



Auburn AAUW Connection

A Note from the President

Can you believe 2026 is here?

AAUW members -

Thank you for your tremendous support this year.

As we kick off 2026, please give some thought to participating on a subcommittee, joining as a Board member (we need a treasurer and a programs team), or being part of Great Decisions, lobby day or board meetings. We would love to have you join us!

In this issue, find out about the AAUW Inter Branch Council luncheon, membership and programs, a new needlework group, news articles written by members, update on t-shirt orders, and so much more!

Have something to share with us? Please email us at auburnaauw@gmail.com.

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

Inter Branch Council - Annual Luncheon

Join members from Auburn, El Dorado Foothills, Davis, Nevada County, Roseville South Placer, and Sacramento Branches. It looks to be a fabulous time!

Location is North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave, Fair Oaks. Details are below. Register online via [Sacramento Branch Event Brite](#) or send check **before January 20**. Send registration form (below) with a check made payable to AAUW Sacramento. Let them know your choice for your meal choice. Email alexiaretallack@gmail.com if you have any questions.



North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave, Fair Oaks

You are invited! AAUW Fund Luncheon

Sponsored by your Capital Counties Interbranch Council

Saturday, January 31, 2026

11:30 – 2:00 PM

Registration, Silent Auction: 11:30

Luncheon begins at noon

Keynote speaker: Deanna Arthur, California AAUW Fund Director, explains the complexity of AAUW Funds with updates on where the money is most needed.

Scholars: two current AAUW Fund Recipients share their educational journeys.

Use the link below to reserve your spot today; deadline is January 20, 2026.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-fund-luncheon-tickets-197649484297?aff=website>

Or reserve by mail with \$35 check payable to AAUW Sacramento & send to AAUW, P.O. Box 7872, Auburn, CA 95604 (indicate menu choice on check For line).

Name _____ Branch _____

Phone _____ email _____



Menu choices (indicate at time of payment):

- Chicken Marsala w/mashed potatoes & veggies
- Butternut Squash Ravioli w/grilled veggies
- Shrimp Louie, 1000 Island dressing on side
- & Limoncello cake OR Fruit Cup



Membership Committee Update

Happy New Year from your membership committee. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season whether that be busy or quiet. We will edit the new year motto "Out with the old and in with the new," to "Keep the old and add the new." It is our hope that we will look for friends in our circles to join us at meetings and activities. Please reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. We are too awesome not to share!

Mary Lambeth, Sue Dings, Sally Laughlin

Please also add Gail Cohen to your directory, 916-756-6526 gcohen1960@gmail.com.

Plan for Programs

We hope you have your calendars marked for Saturday, January 10th, 2026. The International Interests dinner will start at 5:30pm at the First Congregational Church. Members provide a potluck dinner and the public is invited. Note the change from the original date of later in January. The speaker this year is going to be from the Placer County Office of Education and will talk about the issues around human trafficking and effects on Placer County. Amy Wilson-Maggard is the lead on this topic. Yes, that is Bonnie's daughter-in-law. The phone tree will be activated and we would like to have an idea of what kind of dish members are planning on bringing-main, salad, dessert.

The Sunday, February 1st meeting is our Speech Trek meeting and will be at the Lakeside Room in Regional Park at 2pm. Susan Roughgarden has six students addressing the issue of government policies promised and kept? Light refreshments will be provided.

Happy 2026!
Sharon, Edlene, Barbara



New Needlework Group Starts Up

We would like to start a monthly needlework group with an eye toward socializing and getting to know more members. Carol Roedder is willing to spearhead the group, but we need a living room (or maybe several on rotation) where we can meet for a couple of hours, chat, and make some progress on those knitting, crocheting, or embroidery projects.

If you are interested, please call Carol at (408) 712-0139. And if you can volunteer your living room for two hours a month, please let her know.

Recent articles by AAUW members

Guest Editorial: A consensus 'McCannite' thank you to Susan Rushton featured in the *Auburn Journal*, written by Susan Rushton.

National conference celebrates author, poet Clark Ashton Smith in Auburn featured in the *Auburn Journal*, written by Alexia Retallack.

Have you written an article, letter to the editor, column, book, or other post? Have a latest creation you'd love to show your fellow AAUW members, send it auburnaauw@gmail.com.

T-Shirt Update

Hey Auburn AAUW,

The Auburn Ladies T-shirts you bought were ordered on Dec. 18. I will let you know when they arrive and how to pick them up. Thank you for participating!
Best, Rachel Kanowsky

Great Work Elections Team!

AAUW Auburn received \$2500 for volunteering for the special election. A big thank you to Bonnie Wilson for her coordination, and Pam Hart and Norma Sexton for their leadership. And another huge thank you to all of our members who volunteered! Great job!

Next AAUW Board Meeting - January 8 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 - December 8 at 5:30 pm on Zoom](#)

Holiday Luncheon Fun

The holiday luncheon at Max's was a success with 50 members and guests attending. The food was good, the decorations lovely, the vendors were busy, and the camaraderie heart warming. The choir did a great job, even with several of its members absent. And the choir director, Dave Lawrenson, said this would be his last time leading the choir in Jingle Bells. He is finally retiring, for him a mixed bag. Special thanks to Colleen Conley whose help with the vendors is appreciated and whose raffle gifts were lovely. Also special thanks to Sharon Watson-Hamilton

for providing bag nibbles to each of the vendors and for obtaining nice raffle items, as well, and to Edlene McKenzie for helping the vendors.

Barbara Gerletti-Weiss



AAUW Auburn Groups News

Hiking Group

Hikes twice a month. Contact Deb Sabo to get on the email list: Debrasabo@outlook.com or 530-852-2226

Bookends I

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact Susan Rushton at goldcountrydenizens@gmail.com

Bookends II

Meets in the evening. Contact Sharon Watson-Hamilton at hammynzippy@suddenlink.net

Bookmarks

Meets 4th Friday at 2 pm. Contact Sue Dings: suedings@wavecable.com or 530-885-9009

Booksters

Meets 4th Tuesday at 1:30 pm. Contact Carol Francis: csfnorge@jps.net

Bridge Groups

One meets 2nd Wednesday and the other the 4th Wednesday at 1 pm. Contact Meredith Bruck: mebruck@att.net or 916-663-2458

Needlework

One meets monthly. Living room needed. Contact Carol Roedder at (408) 712-0139

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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