



The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

February 2020

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Women's Suffrage Centennial

1920 - 2020

Annual Luncheon Meeting of the
AAUW Santa Cruz County and Monterey 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, 2020

— 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!

Officers and Committees: 2019-2020

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President's Message

What a wonderful turnout for the 'End Human Trafficking Forum' a few weeks ago. Fascinating speakers with a world of pertinent information. Thank you to our members who attended. It was rewarding to have so many others from the Community as well. In particular, the Soquel High Health teacher attended with many of her students. The room was full with people from all walks of life. Young and old alike were represented. We can all help to reduce and someday end this dreadful problem.

AAUW Santa Cruz sends a huge thank you to Martha Mangan and her committee, Kit Hein, Sharon Bush, Nancy Stevens, Nicci Winner, Anna Marie Garban, Carol DeLauder and Mary Lou Stewart for all the work they did to put this very successful annual event together.

Adding to our Branch busy year, do put February 29th on your calendar. Santa Cruz and Monterey Peninsula AAUW branches will celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment and the 55th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, milestones that secured women's right to vote. Education and fun for all! Much more in the Luncheon Invitation in this Beacon. See you at Seascapes on the 29th!

March 28th's Annual Meeting includes the Election of Officers and our Reader's Theatre presenting a different view of the Suffragettes.

April 17-19 are the dates for the annual AAUW Convention taking place in Millbrae. Think of attending. I am sure many of you will enjoy the various activities over three days and be enlightened by the Keynote speaker: Congresswoman, Jackie Spier as she shares **How the Future Looks for Women in Politics**. In 1873, the great American suffragist Susan B. Anthony said, "There will never be complete equality until women themselves make laws." Women may have come a long way since 1873, but we still make up only 23% of representatives in the United States Congress.

Though our Branch plans general member meetings throughout the year, don't forget about the Interest Groups that meet monthly. You will find friends there who share a specific common interest, whether it be Bridge, Lunch Bunch, Book Groups or Great Decisions. There is something for everyone and everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you soon at our general meetings and an Interest Group of choice.

Best, Kris Sheehan, Co-President AAUW SCC

Program News

February 29 Suffrage Centennial Celebration with Monterey Bay Peninsula Branch

Please remember to send in your Reservation Form to our February 29 luncheon celebration. Reservation Forms should be received by the Monterey Branch by February 19. Mail yours in now if you haven't already done so.

March 28 Tea Party & Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, March 28

2 – 4 pm

Tradewinds Mobile Home Park Clubhouse - Capitola

We are planning a light tea party for this year's Annual Meeting. In addition to electing officers and accepting our annual budget (see page 5), we'll sip tea while listening to four members of our own Readers Theater interest group perform monologues of suffragists who fought for the right to vote. Dress as suffragists, if you like. Wear a festive hat. Let's continue the suffrage centennial celebration as we welcome spring.



Opportunity Knocks: Providing for Growth

As AAUW members, we have the chance to respond to opportunity when it knocks. By taking on leadership roles at the branch or state level, we are afforded an opportunity to contribute as well as to benefit.

The good news is that support is available for anyone who is willing to become a leader. AAUW California has one-day leadership training events (Leaderships Days), regional workshops and webinars to help build your skills. There are also some wonderful tools available on the national website, AAUW.org, including the "Leader Essential."

Help Your Non-Degreed Friends Join AAUW!

Do you know someone who would be an asset to AAUW but doesn't have a degree and can't become a member? Well, maybe that person can be a member!

All you have to do is submit a letter to the AAUW National Board with justification for why you believe the individual is deserving of membership, including an additional list from the prospective member of their work and volunteer experience.

The requests for membership will be reviewed and voted on by the AAUW National Board. A notification will then be received by the branch. Let's flood them with requests for new members! What a great way to get new members (ones who really want to join)!

We will be voting on our slate and proposed budget for 2020-2021 at our March 28th Business Meeting. Many thanks to all who have volunteered. As you will see, a few open spots remain. If you are interested in one of these positions, please call Lois Holcomb 831-688-0541.

Slate of Officers 2020-2021

Elected Officers

President: Phyllis Taylor
 President Elect: Mary K. Simpson
 Program V.P: Lorraine Margon
 Membership V.P.: Co-chairs, Elizabeth Thorington & Jeanne Jorgensen
 AAUW Fund: TBA
 Secretary: TBA
 Treasurer: Darby Kremers

Appointed Officers

Communications Director: Debra Wallace
 Beacon Production: Joan Schwimmer
 Bylaws: Lois Holcomb
 Local Scholarships: Jeanne Jorgensen
 Historian: Jane Amaral
 Hospitality: Audrey Strayer
 Human Trafficking: Martha Mangan
 Publicity: Needed
 Public Policy: Laura Nolan
 Tech Trek: Kris Sheehan



Proposed Budget Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Estimated Carryover Budget Surplus 2019-2020 \$ 1,500

Estimated Income

Dues (85 members@\$16)	1,360	
Beacon Mailing Fees	45	
Miscellaneous Income		
Total Income 2019/20	1,405	1,405
Anticipated Funds Available		2,905

Expenses

IBC dues	25
AAUW Funds Assessment	65
Liability Insurance	400
Website Maintenance	120
Directory	75
Beacon printing & supplies	45
Convention	250
Membership	100
Administration	100
Outreach Programs/UCSC, Public	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	250

Projected Expenses **1,630**

Est. Budget Deficit/Surplus 2020-21 **\$ 1,275**

Local Scholarships News

Be sure to put April 7th on your calendar. That's the Shadowbrook community dinner night for AAUW. They donate 1/3 of our dinner/drinks bill to Local Scholarships. In the past we've received between \$400 and \$500 for going out and having fun! Start making up parties of tables at the event. When we get closer to it, the Local Scholarship committee will help in the table arrangements.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for our Scholarship luncheon in May. It will be on Saturday, May 16th, 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.

Human Trafficking Committee News

The forum End Human Trafficking was a great success. The audience was captured by our keynote speaker Catie Hart relating her experiences as a victim of trafficking and her recovery. Kit did a great job of coordinating the various speakers. The drawing yielded \$368 and with other donations \$400 will be sent to Shared Hope International, our presenter last year. We were unable to reimburse their organization last year.

Future plans will recognize World Trafficking Awareness Day, July 30th by a showing of the documentary "Half The sky". The location to be announced later. We have the location for 2021, January, event. It will be St. Joseph's church, Technology and Human Trafficking. We are open to suggestions for a format.

Membership News

Our branch has added several new members to our roster this year; they will be honored at a new member tea to be held on April 4th. If you know of prospective members, please let the membership committee know, so they can be invited. Details will be sent in the invitations which will go out in March. Contact Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Jeanne Jorgensen, jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com, 477-7025; Liz Thorington, elizabeththorington@yahoo.com, (408)438-3508.



Tech Trek News

Happy February!!

We want to keep our members up to date with our 2020 Tech Trek Selection Process.

Nominations for 7th grade girls interested in STEM have been requested from Santa Cruz County middle schools' Science and Math teachers.

Following receipt of nominations from teachers for up to three girls per school, applications are sent to the girls for completion.

The application includes a number of questions about the girl's school and extracurricular interests. An essay of 400-500 words is also required. The essay question asks the student to share one specific thing in the area of science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) that fascinates her. She is to explain what makes it so interesting to her, how she first came to learn about it and what she has done to learn even more about it over time.

Our Committee will be reviewing the completed applications as they are submitted. We will then finalize which girls will be interviewed in March, with final selection taking place in early April.

We are very appreciative of every member's generosity to the Tech Trek program. We have received donations this month from Phyllis Taylor, Darby Kremers, Vicki Birdsall and Jane Amaral.

We are getting closer to completing our 2020 Tech Trek Camp fundraising goal. Tuition for each of the five girls selected is \$1000.

If you make Required Distributions Annually, you may 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, a 501 3c. You would need to give your CPA or Financial Advisor the following information, designating 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

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 much,

Kris



Tech Trek Alumna

Many of you may remember our 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2018. Each girl who spoke at the September meeting was appreciative about her Tech Trek experience. We continue to encourage the girls to explore opportunities in the STEM field as they continue their education.

One of the girls from 2018, Chloe Millar recently contacted me and updated me on an

opportunity she has been offered. Chloe is currently both a high school and Cabrillo College student.

I believe that Chloe will go far in STEM as she is talented and passionate about science. Her email address, chloemillar.bug@gmail.com relates to her fascination with bugs and small crawling creatures from the time she was very young.

I am including her message to me as well as the link to the Go Fund Me proposal that she wrote. If you decide to help Chloe, the money is needed by April 1st.

This semester I took Marine Biology at Cabrillo College, and over the summer I am hoping to attend a trip to Micronesia with my professor and a group of students selected to attend. I need to raise

5,000 dollars to cover the costs and if you know of anyone who would be interested in donating to my GoFundMe I would be very grateful if you shared it with them.

Warmly,

Chloe Millar

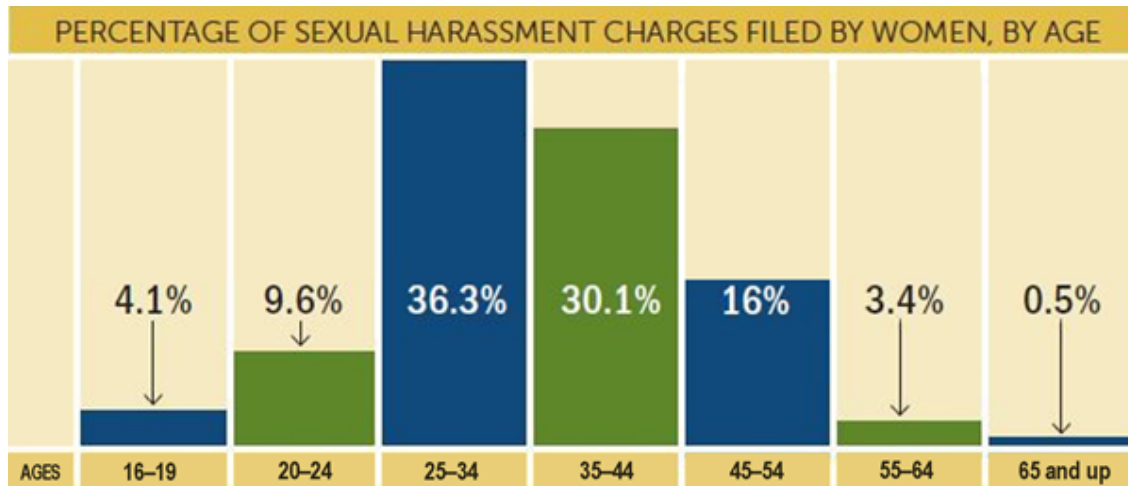
GoFundMe link below.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/one-people-one-reef-micronesia-trip?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

AAUW Fund News

The AAUW donation year is January-December, even though the branch leadership serves July-June. Therefore we will soon have an "end of year" announcement about branch giving in 2019. Donations to AAUW Fund are used to support the mission of AAUW in many ways, including projects, workshops, and promotion of our public policy. The current strategic goals are to 1) Remove bias from education, 2) Fight for fair pay and economic equity, and 3) Advance women in leadership.

As one recent example: to advance awareness of the economic issues women face, AAUW conducted research specifically about workplace sexual harassment. The resulting report also includes a description of the limits of current legal remedies, and a suggested action plan. Here is more information about this issue:



How Sexual Harassment Limits Our Livelihoods

New research from AAUW finds that workplace sexual harassment can take a toll on women's physical and mental health and reduce their lifetime earnings. The report is based on an AAUW analysis of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) data, a review of academic studies on sexual harassment and an exclusive nationwide survey of AAUW members and their networks.

It shows that the experience of sexual harassment is not often one that women can quickly put behind them. Rather, its impact continues to reverberate throughout their lives, increasing their risk of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and other long-term health problems. And that's not to mention the financial repercussions: In AAUW's survey of 311 women, 38% of women who'd been harassed said it contributed to their decision to leave a job early, and 37% said it disrupted their career advancement. The report includes harrowing stories like this one from Maria, 53: "I was working as an office manager in a small business, and the boss/owner was the one harassing me. There was no one else to report it to. I ended up quitting."

If you are inspired to start the year with a tax-deductible donation to the Greatest Needs Fund or to another specific fund, send a check--payable to AAUW Fund--to me at P. O. Box 556, Freedom CA 95019 or use your credit card to donate online at aauw.org

Lynn Cummins

AAUW Fund vice president



February 2020

Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11	12	13 Lunch Bunch*	14 Great Decisions* <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17 <i>President's Day</i>	18	19 1pm Reader's Theater*	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	28 Great Decisions*	29 IBC Event, see pg. 1 & 2

March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 10am Board Meeting	3 <i>Super Tuesday VOTE!</i> 7pm Tues. pm books*	4	5	6	7 Human Trafficking committee mtg
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts</i>	9	10	11	12 Lunch Bunch*	13 Great Decisions*	14
15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 1pm Reader's Theater*	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 1pm Sec. 1 & 2 Th. books*	27 Great Decisions*	28 Branch Annual Mtg & Tea Party
29	30	31 <i>Equal Pay Day</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 March 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss *BARBARIAN DAYS: A SURFING LIFE* by Delia Owens. Claudia Slater will lead the discussion. We will meet at Marilee Werfhorst's house. Call 8331-234-5481 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 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.

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

We will meet at **11:30 am on February 13** at **Zameen at the Point at 851 41st Avenue**. This will be a little closer to our Santa Cruz members.

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.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions, our foreign policy group, continues its eight week discussion program on world affairs. The next meetings will be **Friday, February 14**: Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking; **Friday, February 28**: Red Sea Security; **Friday, March 13** Climate Change and Global Order. Each of our meetings focuses on a critical foreign policy issue. The Great Decisions' booklet and DVDs provide background information. Our discussions are lively; our group is friendly and diverse. New members and interested visitors are welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt, graceger@sbcglobal.net





AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

Program Schedule for 2020

Feb. 29	Inter-Branch Council Luncheon	Seascape Resort
Mar. 28	Annual Meeting & Tea Party	Tradewinds Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, Capitola
Apr. 4	New Member Tea	Home of Jeanne Jorgensen
Apr. 7	Evening out to benefit Local Scholarships	Shadowbrook Restaurant
Apr. 17-19	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 March 6. 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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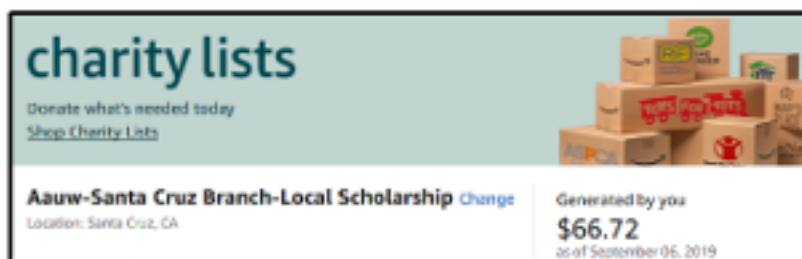
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Another Way to Donate to Our Local Scholarships & Programs Fund

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.