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

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I am proud to report that we continue our tradition of awarding scholarships - despite not being able to hold our major fundraiser, Trivia Bee, for the third year in a row. Recently, I sent out an email asking for volunteers to join me on February 8 @ 5 PM on Zoom to develop fundraising ideas.



In the meantime, a few members have shared ideas with me.

Linda Frederick Yaffee suggested we ask newsletter readers to “consider legacy giving via wills and trusts”; these donations would be future donations to ensure we can continue to award scholarships well into the future. Additionally, she suggested IRA rollovers and donations from Donor Advised Funds (DAF).” Thanks for the ideas, Linda.

Inspired by Linda, I am asking you to consider legacy giving and charitable gifts. Now is the time to think about how planned giving to AAUW Auburn’s scholarship fund can benefit you and your loved ones. Our scholarship program, over the short and long term, directly improves recipients’ economic opportunity and security. Supporting women’s higher education ensures they not only survive, they will thrive.

And to walk the talk, I made a \$1,000 contribution from my DAF to scholarships today. Please join me in investing in the future of Auburn’s girls and women. Whatever you can give - no donation is too small - will make a difference.

Sandra Niemi Scott

TRIVIA BEE WILL MOVE TO 2023 FOR NOW



It is with great disappointment we decided to cancel the March 2022 Trivia Bee. As we see high cases of Omicron going around we had to make another tough decision again this year. We had a strong start to the plans, but as our president, Sandra Scott said “the COVID truck has ran over us again.” Getting teams to sign up and selling tickets needed to be done now and most people were not willing to be in a room with 200 people. The committee decided to plan other possible fundraisers for the time being.

Thank you to the Trivia Bee committee leads who were moving full steam ahead. We will regroup and look for a fundraiser we can do in this environment (maybe outside?) and plan our fun filled Trivia Bee again when possible.

As you may remember we cancelled Trivia Bee in March 2020 just weeks before the event. Since we had already sold tickets and collected team fees we offered a refund. Amazingly almost everyone gave us their ticket money as a donation. As a result, we were able to fund our Tech Trek and scholarships.

In March 2021, we again had to cancel Trivia Bee and we ran a BIG push for members to donate in May 2021 to fund our Scholarships. And of course you came through. We used those donations and dipped into our bank account to actually fund more scholarships than usual due to the tough economy and challenges our local families were having sending students to college. Tech Tek was also funded as an on-line week of STEM for our local girls.

As we look at 2022, we are determined to continue both our scholarships and Tech Trek. We will figure out fundraisers, donation drives and other ways to continue our important work.

Auburn AAUW is truly a creative and resilient group.

We are seeking several members who want to help us create a plan. Contact Sandra Scott or call to volunteer or ask questions.

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

First Meeting—February 8th, 5pm

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

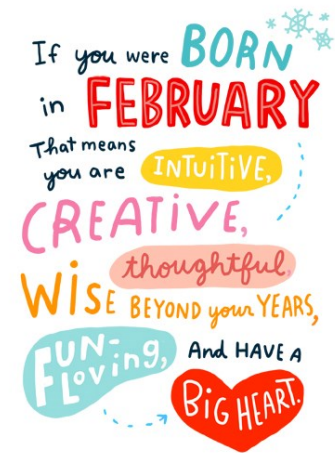
Committee Activities: Create Plan

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 FEBRUARY

Giner Foster
Margot Fulmer
Pam Robie Hart
Linda Ankeney

Anne Ruud
Judy Duncan
Valerie Lease



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

Key Public Policy/Community Dates for February 2022

February	Black History Month
February 1	Chinese New Year
February 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Valentine's Day – Send Loving Thoughts to the World
February 15	Susan B. Anthony's Birthday —Abolitionist and Suffragist
February 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 20	World Day of Social Justice
February 21	Presidents' Day Holiday
February 22	George Washington's Birthday

Public Policy Dates for Spring 2022

March 19	AAUW's California Public Policy Committee finalizes 2022 Bill Selection
April 7	Webinar for Lobby Day Training at 7 pm.
April 11 – 15	Lobby Week – Members meet with legislators in their home districts during Legislators' Spring Break

**\$1,000 GRANT FOR AUBURN AAUW SCHOLORSHIPS
THANK YOU STEPHANIE WINTER AND ARMANINO FOUNDATION**



Growing up, our family was big into volunteering and helping others. From countless projects with my mom as our Girl Scout Troop Leader to making birdhouses with my Dad to my big brother volunteering to help my 2nd grade class learn computers, helping was always part of who we are.

Almost a year ago to the day, I was hired at an accounting firm, called Armanino. One of my favorites parts of the company is their drive to give back. The Armanino Foundation, the charitable arm of the company, is in it's 6th year and going strong!

One of my favorite things they do is called The Great Give. Every year, the whole company takes the day off & volunteers. In 2021, I helped to organize over 61 both in person as well as virtual opportunities for over 1,200 members our company to give back to the community, from the staff & interns all the way up to our Partners. Family members were also welcomed to participate.

This has by far been the best project I've worked on during my time at Armanino, especially because of how excited everyone gets! It's always a race to get your top choice!! Another way the Foundation gives back is through grants to non profits that our employees nominate. Often the employee works with the non profit themselves or has a family member or friend who is devoted to the cause.

Earlier last year, I nominated the AAUW Auburn chapter for a grant. I know of the

chapter through the work my mom, Jan Winter, does as the treasurer. She has been a part of AAUW since college and has given her time lately in volunteering directly with the Auburn chapter.

In recognition of her efforts, Armanino chose this chapter to donate \$1,000, which will fully fund a scholarship for one woman to pursue her dreams. I am so grateful to be raised to appreciate giving back and am so proud of my mom's work with AAUW!!

If you would like to learn more about The Armanino Foundation, please check out the website at

<https://armaninofoundation.org>

Thanks for all your hard work!

Stephanie Winter

EDITORIAL

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REALLY HELP CONTINUE OUR CRITICAL WORK?

I don't often take editorial rights in our Newsletter, but this month I will. As I learn more about how other AAUW branches fund their scholarships, I realize there is more we could do to continue our legacy. Some of it is very easy. Here are some of my thoughts. Some may work for you, others will not. But let's consider them.

1. Suggest to family and friends that instead of a birthday, Mother's or Father's day, or even a Christmas gift that a donation to Auburn AAUW would be appreciated. I know Artella Hughes did this and her family donated to scholarships in her name a few years ago for her birthday.
2. If you are over 72 years, you must take a certain amount out of your 401K account each year and you pay taxes on it. This means if you take out \$450 and pay taxes of 20% (\$90.00) you get to keep \$360. If it is donated, there would be no tax. So your \$360 donation becomes \$450 to Auburn AAUW.
3. Have you considered leaving a donation to Auburn AAUW in your Will or Trust? A scholarship in your name can continue for many years. I recently had to update my 10 year old trust (as life changes) and I added a sum to go to AAUW Auburn.
4. Even sad events can be a time to consider donations. If you prefer Donations in your name in lieu of flowers at a funeral, please let your family know. I know I personally would prefer that.
5. Did you know that some employers (even where you previously worked or retired from) match your donations? If you give \$100 it can become \$200 with a match.
6. Did you know there are Grants out there? As you will read in this Newsletter we got a grant for \$1000 that was initiated by Jan Winter's daughter on our behalf. Do you have family or friends that can point us to possible grants? We can do the work to fill these out.

Auburn AAUW has a Pay Pal Donate button on our WEB site and anyone with a credit card can donate there. www.auburn-ca.aauw.net

Also checks can be sent to
Treasurer AAUW Auburn
PO Box 7872
Auburn, CA 95604

A CHANCE TO JOIN THE 2022-2023 AUBURN AAUW BOARD

Auburn AAUW is looking to put in place a new board in July 2022. It is a great place for new or old members to contribute your special talent and new ideas.

Elected Officers-

While we welcome you to apply for any elective office, the following offices will need to have volunteers.

- ◆ Program Committee (we'd like 2-3 people for this)
- ◆ President Elect (this is a role that likely will lead to President in 2 years)

Other Offices include President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership.

We welcome new members as this gives you an upfront view of what Auburn AAUW is about.

Appointed Officers—

We will also need a new officer for the Newsletter and Website. This can be 1 or 2 people, one for Web Site and one for Newsletter.

It is a fun and creative job, that requires 4-8 hours a month. Articles are written by other members and as editor, you put them into the Newsletter. If you can cut and past you can do this. We do have publisher programs both on Windows and Apple that are easy to use and training is available.

Contact our Nominations Chair, Norma Sexton for questions and replies by Feb. 18th. We will publish the slate of nominees in our March Newsletter and vote at our April Program meeting.

Norma Sexton

A CHANCE TO BETTER KNOW OUR MEMBERS SUE DINGS

I have many happy memories of hiking from our house to the famous Hollywood land sign when I was growing up. At that time, my father was a pilot for an aerial survey company, & my mother was a Physical Therapist. In my teens we moved from Hollywood to Long Beach where my father was a test pilot for Douglas Aircraft. I played violin in the Long Beach All City Orchestra and attended Poly High School. Both of my parents graduated from Stanford University, majoring in English. We moved in my junior year of high school to Lindsay CA where my father had inherited an orange grove.

My mother was a long-time AAUW member and as such became the editor of the Porterville Newsletter. I graduated from Strathmore Union High School. At the graduation ceremonies I was asked to play a violin solo with the band, since there was no orchestra.

For two summers, I worked at Sequoia National Park as a maid, cleaning the cabins & enjoying the park on days off. I attended Stockton Junior College for two years, then transferred to College of the Pacific, graduating in 1952 with a Bachelor of Music degree, with a Music Therapy major. I stayed an extra year to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1953. I joined the musicians' union to play viola with the Stockton Symphony. I also sang & played my violin in the all-girl trio with Chuck Raggio's 10 piece dance band.

My first full-time job was as a Music Therapist at DeWitt State Hospital. I chose DeWitt because of its great swimming pool. I practiced violin in the Employee's Recreation Hall. Robert Dings, Chief of the DeWitt Medical Lab also liked to practice his flute there,



so pretty soon we were playing duets together. As the only Music Therapist for 2800 residents, my duties included leading community singing on the wards, directing the patient/employee dance band, the rhythm band for the “mentally deficient” patients, playing records of appropriate music before and after electro-convulsive therapy treatments, directing the chapel choir, leading square dance classes, forming a Music Club—endeavoring to make the institutional setting as similar as possible to the outside world.

Bob & I were married in the Methodist Church in 1958. Bob launched the Sierra Laboratory that year, which grew from one to five sites in the Auburn area. Pam Robie Hart was one of the employees who eventually became the manager and owner. Our

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daughter, Karen was born in 1958 and our son Robert in 1960. We moved to 180 Terrace St, a house [up the street from the Robies] previously owned by Katherine Lee, the first president of Auburn's branch of AAUW. While the children were young, they attended Sierra Co-op Nursery School which had been started by AAUW members, and met at the Methodist Church. I served as the Director from 1961-63. I felt honored to join AAUW in 1964.

As the children were growing up, I volunteered as a Coordinator of Volunteers for the Dept. of Mental Hygiene. Volunteers led activities for former DeWitt patients who were living in Family Care homes in Auburn. Classes in crafts, cooking and music were held in volunteer's homes or church halls. The volunteers brought the Family Care residents to my house for Community Singing and fellowship. Most of the volunteers were members of our AAUW branch. For several years, I also traveled to four "convalescent hospitals" in Woodland, Auburn & Grass Valley as a Music Therapist Consultant.

Because there was an increasing need for volunteers expressed by Placer County agencies and organizations, I was asked to spearhead a committee to establish a Volunteer Bureau to recruit & refer volunteers. With funding from United Way, the Volunteer Bureau of Placer Co was launched in 1971. I was Executive Director for 17 years. Throughout the years, the Volunteer Bureau changed its name several times and is currently known as "Seniors First".

In the summertime our family traveled to several states in the US & Canada. I have gone

on a small cruise ship to Alaska, and taken six tours to Europe, [twice singing with the River City Chorale].

Through the years, I have been a member of many wonderful groups: Auburn Soroptimists, Arts Council of Placer Co., Auburn Arts Commission, Auburn Community Concerts Assn., Auburn State Theatre, Area 4 Agency on Aging, Placer Co Older Adults Commission, & Auburn Art Walk Committee.

I was a founding member of the Auburn Symphony, playing violin or viola for 20 years, before retiring in 2019. Many of my efforts have been sponsored by the Pioneer United Methodist Church where I've been a member since coming to Auburn. I recently retired as choir director after 27 years in that position. "Pioneer Presents" and "Music for Humanity" have been fund raisers for worthy causes such as the Auburn Food Closet for 30 years.

Currently my AAUW "job" is Voter Registration Chair. Seven of our members distribute voter registration cards to all of the post offices, libraries and all VRC sites throughout Placer County. We have a contract with the County Elections Department for this service. I inherited this job from Dea Hogg in 2000.

I also have the pleasure of chairing our Bookmarks section which has been "an essential service" to me during this pandemic! I really appreciate my AAUW friends and its goals!

Sue Dings

Theme:

**Generate healing energy for our home,
our country, and our world.**



Inspiring Quote of the Month ”

I am of certain convinced that the greatest heroes are those who do their duty in the daily grind of domestic affairs whilst the world whirls as a maddening dreidel.

Florence Nightingale

If You are a Political Nerd . . .or If You Care about New Laws . . . Then You will Love This 😊

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

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

PUBLIC POLICY—Susan Roughgarden

UPDATE FROM COMMITTEE FOR DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSION

AAUW's Inclusion and Equity Committee invites you to participate in a virtual webinar series, which kicks off next Thursday, January 27, at 4 p.m. ET. These webinars support state and branch leaders, diversity officers and other members as they work to make their affiliates more diverse, equitable and inclusive. They supplement the resources available in AAUW's [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) toolkit](#). The 2022 series includes:

Creating Allyship

Thursday, January 27, 2022, 4 p.m. ET

What is allyship? How can one truly be an ally? What is the connection between allyship and privilege? Please join us next Thursday afternoon for a discussion of allyship and how to create affiliate programming on this topic. With a diverse set of allies within their membership, AAUW state and branch leaders can better build inclusive spaces and attract new audiences, including new members.

Intersectionality Identified

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 7 p.m. ET

By understanding the dimensions of diversity and how they intersect, we can begin to grasp the complex and cumulative impact of discrimination and oppression. Please join the Inclusion & Equity Committee for this discussion of intersectionality and how to create branch or state programming for members on this concept.

Social Justice: Creating Change

Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 7 p.m. ET

Social justice is at the core of what AAUW does every day. Whether at the national, state or local level, AAUW staff, volunteers and members work hard to build a more equitable world. What does it mean to support social justice, and how is that different (or the same) as racial justice and economic justice? Please save the date for a discussion of these critical issues.

Go to our national AAUW website to register!

<https://www.aauw.org/>

Contact Julann Brown if you would like to join our new DEI Committee!

BJulann@gmail.com

INSPIRING WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/>

The National Women’s History Alliance is a leader in promoting Women’s History and is committed to the goals of education, empowerment, equality, and inclusion. Here is a description from their website:

“Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope”

The 2022 Women’s History theme, “Providing Healing, Promoting Hope,” is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Women as healers harken back to ancient times. Healing is the personal experience of transcending suffering and transforming it to wholeness. The gift of hope spreads light to the lives of others and reflects a belief in the unlimited possibilities of this and future generations. Together, healing and hope are essential fuels for our dreams and our recovery.

This year, in particular, we are reminded of the importance of healers and caregivers who are helping to promote and sustain hope for the future. The NWA encourages communities throughout the country to honor local women who bring and have historically brought these priceless gifts to their families, workplaces, and neighborhoods, sometimes at great sacrifice. These are the women who, as counselors and cler-

ics, artists and teachers, doctors, nurses, mothers, and grandmothers listen, ease suffering, restore dignity, and make decisions for our general as well as our personal welfare.

Women have long advocated for compassionate treatments and new directions in public health and in women’s mental and physical health. Women have also historically led the way in mending divisions, healing wounds, and finding peaceful solutions. This timeless work, in so many ways and in addition to so many other tasks, has helped countless individuals in our communities recover and follow their dreams.

The 2022 theme proudly honors those who, in both public and private life, provide healing and promote hope for the betterment of all.

<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/>



WOMEN’S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS - WHERE ARE WE NOW?

by Claire Noonan, AAUW CA Public Policy -- edited for brevity by Susan Roughgarden

January 22, 2022 was the 49th anniversary of the *Roe v Wade* decision, but the Supreme Court appears poised to reverse that 1973 decision. The arguments have been presented by Texas SB 8 legislation which bans pregnancy termination after six weeks and Mississippi’s legislation (*Dobbs v Jackson Whole Women’s Health Organization*) to ban abortion after fifteen weeks.

What are the issues? For Texas, it isn’t about the constitutionality of the legislation i.e., the fundamental right decided by *Roe v Wade*. Instead, a decision will be made on the tactics used by the Texas legislature to avoid lawsuits against the state.

The decision on the Mississippi legislation will be straightforward. One, the Supreme Court could overturn *Roe v Wade*. Two, the Court could limit legal standing to challenges on state law. Three, new legal standards for evaluation of abortion regulations may be created so states aren’t required to show that the benefits of an abortion ban outweigh the undue burden to patients – reversing *Planned Parenthood v Casey* (*Women’s Health Policy*, 11/21/2021).

One hundred and six state laws restricted abortion in 2021. Activists, like AAUW, are bringing lawsuits before the Supreme Court. AAUW has submitted an amicus brief for *Jackson Whole Women’s Health v Dobbs* as to the constitutionality of the Mississippi law.

In addition, ACLU and others have brought lawsuits against other Mississippi abortion-related legislation like regulations for informed consent, a waiting period before the procedure, a ban on telemedicine visits, medication abortion only if provided by a doctor, and restrictions on birth control methods.

Reliable polls indicate that 60-70% of Americans approve of abortion in all or most circumstances. Only 20% think abortion should be illegal in all circumstances. (*New York Times*, “Upshot” 5/19/2021)

Detailed information on the current position for women’s reproductive health is available from the [Guttmacher Institute](#).

CHILDCARE: AN OVERDUE AND CRITICAL INVESTMENT

*By Shelley Mitchell and Ginny Hatfiel,
AAUW CA Public Policy Committee
-- edited for brevity by Susan Roughgarden*

“It’s past time that we treat childcare as what it is – an element whose contribution to economic growth is as essential as infrastructure or energy...and the single most important thing we can do to build a stronger economy over the next several decades,” says Janet Yellen, the former Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank and now Secretary of the Treasury.

The state of U.S. childcare is deplorable compared with other developed nations, especially with respect to affordability. This fact has been brought home to us ever more vividly during the current pandemic. Women, who still bear the majority of childcaring, have left the workforce in the millions due to the absence of basic childcare services and the cost associated with it.

Here are some sobering statistics:

- ⇒ 56% of married families with children under 6 consist of households where both parents work
- ⇒ The employment rate for single mothers raising a young child is 65%; it’s 83% for single fathers who maintain custody
- ⇒ The average American family with at least one child under 5 uses 13% of their income to pay for childcare
- ⇒ Less than 20% of children eligible for a low-income federal assistance program are getting the funding

⇒ 50% of Americans live in childcare “deserts” or areas where there are three children per every childcare opening

⇒ In 24 states the average cost for infant full-time daycare exceeds the average cost of rent

⇒ 97% of childcare providers are women, who are disproportionately women of color, making less than a living wage with no guaranteed benefits. In the US, the mean hourly wage for childcare workers is \$12.88, nearly \$3.00 less per hour than parking lot attendants, and \$5.00 less per hour than dog groomers.

This is a textbook example of a broken market, whereby the benefits of providing a service (in this case childcare) are not included in its overall value.

Neglecting the care of young children is detrimental to their physical and mental wellbeing; it reduces productivity in the workforce; leads to lost wages and reduced retirement benefits for parents; it adds to the downward pressure on childcare workers, which in turn, impacts the quality and stability of childcare; and restricts future educational opportunities for family members.

AAUW is calling on the 117th Congress to ensure that a permanent paid leave program, childcare funding and the Child Tax Credit are included in the budget reconciliation process.

DESPITE LOSS OF MAJOR FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES, AUBURN AAUW TO INCREASE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

In a bold move that speaks to the commitment of the local branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Board of Directors has decided to increase the number of scholarships for girls graduating from local high schools.

This decision was made despite the fact that – for the third time in a row – AAUW Auburn has had to cancel Trivia Bee, its signature public event that is their greatest fundraiser each year.

“Rather than cut back, we are increasing our scholarship support,” explained Sandra Scott, president of the local chapter. “Why? Higher education is the path to economic security for girls. The college price tag has increased dramatically in recent years, and women hold almost two-thirds of student debt in the U.S. Furthermore, Covid 19 has devastated the financial stability of students and their families. We must dig deeper to support our local girls.”

AAUW began in 1881 to encourage education and legislation for women and girls. Last year, AAUW Auburn awarded 20 scholarships, and now the goal for this year will be 30 scholarships.

Last year, AAUW Auburn created a pilot scholarship for young women graduating from Sierra College who wished to transfer to a four-year college. The first recipient of this Transfer Scholarship, Auburn native Tasha Lewis, has been a spectacular success. She transferred to the University of California at Berkeley, and she will graduate this spring with a degree in Materials Science and Engineering.

“I’m incredibly grateful for the Auburn AAUW scholarship,” says Tasha. “Every sin-



Tasha Lewis on Berkeley Campus

gle dollar means so much. I was out of funds, and there is no way that my single Mom could support me.” Tasha’s father passed away during her freshman year of high school.

“We hope to award several transfer scholarships this year,” said Scott. “Right now we are brainstorming fundraising ideas, and we welcome suggestions from our community. We need to pull together during these difficult times.”

For more information about Auburn AAUW, go to <https://auburn-ca.aauw.net/>

**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

FEBRUARY 2022 SECTION NEWS

Contact Susan Rushton,

BOOKSTERS: Booksters meets via on Zoom at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb.23, 2022. The book will be “Just Mercy,” by Byran Stevenson, and Helen Crandall will lead the discussion. Contact Carol Francis if you would like to join the discussion, and she will send you ZOOM Instructions.

BOOKMARKS: For information about Bookmarks, call Sue Dings. “It’s certainly difficult to ‘plan ahead’ nowadays, however, we DO still meet! YAY!”

BOOKENDS: meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022. This will be a ZOOM meeting. The book is not yet decided. If you have questions, contact Susan Rushton: .

DRAMA READING: meets at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 on ZOOM. A ZOOM invitation is forthcoming. We read a play and discuss it. 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, Feb. 11, 2022, at the Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Be vaccinated, boosted and wear a mask. Our first presentation is the topic: “Myanmar's Never-ending Crisis,” PP.53-62, led by Karen Anderson. For more information: Elsie Gaura

HIKING GROUP: Due to COVID we have put the Auburn AAUW hiking on hold. For ideas on hiking as an individual contact Debra Sabo

TECH CONNECT:. Wednesday, Feb.9th at 3pm. 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

JANUARY BOARDMEETING

January 4, 2022

Those present via Zoom: Sandra Scott, Sharon Watson-Hamilton, Colleen Conley, Deb Sabo, Caryl Daly, Susan Roughgarden, Rachel Kanowsky, Steven Lease, Bonnie Wilson, Julann Brown

After calling the meeting to order, President Scott noted she is looking for fund raising ideas.

The December Board minutes and the General meeting (Holiday Lunch) were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Caryl Daly and Jan Winter

Daly suggests we pay the IRS penalty of \$2500 for the 2020 form they did not receive. We don't owe it and will eventually get it back. Moved by Conley, seconded by Sabo, we pay the penalty and send the check certified mail. PASSED. We have applied for a debit card. Moved by Roughgarden, seconded by Watson-Hamilton, to accept Treasurer's Report. PASSED. Sabo discussed I Treasury bill with more interest, although rate can fluctuate. We could invest up to \$10,000. 3.5% for next 6 months. Sabo will develop fact sheet for next meeting.

Membership – Barbara Gerletti-Weiss and Sharon Watson-Hamilton

Gerletti-Weiss working on problem of members not recorded with National. Having a debit card will alleviate this problem in future.
One new member recently.

Program – Colleen Conley and Steven Lease

Should we cancel International Dinner? We will poll our members and use phone tree if positive response. Conley will check on our deposit with church.
Trivia Bee Mar 12

Scholarships – Brandee Ambrosia

Scott urges members to get the word out about our scholarships. See website.

Tech Trek – Rachel Kanowsky

Waiting for packets from California AAUW.

Public Policy – Susan Roughgarden

Writing Auburn Journal article about scholarships and Tech Trek.

DEI (Diversity, Equality and Inclusion) – Julann Brown

Has ideas for diversity and supporting leaders among adults and students.

Website/Newsletter – Deb Sabo

Would like photos from International Dinner. Scott will do this. Wants to spotlight members. Needs Trivia Bee article. Jan Winter will write about the \$1000 grant we are expecting to receive. Needs info on new member. Needs help on Bee, especially proctors.

New Business

5 Star Program – tabled

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

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These contributions may be tax deductible under IRS Code Section 170

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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/Unvversty _____ 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

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| <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 | |

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ADDRESS SERVICE-
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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