

San Jose Branch

BONFIRE**Empowering Women Since 1881****FALL EVENT**

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

First Congregational Church

1980 Hamilton Ave (corner of Hamilton & Leigh)

Changing the Climate for Women and Girls: Local Women Rising

Join us and enjoy a Continental Breakfast provided by the Membership Team before visiting the Community Action Project and Interest Group tables. Bring your friends! We would like to invite as many prospective members as we can. There will be muffins, coffee cake, fruit and coffee or tea. It's a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new friends.

The program will begin at 11 am. Our Tech Trek girls and Local Scholarship recipients will be there, as well as the National Conference for College Women Student Leader we sent to the NCCWSL conference in Washington. We are doing a lot for women and girls in our community through AAUW Fund, AAUW Fund LAF, Public Policy, and other Community Action Projects (Financially Fit For Life, Gifts for Teens, and Neighbors Helping Neighbors). Come and hear how our Branch makes a difference!

Questions? Contact [Margaret Bard](#)

**AAUW advances equity for women and girls
through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research**



President's Corner

Where's Our Heading?

Thanks to our Program Development Committee, the theme "Changing the Climate for Women and Girls: Local Women Rising" is now beginning to resonate on the campus, in the workplace, and in the community. Fall Event kicks off the year with our Membership Committee gearing up to recruit new members and featuring recipients of Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) as well as Branch leaders. Drum rolls to a nonpartisan event put together by our Public Policy Committee to delve into election issues. Equally strong, our College/University Relations Committee coordinates Elect Her and \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops with campus representatives. The Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy supports "Strong Girls, Strong Women" for the fifth year and Work Smart, a grant which our Branch won from AAUW last fiscal year. Work Smart targets over 120 women – working or in transition, including women just getting out of prison.

Stay tuned for programs on Leadership, Barriers and Biases, fundraising at CooperVino for AAUW Fund and LAF, Title IX/Civil Rights, Pay Equity, Third Wednesday Programs on archiving and Harriet Tubman, and other programs aimed to keeping our "ship" going to the "direction of the wind" and pointing to our "heading." Thanks to our Building and Properties Committee for running the House and making it possible for everyone to plan, meet, and simply enjoy each other's company. Our Finance Committee has also been hard at work looking after the "health" of our Branch. The Bylaws Committee will soon have an impact as well, when all Policies and Procedures are reviewed this year to ensure they align with our Bylaws. Watch for calls from the Nominating Committee Chair, who will recruit six other members. A big shout out also to our Communications Committee without whom we would be totally blanked out from local news!

BOARD MATTERS

The Executive Committee approved additional appointments by the President: Mary Barry (Financially Fit For Life); Thea Jacobs (Local Scholarship, voting director), Virginia Beck (Local Scholarship Boutique, non-voting); and Marlene Bjornsrud (replaced Gloria Leonard as Public Policy Chair). The Membership Committee elected Sandra Bonnet as a voting director – confirmed by the Executive Committee. The Building and Properties Committee elected Tracy Bunker as a voting director and Kathy Myers as non-voting co-chair – confirmed by the Executive Committee. The Board elected Risë Berry to replace Kathy Bechly (moving to Aptos) as Treasurer of the Building and Properties (B&P) Committee. The Board elected Linda Goldberg to replace Pat Skavdahl (health reasons) as B&P Committee member to oversee the maintenance of our House. Bylaws Committee, working this year on Policies and Procedures, will be chaired by Linda Snashall.

PUBLIC POLICY

[Gloria Leonard](#), Public Policy Committee

Advocacy and Action in Sacramento

Out of over 2,000 bills introduced in the current California Legislative Session, the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee gave special attention to around 60. This number needed to be reduced in order to have a manageable advocacy agenda and the final evaluations led to selecting approximately 13 bills on which AAUW CA took positions. The AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities for 2015-17 are the framework that guides these decisions and gives direction to our Legislative Advocate Shannon Smith-Crowley. The decision was made to give highest priority to bills related to Pay Equity, Title IX, and STEM.

A status report on the bills with AAUW CA “Support” positions will be available at Fall Event. We also expect Action Alerts from AAUW CA (see below) on bills needing advocacy action from California branch members of AAUW. Bill tracking is available to members at www.aauw-ca.org/publicpolicy or www.leginfo.ca.gov



What's “E15”?

“E15” is the last day to register for the 2016 General Election, 15 days before the election date. AAUW San Jose members are known to be “good citizens” and turn out to vote in elections. We need to do more – we need to urge and facilitate voting by the young people in our families and extended families. Tools you can use to be an informed voter and information on a voter education forum on ballot propositions (see back page) will be available at Fall Event. Deadlines and resources you can use:

Last day to register for: **General Election** **October 24, 2016**

Election Day **November 8, 2016**

Web site for election information, including registration, online or by mail, is www.sos.ca.gov.

Work Smart – Support Local Working Women

Please join us Friday, September 16, at 1:30 at Headquarters to meet and support our Work Smart Pilot team and National staff. Please contact [Janice Robbins](#) or [Geri Madden](#) with any questions .



Tech Trek 2016

[Jane Guinther](#), Chair San Jose Tech Trek

Since the inception of CA Tech Trek in 1998, our Branch has participated in this creative, motivational program engaging adolescent girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). In July, Elaine Benoit and Jane Guinther packed their bags, pillows and adolescent personalities, ready for an invigorating week with eighty 12-year-old girls. "Holding hands" with career women in many non-traditional STEM fields and many adult mentors, our campers learned of their limitless opportunities. Here is an excerpt from a camper thank you note. "I was always a shy, quiet girl who wanted to change the world but wasn't sure how to or that she was even capable. I rarely raised my hand. Even if I knew the answer and had strong opinions about things, I was too afraid to share. Tech Trek has made me feel more confident in myself, my dreams and my abilities. I had always loved science, math and writing. Tech Trek has truly inspired me to follow my heart and pursue the profession of my choice regardless of the fact it may be male dominated fields. I am incredibly thankful for the chance I received to meet new people with interests similar to mine and to grow both mentally and spiritually while learning new things."

Balancing STEM education, there is pure teenage fun at camp. Stanford fountain hopping, public art, walking and more walking are laced throughout our week. Stanford affords growth in many facets of our girls' development. In one week they dealt with college finances, dorm life, navigating cafeteria lines, health maintenance, class/sleep/social balance, big vs small campus and life - and all without cell phones!

A recurring favorite event is the inspirational talks with women during Professional Women's Night. Twelve women share their time and talents answering all the girls' questions about their careers, how they chose them, why they love it after many years, how they balance work and home, how could I follow in their footsteps? As Dr. Alison Nordt, an aerospace engineer prefaces her life, "When I stop learning something new every day, bury me." A new focus at camp this year was the emerging field of nano-technology. It's in every facet of daily life from the security strips in our money to the tiny particles in suntan lotion protecting our skin. Every year in her opening address Judge LaDoris Cordell reminds us we have two ends, heads you win, tails you lose. Your donations that make Tech Trek possible as a living, breathing gift, changing the lives of young girls. Thank you!

We partnered with four new schools this year to find our campers: Clyde Fischer, Renaissance Academy, Leyva, and River Glen Middle Schools. All girls were recommended by their teachers and completed a rigorous application, essay and interview session with our Tech Trek committee. They will share their experiences at Fall Event. For a glimpse from camp, <http://www.aauw-techtrek.org/index.php>.



Your San Jose campers:

Top L-R Jane Guinther (Dorm Mom, Branch coordinator), Xitlali Esquivel, Maya Gudino, Julia Moore, Ileana Meraz, Kacie Lopez, Hope Laborin (Junior Counselor and former SJ camper)
Front L-R: Iliana Rodriguez, Vina Heng, Randee Pascual, missing Elaine Benoit (Dorm Mom on crowd control)

AAUW San Jose Branch Bonfire

Be In The Seats (BITS)

The fall season for collegiate sports is underway. You can enjoy an exciting game and promote the success of women athletes at the same time. Event attendance is used as an indicator of interest in women's sports which is, in turn, used to determine promotion and scheduling. Be In The Seats to show your support for these amazing young athletes. Contact [Laura Manthey](#).

Santa Clara Women's Volleyball: Tuesday, September 27 at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 for seniors.

Stanford Women's Volleyball (including the #1 recruiting class in the country): Sunday, September 11 at 1



It Takes a Village

[Jan Giroux](#)

Grants are being written, buyers are out looking for bargains, and the Gifts for Teens committee is gearing up again to provide 1,200 holiday gift bags to local homeless and needy teens. But none of this could be done without ongoing support from AAUW members, community volunteers, local high school drives, local businesses, and philanthropic groups throughout the year. The generosity of these groups providing cash donations, volunteer time, knitted scarves, clothing or gift cards from school drives, and snack foods for the gift bags are a big part of our success each year. We couldn't do it without you!

Information on volunteer dates, times and location to fill holiday gift bags the first two weeks in December will be posted in a future issue. As always, cash or in-kind donations are gratefully accepted. Contact [Elaine Benoit](#) for further information.

Make College a Reality for Young Women: Donations Needed for Holiday Boutique

[Virginia Beck](#)

AAUW San Jose has been providing scholarships for women for thirty-five years through the Local Scholarship Community Action Project. In addition to monetary donations from AAUW San Jose members, Local Scholarship is funded through grant writing and an annual Holiday Boutique, now looking forward to its fifteenth year.

The Boutique will be held this year at Headquarters on Saturday, November 12, from 10 am to 3 pm. A very popular part of the Holiday Boutique is the handmade and home-baked areas in the dining room and kitchen. We are looking to expand these areas this year, but we need your help. Please consider donating home-baked goods; hand-crafted jewelry, needlework, craft items and hand-knitted scarves; small gifts, and holiday decorations. Let your skills go wild on behalf of college-bound women. This year we will NOT have the Eclectic Treasures area as the monetary return to amount of work is not reasonable. Interest Groups are asked to donate a thematic basket related to their area of interest.

Thanks to your generosity, now in giving and with your purchases at the Holiday Boutique, we look forward to another successful fundraising event. Please contact [Virginia Beck](#), Boutique Chair, with questions and donation information.

School Supplies Needed

[Karelle Cornwell](#) and [Sally Bailey](#)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is collecting school supplies for Santa Maria Urban Ministry. If you would like to contribute, there is a bin in the Parlor where you can place your donations or you can bring them to our meeting on Tuesday, September 6. Items that are needed are binder paper, pencils, erasers, 12-inch rulers, pocket folders, glue sticks, Crayola markers, wide-ruled notebooks, pencil sharpeners, crayons, scissors, calculators. Please avoid buying red or blue supplies.

One Hour for AAUW

[Jean Reed](#) for Title IX/Sports Equity

How many hours do you spend looking at email or on the Internet? Could you share one of those hours for AAUW?

It's time for the annual update of the Directory of Title IX Coordinators. We'd like to give as many members as possible the chance to share the satisfaction of participating in this project that has a real and visible value to the community.

Forty years ago, Title IX opened the doors of medical and law schools to women. It brought a tenfold increase in female participation in sports with the associated lessons about competition and leadership that lead to success in various careers. It makes sexual harassment on campus illegal. It mandates support for pregnant and parenting students and protects the rights of non-traditionally gendered students. Every school encounters some of these issues every year so it is important for schools to assign a Title IX Coordinator. It's also important that students, parents, teachers and the community know who these administrators are. The Directory of Title IX Coordinators for Santa Clara County published by AAUW San Jose provides the resource to fill this need.

AAUW National has created an interactive on-line tool to allow an easy search for a local Title IX Coordinators. But the tool is only as good as the data. The AAUW San Jose Directory will be used to update the AAUW on-line tool. We will meet at Headquarters on September 29 to identify necessary updates. I'd say this is a training session, but honestly, with multiple members participating, I expect that we'll complete the job in one session. Bring your laptop. We'll provide keyboard-friendly snacks (no crumbs or sticky fingers!) We also need a few members to make three to five phone calls early in September to fill any gaps in our local data. Please confirm to [Jean Reed](#) if you have an hour to give to AAUW.

Title IX

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Third Wednesday Program

Preserving Family Memories

September 21

7 - 8:30 pm

Doors open at 6:30

Back by popular demand, Catherine (Cate) Mills, Curator of Library & Archives at History San Jose (HSJ), will speak to us about how to manage, archive and store your family papers, photos and memorabilia: what to save, what materials to use for the best preservation, where to purchase archival supplies, and perhaps even where to donate if you have important papers.

Cate holds a Masters in Library & Information Science from the University of Washington and has been working with archival material since 2009. At HSJ, she is in charge of the care and organization of personal papers, photographs, audio-visual materials, and organizational and government records, as well as making those available to researchers on a daily basis. In addition to her work at HSJ, she also maintains her own home archive, including the papers and extensive photo collection of her father who passed away in 2004. Contact [Diana Taylor](#) (408-268-2593) for more details.



June 2016 AAUW BRIDGE WINNERS

[Bobbie Eckerman](#)

First Monday: Holiday - No Bridge

Second Monday: Lida Kluzek, Leela Viswanathan

Second Thursday: Patty Baggese, Sue Swackhamer

Second Friday: (Duplicate): Mary Fitzgerald, Jean Kudlick, Bobbie Eckerman

Third Friday: Kinnette Shannon, Leela Viswanathan

Fourth Tuesday: Patty Baggese, Darline Wilso

AAUW San Jose Branch Bonfire

CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at Headquarters and are shown in BLUE. Events in RED meet elsewhere. To schedule a meeting, check the [Branch Calendar](#), then contact [Kathy Myers](#). RSVP means the group needs to know who will attend.

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

Mon Sep 5	9:30am - 12:30pm Monday Bridge (RSVP Pat Mikolic)
Tue Sep 6	10am - 12pm German Conversation (Barbara Snyder) 7pm - 8:30pm Neighbors Helping Neighbors (Sally Baily)
Wed Sep 7	7pm - 9pm Board Meeting (Edna Robinson) Social time from 6:30
Thu Sep 8	7:15pm - 10pm Bridge (RSVP Bobbie Eckerman)
Fri Sep 9	10am - 2pm Duplicate Bridge (RSVP Lida Kluzek)
Sat Sep 10	9:30 - 1pm Fall Event First Congregational Church (see front page) 6pm Couples Gourmet (RSVP Margaret Bard)
Sun Sep 11	Film Fans (RSVP Linda Snashall) 1pm Be In The Seats (BITS) Stanford Women's Volleyball (Laura Manthey)
Mon Sep 12	10am - 1pm Bridge (RSVP Rosemary Busch) 1:30pm - 3:30pm Financially Fit for Life (Mary Barry) 6pm Light Gourmet (RSVP Cheryl Markham)
Tue Sep 13	10am - 12pm Spanish Conversation (Nancy Toledo) 10am - 12pm Tuesday Morning Book Club <i>Memories of Water</i> by Emmi Itaranta (Maggi Benson)
Wed Sep 14	10am - 1pm Art Appreciation Planning Session (Jan Bartolotta) 6pm - 7pm Title IX/Sports Equity (Laura Manthey)
Thu Sep 15	10am - 12pm Family History (Susan Brundage) 7pm - 8:30pm Mystery Lovers <i>The Demands</i> by Mark Bingham (Sharon Shepard)
Fri Sep 16	10am - 1pm Bridge (RSVP Lida Kluzek) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Singles Potluck (Isabelle Wright) 1:30 pm WorkSmart Pilot (Janice Robbins)
Mon Sep 19	6:30pm International Gourmet (Jan Bartolotta)
Tue Sep 20	10am - 11:45am French Conversation (Barbara Snyder) 6pm - 8pm Public Policy (Marlene Bjornsrud)
Wed Sep 21	7 pm - 8:30pm Third Wednesday Program "Preserving Family Memories" with Cate Mills (Diana Taylor) doors open at 6:30
Thu Sep 22	7pm - 9pm Game Night (RSVP by Monday Connie Wolff)
Mon Sep 26	9am - 11am Building and Properties Committee Meeting (Tracy Bunger) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Veggie Gourmet Potluck (Jean Wyatt 408-262--3372)
Tue Sep 27	11:30am - 1:30pm Lunch Bunch 7pm Be In The Seats (BITS) Santa Clara Women's Volleyball (Laura Manthey) 7:15pm - 10pm Bridge (RSVP Bobbie Eckerman)
Thurs Sep 29	7 pm - 8:30pm Title IX Directory Update Project (RSVP Jean Reed) See Article
Fri Sep 30	1pm - 4pm Local Scholarship (Thea Jacobs)

SAVE THE DATE

Sat Oct 29 AAUW Fellows Luncheon of Northern California at Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville

[Save the Date for Your 2017 Eduvacation](#)

June 14-17, 2017 [AAUW National Convention and "Eduvacation"](#)

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SAVE THE DATE

Public Policy Forum on November election

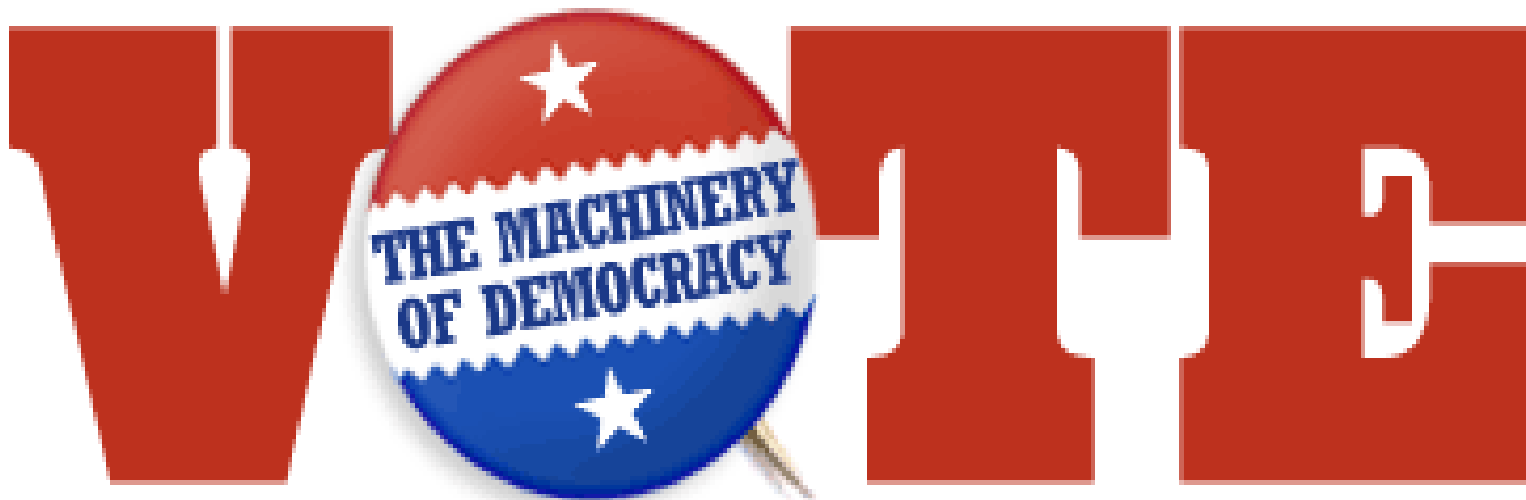
Confused? Too many props? What do they all mean?

Let Public Policy clear the confusion. Don't vote until you understand.

October 19

7 – 8:30 pm

Bring your sample ballot and questions. Friends and family welcome.



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See the San Jose Branch Website at www.aauwsanjose.org for more information.