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Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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

Annual Meeting

and Official Election of the 2016-17 Leadership Team



Rusty's Pizza - 5934 Calle Real in Goleta

The steering committee will provide the pizza and salad. You just buy your own beverage and enjoy the evening.

May 31 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 29, to Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 or clairevanb@cox.net

***Join us in paying tribute to Ginny Capra,
our 2016 Named Gift Honoree***

Our branch's contributions to AAUW Fund for this year have been given in honor of Ginny for her outstanding work in furthering our branch's growth and viability.

***Come celebrate our branch's successes this year as we look forward
to another great year ahead!***

President's Message

This has been a wonderful year for our Santa Barbara – Goleta Valley AAUW branch, and it has truly been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your co-Presidents for the 2015-2016 year.

As we have been celebrating 100 years of AAUW in the Santa Barbara area, we have broken the 100 member mark, primarily through the efforts and vision of our Membership Chair, Ginny Capra and her Membership Task Force. Thank you to everyone who has helped with membership in any way, whether it was giving a friend the branch brochure, helping put on a membership event, or just letting people know that you are a member of this fine organization!

From our Tech Trek Ice Cream Social in September 2015 where we heard from our Tech Trek campers how the experience is changing their lives, through our April co-sponsorship of *Making a Killing*, the powerful film on gun violence, we have provided our members and the public with programs that promote the public good and move

forward the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

One branch program in particular was honored at the AAUW California Convention this year. Jill Kingdon, our incoming branch President for 2016-2017, attended and reported: "During the gala dinner on Saturday night our branch was recognized for our Empowered Woman Luncheon event and we received a certificate of achievement - congrats to everyone for such a successful event!!" The Empowered Woman Luncheon will also soon be featured on the AAUW California website on the Program Recognition Wall of Fame. You can see the certificate that was presented to the branch below.



Thank you to everyone who worked on and /or attended this luncheon! We definitely intend to do it again next year as a celebration of International Women's Day!

On Tuesday, April 19, all the AAUW branches in Santa Barbara County were honored at the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting, held in Santa Maria. The Board of Supervisors presented the three branches with a Proclamation naming April 12 as Equal Pay Day and honoring AAUW for its work in pay equity.

We can all be proud to be a part of an organization that works hard for the principle of women's equality.

We are looking forward to our end-of-the-year Pizza Party on May 31 and hope that all of you will plan to come and celebrate with us as we install our leadership team for the coming 2016- 2017 AAUW year!

Claire VanBlaricum 967-7523

Jane Honikman 967-9757

2016-17 Leadership Team

President - Jill Kingdon ★ **Treasurer** - Carol Thompson

Diane Green ★ Ginny Capra ★ Claire Van Blaricum ★ Barbara Levi

Beverly Kowalsky-Ching ★ Irene Stone ★ Deborah Castorino

Susan Engles ★ Jane Honikman ★ Martha Lannan ★ Elly Rumelt ★ Dot Salogga

AAUW Observes Equal Pay Day



On Tuesday, April 12, AAUW and our powerful nationwide network observed Equal Pay Day, the symbolic day when women's earnings finally catch up to men's earnings from the previous year. While women working full time, on average, are paid 79 percent of what white, non-Hispanic men are paid, it's important to remember that the pay gap impacts different women in different ways. Women of color and moms have to wait even longer into the new year for their salaries to catch up. AAUW hosted its annual block party, and it was an unqualified success – we might even call it a blowout! Friends, neighbors, and fellow equal pay champions were invited to

AAUW headquarters to enjoy an “unhappy hour,” snacks from a woman-owned food truck, live music, and notable guest speakers. Attendees also heard an exciting announcement on a new collaboration between AAUW and Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives to close the gender pay gap in the district!

Before the block party, AAUW hosted a private reception with Representatives Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), along with Academy Award-winning actress and equal pay activist Patricia Arquette, for AAUW staff, coalition allies, and Capitol Hill advocates who work tirelessly on equal pay. All three women praised AAUW's leadership, spoke passionately about the need for pay equity, and urged passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Representatives DeLauro and Maloney praised Arquette for elevating the issue of pay equity to a wider audience than ever before. In 2014, Patricia Arquette won the Oscar for best supporting actress for her role in *Boyhood*, and in her acceptance speech she unabashedly called for fair wages and equal rights for women in America. Since then, Arquette has publicly been championing for equal pay and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Thanks to AAUW members nationwide, there is a newly elevated level of discourse surrounding equal pay, and it's clear that the American people want real action to erase the gender pay gap. This is now an issue that is being discussed by politicians and constituents on both sides of the aisle, and thanks to AAUW leadership and advocacy at the state level, we're starting to see the results as more states move to enact equal pay laws.

Equal Pay Day is not only a great public awareness effort, it's also a great reminder that there is still a lot more work to be done; throughout the year, we will be marking Equal Pay Days for African American women, moms, and Latinas. Congress must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to ensure that women receive equal pay for equal work. As I stood amongst our AAUW family – advocates, champions, and friends – I was reminded of the power of citizens working together for pay equity. I am proud of the progress we've made, and know that we will keep fighting until we no longer have to commemorate Equal Pay Day. Instead, we'll celebrate our Paycheck Fairness Day.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Maatz
Vice President of Government Relations

tech trek

Campers Selected. Two sets of twins and several sisters of former campers are among the 28 seventh grade girls we have selected to attend two sessions of Tech Trek at UCSB this summer. The girls, all of whom were recommended by their science or math teachers, had to fill out an application, write an essay, and undergo an interview with our committee members. We had so many well qualified applicants that our decisions were very difficult, as is true every year! It is very encouraging that so many girls are interested enough in STEM fields to want to apply for Tech Trek. Many thanks to our generous sponsors and supporters for enabling so many local girls to have this fabulous opportunity.

Re-energized Committee. The Tech Trek Coordinating Committee has been energized by many new members. Many thanks to all our members: E. Onja Brown Lawson, Diane Green, Carin Ezal, Caroline Harrah, Rae Hoyt, Jill Kingdon, Kathy Mintzer, Bobbie Offen, Dena Stein, Irene Stone, Kate Thompson, Claire VanBlaricum, and me. Beverly Kowalsky Ching continues to do a bang-up job of fund raising for us.

Barbara Levi
Tech Trek Chairman



**Since 1998 more than
9,000 girls have attended
one of our 10 camps.**

~AAUW California

Susan Engles - Newsletter Editor



Susan Engles was born in New York but considers herself a Californian, since her family moved to Los Angeles when she was two years old. She received a BA degree in Education from the University of Southern California. That's also where she met her husband Steve. They have been married for 52 years and have a son, a daughter and three grandchildren. Their son Scott is a television sports producer in Orlando and their daughter Stacy is an attorney in St. Louis.

Steve's career in broadcast management started at NBC in Burbank and ended, fortunately, in Santa Barbara. There were many moves in between, including San Francisco, Chicago, Atlanta, New York, Richmond, Raleigh and Baltimore, before returning to California in 1995.

Their purchase of Santa Barbara radio stations KMGQ, KHTY, KTMS and KIST brought them home. Before entering the radio market they owned three television stations in southeast Missouri and western Kentucky. Susan worked as office manager at both the radio and TV stations.

They've seen quite a bit of the world and enjoyed traveling to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Central America, Tahiti, China and many other locations. Susan found Moscow and Beijing particularly fascinating, although she thinks the food in Italy may be the best in the world. When she lived on the east coast Bermuda and the Caribbean Islands were regular "getaway" destinations, but now Hawaii is the place to go. The Engles often enjoy their Maui timeshare as well as exploring other islands. A cruise through the British Isles is scheduled for this summer.

Susan has taken an active role in the community and has served on the boards of the Santa Barbara International Women's Conference, the Unity Shoppe, the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Barbara Yacht Club Women and Assistance League of Santa Barbara. She was chairman of the Goleta Lemon Festival for three years and is a past president of Assistance League. Susan was honored by the Girl Scouts when she was named a "Woman of Distinction" and by the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce when she was chosen "Volunteer of the Year". She was also the Santa Barbara Yacht Club Women's "Woman of the Year" in 2014.

Cooking, gardening, travel, reading, Mah Jongg, movies and being with friends and family are her favorite pastimes. She visits her children as often as possible and "texts" her teenage grandchildren on a regular basis. Since her husband also enjoys cooking, they've belonged to gourmet or dining out groups for many years.

Susan joined AAUW to meet interesting, educated women and has not been disappointed. She particularly enjoys the outings, speakers and Lunch Bunch.

Tech Trek Alumni Group

Earlier this year the Tech Trek girls from our branch formed an alumni group with a little coordinating help from Jill Kingdon. The purpose of the group is for the girls to stay in touch with one another and encourage each other to continue their interest in STEM fields. So far, the alumni group mostly consists of girls who attended camp in 2015, but also includes several older members who are in high school and is open to any girl from the Santa Barbara area who attended Tech Trek.



To kick off the group, their first event was a coding pizza party held at the Goleta Valley Library at the end of January. The girls were very grateful that Linda Stinebaugh, the AAUW State Coordinator for Tech Trek, was able to teach the classes and bring all the computer equipment. We had 7 participants in each 3-hour session and the girls learned to program their own computer apps using the App Inventor software. All 14 girls enjoyed a pizza lunch together. You can see from their smiling faces that it was a fun day!

May is AAUW Membership Month

Please be on the lookout for an email reminder to pay your AAUW dues for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. It will have a link you can use to pay online with a credit card. If you pay online, you not only save paper and a stamp, you will save your treasurer the time and effort it takes to record and deposit checks in the bank, enter the renewals on the AAUW website and send a check in for national and state dues. When you pay online, AAUW National takes their portion of the dues(\$49), sends California AAUW (\$20) and deposits our branch local dues (\$21) directly into our branch bank account. Some of you will not receive an email because you have already paid \$90 for 2016-17. Feel free to email me at cmuusthomp@aol.com or call at 805-451-5115 if you have any questions.

Also during the month of May, SBGV AAUW will have a table display at the Calle Real Branch of Montecito Bank & Trust. Stop by and take a look if you are in the area.

Carol Thompson
Treasurer



May, 2016 Calendar

The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."

~Edwin Way Teale



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| May 9 | Monday
7:00 p.m. | Smart Talk Discussion Group - The group will meet at the home of Jane DeSelm, 619 Camino Campana, Goleta (845-7216) to discuss "The Food You Eat; what is good for you and what is not and how that keeps changing"! |
| May 10 | Tuesday
12:00 noon | Lunch Bunch - Zaytoon Lebanese Restaurant, 209 E. Canon Perdido St. You can enter off Santa Barbara St. by walking behind Playa Azul Restaurant and then going to the right, so you do not have to climb stairs! There is parking on the street (90 minutes) and a City lot not far away. Please call Claire VanBlaricum by Monday afternoon for a reservation. |
| May 16 | 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. |
| May 17 | Tuesday
7:00 p.m. | Book Ends - We have two selections for this month; you may choose to read just one OR both of them. The books are <i>Just Mercy</i> by Bryan Stevenson and <i>Orange is the New Black</i> by Piper Kerman. We will be meeting at the home of Anne Gray, 7834 Day Drive, Goleta. For June, we have outdone ourselves and selected three books, all by the same author and featuring the same detective. Again, readers may choose just one book. The author is Linda Castillo and the titles are <i>Pray for Silence</i> , <i>Sworn Silence</i> or <i>Breaking Silence</i> . |
| May 18 | Wednesday
12:00-2:00 p.m. | League of Women Voters Community Forum - "Should California Raise the Minimum Wage?" The forum is held at the Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St., Santa Barbara. |
| May 16 | Monday
7:00 p.m. | Smart Talk Discussion Group - The meeting will be held at the home of Joanie Jones, 1035 May Court, Goleta (683-1937) to discuss "Political Parties". |
| May 24 | Tuesday | Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before for information on the film, time and theater location. |
| May 31 | Tuesday
6:00-8:00 p.m. | Pizza Party - End-of-year celebration and Annual Meeting at Rusty's Pizza Parlor in Goleta. See page one for details. |



Saturday, July 23, 2016 🎭 **Shrek, the Musical**
Santa Barbara County Interbranch Theater Party

Santa Barbara -
Goleta Valley AAUW

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Ginny Capra

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.



Members of the three Santa Barbara County branches of the American Association of University Women attended the County supervisors' meeting in Santa Maria on April 19 to receive resolutions about Equal Pay Day and AAUW efforts to bring about equal pay for women.