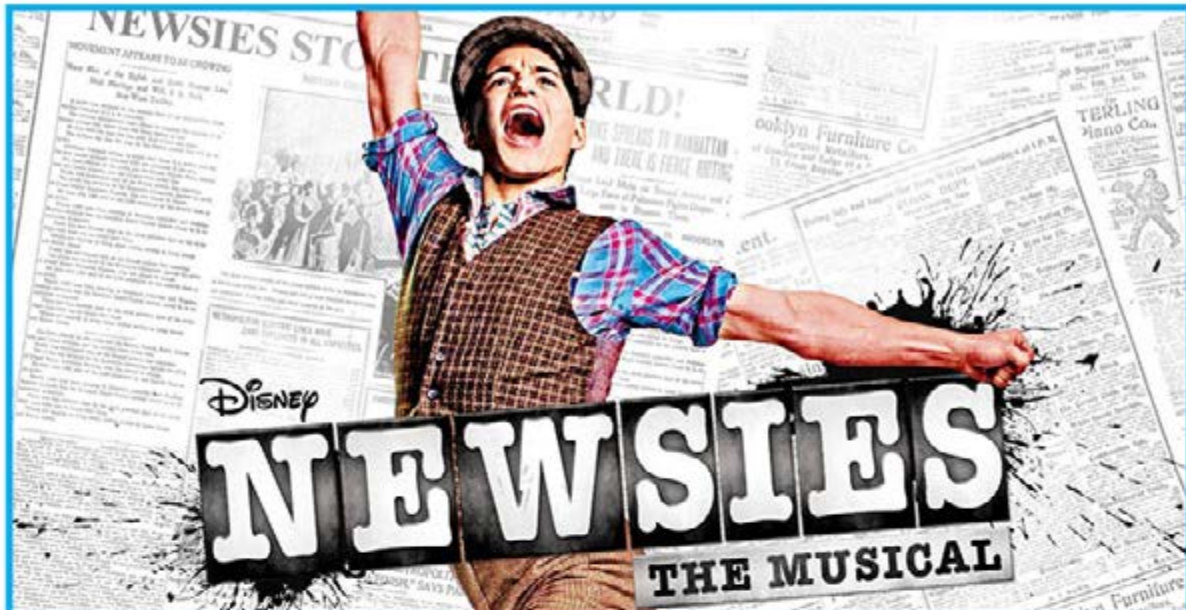




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monthly newsletter



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.

Saturday, JULY 29th, 2017

Social gathering 6:30pm • Show starts 8:00pm

Solvang Festival Theater, Patron Garden

420 2nd St, Solvang

\$45.00 per person for social gathering and show ticket

Social only: \$20.00 (no show ticket)

Reservations needed by July 6

Please send checks made payable to AAUW SBC-IBC to:

AAUW Event, Attn: Jeni

P. O. Box 1742

Santa Maria, CA 93456

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

Profits divided among the branches in proportion to the attendance from each branch. For questions and more info, please contact Jeni at (805) 928-2029.

President's Message

As we begin our 2017-18 year, I'd like to take a moment to say hello. My name is Rae, and I'll be joining Jill this year as co-president. With her experience and the added throughput of two-brains, we're looking forward to an incredible year.

In my professional life, I currently serve as a lead content producer for linkedin/Lynda.com. I work with subject matter experts to create video courses that learners can watch online. We teach everything from business skills, to technical topics, to creative endeavors. I'm a programmer, teacher, and maker. I love to learn and share knowledge, and truly believe education is the key to freedom.

I've been an AAUW member in Santa Barbara for 3 years, working with the Tech Trek committee to interview and select our campers. I've also had the pleasure of hosting Tech Trek alumni at my office in Carpinteria, for a day of learning about what a job in tech might actually entail. If you'd like to learn more about me, you can checkout my member profile in the October 2016 newsletter.

Somehow, it's already July. This is a quieter month as we approach our 2017 Tech Trek camps. We're busy planning our fall kick-off event and Tech Trek Ice Cream Social in September. If you're interested in volunteering with the Tech Trek committee, reach out to Barbara Levi (bglevi@msn.com), our committee chair.

At the end of the month, I hope you can join me at the Interbranch Theater Party Fundraiser. This annual event is Saturday, July 29, from 6:30-10 PM in Solvang. Enjoy a production of "Newsies the Musical" at the performing arts theater in Solvang.

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Proceeds benefit our branch and the Santa Barbara County Interbranch fund.

I'm overjoyed to serve the Santa Barbara & Goleta branch of AAUW. You're an inspiring, feisty group of women, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish this year.

Rae Hoyt
SB-GV AAUW Co-President
raeaauw@gmail.com

Branch Annual Meeting, June 1, 2017





Girls find their passion for high-tech careers at AAUW's Tech Trek camps. Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having nonstop fun. Since 1998, AAUW has helped change girls' lives through Tech Trek, an experiential summer camp backed by research and designed to make STEM exciting and accessible to girls in middle school — the age when research shows girls' participation in these fields drops. For many girls, the weeklong camp sparks their curiosity and places them on a path toward success.

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, July 23 or Sunday, July 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, July 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 our Member, Linda Metelka



Linda Metelka was born in Woodmere, Long Island, on March 21st. As a child she always enjoyed working with children and as a teenager wanted to be a teacher. She has lived in Arlington, TX, Santa Clarita, CA, Wheaton, MD, and Seattle, WA. Linda was married and has two sons, a daughter, a grandson and granddaughter all who live in California.

She attended Hofstra University, Long Island, and received her degree in Early Childhood Education. She also attended graduate school at Hofstra as well as UCSB and classes at SBCC. Linda was a first grade teacher in NY. She also worked as a teacher, an assistant and with autistic children in preschool and elementary programs in Santa Barbara and Goleta.

Linda loves to travel and Alaska is her favorite place. She enjoyed cruises with her husband, but also likes traveling alone. She is looking forward to seeing Banff, Canada this August. Her favorite types of food are Greek and Jewish.

Her favorite book is *Gone with the Wind* because it's an historical romance with a strong female lead.

Linda likes classical music and classic rock from the 50's and 60's. Her hobbies consist of Mah Jong, hiking, cooking, working out at the YMCA, reading, collecting cookbooks and ushering at our local theaters. Her favorite color is red because it "makes me feel great".

Linda joined AAUW to meet new people who have similar interests, issues, and values. When asked what she hopes to get out of AAUW, Linda said, "To support issues that are important to me, our local community and our country."

THANK YOU, LINDA, FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

2017-18 Membership Dues are due!

On June 13th a second email to renew your AAUW dues for the fiscal year July 1, 2017' through June 30, 2018, was sent from memberinfo@aauw.org. It has 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 send one for \$90 made out to SBGV AAUW to:

Carol Thompson
721 Dorado Dr.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Please include any new contact information, phone numbers, address, email address. Feel free to email me at cmuusthomp@aol.com or call at 805-451-5115 if you have any questions.

Thank you to all of you who have already renewed.

Carol Thompson
Treasurer
SBGV AAUW

July/August, 2017 Calendar

"In summer, a warm breeze on a beach is the most soothing music for the soul." - Debasish Mridha

July 6, Thursday – 2:00 p.m. (Please note date change due to holiday)

Writing Group - Bring a story to Dena Stein's house, 12725 Bel Air Drive. Please R.S.V.P. so we can tell you how many copies of your stories to bring. Contact Dena at denastein0@gmail.com or 650-269-3666.

July 8, Saturday – 11:00 a.m.

Outings - We will tour the Fernald Mansion from 11:00-noon and have lunch afterwards. The address is 414 W. Montecito Street and the cost is \$10.00 per person. Call Tanda Jacobs at 896-7873 or tandaj21@gmail.com.

July 10, Monday – 7:00 p.m.

Smart Talk - We'll meet at the home of Lisa Kelly, 290 Sylvan, Goleta. The topic is "The Inner Child".

July 11, Tuesday – 12:00 noon

Lunch Bunch - We will meet at Convivo Restaurant, 901 East Cabrillo Blvd., in the Santa Barbara Inn. Please call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 or email clairevanb@cox.net by Monday afternoon for reservations.

July 17, 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 18, Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Book Ends - We will meet at Pam Holst's home, 4548 Via Clarice, Santa Barbara, to discuss *The Rainbow Comes and Goes* by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt.

July 25, Tuesday

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

July 29, Saturday – 6:30 p.m. Social, 8:00 Showtime

"**Newsies, The Musical**" - AAUW Santa Barbara County Inter-Branch Council Fundraiser at the Solvang Festival Theater. Please see flyer above for details.

August 1, 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. Contact Dena at denastein0@gmail.com or (650) 269-3666.

August 8, Tuesday – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Bunch - In honor of Fiesta we will lunch at Viva Santa Barbara, 1114 State Street in La Arcada behind the fountain/turtle pond. Please call Claire VanBlaricum at 967-7523 or email clairevanb@cox.net by Monday afternoon for reservations.

August 9, Wednesday – 10:30 a.m.

Outings - We will tour the Seaside Gardens in Carpinteria, 3700 Via Real. We will have lunch in Carpinteria afterwards. Call Tanda Jacobs at 896-7873 or tandaj21@gmail.com.

August 14, Monday– 7:00 p.m.

Smart Talk - We'll meet at the home of Jan Cooper, 400 E. Pedregosa, Santa Barbara. The topic is "Assisted Suicide".

August 15, Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Book Ends - Our book selection is *Enchanted August* by Brenda Bowen and our meeting will be at the home of Tanda Jacobs, 495 Ranchita Vista, Santa Barbara.

August 21, 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 22, Tuesday

Movie Night - Please watch for an email the weekend before with 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.