



BRANCH LINES

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April -- Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans

Kathy Kort – VP Programs



Date: Saturday; April 13

Time: 10:00 to Noon

Location: Lincoln Library

Speakers: Carol Garcia from VP, First Northern Bank & Linda Williams Director of Enrollment Management and Financial Aid, Sierra College

Heads Up! Carol Garcia, Vice President/Community Relations from First Northern Bank, and Linda Williams, Director of Enrollment Management and Financial Aid will be our keynote speakers on Deeper In Debt: Women and Student Loans. The program will be informative and reinforce our commitment to provide scholarships at Sierra College for women each year.

Carol and Linda's will talk about the impact student loan debt has on citizens – gender and racial disparities and ultimately basic life decisions. Register on line: aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org/events

There will be a question-and-answer time at the end of the program. The meeting is open to non-members. Light refreshments will be served. Any questions, please contact Kathy Kort

April – 'Final Friday of the month' happy hour

Lora Finnegan – VP Membership

Date: April 26

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Bennett' s Westside Grill

Look forward to a change of venue for April—Bennett' s Westside Grill.

The address is [6604 Lonetree Blvd, Rocklin](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6604+Lonetree+Bldg,+Rocklin,+CA).

They have an exciting happy hour menu! Please bring cash.

Please RSVP / Register on line: aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org/events



May – AAUW Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for our Annual Branch Meeting on **May 25th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the Lincoln Library** on Twelve Bridges. The meeting will include the following:

- Candidates of officers for 2024-2025
- Branch vote
- Swearing in of new officers
- Annual Summary Report from Vice Presidents
- Thank You to Outgoing Board
- Eleanor Roosevelt Named Honorees - certificate presentation
- 50 Year Membership Presentation - pin and certificate
- Tech Trek names of the girls who will be attending the UC Davis camp in July
- Membership updates - number of new members since our kickoff meeting in September
- Drawing - free membership for 3 members who have recruited new members
- Update on Sierra College projects



Lunch will be catered by Saladworks in Lincoln and free to attendees. Information will be sent later regarding RSVP information and food choices.

2024-2025 Board Member Nominations

The nominating committee has worked hard to find new people to get them involved and contribute new ideas. We have come up with a board that combines experience with fresh sources of ideas. Nominees will be voted on at the Annual meeting May 25th.

Nominations:

- Co-President: Schelly Jensen, Sandy Haley
- Pres elect: Michelle Colletto
- Finance VP- Treasurer: Sandi Sherwood
- Secretary: Leslie McNeil
- Membership VP: Lora Finnegan
- Outreach VP: Patricia Goldman
- Philanthropy VP: Juanita Garcia
- Program VP: Kathy Novotny

Eleanor Roosevelt Nomination



Each year we select two members to receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for outstanding contributions to our Branch. Please take a moment to think of deserving members in our branch and nominate someone who has been outstanding in giving her time, talent, and effort for the good of our Branch. Help us thank these members by honoring them with the Eleanor Roosevelt Award. Presented at the May installation meeting.

CRITERIA FOR ANNUAL ROOSEVELT BRANCH HONOREES AWARD

- Leadership
 - Commitment to the AAUW Mission and Vision
 - May have served on the Board
 - May have chaired a committee or Interest Group
 - Increased membership
 - Participates in any aspects of branch activities
- Volunteerism
 - Volunteers at events, programs, serves on committees
- Innovation
 - Has successfully effected change by trying new ways of doing things
 - Skilled at planning and implementing programs, events, committee work

Nomination Form - Eleanor Roosevelt Award

- Branch member's Name
- Supporting criteria paragraphs
- Send your nomination information in an email to Leslie McNeill
- Mail to Leslie
- **Submit all nominations by April 18th, 2024**

Welcome New Member - Pat McCluskey

We are pleased to welcome our new member, Patricia (Pat) McCluskey. A native Californian, Pat grew up in Orinda, which at that time was a rural town. A 1959 graduate of San Jose State University, she received a BA in Education. Pat's career was in teaching, both at the elementary and high school levels.

Pat first lived in San Jose and later moved to Granite Bay. Twelve years ago, she and her husband retired to Lincoln. She is a returning member of AAUW, having originally joined while living in Granite Bay.

Pat came to Speech Trek and was impressed not only with our Branch program, but as a former teacher, with the quality of the finalists' speeches. Because of that experience, she decided to join our Branch.

Pat is interested in Speech Trek, high school scholarships, gardening, and games. Her personal interests include supporting child protection, environmental issues, politics, nature, and the animal world. Welcome Pat!



AAUW Open Membership



This spring, AAUW members will be asked to consider a proposed national bylaws amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for AAUW membership. The amendment was brought forward to fully open membership to anyone who supports AAUW's work. The intent is to align our practices with our mission for equity.

April 3 | Voting opens. Look for your encrypted ballot email from Simply Voting, Check your spam folder.

May 15 | Online voting ends at 12 noon ET and results will be announced online.

What do you have that Eleanor Roosevelt didn't? A college degree. You heard that right. No all-nighter study sessions for her. No blue books. No Top Ramen®. No fashion-backward mortarboard. Eleanor Roosevelt—yes, Eleanor Roosevelt—would technically not be able to join AAUW today as she did not earn a traditional degree by attending college. If you think something is wrong with that picture, vote Yes in April on the proposed amendment to National's bylaws to drop the degree requirement for membership. AAUW California supports it and here's [why](#).

Parking lot sale fundraiser, May 18

Got a small piece of furniture, some doo-dads or knickknacks, household goods or collectibles you want to get rid of? Here is your chance! Donate them to AAUW Roseville South Placer branch for us to sell at the annual Sun City Lincoln Hills parking lot sale on May 18. Please put a tag with your sale price on your item and drop it off at Kathy Kort's garage. Please call for her address and to make sure she is at home: 916-408-3593. We also need volunteers to help transport items to the sales site and man the booth on May 18. To volunteer, contact Kathy Kort

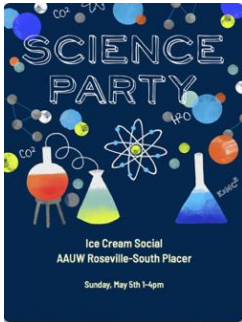


New - AAUW handbook online

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. 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.

Tech Trek Ice Cream Social - May 5th

Carol Delville - Co-coordinator, Tech Trek



Exciting things are happening moving forward toward our 2024 UC Davis Tech Trek! Applications are in and complete, interviews happened on Sunday, March 17th at Raley's Blue Oaks Community Room. Very excited to share that one of our Trekkers from last year, Nira Hundal, joined the Roseville-South Placer interview team. All selections must be made and sent to California Tech Trek by April 15th. Our celebratory Ice Cream Social will be held on May 5th, at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville. Inspired by the girls we sent last year and our branch's support, Andrea Flamenco and I look forward to being part of an engaging, dynamic, and rewarding camp for all to experience!

Our 1960-2020 Display Board is at Sierra College with Barbie!

Lynda Stockwell – Sierra College Chair



Our displays of Women's Achievements History, 1960 - 2020, are on display in Weaver Hall at Sierra College during the month of March, Women's History Month. They start on the first floor and wind through the second floor in 3 more cabinets. They are on loan from our AAUW Roseville South Placer Branch. The surprise of the exhibit is a Barbie doll careers display.

Check out AAUW's Social Media:

Link: [Home | AAUW-RSP Branch Site \(aauwroselillesouthplacer.org\)](https://www.aauwroselillesouthplacer.org)

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Book Banning Challenges Increased in 2023

Joan Mackey



Attempts to outright ban public library books and school library books grew last year, according to a report from the American Library Association. The number of individual titles challenged in both school and public libraries rose 65% from the previous year—the highest level ever recorded by the American Library Association.

Public libraries have been threatened with a loss of funding for their refusal to remove books. The library association cited 27 instances of police reports being filed against library staff over the books that are on their shelves.

In the schools, organized groups are going to school board meetings demanding the removal of dozens, if not hundreds, of books. “Moms for Liberty” is one of the groups plaguing elementary schools.

Almost half the challenged books deal with LGBTQ themes, and race or racism.

Deborah Caldwell-Stone, of the American Library Association says that the battle over books continues to escalate. A growing number of states are passing laws to restrict books, and a growing number of those laws are now being challenged in court.

Membership Committee at Work for our Branch!

Lora Finnegan

A big thank you to AAUW members who helped man an information and membership table at the recent Sun City Lincoln Hills Expo for groups and activities. We were able to give out a lot of literature pertaining to our philanthropy and our upcoming events. We chatted with several potential new members, and it was deemed a worthwhile activity by all who participated. Thank you to Barbara Gordon, Jennie Griffin, Pat Morgan, and Kathy Kort, who all helped man the table with Lora Finnegan. Further kudos to Sandi Sherwood and Dotti May, who put in a lot of work on short notice preparing flyers and handouts to distribute at the event. Thank you for all your support to the branch.



AAUW CA Legislative Priorities for 2024

Sue Miller, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee met recently to review over 60 bills in the CA Legislature and select approximately 30 that will be managed by our Legislative Advocate Kathy Von Osten. The three Highest Priority bills are below.

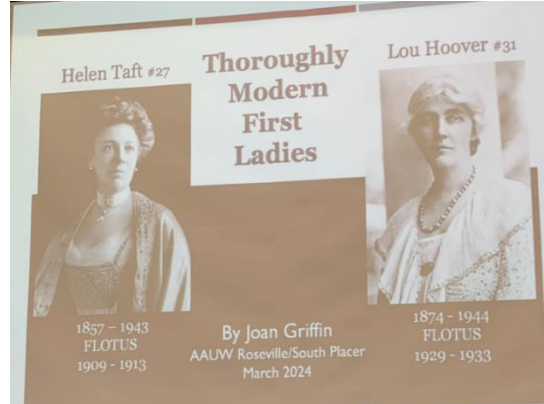
<p>AB 2099 (Bauer-Kahan)</p>	<p>This bill would make a new misdemeanor or a felony (Wobbler) for sharing personal information or images of certain individuals, such as reproductive health care providers, with the intent of causing harm or violence against them or anyone living at the same address.</p>
<p>AB 2326 (Alvarez)</p>	<p>This measure requires the three public higher education institution Chancellors/President to gather information on each institution's compliance with Title IX, and to provide an annual report, including a direct presentation to the Assembly and Senate Subcommittees on Education Finance. This would include information on new policies adopted to improve the reporting process, investigation and resolution of complaints. AAUW CA is co-sponsoring this bill.</p>
<p>AB 2843 (Petrie-Norris)</p>	<p>Several factors may impact a rape survivor's decision to seek care and/or report a rape, but costs for medical care should not be one of them. AB 2843 eliminates cost-sharing, including deductibles, from being imposed on any rape survivor seeking medical care following a rape. Forensic exams and rape kits are free, however, other costs associated with an ER visit are not for those with private insurance. AB 2843 ensures that those individuals who wish to report a rape and file charges will have the benefit of a rape kit test and forensic exam to provide evidence to secure more convictions for acts of sexual violence. Moreover, they can receive the care that they need following a traumatic sexual attack. AAUW CA is sponsoring this bill.</p>

Check out the AAUW CA website for the other bills on which we have taken positions. AAUW members will be taking part in our annual Lobby Days, April 2 and 3, meeting with legislators in their Capitol offices or in zoom meetings. We do this to acquaint our elected Assembly members and Senators with AAUW’s mission and values, and urge them to vote “aye” on bills we support. You can follow the progress of bills on the website.

March --- Women’s History: The Making of the Modern First Lady

Kathy Kort – VP Programs





In celebration of Women’s History Month, at our monthly meeting on March 23rd, we learned about the significant contributions that two lesser known First Ladies made before, during and after being in the White House. Joan Griffin, (teacher, author, writer, and storyteller) gave us a glimpse into two remarkable ladies, Helen “Nellie” Taft and Lou Hoover. More than 50 were in attendance with several who signed up to become new members. At the end of Joan’s presentation, she talked about the book she had written – Forces of Nature – Three Women Tackle the John Muir Trail.

Current Interest Group Activities

Group Name	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
GREAT DECISIONS GROUP Raley’s Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd, Roseville Topic: <i>Technology Denial & Sino-American Rivalry</i> , Open Forum Elsie:	Elsie Gaura	2 nd Friday of each month April 12	10:00AM
WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP Zoom meeting – turn on your computer, iPad, Kindle Fire or smartphone! Book/Author: <i>The Fraud</i> by Zadie Smith Nancy:	Nancy Taylor	3 rd Wednesday of each month April 17	10:00AM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP Book/Author: <i>The People of the Book</i> by Geraldine Brooks, Host/reviewer Pat Morgan Jane:	Jane Watkins	Wednesday April 3	6:30PM
MAH JONGG GROUP Joyce: To join, contact Joyce Wade	Joyce Wade	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays April 4: hoist is Fran Rice April 18: host is Nancy Taylor	1:30PM

<p>CHICAGO/DUPICATE BRIDGE GROUP Leslie:</p>	<p>Leslie McNeill</p>	<p>2nd Wednesday of each month April 10</p>	<p>1:00 PM</p>
<p>WINE GROUP For information about next planned event, call Joan:</p>	<p>Joan Donlon</p>		
<p>CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP Meet at 9:50 AM at Quarry Pond near Peet's. Carpool to leave at 10 AM Destination: El Dorado Nursery and Garden 3931 Durock Rd #C Shingle Springs, CA 95682 530-676-6555 Lunch : CT European Cafe & Grill 4064 Mother Lode Dr Shingle Springs, CA 95682 RSVP to Diane Madden by April 1!</p>	<p>Diane Madden</p>	<p>1st Wednesday of each month April 3</p>	<p>10:30AM</p>

Current Neighborhood Group Activities

Lincoln Neighborhood Group –

Roseville Neighborhood Group – All members and prospective members of Roseville-South Placer Branch are invited to join the Roseville Neighborhood Group for breakfast at 9 am, Monday, April 15, at Timbers 7050 Del Webb Blvd. in Sun City Roseville. RSVP to Sandy Haley before Friday, April 12, by sending an email to her, or you can call or text her. Be sure to include your name.

Rocklin Group: Rocklin will attend the branch April program “Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans”, Saturday, April 13, 10AM – noon at Lincoln Twelve Bridges library.

*** 2024 Words of Wisdom ***

7 Gender Inequality Examples That Show How Women Still Aren't Equal to Men

Charlotte Hilton Andersen Updated: Jan. 17, 2024

1. Ladies are always on dish duty

Women of all ages still tend to do more [household chores](#) than their male partners. A study published in the journal *Work, Employment and Society* found that women do around 16 hours of household chores every week, while men do closer to six. Women also did the bulk of the domestic duties in 93% of the couples analyzed. When both the men and women were employed full-time, the women were found to be five times more likely than the men to spend at least 20 hours a week doing household chores.



“I don’t think it’s a matter of men refusing to help out—it’s just that they don’t think about it as much,” Lombardo says. “Women are natural multitaskers and so will automatically do things they see need doing, while a man can walk past a sink full of dishes and not even register it as a thing that needs to be taken care of.” The solution? Talk it out! Don’t be afraid to ask your partner to pitch in, she says.

2. Female athletes in most sports earn less

Take tennis, for example: Roger Federer has made \$130 million in career prize money, while [Serena Williams](#) has earned \$94.8 million in career prize money. And in the ranking of the top 50 highest-paid athletes in the world, Williams is one of only two women on the list. It’s hotly debated who is the better athlete, but it’s apparent from their paychecks which is the more valued athlete.

“In U.S. culture, masculinity is tied to sports, and athletic women threaten the masculine hold on sports,” Anderson says, adding that female athletes are downplayed in other ways too. “In photographs in sports magazines, women are often portrayed off the court or field, in sexualized poses, while men are shown playing their sport. This is a strategy to trivialize [women’s] athleticism and make their presence in sports less threatening,” she says. Research has shown, however, that sports are making steady, albeit slow, progress in pay equality.

3. Women do most of the caregiving

Upward of 75% of unpaid caregivers—mostly to children or elderly relatives—are women, according to Family Caregiver Alliance. And women spend as much as 50% more time providing care than males. “We see it as normal when a woman takes care of the kids, but when we see a dad at the park with his child, it’s like, ‘Whoa, what’s happening here?’” Lombardo says. These gender roles may be loosening, however, as more men take pride in their role of father instead of saying that they’re “babysitting.” If you’re looking to support more female creatives, consider picking up these [books by female authors](#).

4. Women are more likely to die of a heart attack

[Heart disease](#) is the leading killer of all Americans, regardless of gender or [race](#), according to the American Heart Association. Yet, even though women and men tend to get heart attacks in roughly equal numbers throughout their lifetime, women are slower to get diagnosed, less likely to get treatment and more likely to die of a heart attack, according to research done by Harvard University.

One reason may be that heart attack symptoms look different in women, leading both patients and providers to miss crucial warning signs. The researchers also found that compared with men, women were less likely to

receive adequate immediate and follow-up care, including being prescribed medications such as aspirin and cholesterol-lowering drugs, or to receive advice about quitting smoking.

5. Women are more likely to live and die in poverty

Poverty is heartbreaking no matter the gender, but data shows that women are at a much higher risk. Rates of poverty for males and females are the same throughout childhood, but then increase for women during their childbearing years and again in old age, according to the Center for American Progress. And women of color, single moms and the elderly are even more vulnerable.

Poverty has been linked to poor health outcomes including higher rates of suicide and depression, a greater risk of obesity and a higher rate of infant and maternal death, so the needs of poor women need to be addressed, stat. “Because women start out with less, they end up with less, it’s really a vicious cycle,” Lombardo says.

6. STEM industries are still largely dominated by men

Despite efforts over the past few decades to get more girls interested in science, technology, engineering and math, these industries remain heavily male. This can turn into a self-reinforcing cycle, Anderson says. Because men have run these industries for so long, the jobs have become suited to the particular needs of men. “Often this creates a hostile environment for women,” she says. This may be intentional or unintentional, but until there is more leadership regarding gender issues and incentives to fix the problem, it will persist, she adds.

7. Sexual harassment, abuse and domestic violence hurt more women

Men can be victims of rape and harassment, but the statistics show that the vast majority of victims of sex crimes are female. Women are more likely to be catcalled, harassed at work, abused by a partner, molested as children and sex trafficked, according to RAINN. Until men lose status for mistreating women and until these crimes are fully prosecuted, we cannot expect these heartbreaking stats to change, Anderson says.



Linking together for our mission.

Board meeting

Branch Board Meeting is the 2nd Monday of each month. We will meet at Raley’s (10 am) Raley's O-N-E Market | 1970 Blue Oaks Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747 or Raley’s in Lincoln. 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

aaurosevillesouthplacer.org