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COAST
CONNECTIONS
monthly newsletter



Women, Words & Wine!

Please join us for a fun evening to mingle and connect with current, new and prospective members

Enjoy appetizers and a complimentary glass of wine.
Non-alcoholic drinks provided and additional glasses of wine available for purchase.

Oreana Winery—205 Anacapa St
Thursday, April 20, 2017
5:30-7:30pm


Directions

Oreana Winery is located on the corner of Anacapa and Yanonali. From State Street, heading towards the pier, turn left on Yanonali. Travel down Yanonali and the winery is on the corner of the second intersection with the stop sign. They have a small parking lot and street parking is also available.

RSVP

Please RSVP to Ginny Capra by April 13th
ginnycapra@cox.net or (805) 967-5296

Prospective members are welcome!



Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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President's Message

This year Equal Pay Day will be celebrated on April

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4. We've all read the facts and statistics about women being paid less than men - a 20% gap in pay and it's even worse for women of color. I just read it's predicted that women won't reach equal pay until 2059! That's 42 years?!?!?

So what can we do? Keep going and stay active! Several members attended the ERA March organized by the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee last weekend. UCSB students are holding an Equal Pay event on the evening of May 4 - please consider attending and share your story (more details coming soon). Stay up to date on AAUW's work toward equal pay and how you can take action by visiting the website: [click here.](#)

On another topic, I wanted to share with you some information we have received from National about a possible dues increase. The National board is considering raising our dues by \$10, effective July 1, 2018, and they will vote on the issue on June 13, 2017. If you have concerns about the increase in dues, I encourage you to reach out to the board and share your feedback. You can find the board members contact info on the AAUW website, [click here.](#)

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Empowered Woman Luncheon – March 8, 2017

We had a fun time and great turnout for our Empowered Woman Luncheon! The event is catching on in the community and, if you missed it, we were even featured on the 6pm local news! Special thanks to our program chair, Carol Koch, for all her hard work organizing the event and all those who helped.



2017 Named Gift Honorees

We presented our honorees with certificates at the luncheon. Pictured with their certificates on the left are Laura Frakes who accepted the award for her mother Kay Frakes, given posthumously, Barbara Levi, and Beverly Kowalsky Ching.

Carol Hershey, pictured on the right, was also honored, but lives out of town and was unable to attend the luncheon.



Committee Reviews Applicants

Tech Trek had a record number of applications so the committee had the very tough job of selecting 26 girls from more than twice that number of candidates. Judging by the applicants we interviewed, we can report that there are many charming, lively and talented girls in our schools. We plan to hold a Meet and Greet on May 7 for all the selected campers to meet other girls from this area who will be joining them at camp.



Thanks to our many generous donors who allow us to offer this opportunity to so many young people in our area!

Barbara Levi, Tech Trek Coordinator

Meet Our Member, Mary Ann Kaestner

My name is Mary Ann Kaestner. I was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 22, 1929. I went all through school, including college, in Milwaukee. I graduated from Wisconsin State Teacher's College in 1951. I graduated college, married and moved to Madison, Wisconsin, for my first teaching job all in one summer. In 1951, my husband and I and our two children moved to Salem, Oregon, where I spent the next forty years. I taught school only one year realizing it was not my field of interest. I received a master's degree in counseling from Oregon State University in 1969. I worked in the Salem School District, retiring in 1990 from a job I loved.



I was widowed in 1986 and spent summers traveling the world on cruises, Elder hostels, hiking trips with friends and on tours as well. I have six grandchildren, five girls and one boy. My favorite food is Mexican Cuisine, introduced to us by my college age son on a weekend home. He cooked tacos for us and I was hooked! I love classical music and the forties to sixties music of my youth. I love to read.

I joined AAUW when my sons were small. The Salem Branch organized a pre-school because the Salem District did not have kindergarten. We hired a teacher, rented the basement of the Unitarian Church and had a schedule of mom volunteers. I did not attend for many years, rejoining in 1986.

I was involved with Tech Trek when I moved to Palm Springs as a snow bird. I moved there permanently in 1995. I have always enjoyed my friendships with the purpose oriented women of AAUW. This organization does so much good work in so many areas. I hope to continue this connection as long as I am able.

THANKS, MARY ANN, FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Tour of the Courthouse Clock Room

Courthouse docent and AAUW member Jane DeSelm gave the Outings group an in-depth and very interesting tour of the clock tower.



Join our Program Commitee!

We are looking for members to join our program committee. If you are interested in helping plan our programs, this would be a great way get involved with our branch! Please contact Carol Koch, our program chair, ckoch2003@aol.com or (805) 318-1728.

April, 2017 Calendar

"April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go."

-Christopher Morley

April 8, Saturday – 2:30 p.m.

Santa Maria branch program: "Meet an American Muslim" - The Santa Maria branch is pleased to invite members and guests to participate in a conversation with Nisha Abdul Cader an American Muslim living on the Central Coast. Nisha will share her insights into her life, her faith and her views on equality and education for women. Shepard Hall, Santa Maria City Library, 421 South McClelland Street, Santa Maria. Please RSVP to Lynda Snodgrass by April 4th at lynda.and.jim@comcast.net.

April 10, Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Smart Talk - The meeting will be at the home of Elly Rumelt, 205 East Calle Laureles. Call 805-563-8040 for directions. The topic is "School Vouchers."

April 11, Tuesday – 12:00 noon

Lunch Bunch - We will meet at The Club and Guest House on the UCSB campus. The restaurant is located in the old Faculty Club building, which was remodeled and is located between parking lot 23 and the lagoon. Public paid parking is available in lot 23. Go to <http://www.aw.id.ucsb.edu/maps/> for a campus map. It is called the Faculty Club on the map. Carpooling is suggested and reservations are required. Please R.S.V.P. to Dena Stein, denastein0@gmail.com or 650-269-3666, no later than Friday, April 7.

April 13, Thursday – 5:00 p.m.

Steering Committee Meeting - The committee will meet at the Dowitcher Designs conference room, 510 State St., Suite 250.

April 17, Monday – 10:00 a.m.

Craft Group - The group meets the third Monday of every month at Beverly Kowalsky-Ching's home, 462 S. San Marcos Rd., Santa Barbara. Call Beverly at 964-5411 for more information.

April 18, Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Book Ends - We will meet at the home of Claire VanBlaricum, 5026 Yapple Ave., SB, to discuss *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea. This book is also the selection for Santa Barbara/UCSB Reads and we plan to attend the free

public talk given by the author on Monday, April 24, in UCSB's Campbell Hall. Please join us! For May, we have chosen *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier and the June selection will be *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin.

April 19, Wednesday – 12:00–2:00 p.m.

League of Women Voters - Community Forum: Climate Change

Louise Lowry Davis Rec Center, 1232 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara

April 20, Thursday – 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Women, Words & Wine - 205 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara. See flyer above for more details.

April 22, Saturday – 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

AAUW CA 2017 Annual Meeting - Marriott San Francisco Airport Hotel. For more information visit: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/2017-annual-meeting/>

April 24, Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Smart Talk - The topic is "Risk." The place is to be announced.

April 25, Tuesday

Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before with information on the film, time and theater location.

Looking ahead...

May 4, 5:30pm - Equal Pay Event at UCSB (more details coming soon)

May 20, 10:00am - 3:00pm - AAUW CA Leadership Day at UCSB - Empower yourself to act on our mission and key issues! AAUW CA offers training for branch members. To learn more and register, [click here](#)

Need a ride to an event or want to carpool?

With our Neighborhood groups carpooling to events is easy! Just contact your neighborhood coordinator and she will let you know who else is going nearby.

Not sure who your coordinator is? Contact Barbara Siegel at barbarasiegel1@mac.com.



Bits and Pieces

- The U.S. women's hockey team is threatening to boycott the International Ice Hockey Federation tournament, scheduled for the end of March, in an effort to spur USA Hockey to engage in fair pay negotiations. This boycott comes on the heels of the U.S. women's national soccer team's efforts to end wage discrimination by the U.S. Soccer Federation.
- With longer life expectancies and higher out-of-pocket health costs, retired women face financial crises that are compounded by the gender pay gap. Retirement specialists advise women to play an active role in their retirement plans to avoid financial ruin.
- Actress Patricia Arquette and UN Women are launching the Equal Pay Platform of Champions, a campaign designed to end the 23 cent global pay gap. The Platform of Champions aims to raise awareness and increase political support to end pay inequality. Follow the campaign online by using the hashtag #stoptherobbery.
- In the wake of U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly's statement that the administration is considering a new policy of separating families that attempt to enter the United States across the southern border, the Center for American Progress has estimated that this policy will cost taxpayers \$327 million per year. This cost is in addition to the moral impropriety of separating children from parents, who are often single mothers, as a means to deter immigrants fleeing poverty and violence.
- In the wake of the release of a portion of his 2005 tax return, the White House confirmed that President Trump paid \$38 million in taxes on an

income of \$150 million. The document showed that the majority of the president's tax payment came as a result of the alternative minimum tax, which he is seeking to end.

- Senate Democrats released a list of over 100 oversight letters that the Trump administration has not yet answered. The senators aim to create more accountability and transparency from the administration by compiling the unanswered congressional inquiries.

Our Coalitions

Coalition Against Gun Violence, Pro Choice Coalition,
League of Women Voters

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](#) and give her name and contact information to Ginny Capra at ginnycapra@cox.net.



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