



Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

The Beacon

November 2019

*AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch
Local Scholarships Presents:
Our Annual Holiday LS Event
Silent Auction—Opportunity Drawing
—Christmas Crafts
Featuring Fiat Musica
Saturday, December 14, 2019
11:30am—2:30 pm
Seascape Golf Course
610 Clubhouse Drive
Aptos, CA 95003*

Mail this form or a sheet of paper with the relevant info to reserve your lunch for this festive event!

Please reserve ____@ \$26 each. Total enclosed ____

Menu choices: Chicken Caesar Salad____

Grilled Salmon Salad____

Southwest Veggie Salad____

Dietary restrictions_____

Rolls, Coffee or tea & dessert included.

Member name _____Guest _____

Included in my check, find \$____for raffle tickets. \$1/ea, 6/\$5, 12/\$10 or 24/\$20.

Please remember small soaps, shampoos for the Women's Center, plus baked goods, food items & holiday crafts (priced to sell).

RSVP by December 7th

Make checks payable to: AAUW LS & P Funds

Send to: Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Tel.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**

The members who were able to attend our joint meeting with the League of Women Voters on November 2 had a surprise treat. Although our scheduled speaker, Faris Sabbah, Superintendent of Santa Cruz County Schools, was unable to make it, we were entertained and educated by Scott Turnbull, Superintendent of Soquel Union Elementary School District. Scott has an extensive resumé of service in public education, both in Southern California and here in Santa Cruz County. His talk was generated by questions from the audience, covering his own experiences as well as education in the State of California overall. Many thanks to the League for inviting our branch to co-host this event.

It is often necessary to remind ourselves that education is one of the pillars of AAUW. Whether we have close connections to our local schools (children, grandchildren), we should still be aware of the workings of our state education system, especially the funding. An excellent resource is Ed Source (edsources.org), a non-profit organization started by AAUW-CA, California PTA and The League of Women Voters of California in 1977, after Proposition 13 passed.

Coming up on Nov. 18 is another chance for members to share with AAUW SCC. As groups all over the country are honoring veterans, we will do the same by writing letters to vets. Please plan to join us, and bring friends and prospective members, as we do some good old-fashioned letter writing.

See you then. And a very Happy Thanksgiving to all our members, their friends and families.

-Kit



Join Us for a Social with a Purpose!
Monday, November 18: 10 am – 12 pm
Drop in at any time!

Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County
7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos – Solari West Room



- ▶ **We will write letters to women soldiers while we visit with one another.**
- ▶ **Soldiers say that the cards are what they enjoy the most; ours will be sent inside care packages.**
- ▶ **Bring any card or letter making supplies you have. Supplies will also be on hand to share.**
- ▶ **We will provide guidance on what to write.**
- ▶ **Questions? Contact Lorraine Margon:**
LorraineMargon@gmail.com or 831-345-2394



We hope to see you on the 18th!

Saturday, January 18, 2020: Human Trafficking Symposium

Have you marked your calendar? January 18th, End Human Trafficking, Twin Lakes Church, 11:30-3PM. A comprehensive program detailing problems and solutions for this continuing disgrace in our modern world. Light refreshments and an opportunity drawing will take place. Carol De Lauder, representing Soroptimist, was able to distribute over 50 of our "stickers" to the northern California conference. She reports that a judge took 25 to post in the San Francisco courthouse as well as all attending delegates receiving flyers and stickers.

A challenge grant enabled a nationwide report on human trafficking from shared Hope International, our last year's event presenter. It is well worth reading to discover pertinent information about this issue. Download [Savelives@Shared Hope.org](mailto:Savelives@SharedHope.org)

Our national political news makes it easy to forget the continuing acts of slavery throughout the world. Recently a report in the Sentinel details trafficking of 300 Africans in the town of Ras Al-Ara. The abuses recalled by one woman are very graphic showing the methods used by traffickers. Each week one can find reports of similar acts. How can you help? Come to our event.



**Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Suffrage
at the Annual Monterey Bay Interbranch Council
Luncheon**

Saturday, February 29

11:30 – 1:30 pm

Seascape Beach Resort

Angelica Carpenter is the author of the book *Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Feminist*. She will tell us all about Matilda Joslyn Gage (1826-1898) who was a feminist leader, writer, conference organizer and specialist in civil disobedience. She changed the course of history. For decades she worked with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, but she was more liberal than they were, fighting for equal rights not dependent on sex, race, class, or creed. Gage also served as a writing mentor to her son-in-law, L. Frank Baum, who later wrote *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, about a strong American heroine. Carpenter explores Gage's life, including her rise and fall within the women's movement she helped build.

| VOTES FOR WOMEN |
|-----------------------------|
| Women's Suffrage Centennial |
| 1920 - 2020 |

Local Scholarships News

Don't miss out on our Holiday Luncheon. Reservation information is on the front page of this issue. We have lots of interesting prizes to give out.

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" 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.

A Very Warm Welcome...

To our newest member **Stephanie Hocom**, 720 Eureka Canyon Rd., Corralitos, CA 95076.
831-359-6819 h & c, stephanie.hocom@yahoo.com

Please be sure to add Stephanie's information to your directory.

Tech Trek News

We met as a Tech Trek Group October 14th and reviewed the September luncheon. It appears to have been generally well received. The table color idea seems to have been a good option again this year with members seated by badge color. If any of you have other luncheon info, we would love to have it so we can constructively include it for next year.

We got good pre news coverage for the luncheon in the local papers. As you may have seen, we got excellent followup with the Times publication on October 15 issue: a picture on the front page with a nice additional article on the inside. Though I sent the same info to all the other papers, this was the only group who printed it.

Now on to 2020 Tech Trek Planning!

Thrilled to have new committee members, Lorraine Margon and Sharon Bush as well as returning member Joan Rider to bring new ideas and help to our TT group (Jane Amaral, Susan Chollar, Kit Hein and me).

At our first meeting of Tech Trek 2020 we reviewed the Teacher Survey that was sent out after our Tech Trek selection process last year. Results have helped us with timing teacher requests so that we can get the best responses.

Last year National made some very big changes to reporting that made it more time consuming for teacher responses and added some confusion. We will simplify the material we send out to better engage the teachers.

Teacher and school contacts are being validated. Teacher letters and TT brochures are being reviewed and updated. We will include them in a package that will go out to the teacher contacts at each County school this month. We will follow up with the teachers with a second letter January 13.

We have sent the WISE SIS info for the first Saturday project (November 23) to the teachers who nominated the 2019 girls, and the 2019 girls. We hope that some, or all of them will continue on with STEM programs offered.

We continue to research other fund raising options. If any of you have contacts at any tech (or other companies) who might be interested in sponsoring a girl to go to Camp Hopper, please let me know. Our members are very generous, but we hope to be able to supplement their generosity with outside money. Grant writing, anyone?????

If you make Required Distributions Annually, did 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



AAUW Fund News

In October, three luncheons were held across the state. Nineteen of the 36 California Fellows and Grant recipients spoke about their field of study and their thanks for the opportunity AAUW has given them. Click [HERE](#) to see the videos from the three luncheons.

Thank you to the following members for donations to the Greatest Needs Fund: Marcia Minnihan, Kathy Donovan, Jean Smith and Lynn Cummins. Because Greatest Needs funding is unrestricted, it gives AAUW the most flexibility to address the challenges today's women face and seek new programs and opportunities. AAUW appreciates every day and dollar our members spend working for us, and we're particularly grateful for these donations that give us the flexibility to maximize your impact.

The deadline for submitting 2019 contributions is December 31, 2019. Use the link from the aauw.org website, or mail your check payable to AAUW to Lynn Cummins, P. O. Box 556, Freedom, CA 95019.

Lynn Cummins, AAUW Fund vice president

Governor Signs 14 AAUW-Supported Bills Into Law

by Magaly Zagal

Legislative Advocate for AAUW-CA

The 2018-19 legislative season has come to a close, and by October 13, 2019 Governor Newsom signed 870 bills out of the 1,042 bills that were presented to him. Among the most significant of these were fourteen bills which will become law due to the advocacy and research support offered by AAUW-CA:

AB 9 - Extends the time for filing harassment and discrimination claims under California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) from 2 to 3 years, allowing survivors additional time to seek redress.

AB 51 - Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to waive any right for a labor code violation as a condition of employment, continued employment or receipt of employment benefits.

AB 59 - Directs county elections officials to consider a vote center location on a public or private university with the intent to increase youth voter turnout.

AB 170 - Closes a gap in the law to ensure that employers do not resort to subcontractor agreements for purposes of avoiding liability for sexual harassment claims.

AB 218 - Increases the civil statute of limitations period for commencement of a sexual assault cause of action. This will give sexual assault survivors sufficient time to access civil remedies.

AB 381 - Ensures that prevention and bystander intervention outreach on dating violence information is made available to incoming students during orientation.

AB 543 - Ensures that all 9th through 12th grade students receive a written policy on sexual harassment information during orientation. AAUW's report "Schools Are Still Underreporting Sexual Harassment and Assault" was critical in helping support the legislative analyses for AB 543.

AB 749 - Prohibits the use of "no rehire" clauses in settlement agreements that broadly restrict future employment opportunities for workers settling a sexual harassment or other claims.

AB 809 - Mandates that public postsecondary institutions provide notice to students to ensure that pregnant and student parents are aware of their Title IX rights.

AB 922 - Allows a woman providing human oocytes for research to be compensated for her time, discomfort, and inconvenience in the same manner as other research subjects.



SB 24 - Increases access to reproductive health services for students at public universities and colleges by providing medication abortion at student health centers.

SB 142 - Requires employers to have a written lactation policy and lactation spaces that meet minimum requirements for lactating workers. While existing law requires employers to provide parents with the time and space to express breastmilk, SB 142 places specific guidelines to ensure that parents are sufficiently protected in the workplace.





November 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|---------|--------------------------------|---|--------|----------|
| 10 | 11  | 12 | 13 | 14 12pm Lunch Bunch * | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 10am Hugs for Soldiers -see pg 3 | 19 | 20 1pm Reader's Theater* | 21 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books* | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28  | 29 | 30 |

December 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|---|
| 1 | 2 10am Board meeting | 3 7pm Tues. pm books* | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 12pm Holiday Lunch Bunch * | 13 | 14 11am LS Holiday Party - see pg. 1 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 1pm Reader's Theater* | 19 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books* | 20 Great Decisions* | 21 |
| 22  | 23 | 24 | 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> |  | | | |

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 Dec. 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We will meet at Darby Kremer's house to discuss *THE DAY THE WORLD CAME TO TOWN* by Jim DeFede. Vickie Birdsall will lead the discussion. Call 831-206-3623 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

November 14 we will meet at Roux Dat in Brown Ranch Marketplace, 3555 Clares St., Suite G, Capitola. If you like Creole/Cajun food and lively conversation, please join us. If you have not already RSVP'd, call Kit (925-305-6301).

December 12 Holiday lunch will be decided at the November meeting. We like to find someplace that has great holiday decorations, so all suggestions are welcome.

Kit will handle communication with members who have already signed up. If you are not on her email list, contact her now. 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.

Save the date, January 18th, 11:30-3PM for the end human trafficking event sponsored by our branch and Capitola by-the-Sea Soroptimist Club, Twin Lakes Church. We have an accomplished speaker who will address the problems facing our teen age youth and how parents can forestall the many challenges the media brings.

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

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|------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Nov. 18 | Hugs for Soldiers: Fall Gathering/Social | SCC Community Center, see pg. 3 |
| Dec. 14 | Holiday Luncheon | Seascape Golf Club, see pg. 1 |
| 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 & Installation of Officers | 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
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

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215 Brodin Lane

Corralitos, CA 95076

In Memory of/In Honor of _____

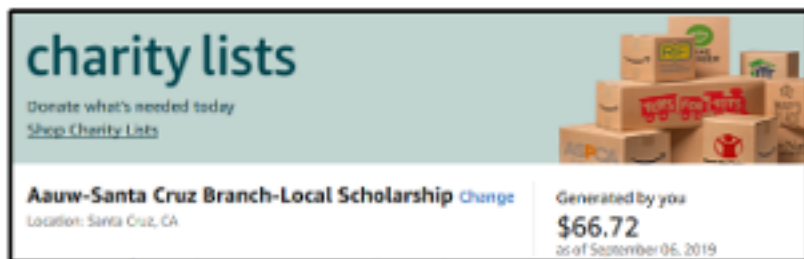
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Another Way to Donate to Our Local Scholarships & Programs Fund

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."



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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.