

COAST CONNECTIONS monthly newsletter



AAUW CA LEADERSHIP DAY SANTA BARBARA COUNTY 2017

Empower yourself to act on our mission and key issues! AAUW CA offers training for branch members. Leadership Days are for everyone – members, board officers, incoming board, any member considering taking a leadership position.

> WHEN: May 20, 2017 TIME: 9:30 am registration 10:00 am – 3:00 pm includes lunch

WHERE: Mosher Alumni House University of California – Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA

COST: \$25/person includes lunch REGISTER NOW!

www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-california-leadership-days-2017

Time	Activity	Presenter
9:30 am	Registration and refreshments	
10 – 11	Workshop A: Conflict Resolution Improvised	Cathy Foxhoven
10 – 11	Workshop B: Enact to Engage: Modeling the Value Promise	Ainsley Nies
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12 – 1	Lunch	
1 – 2	Workshop C: Dealing with Aging Membership	Dianne Owens
1 – 2	Workshop D: Empower, Engage, & Retain New Members - panel discussion	Cathy Foxhoven
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President's Message

It has been a wonderful year for our branch and an honor to serve as your president. I can't believe we are wrapping up the year already!

From our Kick Off event and Tech Trek Ice Cream Social in September to our Empowered Woman Luncheon celebration on International Women's Day, we have hosted many engaging, educational and fun events. And there is more to come in May and June!

On May 20 the AAUW CA leadership team will be hosting a Leadership Day training at UCSB. We are very fortunate to have this amazing resource right in our backyard! I hope many of you will sign up to attend - please see the flyer above and <u>click</u> <u>here to register today</u>.

Join us on June 1 at the Goleta Depot for our fun "railroad themed" Annual Meeting. We will install our new leadership team, celebrate our achievements and a light dinner and drinks will be provided by the Steering Committee. More details will be coming soon and we hope to see you there!

Happy Spring!

Jill Kingdon jill@dowitcherdesigns.com (805) 455-7890



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Women, Words & Wine – April 20, 2017





Volunteer Oportunities

Opportunities for Involvement

If you like what you've heard about our successful TECH TREK program, we offer two opportunities to get a closer look at what goes on at camp:

First, you might volunteer to help with registration!

You'll get to meet the girls and their families, as they arrive nervously on campus with suitcases, pillows and stuffed animals. We help calm the parents and organize them in lines, help them find their dorm rooms. Those who help with registration are invited to stay for a half hour afterwards to hear the camp orientation that is given to both new campers and their families.

You can sign up to help on either of two dates: Sunday, June 23 or Sunday, June 30 noon to 1:00 pm (2 pm if you stay for orientation) Santa Rosa Dorm, UCSB

Second, you might sign up for an Open House:

Thursday, June 27 OR Thursday, August 3 9 – 11 am, Santa Rosa Dorm, UCSB

For either opportunity, contact Barbara Levi at 962-8900 or

bglevi@msn.com

Meet and Greet

Most of our newly selected 26 Tech Trek campers attended our annual Meet and Greet on **May 7** to get acquainted with some of the other girls from this area who will be attending camp with them. They will be joined by a few members of our Tech Trek alumni group, who are former campers and who can give them the "inside scoop" about camp.

New Writing Group

Do you have stories to tell - childhood, travels, romance? Let's start an AAUW writing group. **First meeting to decide our format will be at Dena Stein's house**, **1272 Bel Air Drive, on May 2**, the first Tuesday afternoon of the month at 2:00 p.m. Bring a story to read if you have one. Contact Dena at <u>deanstein0@gmail.com</u> or 650-269-3666.

MEET OUR MEMBER, CAROL KOCH



Carol was born in Dayton, Ohio on May 10. Her family moved to Southern California when she was four years old. Except for a brief two years in Houston, Texas, where her father was the Director of Procurement for the Apollo Program, she grew up in Southern CA. As an adult she has lived in NY, Colorado and most recently in Oakland, CA. As a child, Carol wanted to be an archeologist. She loved learning about ancient cultures

and was fascinated with Egypt and the "Wonders of the World".

Carol has been married to Alan, a New Yorker from Queens, for 35 years. "That's when East meets West!", says Carol. Alan and Carol have a daughter, Katie, who was married last December and lives with her husband Matt in Ohio. Carol states Katie can't wait to get back to California! Carol graduated Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA with a BA in Design and a multisubject teaching credential. She loved all of the art history courses, especially the ones that studied the works of Bernini and Caravaggio.

Her career was in Marketing and Communications. She worked on both the client and agency side of the business. Her client experience was in financial services with Citigroup, working in various positions over 16 years, including the Director of Marketing for the California Retail Bank. Carol says that at the age of 40 she jumped ship to work on the agency side. Her last position before retiring was as President and CEO of a privately held direct marketing agency in San Francisco.

Carol says that she and Alan finally were able to travel when they retired, but since they recently moved to Carpinteria and love living at the beach, they found many great things to see and do in Santa Barbara County. Carol loves cheese and also "SLO" cuisine which stands for seasonal, local and organic. Her favorite color is pink.

Her favorite movie is *Harold and Maude* because she loves the soundtrack, the message of being you and embracing life If you want to sing out, sing out! She also loves Maude's inventions and the dark humor as well as Harold's Jaguar conversion to a mini hearse. Carol likes Classic Rock on 99.9. Her hobbies include hiking, gardening, collecting California art, volunteering with the Carpinteria Arts Center, Girls Inc. in Carpinteria, and AAUW's Tech Trek program.

When asked why she joined AAUW, Carol says she wants to be around powerful women and focus on issues that make a difference for women and girls. "After spending my career working in two industries (financial services and marketing/advertising) that are (still) male dominated, I wanted to spend my 'second career' working with and for women."

Carol says she looks forward to continuing her support of Tech Trek as Dorm Mom again this summer, and supporting the pre and post activities for the campers. In addition, as the new Program Chair, she's looking forward to building a Program Committee and working with the Steering Committee to create events that interest our membership and further our mission.

Thanks, Carol for your Membership and as the new Program Chair!

May is AAUW Membership Month!

Please be on the lookout for an email reminder from memberinfo@aauw.org to renew your AAUW dues for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. It will have a link you can use to pay online with a credit card. 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.

If you prefer to pay by check, you may print out the form and send it with a check for \$90 to:

Carol Thompson 721 Dorado Dr Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Feel free to email me at <u>cmuusthomp@aol.com</u> or call at 805-451-5115 if you have any questions.

Carol Thompson Treasurer, SBGV AAUW

Join our Program Commitee!

We are looking for members to join our program committee. If you are interested in helping plan our programs, this would be a great way get involved with our branch! Please contact Carol Koch, our program chair, <u>ckoch2003@aol.com</u> or (805) 318-1728.

May/June, 2017 Calendar

The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also. Harriet Ann Jacobs

May 2, Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.

Writing Group - The first meeting of this new group will be held at the home of Dena Stein, 1272 Bel Air Drive. Bring a story to read if you have one. Contact Dena at <u>denastein0@gmail.com</u> or 650-269-3666.

May 4, Thursday – 5:30 p.m.

Equal Pay Event at UCSB - Join us at our branch sponsored event where students will learn about unequal pay in the US, how to build their resumes and professional online profiles, and hear from a panel of successful women. Multicultural Center (2nd floor) located near the UCen on campus. For directions and carpool info, contact Jill Kingdon (805) 455-7890 or jill@dowitcherdesigns.com.

May 7, Sunday - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tech Trek Meet and Greet - 26 newly selected campers will meet and get to know one another before camp. Goleta Valley Public Library, 500 N Fairview Ave, Goleta, CA 93117.

May 7, Sunday – 2:30 p.m.

Coalition Against Gun Violence, 22nd Annual Celebration - Resist: Protect California's Smart Gun Laws. The event will be held at the Santa Barbara Club, 1105 Chapala St. Go to <u>sbcoalition.org</u> for details and reservations.

May 9, Tuesday - 12:00 noon

Lunch Bunch - We will meet at Pacific Crepes, 705 Anacapa Street near the corner of Ortega. it is best to park in Lot 10. Please call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 or email <u>clairevanb@cox.net</u> by Monday afternoon for reservations.

May 11, Thursday – 5:00 p.m.

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

May 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.

May 16, Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Book Ends - We will meet at the home of Anne Gray, 7834 Day Drive, Goleta, to discuss *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier.

May 17, Wednesday - 12:00-2:00 p.m.

League of Women Voters Community Forum - The topic will be "Can Every Child Succeed? Special Programs that Meet the Challenge." Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu St.

May 20, Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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May 22, Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Smart Talk -We'll meet at the home of Erin Neil, 1339 Crestline Dr., Santa Barbara. The topic is "Taxes."

May 23, Tuesday

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

May 24, Wednesday - 11:30 a.m.

Outings - We'll meet at Eladios Restaurant, (corner of State and Cabrillo) for lunch and then visit the MOXI museum. Please call contact Tanda Jacobs at 805-896-7873 or <u>tandaj21@gmail.com</u> to let her know if you'll be attending.

June 1, Thursday – 5:30 p.m.

Branch Annual Meeting - Join us at the Goleta Depot (500 N Fairview Ave.) for our fun "railroad themed" Annual Meeting. We will install our new leadership team, celebrate our achievements and a light dinner and drinks will be provided by the Steering Committee. More details will be coming soon!

June 6, Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.

Writing Group - Bring a story to Dena Stein's house, 1272 Bel Air Drive. Please RSVP so we can tell you how many copies of your stories to bring.

June 8, Thursday – 5:00 p.m.

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

June 12, Monday – 7:00 p.m. Smart Talk - To be announced

June 13, Tuesday - 12:00 noon

Lunch Bunch - Itsuki Japanese Restaurant, 7127 Hollister Ave., Goleta, in the Pacific Oaks Shopping Center (near Pacific Sales at the Hollister end of the center). Please call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 or email <u>clairevanb@cox.net</u> by Monday afternoon for reservations.

June 17, Saturday – 8:15 a.m.

Outings - Join us for a trip to Santa Cruz Island, Scorpion Anchorage. The boat will leave Ventura at 9:00 a.m. and return from the island at 4:00 p.m. You need to check in at 8:15-8:30 a.m. The boat will be back in Ventura at 5:00 p.m. You must call Island Packers at 805-642-1393 to set up the tour. Please bring a lunch. We will hike around the island, hopefully with a guide. The fare is \$54.00 for seniors. Please contact Tanda Jacobs at 805-896-7873 or tandaj21@gmail.com to let her know if you'll be attending.

June 19, 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 20, Tuesday – 7:00 p.m..

Book Ends - The June selection will be *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin and we will meet at the home of Choux Wingert, 22 San Roque Road, SB.

June 26, Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Smart Talk - To be announced

June 27, Tuesday

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

Need a ride to an event or want to carpool?

With our Neighborhood groups carpooling to events is easy! Just contact your neighborhood coordinator and she will let you know who else is going nearby.

Not sure who your coordinator is? Contact Barbara Siegel at <u>barbarasiegel1@mac.com.</u>

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 <u>website</u> and give her name and contact information to Ginny Capra at <u>ginnycapra@cox.net</u>.