



Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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AAUW

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Celebrate AAUW!

Come enjoy a lovely lunch to celebrate the end of another wonderful year of AAUW for our branch.

Enjoy brief presentations by a few branch members on their community activities and/or professions and why they value AAUW, and a celebration of **all** of our members' contributions to AAUW and the community.

Our AAUW Funds Named Gift Honorees will be presented.

This is our official branch Annual Meeting, and our leadership team for 2013-2014 will be elected. See page 2 for our slate of candidates!



Saturday, May 18

11:30 am to 2 pm

\$25.50 per person

Elephant Bar Restaurant

521 Firestone Road, Goleta

Three menu choices, including vegetarian, will be available at the event.

Please call Bev Ford at 968-8600 for a reservation by Friday, May 10, and send your check made out to SB - GV AAUW to PO Box 802, Goleta CA 93116. Please invite any friends who might be interested in joining!

President's Message

Our AAUW year is nearing an end and we are going out much the same way we came in – with a meeting that is all about US, our branch and what has been accomplished this year. We have planned a lunch at the Elephant Bar that will include good food and good company. The Steering Committee will have an opportunity to recognize several members and their contributions to the branch and to AAUW. We hope you will put this event on your calendar and make your reservation right away. See the front page for details.

AAUW-CA and National have elections going on right now, and we hope that you plan to vote in both elections. These elections will be conducted on-line, but you are also able to request a paper ballot. To vote in the National AAUW election between now and June 10th, you will need your Member ID# and the voter PIN# – both of these are on the back of the Spring Outlook to the left of the address label. These numbers were also emailed to you on April 8 by Linda Hallman, AAUW President. You might want to go back through your emails to find them. For information about the entire process, including the candidates and the proposed by-laws changes and public policy priori-

ties for the next two years, you can hold down the **Ctrl** key and click on the following link or you can go to the last few pages of your Spring Outlook for the same information. The advantage of clicking on the link is that you can view the video presentations that some of the candidates made and the video about the process: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/one-member-one-vote/>

AAUW-CA elections are also going on and they end on May 11. AAUW-CA voting process, candidate and other relevant information is located on page 4 of this newsletter. AAUW-CA sent you an email on April 21 with the voter ID # you will need for the CA election. I also sent you an email on April 21 to alert you to look for the AAUW-CA email.

With all this electing going on, it seems fitting that our branch should also elect a leadership team to carry us into 2013-2014. The Nominating Committee report is below. They also report that the By-laws provide for a larger committee and invite additional volunteers to step forward. Participation requires attending an early evening meeting once a month and helping out on a project-basis as needed.

We hope you will give this invitation serious consideration.

On another matter: branch member Ann Lippincott is also the Chairperson of the Board of the Mental Wellness Center. She arranged for an outstanding meeting in January at the Center that many of us attended. While there, we learned about their Care Closet and about the on-going need for donations of gently used clothing for men and women, shoes, socks, etc, and for toiletries and small household items. She has suggested that we might be interested in helping the clients who use the services of the Center by donating gently used clothing or new toiletry items to the Care Closet where donations are displayed in a store-like space that is attractive and maintained and managed by clients of the Center in a very professional manner. Your donations will be most appreciated. See flier for details on page 5 of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you on the 18th,

Carol Hershey, President

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Tech Trek Funding Update

We have reached our goal of sending 25 girls to 2013 Tech Trek Camp. Any monies received now will be applied to 2014 Camp. We like to start the new year with a cushion as we never know how much will be able to collect in the following year.

We would like to thank some of our members for their generous support of this worthwhile project: Irene Stone for sponsoring 5 campers; Barbara Levi, Claire Van Blaricum and Ruelene Hochman for each sponsoring one camper; and, of course, our many smaller donations from branch members that steadily grow into a full sponsorship of a camper.

Beverly Kowalsky Ching,
Tech Trek Fund Raising Chair

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Nominating Committee Report

Your branch Nominating Committee is pleased to put forward the following slate of candidates for leadership positions in the Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW for 2013-2014 Steering Committee.

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



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: _____

Birthday (Month & Day only) : _____

Type of Membership:

Renewal: _____ Past Member: _____ New Member: _____

Transfer from: _____

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AAUW-CA ELECTION

2013 Election

This year we will elect our President-Elect and our Chief Financial Officer.

President-Elect is a newly created position which will act as Vice-President for one year before assuming the office of President for two more years.

Chief Financial Officer chairs the finance committee and oversees the organization's finances, bank accounts and investments.

In addition to these two officers, we will elect enough directors to complete the board. Currently there are eight director vacancies. If the proposal to reduce the size of the board (see below) passes, the four top vote-getting candidates will become directors.

Click [HERE](#) (Candidates Page) for photos and information about all the candidates for office.

We will also be voting on Public Policy Priorities, a dues increase, and a reduction in the number of Directors.

Public Policy Priorities for 2013-15 (click [HERE](#) to read them)

Proposal to increase state dues by \$4 effective 2014-15 (click [HERE](#) to read explanation)

Proposal to amend the state bylaws to reduce the number of state directors from 16 to 12 effective 2013-14. Click [HERE](#) to read explanation)

Voting

The 3 week voting period is April 21 to May 11.
Each member in good standing, as of March 21, will receive an email message with a personal voting access code. ***We encourage all members to vote online.***

Members who do not have an email address listed in the AAUW Membership Database or whose email is undeliverable, will receive a postcard in the mail. The email and postcard will have instructions for requesting a paper ballot, if it is necessary.

Click [HERE](#) for the PowerPoint version of **How to Vote**, that was used last year for branch and IBC presentations and training sessions.

One Member, One Vote

Every member has the opportunity to vote in AAUW CA elections.

Watch this **How to Vote** video to familiarize yourself with the new voting process. Many thanks to Mary Elizabeth O'Connor of the Palo Alto branch for her help with the video!

You may also open the video in your computer using this link: <http://youtu.be/WdwjDV72BCK>





Mental Wellness Center

RECOVERY • EDUCATION • FAMILY SERVICES

617 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, Ca 93101

Clothing Donations Needed

The Care Closet is the project of the Mental Wellness Center and is designed to develop vocational skills and employ our community's mental health clients in a clothing store. The care closet provides gently used clothing and new hygiene products to many of our clients who are working on their recovery. These items are sometimes the first step towards a person regaining their self esteem.

When you clean out your closet, you can donate items for Spring and Summer weather such as: shoes, light clothes, socks, sunglasses, hats, personal hygiene items, and undergarments.

Larger size items are preferable and machine washable is best.

Donations can be dropped off at
The Fellowship Club
1st Floor
617 Garden St. Santa Barbara 93101

For more information, please contact Hanh Le @ 805 884 8440 x 3246

Mental Wellness Center in Santa Barbara County is a non-profit 501(c) (3) California charitable corporation. Donations are tax-deductible

SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCES OPENINGS ON COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

County Supervisor Janet Wolf is seeking community members who live in the Second District to serve on the following County Boards and Commissions:

- **Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems;**
- **Human Services Commission;**
- **Mental Health Commission (alternate); and**
- **State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Area Board IX.**

"Serving on a commission or board is an excellent opportunity to learn more about County government while also providing a vital service by advising the Board of Supervisors on important issues affecting our community," Supervisor Wolf said.

Applicants must reside within the Second District of Santa Barbara County (<http://www.countyofsb.org/bos/wolf/default.aspx?id=4368>) and will need to meet eligibility requirements specific to the commissions.

The following is a brief description of the commissions and some of the specific requirements:

Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems: *Advises the County and the public on matters relating to County alcohol and drug programs including: budget, strategic planning and programming. Open to all members of the public including those who have received drug and/or alcohol treatment or rehabilitation services.*

Human Services Commission: *Makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the human services delivery system, as well as grant recommendations for the allocation of County, state and federal funds to nonprofit agencies for the provision of essential human services.*

Mental Health Commission (alternate): *Reviews and evaluates our community's mental health needs, services, facilities and problems. Also advises the County Board of Supervisors and County Mental Health Director on local mental health programs.*

State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Area Board IX: *A state agency that sets policy regarding the monitoring, evaluation and support of local programs serving the handicapped.*

For an application form, visit the County website at: http://www.countyofsb.org/ceo/cob/documents/Application_Boards_and_Commissions.pdf or contact Second District Chief of Staff Mary O'Gorman at mogorman@sbcbos2.org or 568-2191

AAUW Believes The Working Families Flexibility Act Is Misleading!

As a member of AAUW, you know that we still have a lot of work to do to pass laws that will help workers balance the demands of their work and their families. But we can't – and we won't – let Congress fool us with the misnamed Working Families Flexibility Act (H.R. 1406).

We've heard the House may vote on H.R. 1406 as early as next week. This bill claims to offer flexibility to employees by allowing them to convert overtime work into paid time off (i.e. comp time) for family responsibilities. But this bill is not an improvement for working families: Under the Working Families Flexibility Act (H.R. 1406), employers would still have complete discretion over whether to approve workers' requests to convert their overtime into comp time. This means that employees will still have trouble using accumulated days for an emergency, or even to plan for things like parental leave or caregiving leave.

Nothing is currently stopping employers from offering more flexible schedules. Creating yet another system of hurdles for workers to access leave, left entirely at the discretion of their employer, is not the way to achieve flexibility. **In just a few days, the House is voting on the problematic Working Families Flexibility Act (H.R. 1406).**

Tell your representative to vote against H.R. 1406!

May 2013 Calendar



May 14	Tuesday 12 noon	Lunch Bunch Itsuki Restaurant , 7127 Hollister Ave, Goleta. In the same shopping center as Albertson's and the Goleta DMV office. Good Japanese food at reasonable prices with lots of parking. Call Claire at 967-7523 by Monday night.
May 18	Saturday 11: 30 am	End of Year Celebration Luncheon See page one for details.
May 21	Tuesday 7 pm	Book Ends <i>The Midwife of Venice</i> by Roberta Rich. We meet at Jane DeSelm's home, 619 Camino Campana, SB. The book for June is "The Art Forger" by B.A. Shapiro. Both books are in paperback.
May 22	Wednesday 2 pm	Book Daze <i>Sandcastle Girls</i> by Chris Bohjalian. At Holly Jenning's home, 618 San Roque Road, SB. The novel <i>Lottery</i> by Patricia Wood has been selected for June.
May 28	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.

AAUW Funds Congratulates California Branches!

The AAUW Funds committee would like to once again thank and congratulate the members of AAUW California for your generous donations. Because of your commitment to AAUW and its mission, **\$580,999.97** was donated to AAUW Funds from AAUW California members and branches. A diagram which graphically displays all the AAUW Funds can be found on the AAUW National website or by clicking [HERE](#). This diagram is a good tool to use when talking to members about the funds.

Sharon Westafer, Chair, AAUW Funds Committee swestafer@aauw-ca.org

National AAUW Voting Is Underway! 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 after April 15 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.

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Goleta Valley AAUW**

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2012-2013 OFFICERS

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Ann Lippincott

**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 Membership Chair, Rae Fribley at 563-5307 or Fribley@cox.net.

2013 AAUW National Convention

Breaking through Barriers: Leading across Generations • June 9-12, 2013 • Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Join Melissa Harris Perry, Lilly Ledbetter, and other exciting keynote speakers as they share their struggles, triumphs, and how the members of AAUW helped them become the inspiring leaders they are today. Celebrate 125 years of fellowships and grants and the legacy they provide. Take advantage of more hands-on skill-building and leadership sessions than ever before. Reconnect with friends from across the country, and make many more new ones.

Please visit convention.aauw.org to take advantage of our best-value rates, or call Connect2AAUW at 800.326.2289.

You can also register right now for the pre- and post-convention tours and activities at www.aauw.org/convention/tours.cfm

