



## BRANCH LINES

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Empowering Women Since 1881

### Welcome New Member - Barbara Shirk

We are pleased to welcome a new member, Barbara Shirk. Barbara is a graduate of California State University at Fullerton with a BA in Anthropology and a minor in American Studies. She is a native Californian from Los Angeles County, living there until she moved to Roseville five years ago and retired here.

Barbara's 45-year career was with commercial insurance, where she handled large commercial clients. She then was a trainer for new employees and took part in a five-year rollout of a countrywide policy management system, training associates in all the US based offices. For the final five years of her career, she created the training materials and programs used by the learning and development unit of the company.

Barbara ran a marathon in San Francisco at the age of 58 and subsequently participated in half marathons. She still walks daily. Her personal interests include cooking, food/wine, reading and fitness and she is a great addition to the Branch. Welcome Barbara!

### Empower Change: Donate to RSP AAUW for Women and Girls

In the pursuit of equality, organizations like Roseville South-Placer AAUW play a crucial role. By donating to RSP AAUW, you're supporting our mission to empower women and girls in our community, creating a brighter future for all.

In a world striving for inclusivity, RSP AAUW embodies these values. Through education and advocacy, we break barriers and redefine possibilities. Your contribution isn't just support; it's a belief in the potential of women and girls to shape a better tomorrow.

Support RSP AAUW and be part of the journey to enrich lives in our community. Your donation ignites change, empowering women and girls to overcome challenges and create an equitable world. Assist us in achieving our objective of collecting \$10,000 for our fundraising event titled "No Reservations" scheduled for this month.

### AAUW's Next Happy Hour Meet-up

October 27 (4-6) at Bennett's, 1595 Eureka Rd. in Roseville (off Lead Hill Rd.). Happy hour pricing ranges from \$6 to \$12 for sips and bites. **Please plan to pay in cash.**

## October - CA's Legislative Agenda – Supporting Women and Children

Kathy Kort – VP Programs



Looking for an easy way to stay informed about the legislative developments impacting our community? Come hear about new California laws and get valuable insights into how potential state budget cuts may affect services vital to our community—such as childcare funding.

The American Association of University Women, Roseville South-Placer Branch presents a free seminar by Kathy Van Osten, AAUW CA Legislative Advocate and Partner at MVM Strategy. Van Osten, who has represented AAUW CA in the California Legislature since 2020, will offer a comprehensive update on the California Legislative session that concluded on September 30.

Date: Saturday, October 21

Time: 10:00am to Noon

Location: Lincoln Library  
485 Twelve Bridges Dr, Lincoln,  
Light refreshments served.

To register for the event and reserve your spot, visit:

<https://www.aauwroselillesouthplacer.org/events>

**New members get 50% off National dues if they join at this event!**

## CA LEGISLATION

Sue Miller

Unsure of what bills we're supporting in California in this legislative cycle and/or how they've fared in the Senate/Assembly this year? Click on the bill tracker [auw-ca.org/documents/2023/09/bill-tracking.pdf](http://auw-ca.org/documents/2023/09/bill-tracking.pdf). This year's California legislative cycle is winding down, so we're working hard with our coalition partners to get our bills to the governor's desk.

## Tech Trek - pictures from Kick-Off meeting





Click here to see Tech Trek video:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SwupD96O-UmIJmVrTI3RQ\\_Nnamd95lgA/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SwupD96O-UmIJmVrTI3RQ_Nnamd95lgA/view?usp=drive_link)

**Do not forget to pick-up your 2023-2024 handbook phone directory at the next monthly meeting – Oct 21**      Amy Cho – Handbook

## Tech Trek Grant

Lora Finnegan and Carolyn Garfein



The Placer Community Foundation is all about giving back, and to that end the foundation ‘s Ruth Burgess Women’s Fund has donated \$1000 to the American Association of University Women Roseville South Placer (AAUW-RSP).

“We’re proud that the Ruth Burgess group has chosen to aid us in our mission to support the education of local women and girls,”

The donation will fund a Tech Trek scholarship, which will enable a local eighth grade girl to attend next year’s Tech Trek science camp, a one-week camp held annually on the UC Davis campus. Barbara Shirk and Vicki Spannagel presented the check to AAUW-RSP at the branch’s Kick Off meeting, held September 16 at the Maidu Center in Roseville.

## IBC Fund Luncheon – Save the date – Saturday Jan 20, 2024

**Save the Date!**  
Saturday, January 20, 2024  
Noon – 2 pm

Join us for the first in-person AAUW Fund Luncheon since 2020. Hear from your AAUW California state officers; be inspired by 2023-24 AAUW Fund scholars. Enjoy luncheon & speakers while benefiting the AAUW Fund.

**Northridge Country Club**  
7600 Madison Ave. Fair Oaks CA

Reserve your spot today: \$40 to AAUW CHAR  
P.O. Box 1555, Fair Oaks, CA 95628  
Note “AAUW Fund Luncheon” on the memo line. Please specify your luncheon choice of either: Turkey w/mashed potatoes & veggies or Vegetarian Risotto.

- North Ridge Country Club, Fair Oaks, CA
- Noon to 2pm
- Guest Speaker - Tracy Ramondini
- Learn all about Gov Trek - new AAUW program for High School girls
- \$40.00 for lunch
- RSVP: AAUW CHAR
- PO BOX 1555, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
- Note – turkey w/mashed potatoes or Veg Risotto

## Seeking Candidates: Director/Co-Directors for the 2024 TECH TREK @ UC DAVIS

We hope you have heard from 2023 Trekkers or will soon, it was a great year at the UC Davis Tech Trek. From opening day with our former Trekkers as keynote speakers through a week packed with engaging workshops and field trips to Friday night's ice cream chemistry. Great core classes and terrific camp staff -- both new and returning!!! Many changes -- including a new dorm area of camp, which proved to be better than the past in many ways.

So, change is good, and as we've said over the past year, we need to make a change in the camp directorship. As you know, Susan Wheeler "retired" after 2022 camp, and we (Stephanie Facchini and Martha Rees) have retired after this past year. We need someone or two someone's to take the baton next.

That said, in addition to Stephanie, Susan and me, we have a willing and able group of individuals to assist in a wide range of aspects of planning and holding camp to help, coach, counsel -- and play various roles as needed. We simply need a director/co-directors to head the camp.

That's where you come in. **Without a new director/co-director, there will be no UC Davis Tech Trek.** In fact, we've been told that if we don't have someone willing to take over **by the end of the year**, the camp may not be able to be held. So, please think about if you, someone in your branch, a former Trekker who is currently in a career that may encourage her involvement, or someone else you know might be interested in finding out more about possibly being a director/co-director candidate.

Our best, Martha and Stephanie

Martha Rees <a href="mailto:mjkrees@yahoo.com">mjkrees@yahoo.com</a> H 530.274.8177	Stephanie Facchini <a href="mailto:sj.facchini@gmail.com">sj.facchini@gmail.com</a> 530.913.5519
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### Current Interest Group Activities

Group Name	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
<b>GREAT DECISIONS GROUP</b> Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd, Roseville Topic: "Global Famine" presented by Lora Finnegan. Elsie: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Elsie Gaura	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month - Oct 13	10:00am
<b>WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP</b> <u>Zoom meeting</u> - turn on your computer, I Pod, Kindle Fire, or smartphone! Book/Author: for October is <i>Oh William</i> by Elizabeth Strout Nancy: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Nancy Taylor	3rd Wednesday of each month – Oct 18	New time 10:00am
<b>WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP</b> Host: Carolyn Garfein Book/Author: <i>The Other Alcott</i> by Elise Hooper Jane: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Jane Watkins	Wednesday – Oct 4	6:30pm

<b>MAH JONGG GROUP</b> Joyce: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Joyce Wade	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month Oct 5 & 19	1:00pm
<b>CHICAGO/DUPLICATE BRIDGE GROUP</b> Leslie: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Leslie McNeill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – Oct 11	1:00pm
<b>WINE GROUP</b> - For information about the next planned event call Joan ( <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a> )	Joan Donlon	See advertisement below - <b>Come taste the wines of South America</b>	
<b>CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP</b> Contact Claire: <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a> Diane - <a href="mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com">aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</a>	Diane Madden	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month – Oct 4 Tour of Claire Ravi's home 4379 Barton Road, Loomis Gate code 1776	10:00am

## Current Neighborhood Group Activities

**Lincoln Neighborhood Group** - October 13 at 10 AM. Meet at Gypsy Chic, a monthly pop-up style vintage market in Lincoln. It's 6000 square feet of rustic, elegant, or shabby-chic shopping fun. Then at noon we will meet at Old Town Pizza for lunch and compare our finds. Gypsy Chic is at 109 Flocchini Circle., off First St. Please RSVP for lunch to [aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com)

**Roseville Neighborhood Group** - All Branch members are welcome even if you're not in the Roseville Neighborhood Group. Also welcome are guests who are considering joining Roseville South Placer Branch Sandy Haley [aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com)

**Rocklin/Springfield** – Pending contact for this group

## Lincoln Neighborhood Group



For their September outing, The AAUW-RSP Lincoln Neighborhood Group enjoyed a fabulous lunch at Jennie Griffin's house (in her lovely garden), followed by an outing to downtown Lincoln for a presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof." The show featured an outstanding cast and great music, so the day was enjoyed by all.

## Wine Group Event - **Come taste the wines of South America**

Open to all members and friends of AAUW.



Date: Sunday, October 22

Time: from 4-6 pm

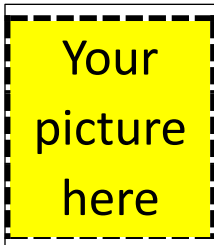
Place: at Carolyn Garfein's house

**Bring an appetizer and \$10 to cover the cost of the wine.**

To RSVP: Please send a check to Carolyn Garfein, 1059 Overland Ln, Lincoln; [aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com)

## Member Directory Handbook

### Dotti May & Amy Cho – Handbook



Please view page 24 & 25 of this year's handbook and see the 32 pictures of members. The updated handbook will include members' pictures. Please provide your own headshot, so you are not left out. Email your "JPG pic" to Dotti May: [aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com).

Your picture will be included with your contact information (address, phone and email address). It is easier to get to know our members with photos. 😊

If your **name, address, email, or phone number** changes let us both know, so we can update the handbook and Google Database.

## Website Page – Membership Area – Password Protected

As a member of the Roseville South Placer AAUW branch, you have the privilege of reviewing the following branch items. Password is listed in the 2023-2024 handbook on page 1. Look under the "About Us" tab.

- Newsletter – Branch Lines
- Board Information
  - Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
  - Monthly Financial Statement (P&L)
- Governance
  - By-laws & Job descriptions
  - Policies and Procedures

## Tech Trek Dorm Mum Experience

Sue Kuukka



This year I had planned to be a dorm mum at the Sonoma State Tech Trek camp held in June but gave my place to another lady who was very keen to experience being a dorm mum. So, I was alternate as well as being the alternate for the Davis camp. I never got called to go to either and as the second alternate for the second Sonoma camp in July I thought the chances of being called to go would be practically none. How wrong was I!

The director of the first Sonoma camp had an accident at that camp and broke bones in her arm and leg. So, she was out of action for the second Sonoma camp. Fortunately, Carol Holzgrafe, who was on the AAUW Board until this past June, stepped in to be director. She had planned to be a dorm mum at the camp, and then two other dorm mums couldn't come, so they were now looking for three dorm mums at the last minute. So, I was asked by Carol, about 5 days before camp started, to be a dorm mum – how could I say no! This would be my eighth time as a dorm mum at either Davis or Sonoma.

The week went well. I had a great group of girls, who bonded well together with no clicks forming. I had a few new experiences with my group of girls but all were resolved. I think we are all learning that times have changed since we were first dorm mums. Some of the issues we must deal with are quite different than they were 10 years ago!

Sonoma camp is quite different from the Davis camp regarding the dorms. At Sonoma we stay in housing very like town houses, whereas at Davis we stay in one building with dorm rooms on each floor. I had 5 girls in my house, and 4 of them were next door with the junior counselor. The girls are two to a room with their own bathroom. I had my own room with a bathroom, and I had one girl in a single room. We always met in the living area of my house for dorm time.

The days are long and very busy. We have breakfast at 7:45, and then the girls go to their core classes at 9 am each morning. The core classes were Botany, Engineering, Robotics and Chemistry. Then it is lunch at 12:30 and after lunch they go to various workshops. Dinner is at 5:30 and in the evenings they have other activities including professional women's night, game night, and astronomy, unfortunately it was cloudy that night, but they did get to see all the telescopes in the observatory. There was a field trip to the Sonoma Water Agency which was very interesting. Most days they do not get back to the dorms until after dinner, and sometimes not until after the evening activity. As I said the days are long. Lights out is 10 pm and I have to say my girls this year were ready for bed by 10!

The last night they have what is known as build it night. During the week they design a structure that must be free standing and built with newspapers. They spend any spare time rolling newspapers into thin straws of various lengths. At night they have one hour to build their design, they are given masking tape, scissors, and some extra newspaper if they need it. It is fun seeing all the designs, this year there was a dragon, a dinosaur, the Golden Gate Bridge, a grandfather clock, a rollercoaster and Ferris wheel, a telephone booth and my girls did a British telephone box. I am always impressed by how they do it. When the girls had to tell what they had



made etc., my group did a skit with one on the phone and one outside pretending to talk and all were speaking in English accents about their dorm mum and camp, they were so funny. Of course, I knew nothing about this until that night.

We do a lot of walking, someone said it was  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from our dorms to the cafeteria, I am not sure it was that far, but most days I walked 4 to 6 miles! The food is plentiful, and I know I eat twice as much there than I do at home, especially cookies as they are so good. I thought I had gained weight but apparently, I didn't, mind you I didn't lose any either!

Another thing that is different at Sonoma than Davis is the weather. It is much cooler in Sonoma than it is in Davis in July. We had a couple of days in the nineties, but most days were in the eighties, and it always cooled down at night.

Everyone goes home tired, but the experience they had during the week will be with them for a lifetime.



*Linking together for our mission.*

## Board meeting

Branch Board Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month | 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

**[aauwrosesouthplacer.org](http://aauwrosesouthplacer.org)**