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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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

I want to thank all those who attended our February 8 idea session to brainstorm scholarship and Tech Trek fundraising concepts.



Ideas included: hold a 19th Amendment themed scavenger hunt event around Auburn with teams of three – each team would pay an entrance fee and solicit sponsorships for their team; promote planned giving, including creating support systems; hold an online auction; create a monthly recurring donation option; sell feminist merchandise at events; do a gourmet dinner raffle; hold a Mother’s Day High Tea; and reach beyond our membership for donations or ask wealthy people to donate. We have, thanks to Colleen Conley, a customizable letter you can use to send out to someone you think might donate to our scholarship fund. Contact me to get a copy of the letter.

Our next step is to form action plans on a few of the ideas at the next meeting – a notice will be sent out to members regarding the date and time of the Zoom meeting. Please consider attending – it’s a great way to support AAUW Auburn.

Switching topics, membership renewal is just around the corner. We will start processing renewal applications in mid-March for the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, membership year. This year dues are \$107, as National raised dues \$5.

Thank you for continuing your support of our AAUW Auburn Branch.

Sandra Niemi Scott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR MARCH

Shawnee Unger
Virginia Akers
Susan Rushton

Amber Lee-Alva
Brandee Ambrosia



MARK YOUR CALENDER
For important updates and details go to
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Key Public Policy/Community Dates for March 2022

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| March | Women's History Month |
| March 2 | Read Across America (Dr. Seuss's birthday!) |
| March 8 | International Women's Day |
| March 22 | World Water Day |
| March 31 | Caesar Chavez Day (<i>Please see Quote of the Month</i>) |
| April 2 | Auburn AAUW April Program (Board Election) |

Public Policy Dates for Spring 2022

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| 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 |

2022-2023 NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTED AUBURN AAUW BOARD MEMBERS

President– Deb Sabo
President Elect— none
Program Vice President—none
Membership Co-Vice Presidents—Barbara Gerletti-Weiss, Sharon Watson-Hamilton
Secretary—Bonnie Wilson
Co Treasurers—Jan Winter, Caryl Daly

Contact our Nominations Chair, Norma Sexton for questions and. We will vote at our April Program meeting.

Norma Sexton

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 existing members to contribute your special talent and new ideas.

Elected Officers-

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

- ◆ Program Committee and VP (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.

Many thanks to our Appointed Officers who will stay on.
Communication Chair– Barbara Gerletti-Weiss
Public Policy—Susan Roughgarden
Scholarship Chair– Brandee Ambrosia
TechTrek/STEM Co Chairs –Rachel Kanowsky, Valerie Lease

Contact our Nominations Chair, Norma Sexton for questions.
Norma Sexton

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER SUSAN HAYES

I was born at Sarah Lawrence Hospital in NY. Moved to LA when I was 7. Have two sisters. My mom is still alive and lives in Carmichael (she is going to be 95 in July).

I have two kids: a daughter, Anna, who lives in Dijon, France and a son, James, who is still at home.

I'm divorced. Many times.

I went to UCLA as an undergrad. Got an MA at the Univ of Oregon and a JD from Berkeley's law school.

I was a trial lawyer from 1986 to 2013. I also teach yoga. I got certified to teach in 1999 and had a studio up in Meadow Vista and Applegate called Mountain Top Yoga from 2000-2006. Now, I teach yoga on Zoom three days a week and at the Auburn Yoga studio in the Victorian Village two days/week.

I have a dog named Dobby - a little rescue chiweenie-Jack Russell mix. I walk him twice a day; our favorite spot is the Auburn cemetery.

My interests are: cooking, gardening, canning and preserving, reading, and volunteering.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER KAY BLACK

I was born and raised in Imperial Valley, a very tight knit farming community, and really did not leave there until I was 18 when I entered UC Riverside. I graduated from UCR in 1970 with a BA in sociology and a minor in Spanish. Spanish came easily to me because at the age of 3 I was speaking it along with English in our bilingual town. I was a middle child with 2 brothers, one on each side of my age, who assumed the job to protect and harass me and my friends.

After getting my degree, on a lark, I applied for a job at Nevada County Social Services, and got it! Imagine moving from a desert farming town to Nevada City! I'll never forget my first time seeing the leaves change and driving in snow. I subsequently transitioned to a position with Social Security Admin in Auburn, that took me to jobs in several areas of the greater Sacramento area, and got a chance to make many friends.

In 1988, I decided to switch focus in my career, and returned to school for a Masters degree in clinical social work at CSUS. That involved lots of driving for night classes as I continued working part time in Auburn. I finished my internship hours at the Reno Veterans Administration hospital, (more driving) and was offered a clinical position there after graduation in 1992. The experience of working for what started out as "a few" years for the V.A. and turned out to be 22, is a story in itself, but I was given the opportunity to work with all kinds of people and situations, and I'm very grateful for the years well spent there.

I retired the first time in 2015, after moving back to Auburn when the VA clinic opened here. Went to work for the El Dorado County psychiatric locked program as the social service director. Returned to work for the V.A. as a contracted therapist, then most recently, am working part time as a social worker for Sutter Visiting Nurses and Hospice program locally. That makes 3 retirements, right?

I joined AAUW after my neighbor, Sue Dings, introduced me to its mission and the many good people it has attracted and assisted. Once our contact becomes a bit more face to face, I hope to get to know many of our members!

I have one daughter who is graduating this year from Washington State University with degrees in genetics and molecular biology.

My interests include dogs (I have an Old English Sheepdog), gardening, murder mysteries, and yes, hiking.



PUBLIC POLICY—Susan Roughgarden

Theme:

You are stronger than you think! Do one thing today to make your life better, and do something to help someone else.



What is Public Policy?

Public policy concerns laws and actions that affect citizens as a whole or a specific group, such as women, minorities, or labor. Public policies of a nation are shaped over time by education, advocacy groups, lobbyists, and interest groups. Another way to think about it is history examines past decisions, while public policy endeavors to influence current decisions so that we can ensure an optimal future.

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 launched on January 27. 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:

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/>

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INSPIRING WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<https://lookwhatshedid.com/>

Discover Untold Stories of Incredible Women



Discover compelling stories through ***Look What She Did!***, a nonprofit that collects and shares five-minute introductions to women who've made a difference in the world. Some figures are well-known, while others have led quiet-but-powerful lives. Dive into the site with your friends and family in recognition of Women's History Month. <https://lookwhatshedid.com/>

Topics include:

- A Life in Art
- AAPI Stories and Voices
- Flygirls!
- Geniuses of STEM
- Indigenous Women
- Black Women
- Power of the Pen
- Visionaries of Film and Theatre
- Warrior Queens, Outlaws, & Radical Nuns
- Women Who Dissent

Look What She Did! is a 501©3 nonprofit organization with the mission of bringing stories of astonishing women, past and present, to the forefront of our culture.

Inspiring Quote of the Month

“Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world. If people don't vote, everything stays the same.”

Dolores Huerta



United Farm Workers' Dolores Huerta organizing farm workers in Coachella, California, in 1969

In a striking example of how men can claim all the recognition and credit for great work, Dolores Huerta stood in the shadow of Cesar Chavez.

Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta is an American labor leader and civil rights activist who, with Cesar Chavez, is a co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association, which later merged with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee to become the United Farm Workers.

Huerta helped organize the [Delano grape strike](#) in 1965 in California and was the lead negotiator in the workers' contract that was created after the strike.

Huerta has received numerous awards for her community service and advocacy for workers', immigrants', and [women's rights](#), including the [Eugene V. Debs](#) Foundation Outstanding American Award, the United States Presidential [Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights](#) and the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#). She was the first Latina inducted into the [National Women's Hall of Fame](#), in 1993.

Huerta is the originator of the phrase, "[Sí, se puede](#)" As a role model to many in the [Latino](#) community, Huerta is the subject of many [corridos](#) (Mexican or Mexican-American [ballads](#)) and murals.

In California, April 10 is Dolores Huerta Day.



In 2011, President Obama gave Dolores Huerta the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

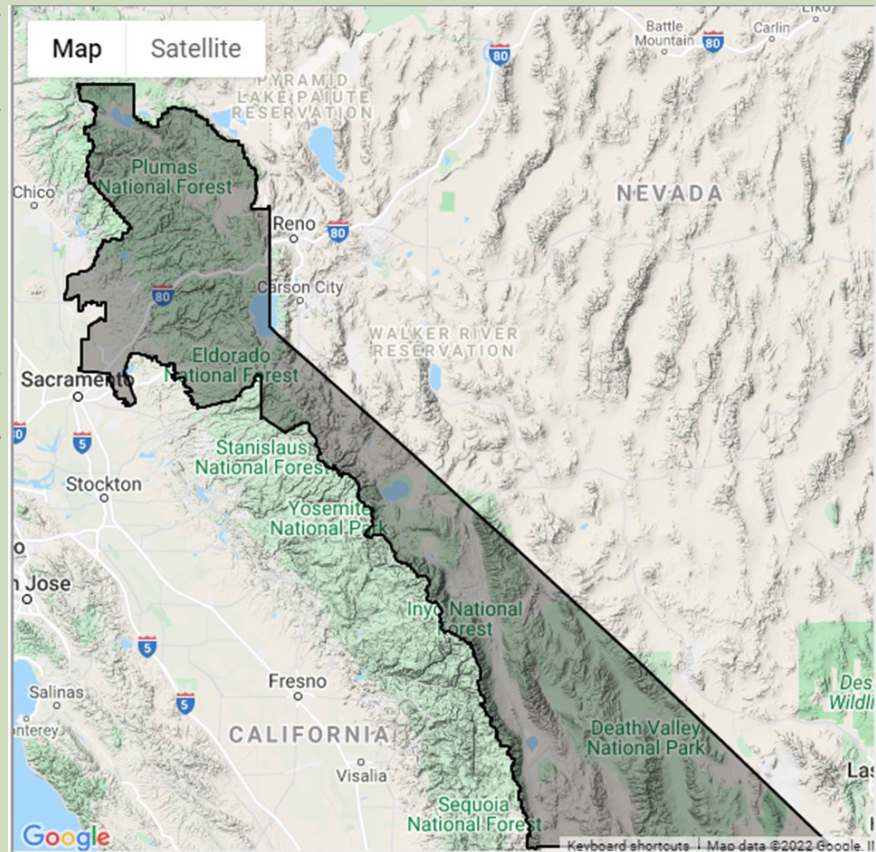
PUBLIC POLICY—Susan Roughgarden

GET TO KNOW YOUR CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE DISTRICTS

After months of planning meetings and public discussions, the new maps for Congress, State Senate, and State Assembly have been approved. Many people will be surprised to see that they are in a quite different district now, compared to what they have come to know over the past ten years.

The California Primary Election, to choose the top two contenders in each district (regardless of party affiliation), will take place on Tuesday, June 7. The National Election Day is Tuesday, November 8.

The changes for Auburn are significant. For example, we will no longer be in Doug LaMalfa's Congressional District 1. We are transitioning to become Congressional District 3, as shown in this map:



PUBLIC POLICY—Susan Roughgarden

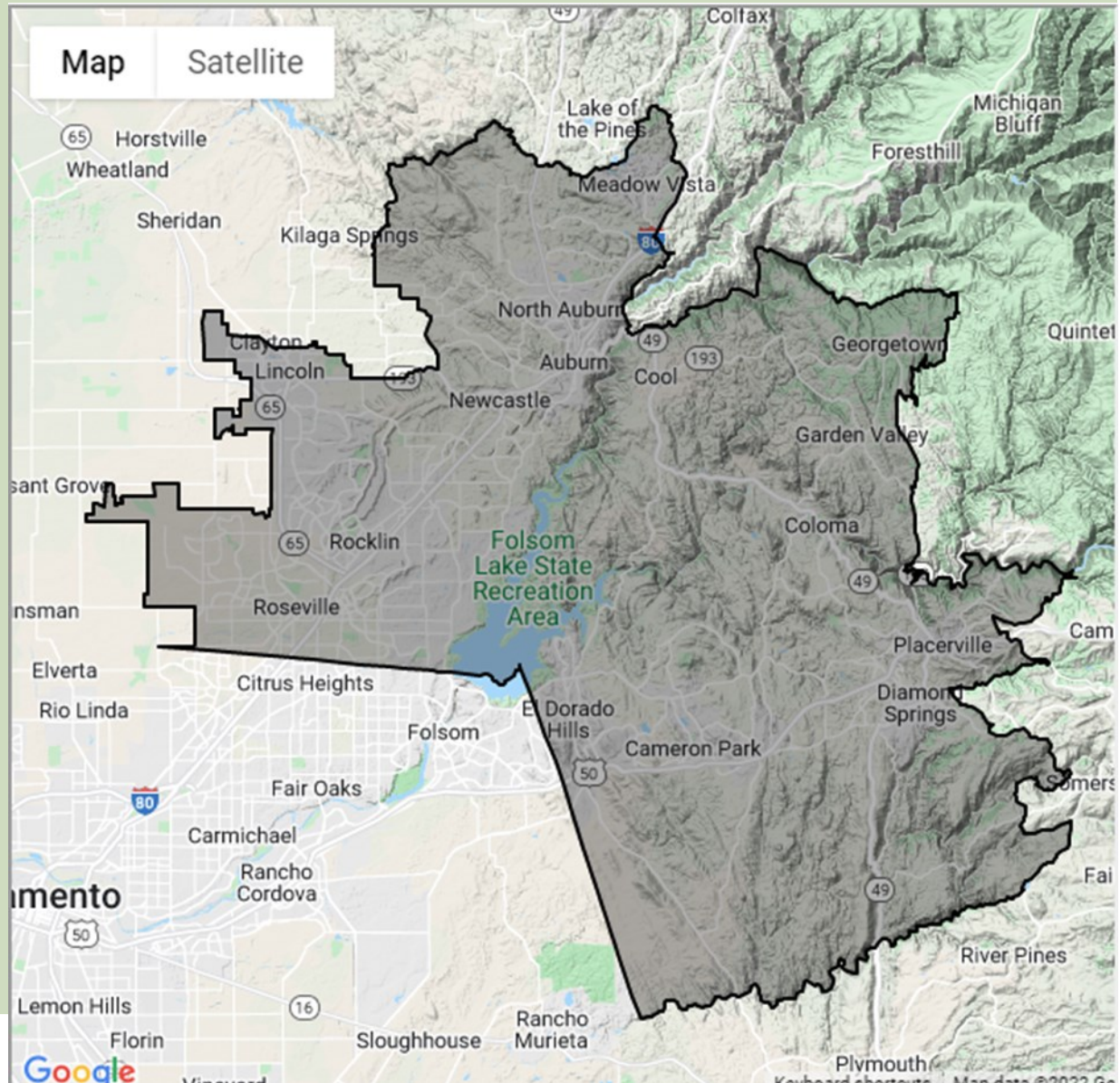
While the State District lines have also changed, we are still in Senate District 1, and Michael Dahle will continue to represent us until his term ends in 2024.



New Senate District 1 (SD 1)

PUBLIC POLICY—Susan Roughgarden

In contrast, the Assembly District lines changes significantly. We will no longer be represented by Megan Dahle in Assembly District 1. Now we will be in Assembly District 5, as illustrated with this map:



New Assembly District 5 (AD 5)

In our next newsletter, we will provide links for all major candidates. The filing deadline is March 11, so we will soon have a clear picture of who will be running for office.

**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

MARCH 2022 SECTION NEWS

Contact Susan Rushton,

BOOKSTERS: Booksters meets via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. on Monday March 21. The book will be "Thunderstruck" by Erik Lawson. Shawnee Unger will lead the discussion. Contact Carol Francis if you would like to join the discussion and she will send you ZOOM Instructions.

BOOKMARKS: Bookmarks plan to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 18. For further information, please contact Sue Dings

BOOKENDS: Meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 at the home of Deb Sabo: We're reading Deacon King Kong, by James McBride. Please let Deb know if you're coming. If you have questions, contact Susan Rushton:

DRAMA READING: meets at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the home of Helene Crandall. We read a play and discuss it. Please let Helene 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: Our group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 11 at Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Please be vaccinated, boosted, and wear a mask. We'll have an open forum on the topic: "The Renewed Climate Change Agenda," pp. 29-40. With questions, contact Elsie.

HIKING GROUP: We are back to hiking with Auburn AAUW. March 10th we hike Cascade Canal Trail near Nevada City. March 24th we will hike Quarry Trail to the climbing rocks. Contact Deb Sabo for more details.

TECH CONNECT: Wednesday, March 9th at 3pm. Please join us via zoom. RSVP to either Steve Lease or Deb Sabo at if you are a new attendee.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

AAUW BOARD MEETING

February 1, 2022

Those present via Zoom: Sandra Scott, Barbara Gerletti-Weiss, Sharon Watson-Hamilton, Jan Winter, Susan Roughgarden, Brandee Ambrosia, Caryl Daly, Steven Lease, Colleen Conley, Bonnie Wilson

After President Scott called the meeting to order, these announcements were made:

1. Fundraising Committee meeting 2-8-22 at 5 PM via Zoom
2. Will ask for volunteers thru the newsletter to work the June 7 election.

Sight Word Busters is looking for tutors. We will ask for volunteers in the newsletter, partnering with the community again!

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report- Caryl Daly and Jan Winter

\$540 in deposits for the International Dinner should be returned to us.

We have the debit card and will use it to pay National dues for now.

Moved by Barbara Gerletti-Weiss and seconded by Susan Roughgarden to accept the Treasurer's report. PASSED. (See attached)

Membership – Barbara Gerletti-Weiss and Sharon Watson-Hamilton

Currently, we have 77 members.

National dues will be increased next year by \$3 to \$67.

Program – Colleen Conley and Steven Lease – no report

Scholarships – Brandee Ambrosia

Have 23 applications for our high school senior scholarships. We offer 7 plus an alternate.

President Scott has completed a grant proposal which will be turned in tomorrow. The grant is for \$112,000.

Tech Trek – Rachel Kanowsky and Valerie Lease

No changes yet – see report

Public Policy – Susan Roughgarden

Looking for candidates for Auburn and Colfax City Councils. Encouraging members to be aware of openings. Roughgarden will investigate seats coming up for Placer County Board of Education.

DEI – Julann Brown – no report

Website/Newsletter – Deb Sabo – no report

Nominations – Norma Sexton – no report

New Business

5 Star Program – National's initiative for branches to make a difference in 5 key areas: Advancement; Public Policy; Governance & Sustainability; Programs and Communication & External Relations.

We have achieved some of these goals. Most members felt we could achieve more next year. Discussion ensued.

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

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

July 2022-JULY 2023 MEMBERSHIP STARTS MID-MARCH 2022

2022-23 AAUW Auburn (CA) Branch Membership Form

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

DUES & DONATIONS (\$107 Annual Dues - National \$67, State \$20, Branch \$20=\$107)

Optional Local Donations

\$107 Annual Dues
 \$3 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 **National** donations make separate check(s) payable to AAUW with the fund name in the memo line. Checks will be forwarded to the National Office. Mail to the address below.

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"/> Fundraising | <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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MAIL YOUR CHECK AND THIS FORM TO:

AAUW Auburn, Attention Membership
 PO Box 7872, Auburn, CA 95604

You can also pay at the Auburn AAUW WEB Site at www.auburn-ca.aauw.net. Hit the donate button on the WEB site and enter the total from this form. Pay with your credit card or PayPal account. You still need to send in this form. Take a photo of the form and email it in to auburnaauw@gmail.com

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

State:

www.aauw-ca.org

National:

www.aauw.org