



The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

January 2020

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Women's Suffrage Centennial

1920 - 2020

Annual Luncheon Meeting of the
AAUW Santa Cruz County and Monterey Bay Peninsula Branches

Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Suffrage

Saturday, February 29

11:30 – 1:30 pm

Seascape Beach Resort

Guest speaker: Angelica Shirley Carpenter

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.



***Plan to bring a friend--let's fill the room with women
celebrating this important historical event!***

- Wear white to this event if you can—either modern day attire or period attire.
- Ms. Carpenter will have copies of her book, *Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Feminist* (Sept. 2018; hardcover 272 pages); \$20; cash/check. Books will be signed by speaker/author Angelica Shirley Carpenter following the event.
- A limited number of Centennial pins will be on hand for sale - \$5 suggested donation for each; cash/check.
- A photo "booth" with a Susan B. Anthony cut-out will be available for your personal photo taking. A few props will be included.

RSVP form follows. Mail your registration from to the Monterey Peninsula Branch; they must receive it by February 19.

AAUW Monterey Bay Inter-Branch Council Annual Meeting
 (Santa Cruz County & Monterey Peninsula Branches)
Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Suffrage
 Seascape Beach Resort – Aptos, CA

February 29, 2019

— LUNCHEON RESERVATION —

Mail this form to reserve your lunch for this exciting event!

Please reserve ____@ \$26 each. Includes tax and gratuity.

Menu choices: You Turkey Club California Veggie Wrap (vegetarian)

Guest #1 Turkey Club California Veggie Wrap (vegetarian)

Guest #2 Turkey Club California Veggie Wrap (vegetarian)

Total enclosed \$ _____.

Menu

Minestrone Soup *(vegetarian)*

Choice Of:

Roasted Turkey Breast Club

With Avocado, Tomato, Lettuce, Jack Cheese on Mini Ciabatta Loaf

California Veggie Wrap

Havarti, Pepper Jack, Avocado, Roasted Red Pepper, Cucumber, Lettuce, Onion, Ranch-Cream Cheese Spread on Spinach Tortilla

Both to be served with potato salad.

Dessert: Chef's selection

Beverages: Ice Tea/Lemonade and Coffee/HotTea

Member Name _____ Phone# _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Santa Cruz County Branch

Deadline for reservations: February 19

NOTE: All reservations must be PRE-PAID and are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Checks should be made out to: AAUW MPB **Mail checks to:** AAUW MPB, P.O. Box 1786 Monterey, CA 93942

Questions about reservations? Kathy Poulson: abeachlov@gmail.com or 831-324-0760

Other questions? Lorraine Margon: lorrainemargon@gmail.com or 831-345-2394

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held at 10 a.m., on the first Monday 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

Happy New Year to All! As we enter a new decade, I have two messages to pass on that I hope you will take very seriously. The first is the work we must do here at home:

The branch cannot function without leaders. And everyone is a leader. Some of you have just not stepped up yet. Kris and I are hoping that, if you do get a call from the nominating committee, you will step up.

The next few months will show what wonderful leaders we have in our branch, ready to help those who step up to join them. This month's #End Human Trafficking forum will show how our branch is a leader in our community. Our joint lunch meeting in February with Monterey Peninsula Branch will celebrate women as historical leaders in Getting Out the Vote. And our annual meeting in March will have our own Readers' Theatre section presenting more suffragettes.

For those of you who might be hesitant to join the branch board, there is support and training at all levels of AAUW. Come to State Convention!

The following is a quote from our state co-president, Kathy Foxhoven:

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

I resolve to attend the convention April 17th - 19th!

My New Year's resolution is to attend the convention. I promise to attend the convention.

My #1 resolution is to attend the convention.

My AAUW leadership will be enhanced by attending the convention. I will be inspired by attending the convention. I will share the AAUW mission with like-minded women by attending the convention. I will further my resolve to continue my AAUW membership by attending the convention. I will be able to do a hands-on project and help the women and girls in Rwanda by attending the convention. I will CELEBRATE the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote when I come to the convention!

I couldn't have said it better myself. Our state convention will be an important event for all our members, and we hope you will join us for this important weekend.

-Kit Hein

Co-President AAUW SCC



Human Trafficking Committee News

End Human Trafficking Event will take place on the 18th. We are fortunate that parts of the program will be video taped by a professional. The City Council of Santa Cruz will proclaim a resolution on the 14th to commemorate the month of January as official Human Trafficking awareness month. The proceeds from our donation efforts will be given to the organization Shared Hope. Last year they presented our event "Ending the Exploitation of Children" with no charge to us. On January 23rd of this year this organization will open an Institute in Washington DC with the platform of an aggressive approach to end child trafficking. We are happy to be part of it. Our monthly meeting will take place Feb 1 Saturday, 201 Prospect Hts., Santa Cruz 12:30.

**ARE YOU A PARENT, GRANDPARENT, TEACHER, COUNSELOR, TEENAGER,
OR A CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBER? THEN JOIN US TO**

#END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Presented by



Santa Cruz County AAUW

and



Soroptimists International Capitola by-the-Sea



SATURDAY

January 18, 2020

11:30am – 3:00pm

TWIN LAKES CHURCH

2701 Cabrillo College Drive

Aptos

A FREE COMMUNITY FORUM

Please join us in our efforts to #End Human Trafficking.

Santa Cruz County AAUW and Soroptimists International Capitola by-the-Sea are presenting a free public forum to educate and inform about the dangers of human trafficking in our local community.

Focusing on the dangers to our youth, this year's forum will include keynote speaker **Cacie Hart**, co-founder of the Safe and Sound program, who "...strive(s) to empower people to stay safe, to be compassionate to those affected by trafficking, and to better understand that we must all heal together if we are to lessen the problem." **Deborah Pembroke**, Leader Survivor, from the Coalition to End Human Trafficking in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, will speak on the history of HT in our community, the problems and solutions. A panel of local agencies, including the district attorney's office, Monarch Services, and the County Office of Education will discuss efforts to identify, educate and protect our youth. **There will also be an art contest with cash prizes for local high school students.**

Light refreshments will be served, as well as an opportunity drawing for prizes donated by local merchants.

For more information about this forum, to make tax deductible donations or to enter the art contest, contact:

mmanganesesc7@gmail.com or misscalih@gmail.com



Save the Date!

March 28 is our Annual Meeting

We will hold our Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 28 at 2 pm. We need to take two formal actions: voting on our slate of board nominees and our annual meeting. It's important that you attend so that we have a quorum.

We are still finding the right venue, so stay tuned for more details either next month or early March.

We plan to serve a light "high tea" and our own Reader's Theater interest group will perform some suffragist monologues for us. This should be a fun and entertaining event!

Meeting and Event Venues – Your Ideas Wanted!

Do you belong to a community or church that has a space that might be suitable for our meetings and/or events? We would appreciate learning of such venues. Please let our Program VP, Lorraine Margon, know about any facilities we might be able to use. You can reach Lorraine at lorrynemargon@gmail.com or 831-345-2394.



Our own Lorraine Margon tries on her white suffrage period attire for our upcoming February 29 Centennial celebratory luncheon.

Women's Suffrage Centennial Float

In case you missed this year's Tournament of Roses Parade, we thought you might enjoy seeing the float that was made by *Pasadena Celebrates 2020*. The float, entitled "Years of Hope, Years of Suffrage," portrayed the long period of history it took to win the right to vote. Standing on the float were descendants of suffragists; and behind it, women of Pasadena dressed in white holding purple signs that read "Votes for Women." Their float won the Theme award. The overall parade theme was: *The Power of Hope*.

Local Scholarships News

Thanks again to all who attended our annual Holiday luncheon; it was, as usual, a lovely event and a great success. We added nearly \$15,800 to our account based on raffle sales and generous donations. Our Foundation statement from UCSC came to us recently and our account has grown from \$47,873 for last year to \$49,566 for this year. Interest earned is matched with our funds to award the scholarships we give out each year. At Cabrillo we have two funds, the Carol Symonds Fund which is worth \$15,000 and an unendowed fund begun by the Watsonville Branch which is worth \$55,264.

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.



Tech Trek News

January, 2020

Here it is a New Year, new decade! The last one zipped by so fast and I am not sure I am ready for the next one yet.

Our TT Committee will meet in early January to follow up the preliminary information sent to the 7th grade Science and Math teachers in November.

We will ask the contacted teachers to nominate up to three 7th grade girls from each school who have a passion for science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). We will send applications to the nominated girls for their completion and submission in mid February.

Once received, our committee will read and rank all the applications and essays and select a number of girls for interviews in March. Final selection for the Tech Trek 2020 attendees is made following the interviews.

Our annual Tech Trek request letter went to all members, before the Christmas holidays. We are extremely grateful for donations from Anne Sherwood, Audrey Strayer, Barbara Lewis, Kit Hein, Sarita Motove, Joan Schwimmer, Rosemary Anderson, Patricia Clark, Jeanne Jorgensen, Andrea Losee, Lorraine Margon and Jean Gregson.

Your donations are so very appreciated. We are halfway there!!! Money for the camp is due in March. 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 Tech Trek girls is helpful.

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

TAX ID: #68-0463071 CALIFORNIA CHARITABLE TRUST ID: CT-127807

PO BOX 160067 SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-0067

We have several members who have donated in this way and find it to be easy.

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 to all of you,
Kris



AAUW Fund News

A message from National AAUW Headquarters:

Give to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund

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. Donate today!

Thank you to the following members for gifts they have made since my last report: Marcia Minnihan, Jean Smith, Sarita Motove, Kit Hein, Lorraine Margon and Kathy Donovan. Several of these donations to the Greatest Needs Fund were timed to the Matching Gift Challenge at the end of the year. Thank you all very much.

Lynn Cummins, AAUW Fund vice president

Thursday Afternoon Books # 1



Front Row seated (l to r): Andrea Losee, Grace Gerbrandt

Back Row: Linda Owens, Barbara Lewis, Marian Disperati, Jean Gregson, Carole Beckett

Thursday Afternoon Books # 2



Top photo, Front Row: Mary K Simpson, Lois Holcomb, and Jane Eckman. Back Row: Susan Elgin, Phyllis Taylor, Lorraine Sentetos, Dottie Smith, Audrey Strayer, and Dottie Fry. In the bottom photo, Dorothy Patrick replaces Dottie Smith. Missing is Pat Butorac.

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15 1pm Reader's Theater*	16	17	18 Human Trafficking Event, see pg. 4
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	



February 2020

Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 12:30pm Human Trafficking Committee*
2	3 10am Board meeting	4 7pm Tues. pm books*	5	6 12pm Lunch Bunch *	7	8
9	10	11	12 1pm Reader's Theater*	13	14 Great Decisions* <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17 <i>President's Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	28 Great Decisions*	29 IBC Event, see pg. 1 & 2

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 February 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm. We will meet at Louanne Ellison's to discuss AMY SNOW by Traci Rees. Louanne will lead the discussion. Call 831-471-8381 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 meets on 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.

January 9 we met at Michael's on Main in Soquel. We have not yet decided on February location, so give Kit a call if you have suggestions.

Kit handles 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, 12:30PM, 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

Jan. 18	End Human Trafficking Symposium	Twin Lakes Church
Feb. 29	Inter-Branch Council Luncheon	Seascape Resort
Mar. 28	Annual Meeting, High Tea	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	Seascape Resort



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

Other news to share?

The next Beacon deadline is February 7th. Email entries to dwallace@karonproperties.com.

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 Fund contributions, you may mail your check or do it online on the AAUW Website (at aauw.org click on Donate)

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

215 Brodin Lane

Corralitos, CA 95076

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Select AAUW Santa Cruz on AmazonSmile

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.