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Make (or help) a friend!



You’ve heard the expression “it takes a village”? Well, that’s a good description of what it takes to keep the Roseville South Placer Branch going and growing. We all believe in our mission, and we think the service and support we provide to girls and women of South Placer is pretty amazing. But we need more of you to step up and help out. Do you have a few hours to spare and want to pitch in while making new or strengthening old friendships? It’s easy: If interested just contact the person noted for more information.

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| • Marketing AAUW - Dotti May |
| • Monthly Program Hospitality – Kathy Kort |
| • Membership Hospitality - Lora Finnegan |
| • Grant Writing/Fundraising – Dotti May |
| • Post on social Media (Facebook & Next-door) – Dotti May |
| • Interest/Neighborhood Groups - Kathy Kort |

New Committee

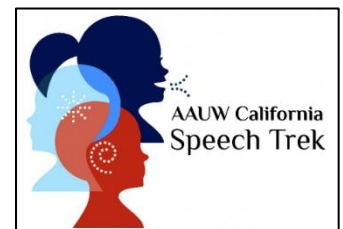
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Speech Trek Coming in February 2024

Denise Hexom –Speech Trek Chair

The 2023-2024 Speech Trek Topic: If an educated population is essential to a nation’s prosperity, then how can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?



September Kick-Off Meeting

Kathy Kort – VP Programs

Panel discussion and video -- Come and meet our Tech Trek recipients and find out what it was like at STEM camp at UC Davis. See Tech Trek bios of each young girl on page 3 & 4.



Date: Saturday, September 16

Time: 10:00am to Noon

Location: Maidu Center

1550 Maidu Dr, Roseville

Light refreshments served.

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

AAUW Happy Hour Event!

Lora Finnegan – VP Membership



Date: Friday, September 29

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Location: Citizen Vine

845 12 Bridges Dr, Lincoln

Wine \$8/glass, appetizers provided.

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

Gov Trek - New

Lynn Cook – Gov Tech Chair

Men still vastly outnumber women in the halls of power. Let's close that gender gap! This webinar will explain how AAUW branches can offer the new, free program developed by AAUW California for junior and senior high school girls 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.



Gov Trek is a virtual statewide program for junior and senior girls attending a California public, private, home, or continuation high school. It is designed to elevate a new generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office. (cont.)

Over five two-hour sessions, students will engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options, and the inner workings of a political campaign. The program will culminate in a group competition to create a realistic campaign simulation.

Tech Trek STEM Camp

Carol Delville – Tech Trek Chair



Gaby Cogollo, Sophia Lozano, Nira Hundal, Lara Smith and Lynnemarie Wang

Gabriela (Gabby) Cogolla, upcoming 8th grader, Olympus Junior High School, Roseville

Gabby grew up in Columbia, coming to California a little over a year ago. She studied English while in school in Columbia. During her interview for Tech Trek, she expressed a natural excitement and thankfulness for the opportunity to participate in the opportunities camp would provide. She has loved science since 1st grade! As she continued to study more in the upper grades, her love of physics, biology and chemistry became apparent. Although she hasn't been to an overnight camp, she's thrilled about the possibility of being around girls her age who are interested in science, just as she is! Her application essay focused on her interest in Sustainable Science. "Sustainable science is a question of normative native; it is an approach that will allow capitalizing research as a tool to solve current problems." Flavia Schlegel, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO. "I think Gabby is on her way to make a huge difference!"

Sophia Lozano, upcoming 8th grader, Gateway Academy, Rocklin

Well-spoken, expressive, and a little shy at first, she quickly warmed up as we talked about science, her experiences, and interests. She has had STEM exposure already at school, is experienced and comfortable with teamwork. She is leaning towards medicine as a career and wants to contribute to society. "I aspire that one day, more people who need assistance will be helped and noticed. With these ideas, math and science would be able to advance not only normal people's lives but also the ones who need it the most. Acceptance and acknowledgement, not tolerance, will be the core of society's vision for the improvement and assurance of our future existence."

Lara Smith, upcoming 8th grader, Gateway Academy, Rocklin

When asked why she thought her teacher nominated her for Tech Trek, Lara, without hesitation, said "I ask lots of questions, am very curious, I want the details! ". Her Energetic and inquisitive qualities will allow her to flourish at camp. She is leaning towards a job in research for cures of illness, especially brain medicine. Her interests include wanting to teach, do research, and share knowledge with others. "Using science, I would make the world a better place by researching and creating an effective, familiar, and painless vaccination alternative. This way, people like me with trypanophobia, (the fear of needles), will no longer have panic attacks over yearly shots. I dream of having something simple and easy to use, an alternative to injections...." Lara Smith, 2023 Tech Trek participant. Lara also loves to sing, perhaps she'll have her "dorm mates" singing!

Lynnmarie Wang, upcoming 8th grader, Warren T. Eich Middle School, Roseville

Lynnmarie has a great smile that seems to exude an aptitude for curiosity, inquisitiveness, and an eagerness to participate. She expressed excitement about the possibility of new challenges that Tech Trek will provide her. Lynnmarie is very interested to use her math and science skills to help people not get sick. Perhaps researching building a device to detect illnesses early on and help improve our daily life. Creating a device that could "see" or monitor one's surroundings so that an individual would be less likely to catch a cold and get sick.

"My interest in STEM started with numbers. I have always liked numbers. Perhaps it began when my parents put out those draw-by-connecting numbers puzzles for me to color. Oddly, I was always told to color inside the box. Now that I am older, I am always told to try to think outside the box. Why must we even limit ourselves to a box?"

Nira Hundal, upcoming 8th grader, Gateway Academy, Rocklin

Nira loves her accelerated math and science classes, she likes the "facts"!! She speaks confidently, eloquently, a bit fast with a friendly, calm demeanor! She enjoys helping her friends and brother with their homework, as she is making a difference. Her family is in the healthcare field, which is probably why she is leaning towards medicine for a career and to be able to help others. She is particularly interested in the brain. "I would use math and science to change the world by inventing a new revolutionary cure for Alzheimer's. When I grow up, I want to be a neurologist and I think curing Alzheimer's would be pretty impactful on the world...."

Interest Groups

Joining an Interest Group gives you the opportunity to have fun and get to know other women in the branch while sharing a common interest. If we do not have something you're interested in, start a group yourself. To request a new interest group, please send an email to Dotti May with the following information:

- Interest Group Name and description
- Leader/Co-leader's: First & Last Name, Email address & Phone number
- Proposed meeting time/date/location

Possible ideas and fun things to do:

ART TOURS - Visit museums and galleries in person
HANDICRAFT CIRCLE - craft projects including knitting, jewelry making, scrapbooking, and quilting
MEET ME AT THE MOVIES - Members watch a movie at the theater
BEHIND THE HEADLINES – Speakers and discussion on a topic of current interest in the news
FOOD, FRIENDS, FUN - Members attend dinner at a home or restaurant
HAPPY HOUR - Gather for wine/cocktails and a chance to catch up with friends
HIKING - Distance and destination to be determined by the hikers
CHILD TUTORING PROGRAM - Volunteer at the Library

Current Interest Groups

Group Name	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
GREAT DECISIONS GROUP Elsie: aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com	Elsie Gaura	2 nd Friday of each month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting in Aug 	10:00am
WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP Book/Author: for August is <i>The Paris Library</i> by Janet Skeslien Charles. Nancy: aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com	Nancy Taylor	3 rd Wednesday of each month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 16 & Sept 20 • <u>Zoom meeting</u> - turn on your computer, I Pod, Kindle Fire, or smartphone: text her 	New time 10:00am
WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP Host: Kathy Kort Book/Author: <i>The Mystery of Mrs. Christie</i> by Marie Benedict Jane: aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com	Jane Watkins	Wednesday August 2	6:30pm
MAHJONG GROUP Joyce: aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com	Joyce Wade	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays of each month	1:00pm
CHICAGO/DUPLICATE BRIDGE GROUP Leslie: aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com	Leslie McNeill	2 nd Wednesday of each month	1:00pm

<p>WINE GROUP - For information about the next planned event call Joan aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</p>	<p>Joan Donlon</p>		
<p>CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP SEPTEMBER 6 - 10:30 AM VENETO GARDENS - tomato grower 9101 ROCK SPRINGS RD NEWCASTLE 95658</p> <p>Please RSVP either to Charlotte or Diane by Monday the 4th of September. Diane - aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com Charlotte - 916-251- 6316 aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</p>	<p>Diane Madden</p>	<p>1st Wednesday of each month</p>	

Neighborhood Groups

The purpose is to create a sense of inclusion among AAUW members by building neighborhood friendships and providing a close membership support system. Groups are arranged by their residential proximity, although members may choose to join any neighborhood group. Opportunities include coffee, lunches, happy hours, cultural events, trips to interesting places to name a few. Contact the person listed if interested in joining or contact Kathy Kort if interested in starting a new group.

<p>Lincoln – Lora Finnegan aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</p>
<p>Rocklin/Springfield – Leslie McNeill aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sun City Roseville – Sandy Haley aauwrosevillesouthplacer@gmail.com</p>

Sierra College Leadership

Linda Stockwell - chair

Our Sierra College Leadership Committee is looking for members to jump start our outreach to Sierra College Students. Sierra College is an AAUW College Partner and offers free student memberships! Our mission is to encourage participation in the many programs and resources that AAUW has to offer students. If you would like to be part of this rewarding program at the College campus, please contact Chair Lynda Stockwell at L.braun@att.net or 916-303-3809.



*** DID YOU KNOW? ***

EQUAL PAY DAYS IN THE U.S.

by [Katharina Buchholz](#), Mar 8, 2023 (from Ashland, OR newsletter)



Latina women in the U.S. had to work all the way through 2021 and into October 2022 to earn the equivalent of the 2021 wages of white, non-Hispanic U.S. men. October 5 marked Latina equal pay day, the second-to-last in a row of equal pay days for different races and ethnicities published by AAUW, also comprising Black Women's equal pay day on July 27 and Native American Women's equal pay day on November 30 of 2022. The equal pay day for all U.S. women (compared to all U.S. men) was March 14. When looking only at full-time, year-round work, this means that on average, American working women are paid 84 cents for every dollar that working men make.

Asian-American women outearn the average woman in the U.S., but Latinas and Native American women get paid no more than 57 cents for every dollar white, non-Hispanic men make. While Latina equal pay day is almost seven months later than the equal pay day for U.S. women overall, Native American women's equal pay day occurs even later, showing that part-time and seasonal work affect this group's paychecks more heavily.

The money females in the U.S. earn compared to men has been increasing slowly in recent years, especially for Asian women. However, at a rate of a two-cent increase per year, Latina women would still have to wait another 22 years for pay parity.



Linking together for our mission.

Board meeting

Branch Board Meeting is the 2nd 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

aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org