



Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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You are cordially invited to the
Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley
AAUW's annual



Ice Cream Social

tech
trek

Honoring our 2013 Tech Trek
campers from five local public schools.
Please come join us to hear about the
educational experiences and adventures
of these young ladies!

Sunday, September 8, 2013

2 pm to 4 pm

Elks Lodge, 150 North Kellogg

Thank you to the Elks Lodge for donating the venue,
and all the goodies!

Please RSVP by September 4 to
Barbara Levi at 962-8900 or by email
at bglevi@msn.com.



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Presidents' Message

Welcome to a great new year of AAUW. As you can see from the masthead on Page 6, our elected President, Carol Hershey, is still recovering from her stroke. Jane Honikman and I have stepped in as acting Presidents to be sure that our branch continues to thrive in her absence.

The good news is that Carol is making good progress, and by the time this newsletter reaches you, she may already have been moved from Mission Terrace Convalescent Hospital to the Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital for more intense physical and speech therapy. She welcomes visitors, so if you have a chance, do stop by and see her. We will email members once we know for sure that she has moved to the rehab facility.

We also have good news regarding our wonderful Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley branch! For the first time ever (or at least we think that's true!) we have planned our

program meetings for the entire year! Please look at the full list on page 3. There are some very exciting things coming up that you will want to put on your calendar now so you don't miss them. Everyone on the Steering Committee has stepped up to share the responsibility to make these programs happen. Jane and I are grateful to work with such a willing and able group!

To kick off our year, please come to our annual Ice Cream Social as featured on Page 1. Once again the Elks Lodge has graciously offered to host this event by waiving their facilities use fee and by providing the ice cream, toppings, drinks, and paper goods. Please feel free to bring any friends who might be interested in joining AAUW, or who might consider supporting Tech Trek in some way.

We are VERY excited to tell you that a real, honest-to-goodness website for the Santa Barbara -

Goleta Valley AAUW is under construction! We found out this summer that AAUW at the national level has a program that builds websites for branches at no cost. There is a small annual fee for them to maintain the site. This means that one of the website gurus at national actually posts the info we send rather than one of us having to do it as we update the site through the year. Cathy Black and I have been working with a great young lady at national to put together a site that we can all be proud of. The launch should come very soon, so watch your email for the announcement!

Thank you for being a part of our Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW branch.

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Become an AAUW Two-Minute Activist

One of the primary ways in which AAUW furthers its mission is through advocating for issues with Congress. But advocacy isn't just about AAUW lending our name to an issue or speaking up on Capitol Hill. Advocacy is about AAUW members and all citizens concerned with equity being knowledgeable and aware of the current status of important issues.

You can be a direct part of these advocacy efforts by becoming an AAUW Two--Minute Activist. By signing up with this AAUW program, you will receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress, our governor, or California legislators on AAUW issues. Each email will have a button to link you directly to a prepared email message (which you can personalize if you wish) and a way to send it off to your legislators with a click of your mouse.

Here is the link to the AAUW Two-Minute Activist webpage where you can see all the current issues, and sign up to become an AAUW Two-Minute Activist:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

AAUW CA Action Priorities 2013-15

The 2013-15 Action Priorities for AAUW California were approved by the membership in our Spring 2013 elections. AAUW California's public policy priorities are consistent with national AAUW Public Policy Principles which can be found on www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/.

The AAUW CA Public Policy program supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research, and complements the national Public Policy program.

AAUW CA's priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and strong member support. All members were invited to respond to a questionnaire regarding the priorities which AAUW CA should place on California legislation affecting women and girls during the next two years. The results of the fall, 2012 survey are reflected below, in order of priority in each category. Highest priority within each category is marked with an * as determined by member responses.

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women AAUW supports:

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation. *
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes.
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements and protecting Social Security from privatization.
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the work force.
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and career and technical education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential.
- Greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work-life balance.

To support a strong system of public education, AAUW advocates:

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students. *
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education, including vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of public schools.
- Support for and access to higher education for women and disadvantaged populations.

To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW supports:

- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life. *
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including bullying and sexual harassment, in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care, and family planning services, including expansion of patient rights.
- Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.
- Freedom in definition of family, and guarantee of civil rights in all family structures.
- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights

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Thank You For Supporting Tech Trek !

Without the generous support of the following branch members, individuals, businesses, and foundations we would not be able to send 25 local girls to Tech Trek. Thank you all for making it possible . You are changing lives.

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Our SB - GV AAUW 2013-2014 Programs

September 8, Sunday, 2 to 4 pm.

Ice Cream Social featuring our Tech Trek campers from 2013.

Venue: Santa Barbara Elks Lodge, 150 North Kellogg, Santa Barbara. See Page 1.

October 10, Thursday, 6 to 9 pm. Open to the public.

“Girl Rising” Presentation of the film to celebrate International Day of the Girl, which is October 11.

Featuring Jonathan Young, Regional Advocacy Coordinator for CARE. Co-Sponsored by CARE and the Santa Barbara League of Women Voters.

Venue: Faulkner Gallery of the Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu, Santa Barbara.

November 14, Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Open to the public.

“The State of Our Schools” A forum with the superintendents of local school districts to discuss the Common Core standards, budgetary concerns, special programs or projects, and other issues regarding education.

Venue: (Tentative) Board Room, Santa Barbara Unified School District, 900 Santa Barbara Street, SB.

December 5, Thursday, 6 to 9 pm.

Holiday Party – Open to members and guests only.

January 9, 2014, Thursday, 7 to 9 pm Open to the public.

“Issues in Public Health” Speaker: Sandra Copley, Director of Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health for Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.

Venue: SB County Public Health Auditorium, 300 North San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara (off Calle Real).

February (Date to be determined, but definitely a Saturday or Sunday), 11:30 am

Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council Annual Luncheon. This will be a Central Coast Fellows Luncheon inviting branches from San Luis Obispo and Kern counties. We will hear from several recipients of AAUW Funds grants who are studying in the Central Coast area.

Venue: Santa Maria Country Club, 505 Waller Lane, Santa Maria.

March 13, 2014, Thursday, 7 to 9 pm Open to the public.

“Bridges Out of Poverty” Speaker: Dianne Owens, President of Lompoc – Vandenberg AAUW.

Venue: Faulkner Gallery of Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu, Santa Barbara.

April, 2014 - Date and venue to be determined.

We will hear from Laurel Phelps, the 2013 recipient of the Lynn Cavazos Fellowship, the Santa Barbara – Goleta Valley AAUW grant for a woman completing her Master’s in Education from UCSB. Laurel will share with us her educational research on language and gender.

May, 2014 - Date and venue to be determined

Annual meeting and luncheon (or possibly dinner!) to celebrate the end of another successful AAUW year. We will be electing our officers and steering committee for 2014-2015. We will also be having a talk by an author, as yet unknown!

Mark your calendars and join us for all these wonderful events!

September 2013 Calendar



September 8	Sunday 2 to 4 pm	Ice Cream Social to honor and hear from our 2013 Tech Trek campers. At the Santa Barbara Elks Lodge, 10 North Kellogg, Santa Barbara. Please see page 1 for detail!
September 10	Tuesday 12:00 noon	Lunch Bunch - Frog Bar & Grill at Glen Annie Golf Course, 301 North Glen Annie Road, Goleta. Lots of parking, beautiful views, and a wide variety of food at reasonable prices. Call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 by Monday night for a reservation.
September 15	Sunday 12:00 noon	L.A. Sparks AAUW CA Fundraiser! See article below for details.
September 17	Tuesday 7 pm	Book Ends - "The Reeducation of Cherry Truong" by Aimee Phan., At Jane Honikman's home, 927 North Kellogg, SB. Our book for October will be "Joyland" by Stephen King (NOT a horror story!) Both are available in paperback.
September 19	Thursday 6 pm	Steering Committee Meeting At Jane Honikman's, 927 North Kellogg, SB. All members welcome. Light supper will be served.
September 24	Tuesday	Movie Night Watch for an email the weekend before for information on the movie choice and location. Call Beverly Kowalsky Ching at 964-5411 for more information.
September 25	Wednesday 2 pm	Book Daze Book Daze is holding a reorganization meeting for those interested in a daytime book group. We will meet at Granada Books, 1224 State Street, SB. Call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 for more information or if you are interested but can't make this meeting.
October 10	Thursday 6 pm	Girl Rising - In celebration of International Day of the Girl (October 11) we will present this film at the Faulkner Gallery. Co-sponsored by CARE and the League of Women Voters.

LA Sparks Fundraiser

Day: September 15, 2013 Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Staples Center

The LA Sparks Women's Professional Basketball team is partnering with AAUW California to increase awareness of Title IX and Pay Equity!

A percentage from each ticket sold to the September 15th game vs. Phoenix Mercury will help raise funds for AAUW CA to send a student(s) from the LA Basin to NCCWSL! (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders).

Click [HERE](#) for more information on ticket prices and seating.

For \$15 & \$30 tickets, click [HERE](#) to BUY TICKETS NOW! Use the PROMO CODE AAUW.

For all other tickets or questions, please contact Liz Rizza at 213-929-1318 or lrizza@la-sparks.com and mention AAUW California!

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

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a chance.

Membership in AAUW is open to people who hold an associate degree or higher. Branch membership offers friendship with like-minded people and an arena for making a positive contribution to your community. Benefits include a subscription to **California PERSPECTIVE**, our print publication. You can join our e-mail lists and attend our annual convention. Membership dues at the branch level include California and National dues.

If you know of someone who you believe would appreciate the opportunity to join our branch, please give their name and contact information to our incoming Membership Chair, Dorie Kirtman at 845-6866 or Dbdb2@hotmail.com.

Our 2013 Tech Trek Campers

We thought you might like to see a lovely photo of our 2013 Tech Trek campers, taken at the pre-camp get-together we put on for the girls in May so they get to know each other better and so their families can ask us any questions they may still have. Not all the girls could make it that day, so you are not losing it if you can't count 25 here!

