



ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1ST!

When: Saturday, December 10, 2022, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Northridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave., Fair Oaks

Join the AAUW Sacramento Branch at our Winter Luncheon on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave., Fair Oaks., starting at 11:00 a.m.

Menu will be choice of Beef Short Ribs OR a Quinoa Bowl. Both include a garden salad, bread, and coffee, tea, or iced tea. Dessert will be seasonal candies. A No Host Bar is available.

Love Talk Read is back this year and we will be collecting for infants to age 10. **Please bring cardboard toddler books and chapter books for grades one, two and three.** Celeste will also bring her book on the learning skills lost due to the pandemic.

Afghan Refugee Support. Lisa Howard will bring an Afghan woman to update us on the refugee Community. Items needed for our refugees will be listed in an eblast and can be found [<here>](#). We will be collecting items at the event.

There will also be a brief business meeting. **Be ready for a fun day with a mixer thrown in!**

Cost per person is \$35.00. You can pay via credit card on Eventbrite OR by check payable to AAUW Sacramento and sent to Cathy Locke (Find her address in the directory or call 916-722-2017). ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1ST!

Click [<here>](#) for the Winter Luncheon flyer.

Click [<here>](#) to register on Eventbrite.

Note: As per National AAUW and our Board's decision, all attendees must show proof of COVID vaccination upon arrival. Our greeters will be efficient and friendly, but please respect this requirement for everyone's safety.

Living Our Mission of Equity By Charmen Goehring

We hope you will join us in a monthly equity conversation looking at our own biases and what actions we can take to attract diversity to our branch and become better people in the process. Each month, we read a section of our selected book, then meet to discuss what we have learned, along with exploring other issues related to race and equity. We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. on Zoom. This is a joint CHAR/Sacramento activity.

The Zoom meeting code is 737 420 3780, or you can join using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7374203780>

We will be discussing the second half (page 124-end) of our current book, **“Waking Up White”, by Debby Irving at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7.** If you have questions and to RSVP, please email Charmen at charminme@yahoo.com.



Interest Group Happenings for December By Vicki Nicholson

- Art & Architecture: Dec. 2, 11 a.m., tour of Crocker Art Museum photography exhibit; RSVP required to Deborah Dunn.
- Board Games: Dec. 30, 7 p.m., at Ruth Werner's home.
- Film Fans: Dec. 20, 11 a.m., contact Cherril Peabody.
- Great Decisions I: On hiatus until February 2023, contact Cathy Locke.
- Great Decisions II: No meeting in December, contact Lynn Wood.
- Great Decisions III: No meeting in December, contact Kathy Schrupf.
- Healthy Heart: Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m. at Stephanie Moczydlowski's home, contact Jane Cooley.
- Readers' Theater: Dec. 13, *The Nerd* by Larry Shue, 10 a.m., at Mary Williams' home.
- Scrabble: Dec. 26, 1 p.m., at Vivian Counts' home.
- Singles Dining: Dec. 4, 6 p.m., contact Nancy McCabe.

WOMEN WITH A WHY. LET'S GROW! By Donna Holmes and Marty McKnew



Can you share why you are an AAUW member in a succinct and joyful way? “Where do we find new members?” Anywhere. It could be in line at Rite Aid, at the DMV, or at a farmer’s market (or in a state of undress at a health club!) The key is enthusiastically sharing how AAUW gives your life purpose and meaning. Do you have the elevator speech down?

A story I hear over and over is “I’m new in the community and with the COVID shutdowns it has been hard to meet people.” Do you know someone in these circumstances? Invite them to your book group or any other interest group.

We recently hosted a very successful new member orientation/get together for five of our newest members. We are anxious to repeat the session for more new members. Do you know someone you would like to invite? Let us know!

On a sadder note:

Member **Dorothy Bracchi**

March 17, 1931 - October 23, 2022

Sacramento, California - Dorothy Patricia Bracchi died peacefully at her home in Sacramento with Alex, her husband of 38 years, at her side.

Born to John and Tillie Burant and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she was one of nine children. She was preceded in death by her parents, six of her siblings, and her first husband Ernest Bracchi. Dorie, as she was known to all, is survived by her husband Alex Hoeffner; her daughter Kim Spalding and husband George; son Arne Bracchi and wife Audrey and their two daughters Georgia and Ella; sisters RuthAnn Melk and Lois Burant plus many nieces and nephews; Alex's daughter Corrine Kaufman and her son Ocean and daughter Raven.



Dorie earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Nursing from Marquette University and University of San Francisco, respectively. She began her career in the field of public health nursing in San Francisco, continued on in Yolo County, and then worked for the Visiting Nurses' Association in Sacramento. In 1977 she accepted a faculty position at Sacramento City College as an obstetrical nursing instructor and remained in that capacity until retiring in 1993.

Dorie was a life-long bridge player and achieved the title of life master from the American Contract Bridge League. She competed in tournaments in Reno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Honolulu. She was also a long-time member of the American Association of University Women and was active in the local branch's book section group.

Dorie was equally at home in the great outdoors. She backpacked in the Mokelumne Wilderness Area and Kings Canyon National Park. She took excursions on two fourteen-day, 225-mile rafting trips on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Annual houseboat trips on Shasta Lake were another of her favorite activities. She also enjoyed travel abroad to Europe, Mexico, Turkey, French Polynesia, and the Fiji Islands.

One of her favorite activities was volunteering to work at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. With very few exceptions she spent every Memorial Day Weekend for over 30 years serving as a site manager at various venues.

She had a long, passionate, and fruitful life and will be missed greatly by all who knew her. A celebration of her life was held on November 13 beginning at noon at The Firehouse restaurant.

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Speech Trek News, By Ann Arneill



The Speech Trek Committee has completed its recruitment for Elk Grove High School students to compete in the contest and has stimulated significant interest in this year's topic: **"How can communities, organizations and citizens of all ages help protect and expand voting rights?"** The contest will be held **on Feb.18, 2023**. We hope to conduct it in person at Cosumnes River College, COVID-19 pandemic conditions permitting.

We are now looking forward to the Speech Trek Challenge that will be held via Zoom on Jan. 21, 2023 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Members will have a chance to discuss the topic in advance of the contest to pique their interest. There will also be an opportunity to hear from scholarship recipients. Look for the Eventbrite registration announcement that will arrive in your email in mid-December and several times in January 2023. We hope to see you there for a lively discussion of this important topic!

CA AAUW Funds By Charmen Goehring

AAUW members in California over the past months were able to enjoy four online Funds events -- previously the Funds Luncheons -- each of which highlighted many CA-based recipients of AAUW grants and fellowships. Their topics of study were as diverse as they were interesting! It's wonderful that dozens of members who might not otherwise have attended a lunch in the past were able to participate on Zoom. It is always inspiring to see how our contributions have provided support for these young women and to hear how they plan to



progress in their fields. Each of the presentations and the accompanying slides are available at aauw-ca.org.

Many thanks to those members who consistently send in donations to the AAUW Fund throughout the year via the AAUW website. This is an easy and convenient way to provide funding for our wonderful organization and its programs! Another simple way to contribute is to designate your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) to the AAUW Fund.

As always, I wish to encourage you to consider honoring your passion for AAUW by joining the Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle is composed of dedicated AAUW members who have included AAUW in their estates to ensure the organization is healthy and able to help women and girls far into the future. If you have been a member of AAUW for many years, you are passionate about AAUW. Why not take the simple step of joining the Legacy Circle? You can join online at www.aauw.org or contact me for a brochure.

Lobby Days are Here Again.... By Ginny Hatfield, AAUW California Public Policy Committee Member

Save the Dates March 21 and March 22, are the AAUW CA scheduled Lobby Days, so mark your calendars and be sure to sign up to participate when our Lobby Day registration arrives in your January mailbox.



Advocating for our top three priority bills is fundamental to achieving our legislative priorities by addressing economic security for all women, providing equal access to public education and insuring social and racial justice for all members of society. We need all members on board and will be counting on you to reach out to our elected officials in the CA Legislature.

Our Public Policy Committee will make it easy for you to do so. This year, instead of a full week, Lobby Day will consist of two days and will occur while the Legislature is in session, not on break. Hopefully, this will provide more opportunity to actually speak with a member in lieu of a staffer. Our plans are to make it hybrid – virtual and in-person. Those branches in and around Sacramento would have the option of in-person meetings at the Capitol with the remaining branches meeting virtually or in-person with staffers in the district. So, a bit more flexibility this year as the committee feels it's beneficial to establish relationships with our elected leaders' local staff.

Our AAUW legislative advocate will be scheduling meetings with the member offices willing to participate, and once you return your Lobby Day survey, the committee will begin to assemble branch participants and match them with Assembly and Senate districts in order to assign

teams. We will provide you with material on the bills we are supporting and have scheduled a mandatory training webinar for March 20, so you'll have the information at your fingertips. If you have participated in Lobby Day in the past, we would love to hear from you on what worked and what didn't. Please send your comments to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Lobby Day is our chance to make a concerted impact on the priorities and values we, as AAUW members, hold dear. It brings out the "advocates" in all us for improving the economic and educational lives of women and girls. And goodness knows, we need that commitment now more than ever. So, mark those calendars and join us on Lobby Day/s.

Bits and Pieces from around California AAUW... By Liz Jordan

AAUW CA is on YouTube!



- AAUW California has a YouTube channel with dozens of informative videos.
- Search for our YouTube channel and "subscribe". You'll be notified when a new video is added! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChLq8I6Tw48yDgVo3Go9afQ/videos>

Watch out for Spam and Scam!

A spammer can hijack the name of someone that you recognize.

- Before opening it, hover over the name with your mouse to see if the sender's actual email address is legitimate.
- If it's a phishing expedition, the email will not be theirs and will often be noticeably odd looking.
- Look at the subject line carefully too.
- Beware if something sounds too good to be true.
- Watch for spelling and grammar errors.
- Don't open links unless you trust the source.
- Don't forward spam emails to anyone else to "check them out."

What is GOV TREK??

**WANT MORE WOMEN IN POLITICAL
POWER? REGISTER TODAY!**

Learn about the new AAUW program, *By Shauna Ruyle, Gov Trek Program Director, govtrek@aauw-ca.org* with editing by Liz Jordan

Men still vastly outnumber women in the halls of power. Let's close that gender gap! The Gov Trek launch webinar was held on Nov.16 and you can find the details at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/introducing-gov-trek/>



AAUW branches can offer the new, free, virtual statewide program developed by AAUW California for high school girls in their junior and senior years. The purpose is to expose them to careers in public service and elected office. Starting in January and conducted through five virtual two-hour sessions, the activities will be engaging, interactive and inspirational. See how your branch can participate!

Gov Trek 2023 Volunteers Needed! You can volunteer to help with one, or more, of the five two-hour sessions. Click here for the Volunteer Training and more details about the job. [HERE](#)

Sac State Buzz By Gloria Yost

Do you know?

- Our own Paola Mendez has become an e-member of AAUW.
- Paola has won a Sacramento Semester Internship for spring semester and will be working at the Capitol. She is majoring in political science journalism.
- Our NCCWSL attendee Marissa Floyd has joined AAUW. She is working full time as a behavior analyst's assistant for a local school district and is a child development major.
- Cynthia Gonzales has joined in our efforts to re-activate our Sac State chapter. She is a women's studies major.



Celebrating December Birthdays! By Donna Holmes

Happy Birthday to All!

- Becky Anton 12/1
- Diana Squire 12/1
- Aisha Engle 12/3
- Jean Bonar 12/4
- Marcia Becwar 12/8
- Diane Petersen 12/8
- Angela Scarlett 12/11
- Karen Burley* 12/12
- Laraine Silberstein 12/14
- Lynn Anderson 12/17
- Linda Whitney 12/27
- Bonnie Penix 12/30



December Book Groups By Sharon Anderson

Book Group 2:

No meeting in December; coordinator is Carol Hayes

Book Group 3:

No meeting in December; coordinator is Carolyn Meeker

Book Group 4:

The Uncommon Reader, by Alan Bennett, on Dec. 14;
coordinator is Pat Morehead

Book Group 6:

All the Birds in the Sky, by Charlie Jane Anders, on Dec. 19; coordinators are Angela Scarlett, Gloria Yost

Book Group 8:

No meeting in December; coordinator is Diana Squire

Book Group 10:

Holiday Party, on Dec. 15 ; coordinator is Sandi Schoenman

Book Group 12:

Holiday Party, on Dec. 1; coordinator is Linda Cook

