



President's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already ringing in the 2016-17 AAUW year! I am honored and excited to take on the role of president and looking forward to the year ahead. You probably already noticed we are trying something new with this updated newsletter format. I hope you enjoy it and find it to be a more interactive way to learn about our latest news, events and activities. As always it will still be available as a pdf download from our website.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the member survey and, if you haven't had the chance yet, it's not too late to add your ideas. Please [click here](#) to fill out the short 7 question survey.

In early July your steering committee will be holding a strategic planning retreat where we will review the survey results, look at our goals and map out the year ahead. We have enjoyed a year of membership growth, engaging mission-based programs and interest groups and I'm excited about keeping the momentum going!

If you are interested in getting more involved with the branch – whether joining a committee, helping plan a program or starting an interest group – please get in touch. It's a great opportunity to get

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involved with the branch and meet new friends!

Looking forward to a great year!

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Renew Your AAUW Membership Today!

Check your email for a message from AAUW with a link to easily renew your membership online.

If you need the email resent or have any questions, contact Treasurer Carol Thompson at 967-5291 or cmuusthomp@aol.com

AAUW Santa Barbara County
Inter-Branch Council Fundraiser

Join us for this wonderful musical
under the stars preceded by a meal of
substantial appetizers, desserts, wines
and other beverages.

When: Saturday, JULY 23rd, 2016

Time: Pre-Show gathering 6:30pm

Where: Solvang Theater Patron
Garden

Show: 8Pm

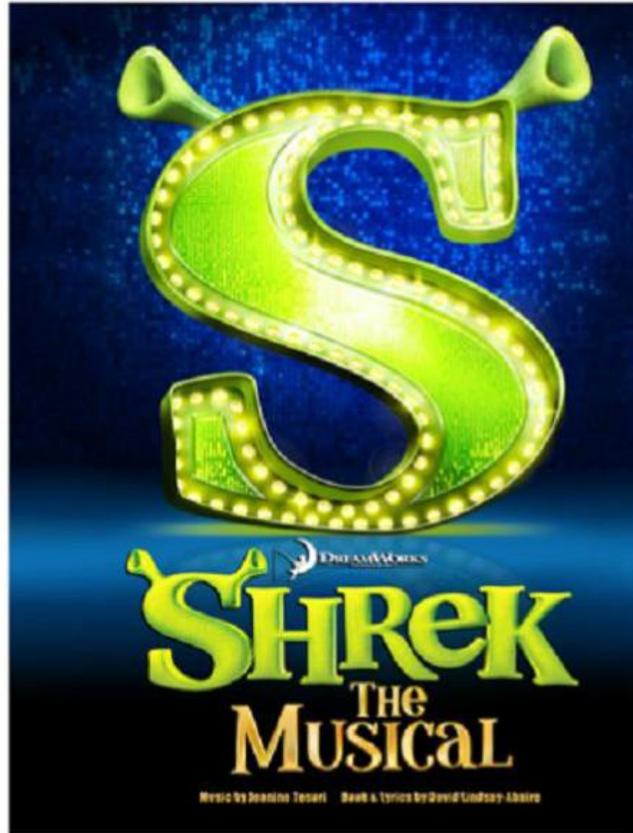
Cost: \$45.00 per person for social
gathering and show ticket

Social only: \$20.00(no show ticket)

Profits divided among the branches in
proportion to the attendance from each
branch.

Questions/More info:

Jeni @ 805-928-2029



For Reservations, please send checks
made payable to AAUW SBC-IBC to:

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Santa Maria, CA 93456 **by July 6th,**

Please include any special requests or needs, such as aisle seats for people with wheelchairs,
walkers, crutches or canes.



AAUW Participates in White House Summit

On June 14, 2016, AAUW was given the great honor of
being invited to participate in the White House Summit on
the United State of Women in Washington, D.C. The



AAUW delegation was comprised of AAUW member leaders, student advocates, corporate partners, and others representing half a dozen states. On Monday afternoon, a welcome reception was held at the new AAUW offices at 1310 L Street, where delegates were briefed on what to



expect at the summit and how to do social and traditional media. Attendees also had the opportunity to have a book signed by equal pay champion and close friend of AAUW, Lilly Ledbetter.

The Summit included themes of economic empowerment, health & wellness, educational opportunity, violence against women, entrepreneurship and innovation, along with leadership and civic engagement. Attendees were treated to inspiring remarks covering a wide range of topics by President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Oprah Winfrey, and many other notable guests. The president spoke about many issues important to AAUW, such as equal pay, paid family leave, and more. AAUW was also given the opportunity to have an exhibit booth in the main hall where AAUW staffers spoke with hundreds of summit attendees on AAUW and the importance of our membership, advocacy, research, and programs in the fight for gender equity.

The summit concluded on Wednesday, June 15, where AAUW delegates attended sessions hosted by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Energy, Education, and the Treasury, respectively. At the Department of Labor, Lilly Ledbetter shared her story and was praised by Labor Secretary Tom Perez and Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett. AAUW's Lisa Maatz, vice president of government relations, spoke on a panel on pay transparency moderated by the Labor Department's Director of Federal Compliance Pat Shiu. Maatz spoke on the importance of pay transparency in efforts to close the gender pay gap stressing what she referred to as the "Ledbetter Provision"-- the ability to discuss ones' pay without fear of retaliation from your employer.

Connected to the summit was a pledge by the Obama administration as well as public and private entities to commit \$50 million to support programming and policies for women and girls in the United States and abroad. This comes in addition to a commitment from 28 companies to take part in the Equal Pay Pledge, which asks that private businesses audit their own pay practices to ensure fair pay for all employees, an exercise AAUW supports.

AAUW was so grateful to be a part of this amazing and inspiring summit. As Lilly Ledbetter said, we're trying to make a difference for the future, and it's not so much what happens *to* us, it's what we *do* about it. We want to thank those that attended the summit for their participation and the

dedication they show every single day toward achieving equality for women and girls. It's great to see AAUW's hard work recognized and acknowledged!

Onward,

Katie Simon

Associate Director of Field Operations

Meet our Member – Carol Spalluto



April of 1990 was an auspicious month for our family, particularly for me, as I was coming home to Santa Barbara after a 39 year absence.

After graduating from Santa Barbara Catholic High, Class of '52, I left town to go to Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles. After graduation, I worked for the County of Los Angeles and started graduate school in sociology at USC.

Later, I transferred to the Probation Department and investigated cases of child neglect and abuse. My interest in my job and starting a family led me to drop school, and when my second child was on the way, I left the County and became a stay-at-home mom.

Our family lived in La Crescenta and most of our activities were centered there and in Glendale where my husband's business was located. It was a good place to raise a family, separated from the problems of the large metro area.

My husband, Ben, took an early retirement and soon found that having no set schedule or place to go wasn't all it was cracked up to be. So, we started a small antique business. We kept thinking all the while of a project we could do that would take us to Italy. Ben was raised there, and still had family there. So, the antique business morphed into an import business. We had no prior knowledge of the gift industry, and we had a lot to learn; it was fun. Through the following years, we tried to find the right items to buy that Americans would want and, eventually, we found a line of ceramics that became popular.

During these years, we realized that life would be better away from the Los Angeles area. Since we had been coming to Santa Barbara monthly to visit my mom, we knew

that it would be the best place to relocate. We brought our wholesale line to Santa Barbara and had a couple of weekend sales to get rid of end lots and seconds. People's interest in it led to a retail store. Since the early 90's, the store has grown to import from around 40 small family ceramic factories, and is located downtown in Santa Barbara. Management and ownership have been passed to three of our children who had followed us to town. And our four granddaughters will be looking for part time jobs there before too long.

Annual Meeting May 31, 2016



July, 2016 Calendar

"Summer afternoon - Summer afternoon... the two most beautiful words in the English language."

- Henry James

July 11, Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Smart Talk Discussion Group - Because of summer travels, Smart Talk will only meet once in July. The meeting will be at the home of Erin Neil: 1339 Crestline (on the Mesa). The topic is End of Life Planning. All are welcome.

July 12, Tuesday - 12:00 noon

Lunch Bunch - Endless Summer Bar Café, 113 Harbor Way at the waterfront, right next to the Maritime Museum. Free valet parking available! Please contact Dena Stein at 650-3666 or email her at denastein@gmail.com by Monday morning for a lunch reservation.

Outing at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum will follow Lunch Bunch at approximately 1:30 p.m. For those who wish to stay after lunch (or join us after lunching elsewhere), we will go to the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, which is right next to the restaurant. The cost of the museum is only \$8.00 and only \$5.00 for seniors!

July 18, 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.

July 19, Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

Book Ends - We will meet at the home of Pamela Holst, 4548 Via Clarice, SB, to discuss *Cool River* written by Ellen Wiseman. Our selection for August is *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain; several members recommend listening to the recording of this book, if possible.

July 23, Saturday - 6:30 p.m.

Shrek, The Musical. See page 1 for details.

July 26, Tuesday - Movie Night

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

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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