



# Auburn AAUW Connection

## A Note from the President

### **A Time of Great Achievement and A Time of Great Loss**

AAUW members -

We have much to celebrate this month and equally as much to grieve.

AAUW Auburn Branch lost a true treasure with the passing of Elizabeth "Beth" Falor. She was a joy, a light, and one of the kindest people I have ever met. It was a honor to know her even for such a short while. Many of our members have known Beth for quite some time. Mary Walker, one of Beth's close friends, pays tribute to Beth in this issue. Please find that and information about her services below.

In addition to Beth's tribute, this newsletter presents some new features from AAUW Auburn! Our October 13 meeting featured a presentation from State Treasurer Fiona Ma. Treasurer Ma had been a keynote address at the AAUW lobbying event in April 2025. She had offered to come speak to any AAUW group, and we took her up on the offer. More than 50 AAUW members from our branch, Roseville-South Placer Branch, and other guests attended.

So what's the new key feature? We recorded the presentation for all of members to enjoy. See it for the first time or review the presentation and revisit the fantastic question and answer session at the end. "[State Treasurer Fiona Ma Speaks to AAUW Auburn](#)" is found on the AAUW Youtube Channel. This production was brought to us by Al Gonzalez of Quad Air Communications who donated his time, equipment and editing expertise to put this video together so our members and the public could enjoy it.

Again - thank you to everyone who has submitted material for the newsletter. Keep it coming! And please, join us at a Board meeting or send your questions to us at [auburnaauw@gmail.com](mailto:auburnaauw@gmail.com).

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

### **Remembering Beth**

From Mary Walker

Auburn AAUW recently lost a very intelligent, passionate, and supportive member. Elizabeth (Carducci) Falor passed away on October 8.

Elizabeth (Beth) and I joined Auburn AAUW at about the same time, around 2005. She always said she joined to associate with "women with a brain". We both soon joined the Scholarship Committee and the two of

us continued to serve on that group until just a year or so ago, she leaving for health reasons and I because I was moving out of the area.

She was very committed to the mission of our scholarship program and she served with diligence, wisdom, and heart, always looking for applicants that she felt would be future AAUW members. She became chair of Scholarships about 2010 and I moved into that position just a few years later. I deeply admired the careful thought she put into choosing the applicants that she advocated for in our selection process.



About 15 years ago she began to experience a series of major health issues. She researched each situation thoroughly and sought out the very best providers for each condition she encountered. Once in the hands of experts, she had a remarkable ability to accept with grace the challenges she encountered. While dealing with great discomfort, she was always able to maintain a positive outlook and a delightful sense of humor.

She was a model for all of us on how to maintain an upbeat attitude and move through life always looking ahead with curiosity, optimism, and a gentle smile. I admired and enjoyed her so much.

Read Beth's [obituary](#) published by the Auburn Journal.

Services will be held on Saturday, November 1, 1:30 pm at Lassila Funeral Chapel.

## Paint and Sip a Great Success!



### From the Membership Committee ...

Your membership committee has been busy this past month. Everyone should have the '25/'26 membership directory. You'll find contact information for all board members and other leadership positions.



Paint n Sip Extravaganza 2025 was a fun success. There were nine painters/sippers. A couple of people did bring a guest who got to paint for free and see first-hand how amazing the members are in our little branch. Nichole with Paint the Town did a great job guiding us through "Colors of the Wind." We all laughed, ate, and painted with joy in our hearts and a brush in our hands. Number one take away, water can fix just about anything on your canvas. Thank you to everyone who came and to those who brought goodies to share.

There is also the current schedule for branch events and meetings throughout the '25/'26 year. Please make sure you look at the list of interest groups on page five. There are so many ways to get involved in the branch. Please email Mary Lambeth, [lambethfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:lambethfamily@hotmail.com) if you didn't get your copy of the directory.

Welcome our newest member, Carolyn Dierksen. Carolyn was member of AAUW in the past and has recently joined our Auburn branch. Welcome Carolyn. We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event.

We hope you have seen the new branch brochures. Alexia did such a beautiful job with them. If you'd like a few to pass out, please contact Mary Lambeth, [lambethfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:lambethfamily@hotmail.com). They do a wonderful job highlighting our AAUW mission, scholarships, activities, and more.

Although we don't have any activities specifically focusing on membership soon, please contact Mary Lambeth, [lambethfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:lambethfamily@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or comments regarding membership. Thank you for all you do to grow our branch! Mary Lambeth, Sally Laughlin, Sue Dings Membership Committee.

## Plans from Programs

We had an impressive meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> with Fiona Ma. Thank you to Alexia for doing the arranging and heavy lifting for this meeting. Ms. Ma was so personable and very passionate about women and higher education. Not only was her personal story inspiring, but also the many educational programs the state offers through her office of Treasurer were positive for the future.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. at the Rose Room, City Hall. We will have Megan Seely, professor of Women's History at Sierra College. Light refreshments are to be provided. Mark your calendars...

Happy Autumn from Barbara, Edlene, Sharon

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

Great Decisions will meet November 11, and our topic is " American Policy in the Middle East." If

you would like to join us, contact Carol Roedder at 408-712-0139 for location, as we are meeting in a member's home. We can get you a copy of the article on which the discussion will be based, or you are welcome to come and contribute your own views or simply listen. We are apolitical, and discussions are always lively and respectful.

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## AAUW member postings, podcasts, broadcasts 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 both Susan Rushton and Sharon Watson-Hamilton are featured on Auburn Community Television.

- Visit **Auburn Community Television** as [Sharon Watson-Hamilton Interviews Auburn City Manager Sean Rabe](#)
- Read about Fiona Ma's presentation to AAUW and the Certificate of Recognition she gave the Auburn Branch [California's State Treasurer presents to AAUW](#)
- Watch the video: [State Treasurer Fiona Ma Speaks to AAUW Auburn](#)

We would love to include more posts from members so share links to your materials with us at [auburnaauw@gmail.com](mailto:auburnaauw@gmail.com).

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## Next AAUW Board Meeting - November 13 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 - November 13 at 5:30 pm on Zoom](#)

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## 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 4th 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 DEADLINE

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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