**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**We start the next year of Auburn AAUW Branch with the theme “We rise together.” Our intent this year is to continue supporting women pursuing education, but to also look for opportunities to lift our members and community and to raise awareness of AAUW Auburn in general.**

**The Board met for its retreat in August and laid some great plans for the coming year.**

**We handled a few administrative issues and looked at our budget which will be formally presented at the September Branch meeting for approval.**

**We are excited to say that we believe we will be able to support $30,000 for scholarships. We will also be addressing a few issues with the Department of Fees and Tax Administration to get our records up to date. The State has been helping us get everything in order. A big thanks goes out to our Treasurer Julann Brown and Past President Debra Sabo for their hard work on this.**

**Branch meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. We host them on zoom and encourage members to tune in, listen and participate. If you would like to attend our September 12 meeting, please send an email.**

**The Directories should be out soon. Remember to check out the back page for information about our upcoming meetings and events. The various book, hiking and other groups are also listed. We will still announce them in emails, but the schedule**

**allows everyone to plan ahead.**

**As always, please email us if you have any questions, we are happy to help. You may**

**look up Board members in the directory or contact us directly through the AAUW main**

**email.**

**Alexia Retallack**

**AAUW Auburn President**

**Upcoming meetings:**

**September 13, 2024 (Friday)**

**TOPIC: Celebrating our Tech Trek Girls**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Rose Room, Auburn City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn**

**Pizza/Salad delivered by Old Town Pizza**

**COST: $20**

**RSVP: By September 9 to Carol Hachmeister**

**October 14, 2024 (Monday)**

**TOPIC: Ballot Propositions with League of Women Voters**

**4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**Rose Room, Auburn City Hall**

**COST: None**

**Coffee, tea and light refreshments provided**

**November 18, 2024 (Monday)**

**TOPIC: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)**

**TIME: 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

**Beecher Room, Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn**

**COST: None**

**Coffee, tea and light refreshments provided**

**December 14, 2024 (Saturday) - Holiday Luncheon with Placer High School Choir**

**10:30 am - 2:00 pm - Max’s Restaurant, Holiday Inn, Auburn**

**Prepaid reservations with limited menu**

**January 24, 2025 (Friday) - International Relations Potluck Dinner with Speaker**

**5:30-7:30 pm - Rose Room, Auburn City Hall**

**Members provide food**

**February 10, 2025 (Monday) - General Meeting**

**1:00 - 3:00 pm - Beecher Room, Placer County Library, Auburn**

**Coffee, tea and light refreshments provided**

**March 29, 2025 (Saturday) - Trivia Bee**

**5:00 - 9:00 pm**

**First Congregational Church, Auburn**

**April 14, 2025 (Monday) - General Meeting - Slate of Officers**

**1:00-3:00 pm - Beecher Room, Placer County Library, Auburn**

**Coffee, tea and light refreshments provided**

**May 28, 2025 (Wednesday) - Scholarship Honorees Presentation**

**5:30 - 7:30 pm - Rose Room, Auburn City Hall, Auburn**

**Committee and Board members provide potluck dinner**

**June 9, 2025 (Monday) - Members & Guests Social**

**5:30 - 7:30 pm - Beecher Room, Placer County Library, Auburn**

**Salads & Sundaes provided by Program VPs**

**Tech Trek news**

**Auburn AAUW Tech Trek Update.**

**Would you like to help with the Tech Trek Committee?**

**Throughout the year, there are big tasks or small, that help support this program.**

**All volunteer tasks involve helping with recruiting campers from Auburn schools for the camp season, as well as supporting UC Davis Tech Trek camp in the summer as well as other Northern California Tech Trek Camps.**

**Our Auburn Tech Trek Committee starts up soon and will begin with Teacher Nominations for Campers for 2025!**

**Please contact Rachel if you would like to help with the Tech Trek Committee.**

**Rachel Kanowsky/ Auburn AAUW Tech Trek Branch Co-Coordinator**

**Membership news:**

**Additions to the directory:**

**Linda Franklin**

**Stevie Rea**

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**Welcome to our new members:**

**Edlene McKenzie.**

**Patricia Zeug**

**Please contact Sandra Scott for address/phone/email addresses if needed.**

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**Sept - Oct 2024 Interest Groups**

**Drama Reading meets on the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. from September to June; If Susan Rushton gets plays by Sept. 3, we'll meet at her home. On Oct. 1 meet at 1:30, location to be determined. Participation includes a modest cost for the plays and postage.   
  
Bookends usually meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday. On Sept. 25, we are discussing "Marriage Portrait," by Maggie O'Farrell, at Susan  
Rushton's home. In October, we meet on Oct. 23; book and location to be determined. Please email  
Susan Rushton for information   
  
Bookmarks will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20 and Friday Oct. 18 at Sue Dings' home  
  
Booksters meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month with a mixture of in person and online zoom meetings. On Sept. 24 at Carol Francis's home, we discuss "Rulebreakers: Life and Times of Barbara Walters," by Susan Page. On Oct. 22, we discuss "The Last Bus to Wisdom" by Ivan Doig, location to be determined. Contact Carol Francis  
  
Bridge: Please contact Meredith Bruck   
  
Global Issues: Carol Roedder is planning a new Great Decisions group for Auburn AAUW. There is an informative curriculum guide to provide  
background for each monthly topic. Details to follow, call Carol if you are interested.**

**HIKING GROUP: Hikes are planned for Thursday, Sept 12 & 26, Oct 10 & 24.   Contact Deb Sabo for information.**