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The Beacon

Santa Cruz County Branch, American Association of University Women

April 2016

AAUW Santa Cruz County Local Scholarship Fund Presents: Spring Scholarship Luncheon

Cabrillo College



UCSC

Our Annual Scholarship Luncheon
Featuring Scholarship Recipients from
UCSC & Cabrillo College

May 14, 2016

11:30 am—2:00 pm

Seascape Resort

1 Seascape Resort Drive

Aptos, CA 95003



Menu: _____ Classic Brown Derby Cobb Salad with grilled chicken breast, avocado, romaine lettuce, crumbled bleu cheese, chopped egg, bacon, with classic vinaigrette (option: no bleu cheese_____)

_____Vegetarian option: Locally grown baby greens with olives, roasted fingerling potatoes, green beans, & cannellini beans tossed in a lemon vinaigrette

Rolls, tea, coffee, dessert (option: non-dairy dessert_____)

Cost: \$23.

Name_____ Guest_____

Make checks payable to AAUW-SCCo Branch Local Scholarship
Send reservations to: Dorothy Patrick, 605 Cabrillo Ave., SC 95065
831-476-4462.

RESERVATIONS DUE BY MAY 1ST.

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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 Secretary in advance. All members are welcome to attend!

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**President's Message**

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful location. On our vacation we saw a number of our country's wonders, including the Grand Canyon, the red rock formations of Sedona and the Monuments Valley, the Rocky Mountains and more. Returning from my travels always gives me a fresh perspective; and the conclusion is always the same. You can't beat California for both beauty and diversity. Beyond that, Santa Cruz County is a jewel. It's always good to be back home.

I am sorry to have missed the meeting on Saturday evening. Thank you to Lorraine Margon for pulling everything together. Also, thank you to Grace Gerbrandt for taking care of business in my absence.

Our state convention takes place this weekend in San Mateo. I am truly looking forward to the workshops and speakers. It will be good to re-engage with people that one rarely sees, except at such events, as well as the opportunity to make connections with new people. If you have never attended convention, you should consider doing so in the future.

It is a pleasure to serve the Santa Cruz County Branch of AAUW. It's good to be back here with you.

Have a wonderful month.

Judy Cavin Brown

President,
 AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch

Membership News

At our April 9 business meeting, we elected our 2016-2017 officers, to be installed at our May 14 Luncheon. We also approved the proposed budget as published in the March Beacon.

- ◆ President, Grace Gerbrandt
- ◆ President-Elect, *needed*
- ◆ Branch Treasurer, Lynn Cummins
- ◆ Secretary, Kit Hein

Vice-Presidents

- ◆ Legal Advocacy, *needed*
- ◆ Membership Chair, Louanne Ellison-Cole
- ◆ AAUW Funds, Geri Williams
- ◆ Program, *needed*

Appointed Positions

- ◆ By-laws & IBC Liaison, Lois Holcomb
- ◆ Local Scholarships, Jeanne Jorgensen
- ◆ Tech Trek, Jane Amaral
- ◆ Public Policy, Kathy Donovan
- ◆ Directory Editor, Roberta Sosbee
- ◆ Historian, Bettye Pina
- ◆ Publicity, Jeanne Jorgensen
- ◆ Hospitality, Anne McCallum
- ◆ Mail Beacon (postal), Liz Thorington

Board Positions 2016-2017

The Board still needs to fill the positions of **President-Elect** and **Program Vice-President**. Please consider offering to fill one of these or to share the position with another member. The work is not demanding, not time-intensive. It offers an easy way to help build a better world and to be connected with the community. Contact Grace Gerbrandt graceger@sbcglobal.net for information.

Dues note

The membership year is July to June. Invoices for dues covering the 2016-17 year will be sent in early May. Note, most will come as emails from EONSupport@aauw.org; these messages are not junk mail.

New members who join now will be paid through June 2017. What a bargain!

Lynn Cummins, Treasurer
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Welcome to our new student affiliate member:

Laura Boostani
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247-9544
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We missed our Hospitality Chair **Anne McCallum** at our April 9th meeting. She planned to come, but husband Neil had been taken to Dominican following a heart attack. Our very best wishes to Neil and Anne.

Sad News...long time member **Lee Gilbert** passed away last week. She had recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Lee was very active in AAUW and we will greatly miss her infectious smile and warmth. A memorial service will be held later this month or in early May.

Let Hospitality Chair [Anne McCallum](#) know if you hear of anyone who needs a kind thought or some cheering up. Tel. 465-1840.

LAF News



The Hunting Ground Documentary

On April 9, twenty ladies attended the annual Legal Advocacy Fund presentation, a screening of the 2015 documentary “The Hunting Ground.” The tagline for this film is: *Their dream school will become a nightmare*. This sums up the unfortunate reality that one in every five young women will be sexually assaulted on campus during her college experience. The movie exposes the way this happens, the reaction of college administration who often cover up these assaults, and what is (or isn’t) being done to prosecute assailants.

“The Hunting Ground” premiered at Sundance and has been screened at over 700 colleges as well as at The White House. AAUW of California will screen this film at the April 15-17 convention.

AAUW, at the national level, is actively involved in advocating legislation that forces schools to step up and work to change the culture on their campuses. AAUW also provides tools to college administrators and students to help them appropriately address sexual harassment and assault on campus.

This film is highly recommended to you. It is available on Netflix, Amazon, iTunes and Google Play.

Local Scholarship News



Be sure to send in your reservations for our annual Scholarship Lunch to be held May 14th at Seascape Resort. There we will meet and hear from many of the lovely women we have been able to help with scholarships through our fundraising efforts. Many of the women have struggled against great odds to be able to go to college and improve their chances in the world, thanks to so many of you who have contributed to this fine fund.

This month we thank **Mary Lou Stewart** for her donation. If you wish to contribute directly to the foundation fund or you wish to contribute to our current account, please send your tax deductible checks to Jeanne Jorgensen, 270 19th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

RESERVE YOUR MAY 14 LUNCH NOW!!

Tech Trek News

After interviewing sixteen girls from five different schools, the interview committee selected one girl from each school. It was a difficult job to make the final selection, as all the girls were excellent candidates. The girls are from the following schools who participated in the Tech Trek program: Aptos Jr. High,; Lakeview Middle (Watsonville); New Brighton Middle (Capitola); San Lorenzo Valley Middle (Felton); Scotts Valley Middle. Two alternates were also chosen. The paperwork has been sent to the camp registrar. Now the girls have to register online with AAUW National because it is no longer just a California program. After I make sure that has been done, I can relax.

Thanks again to all who helped in some way, from writing letters to interviewing—**Jean Gregson, Kit Hein, Geri Williams, Joan Rider, Kathy Oing, Bettye Pena.**

It is very rewarding to know that there are such dedicated teachers and students in our schools. The Tech Trek camp at Stanford will be July 3rd-9th.

Jane Amaral, Tech Trek Coordinator



April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10	11	12 12pm Bridge*	13	14	15 State Con- vention 10am Great Decisions*	16 State Conven- tion
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24	25	26	27	28 1pm Books Sec. 1&2*	29 10am Great Decisions*	30

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 10am Board Meeting	3 7pm Evening Books*	4	5 11:30 Lunch Bunch, Chaminade*	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 10am Great Decisions*	14 11:30am Local Scholarships Luncheon
15	16 1pm Reader's Theater*	17	18	19	20	21
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AAUW Santa Cruz County Branch Interest Groups

All work and no play will make you dull--and to counteract that we have a variety of interest groups enjoyed by many of our members. Some have gone on for years!

Some of these groups are close to capacity (limited by how much room people have in their homes) but it's always possible to start a new section. If you're interested in starting a new group, check with Rosemary Anderson, she will be able to give you some pointers.

Membership in these interest groups is a privilege of AAUW membership; you may bring a non-member guest three times but then we ask that they join AAUW if they wish to continue to attend. In order to attract new members and make AAUW's aims and goals more visible to the public, our luncheons/meetings are open to the public. Spouses, partners and guests are welcome to attend the Dining Out and Evening Gourmet groups.

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, Leader Jeanne Jorgensen,

"Bookies" the Tuesday evening book group will meet on May 3, 2016, at 7:00pm at Joyce Hopkins' home, 251 Beach Pines Dr., Aptos. We will discuss *ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE* by Doerr with Joan Schwimmer leading the discussion. Call 688-2397 for directions. All are welcome.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, Leader Carole Beckett, phone 457-2992, email cabeckett@sbcglobal.net;

The Thursday Afternoon Book Group will meet on April 28th at 1pm at the home of Jean Gregson, 148 Zinfandel Circle, Scotts Valley. The book for discussion is *Beyond Belief: My Secret Life Inside Scientology and My Harrowing Escape* by Jenna Miscavige Hill. Jean's phone is 831-245-3639 and her email is jeangregson@comcast.net.

On May 26th, the meeting will be at the home of Barbara Lewis, 851 Lost Acre Dr., Felton. Her phone is 335-7816 and her email is bobbi44@gmail.com. The book we are reading is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd and the discussion leader will be Beth Svee.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, leader Dorothy Patrick, dorothypat@yahoo.com. This group reads one book each month.

On April 28, we meet to review *Children's Crusade* by Ann Packer at Dottie Smith's house. RSVP to Dottie if you cannot attend.

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater interest group will be meeting April 18 and May 16. 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.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month. All AAUW members are welcome to join us. Join us for lunch at the Chaminade on May 5. Contact Kathy Oing irishpml@yahoo.com for more information.

Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Marline Bushey. Contact her for details mbushey1@yahoo.com, 425-1491. We are looking for NEW MEMBERS!

Dining Out—Seeking a new leader This is a lot like Lunch Bunch except it's in the evening and spouses/partners are included. If you are interested in leading the group in trying different restaurants around town, contact former leader Linda Owens, 408-204-0408, jowens7069@aol.com.

Walking Group

Our walks are about 60 to 90 minutes on easy to moderate trails, beginning at 9:30am. For more information, contact Andrea Losee alosee@cruzio.com.

Great Decisions

GREAT DECISIONS is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Our AAUW group is lively and diverse and meets eight times between January and May. Visitors and new members are welcome. Contact Vickie Birdsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt, graceger@sbcglobal.net.

April 29 TOPIC: CUBA

Discussion Leader: Carol Horner
Hostess: *needed*

May 13 TOPIC: ISIS

Discussion Leader: Phyllis Taylor
Hostess: Phyllis Taylor

May 27 TOPIC: KOREA

Discussion Leader: Sarah Howell
Hostess: Sarita Motove

AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE



Equal Pay Day is upon us! On Tuesday, April 12, we'll mark the symbolic day when average women's wages catch up with men's from the previous year. That's right! The average woman working full time in the U.S. typically has to work 15 months to earn what a white male did in just 12. And if you think that's bad, it's even worse for [women of color](#) and [moms](#) who get their own Equal Pay Days to mark the extra time they have to put in to break even.



We're busy getting ready to mark the day with actions and events on college campuses, at state capitols, in the community, on Capitol Hill, and at [AAUW headquarters](#). In some exciting news, Academy Award-winning actress and equal pay advocate [Patricia Arquette will be at AAUW's Equal Pay Day block party!](#) You know who isn't busy? Congress. We keep holding out hope that Congress will act to pass the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), but gridlock and partisan posturing keep getting in the way.

But there is light on the legislative horizon! State policy makers are perking up and taking notice of their constituents' concerns regarding equal pay. In their 2016 State of the State addresses, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards each spoke about equal pay. Unfortunately, no other governor acknowledged the need to tackle pay inequality. Unsurprisingly, many of the gubernatorial addresses focused on the economy. What could be more crucial to a working, thriving state economy than providing fair and equitable pay to its citizens? Equal pay is good for everyone.

Fortunately, state legislatures are paying more attention. State houses around the country are seeing a [deluge](#) of equal pay legislation this year, with bills introduced or pending in 34 states thus far. I'm proud to say that AAUW members have been leading that charge. While some of those bills have failed due to roadblocks or short legislative sessions, several are moving forward and are likely to pass this year. Nebraska and Utah have already amended their laws to protect more people from pay inequality, and the New Jersey legislature passed a bill that is [awaiting](#) Governor Chris Christie's signature. As of today, bills in Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Oklahoma have passed at least one chamber of their state legislatures.

It's time for citizens in every state to join together and tell their state AND federal representatives that women need equal pay today, not tomorrow, and certainly not 100 years from now. Let's make this Equal Pay Day the last one we have to commemorate.

Kate Nielson

State Policy Analyst

Top Story

AAUW Stands with Senators to Urge Passage of Paycheck Fairness Act

On Wednesday, AAUW stood with senators on Capitol Hill to call on Congress to pass the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#). Introduced by Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), the legislation aims to close the gender pay gap by building on the Equal Pay Act of 1963. AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz highlighted the bill's importance in Sen. Mikulski's [press release](#) by stating, "On behalf of AAUW's members nationwide, I encourage Congress to seize the broad public and political support for equal pay as an opportunity to come together on one of the most fundamental economic issues of our time." Watch a recording of the press conference [here](#).



Branch Schedule

2016



April	15-17	State Convention	San Mateo Marriott
May	2	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	14	Luncheon (Local Scholarships)	Seascape Resort
June	6	Board Meeting	CFSCC
	26	Annual BBQ/Picnic	



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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.

A card or letter announcing your gift will be sent to the person you name.

<p>Educational Foundation / AAUW Funds Make checks payable to AAUW FUNDS and send to Geraldine Williams 412 Rio Del Mar Blvd. Aptos, CA 95003</p>	<p>Local Scholarships Make checks payable to AAUW-LS and send to Jeanne Jorgensen 270 19th Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062</p>
<p>Legal Advocacy Fund / AAUW Funds Make checks payable to AAUW FUNDS and send to Lorraine Margon 329 Canon Del Sol La Selva Beach, CA 95076</p>	<p>Tech Trek (Girls Science Scholarships) Make checks payable to AAUW with Tech Trek on the memo line and send to Jane Amaral 409 Larkin Valley Road Watsonville, CA 95076</p>

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