swift passage of this critical pay equity legislation without any weakening amendments, and our advocacy was [recognized](#) on the House floor by Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). AAUW staff worked with Congressional offices and [sent several letters](#) to the Hill, as well as [organizing coalition letters](#) with hundreds of signers. AAUW CEO Kim Churches published an [op-ed](#) on the importance of the bill. And AAUW also submitted a [statement](#) for the bill's hearing record in the House Education and Labor Committee. Additionally, AAUW advocates sent over 3,000 emails and made more than 400 calls to House offices in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act. By passing this important bill, members of the House of Representatives who supported the bill have demonstrated their commitment to the economic security of American women and their families. The bill now moves to the Senate, and AAUW [urges](#) senators to [act now to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act](#).

Branch Calendar - 2019



Apr. 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
June 3 or 4	Old and New Board Meeting	Kit Hein's

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 _____
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