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February 2015

**An Evening with Nayomi Munaweera**  
**Award-Winning Author of**  
***Island of A Thousand Mirrors***



**Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 PM**  
**San Ramon Library Community Room**  
**Open to the Public**  
**Presented by**  
**San Ramon AAUW and the San Ramon Library Foundation**  
**(See page 4 for details)**

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## President's Pen

Greetings!

2015 is here and feels like it started fast and furious! Our branch has a lot of activities in the works. Please be sure to read the newsletter for the latest information on events and activities!

**We will begin our search for new board members in February.** If you are interested in becoming active on our Board of Directors, please contact me. We have developed very comprehensive job descriptions that provide insight into the various roles and responsibilities. Our outgoing board members will spend time with you to train you on the position. In addition, AAUW California schedules a Leadership Training day in the summer. There are also a number of online resources available. Please consider saying **YES** if the Nominating Committee approaches you. It is a very worthwhile experience and an opportunity to help sustain our branch and keep it growing.

Please see the page 4 article about our **February program.** We planned a very interesting and informative evening with award-winning author **Nayomi Munaweera on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 PM.** You will hear more about her background and personal endeavors as well as her book, *Island of a Thousand Mirrors*. Please invite your friends and family members to attend. The event is **FREE** and open to the public!

There are a number of ways to be involved in our branch. I encourage you to consider volunteering and participating in as many ways as you can. **On April 25, we will participate in the Bollinger Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale.** Save your repurposed household items, and we will try to sell them. Funds raised will help support branch funding for local scholarships, Tech Trek camperships, and AAUW Funds! Look for more information in March.

**We will hold our annual fundraiser during the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival on May 24 and May 25.** The branch sells ice cream treats during the two-day weekend festival. It is a great way to donate time to the branch and a fun way to get involved in the community. **We need people to help coordinate the efforts of this fundraiser.** Please contact me if you can give between two and six hours of your time to help order ice cream and then schedule people to "work," set up the carts, and deliver ice cream to carts during the sale. Funds from this event generally cover the costs of branch activities.

THANK YOU to all who make our branch fun, exciting, informative, and community focused. We couldn't be successful without you!

Happy February!

Cindy Alpert  
President

## Cork 'N' Fork Academy Awards Party



**Sunday, February 22  
4:30 PM**

**Hosts: Janice and Ed Colby**

**Potluck Dinner**

**BYOB**

**RSVP Required  
Space Is Limited**

**The Award Presentation begins at 5:00 PM.  
Guests can arrive at 4:30 for the Red Carpet!**

An E-vite will be sent to all members so that everyone can reply and select what they prefer to bring for dinner.

For more information, contact either Janice Colby or Chris Burchik.

Janice Colby

## Happy February Birthdays

Renee Coles	2/03
Carol Lombardi	2/18
Sally Scholl	2/19
Diane Woodward	2/19
Margo James	2/20
Michele Wiley	2/20
Julie Perfect	2/22
Victoria Bissell	2/28

## Program

**Wednesday, February 11  
7:00 PM**

**A Special Evening with Author  
Nayomi Munaweera**

**San Ramon Library Community Room**



Bay Area author Nayomi Munaweera was born in Sri Lanka and raised in Nigeria. She finally settled in Southern California in 1984. Her ability to relay the immigrant experience has been compared to author Jhumpa Lahiri's in scope and depth. She holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Literature from the University of California. She lives in Oakland and is currently at work on her second novel.

Her debut novel, *Island of A Thousand Mirrors*, was first published in Asia in 2012. It has been described as a thrilling family saga set against the backdrop of the Sri Lankan Civil War. After winning the commonwealth Regional Literary Prize for Asia, the novel was released in the USA in 2014 to rave reviews that call the book powerful, poignant, lyrical, and devastating.

When asked during an interview about why she writes, Ms. Munaweera replied by recalling Kafka:

Kafka has this line that reads, "A book is an axe to shatter the frozen seas within us." And I think this is true. Literature has enormous power to explain the inexplicable, to inspire and, most importantly, to get us in touch with our own feelings and those of others around us. It's a way to become another person and have an experience that is outside our own lives. I can't think of anything that is more important to us as human beings than to really feel what it is to be in another person's life. If more people delved deeply into literature, or were given the luxurious privilege of doing so, I do think we would treat each other far better. In fact, there are now many studies that scientifically prove that reading and writing leads to both greater intelligence as well as greater empathy. Literature

in my experience is one of the great privileges and pleasures of life, and I am honored and thrilled to get to do this as my work.

Come meet Nayomi Munaweera and enjoy a very enlightening program on Wednesday, February 11. This program is co-sponsored by the San Ramon Library Foundation.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Margie Goldware  
Vice President, Program

## Local Scholarship



### Renaissance Scholar Updates

We have received some updates from previous CSU East Bay Renaissance Scholar recipients for the new year.

Amanda Madrid (2011) is a second-year student in the Registered Nursing Program at the University of San Francisco. She writes, "I am currently preparing to sit for the RN licensing boards as well as beginning my final semester of graduate work, which begins January 21st. I will be sending out graduation announcements mid-semester and will certainly be sending one your way! Thank you sincerely for your continued love and support! With gratitude, Amanda."

Loan Nguyen (2012) is a second-year student in the Master of Social Work Program at CSUEB. Loan writes, "Happy New Year! Thank you for checking in. I will finish the MSW Program this upcoming June and am currently interning at Alameda County - Emergency Response (CPS) Unit. Take care, Loan."

Donnisha Udo-Okon (2010, 2012) writes, "Happy New Year! Hope all is well with you and the lovely ladies at AAUW! I am doing just fine, thank you. I currently work for the IRS as a contact representative. I'm almost done with training, so I'm excited to start really doing my job. Other than that, I have just been working, sustaining, and living life to the fullest. Thank you for the e-mail, I really appreciate it. I will surely keep in touch! Sincerely, Donnisha Udo-Okon."

The Local Scholarship committee thanks all of our members who support our fundraisers, which allows us to help these young women. They appreciate your generosity!

Susan Walker-Christensen  
Co-Vice President, Local Scholarship with Julie Gin

## AAUW Funds



### Contributing to Women and Girls' Education

AAUW's mission statement is fairly simple:

**Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic, and political.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to support local and national educational equity efforts, here is how to submit your check(s):

1. AAUW Funds (national organization): Make your check payable to [AAUW Funds](#);
2. Local Scholarship (this funds branch scholarships for high school and college aged young women): Make your check payable to [AAUW CA Special Project Fund](#) and write "Local Scholarship San Ramon" on the memo line;
3. Tech Trek (this funds camper fees for the middle school age girls we send to Tech Trek): Make your check payable to [AAUW CA Special Project Fund](#) and write "Tech Trek San Ramon" on the memo line.

If you want to donate to more than one of these funds, please write separate checks for each. It is best to mail your check(s) to our post office box. That address is San Ramon AAUW, PO Box 336, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Thank you so much for considering one or more donations to these worthy causes.

Cindy Alpert  
President

## Membership



### Membership Matters

AAUW National takes an official membership count on February 1. This year, our branch is 92 members strong! Of course, we would love to include even more members—more members translates into more support for our mission and stronger community programs. Take time to talk up AAUW with the friends, co-workers, business associates, etc. that you encounter. You'll be pleasantly surprised by how receptive they are!

Thanks to all the members who attended our Member Social on January 10 at Sandie Alex's lovely home. This casual get-together was a lot of fun! No agenda, no fundraising, no decision making—unless you count "red or white wine" as a decision!—just very lively conversation and yummy snacks.

This month we welcome new member Cheryl Thomas! We hope to see Cheryl at one of our events soon.

Are you familiar with National Membership (formerly called Member-At-Large)? People who want to support AAUW but not belong to a branch can pay the national portion (\$49) of AAUW dues and have online access to AAUW content. This level does not include local branch membership, but still shows support for AAUW's mission.

Remember, we will follow up with any contacts you give us about prospective members. Just give Millie or Arlene the name and contact information if you have it—e-mail or phone number makes it easier—and we will send out a personal message and link to our website.

The Branch Directory has been updated and sent to members. If you did not get it, let us know and we will make sure you get the updated list ASAP!

Mille Kessler  
Co-Vice President, Membership with Arlene Chang

## Public Policy



### Happy New Congress? Let's Hope It Stays That Way

January 6, 2015 marked the first day of the 114th Congress, a day to greet and congratulate new and returning members as they were being sworn in, a day of pomp, circumstance—and a few moments of fun as House Speaker John Boehner planted a kiss on his across-the-aisle colleague and Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi. Of special note was the record number of 104 women being sworn in for the 114th Congress, still only 19 percent of the federal legislature.



There were smiles all 'round as talking heads and political leaders predicted a new era of bipartisan cooperation. Keep fingers crossed that the love-fest lasts and doesn't dissolve into the unproductive bickering and gridlock of the last few years. Key issues are at stake for women, girls and their families, including:

- The nation's K-12 education priorities have stood at an impasse for 13 years, with Congress and the president unable to agree. There are reports that the new chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, Lamar Alexander (R-TN), wants a quick remedy by passing a bill out of his committee to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind Act, also known as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). AAUW has called for reauthorization of the ESEA since it expired and is committed to ensuring strong academic principles, closing the achievement gap for all children,

upholding civil rights, and using a robust accountability system to evaluate education in this country—as well as insisting on adequate funding for education priorities.

- The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act just celebrated its 6th anniversary at the end of January, and AAUW once again asks both new and returning legislators to take a stand on equal pay by taking positive steps to close the gender gap and support the Obama administration's executive actions to better enforce existing law.

AAUW presented the above federal legislative advocacy priorities to members of Congress on January 6 and will continue to do so throughout 2015 and 2016. You can help by continuing to write letters to the editors of local newspapers, contacting and directing your Congressional representatives to action/vote, and attending their in-district meetings and office hours.

### Free Community College Plan Announced

On January 8, President Obama announced a plan to offer free community college tuition to all citizens for the first two years. Potentially 9 million students would be helped by this plan if every state participates in the joint federal-state program. More women than ever are relying on community colleges to provide a path to higher education and workforce preparation and to help move them toward bachelor's degrees in STEM. If approved, this plan will represent a powerful, positive opportunity for women and their families.

Susan Beyerle  
Public Policy

## Treasurer's Report

Our Board of Directors revised the budget for 2014–2015 at its January 13 meeting after reviewing our branch finances for the first six months of our AAUW fiscal year. The revised budget was approved and follows on the next page for your review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Claire Mailhot  
Vice President, Finance



## REVISED 2014-2015 BUDGET

(as of January 13, 2015)

	2013-2014 *APPROVED*	2013-2014 *ACTUAL*	2014-2015 *APPROVED*
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Dues - National + Donations	4,410	4,270	3,920
Dues - State	1,440	1,532	1,600
Dues - Branch	1,800	2,044	2,100
Dues - Branch MPP Deposit	2,100	1,100	0
Sub-total Dues	<b>\$9,750</b>	<b>\$8,946</b>	<b>\$7,620</b>
Interest	7	8	10
Advertising - Newsletter	250	315	300
Tech Trek	200	1,460	2,600
Local Scholarship	7,700	8,944	8,200
Wind Festival	4,500	7,370	4,500
Other - Brunch, Program, Admin	1,850	2,004	2,000
Reserve	3,678	0	3,515
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$27,935</b>	<b>\$29,046</b>	<b>\$28,745</b>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>			
Dues - National + Donations	4,410	4,319	3,920
Dues - State	1,440	1,568	1,600
Dues - Branch	1,800	840	0
<b>Dues Paid by Branch Chk to MPP</b>	<b>\$7,650</b>	<b>\$6,727</b>	<b>\$5,520</b>
Administrative	600	352	200
Insurance	350	376	400
IBC	50	50	50
Brunch	1,400	1,683	1,500
Installation Dinner	1,600	1,425	1,600
Hospitality	200	295	300
Membership	800	421	800
Program	1,500	830	700
Newsletter	275	0	275
Publicity	200	0	200
Public Policy	100	32	100
Virginia Gildersleeve	100	0	200
Wind Festival	2,500	3,667	2,500
Local Scholarship	6,510	6,601	7,700
Tech Trek	3,600	2,534	5,400
Training	100	0	600
State Convention	200	0	0
National Convention	200	0	700
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$27,935</b>	<b>\$24,995</b>	<b>\$28,745</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expense)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,052</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Money Matters

### Valentine's Day and Money?



What do Valentine's Day and money have to do with each other? Whether you are a new couple or a couple that has been together a long time, there are questions and topics that you should consider discussing to help keep harmony and love alive. Money can be a common reason for marital discord. As you prepare for Valentine's Day, here are a few things to ponder.

#### New Couples:

- Have you had a frank discussion about your assets, debts, and credit scores? If not, the sooner the better. As soon as you go to rent an apartment, or buy a home or car, these numbers will be revealed. It is much better to get everything out in the open and start your financial life together honestly.
- Have you discussed your financial priorities? It is often the case that spouses have different ideas of where to spend their money. If you discuss these things ahead of time instead of after the fact, it can help you keep the peace.
- Who is going to sit down and pay the bills? How will you divide who pays for what?
- Don't forget to update life and retirement account beneficiaries.

#### Established Couples:

- Do you each know where all of your accounts are held (his, hers, and joint accounts)?
- Have you documented account numbers, user names and passwords? Just recently, one of my clients was at a loss after her husband passed away. She couldn't get on to his computer where he paid the bills and kept track of their investments.
- When was the last time you updated your estate plan? Are the beneficiaries, executor, and successor trustees still valid?
- Are you on target to reach the financial goals you set? You did set goals together, right?

Chocolates, roses, and love letters are wonderful fun—but don't forget to address the bigger fundamental questions above.

Please e-mail your financial questions to [diane@oaktreewealth.com](mailto:diane@oaktreewealth.com). Your personal information will be kept confidential. For a list of states in which I am registered to do business, please visit [www.oaktreewealth.com](http://www.oaktreewealth.com). Diane Woodward, CFP®, RICP® is a registered representative with and securities and advisory services offered through LPL Financial, a Registered Investment Advisor, Member FINRA/SIPC [www.finra.org](http://www.finra.org) [www.sipc.org](http://www.sipc.org)

Diane Woodward  
San Ramon AAUW Member Columnist

## Tech Trek

### Status Report

The Tech Trek committee has geared up for the 2014–2015 year! Letters were sent to all four San Ramon middle schools in December 2014. We received 51 nominations from the four schools (Iron Horse, Gale Ranch, Pine Valley, and Windemere Ranch).

Nomination Letters and Camper Applications have been sent to the 51 candidates along with our essay question, "You are a working scientist or engineer and have invented something important. What is it and how will it change our lives?" After the completed applications and essays are returned, the Tech Trek committee readers will begin their task and the camper candidate selection process will continue.

The Tech Trek committee strives to send six girls to camp again this coming June. Therefore, we urge all members to support our branch fundraisers, the "**Tips for Change**" event at **Gianni's Italian Bistro on Monday, April 20**, as well as the **branch garage sale** at the Bollinger Hills Community Garage Sale on **Saturday, April 25**.

We'll keep you posted on our progress. Thank you in advance for your support. We appreciate it!

Jeanne Benedetti and Debra Marconi  
Co-Chairwomen, Tech Trek



## San Ramon AAUW Branch Fundraiser

### **“Tips for Change” at Gianni’s Italian Bistro**



**Save the Date!  
Monday, April 20**

**Volunteers Needed!**

San Ramon AAUW will hold a “Tips for Change” fundraiser at Gianni’s Italian Bistro in San Ramon on Monday, April 20. We anticipate this to be a fun and lucrative way to earn money that will help support branch funding for Tech Trek camperships, college scholarships, and AAUW Funds.

Gianni’s is a boisterous restaurant offering refined takes on classic Italian dishes plus wine. They also offer a low-calorie menu for diners if they so choose.

**We are looking for seven reliable, able-bodied volunteers who are at least 21 years of age to serve as waiters/waitresses for the evening. All tips earned will be donated to our branch. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fran Bartholomew.**

**Enjoy a Delicious Dinner Out and  
Support a Great Cause!**

If you and your guests would like to join us on April 20 for a fabulous dinner at Gianni’s and benefit San Ramon AAUW, you can make a reservation by going to [opentable.com](http://opentable.com) or calling Gianni’s Italian Bistro directly at 925-820-6969.

*Jeanne Benedetti and Debra Marconi, Tech Trek Co-Chairwomen, and their committee are organizing this fundraiser.*

## Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW Scholarships

The Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW seeks candidates for its 2015 Local Scholarship program.

Applicants must have attended high school in Walnut Creek or live(d) in Walnut Creek or Walnut Creek’s unincorporated area boundaries, or attended high school in the San Ramon Valley School District, or reside in this area now.

Scholarships are based on merit and start at \$1,000.

Undergraduate applicants must be entering into their junior standing or higher at an accredited 4-year college or university by the fall term of 2015. Applicants pursuing an advanced degree (Master’s, Doctorate, or post-doctorate) must be accepted at an accredited college or university graduate program for their course of study by the fall term of 2015.

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2015. Awards will be announced by mid-May and presented on June 11.

The recipient of the Jane Trittipio Scholarship will be selected from applicants in a medically related field of study. Undergraduate, graduate, doctorate, and post-doctorate level students qualify as long as they meet other eligibility criteria for the year in which they are applying.

The recipient of the Creative Endeavors scholarship will be selected from applicants in visual art fields that create works such as ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, crafts, photography, video, filmmaking, and architecture. Also included are the applied arts, such as industrial design, graphic design, fashion design, interior design, and decorative art.

Learn more about the scholarships at <http://daw-ca.aauw.net/2015-scholarship/> and download the scholarship application packet there. E-mail Marcia Steinhardt if you have questions.

*Submitted by Tena Gallagher, Publicity, D-A-WC AAUW*

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## Interest Groups

### LUNCH BUNCH

#### First Tuesday

Tuesday, February 3; 11:30 AM

Join us for a delicious lunch and lively conversation!

Amber Bistro 552-5238

500 Hartz Avenue, Danville

Notify Marsha the previous Sunday (February 1) if you will attend the lunch. If you aren't on the e-mail reminder list, also contact

Marsha Froines



### CHINESE MAH JONG

#### First Tuesday and Third Thursday

Tuesday, February 3; 7:00 PM

Hostess: Fran Bartholomew

Thursday, February 19; 7:00 PM

Hostess: Linda Louie

Please RSVP to the hostess.

If you have questions about this group, contacts  
Beth Allen



### GAME NIGHT

#### First Saturday of Month

Saturday, February 7; 7:30 PM

Hostess: Pauline Nolte

Please call or e-mail Pauline to let her know if you will be able to join us.

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed



## Interest Groups

### THE DAYTIME BOOKIES

#### Second Monday

Monday, February 9; 1:00–3:00 PM

Our next meeting will be at the home of  
Sydney Allison

Please contact Sydney if you plan to attend.

For further information, contact:

Sandie Alex



### WALKING GROUP

Saturday, February 14; 9:00 AM

Meet at the Bollinger Park and Ride at 9:00 AM to carpool to Lafayette Reservoir for an easy, 3-mile walk. (Bring 4 quarters.) Estimated time of return is 12:00. Let us know you're coming, and we will wait for you.

Diane Griffiths

Lois Kamoroff



### READING SOCIETY

#### Third Monday

Monday, February 16; 7:00 PM

Chris Burchik will review *Compass and a Camera*, by Steve Burchik.

Hostess: Chris Burchik

If you have questions about this group, contact  
Cheri Ng



### THIRD TUESDAY BRIDGE

Tuesday, February 17; 7–10 PM

Hostess: Pat Barley

RSVP required: Contact hostess as soon as possible to let hostess know if you are playing or not.

If you have questions or would like to join this group, please contact

Chris White



## Interest Groups

### CORK 'N' FORK

**Sunday, February 22, 2015**  
Academy Award Party  
Hosted by: Janice and Ed Colby

Award Presentation begins at 5:00 PM  
Arrive as early as 4:30 PM for the Red Carpet!  
Potluck Dinner, BYOB  
An E-vite will be sent to all members so that everyone can reply and select what they will bring for dinner.  
See details on page 3 of this newsletter.  
Janice Colby



### FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS

**Friday, February 27**

Watch your e-mail for location and time of movie.  
Chris Burchik is the Monthly Organizer.

On the fourth Friday of each month, members of this group meet at a theater—location and time to be announced via e-mail—to enjoy a movie picked by the Monthly Organizer. The Organizer changes monthly and will be a volunteer from the group. Contact the Monthly Organizer if you are interested in joining us.

If you would like to receive these e-mails, please contact Chris White

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## Interest Groups

### TRAVEL GROUP

Thanks to Anne and Walt Hayden for their January presentation about medieval villages and Roman ruins in France.

#### Save the Date: April 18

Renae and Steve Buckser will share information about their recent trip to Cuba.  
Travel Group programs are open to AAUW members, their spouses, friends, and significant others. We'd love to see you at our events this year! Because refreshments are served at our events, please respond positively if you will be attending.  
Renae Buckser  
Anne Hayden

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**FEBRUARY 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines	4	5	6	7 7:30 PM Game Night Pauline Nolte
		7:00 PM Mah Jong Fran Bartholomew				
8	9 1:00 PM Daytime Bookies Sydney Allison	10 5:00 PM Board Meeting Cindy Alpert	11 7:00 PM Nayomi Munaweera Program Margie Goldware	12	13  <b>Happy Valentine's Day Tomorrow!</b>	14 9:00 AM Walking Group Diane Griffiths
15 <b>Newsletter deadline</b>	16 7:00 PM Reading Society Chris Burchik	17 7:00 PM Bridge Pat Barley	18	19 7:00 PM Mah Jong Linda Louie	20	21
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**SNIPPETS**

Stella and Evans Hadjimarkos are now proud grandparents to baby Nicholas Paul born on December 16 in Madison, Wisconsin to Athan and Sarah Hadjimarkos. Two and a half year-old Evan James plays the role of big brother quite well!

Please keep Deb Marconi in your thoughts as she begins an adventure of radiation and chemotherapy treatments. She was diagnosed with anal cancer in early January. Her fiery spirit and positive attitude will definitely help her battle the cancer and endure the treatment. Deb, we wish you a speedy recovery!

If you have a Snippet item (family events, career changes, etc.) that you would like to share with branch members, please contact Marsha Froines. **This column depends on member contributions.**

**Save the Dates**

- March 24: AAUW Contra Costa County IBC Meeting
- March 26: San Ramon AAUW Program "Improving Your Skin Care at Any Age" co-sponsored w/San Ramon Library
- April 18: Travel Group presents Cuba
- April 20: San Ramon AAUW "Tips for Change" Fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro, San Ramon
- April 25: San Ramon AAUW Garage Sale Fundraiser
- May 1: San Ramon AAUW LAF Fiesta Fundraiser for AAUW Funds
- May 24-25: San Ramon AAUW Annual Ice Cream Sale at San Ramon Art & Wind Festival
- June 18-21: AAUW National Convention, San Diego