



President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying her summer!

Your steering committee held a very productive and energetic strategic planning retreat on July 2. We brainstormed a vision statement to inspire us this year: **SB-GV AAUW empowers women and girls in our community to reach their highest potential by providing networking, resources, respect and support.**

Our goals include holding engaging programs on a variety of topics that attract both our membership and the community, strengthening our ties with our coalitions, retain our growing membership by reaching out and staying connected with members, and looking for opportunities to raise funds.

We also reviewed the survey results and, based on the positive feedback, our branch will explore a community service project this year working with women or girls in our community. If you are connected with a non-profit in town that you think would make a good partnership, please share it with us.

In addition, we brainstormed ideas for mission-based programs and events. I'm excited about the many inspiring ideas and opportunities

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and am looking forward to an engaging and fun year together.

Happy summer!

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Kick off the Year — an Evening with AAUW!

Join us to connect and reconnect with members, learn about our branch and share your thoughts and ideas.

When: Sept 29, 2016, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Goleta Valley Public Library
(500 N Fairview Ave, Goleta)

RSVP and questions, please contact Jill Kingdon (805) 455-7890 or jill@dowitcherdesigns.com

2016–17 Budget

[Click here](#) to review the SB-GV AAUW 2016-17 budget that has been approved by the Steering Committee.



AAUW Supports Title IX Legislation

Most of you know that Title IX requires that every school must designate at least one employee who is responsible for coordinating the school's compliance with the law. AAUW wants to make sure Title IX coordinators across the country get the resources they need to ensure schools are free from sex discrimination in all its forms.

That's why I was so pleased when Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) introduced AAUW-endorsed legislation to support the work of thousands of Title IX coordinators nationwide. The Patsy T. Mink Gender Equity in Education Act of 2016 (GEEA), introduced on Thursday, supports the work of Title IX coordinators by providing resources, training, and technical assistance to educational entities in order to ensure compliance with Title IX and to prevent sex discrimination in education. GEEA also establishes an Office of Gender Equity in the U.S. Department of Education to coordinate activities within the department and among other federal agencies.

Sen. Hirono's staff consulted with national staff as well as Dr. Susan Wurtzburg, AAUW of Hawaii Public Policy Chair and Amy Monk, Director of AAUW Honolulu branch during the bill drafting process. Cynthia Herriott Sullivan, vice president of public policy at the AAUW Greater Rochester Area Branch, was even quoted in Rep. Slaughter's press release. AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps members met with Senate staff this week to urge co-sponsorship. Next week, you'll have the opportunity to send an Action Network message to their senators urging them to support the bill.

Title IX coordinators should be advocates for students throughout their education. GEEA takes meaningful and positive steps to address the critical need for well-trained Title IX coordinators in our schools. Sex discrimination negatively affects the ability of all students—female and male—to get the most out of their education, which is simply unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Erin Prangley
Associate Director of Government Relations



THANK YOU!

Without the generosity of the following sponsors and donors, the Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley branch of AAUW could not have sent our 28 campers to Tech Trek this summer. We are grateful for their support in making a difference in the lives of local junior high girls by giving them the opportunity to experience 2016 Tech Trek Camp. (* indicates an AAUW member)

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MEET OUR MEMBER, ERIN NEIL

Erin Neil was born on December 26th in St. Clair Shores, MI. She was raised in Phoenix, AZ and has lived in Los Angeles and New York, NY. When she was a child she wanted to be an interpreter (French). Erin is married to Jeff Brookshire and they have a 6 year old daughter named Sloan and a 5-year-old son named Jeff.

Erin received a BA degree in Political Science and Women's Studies from Arizona State University. She says, "By far my Women's Studies degree was my favorite." She also received a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She and her husband are financial planners and own a Registered Investment Advisor.



She loves to travel and has many favorite places such as NYC and Paris, but also loved traveling through Ireland and Austria. She prefers to do her own research and see what she can find. Her favorites are history and historical

places. Erin likes Mexican and Persian food. She loves to read and being with family. She also enjoys keeping up with the financial markets. Her favorite color is blue.

When asked what her favorite movie and book is, Erin says she “couldn’t pick just one” but her favorite authors include Dickens, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Edith Wharton and the Brontes. Her favorite movie is The Color Purple because, “I think it was beautifully done and an incredible story”. She does not listen to much music.

Erin says, “Earning my degrees was one of the most important things I ever did and I’m very proud of my education. My grandmother earned her Bachelor’s Degree during the Depression and later earned a Master’s Degree after she was married and her sons were in elementary school. I wanted to follow in her footsteps and be as educated and intelligent as she was. I think she would have loved AAUW and been proud to be part of an organization that celebrates women, education and their accomplishments. I have always wished it was something we could have done together. I joined AAUW to be part of a group of women that hold these values in such high esteem.”

When asked what she hopes to get out of AAUW, Erin says, “I think I get a sense of camaraderie and sisterhood out of AAUW. I have felt welcome from the first day I joined and each time I meet someone new I feel that we are connected through the choice to be a part of AAUW. In the future I hope to be more involved!”

Thanks for your membership, Erin!



Branch members Carol Koch and Jill Kingdon served as dorm moms at Tech Trek during the second week of camp at UCSB.



Branch members Barbara Siegel, Jane Honikman, Ginny Capra and guest Beverly dela Cruz enjoying AAUW fundraiser, Shrek The Musical.

August/September, 2016 Calendar

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."

- Sam Keen

August 8, Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Smart Talk Discussion Group - The group will meet at the home of Jan Cooper, 400 E. Pedregosa. The subject will be "humor". Bring your favorite jokes.

August 9, Tuesday – 12:00 noon

Lunch Bunch - Los Arroyos Restaurant, 1280 Coast Village Road, Montecito (We'll carpool!). Please contact Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 or clairevanb@cox.net by Monday morning for a lunch reservation.

August 9, Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.

Steering Committee Meeting - The committee will meet at the Dowitcher Designs conference room, 510 State St., Suite 250.

August 15, 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.

August 16, Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Book Ends - We will meet at the home of Jane DeSelm, 619 Camino Campana, SB, to discuss *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain.

August 22, Tuesday

Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before for information on the film, time and theater location

September 11, Sunday – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tech Trek Ice Cream Social - First Congregational Church, 2101 State St., SB. RSVP by August 26 to Barbara Levi at 962-8900 or bglevi@msn.com.

September 13, Tuesday – 12 noon

Lunch Bunch - Petros, 1316 State Street, SB. Please call Claire VanBlaricum by Monday morning for lunch reservations at 967-7523 or clairevanb@cox.net.

September 15, Thursday – 5:30 p.m.

Steering Committee Meeting - The committee will meet at the Dowitcher Designs conference room, 510 State St., Suite 250.

September Smart Talk – to be determined

September 19, Monday – 10:00 a.m.

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September 20, Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Book Ends - We have chosen *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough for our September meeting at the home of Beverly Kowalski-Ching, 462 S. San Marcos Road, Santa Barbara.

September 27, Tuesday

Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before for information on the film, time and theater location

September 29, Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Kick Off the Year - an Evening with AAUW! - Goleta Valley Public Library, 500 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta. Meet and mingle with members and learn about our branch.

You are cordially invited to the
Santa Barbara - Goleta Valley
AAUW's annual



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Ice Cream Social

We're honoring our 2016 Tech Trek campers from five local public schools. Parents, AAUW members, sponsors are all welcome to attend. We will hear about the experiences of both current and past campers.

Sunday, September 11, 2016

2 pm to 4 pm

First Congregational Church

2101 State St., Santa Barbara

Please enter from Padre St. or from the parking lot.

Please RSVP by August 26 to Barbara Levi at
962-8900 or by email at bglevi@msn.com.



Our Coalitions

Coalition Against Gun Violence, Pro Choice Coalition,
League of Women Voters

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](#) and give her name and contact information to Ginny Capra at ginnycapra@cox.net.



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