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Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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

100 for 100

On February 11 we enjoyed our second event at the Oreana Winery with approximately 20 “seasoned” members, new members and prospective members. Wine and goodies were served as we had a great time visiting and getting to know each other.

Co-president Claire VanBlaricum gave a short talk on our branch’s involvement with Tech Trek, our upcoming Empowered Women’s Luncheon and some of our regular programs and interest groups. Hopefully, we will be able to have another Oreana Event in the fall and hope that more of you will join the fun evening.

Claire announced that as of that day, February 11, we had reached our goal of 100 members in our 100th year. We had 30 NEW members join since April, 2015, so thanks to all of you who gave out our brochures, talked to friends and encouraged them to join us. We also celebrated our 101st member who joined that night. We are now at 102!!



President's Message

March 8 is International Women's Day, which is why we have chosen that date for our Empowered Woman Luncheon. But what exactly is International Women's Day? According to the website for this project, "**International Women's Day** (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity." This certainly is all in line with our AAUW Mission statement.

How long has IWD been celebrated and how did it start? In 1910, at the International Conference of Working Women held in Copenhagen, a German woman named Clara Zetkin proposed the idea of an International Women's Day to be held every year as a day for women in every country to hold rallies and celebrations to press for their demands of economic, political, and social equality for women. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, including the

first three women elected to the Finnish parliament, greeted Zetkin's suggestion with unanimous approval and thus International Women's Day was born. Since 1913 the date of IWD has been fixed as March 8 with women in each country organizing recognitions, celebrations, rallies and protests for a variety of issues affecting women, ranging from safe working conditions to allowing greater participation by women in politics. At first only a few European countries and the U.S. participated. More and more countries joined in, especially after World War II, and in 1975 the United Nations celebrated IWD for the first time, encouraging women in all member countries to participate. In 1996 the UN established a theme for IWD of "Celebrating the Past, Planning for the Future" and has continued to put forth a theme every year since then. For 2016 the theme is "Pledge for Parity."

For more information on the history and impact of International Women's Day, follow

this link to the International Women's Day website: <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/About>.

We leave you with this quote from the IWD website:

"The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women's education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men. However, great improvements have been made. We do have female astronauts and prime ministers, school girls are welcomed into university, women can work and have a family, women have real choices. And so each year the world inspires women and celebrates their achievements."

As always, thank you for being a part of our AAUW branch!

And Happy International Women's Day!

Claire VanBlaricum 967-7523

Jane Honikman 967-9757



Congratulations to co-president, **Jane Honikman**, on receiving the Education Advocate of the Year BRAVO award! The BRAVO awards are presented by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), Santa Barbara chapter and they recognize women in eight areas. Jane will be honored at a luncheon on March 10th for her work founding several organizations on maternal mental health and education, including Postpartum Education for Parents (PEP), Postpartum Support International, and Postpartum Action Institute. Congrats, Jane!



AAUW Action Fund

On Wednesday, February 10, AAUW celebrated the release of the *AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record* (CVR) for the first session of the 114th Congress. This voting record provides information about elected federal legislators on the priorities that are critical to the Action Fund's mission.

This year's CVR marks the 35th year AAUW Action Fund has scored members of Congress based on their record on AAUW priorities. Our first CVR came out in 1982 when we scored the 97th Congress on such issues as social security, abortion funding, food stamps, and voting rights. For the 114th Congress, we scored congressional members on legislative priorities based on AAUW's Public Policy program adopted by AAUW members in areas such as equal pay, education, campus sexual assault, campaign finance, human trafficking, and reproductive rights.

Senate members were scored on five key pieces of legislation including their co-sponsorship of the Paycheck Fairness Act which would strengthen federal outreach and enforcement efforts, the Survivor Outreach and Support (SOS) Campus Act which would develop steps to end sexual assault on college campuses, and the Democracy for All constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United. A total of seven Senate members received a 100 percent rating from AAUW Action Fund.

The House of Representatives were scored on similar legislation including co-sponsoring the Paycheck Fairness Act and Democracy for All constitutional amendment. House members were scored on seven legislative actions including opposition to the Student Succeeds Act which fails to hold states accountable for closing achievement gaps, the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization (SOAR) Act which would expand school vouchers in Washington D.C. and give public funds to private institutions that do not have to follow Title IX requirements, and the Defund Planned Parenthood Act which would limit women's access to health care. Fifty-nine members of the House of Representatives received a 100 percent rating from AAUW Action Fund.

We encourage you to check out the *AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record* at <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/congressional-voting-record/> and see how your senators and representatives scored on issues impacting women and families. The CVR is one of the many ways that AAUW holds legislators accountable for how they vote and is an important tool to advocate for our priorities. Here's to another 35 years and even more 100 percent scores in the second session of the 114th Congress!

Sincerely,

Lisa Maatz
Vice President of Government Relations

tech trek

Reinforced by a number of new members, the **Tech Trek Coordinating Committee** has begun recruiting campers for a one-week summer science camp for 7th-grade girls run by AAUW. Our branch has raised enough money to send 28 girls from five public junior high schools in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara and Goleta to one of the camp sessions held at UCSB. In February, committee members visited the schools to tell recommended girls about Tech Trek and show them pictures from the camp. We are now collecting applications and preparing to interview the candidates for our camperships. New members of our committee are Carin Ezal, Diane Green, Caroline Harrah and Dena Stein. They join the ranks of current members: Jill Kingdon, Michelle La, E. Onja Brown, Kathy Mintzer, Bobbie Offen, Irene Stone, Claire VanBlaricum and me. Several more of you have expressed an interest in helping out and we welcome your help. We will notify 28 lucky campers by April 1.

Barbara Levi, Tech Trek Coordinator

Strengthening our Ties with UCSB



This year we have been lucky enough to have a national AAUW Student Advisory Council (SAC) member on the UCSB campus. Delyla Mayers is a phenomenal senior and was chosen as one of only ten students across the country to serve on the SAC for the 2015/16 school year.

One of Delyla's responsibilities is to hold two AAUW events on campus. Several branch members got to know Delyla and other students at the International Women's Potluck she hosted in January. It was a lovely evening and Delyla guided us in small and full group discussions, while we enjoyed tasting dishes from around the world. In addition to

attending the event, our branch also contributed two Indian dishes that the students thoroughly enjoyed.

With Delyla's help, we are looking forward to connecting with younger students throughout the rest of the school year (watch for an ice skating event this spring!) and forming an ongoing and meaningful relationship with the students.

Beverly Ann Bakerbrown



Beverly was born in southern Missouri on Easter Sunday, April 9th, during WWII. After the war her family moved to Minnesota and she spent her childhood having fun on a 360-acre family farm. She rode horses and herded cows in the pasture during the summer and ice-skated on her creek during the winter. She helped feed the chickens, collect eggs, slop the pigs and pull weeds in the family garden.

Attending elementary school in the farming community consisted of walking a dirt road to a one-room schoolhouse and taking lessons with a dozen or so kids from neighboring farms. She moved to southern California for high school and college. She majored in business administration at CSUF and received her teaching credential from Chapman University. She also had paralegal training from UCI.

While raising their daughter, she and her husband established a real estate firm, but she eventually turned to teaching and enjoyed several years working with “at-risk” high school students. She directed a high school diploma program for adults ranging in age from 19 to 65+. She also taught English as a second language to adults from many cultures and countries worldwide.

As a family they loved to travel, and some of the countries they visited were Africa, Israel, Jordan, Ireland, Germany, France, Switzerland, Australia, Spain and Italy.

Her daughter Lela, son-in-law Brad and grandchildren recently moved from Mammoth to the Santa Ynez valley. This motivated her to choose Santa Barbara as a perfect location to enjoy the family while crafting a new life as a retiree.

Beverly loves spending time reading, going to movies, performing arts events, hiking, decorating, gardening and travel. A few items on her “bucket list” are to walk the Amalfi coast, hike the Inca trail in Machu Picchu, take piano lessons and volunteer in the community.

She joined AAUW to meet members who want to help build favorable conditions and advantages for young girls. She says she looks forward to the socializing and sharing with other associates who have similar interests in furthering AAUW’s mission of helping girls become strong, smart and bold.

Welcome Beverly



PRESENTED BY

The American Association of University Women, The Coalition Against Gun Violence, Hopedance Films, and others

April 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Town Hall with
Robert Greenwald

At the Marjorie Luke Theatre
721 East Cota Street, Santa Barbara

Free Parking

Tickets—\$12 at the door

Contact: Gaby Mandelik
gabyartist@hotmail.com

Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA tells the stories of how guns - and the **billions** made off of them - affect the lives of everyday Americans. It features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families. The film exposes how powerful gun companies and the NRA are resisting responsible legislation for the sake of profit - and thereby putting people in danger. The film looks into gun tragedies that include unintentional shootings, domestic violence, suicides, mass shootings and trafficking - and what we can do to put an end to this profit-driven crisis.

Join us to fight for a country where public safety is valued more than profit!



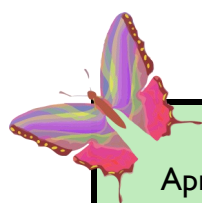
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March, 2016 Calendar

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade." Charles Dickens



March 8	Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Empowered Woman Luncheon - featuring Carlynne McDonnell will be held at the Canary Hotel, 31 W. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara.
March 14	Monday 7:00 p.m.	Smart Talk Discussion Group - The group will meet at the home of Erin Neil, 1339 Crestline, Santa Barbara.
March 15	Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Book Ends - We will meet at the home of Jane Honikman, 927 N. Kellogg Ave., Santa Barbara, to discuss <i>Salmon Fishing in the Yemen</i> by Paul Torday. Our selection for April will be <i>The Invention of Wings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd.
March 16	Wednesday 12:00-2:00 p.m.	League of Women Voters Community Forum - "Goleta Development: Where is it Now and What Will the Future Bring?". The forum is held at the Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St., Santa Barbara.
March 21	Monday 10:00 a.m.	Craft Group - The group meets the third Monday of every month at Beverly Kowalsky-Ching's home, 462 S. San Marcos Rd., Santa Barbara. Call Beverly at 964-5411 for more information.
March 22	Tuesday	Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before for information on the film, time and theater location.
March 23	Wednesday 4:00 p.m.	Steering Committee Meeting - The meeting will be held at the home of Jane Honikman, 927 N. Kellogg Ave.
March 28	Monday 7:00 p.m.	Smart Talk Discussion Group - The meeting will be held at the home of Claire VanBlaricum, 5026 Yapple Ave., Santa Barbara.



Save the Date

April 7, 7:00 p.m. ❖ **Making a Killing—Guns, Greed and the NRA** (See page 6)

April 15-17 ❖ **AAUW CA Convention 2016** (See page 8)

April 17, 2:00 p.m. ❖ **Tour of La Casa de Maria** (See page 9)

Convention 2016

"AAUW California Empowering You"



April 15th through April 17th at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel
1770 S. Amphlett Blvd - San Mateo, CA

This year's convention **AAUW California: Empowering You!** will offer more opportunity to feel empowered and encouraged than ever. With four workshop sessions, energizing speakers, and the chance to meet and mingle with AAUW California members from all over the state, you'll be brimming with ideas and flush with optimism! For more information please visit the AAUW California website: <http://www.aauw-ca.org>.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jill or Claire to discuss transportation and arrangements:

★ Claire VanBlaricum: clairevanb@cox.net or 967-7523

★ Jill Kingdon: jill@dowitcherdesigns.com or 681-1930

AAUW Provides Educational Opportunities

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 241 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations in the 2015-2016 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities—breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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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.

Tour La Casa de Maria

April 17, 2016

2:00 p.m. ☞ Meet at the *Center for Spiritual Renewal* (NOT the La Casa Registration Office). Tour followed by tea and cookies.

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. ☞ Optional time to enjoy the grounds

RSVP ☞ by April 11 to Katherine Collis at:
katherine@immaculateheartcenter.org or 805.969.2474.
Group size is limited to 20.



The Center is an oasis of peace where people come to discover, nurture, and reconnect with their deeper life's purpose through private individual retreats. Following a tour of the house, you can stroll the beautiful grounds, walk the labyrinth, the many gardens, or find a sweet spot to just be in peace!