

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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AAUW Sacramento's Programming 2013-14 Year in Review

By Gloria Yost, Programming Director

The chosen theme for our program year was **Celebrating Women**.

Sept. - Women Reaching Out, to members and guests at our AAUW Showcase

branch outreach programs and interest groups highlighted

Oct. - Women Supporting Change, a look at women's equity in Jane Austen's time

annual fundraiser -- an evening at the theater with community partner Sacramento Theater Co.

Nov. - Women Empowering Women, student success at community colleges

Nancy Shulock, Director of the Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy at CSUS

Dec. - Women Supporting Women, brunch celebrating the season with the Steve Roach Trio

charitable efforts -- dress for success clothes for WEAVE, books for Ottoman Elementary School

Jan. - Women Breaking Barriers, panel discussion "Women in Engineering: A New Norm"

Sarah Bauer, Anne Lynch, Marianne Rordan, and Lisa Howard

Feb. - Women Speaking Out, promoting life-long learning at the authors' luncheon

Mitty Varadan, Kathy Asay, and RJ Machado de Quevedo

Mar. - Women Making History, panel discussion with minority women - Chamber of Commerce CEOs

Alice Perez, Pat Fong Kushida, and Azizza Davis Goines

Apr. - Women Fighting for Equity, equal pay day celebration and an update on legislative priorities

AAUW's legislative advocate Shannon Smith-Crawley

May - Women Expressing Creativity, promoting life-long learning through the visual arts

celebrated local artist Taylor Gutermute

We ended our year of celebration with the installation of the 2014-15 officers. I want to thank everyone who helped make this year a success and to all who participated by attending events.

President's Message

2013-2014 ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Dee Brookshire

Farewell (for a little while), Sacramento Branch!

I've enjoyed this year as President and just want to say thank you for the wonderful 2013-14 year our Branch has shared. I'd like to share with you a brief recap of all we've done.

Our over-arching theme for the year was "Celebrating Women," and we have certainly done that. We began the year at the September Showcase with a focus of "Strengthening AAUW" with a theme of "Women Reaching Out." It was well attended and got us off to a good start.

October was a stellar month. Our theme was "AAUW Sacramento Celebrates Jane Austen on the 200th Anniversary of Pride & Prejudice." Jane Austen was a woman ahead of her time, and we celebrated her success with a Mixer at Blue Prynt and a very successful fundraiser at the Sacramento Theater Company when we bought out the last performance.

November was our month to focus on Education with a theme of "Women Empowering Women." We heard an interesting presentation by Nancy Shulock, Director of the Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy at CSU Sacramento.

December was fun. Our focus for the month was Philanthropy with a theme of "Women Supporting Women." We collected charitable donations at the Holiday Brunch, books for Ottoman Elementary School and "dress for success" clothes for WEAVE. It was a tremendous demonstration of the generosity of our Branch.

We started the New Year with a January focus on STEM Careers with a theme of "Women Breaking Barriers." Our program was an interactive one with a panel of Branch members in STEM careers. We loved hearing from Anne Lynch, Sara Bauer, and Marianne Rordan.

February was the month we chose for a focus of "Life Long Learning" with a theme of "Women Speaking Out." We celebrated women authors at the annual Author's Luncheon -- always a Branch favorite. We heard from Mitty Varadan, RJ Machado de Quevedo, and our own Branch member, Kathy Asay. And, as if that weren't enough, we held the Speech Trek Contest with the topic of "Women at the Top, Why not?"

March was a huge month and was very special to me. We celebrated "Women Making History" with a focus on Diversity. We were honored to hear from a panel of three women who are President/CEOs of Sacramento's three largest minority Chambers of Commerce. Alice Perez from the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber, Azizza Davis Goines from the Sacramento Black Chamber, and Pat Fong Kushida from the Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber kept everyone in stitches with their lively and heartfelt stories of their experiences on the way to the top of their game.

April's focus was Advocacy, and the theme was "Women Fighting for Equity." The Branch was honored to host AAUW's state lobbyist, Shannon Smith-Crawley, for a presentation on the key AAUW issues she is working on. The new Board was elected at the April meeting.

Finally, our May focus was "Celebrating Success," and our theme was "Women Expressing Creativity." We heard the fascinating story of an amazing journey from artist Taylor Gutermute, enjoyed a gallery tour, and installed our newly elected Board of Directors for the upcoming 2014-15 year.

Congratulations to the new Board and thank you, everyone, for a really memorable year.

Dee Brookshire

AAUW California News

STATE CONVENTION NEWS!

The AAUW California State Convention was held April 11-13 at the Marriott LAX in Los Angeles with current National President Patricia Fae Ho, national staff members and more than 200 branch representatives from across California. Speakers and workshops were plentiful, and it was great to hear so much is happening in local branches in California. The next convention will be in Northern California in 2016, so watch for further details. The National Convention will be in San Diego on June 18-21. Mark your calendars, and start planning to attend the national convention in our own back yard!

STATE ELECTION RESULTS:

Incoming President Kathleen Doty will be joined by the newly elected Secretary Tracey Clark and Directors Kathy Andreini, Virginia Beck, Susan Negrete, Jane Neimeier, and Sharon Westafer. The returning board members include Directors Lynne Batchelor, Helene Carr, Cathy Foxhoven, and Sue Miller, and CFO Donna Mertens. The dues increase was approved by a 76.7% vote, with almost 21% of the membership -- a record number of voters participating.

NATIONAL AAUW NEWS!

International news on the recent Nigerian girls kidnapping continues to underscore the need for passage of the I-VAWA, the

International Violence Against Women Act. I-VAWA would increase the effectiveness of existing U.S. foreign policy to end and respond to gender-based violence against women and girls around the world.

Lisa Maatz, Vice President for Government Affairs, continues to update AAUW Mission & Action emails with the status of STEM education, campus sexual assault, campus childcare for student parents, the Paycheck Fairness Act, and the White House Summit on Working Families. I particularly enjoy the AAUW Cheer of the Week, highlighting positive news, and the AAUW Jeer of the Week, highlighting a newsworthy bizarre political statement or occurrence. To enroll for your email notices, please go to advocacy@aauw.org. Once you are signed up on the National website, you will automatically be signed up for the California Two Minute

Activist.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST!

Remember to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 3. Local and primary elections are very important – make your voice heard! The May revise of the Governor's budget shows increasing revenue as the California economy recovers. Pay close attention to the Two Minute Activist, which will keep you informed on California issues impacting women and girls in our state.

Kathleen Crawford

Branch Liaison to the IBC

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Calling All Communications Volunteers

Looking for a way to get more involved with AAUW Sacramento's many activities? Only have a couple of hours a month to donate time? Well, we have the job for you!

AAUW Sacramento Communications team is looking to expand. We are looking for enthusiastic writers, dedicated shutterbugs, social media mavens, publicity hounds, talented graphic artists, and other media-minded AAUW members.

The team currently produces a monthly newsletter, manages a Facebook page and runs a Twitter account. We would love to have a larger pool of volunteers who are willing to support AAUW Communications endeavors.

Here are some examples of a upcoming communications need:

- Photographing this monthly meetings
- Assisting AAUW Programming by writing press releases or designing flyers
- Writing articles or helping produce the lovely newsletter you are reading today

Many Hands Build Program Success By *Gloria Yost*

I want to thank the 18 members who were involved in planning and developing the Branch programs this past year. Many more volunteered to be greeters and provide refreshments. I would not have been able to accomplish everything without all of you. I'd like to recognize those of you who took on special roles.

Linda Whitney arranged for greeters to welcome us at every meeting.

Anne Rhodes and her helper **Ruth Werner** provided hospitality at nine different events!

Laura Randles-Little organized the AAUW Showcase

Cherril Peabody arranged for Dr. Bell to speak at the Jane Austen mixer and organized

the scholarship recipient presentations.

Caroline West arranged for Dr. Nancy Shulock to speak in November and handled reservations and name tags during the year.

Leigh Stephens and committee planned and presented four WOW events.

Della Knowles arranged for the December entertainment and was liaison to the Casa Garden restaurant for the authors' luncheon.

Vivian Counts and **Mary Schneider** made the centerpieces for the holiday party.

Marty McKnew and **Shari Beck** handled getting the authors for our authors' luncheon.

Liz Jordan, Shari Beck and

committee organized the very successful Speech Trek Contest.

Dee Brookshire and **Anne Rhodes** organized the diversity panel presentation and food.

Mary Schneider made arrangement for us to use the Unitarian Church in April.

Mary Kight partnered with AAUW Sacramento State to celebrate equal pay day.

Joan Hammond assisted with planning and organization for the May meeting.

Hedda Smithson maintained a database of attendance at branch events.

Shari Beck very ably handled all last minute requests for e-blasts to improve attendance.

Upcoming Events

Happy Hour
June 11, 5-7 p.m.
Esquire Grill
1213 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Angela Scarlett kept our social media accounts and website up to date to promote attendance.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you



Where: Esquire Grill
1213 K St, Sacramento, CA 95814
When: Wednesday, June 11, 5-7 p.m.

Located next to the Esquire Theater, Gary Paragary's Esquire Grill specializes in sophisticated comfort food. Come to connect with fellow members. Be the first person 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. They have yummy drinks, including

some lovely non-alcoholic choices for those who don't imbibe. Please RSVP to Angela Scarlett. It is important that she have some idea of the numbers who will be there.

The Esquire Grill validates parking for people who park at Esquire Theater Parking garage at the same location. However, also check out <http://en.parkopedia.com/parking/>

AAUW Funds Yearly Honorees By Donna Holmes & Marty McKnew

As this branch year comes to an end, it is time to recognize our Named Gift Honorees. Their certificates and praise were presented at our Installation Meeting on May 17. In alphabetical order:

Thank you to **Alicia Hetman**, our state president since July 1, 2012, for her generous support of funds and making state activities more accessible to Sacramento and the rest of the Central Valley. There are two items we would like to highlight. First, state conventions/annual meetings are held one year in Northern California and the next year in Southern California. Northern California gatherings are typically held in the Bay Area and reflect the high cost of doing business there. Last year, Alicia arranged the state meeting at the State Capitol in one of the hearing rooms, an area few regular people rarely even get to see. The day was special, with wonderful speakers, very low cost and only \$5 parking. Next she designated Sacramento for a Fellows Luncheon, another first! Besides our branch and the surrounding branches, even the Redding branch made the three-hour drive to attend. Thank you for making state functions easily available for your home branch.

Thank you to **Elizabeth (Liz) Jordan**, a lady of many talents and lots of energy and long time co-Director of Speech Trek, for taking on our Jane Austen fundraising event. This event landed in our laps last summer, and many of us were not available to help significantly let alone head up the opportunity. Liz took this on, and it was a wonderful event attracting many non-members and extending our message in the community. Without fundraising, we cannot support Speech Trek, Tech Trek, Scholarships or Funds. With Liz's leadership, we were able to net \$4,400 for these programs.

Thank you to **Mary Schneider**, who has spent years supporting, leading and doing her all for the branch, and by extension, women and girls in need. Mary volunteered to be our fundraising chair for what was aptly named An Enchanted Evening. Mary did our second all-branch fundraiser, the first being Legally Blonde in 2013. The first time we tried doing everything ourselves. Although the event was a success, we all felt exhausted in the end. Mary designed an event where 80 percent was done by the venue. She took risks and taught us a lot about finding the right balance. We made a

nice profit without wiping out the committee.

Thank you, Mary, Liz, and Alicia!

The latest grant status is also displayed reflecting the deposit from our Jane Austin event!

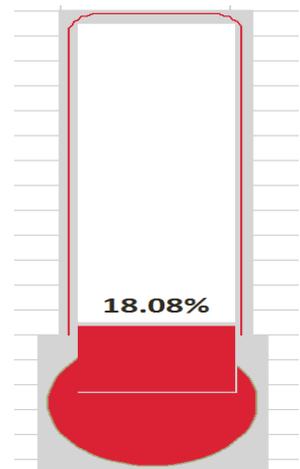
Donations To AAUW Sacramento Centennial Fund:

4-1-2014 \$11,529.00

5-1-2014 \$2,030.00

For a Total Of \$13,559.00 (18.08%)

Toward Goal Of \$75,000.00 (100%)



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June Birthdays



1-Jun Linda Tinker	18-Jun Barbara Lagomarsino
2-Jun Patricia Peck	19-Jun Charmen Goehring
2-Jun Della Knowles	19-Jun Gail La Fortune
4-Jun Sandra Cavey	20-Jun Lanette Reeves
6-Jun Sunny Yakota	20-Jun Kathleen Papst
8-Jun Elizabeth Angell	24-Jun Mary Schneider
8-Jun Shirley Wheeler	28-Jun Cassie Wilkins
10-Jun Jane Reinmuth	28-Jun Patricia Campbell
11-Jun Sharon Lee Swanson	29-Jun Carol Hayes
16-Jun Lisa Carpenter	

Upcoming Happy Hour Dates

Wednesday, July 9, 5 to 7 p.m. at Hook & Ladder Manufacturing Co.
(hookandladder916.com)

Wednesday, August 13, 5 to 7 p.m. at Cafeteria 15L (<http://cafeteria15l.com>)

All sites subject to change.

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with any suggestions.