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**AAUW SB-IBC SUMMER EVENT**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013**

**AAUW SB-IBC SUMMER EVENT**

Join us for Fun, Food, Friends, and Festivities. We will gather in the Patrons Area for our Annual Summer Event. More Details to Follow. Mark your calendars ... save the date ... and JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING OF LAUGHTER!!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013 6:30 pm

PCPA SOLVANG THEATERFEST

# Note From Your Editor:

I am very sorry to report that our esteemed and beloved President, Carol Hershey, is currently in the Cottage Hospital Surgical ICU following a hemorrhagic (bleeding) stroke last Friday while at work.

She was taken to Cottage by ambulance after experiencing trouble with her speech and weakness in her right arm. After follow-up CT scans, there is apparently no evidence of further bleeding. However, there is the possibility of surgery tomorrow (June 4) to drain the existing bleed. She is able to follow directions, but has no use of her right arm or leg at this time. It is too early for a meaningful prognosis regarding what lingering speech or motor effects there might be, or what kind of physical, speech, or occupational therapy she may need.

She can have visitors, but it was suggested by the ICU nurse I spoke with that it would be best

to check with Phil first (755-4923) before coming in. As of today (June 3) she has a feeding tube and is unable to talk.

We will try to keep you updated by email as more information comes. I am about to leave on vacation, so someone else from the steering committee will take that responsibility.

I am sure that we all wish Carol a speedy and complete recovery.

## End of Year Luncheon a Great Success

The following slate of candidates for leadership positions in the Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW for 2013-2014 Steering Committee were unanimously elected at our Annual Meeting luncheon on Saturday, May 18. They will officially take office July 1, 2013.

**President:** Carol Hershey  
**Treasurer:** Cathy Black  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Carol Thompson  
**Secretary:** Jane Honikman  
**Membership:** Dorie Kirtman  
**Tech Trek:** Barbara Levi, Beverly Kowalsky-Ching  
**UCSB liaison:** Jill Dunlap  
**Public Policy:** Janice Rorick  
**Scholarship:** Bette Perelli  
**Communications:** Claire VanBlaricum



Sheila Kamhi, Carol Hershey and Toni Wellen



Certificates were handed out to honor our two Named Gift Honorees for AAUW Funds for 2012-2013. For every \$750 donated to AAUW Funds by a branch, the branch may designate the gift in the name of a person or organization who embodies the ideals of AAUW or has contributed significantly to the furthering of the AAUW mission. This year our branch's honorees were the Pro-Choice Coalition, with the certificate accepted by Sheila Kamhi, and the Coalition Against Gun Violence with the certificate accepted by Toni Wellen, Chair of the coalition. (See photo above.)



Dear SB-GV AAUW members,

The time has come for renewal of your AAUW membership. Each Spring we have the opportunity to recommit to the mission of AAUW and to the enduring friendships that we have made over the years. We urge you to get your renewal in now. Those who renew now are easy to process; those who renew after July have to be treated as new members and create a lot of extra work for our Membership Chair and Treasurer and for the State and National Membership teams.

Here follows the dues breakdown for the 2013-2014 year:

Dues for regular members:	\$80.00
Life Members pay:	\$31.00
Dual Members pay	\$15.00 (SB-GV dues, if you have already paid State and National at your other branch.)
Student membership:	\$48.00

Please print this page, fill out the renewal form and mail with your check made out to SB-GV AAUW, and write "Dues" in the Memo line of your check.

**MEMBER DUES, SANTA BARBARA-GOLETA VALLEY BRANCH, AAUW**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday (Month & Day only) : \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:

Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Past Member: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer from: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Last Chance for National AAUW Voting ! Make Your Voice Heard

Voting in this year's AAUW national elections opened online April 15. All members may vote on proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program and the AAUW Bylaws and for candidates for the national board. Just visit the website and bring your member ID and voter PIN, which are listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook magazine. (Digital Outlook subscribers will receive their voting information with their Outlook e-mail.) For more information, visit the One Member, One Vote web page or see the voter guide in your Outlook. Voting continues until June 10.

## Local Scholarship Winner Announced

The Scholarship Committee of the Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW has awarded a \$2000 Dr. Lynne Cavazos Fellowship to Ms. Laurel Phelps whose M.Ed. topic is a self study into how language is used in her classroom promotes ideas about gender roles and gender stereotypes. Through her self-study, she is also investigating ways in which language places limitations on students, either in the choices they make or the options presented to them from external sources. In her application letter she writes, "My concern is that the division of gender creates a dichotomy of options afforded to each gender." She continues, "I worry that this dichotomy is difficult to overcome once engrained in a student's identity."

Below is Laurel's thank you letter to the branch.

Dear Women of the AAUW,

I am touched and very honored to have been chosen as the recipient of the Dr. Lynne Cavazos Fellowship from the Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley Branch. It serves as a reminder that my current research and my work towards gender equity are not alone in their effort. I appreciate knowing that there are others out there, both women and men, who feel as strongly about the subject as I do.

I remember a story that my mother told me about her childhood: she was a tomboy growing up. Her father, a man with no sons, had raised her as he might have a boy: he took her hunting, fishing, and camping while her older sister stayed at home with their mother. It was not until her teenage years that she began to notice the difference in their upbringings. It was this difference, she said, that made her realize there was something uneven about the genders defined by our society. By the time I was born she was the president of our local branch of Planned Parenthood, the district Girl Scout coordinator, and the curator of a massive personal garden. She worked harder than anyone I knew, and yet she was paid nothing for her work. She had given up her career as a biologist to become a mother to my sister and me, which is a difficult decision that many women still must make.

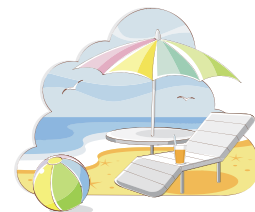
My mother taught me that all people should have access to the same opportunities regardless of gender, race, or other defining factors. She taught me that it is these opportunities that make the difference in people's lives more than anything else. She also taught me that everyone is deserving, kind, and honest when they are given the chance to be so. When I lost my mother at age 13, I became determined that the strength and wisdom she imparted to me would not go unused. It is in her memory that I pick up the efforts she maintained for her entire life. I take these efforts into the classroom so that I may teach about equality the way she taught me.

The scholarship comes as a critical time in my education as the program comes to a close. Its reception has relieved the monetary stress that accompanies this part of the year and will help me to focus on finishing my degree. Thank you so much for the support and the kind words about my application. I look forward to the opportunity to educate, inform, and inspire people to believe that all are truly created equal. I believe that education is the most direct means by which we can gain equity in life, and I am excited to begin my career as a teacher.

Thank you again most sincerely,

Laurel Phelps

# Summer 2013 Calendar



June 11	Tuesday 11:45 am	<b>Lunch Bunch</b> - Café Stella, behind Loreto Plaza at 3302 McCaw Avenue, SB. Note earlier time than usual since their parking lot is often full by noon. Call Bev Ford at 968-8600 by Monday night for a reservation.
June 18	Tuesday 7 pm	<b>Book Ends</b> - "The Art Forger" by B.A. Shapiro. We will meet at Pam Holst's home, 4548 Via Clarice, SB. Available in paperback.
June 26	Wednesday 2 pm	<b>Book Daze</b> Book Daze is taking the month of June off. We will meet next in July.
June 25	Tuesday	<b>Movie Night</b> 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.
July 9	Tuesday 11:45 am	<b>Lunch Bunch</b> - Beachside Café, at Goleta Beach in Goleta. Lots of parking, beautiful views, varied menu with lots of seafood and salads. Please call Claire at 967-7523 by <b>Sunday</b> for a reservation, and note the earlier time than usual. They usually do not take reservations for exactly 12 noon, just earlier and later!
July 16	Tuesday 7 pm	<b>Book Ends</b> - "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe. At Claire VanBlaricum's home, 5026 Yapple Avenue, SB.
July 23	Tuesday	<b>Movie Night</b> 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.
July 24	Wednesday 2 pm	<b>Book Daze</b> - "Lottery" by Patricia Wood. You will be notified of the meeting place later by email or phone Kathy Crevier at 964-3802 for this information.
August 10	Saturday 6:30 pm	<b>Spamalot!</b> Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council Theater Party! This is a fund raising event for Tech Trek. See page one and be on the lookout for details later!
August 13	Tuesday 12 noon	<b>Lunch Bunch</b> - In the spirit of Fiesta, we'll eat at Casa Blanca Restaurant, 330 State Street, SB. There is a small lot for the restaurant off Gutierrez, and public lots are close by. Please call Claire at 967-7523 by Monday afternoon for a reservation.
August 20	Tuesday 7 pm	<b>Book Ends</b> - "Death Comes to Pemberley" by P. D. James. At Tanda Jacobs' home, 495 Ranchita Vista, SB. (Call Tanda at 969-9051 for directions if you have never been to her house. Maps are deceiving!)
August 27	Tuesday	<b>Movie Night</b> 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.
August 28	Wednesday 2 pm	<b>Book Daze</b> - "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walter. You will be notified of the meeting place later by email or phone Kathy Crevier at 964-3802 for this information. "Salvage The Bones" by Jesmyn Ward will be for September.



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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.



## **Farewell to Sheila!**

Our long-time very active branch member Sheila Kamhi is moving to the Sacramento area later this month. Last Thursday, a number of local groups (including our AAUW branch) and coalitions of which Sheila has been a vital part gathered to celebrate her time in Santa Barbara and let her know we will miss her! Here is a photo of the festivities, courtesy of Beth Pitton-August of the League of Women Voters.

