



Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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The State of Our Schools 2013

A Panel Discussion Featuring:

Dr. David Cash, Superintendent, Santa Barbara Unified School District

Mr. William Banning, Superintendent, Goleta Union School District

Dr. Dan Cooperman, Superintendent, Hope School District

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 pm

Board Room, Santa Barbara Unified School District

720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara

These distinguished educators will discuss the new Common Core curriculum standards and share the triumphs and challenges of our local schools.

Acting Co-Presidents' Message

October was a busy month for our branch, and all the events were great successes. Thank you so much to those of you who participated in any way.

This month our State of the Schools program is an offshoot of last November's "Election Effects" forum which addressed the impacts of the election on various local governmental bodies and agencies. The part of that forum dealing with schools sparked the most interest. Several people requested that we do that part again (even though there was not another election this year) to see how our schools are coping on a continuing basis. Three of our local Superintendents have joined forces to put together a comprehensive presentation that is important for all of us to hear, whether we have kids in school or not. Please plan to come and bring

any friends who would be interested.

You will soon be receiving a letter from our AAUW Funds chair, Carol Thompson, requesting your virtual attendance at our "non-event fundraiser" by way of a donation to AAUW Funds (formerly the AAUW Educational Foundation for you old-timers). Please consider including AAUW Funds in your year-end giving. Actually we need your check earlier to meet our December 15 deadline to send in our branch's donations. All donations are tax deductible. AAUW Funds is the oldest and largest graduate funding program for women in the US, something of which we can all be proud.

The Steering Committee is very grateful to branch member Ginny Capra for taking on the task of putting together this year's Direc-

tory. It is currently available on our website in the now active Members Only section. Please refer to the email sent to you earlier this week for the required password to enter this part of the site.

If you have any names of prospective members, please pass them on to our Membership chair, Dorie Kirtman. She is planning to hold a couple of membership/orientation gatherings for early in 2014. Also, you can always refer friends to our website where they can even fill out a membership application.

Thank you for being a part of our Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW branch.

Claire VanBlaricum
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Holiday Party!

Thursday, December 5

6 to 9 pm

At the home of Bea Hamlin

1082 Via Los Padres, Santa Barbara

\$20 per person.

Call or email Cathy Black for reservations by December 1
(968-6049 or csblack@silcom.com)

Send checks made out to SBGV AAUW to PO Box 802, Goleta CA 93116

Friends and family welcome!



November 2013 Calendar



- November 12 Tuesday 11:45 am **Lunch Bunch** - Renaud's Patisserie and Bistro, 3315 State St, SB in the Loreto Plaza. Sandwiches, salads, hot dishes all with a Parisian flair (not to mention the pastries). Please note slightly earlier time. Please call Jean Reiche at 964-8942 by Monday night for a reservation.
- November 14 Thursday 6:30 pm **The State of Our Schools** - Panel presentation at SB School District Board Room, 720 Santa Barbara St., SB. See page one for details. Come and bring your friends.
- November 15 Tuesday 7 pm **Book Ends** - "The Weird Sisters" by Eleanor Brown. At Pam Holst's home, 4548 Via Clarice, SB. Our December book is "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. This is the official Santa Barbara Reads selection for this year. Both are available in paperback.
- November 26 Tuesday 6 pm **Steering Committee Meeting** At Claire VanBlaricum's, 9026 Yapple Avenue, SB. All members welcome. Light supper will be served. Please note change from usual day and place!
- Movie Night will resume in January, 2014.

Looking Ahead

Please note these upcoming special SB - GV AAUW events in your calendar now so you are sure to save the dates! We have a lot of good things coming up that you won't want to miss.

- December 5 Thursday 6 - 9 pm **Holiday Party!** - \$20 per person includes all food, drinks, friends, and fun! Significant others and prospective members are welcome. Bea Hamlin has been gracious enough to welcome us back to her home this year for this lovely event. Details for reservations and payment on page 2.
- 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.
- February 22 Saturday 11 am - 2 pm **Interbranch Fellows Luncheon** - This year we will again be joining with San Luis Obispo County Interbranch for a Central Coast Fellows Luncheon featuring recipients of AAUW Funds grants studying at local universities. AAUW members from Ventura, Monterey, and Kern Counties are also being invited to this exciting event. The location will be in SLO County this year, so be watching for the details in an upcoming newsletter. Yes, we will definitely car pool!

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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.

Tech Savvy Comes to Santa Barbara!

In last month's Coast Connections we told you that Jill Dunlap, branch member and UCSB Liaison, had applied for a Tech Savvy grant of \$8,000 from AAUW National to bring to UCSB a one-day STEM conference for 6th to 9th grade girls and their families. Well, by golly, she won one!

Congratulations to Jill and the WISE group (Women in Science and Engineering) at UCSB. Only ten grants were given as pilot projects for Tech Savvy, a program begun by the Buffalo, NY branch. The UCSB proposal is the only one in California that was accepted for funding.

Our branch is a partner in this endeavor, and our website is being used as an example in the training session that Jill is attending in Washington the first weekend of November. Please visit our branch website and click on the Tech Savvy page for more information.

