

San Jose Branch

BONFIRE**Empowering Women Since 1881****Women Changing Our World: Paths To Leadership**

Sunday, January 29

2 - 4 pm

San Jose City College Theater (next to the General Education Building)

2100 Moorpark Avenue, San Jose

Five outstanding women will describe how they created their own paths and are now changing the world. The panel discussion sponsored by the Santa Clara County Inter-Branch Council of AAUW is entitled "Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership." Panelists are former Vice Mayor Rose Herrera (San Jose City Council, District 8), Danielle Feinberg (Director Photography-Lighting for Pixar Animation Studios), Marlene Bornsrud (Founder of Alliance of Women's Coaches), Superior Court Judge Julianne Sylva, and Caryn Beck-Dudley, Dean of the Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University. We will hear about the obstacles these women have faced and overcome, what has inspired them, what public policies have been crucial to their success, and what they would advise other women who are charting new paths.

The moderator will be Cathy Foxhoven of AAUW-CA. Event is free and open to the public, no registration needed. Q and A will follow the panel discussion. (Enter the campus on Moorpark; Parking lot available next to the Theater).

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(See M. Bjornsrud's article inside)

Third Wednesday Program

January 18

7 pm – 8:30 pm

Burning Man: What's All the Fuss About?

Survival camping in the high desert at the end of August – sounds like fun, right? Come see what radical self-reliance, radical inclusion, and gifting means to Burners. Member [Sue Swackhamer](#) will warm us with her recollections and photos.

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

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Sail Onwards, Break the Waves!

Edna Robison, [President](#)

“There’s a ship behind us! Now they’re in front! Oh, wait, there are kayakers around us! And, hey, look, the rogue waves are about to hit us! Oh, no, our ignition key broke in half!” This was a fraction of the mood after the election, and there was no calm after the “storm.” Yet, our 108-year old Branch stood its ground and navigated the waters of nonpartisanship. We did not jump ship but instead did what we do best: advocate equity for women and girls, quietly and steadfastly. Read my “Midterm Highlights.”

As our Branch enters 2017, more programs advancing equity for women and girls will be in the forefront. Calendar those dates. Attend them. Show that we stand for nonpartisan issues affecting our community. Remember, no glass ceilings shattered, but they cracked!

Take a deep breath ... keep the rhythm going ... set the “mainsail” and the “jib” to the horizon ... to AAUW’s mission! May our community, state and country be blessed with a Happy and Sane New Year!



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Join the Women’s March in San Jose on January 21

Marlene Bjornsrud, Chair, [Public Policy](#)

Join us in San Jose for the Women’s March on January 21, 10 am to 3 pm. AAUW supports and encourages Branch members to participate in local events and will welcome those who travel to Washington, DC to join that March. We will unite locally with the main march in DC and sister marches in every state and major metropolitan area across our great country to stand together for justice, tolerance, and inclusion for all. Marlene Bjornsrud will be participating in the Women’s March in Washington, DC.

SAN JOSE MARCH DETAILS for AAUW members, friends and family. All local Branches are encouraged to participate.

WHEN: Saturday, January 21, 2017 - 10 am to 3 pm

WHERE: San Jose City Hall to Cesar Chavez Park

MEET: St. James Light Rail Station at 9:30 am. We will walk together to City Hall

CONTACT: Geri Madden at geri.madden6@gmail.com (cell 619-203-1413) or Pamela Dougherty, Pamela.Dougherty@sbcglobal.net (408-971-3575.) Telling one of us that you hope to join us, will help with our planning.

For more information, see <http://sanjose.carpediem.cd/events/1785127-womens-march-san-jose-at-san-jose-ca-united-states/>.

Save the Date

Tue Jan 31 7 pm [New Member Social](#) Headquarters

Sat Feb 11 10 am - 12 noon **Barriers and Bias** Willow Glen Library

Sat Mar 18 8 am - 1 pm **Strong Women Leadership Conference** Evergreen Valley College

April 22 11:30 am - 2 pm **Annual Luncheon Meeting**

May 7 AAUW Fund fundraising (Wine Tasting)

June 5 7-8:30pm **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Soiree**

June 14–17 [AAUW National Convention and “Eduvacation”](#)

Midterm Highlights, July - December 2016

- AAUW Fund and Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): From July 1- September 15, 2016, Branch members donated \$9,185, broken down as follows: \$2,995 AAUW Fund, \$3,205 Unrestricted LAF, \$270 Public Policy, \$710 Eleanor Roosevelt, \$425 Educational Opportunities, \$30 Leadership, and \$1,550 Charting the Course.
- IBC: Diane Trombetta represented the Branch. Read her cover article on “Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership” which will be held on January 29.
- Strong Women Conference: Scheduled for March 18 at Evergreen Valley College. See motion in “Board Matters”.
- Programs: Coordinated “Barriers and Bias” (see back cover), conducted three general meetings (Fall Event, Propositions Forum, School Bullying), three Third Wednesday Programs (“My Family and Other Animals” movie, “Preserving Family Memories with Cate Mills,” and “Make a Gift for Teens” where volunteers made 35 scarves), one Work Smart Facilitators’ Training, and three Work Smart Pilot Project workshops. Total attendees: Over 200 people.
- Gifts for Teens: Volunteers, including high school students, assembled items for 1,300 totes and backpacks for teenage boys and girls. Value of bags was over \$190,000 and cash donations were about \$60,000, with expenses of over \$49,000 for teen gift bag contents. Funds directly benefited the teens. (Note: Final numbers will be available this quarter.)
- Financially Fit for Life: Preparing one or two workshops on “Paying for College” for the Strong Women Conference at Evergreen Valley College (March); developing a program for Branch members on retirement facilities (May); and planning to present at Tech Trek summer camp at Stanford (July).
- Local Scholarship: Presented 11 local scholars at Fall Event; raised approximately \$5,257 at the Holiday Boutique for qualified local college women, with \$3,075 in donations on that day, plus more monies from late basket sales and other donations amounting to \$1,470; also pursuing private and family foundation grants.
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Made a difference in the lives of homeless families and people in need, more recently through 350 items for “Warm Hearts.” Read their article.
- Tech Trek: Presented campers at Fall Event. Jane Guinther will be moving to the East Coast in April. A transition team will be formed. We are looking for a new chair. Our Branch thanks Jane for her over 10 years of dedication. Jane sewed a quilt of all Tech Trek shirts she received for volunteering as a “Dorm Mom.” She will be missed! Read the Tech Trek article.
- Public Policy: Led the Propositions Forum; worked with the Bay Area Equal Pay Collaborative in assembling cookies for distribution at the “Tech & Trades: Strategies to Close the Wage Gap” event, held at San Jose City College; wrote advocacy articles for the BONFIRE and Facebook; and preparing for more programs this year.

Tech Trek

Jane Guinther, Chair of San Jose Tech Trek, will be moving to the East Coast in April. Our transition team volunteers, Elizabeth Guimarin, Nancy Hooton, Sharon Niedermaier, Sharon Burkett, Margaret Bard, Marty Glanzman, and Cheryl Markman will take on the many tasks; however, we need someone to chair this position and be our link to camp.

Tech Trek is our remaining branch STEM program, making a huge positive impact on the lives of eight San Jose 8th grade girls every summer. We have sent girls for the past 18 years since its inception. On Thursday, January 19, the Tech Trek team will meet at Headquarters from 12 to 2 pm to discuss the Tech Trek schedule and divide the annual tasks. Elizabeth Guimarin has taken this list and compartmentalized the schedule. If we all take a portion, we'll have a successful San Jose Tech Trek experience. We've offered Clyde Fischer, Renaissance Academy, Leyva, River Glen and Matson one to two scholarships for 2017. They were ecstatic to be chosen again. Our school staff liaisons all responded within 24 hours of our invitation, so we have them on board for another smooth selection season. The application packets will be delivered to the schools in January. They are due to us March 1, at which time we'll need all hands on deck for reviewing the applications, essays and conducting interviews. Once all girls are notified and recipients' info sent to the camp registrar by April 1, the big piece is done. Jane will be in San Jose to help the team through "March Madness." Actually it's the most fun time!

Tech Trek has been an incredible opportunity for so many girls. Joining the ride has been inspirational for all of us. Thank you for supporting Tech Trek the past 18 years. Please come join our team!

BOARD MATTERS

The following motions were approved:

That Elizabeth Guimarin lead the existing Communications Committee to explore the use of member personal contact information in communication channels and publicity materials. Elizabeth presented policy recommendations to the Board in December (replacing the November 2 motion).

That the 2016-2017 AAUW San Jose Branch budget be amended to include a \$3,900 allocation to the Evergreen Valley College women students' conference in March 2017. The \$3,900 will come from the Leadership allocation of the Ruby Trombetta donation. Further, that a contingency of \$25 per person be allocated for students who register in excess of projections.



Attention New Members!



We're having a party! Come to get acquainted with other new members and the Membership Team on Tuesday, January 31, at 7 pm at Headquarters. If you're a new member, or you have joined in the last year or so and haven't been able to come to a New Member Social before, we look forward to getting better acquainted. Please RSVP to Membership@aauwsanjose.org



Be in the Seats

Show your support for women's athletics by attending a game in January. Here are two suggestions:

Fri Jan 6 8 pm Stanford Women's Basketball vs University of Oregon.

Thurs Jan 12 7 pm Santa Clara University Women's Basketball vs San Diego

Nominating Committee to Meet in January

Linda Goldberg, [Nominating Committee](#)

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in January to come up with a list of candidates to fill the various Branch positions. If you have considered becoming more active in the Branch, or know of a member who would be well suited to a position, we would love to hear from you. There are many ways you can take part, either in a particular area of interest or for the Branch in general. We will be actively seeking co-officers who can serve on an alternate year basis, with the goal that positions have an experienced member at all times. We all have leadership abilities – please consider sharing some of yours!

[Light Gourmet](#)– Looking for New Members

The focus of Light Gourmet is low calorie, low fat dining. We meet on the second Monday of each month, all year round. Each member hosts a dinner once during the year at her home. The hostess plans the menu, prepares the entree, and provides the recipes to each of the other members, who decide which recipe each would like to prepare, or bring wine. At Fall Event, prospective members signed up to be contacted when we have an opening ... and we do! Unfortunately, the sign-up sheet disappeared, so if you did sign up (or even if you didn't!) and enjoy good food, good conversation and all-around fun, please contact Cheryl Markman (408-578-5815).

New Member Profiles

Claire Campodonico

GUILTY JAM received her BS from Oregon State University in Biology, and an Optometry doctoral degree from Pacific University's College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Oregon. She had a one-year fellowship from Gesell Institute of Child Development in New Haven, Connecticut. She then earned an MA in Education with an emphasis in Reading from Pacific University. She taught there for one year. Moving to California in 1975, she married and had two children. Guity worked at Hewlett Packard as an engineer for thirty-one years. She joined Kaiser Permanente as an Optometrist in 1980, retiring in 2016.

MONICA KEANE earned a BA in English and Italian from UC Davis, an MA in Italian from McGill University in Montreal, and a PhD in Comparative Literature from UC Davis. Her main area of research is medieval Italian. Monica is raising two girls, ages three and one. In the spring, she will begin teaching Humanities part-time at Foothill College. She is a lover of opera, cooking and knitting. She saw our headquarters when visiting the Willow Glen Library.

SUSAN KARLINS resides in Campbell. Her BA and MA are from Hampshire College in Massachusetts in Social Sciences. Her MS in Public Health was earned from UCLA. Susan's thirty-year public health career includes Health Education Instructor at Stanford, Director of Programs for Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, working at Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, Senior Health Care Program Analyst, as well as many other high profile positions. She has authored many healthcare publications. She has been aware of AAUW for a long time and decided to join to be with a group of friendly, like-minded women.

DR. TARA SOOD earned a BS in Biology in 2002 and an MD from the University of Maryland in 2006. She found AAUW through a Google search. Tara did her training in Emergency Medicine at New York University. Moving to California five years ago, she now is employed by Kaiser Hospital in San Jose. Her skills include event planning and public speaking.

Archive Committee Report

Diana Taylor, Chair, [Archive Committee](#)

The committee's goal is to make a final deposit of documents to History San Jose (HSJ) sometime in December, along with another donation of \$150 for archival supplies. The documents will include: a copy of the Branch incorporation papers; Building & Properties Committee minutes from 1969-2000; Presidents' Reports sent to AAUW and AAUW-CA at the end of each year from 1940-1963. We are missing all Presidents' reports between 1963 and 1981. After 1981 there are only four reports until 2000, which is our cut-off year, and those also will be deposited with HSJ.

The committee is in the process of organizing voluminous Building Committee files, which will remain at Headquarters. After that we will prepare records retention guidelines for officers, committees and CAPs using the guidelines from AAUW. A final written and verbal report will be presented to the Board and, with Board approval, will be sent to AAUW-CA and AAUW. An experience notebook with inventory and receipts of the documents turned over to HSJ will be placed at Headquarters.

Weekend Walkers Explores Willow Glen History

Saturday, January 28 10:30 am

Last year, the Roberto Adobe & Sunol House on the edge of Willow Glen opened to the public with exhibits on its place in Santa Clara County history. On Saturday, January 28, we'll meet at 10:30 am for a walk along the Three Creeks Trail tracing another part of Willow Glen history. After stopping for lunch along the way, we will tour the new museum, which is open from 12 to 2 pm. Contact [Jean Reed](#) for details.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Needs You!

Sally Bailey, Chair,

[Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#)

Throughout the year, Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) provides assistance to various organizations in our community. We provide cleaning kits as well as a barbecue dinner for Family Supportive Housing, survival backpacks for the homeless and hand knit baby sweaters for the layette project for Sacred Heart Community Services, coats and warm apparel, protein foods and school supplies for Santa Maria Urban Ministry, Mothers Day gift cards for Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, underwear for A Women's Gathering Place, volunteer help at the Grateful Garment Project, and blankets for the Linus Project. If you'd like to find out more about NHN, come join us at our first meeting of 2017 on Monday, January 9, at 7 pm.

November 2016 Bridge Winners

Bobbie Eckerman, [Bridge Groups](#)



First Monday: Helen Healzer, Pat Mikolic

Second Monday: Mary Braley, Jean Shuh, Judy Kumagai

Second Thursday: No Bridge

Second Friday (Duplicate): Judy Kumagai, Pat Mikolic, Lida Kluzek

Third Friday: Lida Kluzek, Kennette Shannon,

Fourth Tuesday: No Bridge

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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 Jan 2	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Monday Bridge (RSVP Pat Mikolic)
Tue Jan 3	10 am - 12 pm German Conversation - (Barbara Snyder)
Sun Jan 8	Film Fans (RSVP Linda Snashall)
Mon Jan 9	10 am - 1 pm Bridge (RSVP Rosemary Busch) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Financially Fit for Life (Mary Barry) 6 pm - 9 pm Light Gourmet (RSVP Cheryl Markman) 6:30 pm - 8 pm Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Assemble hygiene kits for SMUM from 6:30, Meeting from 7:15 pm (Sally Bailey)
Tue Jan 10	10 am - 12 pm Tuesday Morning Book Club <i>The Collaborators</i> by Reginald Hill (Maggi Benson) 10 am - 11:30 am Conversacion Espanol - (RSVP Nancy Toledo)
Wed Jan 11	11 am Art Appreciation - San Jose Museum of Art - Cooper Hewitt Design Triennial, meet in museum lobby (RSVP Lori Fitch 408 251-0678) 6 pm - 7 pm Title IX/Sports Equity (Laura Manthey) 7 pm - 9 pm Wednesday Night Book Group - <i>My Name is Lucy Barton</i> by Elizabeth Strout (Laura Manthey)
Thu Jan 12	9:30 am - 11:30 am Great Decisions (Maureen Curulla) 7:15 pm - 10 pm Bridge (RSVP Bobbie Eckerman)
Fri Jan 13	10 am - 2 pm Duplicate Bridge (RSVP Lida Kluzek)
Sat Jan 14	6 pm Couples Gourmet (RSVP Margaret Bard)
Mon Jan 16	9:30 am - 11:30 am Exploring World Literature - <i>Doctor Glass</i> by Hjalmar Soderberg (Sue Eichenbaum) 6:30 pm International Gourmet - Dinner Out (RSVP Cheryl Markman)
Tue Jan 17	10 am - 11:45 am French Conversation - (Barbara Snyder) 6 pm - 8 pm Public Policy (Marlene Bjornsrud)
Wed Jan 18	7 pm - 8:30 pm Third Wednesday Progr am "Burning Man! What's all the fuss about?" (Sue Swackhamer)
Thu Jan 19	10 am - 12 pm Family History - Report on Irish research by Bobbie (Susan Brundage) 7 pm - 8:30 pm Mystery Lovers - <i>The House Sitter</i> by Peter Lovesey (Sharon Shephard)
Fri Jan 20	10 am - 1 pm Bridge (RSVP Lida Kluzek) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Singles Potluck (Isabelle Wright)
Sat Jan 21	10 am - 2 pm Women's March (Gloria Leonard)
Mon Jan 23	9 am - 11 am Building and Properties Committee Meeting (Kathy Myers /Tracy Bunger) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Veggie Gourmet Potluck (Jean Wyatt 408-262--3372)
Tue Jan 24	11:30 am Lunch Bunch Kubota, 593 N 5th St. (RSVP Janice Robbins) 7 pm - 8:30 pm Great Decisions Evening Grp (Karelle Cornwell) 7:15 pm - 10 pm Bridge (RSVP Bobbie Eckerman)
Thu Jan 26	7 pm - 9 pm Game Night (RSVP by Monday Connie Wolff)
Fri Jan 27	1 pm - 4 pm Local Scholarship - (Thea Jacobs)
Sat Jan 28	10:30 am - 2 pm Weekend Walkers Three Creek Trail to Roberto Adobe with stop for lunch (Jean Reed)
Sun Jan 29	2-4 pm - "Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership," San Jose City College Theater, 2100 Moorpark Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128
Tue Jan 31	7 pm - 9 pm Membership Social (Margaret Bard)

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Barriers and Bias

The Need For More Women Leaders: Turning AAUW's Latest Report Into Action

When: Saturday, February 11, 10 am - 12 pm

Where: Willow Glen Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose

Speaker: Ellen Hohbach Scheetz, founder of Authentic You, a certified coach and consultant specializing in eliminating gender bias

Read the "Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership" report at <http://www.aauw.org/research/barriers-and-bias/>.

To get the most out of the workshop:

Complete the AAUW's 10-minute implicit bias test on leadership

at <http://www.aauw.org/article/implicit-association-test/>

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