



Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

# The Beacon

April 2020

## AAUW Virtual State Convention - Zoom on in!

Greetings AAUW California Members,

In this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 virus, we must look for creative ways to stay connected with family, friends, and fellow AAUW members.

Challenging times often trigger innovation and AAUW members love a good challenge. So, even though the convention was sadly cancelled, we have a creative solution to still hold our important and inspiring Annual Meeting. We will be able to celebrate our successes with you...but we'll do it VIRTUALLY! We are creating an online event to share some of the important activities that would have occurred at the Annual Meeting. You can still be there without leaving your own home!

### Meeting Details

**We've enhanced our meeting process and now require that you register for the meeting.**

[Register Here](#)

It's easy to participate. You can join by phone (audio only) or by computer. The meeting materials will be posted on the AAUW California website [HERE](#) prior to the meeting so that you can follow along if you are unable to join by computer.

**Meeting Date:** Saturday, April 18th

**Time:** 1-3 pm

### How to Join:

**By computer:** When you register, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the meeting. You will also be sent a reminder link 24 hours before the meeting. **You must use the link in the email to join the meeting.**

**By phone only:** - registration is not required

- Dial 301-715-8592
- For more information about joining a Zoom meeting click [HERE](#).

We are excited about finding this new way for our members, branch leaders and the state board to stay in touch. We look forward to your participation, even though virtual!

Board of Directors

AAUW California



*You will find the Agenda on the next page.*

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## See pg. 1 for details

### Agenda (subject to change)

Welcome

Hats off to our leaders

- Introductions of past presidents and state board directors
- Thank you and acknowledgment of the Convention Committee

Branch Buzz

- Branch anniversaries and Five Star branches
- Branch recognition awards

Business as usual

Annual Business Meeting

- Minutes of Annual Meeting 2019
- Committee reports
- Project grants
- State Named Gift Honoree and branch fund awards
- Speech Trek award announcement

Looking to the future

- Introduction of new board members

Q&A

Closing Comments



**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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Kit Hein see Co-President f/contact info

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**Local Scholarships**

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**President's Message**

It is difficult to write this column, not knowing where we are headed in the near future. Hopefully it finds all of our members, their loved ones, neighbors and friends, safely at home, staying healthy and busy.

Personally, I am learning some new things about myself. I realize how important friends are, not just for communication, but also in-person contact. I miss Board meetings. And I am so sorry that our Annual Meeting had to be canceled.

But we carry on. We will have an election of officers and approval of the budget. By now all of you should have received and read the slate of officer candidates put forward by the nominating committee. So far, there have been no "nominations from the floor", so you will receive another email with the actual vote request, for the officers and approval of the 2020-2021 budget. Please send in your vote. It is a simple "reply all", with a yes or no; but very important for the record keeping. Although this is an unusual method of handling our annual business, it is legal according to our Branch Bylaws and must be completed.

The very bright spot in all of AAUW right now is the fact that EACH OF YOU can attend the annual state meeting FOR FREE! On March 24 AAUW CA sent out a message to all members with instructions on how to "tune in" to the virtual meeting. You can do it by phone (audio only) or on your computer. And it doesn't cost anything. I sincerely hope you will all save **Saturday, April 18 1-3pm** to spend time learning more about this amazing organization – and listening/watching while our branch is recognized for the wonderful things we have done this year.

See the front page for instructions on how to be an active, participating member of AAUW! Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance in registering.

Kit Hein [bythebeach15@gmail.com](mailto:bythebeach15@gmail.com)



## Annual Membership Renewal

All members should have received an email invoice for your annual dues for 2019-20 on or about March 27th.

National has requested that members wishing to renew online use the link in the invoice and do not renew by going to the AAUW website. Renewing via the link in the invoice is secure and does not require a password; simply click the link and enter your means of payment and you're done.

Members may also pay by check in the amount of \$95 mailed to: Darby Kremers, 2030 North Pacific Avenue, #117, Santa Cruz, 95060.

Any questions, or if you need the emailed invoice to be resent, please contact Darby by email: [dkrem19260@aol.com](mailto:dkrem19260@aol.com) or phone: 831-206-3623.

## Membership Committee Report

Currently our branch has 88 paid members and 13 life members for a total membership of 101. Our New Member Tea, planned for April 4, 2020, was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. I called each of the new members (5) plus the 3 who had attended our February 29th meeting and had signed cards indicating interest in further information about AAUW and enjoyed a "Tea Chat" with several of them. I left messages for the 3 not home. All who I was able to chat with said they were doing all right "sheltering in place" and looking forward to meeting AAUW members at a future tea which I said we hoped would happen this summer.

Jeanne Jorgensen, Membership Co-Vice President



## Local Scholarships News

The Local Scholarships Fund for scholarship disbursement this year was: Cabrillo, 2 funds, \$761.89 and \$1148.27. At UCSC we have \$1873.98. Our funds total in our checking account is \$4191, so we have \$7972.12 to disperse. We do not deplete the account to zero as we have expenses to take care of to begin our new campaign for raising funds for the next year (postage, stationary, etc.).

The committee decided to give \$1126.02 to UCSC so there would be enough for 3 \$1000 scholarships. Of the remaining \$4972+ we decided to send \$2592.86, to Cabrillo, enough to fund 5 scholarships at \$900 each; we will retain about \$400 to begin our next season..

Because of the coronavirus crisis our committee was unable to meet and go over the applications from Cabrillo as we usually do. This year we had planned to streamline the process with Shari Hastings sorting the applications into categories (majors, etc.). She picked up the applications (there were very few this year) and began the sorting; soon she realized it would be better not to meet in person so we did e-mail discussions re candidates. Shari did a wonderful job of going above and beyond to complete the selection process. We will now communicate with Cabrillo with the names of our choices and send them a check.

At UCSC we usually meet for 1 ½ days going over many applications with other community groups who also give scholarships; by the end of the process we will have selected the 3 or 4 we will fund. This year the UCSC STARS office will gather readers via ZOOM; no one on the committee wished to take part in the process, but Lorraine Margon, our wonderful Program Vice President, stepped up to say she would represent us in that process.

Our usual Scholarship lunch, planned for the 3rd Saturday in May, has been put on hold; it is unlikely that it will be held. We will consider inviting the recipients to our Holiday Lunch to honor them. All depends on how the issue of the Corona Virus is resolved.

'Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Jorgensen, Local Scholarship Committee

## Program News

### Report from Program VP Lorraine Margon

It was with great disappointment that our March 28 annual meeting and tea had to be canceled. I was so looking forward to seeing everyone, to hearing from our Readers Theater group and to enjoying our version of an English tea service with you.

I was also planning to dress again in my white suffragist attire and had even just purchased a belt to go with it to give me a better-defined waistline! Alas, the best laid plans..... many non-perishable supplies had been purchased, and I have stored them away in hopes that we will have a tea party later this year. Meanwhile I returned the checks of those who had registered thus far.

While we are forced to have so much "down time," please think about any future programs you'd like us to have and let me know your thoughts and ideas. You can reach me by email or phone: LorraineMargon@gmail.com; 831-345-2394.

And finally, I've put together some online activities that may add a little more variety to your day as you shelter in place. Why not schedule some time in your day to take a virtual museum tour, listen to a concert or view wildlife. Links to those are listed in the box below.

Please take care and I do hope you stay well!

*Lorraine*

## Things to Enjoy While Sheltering at Home

**The Monterey Bay Aquarium** is closed but its **live webcams** allow you to see what some of the animals are doing: <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>

**The Wildlife Conservation Network** has put all of its **expo talks** between 2014 and 2019 online. You can enjoy them through this link: <https://wildnet.org/talks/>

### 12 Museums with Virtual Tours

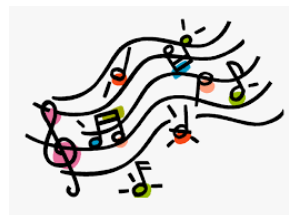
<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

**Chamber Music Concerts.** The Maestro and his Budapest Festival Orchestra launched "Quarantine Soirees" on 16 March 2020 and the chamber music concerts will continue nightly online at 11:45 am Pacific time (7:45 pm Central European time). <https://www.bfz.hu/en/>

**Google Arts & Culture** has over 500 links to **museums all over the world**; at a minimum, you can get a peek inside each one : <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en&tab=pop>

### Visit the otters at Elkhorn Slough via these two Otter Cams:

<http://www.elkhornslough.org/ottercam/>



## AAUW Fund News

Choosing a Named Gift Honoree is a special way that branches across the country pay tribute to "an individual, a group, or an organization giving extraordinary service to AAUW". We are allowed to choose one honoree for each \$750 contributed by the branch members before December 31, and have picked an honoree based on last year's donations. We have a certificate ready to recognize this honor locally, whenever we have the chance to deliver it, and the National records will soon show the Honoree's name next to our \$1295.00 total donation amount.

-Lynn Cummins, AAUW Fund VP

## Tech Trek News

I hope all are well, distancing wisely and washing your hands frequently.

I have nothing but sad news to report this month.

Tech Trek Camp has been cancelled in July for the first time since its inception. Stanford cancelled all activities for the summer which included Tech Trek.

I have asked AAUW California if we can consider the same girls next year. I doubt that they will approve as they have organized the camp around 7th grade, not 8th grade, girls. But, I am crossing my fingers. We will see what they decide.

Meanwhile, I will be contacting all the parents, girls and teachers to let them know of the decision. That will be one of the hardest letters that I write.

One of the wonderful results of the Tech Trek Camp is that the girls selected are invited to share their experiences with our members at the September meeting. I know we look forward to that each year. We will talk as a committee to see what we can arrange for the luncheon for this year.

The money donated to Tech Trek for the girls' camp expenses, and forwarded to the state is on deposit for the next camp. We will continue our fund raising to support future Tech Trek Girls and hope to rely on your generosity then.

Thank you all for your past (and future) support.

Take care, stay well,

Kris



## Human Trafficking Committee News

Our committee has been busy communicating by e-mail. As others we will continue to do so. Our future plans are in place for next January with a commitment from Shared Hope to present an agenda in line with our wishes, cyber targeting using technology. Members will work on trying to secure school participation with the help of the county Office of Education. All of the committee contributed ideas for an application for the AAUW state award for outstanding projects. This was good in itself as it prompted members to recognize their own achievements. We are always open to suggestions so please contact me with ideas.

-Martha Mangan Chair

***We will be voting on our slate and proposed budget for 2020-2021 by email. 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: Lynn Cummins  
 Secretary: Roberta Sosbee  
 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		
<b>Total Income 2019/20</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,405</b>
Anticipated Funds Available		<b>2,905</b>

#### **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
<b>Projected Expenses</b>	<b>1,630</b>


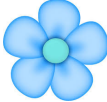
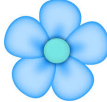
**Est. Budget Deficit/Surplus 2020-21**      **\$ 1,275**



## April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 <i>Easter</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Passover ends</i>	17	18 Virtual State Convention, see pgs 1 & 2
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## May 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 May Day	2	1	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Lunch Bunch*	15	16 Local Scholarships Event (if SIP order has been lifted)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day	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](mailto: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.

***Please Note: All interest group in-person meetings suspended until Shelter In Place Order is lifted.***

### 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

We have cancelled all upcoming book meetings through May. We will reevaluate in May to decide whether we will have our annual book selection meeting, which is currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at 7 pm. Contact person, Joan Schwimmer: Phone: 408-348-6472, Email: [joanschwimmer@hotmail.com](mailto:joanschwimmer@hotmail.com).

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Andrea Losee, phone 462-3010, email [alosee@cruzio.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bobbi44@gmail.com).

### Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Jeanne Jorgensen. Contact her for details at [jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannejorgensen@hotmail.com), 831-477-7025.

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the Second Thursday of the month.

In "The Time of Corona", this will be a gift card lunch. All AAUW members are welcome. Invite prospective members to participate! Contact Kit Hein: [bythebeach15@gmail.com](mailto:bythebeach15@gmail.com) with questions.

We will not meet this month but will, instead, buy gift certificates to support:

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121 SOQUEL AVE.@FRONT ST.

SANTA CRUZ, CA, 95060

831-423-7427

Call them any time this month and we will hope to meet again on May 14.

### Human Trafficking Committee

Unfortunately trafficking continues in this troubled time. We will cancel our committee meeting on the 1st Saturday. We have negotiated with Shared Hope for a talented speaker on the subject of social technology in an event take next January 16th. Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Since the forecast for lingering pandemic fears continue we will forgo the July showing of Half The Sky. Hopefully we can show that at another date. Stay healthy all.

### Great Decisions

Our Great Decisions group will NOT meet in April or May. We'll start our meetings again as soon as prudent - perhaps in the summer, maybe this fall. When new dates are scheduled, we'll contact our members. In the meantime, we're pretty sure what one of the topics will be in 2021. Stay well, everyone. [graceger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graceger@sbcglobal.net)





## AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

### Program Schedule for 2020

Apr. 18	AAUW California 2020 Convention	Online - see pages 1 & 2 to virtually attend
May 16	Scholarship Luncheon & Installation of Officers	Seascape Resort; pending lifting of Shelter in Place order.

#### 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](mailto:molliej6@cruzio.com), phone: 475 9073

**Other news to share?** The next Beacon deadline is May 8. Email entries to [dwallace@karonproperties.com](mailto:dwallace@karonproperties.com).

#### And last, yet hardly least: A Fond Farewell to our friend & long time member Cam Corbin



As I shared earlier this week, we are sad to say goodbye to long time member Cam Corbin. For those of you who knew her prior to her move to Maryland in 2012, you know that Cam was warm, witty and the very definition of a spitfire. She was very passionate about AAUW and gave a great deal of her time and energy to our branch. She was a fierce advocate for women and our mission. Cam will be missed by all who knew her.

Her obituary as it appeared April 6th in the Herald Mail:

Camilla Frances Corbin, 77, of Hagers-town, MD, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2020, with her family by her side.

Born Wednesday, March 3, 1943, in Oakland, CA, she was the daughter of the late Norman C. Girard and the late Elizabeth V. (Rowlands) Girard.

Cam studied art and anthropology at University of California, Berkeley, where she met her husband. They married in 1965.

She was an active and contributing member of AAUW, DAR and EGA.

In California, she was also a member of Soroptimist International and the Red Hat Society.

In 2012, she and her husband moved to Maryland to be closer to family.

Cam loved art, flowers and beautiful things, as well as Golden Retrievers and animals of all kinds.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Corbin; daughter, Susan E. Brown and husband, John; brother, John E. Girard and wife, Jan, of Connecticut; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A remembrance for family and friends will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Washington County SPCA, 13011 Maugansville Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.douglasfiery.com](http://www.douglasfiery.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](http://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

In Memory of/In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

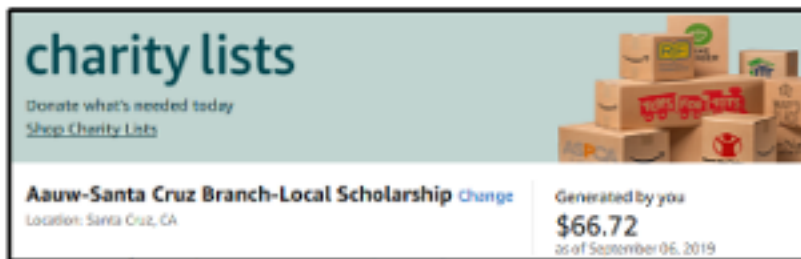
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### Select AAUW Santa Cruz on AmazonSmile

#### 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](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com).

These monies fund local scholarships, special aspects of Tech Trek and our Human Trafficking prevention work.