



Auburn AAUW Connection

A Note from the President

We are jumping into an exciting year!

The 2025/26 AAUW year has commenced, and we are looking to offer many exciting programs and opportunities to our members!

Our first Board meeting will be September 11 (see details below) - join us if you can.

The first General Meeting of the year features the 2025 Tech Trekkers and will be held at Pioneer Methodist Church September 19 at 6 pm. Read more about this year's amazing group of young women below. We sent out an initial e-blast but will follow up with another next week.

In addition to the presentation from the Tech Trekkers, the general membership will be asked to vote on our budget (please see the August newsletter for the budget discussion). The 2025/26 directory will also be available at the September 19 meeting.

Here are a few save the dates:

- **October 13, 2025** (Monday) - 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - California State Treasurer Fiona Ma speaker - Rose Room, City Hall
- **November 10, 2025** (Monday) - 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Megan Seely, professor of Women's History at Sierra College - Rose Room, City Hall
- **December 13, 2025** (Saturday) - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Holiday luncheon - Max's Restaurant, Holiday Inn, Auburn - prepaid reservations with limited menu
- **January 16, 2026** (Friday) - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - International Relations potluck dinner with speaker on human trafficking - First Congregational Church - Members provide food
- **January 31, 2026** - Interbranch Council Annual Luncheon

AAUW Auburn is your organization, so we would like to hear from you about interests, programs, and resources that you would like us to offer. Please join us at a Board meeting or send us an email at auburnaauw@gmail.com.

Thank you for your commitment to AAUW. We are here because of you!



Tech Trekkers Featured at September 19 General Meeting

AAUW will host our Tech Trek participants on September 19 at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Auburn at 6 pm for a pizza party.

Local girls who attended U.C. Davis during the

Excerpts from Thank you Letters written by Auburn Branch Tech Trekkers 2025

Dear Auburn AAUW,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to attend Tech Trek at UC Davis! While at Tech Trek, we went on field trips. The one I liked the most was the vet hospital trip... Going to the vet hospital made me realize that I might want to be a vet when I'm older.

Sincerely, Evelyn Lease

Dear Auburn AAUW Branch,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to Tech Trek! It was honestly one of the best experiences of my life. I learned more about STEM than I thought was possible in one week! ... Watching girls support girls has been amazing to see all week...I am so grateful this trip!

Sincerely, Mae Dela Cruz

Dear Auburn AAUW Branch,

Going to this camp has broadened my horizons and opened doors to new opportunities I didn't even know existed! ... I am so excited to use all that I learned for high school, college, and beyond! ... Another thing I loved was meeting all the amazing women in STEM and seeing all of the different jobs to choose from!

Sincerely, Evie Sippel

week of July 12 – 19 were: Laila Blackwood (Loomis Grammar School), Roan Dela Cruz (Colfax), Evelyn Lease (Bowman), Keira McCabe (Foresthill), Evie Sippel (Weimar Hills), and Jozelyn Tejeda (Foresthill).

Girls who attended U.C. Santa Cruz during the week of July 12 – 19 were: Mia Luchetti (Placer Elementary), Olivia Picket (Placer Elementary), Bella Reci (EV Cain), and Makenna Rogas (Newcastle Elementary Charter).

Girls who attended Virtual Camp during the week of July 21 – 25 were: Arabella Cocchio (Pathways Charter iLearning Academy), Charolotte Dickerson (EV Cain), Sydney Mason (Loomis Grammar), and Olivia Robertson (Weimar Hills).

Tech Trek is a STEM enrichment program, started in 1998 in California. It offers rising 8th grade girls a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore STEM topics with women role models and to possibly envision a future for themselves in it. Tech Trek is now a nationwide program, organized through AAUW.

There were nine camps in California this year, plus ten camps in other states. For more than 25 years, Tech Trek has opened the eyes of more than 15,000 girls to new worlds and the camaraderie of like-minded campers interested in STEM. AAUW branch members visit middle schools in the fall of every school year to work with science and math teachers to recruit candidates.

Tech Trek Celebration on September 19 - Details

Where: Pioneer Community Church, 1338 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA

When: Friday, September 19, 2025 at 6 pm.

Cost: \$20 per person

Optional: Please consider sponsoring a TT Camper Family's Dinner - \$10

Several ways to RSVP - It helps us plan for the amount of pizza

[Click here to RSVP to Auburn AAUW Pizza Party/General Meeting](#)

Great Decisions Reconvenes

Great Decisions meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am

Our next meeting is tomorrow - September 9, when we will be discussing climate change amid the

AAUW member postings, podcasts, broadcast and more...

Many of AAUW's members educate and inform our community through articles, online broadcast programs and more. Susan Rushton is a regular columnist and contributor to the Auburn Journal, and Sharon Watson-Hamilton is featured on Auburn CCTV.

Broadcasts and Podcast

- [Sharon Watson-Hamilton's interview with Master Gardener Carol Holliman](#)
- Introducing the new show [Inside City Hall featuring Sharon Watson Hamilton and Sean Rabe](#)

Articles

- [Toxic Algae Blooms - Staying Safe This Summer - Alexia Retallack](#)
- [14 Girls Win Scholarship to STEM Camp - Susan Roughgarden](#)

We would love to include more posts from members so share links to your materials with us at auburnaauw@gmail.com.

Next AAUW Board Meeting - Sept. 11 at 5:30 pm

The AAUW Board meets each month via zoom. Members are welcome to attend to see what's happening and to contribute ideas.

[Meeting link via Zoom - September 11 at 5:30 pm on Zoom](#)

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 1:30 pm. Contact Carol Francis

Bridge Groups

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

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.



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