



Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

The Beacon

October 2019

Saturday, November 2 Event: Status of Education in Santa Cruz County

OUR BRANCH IS 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!

Monday, November 18 Event: HUGS for Soldiers

10 am – 12 noon

Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County

7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos

Solari West Room



In honor of Veterans Day, we will get together to write letters to women soldiers. You may write just one letter or many. It's up to you!

Anyone who wishes to prepare a care package for women soldiers is encouraged to do so. (Contact Lorraine Margon for list of care package items needed; 831-345-2394 or LorraineMargon@gmail.com.)

- This meeting is intended to be a social gathering with a purpose.
- We want you to have time to chat and enjoy the fellowship of other AAUW members.
- Come for an hour; come for two. Arrive at your leisure.
- Our room holds 25 and we hope to get at least 20 members to participate.
- Bring any card-making or letter-writing supplies you may have on hand.
- We will provide letter/card making supplies, too.
- Guidelines for letter content will be supplied, so you won't have to think too hard about what to write. Mostly, soldiers just want to know they are not forgotten.
- If you are creative, you are encouraged to decorate your letter(s). So, bring colored pencils, markers and/or crayons.

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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Co-President Kris' Message

Happy Fall!

Our fall luncheon has come and gone. Visiting in the lounge with friends we may not have seen since last spring began a wonderful afternoon.

Honoring the 2019 Tech Trek girls and our new members: Anne Van Arsdale, Laurie Reinhart, Clare Markovits, Louisa Capp, Eileen Buron and Lesley Bently, was a great beginning to what we hope will be an exciting, educational and enriching year to come for AAUW Santa Cruz County.

Clare Markovits, (a new member) shared her amazing STEM experiences with the girls and our members. What a difference for these girls, twenty years makes. Though times have changed, STEM is here now, but, there is more to come. The girls honored today are on their way!!!

I hope many of you joined other AAUW members at the Fund Luncheon to hear from women who have received Fellowships or Grants for study and projects in California this year. To see where your donations sent to National have gone brings home the importance of women helping women.

Saturday, November 2, 10 to 12, our branch will be co-hosting an event with our local League of Women Voters on the Status of Education in Santa Cruz County with the new Superintendent of Santa Cruz County Schools, Faris Sabbah. Please think of attending and learning about the status of education in the county.

November 18, we will write letters to women serving our country in the military and enjoy one another's company while doing so. See page 1 for details.

December brings the Holiday Luncheon and fundraiser for Local Scholarships. Mark your calendars for December 14 at the Seascape Golf Course.

Much more to come in 2020.

Following Kit's message last month with WIFM, What's In It For Me, many of you know my passion is Tech Trek. I was introduced to the STEM world through the SCC Science Fair and my grandchildren's successes through their participation.

When I joined AAUW three years ago and found the Tech Trek committee, I knew that I wanted to contribute my time and energy to acquainting girls with the joys of STEM. As you heard at the luncheon, the girls do appreciate the opportunity. Would you like to help them? Let me know.

As Kit said, what is your WIFM?

Best, Kris

Membership News



Exciting Announcement:

Our very own Past President Judy Cavin Brown has been selected to serve as AAUW California's Program Director. Congrats to Judy! She will do us proud on the State Board.

A Warm Welcome to New Member:

Laurie Reinhart

Phone: 510-254-1215

E-Mail: Laurie@ACM.org

*A correction to last month's welcome of new member Lesley Bentley.

Here first name is spelled Lesley, rather than Leslie as previously reported.

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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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 29, 2020 For our Centennial Luncheon Celebration



The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. We will celebrate with our annual Inter-Branch Council Luncheon with the Monterey Peninsula Branch.

Our guest speaker, Angelica Shirley Carpenter, will talk about one of the more radical suffragists, Matilda Joslyn Gage. More details will be forthcoming this winter.

Local Scholarships News

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our **annual holiday luncheon, December 14th** at Seascapes Golf Course; the golf course is under new management and the kitchen and menu have been revamped! There will be music by Fiat Musica and lots of items donated by local vendors for our opportunity drawings. We will have a specific date for our April Shadowbrook event later in the year.

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.

Human Trafficking Committee News

End Human Trafficking Committee has been very successful in obtaining donations for our next event. We will be able to present an accomplished speaker for the keynote address. Our focus will be informing parents and their teenagers of the dangers of techniques used by traffickers not only in daily life but through social media. Please mark your calendar for January 18th, 12PM, Twin Lakes church.



Thank you all for your contributions, both personal and monetary, making our September Luncheon a huge success!

Super thank yous go to our Tech Trek Committee: Susan Chollar, Jane Amaral and Kit Hein who worked very hard to collect, create, setup the items for the Opportunity Drawing and Emcee the luncheon.

Debra Wallace was here, there and everywhere with her phone shooting pics of members visiting and, several of the Tech Trek girls. You will see them featured on page 5.

We also appreciate the members who staffed the various Interest Group tables in the lounge and gave Kit information to share in her lunchtime talk.

A special thank you to Jeanne Jorgensen who gathered the volunteers and also provided tickets for the Opportunity Drawings.

Between the Quilt and the Opportunity Drawing items, we raised just over \$1000 which will pay for one girl to attend camp this summer. As this is our only fundraiser, we are extremely grateful for members' generosity. Thank you Nancy Stephens & Jaimie Muzzio for your Tech Trek donations.

The lovely quilt designed and donated by our speaker, Clare Markovits was very popular, adding more than half the Opportunity Drawing total donated. Lynn Cummins was the lucky winner (and is pictured with the Quilt).

We welcomed new members and guests and I am sure you enjoyed the girls' speeches sharing their camp memories. What wonderful experiences they had last summer.

It was so rewarding to hear our speaker, Clare Markovits, while sharing her STEM story, crediting her Mother, Martha Mangan, for instilling the values she lives by today.

We got good pre coverage for the luncheon in the local papers. We will be reporting on the luncheon with pictures and hope to see AAUW and Tech Trek in print soon.

Now on to 2020 Tech Trek Planning. We are pleased that we have three potential new Tech Trek volunteers; Joan Rider (returning), Jennifer Bovitz Cobas and Sharon Bush.

Our Tech Trek committee will meet this month to review the past year, analyzing what we learned from the teachers and students who applied. We will introduce several new ideas for encouraging SCC 7th grade Science teachers to nominate, and 7th grade SCC girls to apply for the 2020 scholarships to Camp Hopper.

If you were unable to attend the Luncheon and would like to support our TECH TREK girls, you may send a check: 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.

Kris



Lucky winner of Dream Big Quilt, Lynn Cummins, with its talented maker, Clare Markovits

AAUW Fund News

Congratulations to us!

So far this year, AAUW Santa Cruz County members and friends contributed \$655.00 to AAUW Fund. These gifts support the many AAUW programs that advance our mission. Thank you to: Mary K. Simpson, Grace Gerbrandt, Deborah Jacobson, Trisha Kett, Carole Beckett, Debra Wallace, Pamela Peterson, Jane Amaral, Clarice Wiggins, Jean Smith, Cathy Chavez-Miller, Shari Hastings, Jeanne Boss, Martha Mangan, Claudia Slater, Dottie Smith and Kit Hein (in memory of Lynn Raadik).

To make a tax-deductible contribution at any time, make out a check to AAUW Fund and mail it to Lynn Cummins, P. O. Box 556, Freedom, CA 95019.

Weekend Luncheons Introduce Amazing Young Women

The AAUW Fund program made awards to 36 fellows in California this year. The awards went to women in five categories: American Fellowships, International Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, Career Development Grants and Community Action Grants.

California awardees are celebrated at three autumn luncheons. On October 5, Jane Amaral, Darby Kremers and Lorraine Margon attended the luncheon held in South San Francisco. And, on October 6, Lynn Cummins, Kit Hein, Lorraine Margon and Audrey Strayer attended the luncheon in Danville. (I am not aware of anyone planning to attend the luncheon October 27 in Seal Beach, but I would love the feedback if you go.)

Each day we heard from five recipients. Our branch members spread out, and we each had lunch at the table of a speaker. We also met AAUW members from all over. All of the young women were impressive and everyone left these events feeling inspired by what these women have already accomplished and how these awards will significantly aid these women in achieving more.

First-time attendee Lorraine Margon, who shared her pictures from the event, summed up the weekend this way: "AAUW members were inspired and proud of these young women. And, the Fund recipients were not only grateful for their awards, but many were overwhelmingly excited to be in a room filled with 'so many power women.' We all blushed."

You're all invited to join the carpools next year.

-Lynn Cummins, AAUW Fund Vice President




Left to right: Cheyun Lee (Santa Clara Univ.; M.B.A. Bus. Admin.), Larissa Davis (UC Berkeley; J.D., Govt./Public Interest), Saalem Adera (UC Berkeley; Ph.D. Hydrology), Jazmyne Gill (Sonoma State Univ.; M.S. Marine Ecological Physiology) and Briana Lizarraga (Mills College; M.A. Electronic Music/Recording Media).



Top (left to right): Christine Rosales (UC Santa Cruz; Ph.D. Liberation Psychology) and Ryanne Ramadan (Stanford Univ.; M.S. Bioelectrical Engineering). *Bottom (left to right):* Aisula Aitbekova (Stanford Univ.; Ph.D. Chemical Engineering), Christina Azahar Folgar (UC Berkeley; Ph.D. Ethnomusicology) and Viviana Hermosillo Aguaya (UCSF; Post-doc, Developmental Biology).

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 		

**November 2019**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 10am Board	5 7pm Tues. pm books*	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 12pm Lunch Bunch *	15 Great Decisions*	16
17	18 10am Hugs for Soldiers -see pg 1	19	20 1pm Reader's Theater*	21 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30

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 November 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We will meet at Marilee Werfhorst's house to discuss THE GIRL WITH SEVEN NAMES by Hyeonseo Lee; Liz Thorington 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. Our October 10 get together was threatened by the PSPS, but we remained flexible and ended up at Zelda's in Capitola Village.

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.

Kit will handle communication with members who have already signed up; so, 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

Nov. 2	Status of Public Ed in SC County	Capitola City Hall Council Chambers , see pg. 1
Nov. 18	Hugs for Soldiers: Fall Gathering/Social	SCC Community Center, see pg. 1
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 & 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 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

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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.