

Local Scholarships News

Looking forward to seeing you all at our annual holiday event on December 14th.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Scholarship luncheon in May. It will be on Saturday, May 14th, at Seascape Resort. We will hear from many of our recipients of scholarships that your generosity has made possible.

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.



AAUW Fund News

AAUW has been empowering women since its founding in 1881. Because of recent improvements in women's access to higher education, our focus has broadened to embrace these current strategic goals: 1) Remove bias from education, 2) Fight for fair pay and economic equity, and 3) Advance women in leadership.

AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund has the flexibility to respond to challenges as they emerge, and thus ensures the relevance of AAUW into the future. Through December 31, donations to this fund will be fully tax deductible in the 2019 tax year, AND will be doubled by a matching gift pledged by the National Board of Directors! If this appeals to you, and you are concerned about avoiding a possible delay into the next year, you may prefer to send your check directly to AAUW at P. O. Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045 (postmarked by 12/31/19), or make a donation online at www.aauw.org/contribute. I will do my best to submit donations I receive in a timely manner.

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a Wonderful New Year.

Lynn Cummins

AAUW Fund Vice President

Tech Trek News

December, 2019

Our Tech Trek Committee, new and old met a second time this month for some hands on training on how to use Share Functions on Google. As all the schools communicate online through Google, and AAUW State and National would like us to work online, we needed to get up to date! Thank you Susan Chollar for the great tutorial and folder organization.

We sent out the introductory Tech Trek info online to all the teacher contacts and followed it up by delivering informational folders to each teacher. The folders included colorful flyers (thank you again, Susan) that the teachers can give the girls describing the Tech Trek opportunity. We additionally included information for the teachers describing the nomination process, asking that they begin to think about girls they would like to nominate.

Nominations will be requested from the teachers in January. Each school will be able to nominate three girls who will then be asked to complete applications and write essays on a specific STEM subject. The committee work begins in earnest! More next month.

Our annual Tech Trek request letter was posted the end of November. Thanks, Lorraine Margon for your help! This year we included our 2019 TT girls' comments written after their camp experience. It is so rewarding to hear from the girls that time at Camp Hopper was both instructive and memorable.

As a reminder, each girl sent to camp in the summer is fully paid for by our Members. The cost per girl for camp is \$1000. Any donation for the 2020 girls will be much appreciated.

Just before the Beacon went to press, we received generous donations from: Pamela Peterson, Sharon Bush, Trisha Kett, Lois Holcomb, Joyce Hopkins and Mary Simpson. Thank you so very much for your answer to our request.

If you make Required Distributions Annually, do 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. Please remember to have them designate the funds for Santa Cruz County Tech Trek.

AAUW CA Special Projects Fund or AAUW CA SPF

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PO BOX 160067 SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-0067

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 All, Kris



December 2019

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

January 2020

Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4 1pm Human Trafficking Committee*
5	6 10am Board meeting	7 7pm Tues. pm books*	8	9 12pm Lunch Bunch *	10	11
12	13	14	15 1pm Reader's Theater*	16	17	18 Human Trafficking Event, see pg. 1
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	21	22	23 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	24 Great Decisions*	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 January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm. We will meet at Joyce Hopkins; house to discuss *THE ONE IN A MILLION BOY* by Monica Wood; Darby Kremers will lead the discussion. Call 831-688-2397 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.

December 12 we will meet at Linwood's Bar and Grill in the Chaminade Resort. Linwood's should be decorated appropriately, and we can "decorate" ourselves as well. Bring a small, wrapped gift that we will somehow pass around the table. DO NOT BUY IT. Some little item that has outlived its specialness to you, but someone else might appreciate.

11:30am Dec. 12: Linwood's Bar and Grill, Chaminade Resort

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.

Mark your calendars for 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

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

Dec. 14	Holiday Luncheon	Seascope Golf Club, see pg. 1
Jan. 18	End Human Trafficking Symposium	Twin Lakes Church
Feb. 29	Inter-Branch Council Luncheon	Seascope 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 16	Scholarship Luncheon & Installation of Officers	Seascope Resort



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Lynn Cummins

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Tech Trek

(Girls Science Scholarships)

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Tech Trek, Camp Hopper on the
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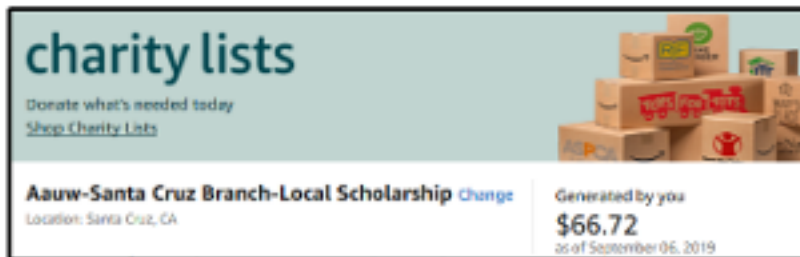
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Another Way to Donate to Our Local Scholarships & Programs Fund

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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- 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.