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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking Back and Looking Forward

It's a time to look back on 2023. For our members it was a busy and exciting year. Our first Speech Trek, our successful Trivia Bee after not having it during COVID, our new and increased scholarship program, our Tech Trek events supported by so many Auburn AAUW women. Let's not forget a whole year of meetings every month that were well attended. There was a lot of hard work to make this all happen. You volunteered to help at the Voting booth, at Trivia Bee, and donated in a big way to help pay for this. The board was always there to lead and organize all these important activities.

I am so proud to be a member and to know so many brilliant women in Auburn AAUW. It's hard for me not to compare what I occasionally see with other branches. One is having to end its charter as they don't have enough membership or a board. Others struggle to collect the funds to send 1-2 girls to Tech Trek. In contrast, we are fortunate to have hardworking, dedicated members. Looking forward into 2024, I say let us continue! Let's add more new members who are passionate about our goals. Let's do the work to ensure we have the funds to continue our programs - and add new ones like Gov Trek. Volunteer, donate, tell a friend looking for a worthwhile non-profit all about us. Use your bragging rights and propel us into a healthy future.

Happy New Year! Happy 75th Anniversary to Auburn AAUW.

Deb Sabo

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The International Relations Dinner will be held at the Rose Room on January 26th at 5:30. We will once again enjoy the potluck items from our members. Please let your phone tree representative know if you will be attending.

Kim Lane will speak about her experience teaching women in the modernization of the Middle East, and her work to unify Yemen.

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

Voter Services

AAUW will be working at a voting precinct in the March 2024 primary election. We will need more volunteers than usual, as the Vote Centers will be open for 4 days, March 2-5. The hours are 8-4 on March 2-4, so we could do 4-hour shifts. They are asking for 11 of us for each shift. March 5 is the actual election, and we would work 7AM - 8 PM. We would divide that into shifts also. We will be working at the Meadow Vista Community Center.

We will have training and are paid a stipend for this work. If we don't have enough volunteers, we will partner with another service club and share the stipend.

If you are able to help, please contact:
Bonnie Wilson



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Civic Affairs Group?

Is anyone interested in being in a civic affairs group? I'm thinking the group would meet every other month, either noon time or evening. A potluck with a local speaker. If you're interested, please let me know.

Barbara G-W

Want to get more involved and help AAUW Auburn? There are 2 positions needing your help:

Phone Tree - call members before each meeting to remind them about the meeting, topic, time and cost. Making the calls does not take much time and is a great way to get to know the members you call.

Deliver Voter Registration Cards twice a year. Our branch will receive \$1,000 twice a year for doing this for the County. The locations that we cover are in Roseville: Roseville DMV, Sierra Gardens PO & Distribution Center, Maidu Library, Roseville Library [Judah St.], Roseville/So. Grant PO, Roseville City Hall, Roseville C of C, M. Riley Library, [Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville.]

If you are able to help out with either of these positions, please contact:

Barbara Gerletti-Weiss

Tech Trek news

We have requested spots for 7 Residential Campers and 3 Virtual Campers for next summer. Final word on camper slots comes from the Program Director in late January, after final plans to open 1 to 2 new camps at new colleges in Northern California have been confirmed. Branch slots also depend on how many volunteers a Branch provided last summer. We sent 6 volunteers - 1 Core Teacher, 1 Virtual Coach, and 4 Dorm Moms. We hope our Branch will be able to support Tech Trek College camps by sending volunteers again for summer 2024!

We have reached out to 13 local schools to ask if they were interested in submitting student nominations. Most of them replied with an enthusiastic "YES!" Tech Trek Camper Interviews take place in late March 2024 and final Campers for will be selected by early April. Tentative dates for campers from Auburn AAUW is July 14 to July 20. Branch Visitors' day to UCD Camp will likely be Thursday, July 18, 2024. Check out Tech Trek's California webpage to learn more.

Public Policy

2024 will be a pivotal year in American politics, and AAUW will keep you up-to-date. AAUW is nonpartisan, meaning that the organization does not support a particular political party or candidate. However, AAUW stands up for its mission and its principles by monitoring pending legislation.

During our November meeting, participants were divided into 4 groups representing AAUW's Public Policy Priorities:

Economic Security for All Women

Equal Access to Quality Public Education for all Students

Social and Racial Justice for All

Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles

Each group drew connections between the priorities and our AAUW programs, including Tech Trek, Speech Trek, Gov Trek, and scholarships. The best way to ensure that our leaders enact legislation that is in accordance with our priorities is to send letters or emails just before major votes. If you would like to receive notice about upcoming bills in 2024, check this webpage:

<https://forms.gle/zkboxQM8gByqjGymTA>

Susan Roughgarden
Public Policy Chair

Holiday Lunch at Max's on December 9th

Members enjoyed the annual Holiday Luncheon. Good food, good company, lots of vendors and Placer High School choir entertaining us.



January-February 2024 Interest Groups
BOOKMARKS: Bookmarks meets on the third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at Sue Dings' home

For information, call Sue

DRAMA READING: Meets at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. On Jan. 6, we meet at Barbara Gerletti- Weiss' home.

On Feb. 6:

at Artella Hughes' home: For information: Susan Rushton. We read a play together.

GLOBAL ISSUES/GREAT DECISIONS: Global Issues/Great Decisions: Meets at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 12 at Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville. Topic:



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"Iran at a Crossroads," presented by Karen Anderson. The group also meets at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 9. For information, contact: Elsie Gaura

BOOKSTERS: Booksters meets via Zoom at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 and at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. The group is currently looking for one to two new members.

Contact Carol Francis

BOOKENDS: Meets at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Mary Stevens' home, and Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Janet McMartin's home

For book titles, contact Susan Rushton

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

HIKING GROUP

Hikes for January and February are planned for Thursday, January 11 and 25th and Thursday, February 15th and 29th. An email will go out early January with more details. Contact Deb Sabo to get on our monthly email list.