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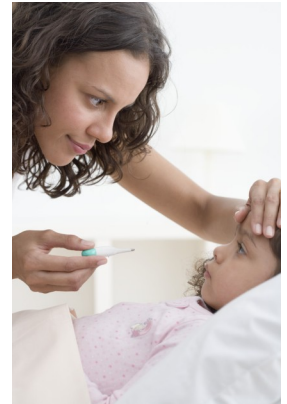
January 2014

Issues in Public Health

Thursday, January 9

7 to 9 pm

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



Please come and bring your friends and colleagues to hear about this important topic

Our speaker is branch member **Sandra Copley, PHN/RN**,
Director of Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health for the
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.

Sandra will tell us what the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health program does under state and federal guidelines, and she will share relevant data on the state of maternal and child health in our county from the five-year federal assessment she is currently working on.

She will also present public health priorities for our county, and describe collaborations with other agencies. She also plans to share some information on a few other little known but significant programs of our Public Health Department.



Co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara
County Perinatal Mental Health and Sub-
stance Use Coalition and the League of
Women Voters of Santa Barbara.

Acting Co-Presidents' Message

A very Happy New Year to all our AAUW branch members, their families, and friends,

2013 seemed to go by in the blink of an eye, and yet so much happened during that apparently short time. On pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter you will find a summary of many (although not all!) of the important accomplishments of AAUW at the national level in terms of our advocacy efforts. Looking over this listing reminds us of why we are involved in AAUW, and it is so good to know that we are really making a difference for women and girls all over the US and the world.

As we celebrate the beginning of a new year, we begin to look forward rather than back. 2014 brings us some great programs, starting

with our January 9 meeting featured on the front of the newsletter - our branch member Sandra Copley talking about the Santa Barbara County Public Health Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health programs, which she heads. Please plan to come, and bring friends and colleagues.

February will bring us the second annual Central Coast Fellows Luncheon in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo County Interbranch. More specific information will come to you soon, but for now please check out page 7 and put February 22 on your calendar.

It is also not too early to start thinking about our next AAUW year, 2014-2015, since February is when we form our Nominating Committee to seek out branch

leaders for the next year. Please consider joining our Steering Committee, and feel free to come to our January 16 meeting to see what we do and how we do it. We definitely need new ideas and new perspectives, so if a member of the nominating committee calls you in the next few months, we hope you will say "Yes!"

Thank you for being a part of our Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW branch. And thank you to all of you who contributed to AAUW Funds this year. Our branch sent in \$2020 to support a project grant that is close to completion and therefore will be able to fund grants soon.

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Jane Honikman to Speak at AAUW CA Convention

Our branch acting Co-President, Jane Honikman, MS, has been selected as one of the speakers for the Sunday breakfast session of the AAUW California convention. The convention will be held at the LAX Marriott in Los Angeles April 11-13, 2014. The theme is Energizing AAUW CA. Here is what Jane has to say about her talk, which is titled *Bridging the Generational Gap in AAUW Branches: Reaching out to women with new families*

"When I joined AAUW in 1970 there was a focus on "Women Searching for Self" and "Women as Agents of Change". In our Branch the topics of interest and advocacy were parent support, quality childcare, families in the workplace, job sharing, and child passenger safety. We wrote project proposals and received funds from AAUW grants. What does AAUW offer women of child-bearing age today? What are the issues facing them? What would attract them to AAUW? My intention is to inspire Branch members to consider, investigate, research, and assess what type of support exists for new families in their own communities now. "





The Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley AAUW branch in collaboration with the University of California, Santa Barbara's Women's Center (UCSB) are pleased to bring Tech Savvy, a one-day STEM conference to UCSB on Saturday, March 22, 2014. This inaugural one-day conference will bring junior-high-aged young women to the UCSB campus to experience the collegiate environment and engage in hands-on activities in a variety of STEM fields. The Women's Center and AAUW Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley are partnering with the UCSB student chapter Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), to facilitate sessions, speakers, scholars, and events for the visiting young women. We are excited to be able to provide local junior high girls with the chance to explore their community in addition to the vast array of opportunities available to them in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Collectively we can make a difference in the academic and career trajectories of our local girls, and we welcome your support as we launch this exciting effort.

If you have questions, comments, or are interested in supporting our event, please feel free to contact Jill Dunlap, Committee Chair, or Jeremy Chow, Assistant to the Chair.

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Tech Trek Updates

Girls who attended Tech Trek this past summer got to see science in action at two local companies. Five campers toured ATK and saw some of the solar cells that company assembles for launch into space. Five more went to Karl Storz Imaging, a company that makes endoscopes for imaging the body. Both companies have supported campers and we appreciate their hospitality. Thanks to Jean Reiche, Beverly Kowalsky Ching and Ginny Capra for driving and accompanying the girls on the tour. We are gearing up to recruit, interview and select the 2014 campers so let us know if you'd like to help! Contact Barbara Levi at 962 8900 or email her at bglevi@msn.com.

A Healthy and Happy New Year to One and All....

Would you believe it is approaching that time of year when I start my Tech Trek fund raising activities? As always, I would appreciate any leads or references for potential donors.

Also, expect the annual Tech Trek 2014 Appeal Letter some time this month! Thank you for your past support for this worthwhile project. You have definitely helped make this a success.

Beverly Kowalsky Ching,

SB - GV AAUW Tech Trek Fund Raising Chair

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AAUW 2013 Year in Review

Thanks to the work and generosity of our members, we can be proud of some impressive advocacy achievements in 2013. Here are just a few:

AAUW helped lead the fight for passage of the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#). AAUW members played a significant role by personally visiting congressional offices and sending thousands of messages to Congress. Without AAUW, campus sexual assault measures would have been overlooked in the legislation that became law.

Because of AAUW members' stalwart advocacy for pay equity, AAUW was invited to stand with President Barack Obama at the White House ceremony commemorating the [50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act](#).

As state lawmakers and courts threatened to roll back voting rights protections, AAUW members across the country mobilized at colleges, community events, and other public spaces to register people to vote during [National Voter Registration Day 2013](#).

The [AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps](#) continued to travel to Capitol Hill weekly to meet with members of Congress and their staff, making more than 1,500 visits over the last 12 months. These volunteers work with AAUW staff to reinforce AAUW's public policy positions on the issues before Congress.

In recognition of our advocacy for women's needs within immigration reform, President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden invited AAUW to the White House announcement of immigration proposals. We were honored when our AAUW policy undergraduate intern, a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals student who would benefit from a proposal that creates a path to citizenship for children brought to America at a young age, was asked to meet with the president and [stand with him on stage](#) during the announcement.

In the last six months of 2013 alone, AAUW state organizers have made wonderful progress supporting our members in 20 states through various events and advocacy efforts. They are helping AAUW members develop strong relationships with AAUW college/university partners and increase advocacy through AAUW's Action Network, all while recruiting new members and building a stronger AAUW presence across the country.

Thanks to the persistent advocacy of AAUW and the National Council of Women and Girls in Education (which AAUW chairs), the Department of Education [reaffirmed](#) in a letter to all school districts this year that pregnant and parenting students are entitled to the same educational opportunities as their peers.

AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz was the recipient of the Winn Newman Award from the National Coalition for Pay Equity. Previous winners include Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Lilly Ledbetter.

The Senate passed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which was first brought to the floor by the late Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) 17 years ago. This bill would explicitly protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans from discrimination in the workplace. AAUW activists took charge and successfully delivered thousands of [messages](#) to all 50 senators in support of ENDA.

AAUW members have joined with congressional leaders to advocate for a [new Women's Economic Agenda](#). AAUW members from Florida, Texas, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, and Washington have spearheaded this national campaign by hosting high-profile issue forums with top congressional leaders. Stay tuned next year for a Women's Economic Agenda event near you!

AAUW hosted a welcome reception for Catherine Lhamon, assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The [event](#) was attended by more than 50 organizations from the National Council for Women and Girls in Education and civil rights community.

Earlier this year, AAUW distributed Impact Grants to 11 states that had outlined action plans to work on two AAUW public policy priority issues. AAUW members in these states continue to work diligently at a grassroots level to advocate on issues such as equal pay, [human trafficking](#), paid sick days, the Equal Rights Amendment, and more. So far they have written letters to the editor, delivered petitions, and hosted successful events on campus and throughout their communities.

AAUW joined the movement to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. In addition to sponsoring a women's luncheon that week, AAUW snagged a seated ticket for a member of Lobby Corps – who was also a Freedom Rider – to attend the celebrations on the National Mall and listen to the Martin Luther King Jr. family and other civil rights leaders continue the call to action.

Our [@AAUWPolicy](#) Twitter account has almost tripled its followers, with Lilly Ledbetter ([@Lilly Ledbetter](#)) becoming our 1,000th follower. Through Twitter we continue to spread information about AAUW's grassroots activities, including our action alerts.

AAUW [successfully lobbied](#) the Vice President's Taskforce on Gun Violence Prevention for the inclusion of safe school climate and anti-bullying efforts in any gun violence prevention initiative coming from the White House. We'll continue to work to pass this important legislation in 2014.

AAUW held two briefings on Capitol Hill to educate House and Senate staff on AAUW priority legislation. The first, Pay Equity and Student Loans, highlighted AAUW's *Graduating to a Pay Gap* research. As chair of the National Council on Women and Girls in Education, AAUW hosted a second briefing on the Gender Gap in Career Training Education.

AAUW [celebrated](#) Title IX's 41st anniversary and promoted the High School Data Transparency Act ([AAUW priority legislation](#)) by hosting a basketball clinic with the WNBA's [Washington Mystics](#) and D.C.-area students. The event also featured a "shoot-out" competition for members of Congress and staff, refereed by the Senior Olympics gold medal-winning Fabulous 70s basketball team.

After years of [AAUW lobbying efforts](#), the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) rescinded two enforcement documents on pay discrimination, commonly known as the "Compensation Standards" and "Voluntary Guidelines." Rescinding these harmful Bush-era regulations strengthens OFCCP's ability to identify and remedy different forms of pay discrimination for millions of employees of federal contractors and subcontractors.

In recognition of our efforts to combat sexual violence and human trafficking, AAUW was invited to the White House for National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. During the event, the Department of Education announced a [Dear Colleague](#) letter had been sent to state school chiefs requesting immediate action to reduce gender-based violence in schools and to help ensure all students are safe.

Live from AAUW's National Convention, Lisa Maatz and equal pay icon Lilly Ledbetter hosted a well-attended [Google Hangout](#) with Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD) and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) to discuss pay equity issues.

AAUW stepped up to provide help and technical assistance to a student campaign for enforcement of Title IX protections. A collective of current students and recent graduates worked together to launch a website to help students end sexual assault and improve the climate on their college campuses. The [Know Your IX](#) site features stories and resources – including a link to [AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund](#) – where you can learn more about campus sexual assault, Title IX, and recent court cases. AAUW was glad to see these students meet with Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and deliver a petition with more than 100,000 online signatures calling for stronger enforcement of Title IX protections against campus sexual assault.

AAUW Research Director Dr. Catherine Hill [testified](#) before the House Energy and Commerce Committee in a hearing focused on preparing the next generation of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) workers. Dr. Hill shared the findings of AAUW's [Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success](#) (2013) and [Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math](#) (2010) reports in urging the committee to make sure women are at the table and "in the laboratory, on the manufacturing floor, or construction site."

The Senate confirmed Georgetown Law professor Cornelia "Nina" Pillard to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, giving the court five female judges for the first time. Pillard worked alongside Bush administration attorneys to successfully defend the Family and Medical Leave Act in the courts, and she is best known for her argument that convinced a nearly unanimous Supreme Court to open the Virginia Military Institute to women.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Program Manager Mollie Lam and Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott hosted a members-only conference call to discuss the most significant cases the U.S. Supreme Court will hear this term. If you weren't one of the 400 AAUW members who registered for the call, you can [catch up on what you missed](#).

AAUW provided important research to the U.S. Department of Labor on the status of women in honor of the 50th anniversary of the influential [American Women](#) report. AAUW also weighed in on the original report, done by the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, at Eleanor Roosevelt's invitation.

AAUW celebrated Computer Education Science Week and the [Hour of Code](#) – a one-hour introduction to computer science – across the country. Twenty-seven events were organized by AAUW members or reported through our website, 17 proclamations were signed by mayors and governors, and more than 500 individual registrations were recorded through the Greater Rochester Area Branch (NY).

January 2014 Calendar



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| January 9 | Thursday
7 - 9 pm | “Issues in Public Health” Our speaker will be branch member Sandra Copley, Director of Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health for Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. See Page One for details. |
| January 11 | Saturday
9:30 - 11:30 am | Interbranch Council - At Solvang branch of Union Bank, corner of Highway 246 and Alisal Road. All members are welcome. Call Claire VanBlaricum at 967- 7523 for more info and to carpool. |
| January 14 | Tuesday
12 noon | Lunch Bunch - Via Maestra 42 , 3343 State St., SB. Next door to the San Roque Post Office. Great Italian food: sandwiches, pastas, salads, etc. Call Claire VanBlaricum at 967- 7523 by Monday afternoon for reservations. |
| January 16 | Thursday
6 pm | Steering Committee Meeting - All members are welcome! At Jane Honikman’s home, 927 N. Kellogg, SB. |
| January 21 | Tuesday
7 pm | Book Ends - “The Round House” by Louise Erdrich. At Kathy Crevier’s home, 4539 Via Maria, SB. Our book for February is “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline. Be sure you get the novel by this author, since there is another “Orphan Train” by another author that came out about the same time last spring. Both books are available in paperback. |
| January 28 | Tuesday | Movie Night - Please watch your email for information on the film, time and place the weekend before. |

Looking Ahead

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| February 22 | Saturday
11 am - 2 pm | Interbranch Fellows Luncheon - Central Coast Fellows Luncheon featuring recipients of AAUW Funds grants studying at local universities. AAUW members from San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Monterey, and Kern Counties are also being invited to this exciting event. Yes, we will definitely car pool! See Page 7 for some further info! |
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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.

SAVE THE DATE!

The San Luis Obispo IBC cordially invites you to attend the

CENTRAL COAST FELLOWS' LUNCHEON

DATE: February 22, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

LUNCH: \$25

LOCATION: Madonna Inn, Garden Room, San Luis Obispo

Speakers: 3 Calif. Fellows:

Farnaz Daneshpour, Lindsey Higgins, Allyson Toscher

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If you have questions, you may contact me, Laura Hersey,

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