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BRANCH LINES

IBC Fund Luncheon – join us at this luncheon for our January 2025 AAUW-RSP meeting



North Ridge Country Club, 7600 Madison Ave. Fair Oaks

Join the party!
AAUW Fund Luncheon

Sponsored by your Capital Counties Interbranch Council

Saturday, January 25, 2025
Noon – 2:30 PM; doors open 11:30

Keynote speaker: *Charmen Goehring, AAUW California President, speaking on our current challenges & opportunities, and on the positive work of AAUW Funds.*

In addition, two active AAUW Fund Scholars will share their remarkable journeys, highlighting the details and progress of the work AAUW is supporting.

Make sure you have a place at the table! To use a credit card (fees apply) click [here](#). OR – write a check for \$32 to AAUW Sacramento. Mail to Reservations Coordinator, Hedda Smithson, 4033 Main Street, Fair Oaks, CA 95628-7520. **Online or mailed payment must be received by Jan. 16th, 2025.**

If mailing, include this information, & menu choice:

Name _____ Branch _____
 Phone _____ Email _____



Menu choices:
 Turkey Breast, Mashed potatoes, vegetables OR
 Thai Chicken Salad OR
 Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)
 AND
 Limoncello cake OR Fruit cup



- **Link to use for a credit card: click [here](#)**

We encourage your attendance at this Luncheon, to purchase auction fundraising baskets, to value supporting AAUW Funds, and to celebrate the educational aspirations of women across this country. There will be a silent auction of the baskets. Bidding will be encouraged. Bidders are expected to bring cash or checks to pay for the basket.

A few of the many auction baskets:

- Yeti Roadie Cooler - with 2 20 oz Yeti cups and 2 baseball caps

- Bright Room - 13-inch coiled storage basket with 12 books, bookmarks and tiny notebooks. Books are wrapped in blue paper and the gift tag on each gives a hint as to the title of the book.
- Take Me out to the Ball Game" which features a Nostalgia hot dog and bun roaster, popcorn and other treats for an evening at home with football, baseball or movies.
- Grey Pine Winery Two Bottles. One Merlot and one Cabernet Franc plus Two Glasses
- Treetop pavilion suite with views – Marin County

AAUW's Sunday Brunch

By Lora Finnegan, Membership

Jan. 12 at 10 AM
Bennetts Westside Grill
6604 Lonetree Blvd., Rocklin

Instead of having Friday happy hour (when we'd have to drive home in the dark and cold this month), we are switching up our monthly membership event to a Sunday brunch! Bennett's has a fabulous brunch, so please join us and bring a friend – if they join at this event, they get 50% off National dues.

Congratulations on your Five Star Achievement!

By Tremayne A. Parquet, AAUW Deputy Director of Advancement

It is with great pleasure that I share some exciting news—AAUW South Placer (CA) Branch has achieved a star in AAUW's FY24 Five Star Program! Your branch attained the Communications & External Relations star. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of your branch members to advancing AAUW's mission of gender equity for women and girls.

The Five Star Program is designed to honor branches that align their work with AAUW's strategic priorities in areas such as Advancement, Public Policy & Advocacy, Governance & Sustainability, Programming, and Communications & External Relations. Earning a star is an incredible accomplishment, and we are thrilled to celebrate this success with you.

While we will be updating the AAUW website soon to reflect all the branches that have earned stars this year, we wanted to ensure your branch received this good news first. Your achievement will be highlighted alongside other winning branches, showcasing your vital role in supporting AAUW's mission both locally and nationally. State leadership will be informed in the coming days.

Congratulations again on this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to creating a more equitable world. If you have any questions or would like additional resources to help your branch continue its progress in the Five Star Program, please don't hesitate to reach out.

AAUW Holiday Luncheon



Election Results Will Change Public Policy

By Sue Miller, Public Policy Committee

Regardless of anyone's political affiliation, the national results from this election cycle are a setback for AAUW Policy Priorities. The critical issues we support are facing additional hurdles. In a recent webinar, Megan Kissell, national AAUW Public Policy director noted that "AAUW will have to pick its battles – we can't fight everything." One focus will be Education, as the proposed federal Secretary of Education Linda McMahon has very limited educational experience and is very opposed to Title IX. A stated goal is to exclude sexual assault and due process from Title IX. Ms. McMahon has indicated she may change the focus to "Workplace Development" and away from college education.

There is likely to be diminished funding for education, with increased emphasis on Private vs. Public Education leading to a big funding battle. AAUW believes in the separation of church and state, and currently in California there are major issues in at least six school districts involving religious groups working to change public school education policy. (AAUW CA has a Public Policy subcommittee known as the School Boards Project.) Ms. Kissell noted in her comments that national AAUW will focus on Higher Education and look to State and local branches to deal with K-12 education.

AAUW will be working where it can have the greatest impact. Our organization will also be participating in coalitions that have areas in common with ours, such as reproductive freedom. Branch members will likely be asked to engage in targeted lobbying efforts with Congress.

Lobby Days, April 8 and 9

By Sue Miller, Public Policy Committee

In January members will be receiving information about AAUW California Lobby Days and how to sign up. Get ready to advance legislation that makes a difference! This spring the AAUW California 2025 Lobby Days event will be held over two days: an in-person meeting day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 8 and a virtual meeting day over Zoom on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. We encourage all AAUW California members to participate in this opportunity for advocacy that is essential to achieve our legislative priorities. The Public Policy Committee will select the top three bills that we will advance during Lobby Days. Training materials on these three bills will be posted on the state website by March 26, 2025, and a mandatory training webinar will be held on March 31, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Having a *team* from our branch is my goal! It may benefit our branch in the future to have our State Assembly Member and Senator know who we are. And it can certainly help the passage of bills that can improve the lives of women and girls in California. Email me if you'd like more info,



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Kudos to...Kathy Kort

Kathy designed and assembled the centerpieces for both the Holiday Party and the Kickoff earlier this year. Six lucky members who attended the Holiday Party were able to take home one of her custom centerpieces. Thanks for all your hard work, Kathy!



Whether you volunteer a little or a lot, volunteering and giving back is known to be good for many reasons – here are just a few:

Physical Health

Volunteering can improve your overall health, lower your blood pressure, and reduce your risk of hospitalization. Many volunteer opportunities involve physical tasks like walking, moving, and lifting.

Mental Health

Volunteering can reduce stress, depression, and anxiety. It can also boost your overall satisfaction with life.

Social Health

Volunteering can help you build social networks, make new friends, and connect with others.

Sense of Purpose

Volunteering can give you a sense of meaning and appreciation, both given and received. It can also help you feel proud and helpful.

Discovery

Volunteering can help you discover new passions and skills.

AAUW handbook online - update

The printed Handbook Directory has been posted in the Members Only secured section of our website @ www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org. To view the directory online, hover over the About Us menu item and Choose the Members tab from the drop-down menu. The password is in the front of the printed Handbook Directory. It is a standard pdf file; if you want to look someone up, you can either scroll down or search by using Ctrl F and typing in either a first or last name. Please take a minute to review your own name and let us know about any updates and/or corrections.

It includes:

- page 5 Officer updates: Kathy Novotny as Fin VP
Kathy Looney as Membership Database Chair
Philanthropy and Program VPs TBD
- 2. Kathy Kennedy email correction

Full STEAM ahead for our 2025 Tech Trek Summer Camp!!

By Carol Delville & Andrea Flamenco, Committee Chairs



October and November, over 75 Branch Coordinators participated in the 2024-25 Tech Trek Branch Coordinators Kick-off Meetings. In addition, UC Davis Branch Coordinators Zoom calls occurred each month, so much information, lots to do! I'm so excited to continue our work to make the 2025 Tech Trek STEAM camp experience a success for all!

Board recap

By Schelly Jensen, Co-President

Items that the board discussed at the December board meeting include:

- No Reservations has raised over \$5,000 so far, contributions are still being accepted.
- All 3 Sierra College Scholarship women will continue at Sierra College in the Spring Semester
- High School Scholarship applications have gone out
- Speech Trek semifinals are Feb. 1 and the Finals are Feb 7
- In lieu of a branch program in January, members will be encouraged to attend the IBC Luncheon
- A briefing on the Public-School Defenders Hub
- Announcement of the 2025-26 Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Members Announced

By Schelly Jensen, Co-President

This year's nominating committee is composed of branch members Carolyn Garfein, Michelle Colletto and Lynda Stockwell. If you are interested in being a member of the AAUW-RSP Board of Directors next year (July 2025-June 2026) please contact one of the committee members. A list of candidates for next year's board will be published in Branch Lines in the spring.

Sierra College Committee

by Lynda Stockwell, Chair



6 Week Break: Classes ended Dec 13; spring semester starts Jan 27, 2025

AAUW has decided to discontinue sponsoring **NCCWSL** (nick-whistle), **the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**, effective 2025, citing budgetary constraints. They have outsourced the conference to **NASPA**, the National Association of Student

Personnel Administrators organization. The place, time, venue, cost, and curriculum of the conference are all to be determined. For more information, go to the www.aauw.org or www.naspa.org.

Feb 2025 Sierra College Events:

Free Saturday, February 1, 2025, 10am – 12pm, Rocklin Campus, Sewell Hall

Best Buds – How Plants and Humans Interact: explore the cultural symbolism of flowers.

Check out the Sierra College **EVENTS** calendar at www.sierracollege.edu/events.

Current Interest Group Activities

Group Name	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
<p>GREAT DECISIONS GROUP Great Decisions Raley's Event Center 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville Topic: Open forum: "Themes of global, national, and local concerns." Contact Elsie Gaura</p>	Elsie Gaura	2 nd Friday of-each month Jan 10	10:00AM
<p>WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP Zoom meeting – turn on your computer, iPad, Kindle Fire or smartphone! Reviewing: <u>5th Avenue Glamour Girl</u> by Renee Rosen</p>	Nancy Taylor	3 rd Wednesday of each month Jan 15	10:00AM
<p>WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP BOOK: <i>The First Ladies</i> by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray HOST: Kathy Kort REVIEWER: Kathy Kort For additional information contact: Judy Martin</p>	Judy Martin	Wednesday Jan 8	6:30PM
<p>MAH JONGG GROUP To join, contact Joyce Wade Joyce:</p>	Joyce Wade	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays Jan 2 Brenda Knaack's hosts Jan 16 Susie Hovde's hosts	1:00PM
<p>CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP Casual Gardener will meet on the second Wednesday in January, Jan. 8, because the 1st Wednesday is New Years Day. The program TBA. To join, contact Diane Madden</p>	Diane Madden	1 st Wednesday of each month: Jan 8	10:00AM
<p>RUMMIKUB at Sandy Haley's</p>	Sandy Haley	Monday Jan 20	11:00 AM

5517 Lantern Grove Lane in Sun City Roseville
RSVP to Sandy
Call or text:
Please, include your name

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Current Neighborhood Group Activities

Lincoln/Loomis Neighborhood Group -- The next gathering I planned will be **January 9th** for a night of art. The Art League of Lincoln is having a 2nd Thursday reception, 5pm-7pm. Address: 580 Sixth St, Lincoln. Sela Greenhouse

Roseville Neighborhood Group. Roseville Neighborhood Group invites all members of Roseville-South Placer Branch to join us for Breakfast at Timbers 7050 Del Webb Blvd. in Sun City Roseville from 9:00- about 10:15 AM the third Monday of every month.

Following breakfast, anyone interested in playing easy-to-learn-fun-to-play Rummikub is invited to Sandy Haley’s home 5517 Lantern Grove Lane, very near Timbers. Play as many or as few games as you want until about 1:00 PM.

Mark your calendar:
January 20
February 17
March 17

RSVP to Sandy by noon the Saturday before.
Call or text
Include your name.
Indicate if you’ll be coming to Breakfast or Rummikub or both

Rocklin Group. Group contact is Lynda Stockwell, or Elizabeth Gonzales ,
The January Rocklin Group activity is attending the [IBC Fund Luncheon on Saturday, Jan 25, 2025 at 12 pm \(door opens 11:30am\)](#) at Northridge Country Club. The Inter Branch Council includes the 7 regional AAUW branches. RSVP and purchase tickets (\$32) on our Branch website. At the luncheon, hear inspirational speakers and purchase silent auction baskets supporting the AAUW Funds and the education of women across this country. All Branch members are welcome to join inEmail, call/text Lynda Stockwell for [information on attending the luncheon](#)

*** 2025 Words of Wisdom ***

Friendship

A good friend is like a warm blanket on a cold day-a comfort and a joy. When I’m feeling down or in need of a compassionate ear, I reach out to my friends and trust they will be there for me.

My heart rejoices in the memories we have shared-the tears and the laughter. These treasures are part of the rich tapestry of my life. My ups and downs would not have been the same without the supportive presence of my friends.

I pray I am the blessing in my friends' lives that they have been in mine. I endeavor always to be responsive and compassionate, to celebrate their joys and alleviate their sorrows.

Enthusiastic

Having a gift to share excites me as I imagine how it will be received. My heart feels full when I recall the love and intention that went into its selection and the person for whom the gift was chosen.

This combination of excitement and fulfillment is enthusiasm. And my passions and my purpose are the gifts I give to the world. When I am in the flow of life, when I feel fully engaged and interested in what I am doing, enthusiasm is the natural result.

The life, love, and power flow from me into the world. I use my talents and unique gifts to share this awesome divine energy as only I can. I am generous and eager. I am interested and engaged in the world around me. With enthusiasm, I give myself to life.



Linking together for our mission.

Board meeting

The next Branch Board Meeting is **January 13**. We will meet at (10 am) Raley's O-N-E Market | 1970 Blue Oaks Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747. All members are welcome. **Please send an email to the President if you plan to attend and if you have something to add to the meeting agenda.**

For updates in real time, please visit our branch website at

aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org