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Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

Celebrating 100 years of empowering women in the Santa Barbara area.



Women, Words & Wine!

Please join us for a fun evening & connect with like-minded women

Enjoy appetizers and a complimentary glass of wine.
Meet current, new and prospective members and learn about the
Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley AAUW branch.

Non-alcoholic drinks provided and additional glasses
of wine available for purchase.

Prospective members are welcome!

Oreana Winery—205 Anacapa St
Thursday, October 22, 2015
5:30-7:30pm

RSVP

Please RSVP to Ginny Capra by October 16th
ginnycapra@cox.net or
(805) 967-5296



Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

President's Message

Since this is the newsletter for October and November, it has us thinking already about the holidays. Thanksgiving has always been a favorite holiday, perhaps because it has not been hyped up so much by the media and has always seemed to be a quiet, contemplative celebration of all that is good in our lives, all that we are grateful for. Thinking about Thanksgiving leads us to thinking about all the people to whom we are grateful for doing so much for our AAUW branch. It seems like an appropriate time to thank them publicly.

Thank you to Ginny Capra, our Membership Chair, and her membership task force made up of Michel Nellis, Jane DeSelm, and Jill Kingdon. These ladies have done a wonderful job in reaching out to current members for renewal and have recruited many new members in the last year. They are responsible for planning the October Women, Words, and Wine event, which we are looking forward to with great anticipation!

Jill Kingdon has also designed a new gorgeous membership brochure and has designed the beautiful flyers promoting our October and November events. We so appreciate Jill's willingness to share her professional expertise.

Thank you to Elly Rumelt for taking on the leadership of the newly formed issues discussion group and serving as our liaison to the Coalition Against Gun Violence. Come check out the discussion group for a stimulating and thought provoking evening.

Thank you to Susan Engles for taking on

the task of producing this newsletter this year. It is a joy to read and she is a joy to work with. And thank you also to Susan for offering her home for our upcoming Holiday Party in December!

Thank you to Barbara Levi and her entire Tech Trek Committee (Irene Stone, Bobbie Offen, Kathy Mintzer, Michelle La, Mary Howe-Grant, Jill Kingdon, Onja Brown, Claire VanBlaricum) for all the work they put in to select our campers, put on the September Tech Trek Ice Cream Social, and assist the camp with registration and career night. And special thanks to Beverly Kowalsky Ching for her fundraising efforts that made it possible for us to send 28 campers to Tech Trek this past summer, and may let us send even more in 2016. The Tech Trek program has really been adopted as a major project for our branch and it is wonderful to see such success.

Thank you to Cathy Black and Janice Rorick for continuing (with Claire VanBlaricum) as our branch representatives to the Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council. It is important that we connect with our fellow AAUW members in other areas. This is also the group that puts on the annual Central Coast Fellow Luncheon in February that showcases recipients of AAUW Funds grants who are studying in this area.

Thank you to the chairs of our continuing interest groups (Beverly Kowalsky Ching for Movie Night, Jane DeSelm for Book Ends, Claire VanBlaricum for Lunch Bunch). Without leaders, these groups would not work.

Thank you to Cathy Black, Deborah McGuire, Pam Holst and Janice Rorick for volunteering to help plan various Outings during the year. This gives us a chance to explore our community in new ways, and is a great way for more folks to participate.

And last but far from least, a huge thank you to all the members of the Steering Committee (listed in the masthead on the last page). You are a wonderful group to work with, with ideas always bubbling up and with an obvious dedication to AAUW and its mission. We appreciate your willingness to take on tasks as needed. You are what keeps our branch moving forward.

Our AAUW year is well underway and we hope all of you will find something worthwhile in our activities. Whether it is attending an upcoming meeting, coming out with Lunch Bunch, or taking part in an Action Alert in your email about a significant piece of pending legislation, there is something for everyone. Check out the Calendar in this newsletter and watch your emails to see the possibilities!

As always, thank you for being a part of the Santa Barbara – Goleta Valley AAUW.

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Branch member Kathy Mintzer and daughter Ally, a 2014 Tech Trek camper, checked everyone in.



Tech Trek Chair Barbara Levi welcomes the group.



The campers shared their experiences

Thank You to our members who supported Tech Trek. What? You don't see your name on the list? You forgot to send in your check? It is still not too late to make a donation to 2015 Tech Trek Camp. The check should be made payable to AAUW CA SPF (Special Projects Fund) and sent to 462 S San Marcos Rd., Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111. The generous support of our membership to this worthwhile project has made it a huge success.



Tech Trek Funding Chair Beverly Kowalsky Ching addresses the group.



Campers give their presentation

Meet Our New Member—Diyana Dobberteen



Diyana was born on March 24th and was raised in La Jolla, CA. She lived two years in England and one year in France and spent about half a year in Berkeley, CA. As a child Diyana wanted to be a performer or salesperson, which she says is the same thing. She is married with no children but has mentored a young woman who just turned 21 and is in her last year at UC Davis.

Diyana attended UCSB for her undergraduate degree and UCSB for her Master's Degree, both in Cultural Anthropology. She is currently enrolled in Fielding Graduate University and pursuing a Ph.D. in Human and Organizational Systems. She currently works for Planned Parenthood and has done some fundraising and managing of programs for several local nonprofit organizations. Outside of the nonprofit sector, she has been a sales person, a professional grant writer and an adjunct faculty member at Antioch of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara City College.

Diyana loves to travel and at last count, she has traveled to over 25 countries, many in Europe. Her mother's family is from the Ukraine. She prefers to travel with 2-3 people. Her favorite food is anything Asian, Indian, Chinese, Thai but also loves creative salads. Her favorite book is a children's book called *The Lorax*. It is a book about making a difference in favor of the environment. She says *The Lorax* "touched her deeply."

Her favorite movie is *Avatar* because of the message of preservation and the amazing special effects. Diyana's favorite type of music is World Beat, classical and Brazilian and her favorite color is Purple. Diyana's hobbies include hiking, biking, rollerblading, reading, crafting and sewing.

She joined AAUW to "meet professionals in our community who want to help other women attain their educational and career goals" and hopes to broaden her social network and meet "dynamic, accomplished women in Goleta and Santa Barbara."

WELCOME DIYANA



Census Data on the Pay Gap

On September 16, 2015, we received updated census data on the pay gap — women made only 79 cents on the dollar earned by men in 2014. While this is an increase (but not a statistically significant one) from 2013 when women made 78 cents on the man’s dollar, it’s frustrating to get just a drop in the bucket when what women really need is an equal pay tidal wave.

If we're going to make real economic progress for women and families, Congress must take legislative action. AAUW continues to lead the charge to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, a much needed update to the Equal Pay Act of 1963. But until Congress acts on behalf of all Americans, AAUW will continue to fight at the state level to bring about change one state at a time.

On September 17th AAUW released a number of tools to help tackle pay inequality and empower you to make change in your state. We updated our seminal report, *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*. We released a brand new analysis of existing state laws. And we created state-by-state roadmaps for addressing the pay gap at both the Congressional and state level with recommendations tailored to each state’s legal landscape.

I am so proud of the work that we did to compile and present this information, and I am excited to collaborate with you all to make real progress. On Wednesday night we hosted a call for State and Branch Public Policy Chairs to discuss these findings and resources. The questions that members asked and the engagement on these issues that you all demonstrated is the reason that I was excited to join the AAUW staff when I came on board 6 months ago. There are many organizations out there doing important work, but the loyal and active membership of AAUW is unique. Together, we can take these data and recommendations and use it to pressure our elected officials. Because women need real change, not pocket change.

In addition to facing a pay gap, women also face a significant retirement savings gap. Women must save \$126 for every \$100 a man saves in retirement funds. A man who wants to retire at age 65 must save an additional \$270,000 for average retirement expenses, but a woman must save \$522,000.

Sincerely,

Kate Nielson
State Policy Analyst

October/November 2015 Calendar



“ Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. ”

~ Albert Camus

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| October 6 | Tuesday
7:00 pm | La Cuisine Dining Group - Organizing meeting at Claire VanBlaricum's home at 5026 Yapple Ave. Please R.S.V.P. to Claire at 967-7523 by noon on Tuesday. |
| October 12 | Monday
7:00 pm | Discussion Group - Barbara Siegel will host at the clubhouse of Encino Royale, 250 Moreton Bay Road. Please R.S.V.P. to Elly Rumelt at |
| October 13 | Tuesday
12:00 pm | Lunch Bunch - Louie's California Bistro at the Upham Hotel, 1404 De La Vina, SB. Please call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 by Monday afternoon for a reservation. |
| October 15 | Thursday
4:00 pm | Steering Committee Meeting - All members are invited to attend. Jane Honikman's house, 927 N. Kellogg Ave., SB |
| October 20 | Tuesday
7:00 pm | Book Ends - <i>The Secret Daughter</i> by Shilpi Gowda, meeting at the home of Jane Honikman, 927 N. Kellogg Ave. |
| October 22 | Thursday
5:30-7:30 pm | Women, Words & Wine , at the Oreana Winery, 205 Anacapa St. R.S.V.P. to Ginny Capra, 967-5296 or ginnycapra@cox.net. Details on page 1. |
| October 24 | Saturday
10:00 am | Where Does Our Water Go? Find out at the Goleta Sanitary District's Open House and Fall Fest. Meet at Jane Honikman's house to carpool at 10:00 am or go on your own. No R.S.V.P. is necessary. |
| October 26 | Monday
7:00 pm | Discussion Group - Will meet at Jane DeSelm's, 619 Camino Campana |
| October 27 | Tuesday | Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before for information on the film, time, and theater location. |



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| November 10 | Tuesday
12 noon | Lunch Bunch - Itsuki Japanese Restaurant, 7127 Hollister Ave., Goleta, in the University Plaza shopping Center (near Pacific Sales). Please call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 by Monday afternoon for reservations. |
| November 15 | Sunday
12:00 pm | Lunch at Petros Restaurant followed by The Shakespeare Experience by the Santa Barbara Symphony at the Granada. Details on page 7. |
| November 17 | Tuesday
7:00 pm | Book Ends - The group will discuss <i>Mission Flats</i> by William Landay |
| November 24 | Tuesday | Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before for information on the film, time, and theater location. |

The Shakespeare Experience

AAUW Fundraiser

Join us for a musical afternoon and support Tech Trek!

Meet AAUW members and friends from the Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley and Camarillo branches for lunch at Petros Restaurant in Santa Barbara, then join us at the Granada Theater for a talk and symphony concert.

Sunday, November 15, 2015

12:00 - Lunch at Petros Restaurant

1316 State Street

(Lunch includes beverage, salad, grilled chicken entrée with rice and a special dessert treat.)

2:00 - Pre-Concert Talk

3:00 - Concert Starts

Cost: \$80/per person

Ticket price includes concert, lunch and \$25 tax-deductible donation to AAUW.

Purchase Your Tickets Today!

Please contact Claire VanBlaricum at (805) 967-7523 for reservations and more information.

Mail check payable to SB-GV AAUW by November 2 to
P. O. Box 802, Goleta, CA 93116

(Reservations canceled after Nov 2 may not be reimbursed.)

Already Have Season Tickets?

Pay \$55 and join us for lunch! Price includes a \$25 tax-deductible donation.

Concert details:

Santa Barbara Symphony featuring artists from the Ensemble Theatre Company

Mendelssohn: Suite from Midsummer Night's Dream

Walton: Suite from As You Like It • Prokofiev: Suite from Romeo & Juliet



Interest Groups are Getting Interesting

La Cuisine Dining Group

On Tuesday, October 6 at 7 pm we will hold a organizing meeting for those who are interested in our re-vamped La Cuisine dining group. Please come to Claire VanBlaricum's home for a light dessert as we discuss how best to accommodate all those who wish to participate.



As mentioned in the article on interest groups last month, most folks who signed up at the tea last June indicated that they preferred restaurants to cooking ourselves. Be thinking about possibilities such as offering a selection of possible restaurants each month with a designated "host" for each to take reservations so we don't overwhelm just one establishment, or limiting participation to the first 10 people who sign up, or some combination such as assigning the first 10 to one restaurant, the next ten to another, etc. Any and all ideas are welcome!

Significant others are welcome (but not required!) to this meeting, as they are to the La Cuisine gatherings. Please let Claire know if you want to come to the meeting so she can be sure there is enough dessert for all! Call her at 967-7523 by noon of the meeting day.

Outings

Where does our water go? Find out at the Goleta Sanitary District's Open House and Fall Fest. Meet at Jane Honikman's house, 927 N. Kellogg Ave. to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or go on your own. Enjoy hayride tours, educational exhibits, free refreshments and games. No R.S.V.P. necessary.



Discussion Group

The organizing meeting for the current affairs discussion group was held on September 21. It was agreed-upon that the group would meet bi-weekly to discuss an assigned article and to share information on other topics of interest.



October meetings will be on October 12 at the clubhouse of Encino Royale, 250 Moreton Bay Road, with Barbara Siegel hosting. Moreton Bay Lane is a horseshoe off Encina Road and the clubhouse is on the leg of the horseshoe closest to Fairview. The next meeting will be October 26 at Jane DeSelm's.

If you would like to attend either meeting, please contact Elly Rumelt at 563-8040 for information about the subject of that meeting, as well as for directions.

Nimble Fingers

I would like to offer you the opportunity of finishing that project that is in the back of closet.....remember the baby blanket you started, baby growth chart, embroidered wedding announcement, etc.....

We will be starting an eclectic group, beginners to experienced in knitting, crocheting, quilting, embroidery, mending, scrap booking or any other portable craft. The first meeting will be Oct. 19th (third Mon of the month) from 10:00 to noon. If you are interested in this group and cannot make the meeting, please contact me.

Did I mention we will be meeting in my house, 462 So San Marcos Rd, Santa Barbara, Ca. It is off Hollister Ave, between Turnpike and Patterson Ave.?

A RSVP would be lovely, 964 5411 or beverlykc@cox.net.



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Goleta Valley AAUW

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

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair 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 quarterly 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 send them the link to our website (<http://sbgv-ca.aauw.net/>) and give their name and contact information to Ginny Capra at ginnycapra@cox.net.

Branch receives Certificate of Honor from National

In recognition of the 5th Anniversary of the Santa Barbara – Goleta Valley Branch of AAUW, we received a certificate signed by AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho. It states, “Bestowed July, 2015, by AAUW to express our sincere appreciation for your exceptional service and demonstrated commitment to education and equity for women and girls.” An accompanying letter signed by Linda Hallman, Executive Director, adds “We appreciate all the hard work and activism your branch has accomplished and look forward to your continued support in the coming years.”

