

Annual Holiday Luncheon is on Saturday, December 10. Reservations Due December 3! by Donna Holmes



Please join us as we honor our 2016 Named Gift Honorees, learn about this year's charity, [Love-Talk-Read](#), a children's book drive and literacy program (ages 1-13) and socialize with our branch members.

Go on our website to pay online via Eventbrite

Or, send the hardcopy form to pay by check. Make checks made out to AAUW Sacramento and send them to Dawn Boyd. Please contact her at darnone1@att.net for the address.

- Music provided by the American River College Brass Quintet.
- Please bring new or gently used children's books for Love-Talk-Read.
- REGISTRATION DUE December 3.
- Menu Choice: Lasagna or Butternut squash ravioli (Vegetarian).
- Lunch includes salad, bread, butter or garlic bread, coffee, tea, Iced tea and mini-desserts.
- Vegan meal by request.
- Parking is free.
- No host full bar.

Are You Good to Go? Come to Special Meeting on February 4! by Linda Whitney

Get Organized

Let's face it! Our lives are filled with paperwork, numbers, bank accounts, passwords, health and medical documents, property and insurance paperwork, as well as financial investments.

Most of us feel some concern about what would happen if we became ill and unable to make our own medical or financial decisions. We wonder how our loved ones will take care of things when we need help, or after we are gone.

This meeting will present a simple organizing system that you can use. There will also be an option of a two-hour follow-up workshop for those who would like some additional support on creating their Estate Organizer. Your loved ones will likely view this organizer as a small miracle – and a wonderful gift.



Consider the following questions:

- **How quickly can you locate your important documents and information in case of emergency?**

- Do you have to scramble to organize paperwork at tax time or when meeting with a new legal, financial or medical professional?
- Would your loved ones know where to locate important information they might need in case of your incapacitation?

Join AAUW member and presenter Karen O'Hara as she shares valuable tips at this AAUW special event on

- Feb. 4 from 9 to 11 a.m.
- South Natomas Library, 2901 Truxel Road.

Karen has been organizing documents for others for more than 30 years. She has earned licenses as a real estate broker, insurance broker, and mortgage broker along with being a Certified Financial Planner.

IBC Luncheon Save the Date for January 28 by Cherril Peabody

Save the date for our annual IBC AAUW Funds Luncheon! It's scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28 at Plates, 14 Business Park Way, Bldg. 149, Sacramento. As always, the meeting will feature a delicious lunch and women speakers who have been awarded AAUW fellowships or grants who will talk about their work and their aspirations.

This is also a great opportunity to introduce young women in your family or among your acquaintances to AAUW, so do consider bringing a guest. You will also have the chance to meet members of other area branches and find out what they are doing.

Print the enclosed flyer to sign up for this event. You won't want to miss it. The Woodland branch will be accepting the reservations and lunch payments. The registration deadline is Jan. 18

AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities Due for Renewal by Charmen Goehring-Fox



Every two years, members of AAUW California have the opportunity to review the current Public Policy Action Priorities, suggest changes, and then vote on the revised platform. It is now that time. Please read through the 2015-2017 Priorities below and send any comments or suggestions to Suellen.aauw@gmail.com or nlmahr@verizon.net as soon as possible

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW California supports:

- Pay equity, fairness in compensation, and economic justice.
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes.
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements and protecting Social Security from privatization or reduction in benefits.

- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the work force.
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and career and technical education, to improve post-secondary education access, career development, and earning potential.
- Greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work-life balance.

To support a strong system of high quality public education, AAUW California advocates:

- Adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students.
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education, including vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of public schools.
- Support and adequate funding for women and disadvantaged populations access to higher education, including two-year degree programs.

To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW California supports:

- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life.
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including bullying and sexual harassment, in homes, schools, workplaces, communities and the military.
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care, and family planning services, including expansion of patient rights.
- Strengthening California programs that improve the lives of children in families living at or below the poverty level.
- Strengthening United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.
- Freedom in definition of family, and guarantee of civil rights in all family structures.
- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS by Shirley Wheeler and Pat Winkle

Please join us in welcoming our newest member.

SHARON FURTAK received her bachelor's of arts degree in psychology from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She received her master's of science and Ph.D. from Yale University in behavioral neuroscience. Sharon is a full-time Assistant Professor at California State University, Sacramento. She will be our Sacramento Branch college representative/liaison to the campus student AAUW members. Sharon lives in Davis and is a current AAUW member of the Davis Branch.

Photo Challenge for Interest Groups by Cherril Peabody

Our interest groups have had a great year. They have visited a lot of dynamic art installations and galleries, walked to a lot of great lunches, played lots of fun games, eaten a lot of tasty dinners, read many thought-provoking and entertaining books, learned about policy issues around the world, planned interesting trips, watched sad and funny movies, and more.

The one thing that has been missing in many of our articles about the different interest groups and what they do is photographs. So now I challenge you: Take some photos of what you're doing at your interest group meetings and send them to me to be published in the newsletter.

For your book group meeting, devise a tableau that would illustrate the book you are reading, or wear a hat or make a food dish and take a photo of it and send it to me. Find a graphic to go with a report of a particularly interesting book. Take a neat photo of a painting you all liked. Angela and Kim, our hard-working editors, will be thrilled! Thanks!

