

## FROM SAN RAMON

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### SILENT AUCTION GALA



AAUW Scholarship Committee: Joanne Barron, Sally Blackwell, Pam Bugbee, Pat Campbell, Anna Fehrenbach, Dayna Hannum, Patty Nobles, and Sally Scholl. Co-Vice Presidents: Julie Gin, Susan Walker-Christensen, and Lorraine Weir.

#### AAUW MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS

American Association of University Women advances equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

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## Co-President's Pen



October was an exciting month beginning with the annual Fund Fall Luncheon at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Thirteen branch members attended and got to meet five recent fellowship and grant recipients and hear their inspirational stories of academic success and plans for the future. Please see the pictures on page 9.

The October 10 program, **Cannabis, CBD, and Your Health**, was well-attended. The main presenter, Eloise Theisen, is a board certified geriatric nurse practitioner and co-founder of Radicle Health, an organization that helps patients, healthcare professionals, and retailers navigate the complexities of cannabis medicine. Victoria Breakstone, leader of East Bay Ellementa, spoke briefly about the women's network focused on health, wellness, and cannabis. The presentations provoked many questions regarding current studies, potential benefits, and laws governing cannabis. Thank you to Kathy Senti and the Program team!

Thanks to Pam Bugbee's organization and persistence, 20 lucky folks enjoyed a private Wine Class at Total Wine on October 20 to benefit **Tech Trek!** We increased our knowledge while enjoying several premium wines and delicious snacks!

Plans are underway for the annual Silent Auction Gala on Thursday, November 21 from 7:00–9:00 PM benefitting **Local Scholarship!** Bring family and friends to bid on over 100 donated items and sample some delicious appetizers and desserts.

Don't forget to support our **Tech Trek** campers on **December 4** with dinner at Chipotle from 5:00–9:00 PM; see details in the flyer following the Calendar. We're also looking forward to our Holiday Party on December 8 from 2:00–4:00 PM at the home of Leslie Adams. More details to come.

**Warm wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving holiday!**

Chris Burchik  
Co-President with Lucy Weed

## Voter Registration Changes

Did you know that you must re-register to vote if you

- have moved,
- have changed your name, or
- wish to change your political party?

Any changes to a person's voter registration can be done on the Secretary of State website, in the election office, or by calling the election office. Once the information has been changed and recorded, the voter will receive a letter in the mail and is asked to confirm the changes. If a voter wishes to switch to getting their ballot by mail, they can either call the office, e-mail us, or text COCOBALLOT to 28683 to complete that request.

<https://www.cocovote.us/registration-and-voting-options/register-to-vote/>

Thanks,  
Chris Burchik  
Co-President with Lucy Weed



Editor's Note: We thank Pat Campbell and her daughter Cari for this month's lively cover design.

## Program



### Silent Auction Gala

Thursday, November 21  
7:00–9:00 PM

San Ramon Community Center  
Terrace Room  
12501 Alcosta Blvd.

Please come  
to the major fundraiser  
our Local Scholarship committee  
puts on every year  
to raise funds for our high school scholarships  
and Renaissance Scholars from CSU East Bay

Enjoy appetizers, desserts, and beverages while  
you shop and visit with friends!



See more details on page 6.



Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek and  
San Ramon Branches

*Present*

**Transitions Through Higher Education**  
**Inspiring Dreams**  
**Changing Lives**

Monday, November 18 at 7:00 PM

### **A Conversation With**

Dr. Lael Adediji

Director of Renaissance Scholars, CSU East Bay  
and

Dr. Jodi Servatius

Professor Emerita

Former Vice President at CSU East Bay

Beth Chaim Congregation  
1800 Holbrook Drive, Danville

Admission: Free

\$10 Donation Suggested

RSVP to [daw.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:daw.aauw@gmail.com)

## Membership



### Membership Matters

#### New Member

We welcome new member **Jan Steck!** We look forward to seeing you at our many programs, events, and fundraising activities. Thank you, Kathy Senti, for sharing with Jan those qualities that make our San Ramon branch unique and special.

### Membership Directory

When you receive your updated **AAUW San Ramon Branch Directory**, please check your personal listing and verify that all information is correct. Be sure to contact **Margo James** at [mljames5@gmail.com](mailto:mljames5@gmail.com) with any changes or corrections so that we can keep you updated on all of our wonderful programs and events.

### A Grateful Membership

We are thankful for your continued support of the AAUW mission and the San Ramon Branch. During this season of giving thanks, we honor the group of visionary women who founded AAUW 138 years ago on November 28, 1881. We continue the work of this first generation of women college graduates—pioneers who struggled with a lack of career opportunity, joined together to help other women break through educational barriers, and assisted those who had already graduated. Founded on November 28, 1881, AAUW is older than the Eiffel Tower (completed in 1889), Ferris wheels (first built in 1893), radios (invented in 1895), zippers (1893), talking picture movies (1927), and the National Organization for Women (1966). This longevity celebrates the many amazing people involved in AAUW, so many we have met, gotten to know, and worked with on common goals in our San Ramon branch.

We hope to see you November 21 at the annual Silent Auction Gala supporting our scholarships. We look forward to seeing current and prospective members as well as spouses and significant others in December for the Holiday Social. We especially hope that our new members will join us so that we can all get to know each other better.

A reminder to those members who have not renewed memberships—the AAUW national organization purges the records of all expired memberships from the database. Those names will be removed from our branch directory and all mailing lists (such as newsletter and special interest groups), as well.

### Member Spotlight



**Claire Chow**

Birthplace and other places I've lived: Born in New Jersey, I have lived in Southern California, then Washington, D.C., and now San Ramon.

Education: B.A. in English from Occidental College, an M.A. in English from the University of Chicago, and an M.A. in Counseling from the University of San Francisco.

Spouse: James Beattie

Children: Rebecca Beattie and Julian Beattie

Significant Mentor or Hero: Many women have inspired me!

Current and Previous Employment: Semi-retired, private psychotherapy practice in San Ramon. I previously also worked as a social worker for low-cost senior housing in Pleasanton and with foster youth in a group home.

Current Interests and Pastimes: I am a voracious reader. I love writing flash fiction and poetry. I am an avid exerciser, and I follow the A's and the Warriors.

Memorable Experiences/Adventures and Accomplishments: I would have to ponder this a little more...

Something that might surprise people: I often read two to three books per week and exercise at the gym at least five times per week for at least an hour each session.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Membership Team!

Alice Miller  
Co-Vice President, Membership with  
Margo James and Betsy Hoffmann

## Local Scholarship



### Silent Auction Gala

**Thursday, November 21  
7:00–9:00 PM**

As we do each year, we look forward to seeing everyone at the Silent Auction Gala located at the San Ramon Community Center Terrace Room. Please note that this year, you will have longer to bid because the Gala lasts an extra 30 minutes, until 9:00 PM. We will also have more space this year as we will have access to the room's outer lobby. YAY! This exciting evening is our major fundraiser to raise scholarship funds for both local high school students and Renaissance Scholars at CSU East Bay, SO WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT!

About 100 varied items have been donated to our auction from Tri-Valley businesses located in San Ramon, Danville, Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore. Look for the list of donated items that will be sent via e-mail shortly before the auction for your perusal. This makes it easy for you to plan ahead to bid on items you are interested in. A few items include brunch at Bridges and gift cards from Blackhawk Grille, Cafe Attila, Cafe Meyers, Katy's Korner, Chamois Car Wash, Brass Door, Danville Chocolates, and Ma Jolie—just to name a few. Also a Concannon Winery Tour and Tasting for eight, six Dublin Iceland passes, \$100 certificate to Heller Jewelers, and a golf outing for four at Canyon Lakes Golf Course & Brewery, as well as two other golf courses. As before, we will also be featuring delicious baked goods from local bakeries.

Please note that any members who bring a friend/guest will receive six theme basket tickets for our drawings. The drawings for the theme baskets will begin at 7:30 PM, so come at 7:00 PM to view the beautiful baskets donated by interest groups as well as individual AAUW members and friends! Early arrival will also give you a chance to review the many auction items and get a jump on the bidding. It promises to be a fun-filled evening! Bring a friend or two with you and, of course, your cash, checkbook, and/or credit card.

There will be a table with some creative hostess gifts for the holidays such as jewelry, succulent plants, and possibly other items. ALL proceeds will be donated to Local Scholarship.

We will be offering light appetizers, desserts, coffee, and sparkling cider to enjoy while you bid. Wine will also be available for purchase. SEE YOU THERE!



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

Local Scholarship Committee Members:  
Jo Anne Barron, Sally Blackwell, Pam Bugbee,  
Pat Campbell, Anna Fehrenbach, Dayna Hannum,  
Patty Nobles, and Sally Scholl

### Happy November Birthdays

Harry Sachs	11/10
Carol Calloway	11/16
Pauline Nolte	11/16
Cheryl Thomas	11/17
Linda Louie	11/21



## Public Policy



### Gender Equality

As I mentioned in my September 2019 article, one of the AAUW public policy priorities is to guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society. This month, I would like to share information from an article published on the AAUW website. The article highlights seven women of color who fought for gender equality. These women are very special because they supported gender equality during times when it was not generally accepted by society. I hope the stories inspire you to speak out in support of gender equality.

August 26 was Women's Equality Day. The date commemorates a historic step for women's equality: the adoption of the 19th Amendment, which secured women's right to vote on August 26, 1920. Women's Equality Day is a time to celebrate the women who fought for the right to participate in the democratic process, but it's also a day to acknowledge that the amendment didn't further the equality of all women.

Women of color routinely faced racism within the women's suffrage movement. After the passage of the 19th Amendment, state laws and racial discrimination continued to keep women of color from voting. It wasn't until 1956 that any Native Americans could vote in Utah, and black women remained effectively disenfranchised until the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Even today we continue to see passage of a variety of laws that threaten to prevent women, especially women of color, from voting.

Of course women of color haven't remained silent in the face of these setbacks. Although they have often been the leading voices and innovators in the fight for equality, history has a tendency to erase their legacy and voices. Here are seven amazing women of color who have helped fight for—and win—greater equality for women.

1. **Sojourner Truth**—Famous for her 1851 speech “Ain't I a Woman?” Sojourner Truth was a strong abolitionist and women's rights advocate. Today her speech still resonates and continues to encapsulate the intersection of race and womanhood.

2. **Ida B. Wells**—She was a prolific investigative journalist and suffragist who campaigned tirelessly for anti-lynching legislation. Her activism began in 1884 when she refused to give up her train car seat, leading to a successful lawsuit against the train company. Motivated in part by racism within the women's suffrage movement, Wells went on to found and co-found a variety of civil rights organizations, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Association of Colored Women, and the Alpha Suffrage Club.
3. **Dorothy Height**—Known as the “godmother of civil rights,” Dorothy Height was renowned for her work on the desegregation of schools, equal pay for women, and voting rights and for advising American leaders, from Lyndon B. Johnson to Eleanor Roosevelt. She focused especially on helping advance black women's equality and served as president of the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years. In 2010, AAUW posthumously honored her as a Woman of Distinction.
4. **Patsy Mink**—Title IX is instrumental in preventing sex discrimination in education—and we have Patsy Mink to thank for it. Mink was the first woman of color and first Asian American elected to Congress. As one of the co-authors of Title IX, Mink improved the academic and athletic experiences of young women for generations to come.
5. **Dolores Huerta**—Co-founder of the United Farm Workers, Dolores Huerta is one of the most prominent feminist community organizers of our time, advocating for Latin rights. She is most famous for organizing the 1965 Delano Grape Strike with Cesar Chavez. One of few women in the movement, Huerta famously called out sexist remarks made by male leaders. Today, she continues to advocate for workers' rights as the president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation.
6. **Wilma Mankiller**—Wilma Mankiller was the first woman to hold the position of chief of the Cherokee Nation. By her second term, Mankiller had supported multiple measures to improve the lives of the Cherokee people in employment, education, and infant health. Even after leaving office in 1995, Mankiller continued to be a strong social justice advocate and stressed the power of Cherokee values in solving problems. To recognize Mankiller's important work for women's issues, AAUW honored her with an AAUW Achievement Award in 1993.

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## Public Policy, continued

7. **Vanzetta Penn McPherson**—She grew up in Montgomery, Alabama and was an active participant in the civil rights movement. With help from an AAUW Fellowship, McPherson attended Columbia Law School. She returned to Alabama, where she established a private practice and later became a magistrate judge, dedicated to protecting the rights of working women and African Americans.

While today's women have a lot to celebrate, the fight for gender equity is far from over. Women face barriers in the form of the gender pay gap, disproportionate rates of sexual violence, glass ceilings in leadership, and more. But if these seven women teach us anything, it's that passion and dedication pay off. We're encouraged to continue their work.

Thank you for your support.

Cindy Alpert  
Public Policy



## Tech Trek



The 2019–2020 school year has started and so has our 2020 Tech Trek branch effort. In October, six places were reserved for San Ramon 7th grade young women in the Tech Trek camp to be held at Sonoma State University in June 2020. In November, AAUW-CA will send out the packet of policies, procedures, guidelines, and forms that will govern Tech Trek 2020 for all branches and camps in California. In January the contact with San Ramon middle schools and student nominations begins in earnest. If you'd like to help with the camper selection process (reading and grading applications, participating in interviews, etc.), please contact Marielle or me.

The first Tech Trek fundraiser, a **Wine Class** donated by Total Wine in San Ramon, was held on October 20. It was a fun time for 20 branch members and friends who enjoyed several wines, cheese and crackers, and sampled Belgian-style chocolates courtesy of Steven Burchik, chocolatier. Many thanks to Pam Bugbee for organizing the fundraiser and making it all happen!

### Save the Date!

**December 4**

Save December 4 from 5:00–9:00 PM for our Chipotle (San Ramon) fundraiser. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Spread the word—just tell the cashier you're supporting the American Association of University Women. Join us and support Tech Trek! See you there!

Cordelia Hwang  
Co-Chair, Tech Trek with Marielle Boortz



## The Fund



### AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon

AAUW Fund fellowships and grants is celebrating over 130 years of helping scholars and activists overcome barriers to education and career advancement. In California there are 36 AAUW Fund Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in colleges and universities or leading projects in our communities. On October 6, thirteen branch members attended the annual luncheon at the Crow Canyon Country Club and had the privilege of meeting five recent recipients.

**Saalem Adera**, a PhD candidate from UC Berkeley, is studying Hydrology. **Larissa Davis**, an attorney from Berkeley, received a Professional Fellowship in the area of Government and Public Interest. **Cheyun Lee**, an immigrant from South Korea, overcame many personal challenges and received a fellowship to pursue an MBA at Santa Clara University. **Jazmyne Gill** received a Career Development grant in the field of Marine Ecological Physiology at Sonoma State University. **Briana Lizarraga** also received a Career Development grant. She is at Mills College pursuing a Masters degree in Electronic Music/Recording Media.



*Fellowship and Grant Recipients*  
*Left to Right: Cheyun Lee, Larissa Davis,*  
*Saalem Adera, Jazmyne Gill, and Briana Lizarraga*



*San Ramon Branch Members in attendance*

Chris Burchik  
Co-President with Lucy Weed

## STEM Highlights

### Space Walk Triumphs Over Wardrobe Malfunction

We witnessed Herstory last month when two women, tethered to the International Space Station, stepped into space for the first all-female spacewalk. Their mission was pretty mundane—they were replacing an exterior battery component that charges the solar batteries that power the space station—but the event was momentous for women. Christina Koch and Jessica Meir were the 14th and 15th women to walk in space since the 1984 spacewalk by Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya. The U.S. all female spacewalk was originally planned for March of this year but had to be cancelled at the last minute when, according to NASA, the ISS had only one medium sized suit small enough for the astronauts. (*Saturday Night Live* did a hilarious spoof of the incident.)

At a press conference prior to the walk last month, Ken Bowersox, the acting associate administrator for NASA's division of human exploration and operations, and former astronaut who spent more than five months living in the ISS, was asked why it took so long for such an event. His remarks were somewhat surprising and were reminiscent of earlier arguments that questioned women's ability to meet the challenges of entering and succeeding in male dominated professions like being an astronaut.

“There are some physical reasons that make it harder sometimes for women to do spacewalks...and sometimes physical characteristics make a difference in certain activities, and spacewalks are one of those areas where just how your body is built in shape, it makes a difference in how well you can work the suit.”<sup>1</sup>

Bowersox' remarks focused on “women's physical and biological attributes.”<sup>2</sup>

He implied, knowingly or not, that physical differences posed the challenges and delayed spacewalks for women, not spacesuit design limitations. Peggy Whitson, a retired NASA astronaut who has walked in space 10 times and helped build the ISS, once remarked, “As a woman, doing spacewalks is more challenging mostly because the suits are sized bigger than the average female.”<sup>3</sup>

To be fair, during the press conference Bowersox also said “he hopes that all-women spacewalks will become routine...that while NASA once spent more money on developing spacesuits for men because most astronauts were men, the agency is working to adjust designs so that they fit more people comfortably—“smaller people, not just women, but smaller men.”<sup>4</sup>

In the past, *The Right Stuff* meant being male and white. It is encouraging to see the great strides the astronaut corps has made by becoming more inclusive, expanding opportunities for women and people of color since those early space missions.

Chris Burchik

1. K. Bowersox quoted in M. Koren, “A Hitch at NASA Headquarters,” *The Atlantic*, October 18, 2019.
2. Ibid.
3. P. Whitson, <https://www.makers.com/profiles/599c5a4c6c3f64352f335431>
4. K. Bowersox, *ibid.*

This article is based upon Marina Koren, “A Hitch at NASA Headquarters,” *The Atlantic*, October 18, 2019. Full version is at <https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2019/10/nasa-first-all-female-spacewalk/600331/>



*NASA astronauts Jessica Meir and Christina Koch prepare on the International Space Station for the first all-female spacewalk, scheduled for Oct. 18, 2019.*

*Credits: NASA website*

<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasa-to-televis-first-all-female-spacewalk-host-media-teleconference>

## Interest Groups

### GAME NIGHT

#### First Saturday

Saturday, November 2; 7:00 PM

Host: Chris White

Call or e-mail Chris to RSVP.

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed



### CHINESE MAH JONG

#### First Tuesday and Third Thursday

Tuesday, November 5; 7:00 PM

Hostess: Faye Isaacson

Wednesday, November 20; 7:00 PM **\*\*Special Date\*\***

Hostess: Lucy Weed

If you have questions about this group, contact

Linda Louie



### LUNCH BUNCH

#### First Tuesday

Tuesday, November 5; 11:30 AM

This group meets for a friendly lunch with fellow members. We talk about anything and everything while dining on delicious food, and always get separate checks. This month, we're dining at

Dana's 838-7611

416 Sycamore Valley Road West, Danville

Be sure to notify Marsha on the prior Sunday if you will attend. To join the e-mail reminder list, also contact:

Marsha Froines



### WALKING GROUP

Walking Group needs a new leader to continue. If you're interested, contact

Lois Kamoroff

## Interest Groups

### DAYTIME READERS

#### Second Monday

Monday, November 11; 1:00–3:00 PM

Margo James will review *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande at the home of

Anna Fehrenbach

For questions about the Daytime Book Group, please contact Margo James

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### THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

#### Third Monday

Monday, November 18; 7:00 PM

Our November selection is *The Wordy Shipmates* by Sarah Vowell.

Hostess will be Cheri Ng

Please contact Cheri to let her know you are coming or to ask questions about the group or the book.



### BRIDGE

#### Third Tuesday

Tuesday, November 19; 7:00 PM

Host: Chris White

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

Questions? Contact Chris White



### FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Friday, November 22

Organizer: Chris White

Watch for details!

**Please volunteer to be an Organizer!**

The monthly Organizer will send out a notice to those on the e-mail list with movie information. If you would like to receive these e-mails, please, contact Chris White

## Interest Groups

### TRAVEL GROUP

Many thanks to Anne and Walt Hayden for their presentation about Easter Island on October 26. Below are two of their photos.



*"Traveling" moai at Tongariki*



*Three moai at Anakena*

### Save the Dates:

Our future travel programs will take place in the new year:

On **January 20, 2020** Patricia and Patrick Kelly will tell us about their recent Rick Steves tour of Spain. In addition to Madrid and Barcelona, they visited some smaller cities and parts of the Spanish countryside. We are very excited about this presentation because it is the first one solely focused on Spain in the Travel Group's history.

On **April 11, 2020**, Chris and Steve Burchik will discuss their trip to Northern Italy. Highlights included visiting Lake Como, Lago d'Iseo and Lake Garda; hiking through the spectacular Dolomite Mountains; and riding the Bernina Red train into Switzerland. The presentation will finish with Renae and Steve Buckser discussing a very special area of the Piedmont region of Northern Italy.

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 to the event's hostess if you can attend.

Renae Buckser  
Anne Hayden



**NOVEMBER 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:30 PM Game Night Chris White
3	4	5 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines	6	7	8	9
		7:00 PM Mah Jong Faye Isaacson				
10	11 1:00 PM Daytime Readers Anna Fehrenbach	12	13	14	15 Newsletter deadline	16
17	18 7:00 PM Night Book Group Cheri Ng	19 7:00 PM Bridge Chris White	20 7:00 PM Mah Jong Lucy Weed	21 7:00– 9:00 PM Silent Auction Gala	22 Fourth Friday Flicks Chris White	23
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**Snippets**

We send our condolences to Marsha Froines and her family on the passing of Marsha’s husband, Steve, on Sunday, October 13. We will keep her in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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**

Wednesday, December 4: Tech Trek Fundraiser at Chipotle San Ramon

Sunday, December 8: Holiday Party at the home of Leslie Adams

Monday, February 10: Tech Trek Tips for Change Fundraiser at Gianni’s Italian Restaurant