

San Jose Branch

BONFIRE**Empowering Women Since 1881****Meet the 2018 Local Scholarship Recipients****Saturday, October 13****10 am****Vineland Branch Library
1450 Blossom Hill Road, SJ**

As a special thank you to everyone who helped make 2018 another banner year for Local Scholarship and all 16 of this year's scholarship recipients, please plan to attend the Special Branch Program on Saturday, October 13. The program starts at 10 am at the Vineland Branch Library. This event is to thank you, our donors, and to share the success of those who received the scholarship. And it is a great opportunity for those who would like to know more about the Local Scholarship Community Action Program. Come learn about the history of Local Scholarship, meet this and previous year's recipients, and hear how your donations make a difference in the lives of these worthy young women.



**Third Wednesday Program
"Dinner and Voting"
October 17 – 6:30 pm
Hosted by Public Policy Committee**

If you like company and having some fun sharing ballot propositions, please come join us on Wednesday, October 17, at Headquarters for dinner served at 6:30 pm, and then discussion beginning around 7 pm.

RSVP to [Anna Fox](#) (408) 540 4040 by Monday, October 15.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with what's on the ballot as much as you are able, but don't feel pressured. One of the perks of sharing information is that on some issues you will feel informed, and on others you will learn during the process.

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



President's Corner

October 2018

President Virginia Beck

At the September 5 Board of Directors meeting, we discussed the role of a board and the individual board members. According to the Branch Policies and Procedures "The Board of Directors (the "Board") is the governing and managing body for the Branch."

Board members saw the individual board member's role as:

- Be aware of Branch programs, invite guests
- Honor that women join for a variety of reasons
- Grow, mentor and evolve
- Publicize what we do as an organization to build our base
- Keep the AAUW culture intact, but be open to new ideas
- Keep the communication going both ways between Board members and Branch members

It was suggested that we take pictures of the Board members and post them at Headquarters so members know their Board and whom to contact with questions. This was accomplished at Fall Event.

We passed the Building & Properties budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. If you would like a copy, email Linda Goldberg or Risë Berry.

We reviewed the income and expenditures from July 1, 2018 – August 31, 2018, and a draft of the Branch general fund budget (membership dues income) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Contact Suzanne Doty with questions.

The Board received training in parliamentary procedures by Marilyn Jackson, Parliamentarian.

Each Board member received an individual copy of the Branch Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and their particular job description. These are the documents by which we run the Branch.

Reports were given by Public Policy, College/University Relations, Membership, and SJSU PR Project.

A motion was passed to disband two interest groups: Singles and Couples Bridge.

Local Scholarship Honors Mary Fitzgerald Cheryl Markman, Local Scholarship Committee

Recently, five family members of former Local Scholarship member Mary Fitzgerald met with the 2018 recipient of the scholarship awarded in her name. Mary's family members came from all over the country to celebrate Mary's life and her legacy as a valued member of Local Scholarship. Three members of the Local Scholarship committee were also there to meet with the family. It was a joyous occasion for all.

Women Making a Difference, Individually and Collectively

Virginia Kay Beck, President

This month, I recognize our College/University Relations Committee Chair, Alyce Athanasiou. Alyce has a history of caring for others. She was a registered nurse in the Intensive Care and Coronary Care Units, providing post-operative critical care to patients of open heart and neurosurgery, as well as to patients with trauma injuries and to patients with compromised respiration. She was also the discharge planner for patients of head injuries, strokes and permanent spinal cord injuries.

AAUW San Jose has been fortunate that in her 16 years of membership, Alyce has taken leadership roles in Membership, Tech Excellence, Ballot Initiative Project – a report requested by the San Jose City Council – interest groups, and the College/University Relations Committee.

Thanks to Alyce’s leadership, the Branch has partnerships with Evergreen Valley Community College, San Jose City College, Santa Clara University and San Jose State University. The purpose of these partnerships is to make students familiar with AAUW and how it can help college women be aware of issues affecting the quality of their lives, and provide them with the resources to make changes. She is proactive in initiating and facilitating Start Smart, Work Smart and Equal Pay Day classes at these schools.

Her hard work ethic and caring about the future have resulted in a very active AAUW student organization at Evergreen Community College. These outstanding women leaders partner with us in a wide variety of activities. I have been fortunate to meet many of them and I can say, “Our future is in good hands! They are an inspiration.” See the Public Policy article in this BONFIRE to learn more about these exceptional women.

Quote: Alyce says to her women at Evergreen: “We are your "Big" sisters and we are here to guide AND also to step back and gladly watch the next generation receive the baton we are passing on. We know the future is in good hands! All of you make us proud!”

Alyce Athanasiou is A Woman Making A Difference.



New Member

OPEN
HOUSE

Saturday, October 20

10 am to 12 pm

The next **New Member Open House** will take place on Saturday, October 20, from 10 am to noon at Headquarters. We will be serving coffee and breakfast snacks. If you know of any women like ourselves who might be drawn to what the Branch has to offer - interest groups that meet regularly, social events, advocacy, community giving, monthly programs, opportunities to connect and bond with other like-minded women, etc., please let them know about our October New Member Open House.

And Interest Group Leaders, please let [Membership](#) know if you can attend the Open House to speak about what your group has to offer, or provide some information that we can share at the event.

Blanket and Sleeping Bag Drive
Bobbie Baker
Neighbors Helping Neighbors



In the month of October, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" is sponsoring a blanket and sleeping bag drive to benefit both Santa Maria Urban Ministries and Sacred Heart Community Service. New or gently-used blankets, sleeping bags, spreads and comforters will be collected. Please drop off donations at Headquarters in the entryway or parlor bins labeled for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

The next meeting of Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be Monday, October 1 at 7 pm. We plan to have a hands-on activity as well as a short business meeting. Hope you can join us!



Sign Up Now
for Gifts for Teens
Holiday Gift Bag Assembly
Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens

We have the date and the time: Monday, December 10 from 9 am -12 pm. Now all we need are 20 enthusiastic AAUW members to help prepare and fill the bags. This time is dedicated to AAUW members, so sign up quickly because the slots fill up fast. Nanci Eksterowicz has graciously agreed to collect names. Those interested, please contact Nanci at nancigrace@comcast.net. If you prefer another date and time, contact Kathy@gifts4teens.org.

A new way to help this year is to participate in our teen pajama drive. A local group called the Pajama Program will be donating some teen sizes to Gifts for Teens. But we would like all 1,200 recipients to snuggle into cozy pajamas. So look for the Gifts for Teens PJ bin in the parlor. Teen male and female sizes in small, medium and large would be gratefully accepted. Donation of new pajamas accepted until December 3.

Evergreen Valley College
Student AAUW Organization
and Start Smart Workshops

Alyce Athanasiou,
College/University Relations Committee

Evergreen Valley College (EVC) is the first of our four partner colleges (along with San Jose State University, San Jose City College, Santa Clara University) to have formed a student AAUW organization, which was created by Dr. Marjorie Clark of the Women and Gender Studies Department in 2015.

One activity which the student organization has been involved in is hosting the Start Smart workshops on the EVC campus with AAUW San Jose. Last August, the Women and Gender Studies Department signed a three-year Start Smart contract with AAUW National for unlimited Start Smart workshops for each of the next three years. The Start Smart curriculum is designed for college women about to enter the job market, and empowers them with the skills and confidence to successfully negotiate their salary and benefits.

EVC and San Jose State University (SJSU) both have three year Start Smart contracts. This has resulted in a need for more trained Start Smart facilitators and presents you with the opportunity to do volunteer work where the students overwhelmingly appreciate what you do for them! You can sign online with "salary.aauw.org/facilitate" for the next convenient scheduled two-hour webinar for Start Smart facilitators. Once you are certified, send me an email at aliki50@yahoo.com and I will notify you when the next workshop needs a facilitator.



AAUW Supports Title IX Coordinators

Jean Reed, Title IX/Sports Equity

On September 7, the Title IX Focus Group of the Public Policy Committee hosted the first in a series of Roundtable Calls for Title IX Coordinators in Santa Clara County. Kiki Williams from San Francisco Unified School District spoke on "Creating a Title IX Strategic Plan." Representatives from about 10 school districts gave an hour of their day to hear a comprehensive overview of Title IX, and to get hands-on advice about how to implement policies to meet the differing needs of each school.

Title IX Coordinators are tasked with ensuring that everyone at a school know their rights. The law guarantees equal opportunities to all students in everything from academics to athletics, including parenting and non-traditionally gendered teens, and prohibits sexual harassment. Meeting all these needs can be challenging since most administrators also have other responsibilities. The purpose of the calls is to promote collaboration and resource sharing so that schools can do their best for all students. Calls will be held bi-monthly, with a new expert presenting at each call. If you are interested in working on Title IX issues, please contact the [Public Policy Committee](#).

Support Women and Girls in Sports Be a Fan in the Seats! Laura Manthey, Title IX/Sports Equity



Have you ever played volleyball, soccer, or field hockey? I did. In high school P.E. A long time ago. The games have changed A LOT in the last 50 years! If you would like to see women at the top of their sport, plan to attend one of the games listed below. Support women and girls in sports and have a great time doing it!

Sunday, October 14, 12 pm:
Women's Soccer – Wyoming at San Jose State

Thursday, October 18, 7 pm:
Women's Volleyball - Pacific at Santa Clara University

Sunday, October 21, 1 pm:
Women's Field Hockey – California at Stanford

Remember, seeing fans in the seats at women's games is a measurable indicator that people care about women's opportunities through athletics.

SAVE THE DATE

**New Member Social
Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 10 am to noon**

**Open House -
Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 10 am to noon**

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AAUW San Jose Public Policy and AAUW Evergreen are Advocates in Action! Susan Karlins, Public Policy Committee

AAUW National took the unusual step to oppose Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation, stating, "Judge Kavanaugh's record shows that he is willing to do grave harm by undermining positions central to AAUW's mission, including upending employment and labor rights, opposing reproductive rights and access to health care, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights." (See full statement at [https://www.aauw.org/article/statement-opposing-confirmation-of-judge-brett-kavanaugh/.](https://www.aauw.org/article/statement-opposing-confirmation-of-judge-brett-kavanaugh/))

On Monday, August 28, Peg Carlson-Bowen, Susan Karlins and six student leaders from AAUW's Evergreen partner, including President Charina B. Tengson and Vice-President for External Affairs Tiamatha Thomas, went to the San Francisco offices of our Senators. At Senator Feinstein's office, we met with Field Representative, John Murray. We presented AAUW's opposition to Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation, and briefed him on the AAUW mission and vision for women and girls. Next, we hiked up the hill to Senator Harris' office where we met with June Williams, Harris' San Francisco District Director, and shared the same information. Ms. Williams told us she had received an AAUW scholarship as an Oakland student and still feels appreciation for that. What a small world!

For your information, the Committee's role emails are:

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communications@aauwsanjose.org

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Media Relations/Publicity: communications@aauwsanjose.org

Communications Committee Communiqué

With the 2018-19 Branch year officially launched with Fall Event, we'd like to update you on this year's Communications Committee members. First, Anne Wustrow will continue as our BONFIRE Editor. Next, Sherry Portillo recently moved to the East Coast and will not be continuing as our Shutterfly manager. If you're interested in assisting Branch members with uploading their photos, or if you have questions about this role, please contact communications@aauwsanjose.org. Another change to our committee is our Facebook account manager, Esther Ludlow, is taking a break from her role. Peg Carlson-Bowen, who has and continues to be a regular contributor to our Facebook page for the Branch's Public Policy Committee, has graciously agreed to take over Esther's duties. Next, after several years as one of our Website managers, Elizabeth Guimarin has stepped out of this role, but will continue as our Branch email manager (creating role emails for Branch committees and interest groups. Finally, Elin Bolt will continue as our website manager, and welcomes Linda Snashall in joining her in website management duties.

In addition to the BONFIRE, our website is the most visible means of communication with the community. Keeping its content up to date is really important, so we strongly urge all incoming committee and interest group Chairs to review their respective pages on the website to assure that the content is current; please contact communications@aauwsanjose.org with any changes as soon as possible. We look forward to a new year of fruitful collaborating and communicating!



August 2018 Bridge Winners Bobbie Eckerman

First Monday: Cancelled

Second Monday: Bobbie Eckerman,
Rosemary Busch

Second Thursday: Virginia Beck,
Sue Swackhamer

Second Friday: (Duplicate) Sandy Bonnet,
Jean Bennedetti, July Kumagai,
Lida Kluzek

Third Friday: Bobbie Eckerman,
Sandy Bonnet,

Fourth Tuesday: Cancelled

OCTOBER 2018 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 [Pam Dougherty](#). 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 Oct 1 9:30am - 12:30pm **Bridge** (RSVP [Pat Mikolic](#))
7pm - 8pm **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** ([Bobbie Baker](#))
- Tue Oct 2 10am - 12pm **German Conversation**. (RSVP [Barbara Snyder](#))
7pm - 8:30pm **Public Policy** ([Peg Carlson-Bowen](#))
- Wed Oct 3 7pm - 8:30pm **AAUW BOARD Meeting** ([Virginia Beck](#))
- Thu Oct 4 1pm - 3pm **Knitting Know How** (RSVP [Margaret McCartney](#))
- Mon Oct 8 10am - 1pm **Bridge** (RSVP [Rosemary Busch](#))
1:30pm - 2:30pm **Financially Fit for Life** ([Leslie Larson](#))
6pm - 9pm **Light Gourmet** (RSVP [Cheryl Markman](#))
- Tue Oct 9 10am - 11:30am **Book Discussion** in Living Room ([Terry McBride](#))
10am - 11:30am **Conversacion Espanol** in Parlor (RSVP [Barbara Snyder](#))
- Wed Oct 10 10am - 2pm **Art Appreciation** - TBD ([Jan Bartolotta](#))
6pm - 7pm **Title IX Sports Equity** ([Laura Manthey](#))
7pm - 8:30pm **Evening Book Discussion - Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate ([Laura Manthey](#))
- Thu Oct 11 7:15pm - 10pm **Bridge** (RSVP [Bobbie Eckerman](#))
- Fri Oct 12 10am - 2pm **Duplicate Bridge** (RSVP [Lida Kluzek](#))
- Sat Oct 13 10am - 12pm **Meet the Local Scholarship 2018 Recipients** ([Marilyn Jackson](#))
6:30pm - 9:30pm **Couples Gourmet** (RSVP [Margaret Bard](#))
- Sun Oct 14 **Film Fans** Movie Selection, venue and time TBD (RSVP [Linda Snashall](#))
- Mon Oct 15 9:30am - 11am **Exploring World Literature - The Inheritance of Loss** - Kiran Desai ([Diana Taylor](#))
6:30pm - 8:30pm **International Gourmet** (RSVP [Judy Collard](#))
- Tue Oct 16 10am - 11:45am. **French Conversation** - (RSVP [Barbara Snyder](#))
1pm - 3pm **Knitting Know How** (RSVP [Margaret McCartney](#))
7pm - 8:30pm **Public Policy Working Groups** ([Peg Carlson-Bowen](#))
- Wed Oct 17 6:30pm - 8:00pm **Third Wednesday- Dinner and Voting** ([Anna Fox](#))
- Thu Oct 18 10am - 12pm **Family History** ([Susan Brundage](#))
7pm - 8:30pm **Mystery Lovers** ([Sharon Shephard](#)). Book: **The Stranger** by Harlan Coben
- Fri Oct 19 10am - 1pm. **Bridge** (RSVP [Lida Kluzek](#))
- Sat Oct 20. 10am - 12pm. **Membership - Open House** ([Jan Bartolotta](#))
- Mon Oct 22 9:30 - 11am **Building & Properties Comm.** ([Linda Goldberg](#))
6:30pm - 7:30pm **Gourmet Vegetarian** ([Jean Wyatt](#))
- Tue Oct 23 11:30am - 2pm **Lunch Bunch** ([Diana Taylor](#))
7:15pm - 10pm **Bridge** (RSVP [Bobbie Eckerman](#))
- Thu Oct 25 6:30 - 8:30pm **Game Night** (RSVP by Mon to Sandee Plymire (408) 280-5799)
- Fri Oct 26 1pm - 3pm **Local Scholarship** ([Margaret Bard](#))

HOT TIPS /REMINDERS/SAVE THESE DATES

- Sat Nov 10 **Local Scholarship Boutique Fundraiser** 10 am - 2 pm

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Empowering Women Since 1881



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