

AAUW Sacramento supports opportunities for the personal and intellectual growth of women and girls through fellowship, collaboration and shared contribution in our community.

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Capital Ideas

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Come and Support Speech Trek By Liz Jordan

This event is open to the public and free!!!

February 21, 9 a.m. – Noon
Valley Hi-Laguna North Library
7400 Imagination Parkway
Sacramento, 95828

This is the “feel good” event of our branch’s calendar year as we listen to 9th – 12th grade students express their opinions and tell us about their futures.

This year, students will speak on the very timely topic, “Is college worth the time and expense?” Rising tuition, decreasing public funding, impacted majors requiring more years in school, and skyrocketing student loan debt are on the negative side of the coin. The opportunities for more interesting and challenging employment, higher pay, better benefits and an all-around better life than was had by previous generations are on the positive side of this question. How will they answer this question of Shakespearean scope? Please join us to hear their responses.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend. To register online, please follow the link from sacramento-ca.aauw.net to Eventbrite.com. You may also call Reservations Coordinator Dawn Boyd at (916) 942-9227 to attend this FREE Event.



President's Message

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President Cherril Peabody

We have a couple of great events coming up that I hope you will be able to attend. Our branch needs the support of all of us in order to be successful.

At the Speech Trek Contest on Saturday, February 21, Students from several Elk Grove high schools will be speaking on a very interesting topic for our membership: "College: Is It Worth the Time and Expense. Come and see what our local young people have to say.

On March 15, I hope you will join me in supporting live theatre and our AAUW projects when we have a date to "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" at the Sierra 2 Theatre. Proceeds from the musical will benefit our local programs as well as our One Hundredth Anniversary AAUW Fund. It is a way to do something good for our community while having a great afternoon at the theater.

We need to sell lots of tickets in order to make a profit, so encourage your family and friends to come, too. You can purchase tickets either by sending in the flier, found here in the hard-copy newsletter or on our website, along with your check or purchase tickets online here via Eventbrite (directions are included on the flier). This time we won't be holding a silent auction or selling raffle tickets, so you will not be asked to pay for anything else beyond the tickets.

Tickets are \$35 per person, \$20 of which is tax-deductible. A wine and cheese reception during intermission is included in your ticket price. This will be our major fundraising event for the AAUW Sacramento 2014-15 program year.

Finally, I want to thank two of our members for stepping up to fill our vacant board positions. Charlotte Luallin has agreed to take over as Secretary from Susana Mullen, who had to resign for family reasons. Thank you for your service, Susana, and thank you for agreeing to finish the year for us, Charlotte. And Robin Howlett has offered to take over the Public Policy Director position that has been vacant for some time. Thank you, Robin.

Do You Remember Carolyn Martin? 1972-73 AAUW Sacramento President

By Linda Tinker

Welcome back to Carolyn Martin, who served as AAUW Sacramento President in 1972-73. Since that time she has led an exciting, challenging life. I am going to spend this column talking about what she has done since she was President and in next month's column, I will ask Carolyn to recall her term as President and to compare our organization in 1972 with the current group.

For the past 53 years, Carolyn has been married to Barry, who is a retired Administrative Law judge and currently writes books. His last book is called "Forgotten Aviator: The Adventures of Royal Leonard." They are long-time Sacramento residents, and their two children also live in Sacramento. She has one grandson.

In 1964 Carolyn, joined AAUW Walnut Creek, "and when our son was 12 days old, my husband said, 'You will never be happy staying home. I can take care of this baby. Why don't you go to that AAUW meeting?'" She became involved in the AAUW Walnut Creek branch, and when she and her family moved to Sacramento, she transferred her membership to our branch.

AAUW Sacramento had workshops on "Leadership can be Learned," and Carolyn attributes that training to her future success in her anti-tobacco campaign and other leadership roles. Carolyn recalls, "The 'Leadership can be Learned' was excellent training; for example, after receiving the training, I started the Friends of Arden-Dimick Branch Library."

Carolyn served as AAUW Sacramento President in 1972 -73 and following that service, she was AAUW CA State Legislative President and hired and trained the first AAUW state lobbyist.

She began her legislative activities as a State Legislative President for AAUW in the 1970s, and AAUW was very instrumental in getting coastal environmental policy changes passed.

In 1988, voters passed an initiative to raise the tobacco tax 25 cents, 5 cents of which was to go to tobacco education. In 1990 Carolyn was appointed as President for the Advisory Committee of Tobacco Education. It was an innovative tobacco control program that pioneered the practice of television and radio ads against tobacco use. It was the most successful tobacco education program in the world because it combined media, local projects, and policy changes locally and in the state. For example, the ban on smoking in work places is an example of a policy change that had a tremendous impact. This model has been used by most states and many foreign countries. Even the pubs in Ireland are smoke-free!

Carolyn was chosen for this committee because she had signed the initiative petition, served on the campaign committee of the Lung Association as a volunteer, and had lots of experience at the Capitol as a volunteer advocate.

Carolyn is an avid reader, plays tennis, serves as a docent at the State Capitol and the California State Library, and enjoys travel.

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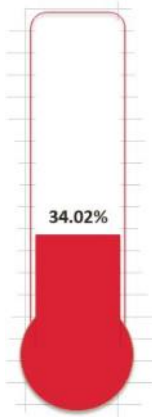
Sacramento 100th Anniversary Fund Update

By Donna Holmes & Marty McKnew

Great news! We are making phenomenal progress on our 100th Anniversary Grant.

To celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2020, the branch started a research and progress grant. The grant requires donations of \$75,000 in a 10-year span before grants can be awarded with the earnings. We requested that the grants be used for community action projects, which are awarded annually to AAUW members submitting the best proposals. One project that started this way was Tech Trek, which has been so successful it has now gone nationwide.

Since starting the grant just two years ago, we have amassed \$25,413, or 34 percent of our goal. This includes \$15,653 from our branch members and fundraisers, and \$9,860 from other branches. Many thanks go to the members of the following branches: Turlock, Redlands, Citrus-Heights-American River, and especially Nevada County, which donated their entire fundraising effort of \$4,900. If you are a member of another branch, or have connections to other branches, please ask them to consider the Sacramento 100th Anniversary grant #4372 when they send in their donations at the end of the year.



Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Feb. 2, 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Dept. of Human Assistance,
2700 Fulton Ave., Room 58
Sacramento

Happy Hour

Lucca Restaurant
Feb. 12, 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
1615 J Street , Sacramento

Speech Trek Contest

Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.
Valley Hi-Laguna North Library
7400 Imagination Parkway
Elk Grove

Fundraiser -Theater Party

March 15, 2:00 p.m.
Unsinkable Molly Brown 24th
Street Theater 2791 24th
Street Sacramento

Author's Luncheon

April 11, 2015, 11:30 a.m. -
2:30 p.m.
Plates Café
14 Business Parkway
Sacramento

Installation Tea

May 16, 2015
1 pm. - 3 pm.
Rancho Cordova City Hall
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova

Author's Luncheon Preview by Gloria Yost

Author' Luncheon Coming April 11!

Plates Café & Catering

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Hear local author Karen Levy discuss her memoir, *My Father's Gardens*.

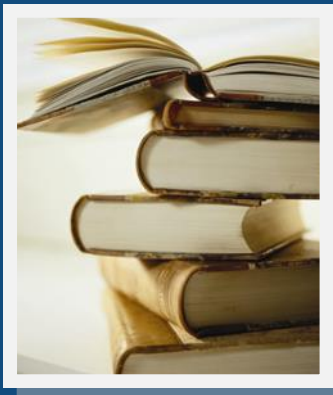
Levy writes, "My Father's Gardens is the story of a young girl who comes of age in two languages, and on two shores, between warring parents and rules that change depending on the landscape and the proximity of her mother. Struggling to find her voice and her place in the world as a result of her frequent travels between her native Israel and the United States, she feels that she must choose a place to call home."

Levy earned a B.A. in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Davis, and an M.A. in English/Creative Writing from California State University, Sacramento, where she teaches composition and interpretation of literature.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Book Groups

By Linda Cook



To join a group, contact the Book Group Coordinator at: lindacook5833@comcast.net

Group 1

(Meetings in Elk Grove)
Third Thursday, 2 p.m.

February 19

Coordinator: Lois Collinsworth, (P) 685-3323
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Group 2

First Tuesday, 1 p.m.

February 3

Coordinator: Jean Brown (P) 485-2358
Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

Group 3

(Meetings in Mid-Town/East Sac)

Fourth Wednesday, 1 p.m.

February 25

Coordinator: Carolyn Meeker (P) 451-8264
Kristin Lavransdatter, Bridal Wreath by Sigrid Undset

Group 4

Second Wednesday, 1 p.m.

February 11

Coordinator: Janelle Kauffman
janellebooks@yahoo.com
Solar by Ian McEwan

Group 5*

Second Monday, 1 p.m.

February 9

Coordinator: Joyce Mundel
jmundel@comcast.net
The Color of Water by James McBride

Group 6

Third Monday, 7 p.m.

February 16

Coordinator: Angela Scarlett

angela.scarlett@gmail.com

Making Masterpiece by Rebecca Eaton

Group 8**

Fourth Monday, 7:15 p.m.

February 23

Coordinator: Diana Squire
d3j7s@hotmail.com
If Walls Could Talk: An Intimate History of the Home by Lucy Worsley

Group 10 **

Third Thursday, 10 a.m.

February 19

Coordinator: Sandi Schoenman
curlilox40@sbcglobal.net
The Big Burn by Timothy Egan

Group 12

First Thursday, 7 p.m.

February 5

Coordinator: Linda Cook
lindacook5833@comcast.net
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Group 33

First Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

February 5

Coordinator: Jane Pivetti
jpivetti@winfirst.com
The Luminaries by Eleanor Cotton

* Needs new members

** Currently full

For a list of all of the books for a year for each book group, go to sacramento-ca.aauw.net, click on Book Groups, and then click on each book group icon.



Where:

Lucca Restaurant & Bar
1615 J Street (Corner of 16th & J Street)
When: Thursday, February 12, 5-7 p.m.

Be the first to bring a new prospective member to Happy Hour and earn \$20 worth of food and drinks. As this is a public event, any new members may join that night for the reduced rate. Please contact Angela Scarlett at angela.scarlett@gmail.com or 916-612-8442 to give her an idea of how many will be attending.

Lucca has both \$5 valet parking and street parking along J Street, north of 16th Street.

INTEREST GROUPS

Art & Architecture

First Fridays @ 10 a.m.,
Next Event: February 6
Tao House, Eugene O'Neil National Historic Site,
Danville
Contact Deborah Dunn
jeddl@comcast.net | (916) 429-7645

Board Games: Daytime

Last Thursdays @ 1 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 26
Contact Anne Rhodes
rhodesmicasa@yahoo.com | (916) 692-5075
Cell: (360) 560-3349
spouses/significant others welcome

Board Games: Night

Last Friday @ 7 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 27
Contact Anne Rhodes
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cell: (360) 560-3349
spouses/significant others welcome

Bridge I

Second Mondays @ 1 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 9
Contact Jane Reinmuth
cajane42@aol.com | (916) 456-1844

"Bridge for Fun"

First Tuesdays @ 1 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 3
Contact Jane Reinmuth
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"Chicago" Bridge Group

Fourth Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.
Next Meeting: February 25
Contact Margot Leidig
MHLeidig@aol.com | (916) 972-8744

Couples Dining Out

Couples meet for dinner at different restaurants
Fourth Sunday @ 6 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 22
Contact Sharon Norris
x2ski@hotmail.com

Film Fans

Third Tuesdays (matinee)
Film TBD the Friday prior via email
Next Event: February 17
Contact Cherril Peabody
capeabody@comcast.net | (916) 973-0821

Great Decisions I

Third Mondays @ 7 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 16
Contact Linda Patterson
linkpatter@gmail.com | (916) 203-8953

Great Decisions II

Second Thursdays @ 7 p.m.
Next Meeting: January 12
Contact Joan Hammond
hammondartsci@aol.com | (916) 489-8927

Great Decisions III

Third Mondays @ 1 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 16
Contact Anne Rhodes
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Healthy Heart Dinner

Second Sundays @ 6 p.m.
Next Event: February 8
Healthy eating and dinner conversation
Contact Jane Cooley
janecooley1@gmail.com | (916) 483-0302

History of America

First Wednesdays @ 3 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 4
Contact Pam Vaughn
psvaughn@comcast.net | (916) 476-4000

Readers' Theater

Come join in the fun!
Second Wednesday @ 7 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 17
Contact Diane Petersen
ladypetersen@earthlink.net | (916) 214-4644

Scrabble Just for Fun

Last Monday @ 1 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 23
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Singles Dining Out

First Sundays @ 6 p.m.
Next Meeting: February 1
Contact Nancy McCabe
nancygant@yahoo.com | (916) 383-8405

Small Theater Group

Enjoy and support local non-profit theatres.
Optional dining before or after the play
Select Sunday/Month matinee
Contact Inger Lindholm im1958@sbcglobal.net |
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Spanish Study

Fourth Mondays @ 6:30 p.m.
Next Event: February 23
Read, translate, and discuss
Spanish language materials
Contact Hedda Smithson
fohedda@gmail.com | (916) 961-7214

Walk-to-Lunch

Second Thursdays @ 10 a.m.
Next Event: February 12
TBD
Contact Susan Potter
susanpotter1@comcast.net | (916) 392-6401

Travel*

Next Meeting: February 10 @ 10 a.m.
Location: Home of May Ruth Lynch
Contact: Sandi Schoenman
curlilox40@sbcglobal.net | (916) 966-2535

***New Interest Group**

Please contact Laura Randles-Little with any interest group updates: larandles@yahoo.com

Join AAUW for an Unforgettable Afternoon with



SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

2:00 P.M.

\$35.00

WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION INCLUDED

A Runaway Stage Production

24th Street Theater, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento

Open seating and free parking

Ticket price includes a \$20 tax-deductible donation to AAUW Sacramento's programs

For tickets go to sacramento-ca.aauw.net or send your check to:

AAUW Sacramento, 1361 Vallejo Way, Sacramento, CA 95818

Name _____ Number of Tickets _____

Choose one: _____ E-mail my Tickets to: _____

_____ I will pick up my tickets at the Will Call desk.

(Make checks payable to AAUW Sacramento.)

9045 Thilow Dr.

Sacramento, CA 95826

February Birthdays

1-Feb Anna Storey	21-Feb Ruth Burgess
5-Feb Dawn Arnone Boyd	24-Feb Jean Brown
7-Feb Margaret Ann Dukleth	25-Feb Carol Finney
7-Feb Marlene Jackson	26-Feb Inger Lindholm
9-Feb Susan Whetstone	26-Feb Karen W. Smith
10-Feb Loraine Holden	28-Feb Sharay Robinson
13-Feb Venice Nguyen	
14-Feb Jane Cooley	
15-Feb Lisa Beauchamp	
16-Feb Nancy Fox	
21-Feb Ann Louise Kinnison	

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Making a planned gift to AAUW is a simple way to support our mission and leave a lasting impact.

Benefits of Estate Giving

- Estate gifts allow you flexibility to provide for your family and support AAUW.
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- Certain planned gifts may reduce estate or capital gains taxes.
- There is no minimum gift requirement, and every gift can be tailored to suit your specific wishes.

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