



Auburn AAUW Connection - Member News

A Note from the President

Welcome to the new AAUW Auburn Branch newsletter!

We recently introduced Constant Contact as a tool for communication with members. One of the great features of this platform is the ability to create a newsletter that lets us add photos, button links and more. We hope to provide more updates, insights, and news to our members. We would also like to share news from you, so please share with us.

In May, we will have a vote on the slate of officers. We still have some positions that need filling: membership and programs. Both of these positions come with the tremendous support, wisdom, knowledge, experience and documentation created by Sandra Scott, Pam Hart, and Carol Hachmeister. It's a great time to volunteer and be part of the leadership that serves an incredible group of women.

2025-2026 Slate of Officers

- President – Alexia Retallack
- President Elect – Julann Brown
- Secretary - Gayla Hibbert
- Treasurer – Julann Brown
- Programs – *This could be you!*
- Membership – *Your name could be here!*

We meet on April 14 at 1 pm, in the Rose Room at 1225 Lincoln Way for a presentation from a State AAUW Scholarship winner.

Mark your calendars! We celebrate the Auburn Scholarship winners on May 28! Hope you can join us!

Questions, suggestions, additions? Please email auburnaauw@gmail.com

Trivia Bee Moments 2025



Trivia Bee - All smiles at Delana Ruud's table.



Ed Weiss and Barbara Gerletti-Weiss



Everyone enjoyed beer, wine, pulled pork and chicken, hot dogs, trivia, and Crumbl cookies.

Auburn AAUW Tech Trek Committee Update



Tech Trek UC Davis 2024. AAUW camp volunteers (far left) Caryl Daly and Rachel Kanowsky. Far right Norma Sexton and Deborah Sabo.

Thanks to the Auburn AAUW Tech Trek Ambassadors and Auburn Tech Trek Committee members! With their help, our branch doubled the number of Auburn area schools participating STEM teachers who sent us camper nominations compared to the last 3 years. We then doubled the number of camper applicant interviews we held. The results are that the **Auburn branch will provide 14 Tech Trek Camperships to 14 girls to attend camp this July**—double the number of campers from last year!

To learn more about the outstanding AAUW Tech Trek STEM camp for Girls, click one or more of the following links. You can also copy and paste the URL address into a new browser window.

- **What Is Tech Trek?** or <https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek/>
- **Tech Trek Davis Camp Webpage** or <https://sites.google.com/view/uc-davis-tech-trek-24/home?authuser=0>
- **Tech Trek Camp Program In a Nutshell**
- or https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yP6TQPQAnHoU8igmsW9bxLhwgydfbbsZ/view?usp=share_link

Remember to mark your calendar for one or both of the following Auburn Tech Trek Events.
(More event details to follow.)

Sat. May 17 from 10 to 11 am.

Meet the campers at the **Auburn AAUW Tech Trek Camper Orientation** at Recreation Park.

Thursday, July 17, from 9 am to 12:00 pm

Come tour the camp and see campers in action at the **Tech Trek Davis STEM Camp Visit Day**. This event is for Cal AAUW branch members and Nor Cal Nominating School Staff. Option to have lunch with Auburn Branch Campers after the tour.

Tech Trek Rocks!

Rachel Kanowsky and Valerie Lease - Auburn AAUW Branch Coordinators

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Briar Patch Food Co-Op Round-Up Success

Great news! Auburn AAUW branch received \$1,955.53 in round-ups in March!

The Round-up encouraged shoppers to round up their bill to the next dollar and that change would go to AAUW. Considering that the highest a round up could be was \$0.99 that is an incredible amount of round up and donations!

Thank you to all of our members who shopped and shared the information about the Round-Up! It was a success because of you!



How Proud I Am of Auburn AAUW

Our President, Alexia Retallack submitted our fundraiser Trivia Bee information to the National Committee AAUW Advancement Committee in order to promote ideas on fundraising. All branches were invited and of the 47 submitted, only three were picked to participate in a webinar: Bath, New York Branch; San Antonio, Texas Branch; and our Auburn, CA branch!! I joined Alexia at a practice session the day before the actual webinar on April 1st, 2025.

I was impressed with Alexia's power point presentation and all the key points of the Trivia Bee in under 4 minutes.

The Bath branch talked about a collaboration with a play write and the performance as a fundraiser for them while helping to promote the creative work for the play write. They also talked about a 2nd fundraiser about flower arrangements with local florists and selling them before Mother's Day. The San Antonio branch talked about their Chocolate and Champaign fundraiser done in one day before Valentine's day. Had to think our Taste of Chocolate was well before its time.

Then we presented the Bee. Some history, organizing, working with the community to establish teams of three, guest tickets, local caterer for a nice meal—Sports our theme this year and “going out to the ball park” vibe, raffle items, sponsorships. This was our eleventh Bee and each year we learn, add or change details. Thank you to the Bee team and all of you in support of the Bee.

We will share the link when AAUW National makes it live.
Sharon Watson-Hamilton

AAUW Auburn Groups News

Hiking Group

Hikes twice a month. Contact Deb Sabo to get on the email list

Bookends I

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact Susan Rushton

Bookends II

Meets in the evening. Contact Sharon Watson-Hamilton

Bookmarks

Meets 3rd Friday at 2 pm. Contact Sue Dings

Booksters

Meets 4th Tuesday at 2 pm Contact Carol Francis

Bridge Groups

One meets 2nd Wednesday and the other the 4th Wednesday at 1 pm.

NEWS DEADLINES

The Auburn AAUW Connection will come out at the beginning of each month.

Deadline to submit news, information, photos, is the 25th of each month.

April Birthdays



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