



Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

The Beacon

September 2019

AAUW FALL LUNCHEON CELEBRATING TECH TREK, Membership and Interest Groups

Before Tech Trek, STEM Success!!

Clare Markovits, Senior Director of Product Management @ Cisco and local small business owner, has a story to tell.

20 years ago there was no Tech Trek, or other formal STEM program opportunities. How she succeeded in STEM? Taking science and math courses in high school and at UCSC, when her fellow female classmates did not. As the only woman in her college engineering class and first female engineer at a local engineering consulting firm, she was faced daily with the challenges of breaking through the glass ceilings that still persist today. Now, as she sunsets her high tech career by learning a new skill of engineering product management, she also looks to transition into her new local business venture and lifelong passion for sewing. Clare can relate to the need and impact of STEM successes throughout a professional woman's career. She has lived it and is one of them.

Clare, Martha Mangan's daughter and Santa Cruz native, will share with us "How it was and How she got here", as our guest speaker for September's Tech Trek/Membership Luncheon.

Bring your friends, prospective members – you will want to meet Clare and hear her story.

September 28, 2019, 11:30 am - Seascapes Resort -1 Seascapes Resort Drive - Aptos, CA

Bring a Friend to Join—Sign Up for Interest Groups

Tech Trek Opportunity Drawing

+ chance to win Dream Big! quilt made by our guest speaker Clare Markovits!

(see page 2 for a photo of this gorgeous quilt)

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

Menu, choice of:

Classic Brown Derby Cobb Salad: Chicken, Avocado, Bacon, Chopped Egg, Crumbled Blue Cheese, Vinaigrette

or

Vegetarian Option: Greens with cannellini beans, raw veggies, hard boiled egg.

Let us know if you do not want blue cheese or are Vegan.

Served rolls, coffee/tea and dessert

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

Menu choice: ___ Classic Cobb Salad ___ Vegetarian Salad

Total enclosed___

Member name _____ Guest _____

Phone# _____

Deadline for reservations: September 20th

ALL LUNCHEONS MUST BE PRE-PAID

Send your checks payable to AAUW SCCo Branch for reservations: Kit Hein, 208 Elinor Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

925-305-6301, bythebeach15@gmail.com

DREAM BIG!

Enter to win this gorgeous quilt made by our guest speaker Clare Markovits!



Just \$20 to win this intricately stitched quilt valued at \$800. You may send a check, payable to AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch. PUT TECH TREK ON THE MEMO LINE. \$20 for one chance. Each additional chance is another \$20. Mail checks to Kris Sheehan, 215 Brodin Lane, Corralitos, CA 95076. You may also buy chances when you attend the Sept. 28 luncheon and drop them into the Quilt Basket. The winner will be drawn at the luncheon but you need not be present to win.

Dream Big! Quilt Drawing: Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Email address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

A Warm Welcome to our Newest Members:

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Contact information above is as provided by new members.

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:**

Years ago I attended an AAUW-CA convention and listened to Carolyn Garfein give a rousing speech titled: WIFM?. She told us how important it is to answer the question: What's In It For Me? She was speaking primarily about answering prospective members, but I think we need to answer it for ourselves as well.

What is in AAUW for you? As a service organization made up primarily of volunteers, AAUW provides over \$4,000,000 in fellowships and grants, local scholarships, community action programs, Start Smart training for college women to learn about salary negotiating, Tech Trek camps for middle school girls, and many more programs to help women and girls gain education & training, financial security and leadership roles in their communities.

All of this makes me very proud to be a member. I hope it does you, too. A large part of that pride comes from your continued support of the organization. Learn what is new with AAUW. Read The Beacon for local news and California Perspective for State news. Check out the website at aauw.org for National news – AND to join 2 minute Activist, our direct link to legislators for issues we support. Participate in our local action projects: Human Trafficking Committee and Tech Trek.

Your elected Branch Board is working very hard this year to provide you with programs, speakers, fun interest groups, and many answers to WIFM? We hope you can help answer that question yourself. And then, of course, pass it on by inviting prospective members to join.

I have only been a member of Santa Cruz County Branch for 4 years so may not have had the opportunity to get to know many of you. I hope you will introduce yourself to me soon and tell me how you can answer the question: WIFM?

Kit

Co-President, AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

Membership News



It is with heavy hearts that we bid adieu to our wonderful past-President, long time member & friend **Lynn Raadik**. Lynn was the epitome of elegance & grace. Her vibrancy could light up the room. She welcomed our Board and bookies into her home regularly, serving the most exquisite hors d'oeuvres & brunches. Lynn was loved by all who knew her and will be sorely missed. Her obituary can be found here: Lynn Raadik 11/16/33-8/31/19

Hospitality:

Please let our Sunshine Director Audrey Strayer know if you hear of anyone who needs a kind thought or some cheering up due to recent surgery, losses, etc.

email: molliej6@cruzio.com

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Local Scholarships News

Thank you to recent donors to Local Scholarships: Melisa Walker, Karen Coatney, Trudie Fator, Lois Trabing, Phyllis Taylor, Joan Schwimmer, Trisha Kett, Barbara Lewis, Grace Gerbrandt and Claudia Slater. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual holiday luncheon, December 14th at Seascape Golf Course; the golf course is under new management and the kitchen and menu have been revamped! Our annual Shadowbrook event will be on April 7th.

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 - deductible number. (And when shopping on Amazon use smile.amazon.com and choose AAUW-Santa Cruz Branch-Local Scholarship & we will receive a percentage of what you spend.) Donations should be sent to: Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

Human Trafficking Committee News

The Human Trafficking committee had a busy month with group meetings in the county, namely the DA office, Coalition and Rising International. All of these groups have agreed to participate in our January event. We urge all members to mark their calendars for January 18th, 2020 for this informative forum. We will have an exciting panel.

November 2 Event: Status of Education in Santa Cruz County

We will be co-hosting this event with our local League of Women Voters.

Saturday, November 2

10 am – 12 noon

Capitola City Hall Council Chambers

420 Capitola Avenue

Capitola, CA 95010



The featured speaker will be Faris Sabbah, SCC Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Sabbah will speak about the status of public education in Santa Cruz County and his plans to confront the many challenges facing our education system.

This is a free event and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Metered parking is available in the city lots next to Capitola City Hall.

We hope to see you there!

We Need Your Input on a Possible November Social

As your Program VP, I would like to incorporate additional programs that are of interest to you, our members. I thought it might be fun to hold a gathering in the middle of November. To that end, a couple of ideas have surfaced:

- One idea is to have a simple social on a Saturday morning (with coffee, tea, bagels/pastries)—a chance to enjoy each other's company and get to know one another. So many of our meetings involve a program, and often we don't get to socialize as much as we might like. This would be a chance to get to know a few members you don't already know as well and catch up with those you do know.
- Another idea is to ask some women veterans to speak to us (Veterans Day is November 11). This could be a morning coffee/bagels type of event, or we could make a lunchtime event.

I'd love your input!

- Do you want a November gathering?
- Do you have any thoughts on the options above?
- Do you have other ideas for me—these can be for November or another time?

Please reach out to me at:

Lorraine Margon

831-345-2394

LorraineMargon@gmail.com





Planning is complete for the September 28th Tech Trek/Membership Luncheon. We have requested an invitation received date of September 20th, as Seascope would like our food counts by then.

There will be a Membership Table as well as the various Interest Group tables staffed by members in the Lounge area outside the Bayview Room during our mingle period. Please stop and chat and sign up for groups in which you are interested. If you have a new group in mind, let us know.

This year's theme of Pamper Yourself will include numerous goodies with tickets available at the Opportunity Table. (3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10) Pleasant surprises! Cash preferred.

Additionally, Clare Markovits has donated a very special quilt (pictured on page 2) for \$20 per chance. Of course it will be on display for you to see it. I have received a few completed chances through the mail and hope for many more at the September 28 Luncheon. You do not need to be present to win the Quilt as we will contact you, if your name is drawn. (We will have extra coupons at the Opportunity Drawing table for entrants to complete.)

Though you may only win one of Pamper Yourself Goodies, you may additionally be the winner of the Quilt.

All Opportunity Drawing funds will help to offset expenses for Santa Cruz County 7th grade girls 2020 Tech Trek STEM camp opportunities.

At each luncheon table, as last year, a special floral arrangement will be offered to the member at that table donating and then drawing the lucky number from an envelope (ticket to be picked at the end of the luncheon.)

The doors will be opened for lunch around 11:50. After our welcome to Members and Guests, and, as we begin our lunch, each Interest Group appointee will be asked to stand and say a few words about their particular group so all members will have an opportunity to know about it.

Following lunch, Jane Amaral will introduce each Tech Trek Girl who will relate various camp experiences for the Group.

Susan Chollar will introduce Clare Markovits who will share her STEM life, and how she broke some glass ceilings, in the corporate world.

After Q and A we will be drawing first the Pamper Yourself items, the luncheon table winners and finally the Quilt Drawing.

More to come in our October Beacon.

Thanks,

Kris

AAUW Fund News

Fund Luncheon reservation deadline Friday, September 20

Who will be speaking at the Fund Luncheons? The exciting answer is: women who have received Fellowships or Grants for study and projects in California this year! At each of the three luncheons (South San Francisco Oct. 5, Danville Oct. 6 and Seal Beach Oct. 27) six to eight recipients--different each time--will give a brief overview of their studies or projects and highlight what AAUW's support has meant to them.

It is easy to feel that donations sent to the National offices in Washington are never seen again. This is your chance to meet women who are benefiting from AAUW generosity. There are 9 American Fellows, 4 International Fellows, 5 Selected Professions Fellows, 10 Career Development Grantees and 2 Community Action Grantees in California this year. They are studying or doing their projects at many institutions around the state, including UC Santa Cruz!

Carpools are forming for both the South San Francisco and Danville luncheons. Click [HERE](#) for more details and make your reservation today! The ticket price is \$45. Then contact me to arrange to share the ride with other branch members. - Lynn Cummins, AAUW Funds Vice President

lynncummins113@gmail.com or 831-728-2128



What are the programs supporting these speakers? AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women around the globe. As one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW has awarded \$4 million in fellowships and grants to 259 women and community projects in the 2019-20 academic year.

The Fellowship and Grant programs are entirely supported by interest earned by the Endowment. There are currently seven programs, which are now accepting applications for next year (tell your friends):

[American Fellowships](#) Women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks

[Career Development Grants](#) Women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the workforce and whose bachelor's degree was received at least five years before the award period

[Community Action Grants](#) Individuals, AAUW branches and states, and nonprofit organizations to fund innovative programs or nondegree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls

[International Fellowships](#) Women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents

[International Project Grants](#) Alumnae of AAUW's International Fellowships program who are living in their home countries and pursuing community-based projects to improve the social advancement and economic empowerment of women and girls

[Research Publication Grant in Engineering, Medicine and Science](#) Women conducting basic research in engineering, medicine, or the physical or biological sciences and who have a doctorate in one of these fields. The grantee is required to publish their research in a scholarly scientific publication and be listed as a primary author

[Selected Professions Fellowships](#) Women pursuing full-time study in a master's or professional degree program in which women are underrepresented, including STEM, law, business, and medicine.

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18 1pm Reader's Theater*	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	27	28 11:30 Fall Luncheon, see pg. 1
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October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm Tues. pm books*	2	3	4	5 AAUW Funds Lunch-SF, see pg--
6 AAUW Funds Lunch-Danville, see pg--	7 10am Board	8	9	10 12pm Lunch Bunch *	11	12
13	14	15	16 1pm Reader's Theater*	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	25	26
27	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 October 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We will meet at Marilee Werfhorst's house to discuss *CIRCE* by Madeline Miller; Mary Maier will lead the discussion. Call 831-234-5481 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 play reading group will now be meeting the third Wednesday of the month. 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

The Lunch Bunch meets on the Second 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! Contact Kit Hein: bythebeach15@gmail.com

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 will meet in November to plan our 2020 season. Our Great Decisions meetings are twice a month on the second and fourth Fridays, starting the last Friday of January. Our group is lively, friendly and respectful. Give us a try! New members and interested visitors are most welcome. Contact Grace Gerbrandt at graceger@sbcglobal.net or Vickie Birdsall at vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com.



AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

Program Schedule for 2019 – 2020

Sept. 28	TechTrek/Membership Luncheon	Seascape Resort
Oct. 5 and 6	Northern Cal AAUW Funds Luncheon	South San Francisco and Danville
Nov. 2	Status of Public Ed in SC County	Capitola City Hall Council Chambers
TBD	Fall Gathering/Social	TBD
Dec. 14	Holiday Luncheon	Seascape Golf Club
Jan. 18	End Human Trafficking Symposium	Twin Lakes Church
Feb. 29	Inter-Branch Council Luncheon	Seascape Resort
Mar. 28	Annual Meeting	TBD
Apr. 7	Evening out to benefit Local Scholarships	Shadowbrook Restaurant
Apr. 16-19	AAUW California 2020 Convention	Westin SFO in Millbrae
May 14	Scholarship Luncheon	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

Make checks payable to AAUW FUND and send to

Lynn Cummins
P.O. Box 556

Freedom, CA 95019

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

Local Scholarships

Make checks payable to AAUW-LS and send to

Jeanne Jorgensen
270 19th Avenue

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 and send to

Kris Sheehan

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Corralitos, CA 95076

In Memory of/In Honor of _____

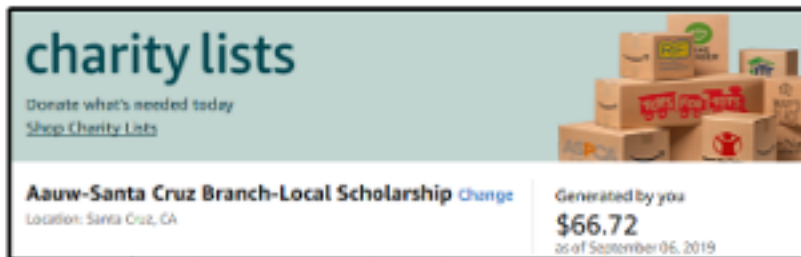
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Another Way to Donate to Our Local Scholarships & Programs Fund

Lorraine Margon shared her donation history as of last September. She’s already generated \$66.72. She continues to donate through the AmazonSmile program, and says, “It’s so easy to contribute to our important programs this way.”



To get started:

- Go to smile.amazon.com.
- Note that the first time you use it, you will need to designate “AAUW-Santa Cruz-local scholarships” as the charity you wish to designate.
- There is an easy pop-up box that prompts you to make your selection.
- And then, every time you shop with Amazon, you need to begin at: smile.amazon.com.

These monies fund local scholarships, special aspects of Tech Trek and our Human Trafficking prevention work.