

## Branching Out

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### LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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The theme for this program year is ***Women in Leadership***. Women who are emerging leaders face unique challenges and require practical strategies to navigate. To this end, AAUW national will provide nearly \$5 million in funding to more than 260 fellows and grantees. These exceptional recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

Current opportunities include American Fellowships; Career Development Grants; Community Action Grants; International Fellowships; International Project Grants; Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine, and Science; and Selected Professional Fellowships.

Will you be next – or do you know someone who could benefit from these grants? Applications for the 2022-23 academic year are now open. The deadlines vary from November 1 through December 1, 2021. More information is on the national website. Use the search term AAUW fellowships.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>

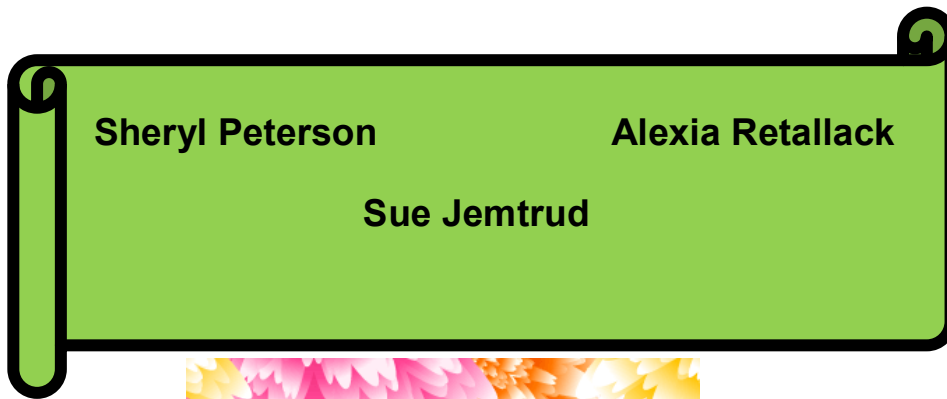
Let's spread the word about how AAUW is increasing the number of women in leadership – and help women connect with inspiration.

*Sandra Niemi Scott*



ADVANCING  
EQUITY FOR WOMEN  
AND GIRLS THROUGH  
ADVOCACY,  
EDUCATION AND  
RESEARCH

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER**



**MARK YOUR CALENDER**

**Key Public Policy/Community Dates for September 2021**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday, September 6:    | <b>Labor Day Holiday</b>             |
| Tuesday, September 14:  | <b>Gubernatorial Recall Election</b> |
| Saturday, September 18: | <b>Auburn AAUW Program Meeting</b>   |

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SARA JANE ROBINSON DUNLAP

Our Contest from last month.

### Where is this plaque located?

This is located in Downtown Auburn, at the corner of Lincoln Way and High Street. In front of Tango Frozen Yogurt are plaques on the sidewalk. There you will find Sara Jane's plaque.



## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP A CENTURY APART

A major AAUW focus is to close the gender leadership gap. In our newsletter, we will be highlighting women leaders in our region – past and present.

In this issue, we are featuring two leaders - both in the role of Placer County Superintendent of Schools. While serving as Superintendent - 100+ years apart – both Irene Burns and today's Superintendent, Gayle Garbolino-Mojica have demonstrated a determination to serve - and lead - the community.

### Irene Burns – First Female Placer County Superintendent of Schools

Women in California won the right to vote in 1911 -- nine years before the 19th amendment was ratified nationally. Shortly after that, in 1914, Irene Burns, of Auburn, ran for Placer County Superintendent of Schools – and won - making her the first female in that role and the first female in Placer County to hold any elected office. She served three terms.



## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP A CENTURY APART

The National Register of Historic Places application form for Irene Burns' Auburn home, states she, "Represents an individual significant for her role as an educator and administrator in Placer County, California. As a woman of the Progressive Era, Irene Burns represented part of a generation of women with expanded opportunities for education and political voice.

Her Plaque is also in Auburn near Sara Jane's Plaque. Irene is noted as also being one of the first women to drive an automobile in Auburn. CA.

### **Gayle Garbolino-Mojica - Today's Placer County Superintendent of Schools**

Gayle Garbolino-Mojica was elected to Placer County Superintendent of Schools in 2006 and is currently serving her 4th term. Ms. Garbolino-Mojica is a graduate of the University of California, Davis.

She received her teaching credential from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and an Administrative Credential and master's degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from California State University, Sacramento. Ms. Garbolino-Mojica was a teacher, assistant principal and program specialist with the Western Placer Unified School District, and principal and subsequently superintendent of the Colfax Elementary School District.

We asked Gayle to share her thinking on three questions.

*Q: What is one lesson learned that's unique to being a woman leader?*

I find common characteristics in women leaders – we tend to be smart, precise, hard-working, and collaborative.

*Q. What advice would you give aspiring female executives?*

I would advise all aspiring women seeking a professional or executive position to find a woman that they can model themselves after and possibly have them become your mentor. There is definitely an "art" to a female leadership and seeking out women who are successful in their respective roles, and learning from them, is key.

*Q. Name a woman who has inspired you?*

The woman who has inspired me the most is my mother, Gina Garbolino. My mom became involved in our community when my dad first ran for judge in Placer County decades ago. She continued her service years later by serving as a council member and Mayor on the Roseville City Council. Seeing her in her element as a responsive and caring proponent of good governance who had a genuine love for her community was truly inspirational for me when I ran for Placer County Superintendent of Schools.



## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM WHAT A DIFFERENCE A MONTH MAKES.



### PROGRAM MEETING SEPT. 18th. 11am BY ZOOM

What a difference a month makes! In our last Newsletter we announced an in-person September Program. However, as we watched the new Delta virus spread the Board had discussions about how safe this was.

We double checked the advice of the CDC, the state of California, our California AAUW, and the rules at the Church where we were having our meeting. We know of members who recently had COVID even after being vaccinated. As our President, Sandra Scott said, no one wants to be responsible for a member getting sick, hospitalized or worse.

It was a hard decision but we will do our September Program meeting by Zoom.

Good thing we have such a creative (and resilient) Board and program committee. We will have a few wonderful videos done by our Tech Trek girls. We have some posters done by the girls to tell you who they are and what they did. It is your chance to connect (alas, via ZOOM) with the girls you supported to send to the weeklong Tech Trek this year.

Please invite guests. We will celebrate our Tech Trek recipients together.

#### Program

- Social Time (11am)
- Branch Business
  - ⇒ Budget
- Women in Leadership Video - New York Times
- Tech Trek - Girl Hat Videos
- Show the Tech Treker's Poster Boards

An email will go out before the meeting with the ZOOM information.

We all look forward to and are planning our Holiday Lunch in December. We have the venue reserved, and we continue to hope things will improve. What a treat it will be to see everyone again !



## A GREAT LOSS FOR ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Alan and Dale Shuttleworth lost their home on August 6, 2021 during the first day of the River Fire in Colfax, CA. They helped build it in 1981 as their forever home near the Bear River. It was a joyful place where they raised their son and daughter, Ray and Victoria. It has been a continuous, happy, and loving family center.

This loss is sadness upon sadness for all of us.

The family lost everything. Alan and Dale survived the fire with what they were wearing, the contents of the car they were driving, and Dottie the cat. Lost in the fire are a lifetime of unreplaceable items like generations of photo albums, family histories, and things like their great grandfather's World War I keepsakes, and their children's treasures.

Please consider helping them to start putting their lives back together. A GO FUND ME ACCOUNT has been set up.

[GOFUNDMEforShuttleworthFamily](#)



## CORRECTION TO TECH TREK DONATION LEVELS

**UP TO \$100**      **It takes a village to get the girls to Tech Trek camp**  
Patty Pieropan Dong was incorrectly spelled.

Thank you so much Patty! Your donation is so appreciated.

## CORRECTION TO SCHOLARSHIP DONATION LEVELS

**\$100+ level**      **We only need 10 donations at this level**  
Mary Walker was not listed

Thank you Mary. Of course we knew you would donate to Scholarships. You were the Scholarship Chairperson for so many years!

## BOARD RETREAT MEETING WAS AUGUST 7th

The Auburn AAUW board and Chair Persons met on August 7th to discuss plans for our 2021-2022 year. It was the first time we met in person since March 2020. The discussion was productive and lively and it was wonderful to see the smiling faces. The minutes from the meeting are at the end of this Newsletter.

## 2021-2022 AUBURN AAUW DIRECTORY IS COMING SOON



Your new AAUW Membership Directories will be arriving in the mail. There are two changes to be aware of.

- ◆ Your name will appear on the outside of your directory along with a number. The number is the member number that National AAUW has assigned you.
- ◆ There are certain areas that are shaded. The shading represents changes made since last year's directory was distributed.

## **GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION COMING**

### *Recall Election Facts:*

- ⇒ You may always vote for a replacement candidate, even if you vote no on the recall.
- ⇒ All registered California voters will receive a ballot in the mail.
- ⇒ Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by **September 14**, election day. *Postage is already paid—you don't need a stamp!*
- ⇒ **August 30** is the last day to [register to vote](#) and receive a mail-in ballot. *If you register after that date, you must vote in person.*
- ⇒ The election is [expected to be close](#) and will likely be decided by voter turnout. **Your vote counts!**

## **Update on the Gubernatorial Recall**

The Recall Election is going to be a nail biter. Even though registered Democrats far outnumber registered Republicans in California, Republicans are highly motivated to make a dramatic statement with this election.

Complicating the situation is that 46 candidates filed all the paperwork necessary by the July 16 deadline to run in the Sept. 14 election. This large field includes GOP politicians, a reality TV personality, a YouTuber, several business owners, and several single-issue advocates.

As a reminder, the ballot has two parts. The first part asks whether Governor Newsom should be recalled, and you can vote “yes” or “no.” If a majority of the voters vote “yes” on the first question, then Governor Newsom will no longer be Governor. In the second part of the ballot, you can select a replacement candidate

Note that – if the current governor is recalled – the person who becomes our next governor will probably receive only a very small number of votes. The reason for such an outcome is that there are so many people vying for the position. Also, the leading GOP candidate, Larry Elder, has turned out to have some significant skeletons in his closet, which will depress his showing. The Republican Party has not endorsed any of the candidates.

This election will be watched by people all over the world, and the consequences could change the course of California politics.

## **Key Public Policy Dates for September 2021**

Monday, September 6: **Labor Day Holiday**

Tuesday, September 14: **Gubernatorial Recall Election**



## PUBLIC POLICY—Susan Roughgarden

# Run for Office in 2022!

For filing deadlines go to: <https://www.placerelections.com/current-elections/>  
[NOTE: Information on Election 2022 not yet available.]

### CITY COUNCIL:

**Auburn City Council** - <http://www.auburn.ca.gov/221/City-Council> or (530) 823-4211

### COMMUNITY SERVICES/PARK DISTRICTS:

**Auburn Area Recreation & Park District** - <http://www.auburnrec.com/board-members.php>  
(530) 885-8461, Option 6.

**Auburn Valley Community Services District** – <https://auburnvalleycsd.specialdistrict.org/board-members> or (916) 765-0023

**Christian Valley Park Community Services District** – <https://www.christianvalley.org>  
(530) 878-8050

### BOARDS OF EDUCATION:

**Ackerman Charter District** – <https://www.ackerman.k12.ca.us/district/board-of-trustees>  
(530) 885-1974

**Auburn Union School District** - <https://www.auburn.k12.ca.us/District-Info/Board-of-Trustees/Members/index.html>  
(530) 885-7242

**Placer Union High School District** - <https://www.puhisd.k12.ca.us/board-of-trustees>  
(530) 886-4400

For more information contact Placer County Elections Department, 2956 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA 95603 (in the DeWitt Center) or call (530) 886-5650. Visit their website page for Candidates: <https://www.placerelections.com/running-for-office/>

For **salary information** of California Elected positions, go to Government Compensation in California website published by California State Controller Betty Yee - <https://publicpay.ca.gov>

**Fun Website(s) -**

Website of the Month: Find your US Representative

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

**How to contact your Congressional Representative**

Are you concerned about a bill that is being debated in Congress? Is there a law that you hope to get enacted? Do you have questions about your Social Security, Medicaid, or Medicare benefits?

These are all great reasons to communicate with your Congressional Representative. After all, he (The representatives in our area

are both men.) has been elected to office in order to represent your interests!

If you are not sure who your Congressman is or how to reach him, this is the site for you. Also, you can discover lots of helpful information, including descriptions of committees, how Congress works, what is on the Congressional calendar, and even some history:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>



Inspiring Quote of the Month

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IN JAPAN, BROKEN OBJECTS ARE OFTEN REPAIRED WITH *Gold*. THE FLAW IS SEEN AS A UNIQUE PIECE OF THE OBJECT'S HISTORY, WHICH ADDS TO ITS BEAUTY.

*Consider this when you feel broken.*

## SEPTEMBER SECTION NEWS—

**BOOKENDS:** Bookends meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22 at Susan Ruston's house. We are reading anything written by Michael Lewis. All Members are Welcome. For information contact Susan Rushton

**BOOKMARKS:** Bookmarks will meets in September on a date and location to be announced. All new members are invited. Please contact Sue Dings for further info:

**BOOKSTERS:** Booksters is starting back with in person meetings at 1:30p.m. Monday September 27, at the home of Helene Crandall. Leslie Warner will review the book "Inheritance," by Dani Shapiro. We welcome new members. For information about the group contact Carol Francis.

**BRIDGE:** The Bridge groups are up and running again. For information, days, and locations, contact Meredith Bruck. All members welcome.

**DRAMA READING:** Drama Reading begins again at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 9th. We're reading a comedy: Cemetery Club." meet at Susan Rushton's home: All members welcome. Contact Susan Rushton for more info:

**GLOBAL ISSUES / GREAT DECISIONS:** If you're interested in joining our world events discussion group, email Elsie with your vote. A reservation has been made for 10 a.m. Friday, September 10th, at Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. A memo will be sent to those responding before the meeting. For information, contact: Elsie Gaura.

**HIKING GROUP:** Friday, September 10th we hike at Northstar and have lunch. Thursday, September 23 we go to Tahoe Rim Trail near Brockway Summit. If this sounds like a repeat, it is because we cancelled all August hikes due to smoke. An email will go out next week to the hiker list regarding details. For directions and more details contact Debra Sabo.

**TECH CONNECT:** Wednesday, September 8th at 3pm. This month we will continue our discussion about searching the WEB with Browsers and what to avoid. Come ready to share any best practices. Please join us via zoom. RSVP to either Steve Lease or Deb Sabo if you are a new attendee. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/434491707> Meeting ID: 434 491 707

## AUBURN BRANCH,AAUW BOARD RETREAT AUGUST 7, 2021

Those present: Sandra Scott, Jan Winter, Caryl Daly, Sharon Watson-Hamilton, Barbara Gerletti-Weiss, Deb Sabo, Colleen Conley, Steven Lease, Beth Taylor, Rachel Kanowsky, Bonnie Wilson

### **Treasurers' Report** – Jan Winter and Caryl Daly

We have 3 bank accounts: our CD which recently rolled over is \$10,311; our savings balance is \$30,944.15 and our checking balance is \$22,619.88. Our CD matures in July of 2022 and makes 0.15% interest. Statements were passed around to verify and audit. Moved by Barbara Gerletti-Weiss, seconded by Colleen Conley to accept the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Financial Activity. PASSED.

**Draft 2021-2022 Budget** Daly will look at 2018 Trivia Bee figures for verification of 2019 figures. Moved by Deb Sabo, seconded by Gerletti-Weiss to accept the 2021-2022 budget with changes noted. PASSED. This will be voted on by members at our September meeting.

**Membership** – Barbara Gerletti-Weiss and Sharon Watson-Hamilton. We have 73 members. We will be having a get together for new members. We will be contacting new members to get them involved. Possibly have past presidents mentor them. The membership form will be amended.

**Scholarships** – Brandee Ambrosia. Deb Sabo reported that Ambrosia has asked for \$15000 for scholarships in the 2021-2022 budget in order to give more scholarships.

**Tech Trek** – Rachel Kanowsky and Beth Taylor  
We sent 6 girls this year to the virtual camp.

**Program** – Steven Lease and Colleen Conley  
Sept 18 – General meeting at Pioneer United Methodist Church. Send waiver in Sept newsletter.  
Oct 10 – 19<sup>th</sup> amendment movie at State Theater  
Dec 4 – Holiday Lunch at Holiday Inn/Max's  
April 2 – Election. Possible STEM speakers  
May 11 – Installation  
Other meetings – International Dinner – Jan 28 and Trivia Bee March

### **Recruitment**

Marketing/membership development thru social media, retirement age push, working age, and Sierra College student engagement with Roseville/So Placer branch.

### **Fundraising**

Restructuring Trivia Bee for more donations, spreading our message, asking corporate sponsors. Send info and ask for donations from Tech Trek grads and scholarship recipients. No Taste of Chocolate, no beer booth.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Wilson, Secretary



## DONATE

The AAUW Auburn Branch provides college scholarships and Tech Trek sponsorships for women and girls. Consider making a donation to help support these important programs that will empower women and girls. Fill out the donation form and mail it with your check to the address noted below.

**THANK YOU!**

### Auburn AAUW Fund – Mail-in Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Amount \_\_\_\_\_

For your contribution, please check one of the boxes below:

Tech Trek

Make your check payable to AAUW Auburn Branch with a note in the memo line  
*“for Tech Trek, UC Davis Camp”*

Scholarships

Make your check payable to AAUW Auburn Branch with a note in the memo line  
*“for scholarships”*

Undesignated

Make your check payable to AAUW Auburn Branch

**These contributions may be tax deductible under IRS Code Section  
170**

**Email:** [auburnaauw@gmail.com](mailto:auburnaauw@gmail.com)

Mail to: Treasurer AAUW Auburn  
PO Box 7872  
Auburn, CA 95604

## 2021-22 AAUW Auburn (CA) Branch Membership Form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/POB \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Day/Mo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 College/Universty \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Degree(s) AA, AS, BA, BS, Other, e.g. RN \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES & DONATIONS** (\$102 Annual Dues: National \$62 State \$20, Branch\$20)

Optional Local Donations

**\$102 Annual Dues**  
 **\$2 for directory printing (optional and appreciated)**  
 **AAUW AUBURN Tech Trek (science camp for middle school girls)**  
 **AAUW AUBURN Scholarship Fund**  
 **AAUW AUBURN General Support Donation**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL DUES**

**For the following donations make separate check(s) payable to AAUW with the fund name in the memo line.**

Optional National Donations

National Donation to AAUW Educational Opportunities FundNational  
 Donation to Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)  
 National Donation to AAUW General Support

**Checks will be forwarded to the National Office**

**GET INVOLVED - SELECT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Leadership       | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Tree Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraistng            | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality            | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Trek          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Development |   |

**NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE**      Email       U S Mail

**MAIL YOUR CHECK AND THIS FORM TO:**  
 AAUW Auburn, Attention Membership  
 PO Box 7872, Auburn, CA 95604

Auburn Branch AAUW  
PO Box 7872  
Auburn, CA 95604

ADDRESS SERVICE-  
REQUESTED

#### **AAUW Mission Statement**

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

#### **AAUW Vision Statement**

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

#### **AAUW Diversity Statement**

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

#### **AAUW Value Promise**

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

#### **Websites**

##### **Auburn Branch:**

[www.auburn-ca.aauw.net](http://www.auburn-ca.aauw.net)

##### **State:**

[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

##### **National:**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)