

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AUBURN AAUW IS ON A ROLL

We are off to a great start this year. We had our September Tech Trek meeting and 5 camp girls joined us to share their experience. Their presentations were very informative and they were enthusiastic and excited about the science they learned at camp. In October, we had a fabulous meeting with the Latino Youth Counselor from Placer County. We hope to cement a working relationship with this group and assure we reach young women in this organization for Scholarships, Tech Trek, Speech Trek and Gov Trek. The questions and discussions at this meeting were so enlightening.

Our next program meeting is on Monday, Nov. 13th in the Beecher Room. Please join us as Susan Roughgarden updates us on Policy at the AAUW state and National level. And we will also learn about some smart ways to donate to Auburn AAUW with Legacy Giving, Employee Match and RMD from a retirement account.

Saturday Dec. 9th is our Holiday Lunch Event. This is always a nice event and a great way to celebrate the holidays. We are working on entertainment and shopping at the event.

Finally, an update on Tech Trek at UC Davis. The 2 current directors are stepping down, one after 10 years of service. In September, cancelling the Davis Camp was discussed as no new director had stepped forward. Our branch could not let that happen so Rachel Kanowsky and I have volunteered to be the directors next year. Rachel is already our Auburn Branch Tech Trek Chairwoman. Fortunately, 3 of our members have offered to help her as she fulfills both roles. We have a strong Board to work with me as I complete my term as president. We are both excited about leading the UC Davis Tech Trek next July.

Deb Sabo

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome new member Gayla Hibbert.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Please join the Auburn Branch on Monday, November 13, 2023 in the Beecher Room of the Auburn/Placer Library from 1:00-3:00pm. Susan Roughgarden will update us on AAUW's Public Policies. Also, Steven Lease and Sandra Scott will present information on the Legacy Giving Program.

Add to your busy calendar the annual Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 11:00am-2:00pm at Max's Restaurant in Auburn. Watch for an email or phone call with menu choices and reservation information. Vendors will provide shopping opportunities again this year.

Please see our website for the full calendar of meetings for the year.

OCTOBER MEETING NEWS

The guest presenter at our October membership meeting was Julia Figuaro from the Latino Leadership Council (LLC) a local non-profit that serves the Latino population in Placer and Sacramento Counties. Julia is a Youth Promotora for the LLC. She shared all the incredible community programs that the LLC offers families and youth throughout the region. These programs offer safe spaces for community members to come together and create, share stories, and learn from one another. Julia shared some of the challenges that Latino families face beyond language barriers, such as cultural taboos around mental health, traditional male/female roles, nutrition and health. The Auburn AAUW Branch looks forward to continuing our conversation and collaboration with the LLC as we pursue common goals around equity and education. Julia provided her contact information and encouraged us to reach out with referrals, questions or simply to connect.

Julia Figuaroa, Youth Promotora,

Latino Leadership Council

SPEECH TREK

Speech Trek is a speaking contest for California high school students. This annual event is organized by AAUW to promote public speaking and leadership skills. It is open to all high school students in the Greater Auburn area. Students are to prepare an original 5-6-minute speech with a 30-second grace period on either side.

First Prize is \$500, Second Prize is \$300, and Third Prize is \$200.

Key Dates:

Student Registration Due January 14, 2024

Rough Draft Due February 18, 2024

Speech Contest February 25, 2024

2023-2024 Speech Trek Contest Topic:

If an educated population is essential to a nation's prosperity, then how can we ensure a robust public school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?

Effective public speaking skills can help with career advancement in any field because they indicate creativity, critical thinking skills, leadership abilities, poise, and professionalism. Communication skills allow us to form connections, influence decisions, and motivate change. The difference between being promoted, or not, often hinges on communications skills.

Coaching Resources:

Registered students will have access to a list of writing coaches and speaking coaches from our community. There is no cost for the coaching, and meetings can take place at school or the Auburn Library.

For More Information:

Contact Susan Roughgarden:

For more information, please see the flyer on our website at

<https://auburn-ca.aauw.net/programs/speech-trek/>

NOV/DEC INTEREST GROUPS

Contact Susan Rushton

BOOKMARKS: Bookmarks will be meeting at Sue Dings' home at 2 p.m. Nov. 17, and at Joanna Jones home Dec. 15, time TBD.

For confirmation, call Sue Dings.

DRAMA READING: Meets at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For information: Susan Rushton. We read a play together.

GLOBAL ISSUES/GREAT DECISIONS:: Meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville.

Topic: Working on it! No meeting in December. Contact: Elsie Gaura. All welcome.

BOOKSTERS: Booksters meets early for holidays in November and December (usual date is 4th Monday). We will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 13, zoom or in person, for a discussion of "The Firebrand and the First Lady" by Patricia Bell Scott, and at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 on zoom for a discussion of "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

Contact Carol Francis for more information.

BOOKENDS: Meets at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 -- book and location to be decided. The December meeting is still to be decided, but we bring food, a favorite book to give away, and we meet at Deb Sabo's home. For books and locations, contact Susan Rushton.

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

HIKING GROUP: Hikes for November and December are planned for Thursday, November 2 and 16th and Thursday, December 7th and 21st. An email will go out early November and December with more details. Contact Deb Sabo to get on our monthly email list.