



Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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Celebrating 100 years of empowering women in the Santa Barbara area.



Opal Singleton serves as the President and CEO of Million Kids and the Director of Development for Rapha House International. As a retired business executive in International Marketing, Opal understands that to win the battle to rescue and support victims of trafficking requires the creative resources of an entire community.



Megan Riker-Rheinschild has been employed in the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program since 1994 and been the Director of the Countywide Program since 1997. She is responsible for oversight of a



program whose staff annually serves over 3000 victims of violent crime and their family members countywide.

The Central Coast
American Association of University Women
and
The Santa Barbara County Commission for Women
proudly present

Opal Singleton

President and CEO of Million Kids
and Director of Development for Rapha House International

and

Megan Rheinschild

Victim-Witness Assistance Program Director
Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office

speaking on

**Human
Trafficking**

Local, National and International

Followed by

a Question and Answer Period with the
**San Luis Obispo County
Task Force on Human Trafficking**

Please Join Us for this Free Event at

The Forum at Allan Hancock College

800 S College Drive
Santa Maria, CA 93454

**November 20, 2014
5:30pm - 8pm**

Free Parking in Lots 1 & 2 White Stalls Only

Go to www.hancockcollege.edu/public_affairs/location-sm.php
for links to a campus map and directions



MILLIONKIDS
A SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY TASK FORCE PROGRAM



President's Message

Do you find it as hard to believe as I do that we are already in November? The World Series is over, Daylight Savings Time is over, Halloween is over, and the election is almost over (Three cheers for no more political flyers in the mail!). One thing that is definitely not over is our Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW branch activity level!

Our primary activity this month is an informative and important presentation on the subject of Human Trafficking, on both the local and international levels. This is a significant aspect of our AAUW Public Policy priorities. Please plan to come to learn more about what is happening here and around the world and what we as concerned women can do about it.

On Sunday, November 30 we are holding an afternoon tea for all new, continuing, and prospective members as a chance to get to know each other better. Thank you to Jane Honikman for hosting this!

In addition, our ongoing book group, lunch group, movie group and new

outings group all have things planned for November. I hope all of you can find something that strikes your fancy!

I want to send a shout out (or is it a write out?) to branch member and UCSB liaison Jill Dunlap for securing a continuation Tech Savvy grant from AAUW National to put on another STEM Conference for young girls this year.

I also want to thank Ginny Capra, our Membership Chair, for preparing the 2014-15 branch Directory. It is done and will be coming to you as a Word document attached to an email so you can save it and print it out if you want a hard copy. It will also be posted in the Members Only section of our branch website.

You will receive the password for the Members Only section in that email as well. We do not put the password in the newsletter because the newsletter is available in a public section of the website so that prospective members can see what we are all about.

Ginny has also been busy as a master recruiter for AAUW, as evidenced by

the number of new branch members who have joined in the last several months. We are so pleased to welcome the following new members to our branch:

Margaret Connell
Patricia Edgerton (returning member)
Susan Engles
Diane Green
Claire Johnson
Nicole Katz
Jill Kingdon
Martha Lannan (returning member)
Nancy Leffert
Kathy Mintzer
Laurel Phelps
Linda Robyn
Beverly Silver
Diane Sylvester
Anne Towbes
Karen VanGool

I thank you all, new and continuing, for being a part of the Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley AAUW branch.

Claire VanBlaricum

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Important Information About Voting

Have you checked out the latest election resources from the AAUW Action Fund?

- The [Congressional Voting Record \(CVR\)](#) provides information about senators' and representatives' co-sponsorship and votes on AAUW's issues, including budget and appropriations, economic security, education, and civil rights.
- [Voter guides](#) provide nonpartisan information about candidate positions on AAUW's issues. The 2014 AAUW Action Fund voter guides cover nationally significant U.S. Senate and gubernatorial races in nearly 20 states.
- State ballot initiative and state referenda language can be confusing, and even manipulative, which is why we've put together [this handy guide to ballot initiatives in several states.](#)





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MEET, GREET AND GET SOCIAL!

The Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley Branch of
AAUW invites you to join us for tea/coffee and
treats as we share our Branch and get to know
each other better.

Please bring any friends who may be interested in
learning more about AAUW.

When: November 30th, 2014

2-4PM

Where: Jane Honikman's home

927 N. Kellogg Ave

Santa Barbara 93111

RSVP-jane@janehonikman.com or 967-9757 by November 26

Getting to Know Out Members

MEET OUR BRANCH SECRETARY---JANE HONIKMAN



I was born, raised, married and joined my first AAUW Branch in Palo Alto, California. My parents named me Margaret Jane but I've always been called "just" Jane.

While attending Whittier College I lived my Junior year abroad in Denmark and had my first taste of travel. I majored in Sociology (I was afraid to take statistics) but in 1995 got my MS in Psychology. I had no career aspirations, what so ever. I wanted to be like my mother; join AAUW, get married and have children. I married Terry one month after college graduation and we lived at married housing at Stanford University for 3 years before moving to Goleta Valley.

It was 1970 and I joined the just-founded Goleta Valley Branch of AAUW to make friends. It worked! We've been in the same house and raised Stephen and Jeanette. Charlotte, born in Denmark (long story, just ask me) joined us in 1993. We have 8 grandchildren, ages 18 – 6.

In the early years I provided in-home, after-school child care, taught flute and recorder. AAUW grants led me to my career in maternal mental health. I founded and administered Postpartum Support International for 17 years in our home. Fortunately, Terry made "the living" since my career was primarily not profit-making!

We love to travel and my career has taken us to many conferences and sight-seeing around the world. While at home I continue taking flute lessons, enjoy AAUW activities; books, food, movies and interesting conversations. While I've belonged to many other local organizations over the years, AAUW continues to be the one that makes me smile!

KAREN VAN GOOL—NEW MEMBER



Karen was born in Granite City, IL on April 2 and moved to Tustin, CA at the age of 9. She came to Santa Barbara at age 18 to attend UCSB. She has lived in Barcelona, Spain; Philadelphia, PA and Charlottesville, VA. As a young girl, she hoped to become a teacher. She received her BA in Communications Studies (1989); MA in Education from UCSB (1992) and also an AS in Computer Information Systems from SBCC in 1996.

She is married to Paul Van Gool and they have twins, Olivia and Charles, age 8 ½. In the past, she worked as both an undergraduate and graduate advisor at UCSB, as well as a technical trainer and course developer for a large software company. Today she is at home with her children.

Karen is a recent breast cancer survivor who takes calls at the Santa Barbara Cancer Center from women who have been diagnosed with cancer and are exploring their options.

Karen loves to travel, especially Europe and her favorite country is Spain. She also loves to visit islands. She prefers to travel with others and would really like to share the world with her children.

Our November Outing

On Saturday, November 15 our Outings Interest Group will take an excursion to the Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park. This is a natural treasure in our own back yard that few of us have explored. The estuary totals 230 acres, 120 of which is owned by UCSB as the Salt Marsh Reserve. The remainder is the Salt Marsh Nature Park, which is owned and operated by the City of Carpinteria.

We will meet at 10 AM for a free two hour docent led hike. Afterwards, those who have the time will have lunch together at a Carpinteria restaurant. If interested, please contact Jane Honikman 967-9757 or jane@janehonikman.com. For more information, go to http://www.carpinteria.com/points_of_interest/marshes/



Speak Up For Equal Pay

The rest of the world keeps turning even though everyone's eyes seem to be on the midterm elections. In particular, we're watching the Department of Labor's proposed rule to require federal contractors to regularly report what they pay their employees by gender, race, and ethnicity.

The Department of Labor just extended the deadline for public comments on this rule, which means our opponents will have more time to submit comments aimed at gutting the new rule. We can't let this happen!

We need to make sure our voices are heard, too, loud and clear. [Contact the Department of Labor today](#) to say you support the proposed rule and stronger enforcement of equal pay laws.

Let AAUW Know What Is Important to You!

Don't forget to [submit your comments and suggestions](#) on the proposed AAUW Public Policy Program (PPP) revisions! As you know, the [AAUW Public Policy Program \(PPP\)](#) establishes our organization's federal action priorities. The feedback of members like you is critical to a successful PPP revision. Your comments and suggestions will be used to shape AAUW's advocacy in the future. Make sure to [comment](#) before the December 1st deadline!

New Study Reveals That Common Core Can Be Key to Increasing Gender Equality

On Tuesday, October 28, AAUW and the Center for American Progress [released](#) a report showing that by enforcing more uniform and rigorous academic standards, Common Core can ultimately help close the gender gap in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). *The Modesto Bee* [spoke](#) with AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa M. Maatz, who explained that "bias and stereotypes prevent girls from performing well in STEM, pursuing STEM majors, and ultimately working in high-paying STEM fields." Maatz added, "Our research has found that one way to mitigate stereotypes' damaging effects is through explicit and transparent standards, such as the Common Core."

Exclusive Members-Only Call after the Election!

Tuesday, November 4, is almost here! The Election Day countdown is down to the single digits, and soon we'll all settle down in front of our favorite news source to watch the results pour in.

You might be wondering: What does it all mean for AAUW's priority issues? How will the U.S. House and Senate election results affect our push for pay equity legislation? Is the 114th Congress likely to make changes to education policy, or confirm federal judges who uphold civil rights laws and established precedents?

To answer these questions and more, AAUW is holding an exclusive post-election call for you, our AAUW members and leaders, on Wednesday, November 5, at 8:30 p.m. ET.

[RSVP today to snag your spot on the call!](#)

AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa M. Maatz will provide some top-line takeaways and talking points about the election results, as well as preliminary insights about the women's vote and overall trends.

We have a limited number of lines for the call, so [make sure to RSVP soon!](#) Call-in information will be sent the morning of the call to everyone who RSVPs.

November 2014 Calendar

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."
Elizabeth Lawrence



November 4	Tuesday 7 am - 8 pm	Election Day! Please remember to vote!
November 11	Tuesday 11:45 am	Lunch Bunch - Le Café Stella, 3302 McCaw Avenue, SB. Up the hill from Loreto Plaza shopping center. Please note early time so we can find space in their parking lot! Call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 by Monday afternoon for a reservation.
November 13	Thursday 6:00 pm	Steering Committee meeting - Ginny Capra's home, 6020 Paseo Palmilla, Goleta. Brown bag your dinner if you wish to eat during the meeting. Beverages provided. Any branch members are welcome to attend.
November 15	Saturday	Outing to The Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park - See page 5 for details.
November 18	Tuesday 7 pm	Book Ends - <i>Empty Mansions</i> by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr. Available in paperback. At the home of Anne Gray, 7834 Day Dr., Goleta. Please park on Winchester Circle as there is no parking on Day Drive. For December, plan to share a book that has been influential in your life.
November 20	5:30 - 8 pm	Program on Human Trafficking The Forum at Alan Hancock College, 800 S. College Dr. , Santa Maria. Please see Page One for details. Call Claire at 967-7523 if you want to carpool.
November 25	Tuesday	Movie Night - Please watch your email the weekend before for information on the film, time and place.
November 30	Sunday 2-4 pm	Branch Meet & Greet At Jane Honikman's home, 927 N. Kellogg. Please see Page 3 for details. RSVP by November 26!

Looking Ahead

Holiday Party!

Thursday, December 4 6 to 9 pm

Dinner, libations, fun and friendship!

Significant others and friends welcome.

\$20 per person

Details of place and how to RSVP will follow in an email soon.

Put it on your calendar now!

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Goleta Valley AAUW

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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 (<http://sbgv-ca.aauw.net/>) and give their name and contact information to Ginny Capra at ginnycapra@cox.net.

2015: See You in San Diego!

We can't wait to find new ways to empower women and girls at our 2015 AAUW national convention, June 18–21, 2015, at the Sheraton Hotel and Marina in San Diego. We're excited to build on the success of the 2013 convention and look forward to planning an even more engaging and more valuable program for you. Register today at <http://convention.aauw.org/register/>

We'll see you there!

Let's get a group together from our Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley branch and take the train!

