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



I am writing my President's letter from Provincetown, Cape Cod, Mass. In mid-April, I traveled from Auburn to Boston and then Cape Cod on family business. This trip was the first I took since July 2019. Why am I telling you this – because it is about firsts.

We had the first in-person election in my two years as president. We planned to have it outdoors at a park, and then the weather turned to rain – unusual for this time of year, especially this year. Members Sharon Watson-Hamilton, Barbara Gerletti-Weiss, Deb Sabo, Bonnie Wilson, Colleen Conley, and others quickly shifted gears and found a venue - indoors – to hold our election meeting.

It was clear that those attending were thrilled to be in the company of AAUW members, as was I. The next meeting, on May 25th, will be our installation of officers and scholarship recipients. Details are in this newsletter. I hope to see you at our next meeting.

*Sandra Niemi Scott*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR MAY

Norma Brink  
Steve Lease  
Rachel Kanowsky  
Mary Stevens  
Diane Fishburn

Mary Ellen Oliveira  
Delana Ruud  
Carol Waechter  
Leslie Warner  
Dale Shuttleworth



## UPDATES TO DIRECTORY

Pam Hart

Sheryl Petersen

Robin Rice

Leslie Warner

Addresses and phone numbers  
are removed on the WEB

## MARK YOUR CALENDER

For important updates and details go to  
[www.auburn-ca.aauw.net](http://www.auburn-ca.aauw.net)

### Key Public Policy/Community Dates for May 2022

May 1 International Labor Day

May 3 World Press Freedom Day

May 10 Hiking Group tours Auburn's Old Cemetery with Diane Fishburn

May 25 Scholarship Program 5:30 PM at Tap And Vine (see more details in Newsletter)

May 30 Memorial Day Holiday

### UPCOMING

July 23 Auburn Adventure Scavenger Hunt - Get you team together now!

## OUR BOARD ELECTION MEETING GREAT FUN

The April 14 Election Meeting was delightful In spite of the welcome rain. The turnout was higher than expected and we all enjoyed delicious 'home made' choices from the buffet provided by a few of our members.

Mary Walker and Diane Fishburn provided highlights of the Scholarship Committee emphasizing the quality of the applicants. They are seeking other members who may have an interest in this worthy committee.

Sharon Watson-Hamilton tempted us with plans-in-development for a Auburn town Scavenger Hunt . There will be more details to follow but it sounded intriguing especially since our activities- including our beloved Trivia Bee- have been limited of late.

The new board for 2022-23 was elected and are as follows: President, Deb Sabo, VP-open, Secretary-Bonnie Wilson, Co-Treasures- Caryl Daly and Jan Winter, Membership-Barbara Gerletti-Weiss and Sharon Watson-Hamilton, Programs-open.

We need a journalist to step in as Newsletter Editor since Deb will have her hands full as our president. Deb has set the bar high but we know there is talent out there ready to shine. We also need a Program Chairperson so critical to our meetings.

Rachel Kanowski reported that although it was a challenge to pick up the pieces due to outdated contacts she and Valarie Lease have secured spots for six students in a 'live 'setting for this year's TechTrek. Good work, ladies.

Sharon Watson-Hamilton had a few fun games for us. One was to have new members do "Truth, Truth, Lie". It was great fun. Creative Sharon W-H challenged the six board members seated on chairs to solicit common objects (lip balm, a nickel, a



labeled pen, etc) named by Sharon from members and quickly return to their seats. One chair was removed for each 'run' until the winner was in the last chair. Jan Winter was the quickest and the winner! You have the moves, Jan!

Plan to join us again, and for the last time this season, on May 25, '22 where we plan to meet at 5:30 PM at Tap and Vine at the White House Restaurant located at 130 Maple Street, Auburn, to celebrate our scholarship recipients. Brandy Ambrosia and committee do an outstanding job ferreting out the most deserving of the applicants who will be our guests. Cost will be \$35 which also helps us cover food for our scholarship recipients. We will be served hearty hors d'oeuvres and no-host libations.

We will also install the incoming board as their duties begin on July 1. This will be a good time to meet and welcome our newest members to learn of their stories and perhaps share our own with them.

*Collen Conley*

## A CHANCE TO JOIN THE 2022-2023 AUBURN AAUW BOARD

The good news is that we have elected a new board for 2022-2023. We are still looking for a few people for the Program Committee. We always have someone stand up, even at the last moment, so we ask you to consider this.

If you are concerned about the commitment, we have several seasoned board members who offered to guide and help. You can commit to be a helper, if you prefer. There are 4 key meetings per year and the agenda is pretty set. We know how to get the facilities and how to do food or snacks. But we need you to jump in and make it happen.

- ♦ 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)

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. June will be the last Newsletter for a few months as we don't normally send out a July or August Newsletter. But we need someone in place by end of August to get out a September Newsletter. You'll have lots of help to get started and it's a wonderful way to help Auburn AAUW stay connected with our members. We could stop doing the Newsletter or just sending an occasional email. If you want to keep the Newsletter going—please email Deb Sabo and just say “Yes— keep the Newsletter. “

Contact our Nominations Chair, Norma Sexton for questions.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL GOES THROUGH JUNE

Membership renewal started in March and ends in June. We are already receiving your forms and membership fees. Thank you!

A membership form is attached to this Newsletter and is available on the web site. [www.auburn-ca.aauw.net](http://www.auburn-ca.aauw.net).

You can mail a check or pay on the web site with your credit card using the donate button and put your card number into PayPal. Either way be certain to get us the membership form.

One change you will see is a voluntary donation of \$30 to pay for mailing the Newsletter. On the Membership form you can choose email or US post mail to receive the Newsletter. We are happy to do either. Email gets you the Newsletter sooner and in color. But we do print a black and white version (~\$2 per copy) and mail it (~\$0.80 per mailer). The cost of printing and mailing is more than \$30 a year per mailer. This donation is purely voluntary and will help us offset this cost.

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER MARY LORD



My parents were from New York and Maryland, but I was raised in tropical southeast Florida, where my uncle and then my mother landed after WWII. My mother's marriage broke up, and she worked five and a half days a week supporting me, my two brothers, and my grandmother.

I graduated from Florida State University with a BA in Theater and a minor in English. The University of Arizona offered me a graduate assistantship, which I accepted, and earned an MA in Theater. I taught high school for two years, did some acting and directing in community theater, married, had two boys, moved to San Jose, and was a homemaker for several years, after which I was a partner in a Silicon Valley ad agency for eight years. Around then I was divorced from my children's father.

I developed a yearning to know more about human nature and to work in a more meaningful way, so I completed an MA in Counseling/Psychotherapy at the University of

San Francisco. In 1985 my first born son, age 14, died from a short illness. I was immersed in a period of grieving, spiritual exploration, and also of working on my MFT license. I maintained a private practice for twenty years.

I moved to Auburn in 2002, am retired now and am remarried. My husband works full time as head of the legal department at a Silicon Valley company. My surviving son is an Alternate Media Technology Specialist at Chabot College's Disabled Students Program.

As a child, I loved horses, and finally, at age 65, I started riding and had a horse for about seven years, after which, in my 70s with brittle bones, I took up watercolor painting instead, another childhood interest. I love hiking, snowshoeing, swimming, traveling, reading, and the blessing of close family and friends. Life has brought both pain and joy, and I'm grateful for all of it.



## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER CHARLENE KIESSELBACH

I was born in San Francisco into a first generation Italian family — the oldest of five kids. When I was young, my family moved to Los Altos on the Peninsula, which was then considered to be the apricot, cherry and prune capital of the “world,” and a new suburb of San Francisco — well before the tech industry populating the area now.

After graduating from high school, I went to UC Berkeley where I majored in English literature. I worked my way through college and took a year off between my junior and senior year to earn money. I got a job as a “stewardess” for United Airlines. There were no “flight attendants” then and only young, unmarried women qualified. After I graduated from UC Berkeley, I went to the Université de Montreal and earned a Masters in English.

I got married, had my first son, and decided to apply to law school. I graduated from UC Hastings College of the Law in 1977. I worked as an attorney in San Francisco for 17 years during which time my second son was born. I was active in several organizations to promote the interests of women and families in the legal profession, including Queen’s Bench Bar Association, where I was President in 1986.

I was the first woman appointed to the Board of Directors of UC Hastings College of the Law and was the first woman Chair of the Board in 1994. In 1995, I was appointed to the San Francisco Municipal Court by Governor Wilson, and was elevated to the Superior Court by consolidation of the Courts in 1997. During the 25 years that I was on the bench, I was principally a trial judge, presiding over both civil and criminal courts. I was active in judicial education and judicial ethics. Through my involvement with the National Association of Women Judges, I started the Color of Justice program in San Francisco, which is an interactive program designed to encourage high school students of color and from less affluent circumstanc-



es to consider a career in the law. I retired from the Court the end of July 2020.

I feel very fortunate and privileged in my profession, and to have been able to serve my community both as a judge and with community outreach programs.

Upon retirement, I live principally in Auburn on a ranch with my husband. Between us, we have five married children and eight grandchildren. We love the beauty of this area and the ability to take advantage of many outdoor activities and interests. I practice yoga and I enjoy hiking and skiing and my husband, John, and I cycle — although we have now transitioned to electric bikes (with a nod to our longevity). We love to travel and have been fortunate to visit many fascinating places both abroad and in the United States. With the beautiful climate in Auburn, I am a novice rosarian and have joined the Gold County Rose Society.

I continue to have a house in San Francisco and go there regularly to be with family (including grandchildren!) and friends, and to enjoy the City. I love to cook and to have family and friends over. And, I read a lot — mostly fiction. In short, I have many interests and love sharing with other people. I joined AAUW to make new friends and to be more a part of this beautiful community we live in.

## JOIN THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE!

Are you not only interested in making a difference but also seeing the results before your very eyes? Are you passionate about the importance of education in enabling women to achieve their highest potential? Are you committed to increasing the number of women who pursue STEM careers?

If you answer yes to these questions, then you should consider joining the Scholarship Committee. It is our job to establish and monitor the scholarship process, and best of all, to review the applications and choose the scholarship recipients. It is certainly an honor and privilege to both hold the trust of our members and donors and to recognize and literally award those very deserving women in our community.



The work of the Scholarship committee is concentrated in the late fall and early months when we receive and review the applications. We may meet at other times to discuss program policies and fundraising. Our committee is currently composed of members who do not always agree but all of us are committed to working through our decisions together with respect and always mindful of our AAUW goals.

Are you interested? Do you have any questions? Please contact Mary Walker or Diane Fishburn. We will be happy to discuss any questions you might have.

And, by the way, 2022 is a great time to join the Committee because under the leadership of our chair Brandee Ambrosia, we are committed to meeting in June or July to discuss the program as a whole including various aspects of the process and our policies. We welcome new ideas.

## JOIN US AT THE POLLING BOOTH JUNE 7th

Auburn AAUW will work the polls for the primary election June 7. We need you to volunteer for 3 hours only. It's a good fund raiser for Auburn AAUW and helps pay for our scholarships and Tech Trek. Our precinct is at ARD, 123 Recreation Dr, Auburn. You will get a notice from Placer County about training. Please attend training if you haven't done this before. Don't let it scare you. Anything that comes up on election day, we can handle. You have 6 other AAUW members there to help you. Plus Auburn AAUW gets paid for your training.



Contact Bonnie Wilson for more info and available time slots.



## AUBURN AAUW MEMBER CREATES A CLIMATE MINISTRY BY LINDA FRANKLIN

Almost a year ago, I became inspired by a book, *Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action, and Climate Change*, by Stephen A. Jurovics, that my St. Luke's Episcopal Church group read. Jurovics, a person of faith and an engineer, focused on the moral, spiritual, and religious obligations that all people of faith are under to restore and preserve our earth.

I liked Jurovic's approach because I particularly hoped focusing on our moral and spiritual obligations would help us avoid the political and cultural divisions that get in the way of dealing with this existential crisis now facing humankind and all the eighty million other species with whom we share our beautiful home.

I was inspired to create a Climate Ministry at St. Luke's and was supported by our priest, Fr. Brian Rebholtz, to do so. We opened last July with a community showing of *Kiss the Ground*, a documentary about the power of regenerative agriculture to sequester carbon. Since then, we have worked on topics of plastic waste reduction and of clean energy, and have featured local speakers and environmental authors.

Recently, our St. Luke's Climate Ministry and The First Congregational Church of Auburn's Green Team have formed a partnership to share organization, meeting plans and locations. We now are the Placer Earth Care Action group, PECA. We meet monthly on the first Sunday of the month at 1:15 at the Congregational Church at 710 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn. Beginning June 16, we will be showing monthly environmental movies at St. Luke's at 124 Orange St, Auburn.

**This coming Sunday, May 1, 1:15p at Congregational Church's Fireside Room, Placer Earth Care Action is screening the powerful movie *Youth v Gov*.**

Directed by filmmaker and scientist Christi Cooper, *YOUTH v GOV* is the story of the [\*Juliana v. The United States of America\*](#) constitutional lawsuit and the 21 American youth, ages 14 to 25, who are taking on the world's most powerful government. Since 2015, the legal non-profit [Our Children's Trust](#), has been representing these youth in their landmark case against the U.S. government for violating their constitutional rights to life, liberty, personal safety, and property through their willful actions in creating the climate crisis they will inherit. If they're successful, they'll not only make history, they'll change the future.

### INTERESTED IN THE ENVIRONMENT?

Join us the first Sunday of every month!

## PLACER EARTH CARE ACTION

**SUNDAY, MAY 1ST  
1:15PM**

Auburn Congregational Church  
701 Ravine Road, Auburn, CA 95603

May's meeting will feature a showing of *YOUTH v GOV*, the story of America's youth taking on the world's most powerful government.



Placer Earth Care Action is a partnership of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Auburn First Congregational Church climate ministries.

## AUBURN AAUW MEMBER CREATES A CLIMATE MINISTRY

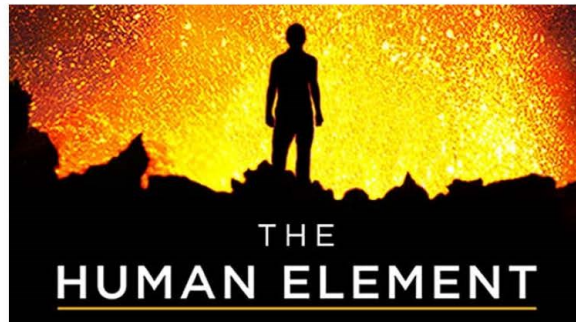
**On June 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Luke's Parish Hall, we will show The Human Element.**

With rare compassion and heart, "The Human Element" follows environmental photographer James Balog on his quest to highlight Americans on the frontlines of climate change, inspiring us to re-evaluate our relationship with the natural world. Directed by Matthew Testa and featuring James Balog.

All Placer Earth Care Action meetings and movie screenings are open to the public and free of charge. Donations are accepted.

Please join us.

*Linda Franklin*



Join us every **third Thursday at 6:30pm**  
for a free movie.

Hosted by the Placer Earth Care Action partnership of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Auburn First Congregational Church.

The Human Element  
June 16 at 6:30pm  
Parish Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
124 Orange St. Auburn, 95603

**FREE**  
Donations Welcome

## AUBURN AAUW DIVERSITY, EQUALITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE TO LAUNCH

**As Maya Angelou said, “In diversity, there is beauty and there is strength.”**

AAUW seeks to promote inclusion and awareness for all members and to create an equitable, sustainable and inclusive membership reflective of today’s world. Auburn AAUW recognizes the need to attract and retain members and to celebrate the diversity that all individuals bring. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee will aim to identify best practices for promoting diversity, equity and inclusion within Auburn AAUW and encourage all members to seek ways to incorporate inclusive practices into their branches and daily life.

Our new DEI Committee Chair, Julann Brown, is looking to hold the first DEI Committee Meeting in June. If you are interested in serving on this new committee, please email Julann Brown.



Past & Upcoming Webinars

[Creating Allyship](#)

[Intersectionality Identified](#)

[Social Justice: Creating Change](#)

Thursday, May 26 | 7pm ET

[Register now](#)

**Theme:**

**Plant seeds to create your future.**



## **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**

## **INSPIRING WEBSITE OF THE MONTH**

<https://www.amihtygirl.com/>



This well-researched site features books, music, toys, and more to encourage girls of all ages (0 – 100+). The books, recommended for specific age groups, are a outstanding source of gifts and inspiration.

<https://www.amihtygirl.com/>

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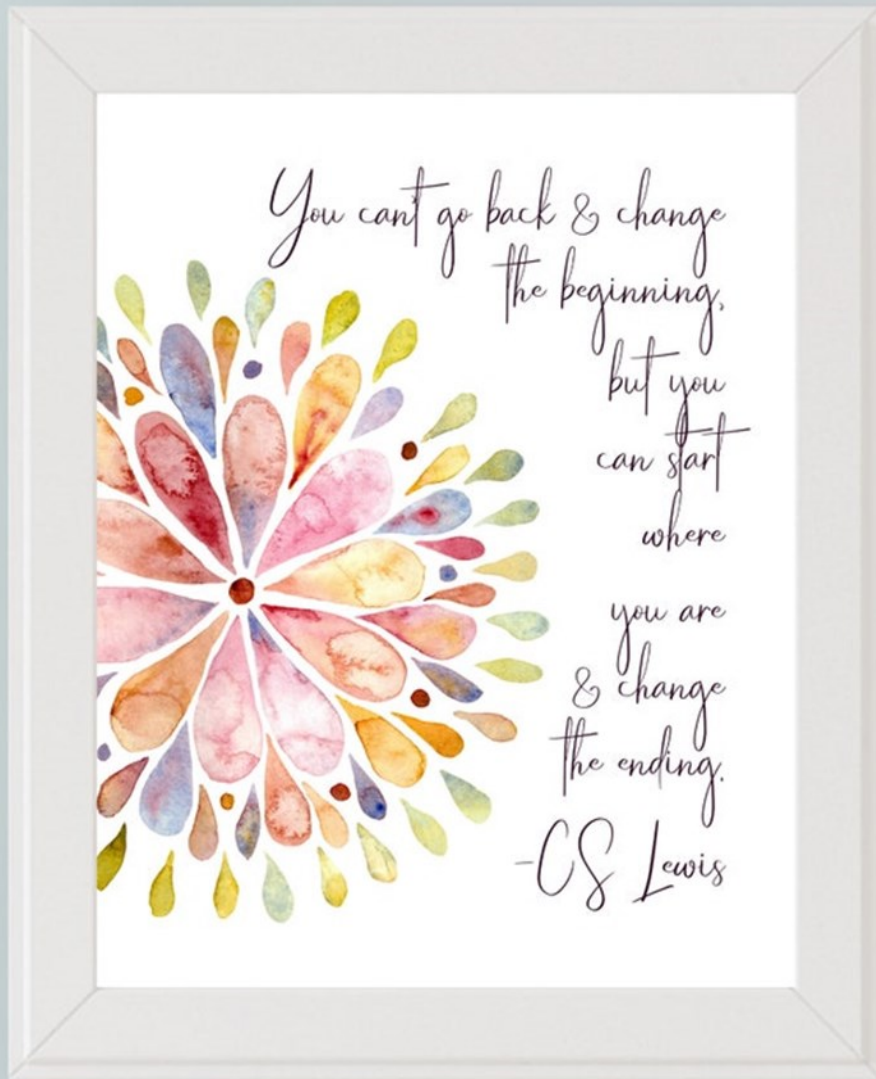
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## Inspiring Quote of the Month

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## PUBLIC POLICY—Susan Roughgarden

### LOBBY WEEK: APRIL 11-15, 2022

One of the missions of AAUW is to work for public policies that support women and children. With that goal in mind, AAUW monitors legislation at the federal, state, and local level. We hire public policy professionals to read proposed legislation, follow its progress through the legislative hearings, and testify about the potential impact of the bills.

Last year, AAUW organized a Lobby Day where regular AAUW members met virtually with legislators or staff to discuss our top three bills. This year, we offered to meet by Zoom any time during the entire week of April 11, a week when the legislators were in their home districts and not in session.

The purpose was to make it as easy as possible for legislators to find a suitable time to meet their constituents. For the second year in a row, neither California Senator Brian Dahle nor his wife, Assemblywomen Megan Dahle accepted our invitation to talk with AAUW members about pending legislation.

Last year, because Brian and Megan Dahle were unavailable, I joined forces with a district to our west and met with their legislators. This year I joined forces with Nevada County AAUW, which is also represented by Brian and Megan Dahle. We met with the Legislative Assistant for Assemblyman Brian Maienschein (AD 77).



AAUW Auburn and AAUW Nevada County are both represented by State Senator Brian Dahle and Assemblywoman Megan Dahle, but the Dahles did not accept our request for a Zoom meeting. Consequently, AAUW members from our two branches met with Legislative Assistant Nippitch Booraasomphop (lower right), who works for Assemblyman Brian Maienschein (AD-77). In clockwise order from the upper right are Susan Roughgarden (Auburn AAUW), Deborah Jude-York, and Melanie Heckel.

**LOBBY WEEK: APRIL 11-15, 2022**

## Synopses of AAUW's Top Three Bills

In preparation for Lobby Week, AAUW volunteers studied details about AAUW's top three priority bills, and we explained them to legislators and legislative staff. Here is a brief description of the three bills that were our top priorities for this legislative year:

### **Economic Security AB 92 (Reyes) – Child Care Family Fee Waiver**

The American Association of University Women California (AAUW CA) is a proud co-sponsor on AB 92 (Reyes), which will provide relief from the burdens that families face in paying for childcare by eliminating childcare family fees through September 30, 2024.

One of the most challenging issues facing women is that of affordable childcare. High standards of childcare bring stability for working families and in turn, creates rich experiences for children to thrive. Unfortunately, childcare can consume a large portion of a family's budget – especially for those working in low paid industries, many of whom are mothers, people of color and moreover, those who are essential workers. This cost is especially significant for the 18% of families with children that live below the poverty line in California (California Budget & Policy Center: April 2019).

These struggling families must often choose whether to pay family fees or pay for other basic needs. In many cases, it is the childcare providers that forgo the family fee because they understand and sympathize with the family's economic situation. This, in turn, causes economic harm to providers who can ill-afford to lose limited financial resources.

In the 2021-22 State Budget, we were successful in obtaining \$65 million to waive family fees for those making 75% or below the state median income. In the 2022-23 State Budget, we are seeking \$187 million to extend the waiver of family fees through 2024, and AB 92 is being amended to simply ensure conformity with recent federal law permanently capping family fees.

Thus far, 26,578 families have benefited from the suspension of family fees from July 1, 2021, to January 31, 2022. Families who are charged fees have saved an average of \$250 per month, with hundreds of families saving nearly \$600 per month. Thus far, waiving fees has kept \$48.3 million dollars in the pockets of California's working families statewide, providing resources to put food on the table, pay rent or utilities, or otherwise provide for their families – giving them the disposable income that generates economic activity in their local economy.

Ultimately, families who simply cannot meet the family fee obligation end up leaving the childcare program, causing greater burden and harm to their economic security. Lack of childcare can cost a parent their job or require them to give up on their educational goals – and their hope for rising out of poverty. It can also force them to rely more heavily upon state assistance. All these circumstances delay or ultimately prevent these families from achieving economic stability and breaking the cycle of poverty.

**LOBBY WEEK: APRIL 11-15, 2022**

**Social Justice  
AB 1666 (Bauer-Kahan)**

In 2021, the State of Texas enacted a sweeping, civilly enforced, abortion restriction that prohibited any person from performing, or aiding and abetting, a person in obtaining an abortion after the detection of a “fetal heartbeat.” The law provides that third parties may file lawsuits to enforce the law, regardless of the plaintiff’s relation to the defendant, and regardless of if the plaintiff lives in the state or suffers any actual harm. Due to the broad definition of “aiding and abetting” in the Texas statute it could be used, in theory, against a wide range of persons, even including Californians who donate to pro-choice, pro-women organizations.

AB 1666 would prohibit a lawsuit in California state courts of any out-of-state law that

imposes civil liability on a person who receives, performs, or aids a person in the state of California in obtaining an abortion. The bill also provides that California will not enforce an out-of-state judgment against persons or entities stemming from such a law.

AB 1666 prohibits California courts from being utilized as a venue for hearing such cases subject to the Texas (or any other state’s similar statute). In so much as this bill seeks to prevent “fetal heartbeat” civil actions from being filed in California courts, should this bill become law, it would essentially be a public action expressing California’s public policy that the courts of this state should “choose” California law when evaluating such a case. By adopting this measure, the Legislature would simply be avoiding the “absurd result” of this state’s courts not being able to enforce their own laws. Please vote “yes” on AB1666



**LOBBY WEEK: APRIL 11-15, 2022**

**Education**  
**AB 1968 Assembly Member Kelly Seyarto**  
**Uniform Guidance for Sexual Assault Survivors**

Under existing law, California’s public higher education systems utilize trainings for students, faculty, and staff to promote environments where sexual assault and violence are prevented in addition to bringing attention to resources to respond to these traumatic events. However, the lack of uniformity on how information is presented on CSU and UC websites can make it a challenge for survivors to find crucial information. The author contends that some higher education websites host information that is virtually inaccessible on a mobile device or “just plain confusing to look at.”

- While there are many sections of the California Education Code that direct specified information be posted on an institution’s internet website, there is generally a lack of specificity as to the manner in which that information is displayed.
- To ensure that sexual assault informational guidance is uniform across the internet websites of all campuses of each of their respective segments, AB 1968 requests the Trustees of the CSU and the Regents of the UC to develop standards for the content and presentation of information. These are to include resources regarding the steps a student who is a victim of a sexual assault might immediately take following the sexual assault, including the options, timing parameters, and potential outcomes relating to each step.
- The bill stipulates that the presentation standards include (1) Reporting the sexual assault to others who may provide emotional or other valuable help immediately following the sexual assault, such as advocates and counselors, health care service providers, and law enforcement agencies, and standards for a listing of the names, contact information, and services offered by each campus-based or community-based sexual assault resource. (2) Receiving proper medical attention following the sexual assault, including forensic evidentiary exams and other medical testing options. (3) Collecting and preserving evidence related to the sexual assault, including physical evidence and other types of evidence.
- The bill also requires developing a model internet website template incorporating the content standards developed.
- The author has agreed to include “Title IX offices” in the list of collaborators working to develop the standards and model specified in this legislation. The author will consider amending the bill to require the “governing board of each Community College district” to also conform to the provisions of this legislation.



## **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN NPNPARTISAN PLACER COUNTY CANDIDATE FORUM**

Constituents had an opportunity on April 13 to hear presentations from and to ask questions of candidates in Placer County, but only Democrats accepted this invitation. Organizers and voters were very disappointed not to be able to hear alternative points of view.

**This nonpartisan opportunity to meet candidates by Zoom was organized by:**

League of Women Voters of Placer County  
California Alliance for Retired Americans  
Placer People of Faith Together  
United Domestic Workers (UDW)

The following list shows who was invited for each section of the forum. Only the people's names in **bold** accepted the invitation:

### **Congressional District 3**

**Dr. Kermit Jones**

Kevin Kiley

David Peterson

Scott Jones

Peter John Delle

### **Senate District 6** (*Auburn is still in Senate District 1 – see this month's article below*)

**Paula Marie Villescaz**

Michael Huang

Roger Niello

### **Assembly District 5**

**Rebecca Chenoweth**

Greg Smith

Jonathan Zachreson

Jaso Paletta

Joe Patterson

Brian John Keeley

## May 2022 SECTION NEWS

Contact Susan Rushton,

**BOOKSTERS:** Booksters will meet at the home of Helene Crandall, at 1:30 pm on Monday, May 23. We will discuss the book "Still Life with Bread Crumbs," by Anna Quindlen, with Beth Metrock leading the session. We welcome new members. Contact Carol Francis if you would like to join the discussion, and she will send you details.

**BOOKMARKS:** Bookmarks will meet either Zoom-wise or in-person at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 20. Please contact Sue Dings for further info:

**BOOKENDS 2 PM:** Bookends (day time) meets at 2 PM on Wednesday, May 25 at Charlene Daniels' home. We'll be discussing "The Sweetness of Water," by Nathan Harris. If you have questions, contact Susan Rushton

**BOOKENDS II EVENINGS :** To continue to offer an evening book club at 7 PM, we have establish a Bookends II. For more info contact Sharon Watson-Hamilton.

**DRAMA READING:** meets at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at Susan Rushton's home. We read a play to each other and talk about it. All members welcome. For info: Call Susan Rushton

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

**GLOBAL ISSUES / GREAT DECISIONS:** Will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 13 at Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Please bring a mask. We'll have an open forum on the topic: "Xi's China Takes on the Quad." Contact Elsie

**HIKING GROUP:** Tuesday, May 10th we walk around Auburn's old cemetery with Diane Fishburn who will tell us about the Auburn women buried there. Thursday, May 26 we will hike Cascade Canal trail to see the Dog Woods in bloom. Contact Deb Sabo for more details.

**TECH CONNECT:** Wednesday 10th, 3 PM. Join ZOOM meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/434491707>  
Contact Steven Lease for more info



## **April BOARD MEETING**

### **AAUW AUBURN BRANCH BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 5, 2022**

Those present via Zoom: Sandra Scott, Deb Sabo, Brandee Ambrosia, Jan Winter, Sharon Watson-Hamilton, Barbara Gerletti-Weiss, Caryl Daly, Rachel Kanowsky, Colleen Conley, Mary Lord, Bonnie Wilson

After the meeting was called to order by President Scott, the March minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Jan Winter and Caryl Daly**

Discussion on initiating a brokerage account to accept stock donations. This account would not trigger tax fees. Steven Lease would waive brokerage fees and sell the stock immediately. Moved by Conley, seconded by Ambrosia to authorize Sandra Scott to contact Steven Lease to start the proceedings. PASSED.

We can also accept required minimum distribution amounts and the donor would avoid taxes on the distribution if they have it sent directly to us.

Move to accept treasurer's report as attached by Sabo, seconded by Kanowsky. PASSED

#### **Membership – Barbara Gerletti-Weiss and Sharon Watson-Hamilton**

79 members

Gerletti-Weiss studying National data base changes.

#### **Program – Colleen Conley**

April 14 is our elections meeting at ARD at 5:30PM. This will include a new member reception.

#### **Scavenger Hunt – Sharon Watson-Hamilton**

July 23 from 10-3. Teams of 3 (\$300) will start at Rose Room and finish tentatively at the new location of Old Town Pizza. Goal is to make \$5000.

#### **Scholarships – Brandee Ambrosia**

Seven high school grads and hopefully 3 Sierra College students will be awarded. We are changing the date to May 25 at 5:30PM. Location TBA.

Light appetizers and beverage will be served. Inviting winners and one guest.

If the winner has more than one guest, that person will be asked to pay whatever each member pays.

#### **Tech Trek – Rachel Kanowsky**

Six girls were selected.

#### **Public Policy – no report**

DEI – no report til June

#### **Website /Newsletter – Deb Sabo**

No newsletter in July or August.

In next year's renewals, ask for \$30 from those who wish their newsletter mailed to them.

#### **Nominations – no report**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Wilson, Secretary

## **April 14 BOARD ELECTION MEETING**

### **AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

4-14-22

Those present: Life members present: Sue Dings, Mary Stevens and Mary Ellen Oliveira.

President Sandra Scott called the meeting to order.

Anne Ruud moved, Julann Brown seconded we accept the following slate of officers for the 2022-23 year:

President – Deb Sabo

President-Elect – open

Program Vice President – open

Membership Co-Vice Presidents – Barbara Gerletti-Weiss and Sharon Watson-Hamilton

Secretary – Bonnie Wilson

Co-Treasurers – Jan Winter and Caryl Daly

No further nominations.

PASSED. Elected unanimously.

We are staffing a precinct June 7. We need volunteers.

Mary Walker and Diane Fishburn discussed our May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting where we will meet the scholarship winners.

Sue Dings told us about Ginna Akers' passing.

Rachel Kanowsky said we are sending 6 girls to Tech Trek.

Sharon Watson-Hamilton introduced the 5 new members present: Mary Lord, Kay Black, Susan Hayes, Julann Brown and Anne Ruud.

Fund raiser coming up is Scavenger Hunt July 23.

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

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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

<input type="text" value="\$ 107.00"/>	<b>\$107 Annual Dues</b>
<input type="text"/>	<b>\$3 for directory printing (optional and appreciated)</b>
<input type="text"/>	<b>AAUW AUBURN Tech Trek (science camp for middle school girls)</b>
<input type="text"/>	<b>AAUW AUBURN Scholarship Fund</b>
<input type="text"/>	<b>AAUW AUBURN General Support Donation</b>
<b>_____ TOTAL DUES &amp; DONATIONS</b>	

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

<input type="text"/>	National Donation to AAUW Educational Opportunities FundNational
<input type="text"/>	Donation to Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)
<input type="text"/>	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"/> 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	

**NEWSLETTER** Email ☐  
**PREFERENCE** U S Mail ☐ **Consider donating \$30 to General Support for printing & mailing cost.**

**MAIL YOUR CHECK AND THIS FORM TO:**

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

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

##### **State:**

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

##### **National:**

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