

San Jose Branch

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Empowering Women Since 1881



Twelfth Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 9
10 am - 3 pm

AAUW San Jose Headquarters
1165 Minnesota Avenue, 95126
(next to the Willow Glen Library)



Get a head start on your holiday shopping and make a difference in a college woman's life! Your purchases benefit AAUW San Jose Branch Local Scholarship program and will help provide scholarships to deserving women to further their college education at four-year institutions.

Gift items available for purchase include themed gift baskets, baked goods, dolls, soup & dip mixes, cookies-in-a-jar, hand-crafted jewelry & craft items, hand-knitted scarves and much, much more!

The event is open to the public, so bring your family and friends. Contact Grace O'Leary, or call 408- 268-0798, for further information.

Coming Up...

Membership Open House

Wednesday, October 30
7-8:30 pm

Join us at Headquarters for dessert and hear what AAUW has to offer. Prospective members and current members are welcome. For more information, contact Risë Berry

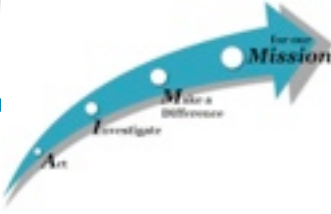
Third Wednesday Movie

"The Hot Flashes"
Wednesday, November 20
7 pm



Holiday Tea

Sunday, December 8
3 to 5 pm



Geri Madden, President

In her October newsletter, AAUW-CA President Alicia Hetman reminds us that "We are in the business of 'breaking down barriers for all women and girls'" and asks "what are you doing to break down barriers for your own members and potential new members in your community?" I found these were two great questions for me and for our Branch.

Thinking about those marvelous young Tech Trek girls that spoke at Fall Event and the inspiring young women who received Local Scholarship gave me my first

answer. Our Branch can be proud of our record for "breaking down barriers" at all levels, in particular at the most personal level of one-on-one. Can we do more? Certainly - if we want to.

AAUW National gives us some direction as to where the most pressing needs are with its two latest research reports. "Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success" is a call to action. "From strengthening federal legislation to improving services on individual campuses, we must do more to ensure that women at community colleges can access, pursue, and achieve the educational and economic opportunities of the 21st century."

"The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap" is a "guide designed to empower our members and other advocates with the facts and resources they need to tell the simple truth about the pay gap. It's real, it's persistent, and it's undermining the economic security of American women and their families." These reports can be found on AAUW's website at aauw.org. Please read them and ask yourself and the folks in the Branch groups that you spend time with, can we do more? If the answer is "yes" and if you would like to bring your ideas to the Board, I stand ready to help.

Public Policy

40 More Years? Say It Isn't So!

Jacqui Gustafarro and Gloria Leonard, Public Policy Co-Chairs

"I don't know how to break this to you, but we have about 40 more years to go." This quote refers to women's equality, and was said by Gloria Steinem speaking at Simmons College in Boston last spring. Those of us who have spent decades involved with women's issues hope Gloria's prediction is wrong and that we will see fairness to women much sooner. We also know that there is still a long, often bumpy road ahead.

Public Policy is again making its goal this year to educate and advocate for equal opportunities for women, particularly in the areas of pay and access to health benefits. Without equal pay for equal work, we lack equal power over our own lives. We are excited to be collaborating with San Jose State University to bring Lilly Ledbetter to San Jose next spring. People can hear her story and gain a better understanding of what it took for Lily to see her case through to becoming a law that now makes it easier for women to challenge pay inequity. We also hope that many young women will attend and see what has been done and learn what they can do in the future.

Our own Public Policy committee has begun making a special effort to reach out to our younger members, and it is encouraging to see their enthusiasm and hear their fresh ideas. With such dynamic, intelligent women, we can attain equality in less than the predicted forty years. A young girl in the audience at Simmons College asked Steinem, "Do you have any advice for little girls like me who want to make an impact like you?" Gloria replied, "Say: 'You are not the boss of me.'" Here's to little girls being their own boss, rather than being called bossy!

Query

Diane Trombetta

Would you like to own a copy of the AAUW-San Jose Branch 100-Year History Book? Our former historian and book's author Diana Taylor says that copies can be ordered, with a minimum of 24 needed to achieve the best price of \$41 per book. Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing a copy. If you own a copy and would be willing to lend it to an interested member, please let me know. Thank you.

Call for Corrections from AAUW Funds Donors

Diane Trombetta

Please contact Diane Trombetta if your name was missing from the "Honor Roll of Donors" for AAUW Funds or LAF in the 2013-14 Branch Directory. We want to give proper recognition to every member who donates. Information comes from several sources and we try hard to prevent omissions.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)

Bobbie Baker, NHN

With the chill November air, Neighbors Helping Neighbors once again starts our aptly-named community action program "Warm Hearts". We are collecting clean and gently used and/or new jackets, coats, blankets, sleeping bags, socks, hats and gloves for all ages. These donations will be distributed to the working poor clients of Santa Maria Urban Ministry. Please bring your donations to Headquarters and put in the parlor closet marked "NHN –Warm Hearts". Thanks.

Title IX/Sports Equity

WHY?

Laura Manthey, Title IX/Sports Equity

When you see "Title IX" do you stop reading? Why? Does seeing the word "sports" cause you to skip to the next article? Why?

Go to the AAUW web site and do a search on "Title IX". How many hits did you get? I got 2,640 in less than 30 seconds. The first article was about pregnant and LGBT students' rights. The second was on the history of Title IX and AAUW. The third was entitled "Title IX is about STEM Too" referring to the subjects of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Title IX was intended to help improve inequities in ALL areas of education for all students. Even today too many women and girls are still facing those inequities during the course of their education.

If you believe that your life has not been changed because of Title IX, think again. Think of the opportunities you have had, that your daughter and granddaughter and niece and neighbor have had. If you don't know, please ask one of them! And then join us in our efforts to support women and girls under Title IX. Attend a women's sporting event or help with community forums on sexual harassment at school.

CU/P News

Speaker Series at SCU

Diane Trombetta



Linda Alepin

AAUW San Jose has been named a co-sponsor of a series of speakers at Santa Clara University continuing during the month of November. Featured speakers are well-known and respected women leaders making a difference today. SCU is one of our College-University Partners, so we like to support each other. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 12, 7 pm, when Linda Alepin will be the speaker. This is just one example of the speakers who are part of this series.

Linda Alepin - Founding Director of the Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN.org) and Dean's Professor of Leadership, Santa Clara University. Also recipient of the 2013 AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt award, Linda has been a pioneer and visionary all her career. She was one of the few women graduates from Stanford University in the sixties to choose a career in the information technology industry. She first joined IBM in its newly formed emerging business segment. As this part of IBM grew into a thriving division, she made a name for herself in sales, development, and management. Global women leaders are changing the world. They are leading organizations of all sizes in an assault on the seemingly intractable problems facing humanity.

Contact Linda Alepin or her administrative assistant Cristiana Ortiz for details of other speakers and dates.

Save the Date for LAF

Eva Levine, VP-LAF

The annual fundraising event for LAF has been scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2014, 2-4 pm at the Le Petit Trianon, San Jose. The theme for the event is international talent/cultural show. It will highlight dances and music from different parts of the world. Several performers have already committed for the event. There will also be a prize drawings for gifts to be donated by vendors.

We need volunteers now for the planning of the event, as well as for the event day, such as calling prize donors, selling tickets, taking care of snacks and drinks for the performers, set-up and clean-up. Please contact Eva for more information. Help us have fun with fund-raising!

Branch Programs and Updates

General Fund Summary Budget Report

Virginia Beck, Finance Officer

Final General Fund 2012-2013 Summary

Income: Dues \$7,652.50 + Undesignated Donations (mostly from the generosity of members rounding up with their dues checks) \$2,130.30 + Accrual from 2011-2012 for National Convention \$1,000.00 + Directory Ads \$1,490.00 = \$12,272.80.

Expenses:

Membership	\$ 856.16
Fall Event	\$ 743.92
Sports Equity Project	\$ 109.75
Education Equity Project	\$ 406.83
Program	\$ 814.69
Public Policy	\$ 109.21
Bonfire	\$ 713.45
Web Site and Internet	\$1,156.31
Directory	\$ 930.62
National Convention	\$1,999.60
State Convention	\$ 470.00
Office	\$ 79.50
Treasurer	\$ 179.90
President	\$ 139.38
Liability Insurance	\$1,152.54
Tax/Fees	\$ 73.00
Computer	\$ 183.96
TOTAL:	\$10,118.82

Unspent Income \$2,153.98

In addition, there was a designated donation for membership recruitment of \$826.00 of which \$583.00 was spent. The remainder is rolled forward into the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The Board of Directors voted on October 2 to designate the unspent income towards the \$2500.00 owed to the web development company for the new AAUW San Jose web site to be paid in fiscal year 2013-2014.

The General Fund Operating Budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 approved by the Board of Directors on September 4 is \$14,463.50.

The sources of Branch income are dues of \$7,200.00; undesignated donations of \$2,198.50 (mostly from the generosity of members rounding up with their dues checks); a designated membership donation of \$1,000.00 (\$757.00 added to the \$243.00 rolled forward from 2012-2013); directory ad sales of \$815.00; reserve for web redesign from 2010-2011 of \$2500.00; and projected income from 30 additional memberships of \$750.00 for a total income of \$14,463.50

The operating funds were apportioned as follows:

Membership	\$2,075.00
Fall Event	\$ 800.00
Sports Equity Projects	\$ 200.00
Program	\$ 600.00
Public Policy	\$ 150.00
Strong Girls, Strong Women	\$ 300.00
Financially Fit for Life	\$ 200.00
College/University Partners	\$ 150.00
Events (Lilly Ledbetter)	\$1,000.00
Bonfire	\$ 800.00
Web Site and Internet	\$ 160.00
Web Site Development	\$2,500.00
Directory	\$1,000.00
National Convention Accrual	\$1,000.00
State Convention	\$ 500.00
Office	\$ 500.00
Treasurer	\$ 190.00
President	\$ 830.00
Liability Insurance	\$1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 125.00
Computer	\$ 125.00
Reserve	\$ 58.50
TOTAL:	\$14,463.50

Anyone with questions about the budget, please contact me.

Help Use Your State Dues Effectively

Virginia Beck, AAUW CA Board Director

The AAUW CA Communications Committee is pleased to announce that over 1000 members have requested to receive the AAUW CA newsletter, *California Perspective*, by email only. Do you want to be added to the list? Send an email to savepostage@aauw-ca.org with the word YES in the subject line. Please be sure your email address is current and correct in the national AAUW membership records. Email AAUW (national) at connect@aauw.org if you have a question. Please contact Membership Treasurer [Linda Lloyd](#) with any changes so our Branch database remains current.

AAUW San Jose Branch Bonfire Community Action Projects

Tech Excellence

Tech Excellence Invites Members to Volunteer!

Edna Robison

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of 32 seventh grade girls at John Muir Middle School (JMMS)? Then check out the Tech Excellence schedule:

November 7, Thursday:
Green Technology, class at JMMS
November 13, Wednesday:
Adaptation to the Deep, field trip to Long Marine Labs
November 19, Tuesday:
Earthquake Engineering, field trip to Tech Museum
January 14, Tuesday:
Aviation – Four Forces of Flight, class at JMMS
January 23, Thursday:
Flight Simulators, field trip to Hiller Aviation Museum

Classes are lead by AAUW members, sometimes with resource speakers. Volunteers who help the presenters are asked to check in at the school by 8 am for the three-hour class. Check in for field trips by 8:15 am; return from field trips between 1 - 2 pm. Bring a bag lunch and jacket for field trips. For more information, please contact me.

Due to the government shutdown, our "Living Wetlands" field trip was canceled. However, Julie Kahrnoff, Interpretive Specialist & Watershed Watchers Program Coordinator for the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society, brought a superlative slideshow to the class, providing the girls a "virtual tour" of the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge and its environs. Thanks to lead facilitator Kathy Mangan and volunteers Sharon Burkett, Jane Guinther, Cheryl Markman, Sharon Niedermaier, and Edna Robison.



Who wouldn't want to join this group?
They need your help. Volunteer now.

Gifts For Teens



Holiday Teen Gift Bag Drive

Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens

Volunteers are needed to assemble 1,225 holiday gift bags full of fun and useful gifts, distributed to needy and homeless San Jose teenagers. Bag assembly is from December 4 through December 13 with 9 am and 1 pm shifts. Interested volunteers (individuals) contact: Kathy Heihn, Kathy@gifts4teens.org, 408-557-8653. For group volunteers, contact: Cheryl Markman, Cheryl@gifts4teens.org, 408-578-8315. Bag assembly location: 6944 Almaden Expressway, corner Via Valiente, Almaden Valley, 95120.

Cash donations are always welcome as well. This allows us to purchase much needed items for gift bags at a volume discounts. For more information contact: Elaine Benoit, Elaine@gifts4teens.org or www.gifts4teens.org. Jump-start your holiday spirit by being a part of this worthwhile program.



Congratulations to **Gifts for Teens** for being accepted by Whole Foods/Blossom Hill as their *Nickels for Non Profit* recipient. From September 30 through January 19, Whole Foods will donate all money raised under this program to help GFT. You can help!! Simply tell the cashier at the end of the transaction that you would like to donate the bag refund and Whole Foods will donate 5 cents to Gifts for Teens for each re-usable bag you bring through the register. Please note: Blossom Hill/San Jose is the only participating Whole Foods location.

Stairway Walks of San Francisco: Lands End

Jane Guinther for Weekend Walkers

Please join us in another adventure stairway walk taking in the colors and sounds of a wilderness area surrounded by ocean and bay. This is the Sutro District developed by philanthropist Adolf Sutro. Self-taught in mining and engineering, he left a legacy of open space, parkland and recreation to be enjoyed by families. We'll begin at the new park center near the Cliff House and remains of the Sutro Baths. Walking East along the ocean cliffs, the majestic Golden Gate Bridge frames our view of San Francisco Bay. Our return passes the Palace of the Legion of Honor. These stairways lead us to places most Californians never explore!

We'll meet at Headquarters on Saturday November 16 at 9 am to carpool and return around 3 pm. Pack a bag lunch and wear layers. This is the foggy end of San Francisco, but when the sun shines it's spectacular! If the weather is inclement at Lands End, we can explore the stairways of the Mission District including Mission Delores. RSVP to Jane by email or 408-995-0500.



Lunch Bunch – Early Holiday Luncheon

Diana Taylor

Lunch Bunch will meet for our annual Holiday Luncheon on December 5 at 11:30 at the Almaden Country Club, 6663 Hampton Drive, San Jose 95120. All Branch members are welcome. RSVP by November 29 to Diana Taylor or 408-268-2593. We will send you a menu list with prices so you can pre-order your lunch. Because of the holiday, it is important to meet the November 29 deadline.

September 2013 AAUW Bridge Winners

Bobbie Eckerman

First Monday: No Bridge

Second Monday: Jackie Chase, Alma Powell, Margery Epperson

Second Thursday: Darline Wilson, Virginia Beck

Second Friday (Duplicate): Darline Wilson, Denise Kwan, Ruth White

Third Friday: Jean Ritchie, Kennette Shannon, Bobbie Eckerman

Fourth Tuesday: Patty Baggesse, Darline Wilson, Judy Hart

Third Wednesday Movie: "The Hot Flashes"

Jean Reed

Come to the movies! "The Hot Flashes" was one of this summer's releases and tells the story of an unlikely basketball team of unappreciated middle-aged women, all former high school champs, who challenge the current high school girls' state champs to a series of games to raise money for breast cancer prevention. Starring five actresses "of a certain age" (Brooke Shields, Virginia Madsen, Daryl Hannah, Camryn Manheim and Wanda Sykes) it has "empowering messages about the importance of friendship, teamwork, and persistence". We'll provide popcorn. BYOB (beverage) to Headquarters on November 20. Movie starts at 7 pm.

Meetings/Special Events

November 4, Monday

Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting

Project Linus 6:30 pm

Business meeting 7:30 pm

Bobbie Baker

November 6, Wednesday 7 pm

Board Meeting

Geri Madden

November 9, Saturday 10 am - 3 pm

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

(See front page)

November 12, Tuesday 7 pm

SCU Speaker Series with Linda Alepin

(see article)

November 19, Tuesday 6 pm

Public Policy meeting

Jacqui Gustafarro

November 20, Wednesday 7 pm

Third Wednesday Movie

"The Hot Flashes"

Jean Reed

November 25, Monday 9:30 am

Building Committee Meeting

Mary Francis



November Interest Group Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at Headquarters.

Click on the underlined name of the Interest Group contact and the email address should be revealed. Or consult your Branch Directory for information. For general information about Interest Groups, contact [Sharon Bouska](#).

Weekend Walkers meets most Saturdays and Sundays at 8 am for an hour-long walk on the Los Gatos Creek Trail. To receive weekly emails about walks, contact [Jean Reed](#)

November 4, Monday 10 am
Bridge
[Mary Clare Hopkins](#)

Dienstag 5 November um 11 Uhr
German Conversation
bei Barbara Snyder
RSVP an [Barbara Snyder](#)

November 8, Friday 10 am
Bridge
[Lida Kluzek](#)

November 9, Saturday
Gourmet Couples
For time & location contact:
[Margaret Bard](#)

November 10, Sunday
Film Fans
For time & location contact:
[Linda Snashall](#)

November 11, Monday 10 am
Bridge
[Rosemary Busch](#)

November 11, Monday 6 pm
Gourmet Light
[Barbara Bettencourt](#)
[Cheryl Markman](#)

November 12, Tuesday
10–11:30 am
Tuesday Book Club
Sonia Santemeyer's autobiography
My Beloved World
[Joyce Baker](#)

November 12, Tuesday 5:30 pm
Be in the Seats (BITS)
Women's basketball San Jose State University at Santa Clara University
[Laura Manthey](#)

November 13, Wednesday 9:30 am
Art Appreciation
David Hockney, British artist
Art of Bulgari exhibits
deYoung Museum,
Meet at HQ to carpool
[Nanci Eksterowicz](#)

November 13, Wednesday 7 pm
Evening Book Group
Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo
Led by Jan Palajac
[Laura Manthey](#)

November 14, Thursday 7:15 pm
Bridge
[Bobbie Eckerman](#)

November 15, Friday 10 am
Bridge
lidakluzek@att.net

November 15, Friday 6:30 pm
AAUW Singles
[Jean Wyatt](#)

November 16, Saturday
9 am – 3pm
Weekend Walkers
San Francisco Stairways –
Land's End
[Jane Guinther](#)

November 18, Monday 9:30 am
Exploring World Literature
Winter in Majorca by George Sand
Present by [Lucy Poindexter](#)
[Sue Eichenbaum](#)

Mardi 19 Novembre Octobre
à 11 heures
French Conversation
Chez Barbara Snyder
RSVP à [Barbara Snyder](#)

November 21, Thursday 10 am
Family History
[Barbara Van Arsdale](#)

November 21, Thursday 7 pm
Mystery Lovers
Doggone Mysterious
by Nancy Ruhle
[Sharon Shephard](#)

November 25, Monday 6:30 pm
Gourmet Vegetarian
[Jean Wyatt](#)

November 26, Tuesday 7:15 pm
Bridge
[Bobbie Eckerman](#)

December 5, Tuesday 1:30 pm
Lunch Bunch
Almaden Country Club
6663 Hampton Dr., San Jose
RSVP by November 29 to
[Diana Taylor](#)



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AAUW San Jose Branch Bonfire



Holiday Tea
Sunday, December 8
3-5 pm
Headquarters

See festive costumes and decorations at our House and hear how people around the world celebrate the holidays.

Please bring a dessert to share. A big "Thank You" to Helen Stevens for helping organize this event!

Deadline: Articles and calendar items must be submitted to the Editor for review by the first Wednesday of the month before publication. To submit items, send an email to Jean Reed with a Microsoft WORD attachment. Send calendar items to Judy Kristofferson.



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