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Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch

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

**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

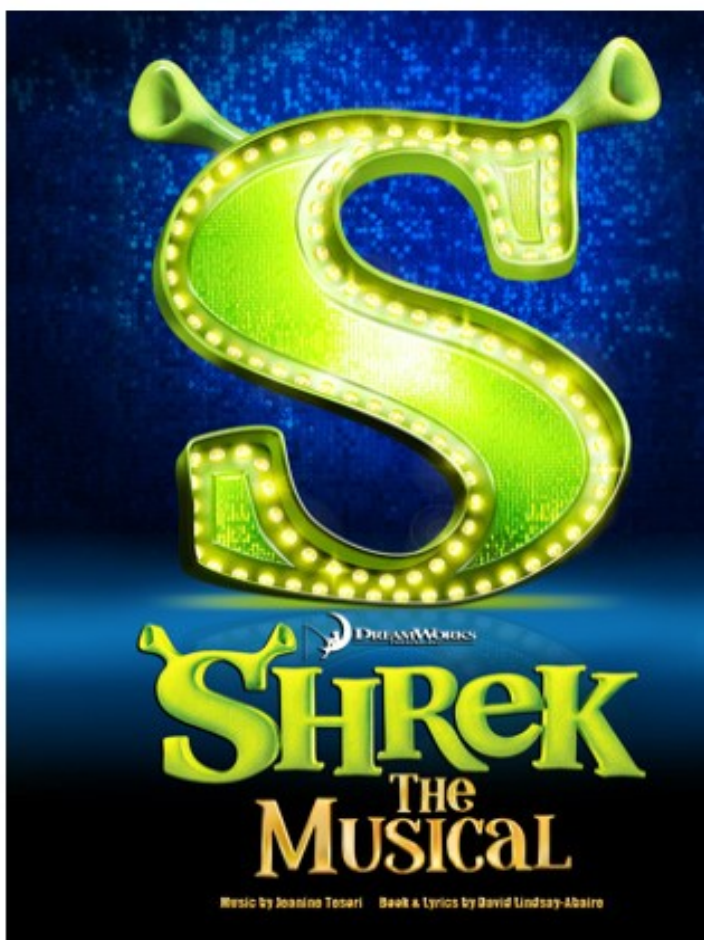
Cost: \$45.00 per person for social
gathering and show ticket

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:**

AAUW Event, Att: Jeni

P. O. Box 1742

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.

WASP Inurnment Honors Restored

Just in time for Memorial Day, President Barack Obama restored Arlington Cemetery inurnment honors for Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). Members of the WASP bravely served critical roles for our nation, as they flew domestic missions during World War II. These service women, who were denied veterans status for decades, were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009. WASP had been eligible since 2002 to have their ashes rest at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors. But this changed in March 2015, when the U.S. Army revoked WASP members' rights to be laid to rest at the hallowed grounds, citing limited space. It took an act of Congress, passed unanimously in the House and Senate, along with the president's signature to right this wrong.

AAUW applauds the bill signing—and I am especially proud of our members' vigor to support the measure by sending thousands of messages to members of Congress along the way. AAUW's CEO Linda Hallman even wrote a letter to the Washington Post, noting the exceptional service the women pilots contributed to the nation during World War II and their rightful place in history.

This issue gained national attention when the family of Linda Harmon, co-president of the AAUW Atlantic County (NJ) Branch, shared their story of family matriarch, Elaine Harmon, with the public. Elaine was a proud WASP member and it was her wish to have her remains inurned at Arlington. After Elaine passed away in April 2015, the Army rejected her entry to the iconic cemetery, a rejection her family wouldn't take sitting down.

Harmon expressed immense gratitude to AAUW and its membership for joining her family's fight in urging Congress and the president to take action. AAUW thanks the Harmon family for leading the fight to reinstate inurnment rights at Arlington National Cemetery for WASP members. AAUW and its members were proud to be a part of honoring these amazing women and recognizing them for the trails they blazed for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Maatz

Vice President of Government Relations



President's Message

Our final Presidents' message is brief. Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your co-Presidents for the 2015-2016 year as we celebrated 100 years of AAUW in the Santa Barbara area.

We are thrilled to be handing the "torch" to Jill Kingdon, our new Branch President for 2016-2017 and her leadership team. If you have yet to renew your membership, please do so soon!

We've had a great time this past year and look forward to sharing more fun, spirited debates, good food and friendship with each of you. Have a wonderful summer!

Claire VanBlaricum 967-7523

Jane Honikman 967-9757

Meet Member Jean Reiche



My name is Jean Reiche. I am a native Californian, born in San Francisco, grew up in Weaverville, Trinity County, in Northern California, attended High School in Vallejo, on the San Francisco Bay, then UCLA. After marrying, we moved to Palo Alto, then to Santa Barbara in 1963.

I have three grown children. John, a Metallurgical Engineer, works with wineries in Sonoma County; Karl, a Civil Engineer, manages the electricity of the state of Alaska; and Andrea, a doctor, who has a practice as an ob-gyn in Van Nuys. All in various states of relationship, no grandchildren.

I obtained a teaching credential through UCSB, then taught Food and Nutrition and Child Development at San Marcos High School. In the 1980's, I was also President of SBTU, the Teachers' union, and am recognized by anyone in the district at that time.

I started backpacking with my children when the youngest was six. I have covered the Sierras, including the Muir Trail from the top of Whitney to the floor of Yosemite. The kids stopped about the time they went to college.

I retired in 1989 and have traveled extensively, usually with Wilderness Travel, a small group adventure company in Berkeley. I have climbed mountains in Peru, Kashmir, New Zealand, Turkey, and Alaska. I have seen Syria and Jordan, Egypt, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Galapagos, Ecuador, Mexico, and more.

I joined AAUW in 1972. I was teaching and tired of just socializing with teachers. AAUW has given me the diversity of interests and friends that has enhanced my life. I have also been active with the League of Women Voters, also full of admirable women. In both groups, I have been on the Board and have acted as treasurer.

I subscribe to the Chamber Orchestra, Camerata Pacifica, and Ensemble Theater. Speaking of Stories, and SBCC theater, after my husband died in 2007, I moved to the retirement community of Vista del Monte. I have been on the Board, here, also as treasurer and am now the librarian.

THANK YOU, JEAN, FOR YOUR YEARS AS A MEMBER



Blackwell Session Campers

tech trek

2016 CAMPERS

The science and technology workforce in this country is aging, while the demand for talent keeps increasing. Our branch is doing its part to prepare and empower the next generation of girls to go into these fields by sending 28 7th grade girls to Tech Trek this summer.

The girls are shown above and on page 5, grouped by the session of camp they will attend. In all, we chose 3 campers from La Cumbre Junior High, 4 campers each from Carpinteria Middle School and Santa Barbara Junior High, 6 from Goleta Valley Junior High and 12 from La Colina Junior High. The numbers of applicants varied greatly from school to school this year and we continue to encourage more girls to apply. *Photos Courtesy of Gerry Ching.*



Hypathia Session Campers

MANY THANKS to the many individuals and companies who make it possible for us to extend this life-changing opportunity to so many young girls. Special recognition goes to our **major corporate donors**:

Citrix Systems, Inc.
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MEET and GREET. Most of our newly selected 28 Tech Trek campers attended our **annual Meet and Greet** to get acquainted with some of the other girls from this area who will be attending camp with them. Six enthusiastic former campers, members of our Tech Trek Alumni group, imparted their excitement about the camp.

OPPORTUNITIES for INVOLVEMENT. Picture these girls arriving on the UCSB campus with suitcases, pillows and stuffed animals, with curious and anxious parents and siblings hovering nearby. To settle these girls into their new quarters, **volunteer to help with registration!**

Sunday, June 17 or June 24, noon to 1:30 pm, Santa Rosa Dorm, UCSB

(Stay until 2 pm if you'd like to hear the orientation given to campers and families.)

To see the camp in action, **sign up for an Open House**

Thursday, June 21 or June 28, 9 – 11 am, Santa Rosa Dorm, UCSB

Contact Barbara Levi at 962-8900 or bglevi@msn.com

June, 2016 Calendar

What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade."

~Gertrude Jekyll



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| June 13 | Monday
7:00 p.m. | Smart Talk Discussion Group - The group will meet at the home of Lisa Kelly, 290 Sylvan Drive, Goleta, at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Animal Consciousness and Our Relationship with Animals" . All are welcome. |
| June 14 | Tuesday
12:00 noon | Lunch Bunch - We will meet at Jane at the Camino Real Marketplace, in Goleta at the corner of Hollister and Storke Road. Jane is between Chili's and Pascucci. Please contact Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 or claire-vanb@cox.net by Monday morning for a reservation. |
| June 20 | 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. |
| June 21 | Tuesday
7:00 p.m. | Book Ends - Readers may choose from any of these three books: <i>Sworn to Silence</i> , <i>Pray for Silence</i> or <i>Breaking Silence</i> , all authored by Linda Castillo. You may read one, two or three of these detective novels. We will meet at the home Tanda Jacobs, 495 Ranchita Vista, SB For July, we have chosen <i>Coal River</i> by Ellen Wiseman. |
| June 27 | Monday
7:00 p.m. | Smart Talk Discussion Group - The meeting will be held at the home of Elly Rumelt, 205 East Calle Laureles, Santa Barbara. Topic to be announced. |
| June 28 | Tuesday | Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before for information on the film, time and theater location. |



Saturday, July 23, 2016 🎭 **Shrek, the Musical**
 Santa Barbara County Interbranch Theater Party
 See page 1 for details.



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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.

AAUW Co-Hosts Senate Briefing on Women in Science

AAUW, along with the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE), the Association of Women in Science (AWIS), and Society of Women Engineers (SWE), co-hosted a briefing to educate congressional staff about gender



inequities in STEM. The panel featured Dr. Pamela McCauley (Board of Governors of AWIS), Nora Boretti (U.S. Government Accountability Office), and Dr. Stacie Gregory (Research Fellow at AAUW). The briefing, moderated by AAUW Associate Director of Government Relations Erin Prangley, included an analysis of a recent GAO report which identified 13 potential actions federal agencies could take to address the underrepresentation of women in STEM research, a review of current scientific studies on obstacles to women's participation in STEM and an overview of pervasive sexual harassment in STEM fields. Panelists addressed ways to improve data collection and perform compliance reviews that are legally required under Title IX—the federal law that bans discrimination in publically funded research and education.