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



LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The **New Year** is a time of reflection and a fresh start. It is the time when we ask, "What did we accomplish in 2021?"

Here are some highlights. We held Zoom General Meetings to



keep member communication going when we couldn't hold in-person meetings - as did many of our Interest Groups. Tech Connect made its debut, helping members discuss and solve technology-related questions. Susan Roughgarden participated - along with state-wide AAUW members in a "virtual" Lobby Day to meet with California Legislators to educate them on AAUW priorities. We gave eight scholarships to local area high school seniors. We sent five of campers to Tech Trek's "virtual" summer camp. An AAUW Auburn team staffed a precinct on election day, raising \$1,600 for scholarships and Tech Trek. We held an inperson (outdoor) new member meeting to welcome eight new members. At the December Board meeting, we created a new standing committee: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We are seeking committee members to serve with Julann Brown, Chair, in the New Year. Finally, we were able to meet in person for the Holiday Luncheon.

Speaking of the New Year, we will continue to recruit new members (think of the women and men you know who champion equity for women). I will form an ad hoc workgroup to develop new approaches to fundraising. We need to refill our coffers to give scholarships and Tech Trek sponsorships. If you are interested in joining the committee, send me an email: sandraniemiscott@gmail.com

And, as always, we will advance gender equity for women and girls through education and advocacy. Here's to a bright New Year and good things to come.

Sandra Niemi Scott

JOIN THE TEAM: HELP AAUW AUBURN DEVELOP A FUNDRAISING PLAN



We have not been able to hold Trivia Bee, our premier fundraiser, since 2019. Yet, we have continued to provide scholarships and Tech Trek sponsorships throughout this time.

We are grateful to those who have donated to these programs. And to continue our education support for women and girls, we need to replace the funds given out. To this end, we are <u>forming a work</u> group to develop a plan to raise <u>funds</u> – with, perhaps, new approaches.

I am seeking several members to want to help us create a plan. Contact Sandra Scott or call to volunteer or ask questions.

The description of the effort is noted below.

Purpose: Develop an actionable plan to build a pool of funds to support scholarships and Tech Trek.

Chair: Sandra Scott

Meetings: 3-5 meetings/brainstorming sessions

Skills and Qualifications: Knowledge and/or interest in nonprofit resource development and/or marketing

Committee Activities: Create Plan

- 1. Set Financial Goal
- 2. Fundraising strategies
- 3. Build a donor list/targets
 - A. Individual donations/Planned giving
 - B. Businesses
- 4. Develop talking points
- 5. Develop public relations, including social media and marketing materials



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR JANUARY

Stevie Rae Jan Winter Robin Rice

Gayle Crossley Janet McMartin



MARK YOUR CALENDER For important updates and details go to <u>www.auburn-ca.aauw.net</u>

Key Public Policy/Community Dates for January 2022

- January 1 Human Trafficking Month
- January 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- January 15 Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
- January 17 Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday Observed
- January 28 Auburn AAUW International Dinner 5:30 p.m.

OUR SYMPATHY TO CAROL WAECHTER

We want to pass along our sympathy to our member, Carol Waechter. Her husband, Paul passed away recently. Our thoughts are with Carol and her family.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER JANUARY 28, 2022

Please mark you calendar for our annual International Potluck Dinner, January 28, 2022, 5:30 PM at the First Congregational Church Hall, 710 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn.

Doors will be open after 4:30 to allow for organization of your best dinner choices to share.

Expect an evening of camaraderie and learning about our sisters across the globe.

Our presentation will be given by Soroptimist members Ann Bryant and Cheryl Foley who represented their organization during a two week mission to East Africa. Soroptimist's goals are not unlike AAUW's in that they champion women worldwide and strive for their equity and success. Ann and Cheryl observed the local members of WEEP, Women Equality Empowerment Project and how they achieved independence.

STAY TUNED

As we Publish this, the Omicron Covid Virus is peaking. Please stay tuned for any changes to our plans. Info will be posted on our Website (under Calendar tab) and emails will go out. <u>www.auburn-ca.aauw.net</u>

In the meantime, for the safety of our members we have decided to require anyone attending must be vaccinated against COVID. This means 2 shots of a RNA vaccine or one shot of the J&J shot. Boosters are even better! Masks will be required when not eating and when serving the food.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ENJOYED BY ALL

Our members enjoyed a lunch, entertainment, shopping and good company at the Holiday Lunch on December 4, 2021.

Max's provided a wonderful lunch. The Colfax High School were amazing as they sang Holiday tunes with masks on. It sounded great.

It's has been 2 years since our last Holiday Lunch in 2019. Everyone was happy to see the smiling faces of our members.







AUBURN AAUW BRANCH TECH TREK CAMP 2022 UPDATE

Hello Members!

I am Rachel Kanowsky, the Tech Trek Branch Coordinator for our Auburn Branch. Valerie Lease, another AAUW member has agreed to co-chair the Branch Coordinator position. Welcome Valerie!

As you may have heard, plans are already underway for an IN PERSON Tech Trek camp for summer 2022!

The date for Tech Trek Camp 2022 will be 17 through 23 July 2022. Our TT camp will return to the UC Davis campus and the UCD program. We have requested 8 slots for campers from our service area.

Of course, the final decision as to whether to hold camp in person or virtually will depend on making sure it is safe for campers and staff to attend, following all of the Covid related recommendations. Cross your fingers and toes that we get to have the in person experience!

We expect to receive the branch packets after the Holidays from Karen Manelis, the new (and very experienced) AAUW California

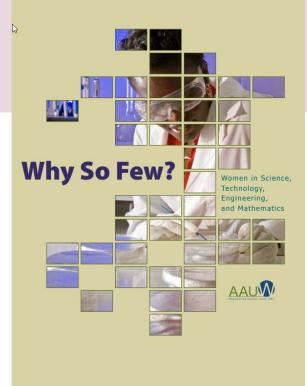
If you missed the YouTube Video of our 2021 Tech Trek click here

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=ldHrqdn290M&t=23s Tech Trek Program Director. Then we will attend training, and begin the nomination and application process.

I would like to share a request from Martha Rees to all of us at Auburn AAUW . "We are reaching out to our previous camp staff to see who might be interested and available to return as dorm moms, teachers, workshop presenters, etc. *If you or anyone in your branch is interested in finding out more about being a dorm mom or other volunteer opportunities, please contact us.* "

As we've always said, Tech <u> Trek takes a village!</u>

Rachel Kanowsky



A CHANCE TO BETTER KNOW OUR MEMBERS CHARLENE DANIELS

I grew up in a small town in Southern California filled with orange groves and surrounded by hills. My friends and I would spend our free time exploring the outdoors, sometimes on horseback. The only thing that we were wary of was stumbling upon a hippie encampment or encountering an aggressive dog. I believe this started my love of exploring and adventure.

In High School I ran track and was the first female on the men's cross county team. I was not aware of Title IX, but I had always wanted to run cross country. I did not realize until many years later that this law required the High School to let me participate on their team. It had nothing to do with my charm or talent.

I attended college at UC Riverside and majored in Environmental Science. One year I worked in a soils laboratory and interned at the County's transportation department. I liked the soils lab, but I was concerned about the isolation of the work and worried about the holes that would show up in my overalls after I washed them (chemicals anyone?). During the internship, I was surrounded by interesting people and work was highlighted by assisting in the various crises that always seemed to emerge. From these experiences, I knew that I wanted to interact with people and be exposed to a variety of situations.

I came to work for Placer County on the Environmental Internship Program. Once I came here, I never wanted to leave. I could do the type of work I wanted, live in a vibrant small town of Auburn, and continue to explore and travel.

I worked as a planner for the City of Roseville and then Placer County for over 25 years. My profession taught me the importance of community involvement and how important it is to establish an engaging and livable community.

In retirement, I have done a lot of traveling and volunteer work (except the last two years). We have discovered the best way to do foreign travel is by bicycle, as you use all



your senses as you discover new areas. We have been to Turkey, Peru, Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Czech Republic, and Albania. Cycling also allows to enjoy the local cuisine without adding too many pounds.

I joined AAUW to have a book club and, since I can't say no to Susan Rushton, I am involved in the Trivia Bee (I love preparing questions).

Recently, I have spent a lot of time working with DeWitt Community Complex, trying to bring some community related uses back to DeWitt (a 1943 WWII military hospital, now a county government center) that were forced to leave to make room for a Costco project that never materialized. Our focus is restoring the historic DeWitt Theater with a community-orientated design with an outdoor activity area to serve as a multi-use facility. A place where art, history and community meet.

TRIVIA BEE IS IN THE WORKS! SIGN UP TO HELP WITH OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER March 12, 2022



We have missed 2 years of Trivia Bee and our biggest fundraiser for scholarships and Tech Trek. But the trivia Bee team is running full steam with March 12, 2022 as our date. Mark your Calendar!

We have our committee chairpersons meeting and getting plans in place. We have a list of small, relatively easy tasks that need to be done and are asking for our Auburn AAUW members Or friends OR significant others to volunteer.

- Bar Duty—pour wine, beer and Margaritas for our guests. Need 6 people.
- Take tickets and sell drink tickets at front door. Need 3-5 people
- Sell tickets—to interest groups, outside groups, and manage Roper ticket sales. Need 10 people
- Proctors—need a Chairperson and 7 helpers
- Question Committee—Need 1 additional person to help
- Decoration set-up—Day of event. Place tablecloths and decorations. Need 6 people
- Pass out posters and cards to stores and other sites to advertise. Need 6 people
- Help with other advertising such as an e-mail blast. Need 1-2 people.

Please contact Carol Hachmeister or Deb Sabo to volunteer.



January Theme: Clarify What You Want to Accomplish in the New Year



If You are a Political Nerd . . .or If You Care about New Laws . . . Then You will Love This $\hfill\square$

To receive Action Alerts via text, you can text "AAUW" to 21333. Or, you can sign up for the Two-Minute Activist by clicking here

For information about Federal and State Legislation:

Federal: <u>https://www.congress.gov</u>

California State Legislature: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml

AAUW Supports The Build Back Better Bill

The *Build Back Better* bill (H.R. 5376) has passed the House and is now in the Senate. This bill has three provisions that are critical to our mission:

- * universal paid family and medical leave up to 12 weeks
- * an extension of the child tax credit through 2022
- * affordable childcare

Here are two ways you can help get this important legislation through the Senate:

- 1. Respond to the Two-Minute Activist ("Take Action") request from National, and urge your members to do the same. Even though our senators are in support, they need to hear it from us that these three provisions must not be amended out.
- 2. If you have friends or family in Arizona or West Virginia, urge them to put pressure on their senators to vote "yes."

AAUW Auburn Creates Committee For Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Julann Brown Elected Chair of New Committee

AAUW is unique among all women's service groups in that it distributes scholarships for women <u>and</u> it works closely with elected officials to improve public policy for women and girls.

Our branch took a giant step during the last board meeting by voting to create a new Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Furthermore, the board voted unanimously to appoint Julann Brown as committee chair.



As noted in last month's newsletter, Julann is on the Auburn School Board, and she is an entrepreneur, having built a bookkeeping and financial management business.

Grassroots Efforts Reverse Legislators' Decisions, Your Phone Calls and Letters to the Editor Work!

Elected officials were compelled to reverse several unpopular decisions during 2021, all due to grassroots campaigns. When citizens organize their efforts and express their opinions clearly, democracy wins.

Throughout California, citizens revolted against the Governor Recall Election, and Governor Newsom won by a resounding margin.

Closer to home, the Placer Board of Supervisors was compelled to reverse two of their significant decisions during 2021. Citizens of Placer County did not believe that the Supervisors were representing the interests of the majority. In the first case, the Supervisors finally listened to the grassroots effort to save the historic DeWitt Theater. It took many phone calls, letters to editor, and attendance at Supervisor meetings, but it became clear that a vast majority of Auburn citizens want to preserve this multi-purpose community center.

The second significant case where the Board of Supervisors had to yield to public opinion was the case of redistricting. Without paying attention to public input, the Supervisors unanimously rubber-stamped a plan that would benefit the current supervisors. Faced with overwhelming opposition to their plan, included editorials in the Sacramento Bee and the Auburn Journal, the Supervisors reversed their original decision. This is democracy in action!

AUBURN AREA LOCAL POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2022

STEP UP and RUN

CITY COUNCIL

Auburn City Council Colfax City Council

EDUCATION

Auburn Union School District Placer Union High School District Trustee Area 4 Placer Union High School District Trustee Area 3 Ackerman Charter District Colfax Elementary School Placer Hills School District

SERVICES

Auburn Valley Community Services District Auburn Area Recreation & Park District Christian Valley Park Community Services District Heather Glenn Community Service District Meadow Vista County Water District Midway Heights County Water District Placer Hills Fire Protection District

Make Your Voice Heard in our Community

Are you interested in volunteering to help support democracy? Have you thought about running for office but wondered where to start? You don't necessarily have to run for office. There are dozens of openings to which you can be appointed in Placer County. Check it out:

www.placer.ca.gov/4158/Boards-Commissions

INSPIRING WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

https://19thnews.org/

Welcome to The 19th*

A century ago, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution made voting, our country's most fundamental mode of civic participation, a right regardless of gender. But this watershed moment in our democracy excluded millions of women, particularly women of color, from the ballot box for generations.

Suffrage remains a work in progress for many in this country, particularly people living in states where voter suppression exists and tens of thousands of transgender Americans who face barriers to voting.

Today, women make up more than half of the American electorate and are more engaged than ever in our politics — marching on state capitols, voting at higher rates than men, and running for local office. Yet they remain underrepresented in government and in the nation's executive ranks.

73.7 million

Number of women who voted in 2016 — nearly 10 million more than men

23.7% Seats in Congress held by women in 2020

7.4%

Percentage of state legislators who are women of color

In short: The 19th Amendment remains unfinished business, a fact we acknowledge in our logo with an asterisk — a visible reminder of those who have been omitted from our democracy. Our goal is to empower those we serve — particularly women, women of color and the LGBTQ+ community — with the information, resources and community they need to be equal participants in our democracy. We will do this through:

- ⇒ Free-to-consume and free-to-republish journalism that reimagines politics and policy coverage through a gender lens.
- ⇒ Deep-dive, evidence-based reporting that exposes gender inequity and injustice, and reveals surprising and original stories on the issues that most deeply affect the lives of women and LGBTQ+ people, from healthcare to the economy.
- ⇒ A digital platform for civil conversations and community building, and national events that bring our readers into direct contact with their elected officials.
- \Rightarrow A newsroom that reflects the racial, ideological, socioeconomic and gender diversity of American voters, and is devoted to covering everyone with empathy.

Inspiring Quote of the Month

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Happy New Year!

You already plan your work, but life is more than work. You need to plan the remainder of your life: your family, your friendships, your personal interests and development.

Start with broad goals for each category. Get definitive about what you want. Next, write down the individual steps that will get you to each goal. Be explicit.

Let go of what you don't want so that you can make space for what you know in your heart that you truly want.

Pace yourself. Review and update your plans with fresh ideas. People overestimate what they can do in a day, yet they underestimate what they can do in a lifetime.



JANUARY 2022 SECTION NEWS Contact Susan Rushton,

BOOKMARKS: Bookmarks plans to meet at Carl Hachmeister's home at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022. For information, call Sue Dings.

BOOKSTERS: Booksters meets via on Zoom at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022. The book will be ""Our Darkest Night: A Novel of Italy and the Second World War," by Jennifer Robson, and Gerry Suskin will lead the discussion. Contact Carol Francis if you would like to join the discussion and she will send you ZOOM Instructions.

BOOKENDS: meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022, at the home of Susan Roughgarden. We're reading mysteries. Please let Susan know if you're coming: If you have questions, contact Susan Rushton:

DRAMA READING: meets at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 at the home of Artella Hughes. Please let Artella know if you're coming: . For info: Susan Rushton. All members welcome.

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

GLOBAL ISSUES / GREAT DECISIONS: Happy New Year! Our group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at the Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Due to mandate, please wear a mask. We'll have an open forum as there is plenty to discuss in this new world. Bring an article and your opinions. For more information: Elsie Gaura.

HIKING GROUP: Thursday, Jan 6, 2022 ,we will hike from the Glenn Tram station (near Folsom) along the bike path of the American River to Nimbus Dam. This about 5 miles, mostly flat and down the river. We will then take the tram from Hazel back up the river to Glenn. This is an easy hike on a paved bike path. Bring lunch and we will find picnic benches. Thursday, Jan 20, 2022 we will hike Hidden Falls about 4.2 miles in South Auburn.

An email will go out next week to the hikers list regarding details. For directions and more details contact Debra Sabo.

TECH CONNECT: Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 3pm. Please join us via zoom. RSVP to either Steve Lease or Deb Sabo if you are a new attendee. Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/434491707</u> Meeting ID: 434 491 707

DECEMBER BOARDMEETING

December 7, 2021

Those present via Zoom: Sandra Scott, Barbara Gerletti-Weiss, Deb Sabo, Caryl Daly, Colleen Conley, Susan Roughgarden, Brandee Ambrosia, Rachel Kanowsky, Steven Lease, Bonnie Wilson

After the meeting was called to order, the November minutes were approved as presented. Treasurer's Report – Caryl Daly

Holiday lunch net cost about \$300. Collected \$334 for the choir.

Reports attached. Moved by Conley, seconded by Gerletti-Weiss, APPROVED. Membership – Barbara Gerletti-Weiss

- A vendor processes all checks we send to National. If we pay with a debit card, information should be updated more quickly. Debit card can be ordered online. Debit card will pay our National and State dues. With a check, we have no proof it got there. Our treasurer can keep debit card safe, as she does with checkbook, etc. Moved by Gerletti-Weiss, seconded by Kanowsky to have Daly contact the bank and request a debit card. PASSED.
- Gerletti-Weiss will write letter to AAUW President about how the vendor's mismanagement has affected our members. This has been going on for many years. Scott will co-sign. 1/3 of our members are affected. We have 2 new members.

Program – Colleen Conley

Vendors at the holiday luncheon were happy and did well. Choir was great.

International Dinner Fri Jan 28 at Congregational Church. Carol Hachmeister has the tablecloths.

Scholarships – Brandee Ambrosia

- We give 3 different scholarships. We are the only ones who are responsible for publicizing the transfer scholarship. This is for someone transferring from a 2 year school to a 4 year school. Applicants can access our website. Roughgarden will contact Tasha Lewis at UCB and get an article to the Auburn Journal. Conley will present it to Lyons Real Estate and Lions International. The reentry scholarship is also important, because due to the pandemic, it may be hard to get students back to school.
- Our branch gave our first scholarship in 1949, and have been doing it ever since. We do this to empower women and develop leaders.

Tech Trek – Rachel Kanowsky

Camp at UCD July 17-23.

May visit teachers and principals in person to explain Tech Trek.

In favor of in-person interviews.

Trying to develop a Tech Trek alumni group. Some alumni want to volunteer.

Public Policy – Susan Roughgarden

Julann Brown will chair Diversity, Equity, Inclusion committee. National and State have lots of resources. Moved by Conley, seconded by Wilson to create a standing committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. PASSED.

Website/Newsletter – Deb Sabo

Scott needs women leaders to interview and Sabo wants to interview members. Nominations – Norma Sexton – no report

Fundraising – Scott will create a committee.

No Old Business

No New Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Wilson, Secretary



DONATE

The AAUW Auburn Branch provides <u>college scholarships and Tech Trek spon-</u> <u>sorships</u> for women and girls. Consider making a donation to help support these important programs that will <u>empower women and girls</u>. 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 <u>check payable to AAUW Auburn Branch</u>

These contributions may be tax deductible under IRS Code Section 170

Email: <u>auburnaauw@gmail.com</u>

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

2021-22 AAUW Auburn (CA) Branch Membership Form

	First Name	Last Name	Date	
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Optional Local Donations				
	AAUW AUBURN Tech Trek (science camp for middle school girls) AAUW AUBURN Scholarship Fund		iddle school girls)	
		AAUW AUBURN General Support Donation		
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	For the following o	ng 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			
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		National Donation to AAUW General Support		
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	GET INVOLVEI	GET INVOLVED - SELECT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES		
	Г	Board Leadership	Phone Tree Program	
	ſ	Fundraising	Public Policy	
	- -	Hospitality	Scholarships	
	ſ	Marketing	Tech Trek	
	ſ	Membership Development		
	NEWSLETTER I	PREFERENCE Email U S Mail		
	MAIL YOUR CHECK AND THIS FORM TO: AAUW Auburn, Attention Membership PO Box 7872, Auburn, CA 95604			

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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

State: www.aauw-ca.org

National: www.aauw.org