

A Triple Whammy for February!

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10:00 AM–12:00 PM via Zoom
Understanding COVID-19 Vaccines
Featuring Bradley C. Hyman, Ph.D.



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San Ramon Perspectives and Plans
Featuring Sabina Zafar

(See Pages 4 and 5 for Details)

AAUW MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS

American Association of University Women advances gender 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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Greetings!

February brings another New Year—Chinese New Year starts February 12, which will be the year of the Ox and metal.

According to Eugenia Last, Special to *Toronto Sun* on January 2, 2021:

The year ahead will be one of change, innovation, and a reversal from the industrial path we have been on for so long into the age of high-tech alternatives that encourage a humanitarian lifestyle. It's a time for new beginnings, as the old way of doing things is banished for a cleaner, versatile choice.

It's time to be inventive, intervene, get involved, and reassess and reclaim what's best for the planet and its inhabitants. It's time to stop letting greed take over and focus on leaving our children and generations to come with a healthy environment in which to live. The youth will offer greater insight and be eager to enforce what is necessary and put an end to any who try to hold on to old, unfriendly ways. The tug-of-war isn't over, but the numbers and percentages are changing, and if we are to survive, it's essential to do our part to appease Mother Nature.

The Ox year will push to improve life and emphasize how our diversity makes us stronger and better when we work together.

Tradition will remain a mainstay, but it will have its place. A shift in politics will encourage a united front and be the objective and necessary for our survival. Mother Nature will be watching closely to determine whether the human race is entitled to another chance to be in charge.

Those who will do well during the year of the Ox will be those open to conscious change. Those willing to fight for peace, coupled with the Ox's strong will to ensure freedom, will help lead to a better future. Be brave, be safe, be well.

Did you see the e-mail that was sent to all members on January 17 by the California AAUW Board of Directors?

On January 11, 2021, AAUW CEO Kim Churches released a statement to all members decrying the events that unfolded in our nation's capital on January 6.

AAUW California joins with our CEO in condemning the actions of these insurgents, as well as those of our governmental officials who were complicit in encouraging them by continuing to spread the falsehood that the election was fraudulent. Those officials include the ex-president himself, as well as the seven California congressmen who opposed certification of the electoral college votes on the basis of this unproven allegation.

AAUW California supports a strong and viable democracy, which relies at its heart on the premise of the peaceful transfer of power following free and fair elections. This premise is shaken to its core when lies and misinformation are spread by those at our highest levels of government. Over 50 lawsuits have been filed by the president and others claiming the election was fraudulent; all of them, at both the state and national levels, have been rejected as totally devoid of evidence.

Our Program vice presidents arranged a very interesting and timely Mental Health Spa Day on January 9. The three handouts provided by Valerie Keim can be found on the "Members Only" page of our website. In addition, they have planned two interesting programs this month: "Understanding the SARS-COV2 Vaccines" on February 13 and information about San Ramon's plans for its future from Sabina Zafar, a member of both the city council and our branch, on February 25. These are not to be missed! For more information, please see page 4.

During the next month, our nominating committee will be working to complete the slate of officers for 2021–2022. At this time, we have a few slots open; please contact Chris or me if you are interested in joining the board. We are also looking for help with establishing a file retention system.

Stay safe; the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter!

Lucy Weed
Co-President with Chris Burchik

Programs

**Saturday, February 13
10:00 AM via Zoom**

Understanding the SARS-COV2 Vaccines

Featuring

Bradley C. Hyman, Ph.D.



Bradley C. Hyman, Ph.D., recently retired from UC Riverside after almost 40 years as a professor of Genetics and Molecular Biology. He is a scientist in the strictest sense of the word. He has done research and published papers on several topics with a special focus on the duplication and evolution of mitochondrial DNA, a small genome instrumental in energy production. He has held leadership positions at the university and received numerous awards for his work. In retirement, he is continuing to educate people about science.

A long-time friend of our own Millie Kessler, he has agreed to speak with us about the science behind the two available vaccines produced by Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna, as well as new vaccines in the pipeline. Dr. Hyman is hopeful such information may be useful in better understanding our options. He is not a physician and, appropriately, will not offer medical advice.

Do you have questions about the vaccines such as:

- Why are they safe?
- Did Operation Warp Speed cut corners?
- How was the technology developed so rapidly?
- What side effects might I anticipate?
- Will the vaccine change my DNA?
- Can I infect others after getting the vaccine?
- Are there differences between the available and soon-to-be available vaccines?

Please join us on Saturday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom to learn more from Dr. Hyman. There will be time for questions and answers.

Please RSVP to Kathy Senti by **Tuesday, February 9**. Since we only have capacity for 100 attendees, we want to make sure we have room for all our interested members before we open it to the public. The Zoom link will be sent by e-mail prior to February 13 to all those who RSVP.

**Thursday, February 25
7:00 PM via Zoom**

San Ramon in 2021

Featuring

Sabina Zafar

Sabina Zafar, AAUW member and San Ramon City Council member, will give us insight into the community and what 2021 will look like for San Ramon. She will present the San Ramon general plan for the future and explain how city planning works.

She will also talk about regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) numbers and how they affect San Ramon as well as the affordable housing ordinance. Citywalk will also be a topic of discussion.

Her presentation will provide answers to questions about proposed changes and rumors that are being passed around.

Prior to the February 25 date, you will receive an invitation with the Zoom link.

Coming on April 8!

Coming on April 8 is a Zoom visit with Meredith May, author of the *Honey Bus*. She is a local author who has written a fascinating autobiography. Here is a description from Amazon:

An extraordinary story of a girl, her grandfather, and one of nature's most mysterious and beguiling creatures; the honeybee.

Many of our members have read it and rate it quite highly. If you have not already read the book, you might want to do so before April 8.

Mary Jane Keogh
Co-Vice President, Program with
Kathy Senti and Leslie Adams

Tech Trek



Tips for Change Take-Out Fundraiser

**Monday, February 15
4:30–8:00 PM**

Pre-order Required by Sunday, February 14

What could be a better way to celebrate Valentine's Day week than by enjoying a delicious Italian dinner while supporting Tech Trek? On Monday, February 15, Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon is hosting a "Tips for Change Take-Out Event" to benefit AAUW San Ramon Tech Trek. Due to the COVID pandemic, all orders have to be take-out or delivery only. This event will be our only Tech Trek fundraiser this year.

Owners Gianni and Melanie Bartoletti are supporting our organization by generously donating 10% of the evening's proceeds, along with all the tips, to Tech Trek. AAUW San Ramon members will greet you when you arrive at the restaurant to pick up your order. See the Tips for Change Take-Out Event flyer (separately attached to this e-mail) for ordering details. You must pre-order by Sunday, February 14 at 6:00 PM. You can choose from their entire menu.

Help support Tech Trek by encouraging your friends, neighbors, and family members to join you in getting a February 15 dinner from Gianni's Italian Bistro!

Tech Trek Update

Tech Trek remains a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who will enter 8th grade in the fall; however, this year it will be a virtual camp.

The 2021 Virtual Camp website was launched in January and the link to it is <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2021-virtual-tech-trek-internal/>. The website features camp details and exciting testimonials from participants in last year's pilot virtual program. The 5-day camp will be on-line this summer but include several hands-on activities with materials distributed before camp. An especially exciting feature will be the involvement of many past Tech Trek campers as near-peer coaches in the small group break-out rooms. It will be a great learning experience for the Tech

Trek alumnae and will promote camaraderie with this year's campers.

Selection of our six 2021 Tech Trek campers is expected to begin this month. In these especially difficult times for students and teachers, we are trying to make the process simpler, on-line and less stressful, while being mindful of state and national guidelines. The STEM teachers at the four San Ramon middle schools will be enlisted to nominate 7th grade girls who are excited by math or science, display curiosity and creativity, and are likely to benefit from the exposure to STEM and role models that Tech Trek Camp provides.

Please support these aspiring 7th grade STEM professionals of the future and join us in Tech Trek's annual fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro on February 15. Be sure to check the details in the flyer, which is a separate attachment to this e-mail.

Marielle Boortz and Cordelia Hwang
Tech Trek Co-Coordinators

Happy February Birthdays

Renee Coles
Carol Lombardi
Sally Scholl
Margo James
Sara Lashanlo
Kathy Senti
Victoria Bissell
Lynda Gann

January Program Revisited

For those of you who missed the Mental Health Spa Day program in January that was presented by Valerie Keim, the handouts that explain the points she discussed and contain the writing exercises for attendees to complete can be found on the "Members Only" page of our website.

Age 75+ Vaccine Appointments

Residents who are at least 75 years old can get a COVID-19 vaccine appointment [here](#) or by calling 833-829-2626.

Posted by Courtney Teague, Patch Staff
Jan. 25, 2021

Public Policy



AAUW Supports Retirement Security

AAUW takes a position on topics relevant to the economic security for women. This article presents an overview on retirement security.

The Social Security system is more than just a retirement program. It is one of the most successful anti-poverty programs in our nation's history. It provides benefits to children, disabled workers, surviving spouses, and retirees.

The Gender Gap and Retirement

Women who work full time earn 82 cents on average for every dollar men earn. This gap is found throughout the economy, even when controlling for factors known to affect earnings such as education and training, parenthood, and hours worked. College-educated women still earn 7% less than men one year out of college, even when they have the same major and occupation as their male counterparts.

Continuing pay inequity results in women having fewer savings, lower Social Security benefits, and lower (if any) pension benefits, leaving them on an unequal retirement footing.

Retirement Insecurity

Women's retirement insecurity is in part because many women do not have private savings to rely on. Among workers participating in an employment-based retirement plan in 2010, female wage and salary workers ages 21–64 participated in a retirement plan at a lower level than males did, and only half of all workers participated in a private plan.

Many women work in industries or occupations that do not offer 401(k)s or other defined contribution plans. For example, women are twice as likely to work on a part-time basis as men. Currently, the Social Security benefit formula cannot make up for the substantial amount of time some women are out of the workforce or the fact that women are unlikely to be able to make pension or retirement savings investments during their displacement.

Social Security

Because women live longer, they depend on Social Security's guaranteed, inflation-adjusted lifetime benefits for more years than do men:

- Social Security supports millions of older women—more than half would fall into poverty without these benefits.
- 48% of all non-married (divorced, widowed, or never married) women age 65 and older get 90% or more of their income from Social Security.
- In 2008, 23% of women over the age of 65 relied on Social Security for all of their income.

Yet Social Security is not perfect. Women still bear a disproportionate burden of caregiving responsibilities, which can take them out of the paid workforce to care for children and aging parents.

Improving Retirement Security For Women

Many women cobble together retirement benefits from a number of sources, and even then are left to rely on the benefits of their spouse or other public assistance programs—or live in poverty.

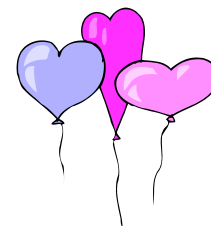
Although Social Security needs reform, the system is not broken. The most recent Social Security trustees' report shows that the system can pay all scheduled benefits through 2033.

One possible reform to strengthen the system is lifting the payroll tax cap, putting the wealthiest Americans on equal footing with everyone else. The Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration has projected that applying the payroll tax to income above \$250,000 will extend the full solvency of Social Security for the next 75 years, protecting the benefits of millions of Americans.

Another potential reform is a caregiver credit, which would give Social Security credits to men and women who step away from paid work to provide family care. This would help alleviate the resulting shortfall in Social Security benefits.

Thank you for your support.

Cindy Alpert
Public Policy



Membership



Membership Matters

Our San Ramon branch has grown to 108 members as of February 2021. Our dedicated membership is continuing to be active by Zoom during these COVID-19 stay-at-home days. We were so glad to see 37 members at the January Mental Health Spa program! We look forward to seeing many members participate in the February programs and the Gianni's Tips for Change fundraiser for TechTrek.

National Dues Increase

At its October 16, 2020 meeting, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase Individual Member dues for the next three years. The dues will rise by \$3 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, \$5 for FY 2023, and \$5 for FY 2024, making the total dues amount for those years \$62, \$67, and \$72, respectively. All but \$3 of your annual dues remains tax deductible.

This decision wasn't made lightly. The board members couldn't be more grateful for our members—or prouder of the work you've done this year. We also recognize that all of us are navigating numerous challenges in these uncertain times. However, in order to preserve the viability of this organization we all love, the board needed to take action. Simply put, this measure is essential for AAUW to continue our mission to achieve gender equity.

Current life members will not be affected by this change. New life memberships acquired after July 1, 2021 will reflect the higher dues' amounts. College and university membership fees will remain unchanged. (aauw.org)

AAUW Board of Directors Statement on Open Membership

The AAUW National Board of Directors strongly supports elimination of the degree requirement for membership and will put the requirement up for a membership vote this spring. This important change is a critical step in bringing AAUW's bylaws and membership requirement in line with our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. While AAUW is fiercely committed to educational attainment for all women, given our commitment to inclusion, this is simply the right thing to do.

Proposals to eliminate the degree requirement for membership have come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels very strongly that, while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

Members can comment on the proposed amendment from January 11 through February 5, 2021, 5:00 PM ET. Voting will open on April 7 and close May 17, 2021, 5:00 PM ET.

We encourage respectful debate, which has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community. Please send any [comments](#) to let the board know of your thoughts on this proposal and exercise your vote this spring. (aauw.org)

Member Spotlight



Nancy Vandell

Birthplace and other places I've lived: I was born and raised in Corvallis, Oregon, with short sabbaticals in Palo Alto, Princeton, and St. Paul. As an adult, I have lived in the Bay Area and Houston.

Education: I have a bachelor's degree in Electrical & Computer Engineering from Oregon State University. I have also taken some graduate coursework in special education assessment and law.

Spouse: My husband of 36 years, Clark, is a retired geophysicist who enjoys travel, hiking, biking, reading, continuing education, and me 😊.

Member Spotlight continued on next page.

Membership, continued

Children: Our son, Perry, is a reporter for *The Arizona Republic* newspaper in Phoenix; he covers public safety and breaking news. His rescue dog, Luna, has been thrilled that Perry has been working from his apartment since March due to COVID. Through wonderful support from his teachers and doctors, and his own efforts, Perry has learned to manage learning disabilities and ADHD, and we are proud of him.

Significant Mentor or Hero: Ruth Bader Ginsburg, for fighting successfully for laws to provide equal rights for women in the workplace, as well as for being the most supreme of Supreme Court justices.

Current and Previous Employment: I was employed at Chevron from 1975–1995 as an information technology project manager, supervisor, and IT architect. As an intern in 1975, I was the first woman to work as an electrician in Chevron’s Richmond refinery, and in 1977 the first woman to work in Chevron’s “wildcat” drilling camps in the Arctic, installing prototype voice scramblers and encrypted facsimile machines over satellite communication systems. As an IT architect, I led the team designing the first major router-based corporate Intranet.

In 1995, I became a stay-at-home mom, volunteering with PTA at the local, county, and state levels advocating on behalf of children and families. In 2002, we initiated a special needs committee at the (school district) PTA Council. The committee held monthly programs for parents and school staff, as well as an annual day-long conference. We were able to foster trust with the school district, resulting in improved procedures for identifying and supporting children with special needs.

In 2005, the San Ramon Unified School District hired me to manage a two-year \$1.5 million project to design and implement a computerized special education system throughout the district. I enjoyed working with the dedicated teachers in completing the project on time and under budget. Following this project, I co-chaired two parcel tax campaigns for the SRVUSD, working with our PTA council. While PTA council president and VP for advocacy, our council won the first National PTA Outstanding Advocacy award for our work with our school district and statewide, as well as California State PTA outstanding unit awards in four areas. I then spent several years on the California State PTA Board of Managers, including working as an education advocate in Sacramento.

Current Interests and Pastimes: Since 2015, I have enjoyed traveling with either my husband or my 91-year-old mother, both of whom had been waiting patiently for me to retire from PTA volunteering. Clark and I have traveled to Alaska; the Antarctic, including South Georgia and the Falkland Islands; Turkey; the Galapagos. We cruised from Miami to SF through the Panama Canal. A highlight was sipping a brandy in the sauna after taking the Polar Plunge in the Southern Ocean south of the Antarctic Circle. We have also taken driving trips through the Pacific Northwest and national parks in Montana and Wyoming. Mom and I have visited New York, Canada, Norway, Europe, and southeast Asia.

In addition, I enjoy reading, movies, and working on the computer. I am trying to learn to enjoy exercise. I have spent way too much time following national politics over the past five years and am looking forward to the incoming competent leadership.

Memorable Experiences, Adventures, and/or Accomplishments: In 1992–1996, I was one of four plaintiffs in a sexual harassment/retaliation lawsuit and a named plaintiff representing 770 women in a class-action sex-discrimination lawsuit in the IT part of the company (both *Vandell et al. vs. Chevron Corporation*). At the time, Chevron was the 7th largest corporation in the world, and we were represented by a tiny but terrific law firm. Chevron admitted guilt and settled publicly in the harassment lawsuit, which shows how much the evidence was in our favor. The company settled under a consent decree in the discrimination lawsuit. In addition to monetary damages, we were able to negotiate injunctive relief with major policy changes benefitting women and minorities. The cases resulted in women being promoted and given salary increases throughout the corporation and complaints about harassment being taken seriously. Obviously, this didn’t correct the culture completely, but we made a dent. As this case was unique for its time, it also resulted in other companies changing their policies. I never wanted to be involved in such a lawsuit, but top management’s support for the harasser when shown evidence of life-threatening and sexualized abuse of a woman I had hired, as well as retaliation against me and 13 other women who complained about the same manager, made it clear that something needed to be done. The effort took a physical and emotional toll on me, and I left the company (and work that I loved) to recover and focus on our son, whose special needs were emerging.

Happy Valentine’s Day from your Membership Team!

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

Fund



This is a continuing series of articles to highlight the amazing work of our AAUW American Fellows as presented during the October 2020 Webinar (<https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-fund-luncheons/>). We want to share the story of Yvonne Zhang.

Yvonne is a filmmaker with focus on magical realist stories that center on diaspora communities and explore identity, belonging, and power. Yvonne holds a Foundation in Fine Art from Central St. Martins School of Art and Design, and a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from the University of Edinburgh. She is currently a Directing Fellow at the American Film Institute Conservatory, with support from AAUW, Fulbright, BAFTA Los Angeles, and P.E.O. International.

Although Yvonne originally hails from the UK, what makes her story especially compelling is the voice and lens that she provides to the film industry. Women and Asian women in the film director's chair are scarce. Her work is both pioneering and making a difference!

International Fellowships



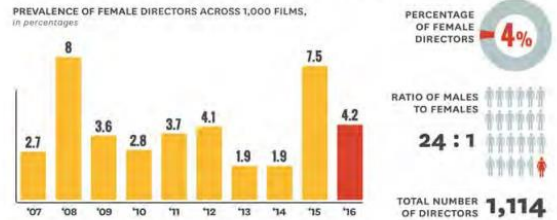
Name: Yvonne Zhang
Award Year: 2020-21
Award: International Fellowship
Institution: American Film Institute Conservatory
Citizenship: United Kingdom
Location: Los Angeles, California
Discipline: Film
Degree and Specialization: M.F.A., Directing

Yvonne Zhang

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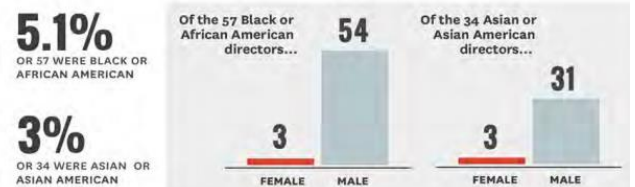
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Yvonne Zhang

THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR IS WHITE AND MALE

ACROSS 1,000 FILMS AND 1,114 DIRECTORS...



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Our San Ramon Branch is trying to raise **\$3,000 this year.**

How to Donate:

Simply click the following link:

<https://sanramon-ca.aauw.net/give-now/>

Select "Use My Gift Where It Is Needed Most (Greatest Needs Fund)" **and don't forget to use your AAUW Member ID** so our branch receives the credit!

Respectfully,

Pamela Bugbee

Co-Vice President, Fund with Elaine Graves

Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesday

Tuesday, February 2; 12:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

This will be another virtual Lunch Bunch meeting as we continue to battle COVID. Your Zoom link will be sent to you via e-mail. To join the e-mail reminder list, contact: Marsha Froines



GAME NIGHT

First Saturday

Saturday, February 6; 7:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

More information about the Zoom call will be sent prior to the date.

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed



DAYTIME READERS

Second Monday

Monday, February 8; 1:00–3:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

We are reading *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Chris White will lead the discussion via Zoom.

For questions, or to be put on the e-mail distribution list to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact Margo James



THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Third Monday

Monday, February 15; 7:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Arlene Addison will review *The Overstory* by Richard Powers.

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng



Interest Groups

BRIDGE

Third Tuesday

Tuesday, February 16; 7:00–10:00 PM

Via BridgeBase

Hostess: Chris White

RSVP required: Contact hostess as soon as possible to let hostess know if you are playing or not. We will be videoconferencing and using BridgeBase for our bridge game online.

Questions? Contact Chris White



FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Friday, February 26; 7:30 PM

Chris White will be the Organizer. Please stream *Sound of Metal* on Amazon Prime prior to our discussion.

Drummer Ruben begins to lose his hearing. When a doctor tells him his condition will worsen, he thinks his career and life are over. His girlfriend, Lou, checks the former addict into a rehab for the deaf hoping it will prevent a relapse and help him adapt to his new life. After being welcomed and accepted just as he is, Ruben must choose between his new normal and the life he once knew. (As far as I know, it is not available on any other format. You can get a 30-day free trial to Amazon Prime if you don't already have it.)

Director: Darius Marder

Starring: Riz Ahmed, Olivia Cooke, Paul Raci

If you would like to be included in our discussion via Zoom on February 26, please let Chris White know. I hope you can join us!

If you have questions or wish to volunteer to be an Organizer during 2021, please contact Chris White

Update: AARP Movies for Grownups

These screenings (free with pre-registration) will continue in 2021—but registration instructions may be difficult to find on the AARP website. Briefly, search for AARP Movies for Grownups and click on Join Us For AARP Movie Night. You can watch the trailer before you decide to register. Click on the film title and then on the Register button to "Pre-order" the film. Create an account with your e-mail, name, and a password. Click "Pre-order for \$0" until you receive a message that you have successfully pre-ordered the movie. You will receive a confirmation e-mail with instructions on how to access the film.

Next screening: *Supernova*, with Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci, on Tuesday, February 5; 5:00 PM PST.

Interest Groups

TRAVEL GROUP

We are greatly appreciative to Chris White, Margo James, and to Chris and Steve Burchik for the excellent Zoom presentations they made this fall and winter. While actual travel has not been feasible for the past year, these presentations were entertaining and educational. They whetted our appetites for the return of our true travels.

Travel Group is on hiatus until the fall, when we hope to resume our normal in-person group gatherings. By that time, hopefully everyone will have received their vaccinations and be comfortable meeting in person. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Anne Hayden
Renae Buckser



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Support Our Donors

More than just restaurants!

The following is an updated list of Tri-Valley businesses who generously donated gift certificates and cards as well as items or services to our last Gala Fundraiser in 2019. In the spirit of mutual support, we encourage our members to patronize the following businesses AND let them know you are from the San Ramon Branch of AAUW. These businesses need our support now more than ever!

Alamo Ace Hardware–Blackhawk, Amici’s East Coast Pizzeria and Pasta, Bankhead Theater, Basque Boulangerie Bakery, Beau & Bella A Modern Day Spa, Bent Creek Winery in Livermore, Big Five, Black Angus, Blackhawk Auto Museum, BR Nails, Brass Door Restaurant, Bridges Golf Course, Bridges Restaurant, Buckhorn Grill, Burma Experience Restaurant–Pleasanton, Café Attila, Cambiati Wellness, Canyon Lakes Golf and Brewery, Chamois Carwash–Blackhawk, Cheesecake Factory, Chili’s, Christine’s Beauty Salon, Cinemark–Blackhawk, Club Sport, Concannon Winery, Costco, Crow Canyon Country Club, Dairy Queen, Dana’s Restaurant, Danville Chocolates, Danville Bowl, Danville Olde Town Bakery, Dublin Iceland, Dublin Ranch Golf Course, Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl (temporarily closed), Edible Arrangements–Blackhawk, El Charro Restaurant, Elements Massage, Esin Restaurant, Frankie, Johnny & Luigi Too, Gianni’s, Golden Sand Harbor Restaurant, Habit Burger Grill, Heller Jewelers, Home Depot, Hop Yard American Alehouse & Grill, Joy Perkins (Omnibus Organizing), Katy’s Korner, Law Offices of Patricia Leong, Linda Hamilton (LuLaRoe Clothing), Lindsay Wildlife Experience, Locanda Ravello, Luna Loca, Lunardi’s Market, Ma Jolie Salon, Main Street Kitchen–Walnut Creek, Marine Mammal Center, Mark Stephenson–Photographer, Martial Arts America, McDonald’s, Mod Pizza, Mountain Mike’s Pizza, New Moon Restaurant, Nob Hill Foods, Noland’s Cake Shop, Nothing Bundt Cakes–Dublin, Oakland Zoo, Oksana Elegant Grooming, Pacific Catch, Panda Express, Patxi’s Pizza, Peet’s Coffee & Tea, Pete’s Brass Rail & Car Wash, Quarry Hill Botanical–Glen Ellen, Rakestraw Books, Rigatoni’s, Rolls Deli (temporarily closed), San Ramon Marriott, Shabu Shabu, Shampooches, Sky Terrace Vineyard, Sports Basement–San Ramon, Sprouts, Starbucks (any), Strizzi’s, Subway, Target–San Ramon, Terra Cotta Outdoor Living, The Lot, Three Brothers from China, Trader Joe’s, True Food Kitchen–WC, UPS Store–Marketplace, Walmart, Worth Group (Peasant and Pear), Yersen’s Gelato Cakes, Zachary’s Pizza–San Ramon

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines	3	4	5	6 7:30 PM Game Night Lucy Weed
7	8 1:00 PM Daytime Readers Margo James 6:00 PM Board Meeting Chris Burchik	9	10	11	12	13 10:00 AM COVID Vaccine Program Kathy Senti
14 Deadline to pre-order from Gianni's 	15  Gianni's Tips for Change Fundraiser 7:00 PM Night Book Group Cheri Ng	16 7:00 PM Bridge Chris White	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 7:00 PM San Ramon Perspectives & Plans Program Mary Jane Keogh	26 Fourth Friday Flicks Chris White	27
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Snippets

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 11: Alzheimer's Program via Zoom videoconference

April 8: Program with Meredith May, author of *Honey Bus*