

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

May and June are the last 2 months in this Fiscal Year for Auburn AAUW. We begin July 1 with a newly elected board. We slow down for July and August, but behind the scenes the new board meets to plan our 2023-2024 programs. We are already planning our September 2023 Tech Trek meeting.

**Look for your membership renewal forms on-line.** Renewals are due by June 30. They can be mailed or you can pay using PayPal on the Web Site. [AAUW Member Form | Auburn \(CA\) Branch](#)

Everyone should fill out the membership form so we have updated info for the Directory, and you can tell us where you want your donations to go. They can be emailed to [auburnaauw@gmail.com](mailto:auburnaauw@gmail.com) or drop them in the mail.

Rumors have it that we will again, for the second year, have the fun filled Auburn AAUW Scavenger Hunt. It is back by popular demand from both team players and Auburn Businesses. More details will follow, but it will likely be in July.

Be sure to attend our May 31<sup>st</sup> Scholarship Awards meeting. It will be at the Winchester Community Clubhouse in Meadow Vista at 5:30 PM. It is Pot Luck and our scholarship women and their families will join us. An email and phone reminder will be coming soon.

Plans for a June meeting are underway. It is our last meeting until September, and we are thinking about an old fashion "get together" without an agenda.

Finally, let's take a minute to reflect on our accomplishments this past year. There was our best fundraising for a Trivia Bee ever, as we cleared over \$7,700. We had the first Auburn AAUW Speech Trek - what a great event. We had a meeting every month this year, and they were well attended with interesting topics. We will deliver more scholarships than any past year and we will send 6 girls to Tech Trek in July.

We had an amazing and enthusiastic board, willing to jump in and help. We had a number of articles in the Auburn Journal and we had a monthly video done by Auburn Community TV. (these can be seen on our Website at [AAUW News | Auburn \(CA\) Branch](#) ). And lastly, we had 3 new Members join. We should all be proud of the work we do as a branch. *Deb Sabo*



## SCHOLARSHIP/INSTALLATION MEETING MAY 31

Please join us for an opportunity to meet the amazing women that have been chosen to receive scholarships from our branch. We will be celebrating 12 high school students and 2 community college students. We have 1 from Colfax High, 2 from Foresthill, 3 from Del Oro, and 6 from Placer High. We are also awarding 1 re-entry scholarship as well as a scholarship for a student transferring to a 4-year school. We had lots of qualified candidates, but we think that you will be amazed and inspired by the students that we chose. We will not be announcing the names of the recipients until after the students have attended their high school awards nights during the week of May 15-19.

We will also be installing our Auburn AAUW Board members for 2023/2024 at this meeting.

**What:** Installation & celebration of our College Scholarship Recipients!

**When:** Wed., May 31 beginning at 5:30 pm

**Where:** Winchester Community Clubhouse, 1400 Lodgeview Drive, Meadow Vista, CA

Look for an email from Brandee about how to let us know that you will be joining us!

## THANK YOU TO THE TRIVIA BEE TEAM

A big Bee thank you to the Trivia Bee question committee. Charlene Daniels, Mary Stevens, Leslie Warner and our fabulous judge, Mary George, did an outstanding job. HerStory is a topic so broad and interesting, we could have had a million questions. It wasn't easy limiting it to 30.



Deb Sabo with winners: Larry Klink, Jo An Loop Hostler, Bob Hostler

## PUBLIC POLICY HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON OUR LIVES

One of the ways that AAUW is unique is that we not only grant scholarships and support women and girls in our communities, we also advocate for legislation that affects women, children, and families.

Every spring California AAUW organizes "Lobby Days," an opportunity for members to meet with their California Legislators and talk with them about the merits of bills that we support.

This year, we met with the following legislators or their staff: James Gallagher's Legislative Aide, Sue Miller (AD 3); Joe Patterson's Legislative Intern, Megan Schultze (AD 5); Brian Dahle (SD 1); Megan Dahle's Legislative Aide (AD 1) Legislative Director, Doria Wallentine

If you are interested in joining our AAUW Auburn Public Policy team, please contact Susan Roughgarden

### PRIORITY BILLS FOR 2023

#### Assembly Bill 549

Women in the US lost more than 5.4 million net jobs in the last two years of the pandemic, proportionally much worse than for men. This bill provides a framework for addressing structural elements of gender discrimination and occupational segregation.

#### Assembly Bill 1394

Social media companies prefer to self-regulate, but it is obviously not working because we've seen a surge in exploitation and trafficking. This bill would provide an incentive for social media platforms to improve their product design decisions to reduce the ease with which predators can use them to attract potential teen victims.

#### Senate Bill 287

Our youth are currently experiencing an unprecedented mental health crisis, and researchers attribute a significant part of the cause to their social media use. This bill would prohibit social media platforms from knowingly or negligently using a design, algorithm, or feature that causes child users to:

- Receive content that facilitates the purchase of fentanyl
- Inflict harm on themselves or others
- Develop an eating disorder
- Purposely take their own lives
- Experience addiction to the social media platform

## MAY/JUNE INTEREST GROUPS

**BOOKMARKS** will meet on the third Friday, May 19 & June 16 at 2 p.m. at Sue Dings home

**DRAMA READING:** Meets at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, May 2 and June 6. For information: Susan Rushton

**GLOBAL ISSUES/GREAT DECISIONS:** Global Issues/ Great Decisions: Meeting on at 10 a.m. Friday, May 12., at Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Topic: "Global Famine." Meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 9, Topic: "Energy Security." Contact: Elsie Gaura

**BOOKSTERS:** Meets in person on Monday, May 22; no meeting in June. For information, contact Carol Francis Next meeting in September. We are looking for at least one new member

**BOOKENDS:** Meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday, May 24 and June 28. We don't meet in July. For books and locations, contact Susan Rushton

**BRIDGE:** For information, days, and locations, contact Meredith Bruck. All members welcome.

**HIKING GROUP:** Hikes for May are planned for Thursday, May 11 and 25th. June hikes will be Thursday, June 15 & 29th . We will hike through the summer, so get on the email list for those dates. An email will go out early May and June with more details. Contact Deb Sabo to get on our monthly email list.

## Remembering Peggy Dunievitz

The Celebration of Life to honor the memory of Peggy Dunievitz will be held on Sunday, May 14, 2023, 1-3:30 PM at the Auburn Library's Beecher Room. RSVP to Monica Dunievitz by May 1st Lunch will be provided.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gwen Wallis , Marianna Petrovich