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SUMMER**



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## President's Pen



Greetings to our members!

Chris and I want to thank you for your support the last three years. It's hard to believe it has been three years but during that time, we were fortunate to have a wonderful board and members to navigate the last 15 months. What an honor it has been to be co-presidents.

We also want to thank you for the lovely gifts that we received. They were a huge surprise and were much enjoyed!

We appreciate all you do for the Branch



The new co-presidents of 2021–2022, Kathleen Schaub and Janice Colby, will host a planning session this summer. Please contact one of the new board members if you have ideas or suggestions for programs or projects that you feel would be of interest.

We hope that you have a safe, fun summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Lucy Weed  
Co-President with Chris Burchik

## Happy June Birthdays

Beth Robertson  
Cindy Ferrin  
Elaine Baldwin  
Karen Van Zino  
Joyce Gunn  
Pam Bugbee  
Carol Rowley  
Mary Jane Keogh  
Patricia Leong  
Renaë Buckser  
Nancy Powers  
Sally Blackwell  
Elaine Graves  
Marsha Froines  
Sandra Budde  
JoAnne Barron  
Jane Young

## Happy July Birthdays

Pat Baran  
Robin White  
Barbara Blalock  
Cordelia Hwang  
Vicki Turbeville  
Cheri Ng  
Carol Lopez-Lucey  
Susan Walker-Christensen  
Chris Burchik  
Pat Campbell

## AAUW SR COVID Update for the Summer of 2021

Our community is moving forward to a brighter “new normal” after 14+ months of living under COVID uncertainty. Socializing with fellow members remains a valuable AAUW benefit. Everyone is curious! When will we see each other in person again? Expect a phased return to in-person.

This article outlines our SR board policy in place *through September 2021* for AAUW sanctioned in-person get-togethers. Since health and government guidance continues to evolve, we will update this policy in the September newsletter.

**Policy through September 2021:** AAUW-sanctioned get-togethers should remain on Zoom. This includes the board planning session, the September 11 Kick-off, board meetings, and interest groups.

Our branch consists of people with a wide range of needs and risk profiles. Informal surveys and discussions with members have revealed there are too many members who still feel uncomfortable in large group settings. The Board of Directors presidents (outgoing and incoming) believe it is important for activities to be inclusive and to avoid putting AAUW members in the uncomfortable position of having to be “vaccine police.”

Having said that, all of you are free citizens and each can make personal decisions about smaller private get-togethers with your AAUW friends.

**After September:** The board will continue to monitor the situation. Assuming the situation continues to look more positive, the board will revise its position to allow in-person get-togethers. This date is not a commitment, and some restrictions may apply. Check the September newsletter for an update.

A note about the November 2021 Auction event: The Scholarship Committee earlier made the decision to cancel this event. The decision was made not so much to avoid an in-person event, but rather to respect how our business donors have been challenged by the pandemic. We hope you will continue to support both our auction vendors and the worthy scholarship program in other ways during the 2021–2022 year.

**Will Zoom go away?** Zoom will not disappear from AAUW. Just like getting groceries delivered, sometimes visiting your doctor online, and online cocktails with faraway friends, Zoom is here to stay—although not for everything! AAUW SR members like many things about online meetings including broader participation, ease of

getting quality speakers, ability to make content richer with videos and photos, and not having to drive at night or during inclement weather. Organizations in all arenas of life are committing to a “hybrid” approach. Expect some activities to remain on Zoom while others will be in person.

Thank you for your patience! We know you are looking forward to seeing your AAUW friends in person when conditions meet your personal safety requirements. Your membership in AAUW SR is very important. Please continue to support our community and our mission as we move through this next strange chapter of our joint experience!

Chris Burchik and Lucy Weed  
2020–2021 Co-Presidents

Janice Colby and Kathleen Schaub  
2021–2022 Co-Presidents

## Fund



Please consider including a donation to the AAUW Fund with your membership dues renewal. If you renew via the e-mailed link sent to you, there will be the option to include a donation at that time. If you pay your dues by check, the AAUW Fund donation can be paid with the same check. For example, if your dues are \$102 and you wish to donate \$10, please write the check for \$112. If you pay by check, please print the e-mail form that you receive. Note any changes to your contact information on the form. Mail the form with your check payable to AAUW San Ramon to our VP of Finance: Claire Mailhot.

If you wish to donate separately from your dues, please click on the following link: <https://sanramon-ca.aauw.net/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.

We are trying to match our branch's donation amount last year of \$5,400. Thank you for your support of our Renaissance Scholars.

Elaine Graves  
Co- Vice President, Fund with Pam Bugbee

## Membership



### Membership Matters

#### Renewal Reminder

Your membership team is very pleased to report that as of mid-May, over 30% of our members have renewed and/or are current through 2022 on dues payments! We thank all members who have renewed their memberships! AAUW branch memberships will expire on June 30, and our branch begins a new membership and fiscal year on July 1. A renewal notice was sent on May 1 to all current members by e-mail, so please check your computer's inbox. A reminder renewal notice will be sent by early June to all members who still need to renew.

The simplest, fastest, and most efficient way to renew is by using a credit card to renew by e-mail. **Look for an e-mail message sent to you from [memberinfo@aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org) with the subject "AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2022" that will contain your unique renewal link. You'll see that you do not need to log in, just click and renew!** It is that simple.

If you did not receive this e-mail message, please check your spam/junk folder and, if it is not there, just contact the Membership VPs so we can have it sent to you again.

We strongly encourage you to renew using this e-mail link. It is quick and easy for you, and it saves time, resources, and money for the branch.

If you prefer to pay by check, please print the e-mail that you receive. Note any changes to your contact information on the form. Mail the form with your dues check payable to AAUW San Ramon to our VP of Finance: Claire Mailhiot.

As a reminder, AAUW Membership dues are now **\$102**. National dues are \$62, of which \$59 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities). California dues are \$20 and branch dues are \$20. Life members pay only state and branch dues and dual in-state members pay only branch dues.

Please consider including a donation to the **AAUW Fund** with your dues. If you renew via e-mailed link, you will be given the option to include a donation at that time. If you pay your dues by check, the donation can be paid with the same check. For example, if your dues are \$102 and you wish to donate \$10, write a check for \$112.

#### Member Participation

It was so good to see 50 participants—members and students—attend the end-of-the-year May celebration on May 13. It was wonderful meeting the high school scholarship recipients and hearing about their accomplishments and future plans. It was also fun socializing with so many fellow members. Thank you for your continued AAUW support and participation!

#### New Membership Team

As of July 1, the three Membership officers to provide support and assistance to our branch members will be Harvalee Grimm, Betsy Hoffmann, and Margo James—continuing outreach, increasing member participation at programs and events, recruiting new members, and producing the directory. All members can help bring new members into our branch, so please think about those prospective members you know and ask if they might like to attend our September 11 Kick-off Event. If so, please forward their contact information to the Membership team.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors as Membership Co-VP along with Betsy and Margo! Enjoy your summer and see you in September!

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

### Happy August Birthdays

Janice Colby  
Diane Schinnerer  
Mary Venkat  
Lucy Weed  
Dayna Hannum  
Linda Yoshizawa  
Rebecca Said  
Luz Gomez  
Judy Bracken



## Public Policy



### Legislation to Watch

In 2021, AAUW California will focus on childcare, which meets the goals of all of our three pillars.

Without affordable childcare for families, women are often the ones to leave their jobs or forgo education to care for their children. This has been the case for tens of thousands of women during the COVID pandemic, jeopardizing their financial security and ability to get higher paying jobs.

We are supporting a package of legislation that will improve access to quality early childhood education for low-income children and especially children of color, make family fees affordable, and improve the quality of childcare for children aged up to age 3.

- AB 92—Waives family fees thru 10/22, then restructures rates for family fees (we are co-sponsors of this bill)
- AB 22—Transitional Kindergarten for 4-year olds
- SB 70—Mandatory Kindergarten
- SB 246—Restructuring childcare rate reimbursement to improve the quality of childcare
- AB 1361—Expulsion of children from childcare

These bills help women achieve economic security, improve the quality of childcare and early learning in preparation for education, and help eliminate bias in how children of color are treated in childcare.

If you want to track the progress of these bills through the California legislature, you can go to the AAUW CA website under Public Policy and click on “Bill Tracking.” It is critical to the health and well-being of women and children that these bills pass. <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2021/04/bill-tracking.pdf/>

I encourage you follow these bills and send letters to your state senator and representative asking for their yes vote.

This is one small action you can take to support AAUW CA in achieving our mission.

Thank you for your support!

Cindy Alpert  
Public Policy Chair

## Tech Trek



The 2020–2021 Tech Trek year is nearly complete! All five of our selected Tech Trek campers have registered for a virtual Tech Trek camp being held in June or July.

About two weeks before their camp starts, Cordelia or I will deliver to each girl their camp kits (with materials for the robotics course and their chosen workshops) and some gifts, including a Tech Trek T-shirt from the camp and a cute, small stuffed Tech Trek bear from our San Ramon Branch. Hopefully, all five girls will attend our branch’s September brunch to tell our branch members and guests about their Tech Trek camp experiences.

After the camps are done, I’ll prepare a turnover for the San Ramon Branch’s incoming 2021–2022 Tech Trek Coordinators Stella Hadjimarkos and Cordelia Hwang. I’m sure Stella and Cordelia will do a great job together!

Our branch’s Tech Trek program is in good shape. Many of our members know about and support AAUW Tech Trek, and our San Ramon Branch Tech Trek account balance (held by AAUW California) is \$10,898. Having that account balance provides a nice financial cushion since 2022 camp fees are unknown, fundraising success is hoped for but not a given, and the branch will likely want to sponsor six girls for camp (as done in past years). Let’s hope the 2022 Tech Trek Camps will be back on college campuses so our campers can have a full Tech Trek Camp experience—with all the camaraderie, hands-on learning, and fun and exciting STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) activities that Tech Trek Camp can provide.

As this is my last San Ramon Tech Trek program update, I want to thank all of you that have contributed to the Tech Trek program during the three years I’ve been San Ramon Branch Tech Trek Coordinator. I greatly appreciate your contributions whether they were your time, talents, and/or financial donations. So, thank you everyone!

Marielle Boortz  
Tech Trek Co-Coordinator with Cordelia Hwang

## Local Scholarship



### CSUEB Renaissance Scholars Scholarship Recipients

Maryam and Michelle, our deserving young Renaissance Scholars, will begin the fall semester at CSUEB on September 24, 2021.

In June, our Scholarship Committee will ask for Maryam's and Michelle's wish lists so we can organize our annual Back to School Support Baskets.

In mid-July, we'll send out the information to our San Ramon AAUW members for their consideration along with the names of members who will collect the items.

September 1, 2021 is the deadline for contributions. Baskets will be given to the Renaissance Scholars shortly afterward.

In the meantime, please think about the meaningful ways we can help these young women achieve their academic goals. You make it possible!

Pat Campbell  
Local Scholarship Committee

### High School Scholarship Recipients

The 2021 scholarship recipients have been selected! We have awarded \$1,000 scholarships to five outstanding young women from California High School. The quality of applicants continues to be very strong, with this year's recipients presenting a wide range of skills and interests. They have demonstrated significant academic skills as well as accomplishments in music, art, science, athletics, world languages, and leadership. Several have also been very involved in community volunteer or social activities, participated in internships, or held part-time jobs.

Our process for selecting these recipients followed a similar pattern to 2020 in that we were not able to meet our applicants in person.

**Interviews:** Since we were not able to have personal meetings, we did a paper screening and then selected five recipients for our \$1,000 scholarships.

**Zoom Meetings:** Julie Gin, Lorraine Weir, Sally Scholl, Sally Blackwell, and I met with each recipient to congratulate them personally and to gain more personal information as we do during the individual interviews.

**Home Visits:** Julie, Lorraine, and I visited each of the recipient's homes (maintaining social distance and wearing masks) to meet with them and present them with some congratulatory goodies along with informational paperwork required for our organization and their university. They were also invited to our Zoom End-of-the-Year Celebration event. I hope that those of you who attended this event were able to meet them briefly.

**Following is a brief overview of their many accomplishments and future goals.**

#### Sophie C.



Sophie will attend University of San Francisco in the fall. She has been accepted into the School of Nursing and Health Professions and received a Merit scholarship from USF. Her goal is to receive her BSN degree and possibly continue for a Master's degree while working in Pediatrics. Sophie has been involved in several on-campus activities including California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, and Key Club. She has served as a representative to the San Ramon Teen Council and is currently the president of Key Club.

Her other activities or interests have included Girl Scouts, tutoring, and hip-hop and jazz dancing. She has been the captain of the Hip-Hop Competition Team at 4Ever Dance Studio and taught choreography. Sophie also enjoys playing the guitar and crocheting.

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## Local Scholarship, continued

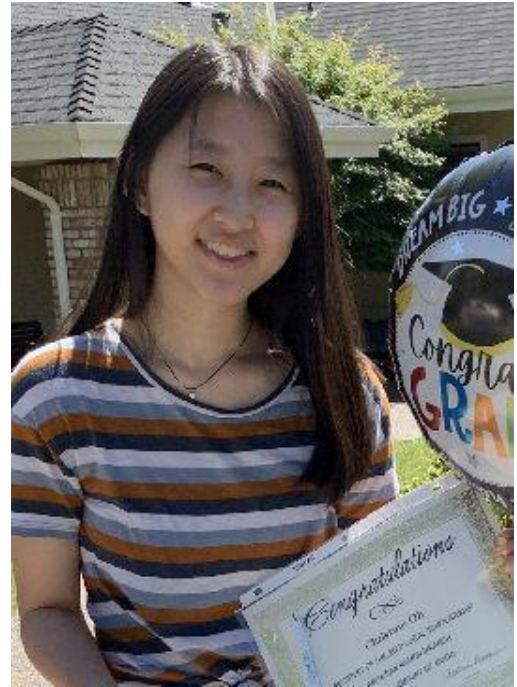
Nikhita D.



Nikhita will attend either Cal Poly San Luis Obispo or UC Davis in the fall. She plans to major in Animal Science/Agribusiness. Nikhita is interested in a career that focuses on animal behavior and nutrition. She is also interested in teaching or providing opportunities for youth to learn about agriculture in an urban community, drawing on her experience raising four lambs and seven goats. She expressed to us that she feels having the opportunity to raise livestock has had a “huge impact on my life,” specifically learning to “stay calm when things go wrong.” Nikhita has been a member of the Tassajara 4H group for six years, is currently their president, and will show her animals soon at the Contra Costa Fair. Some of Nikhita’s on-campus activities have included playing trumpet in the marching band and wind ensemble and serving as a photographer and social media editor for the student newspaper. Additionally, she has developed more skills in social media management and gained employment experience in this area with her 4H club, a goat breeding company, and on-line products with Etsy. Nikhita also enjoys photography, calligraphy, and embroidery.



Christine O.



Christine will attend UC Berkeley in the fall. She plans to major in Sociology and Journalism and is interested in working with investigative and social justice reporting. Christine is currently the editor-in-chief for the Cal High newspaper and has been honored as a student “Journalist of the Year” by the Contra Costa County News group. Her other on-campus activities have included Key Club, CSF, and NHS. She has held several leadership positions in these groups, including serving as president. Christine is also the founder of Educore, an on-line peer tutoring program. Much of Christine’s focus aside from school has been with her family’s involvement for many years as volunteers in the Korean adoptee international community. Christine was not adopted, but she has been immersed in this community from a young age. With her bilingual skills, Christine has been a Korean language and culture instructor, math instructor, and translator with this group. She has participated in a Me & Korea’s Mosaic Tour with adult adoptees journeying to Korea to search or meet their birth families; she has also written articles for their newsletter. With this community and its various organizations, Christine has met and had experiences with Korean adoptees from all over the world using her language and writing skills. She has also expanded her writing and marketing skills as an employee of a local community publication.

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## Local Scholarship, continued

Aavani R.



Aavani will attend UC San Diego in the fall. She will major in Neuroscience and is interested in mental health, social justice issues, and psychology. Aavani has been involved in many on-campus groups and activities, including NHS, CSF, Science Alliance, Science Olympiad. She is the founder of In Touch, an organization dedicated to raising awareness about teen mental health issues, and she recently received an award from Soroptimist for this work. In Touch grew out of Aavani's own journey with mental health issues and started as a website designed for teenagers to access free resources in this community. It has expanded to radio and podcast interviews, particularly providing support and awareness of healthy outlets to manage mental health issues and potential curriculum resources for teachers. Aavani has also been a volunteer/intern for three years at both Lawrence Hall of Science at UC Berkeley and Chabot Space and Science Center. This year she was also chosen for an internship with John Muir Health Young Healers Program, which focuses on exploring careers in healthcare and interacting with professionals in the field. Aavani also enjoys baking and jewelry-making.

Melanie W.



Melanie will attend the University of San Francisco in the fall. She has been accepted into the School of Nursing and Health Professions and received a Merit scholarship from USF. She has also been recognized as a Getty Scholar, which provides a stipend for travel or an internship in the summer. Melanie's goal is to obtain a BSN to prepare her for a career as a neonatal intensive care nurse, possibly continuing in this field as a nurse practitioner.

Some of Melanie's on-campus activities have included marching band, chamber orchestra, wind ensemble, MedGen Club, CSF, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has demonstrated significant skills in music and leadership, participating in some groups for all four years, serving as section leader and being chosen as the drum major for the marching band as a junior. Melanie has also been involved with Girl Scouts for 13 years, attaining the bronze, silver, and gold awards. She has served as a camp counselor and youth leader at her church and was chosen for an internship with John Muir Health Young Healers Program. Melanie is an accomplished "crochet artist" and has used her passion and interest in several ways as a volunteer. Since attending a field trip to the NICU at Stanford Children's Hospital as a sixth grader, Melanie has crocheted hundreds of hats and booties for premature babies for this hospital. She even has a website with these patterns so that others can give to their local communities.

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## Local Scholarship, continued

In high school, through her experience with her grandmother's diagnosis of breast cancer, Melanie was made aware of the heavy, hard, uncomfortable breast prosthetics that were available. She designed a softer, more comfortable, adjustable crochet insert. She named these "Crocheted Coconuts" and has a website with the pattern and instructions.

We are very pleased that we are able to support these very deserving young women.

### Shredding Event Recap

Thanks again to the support of our members Janice Colby and Janice Nugent, who covered the cost of the shredder truck, we made \$2,034 at this event this year! This amount is more than double any previous amount achieved.

Additionally, Janice and Janice provided advertising along with Joy Perkins. Isabel Lau publicized our event on several social media platforms as well as our website. The event was held in the parking lot at the Bollinger Hills Cabana. The weather was great and many "happy" people came. Several people even thanked us for providing this service! It was a great opportunity to raise money for Local Scholarship.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers. Those who attended the event or who contributed beforehand to our success: Janice Colby, Janice Nugent, Isabel Lau, Cindy Alpert, Sally Blackwell, Chris Burchik, Alice Miller, Lorraine Weir, Chuck Christensen, and Susan Walker-Christensen.

We also thank our members who contributed by bringing items to shred or sharing information with friends, family, and neighbors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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



### 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

## Interest Groups

### LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesdays; 12:30 PM

Via Zoom

June 1

July 6

August 3

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 Saturdays; 7:30 PM

Via Zoom

June 5

July 3

August 7

Information about the Zoom call will be sent prior to the date.

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed



### DAYTIME READERS

Second Mondays; 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Via Zoom

June 14

We are reading *When Women Were Birds: Fifty-four Variations on Voice* by Terry Tempest Williams. Marielle Boortz will lead the discussion.

July 12

We are reading *Murder in the Marais* by Cara Black. Nancy Vandell will lead the discussion.

August 9

We are reading *The Evening and the Morning* by Ken Follett. Margo James will lead the discussion.

Happy reading!

Margo James

## Interest Groups

### THIRD TUESDAY BRIDGE

Third Tuesdays; 7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Via Zoom and BridgeBase

RSVP is required

June 15

July 20

August 17

Host: Chris White

If you would like to be included in this group, please RSVP: **Contact Chris White as soon as possible to let me know if you are playing or not.**

If you have questions or would like to join this group, please contact me:  
Chris White



### NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Third Mondays; 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

June 21

Karen van Zino will review *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

July 19

We are reading *The Satapur Moonstone* by Sujata Massey.

August 16

Chris Burchik will review *This Is Happiness* by Niall Williams.

**\*\*Note change in book selection\*\***

*Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* will be reviewed in September.

Host: Cheri Ng





## Interest Groups

### FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Fourth Fridays, 7:30 PM

June 25

July 23

August 27

Via Zoom

Organizer and movie choices to be announced! Please volunteer!

We have had great discussions on the movies that have been recommended. Thank you Diane Griffiths for leading May's discussion.

We desperately need people to sign up to be an Organizer for **June 25, July 23, or August 27.**

The duties of the Organizer are

1. Pick a movie for the group to watch prior to our discussion date and let me know your choice so I can send out an e-mail to the group and
2. Lead a discussion relating to the movie—I will send out the Zoom link for the discussion to those that have responded. That's it!

### Please sign up to help!

Please check us out if you haven't joined in our discussions. They have been great! Also, if no volunteers step forward, the event will be cancelled! Watch your e-mail for updates.

If you have questions, or wish to volunteer to be an Organizer some month in 2021, or wish to receive these e-mails, please contact:

Chris White



## Interest Groups

### TRAVEL GROUP

Travel Group will be on vacation for the summer. If you have traveled recently and would like to share your experiences with the group, please contact Anne or Renae. We will return with a new travel program for the 2021–2022 year and share it with you at the Kick-Off on September 11.

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 Host if you can attend.

Renae Buckser  
Anne Hayden



Joy Perkins

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## JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines	2	3	4	5 7:30 PM Game Night Lucy Weed
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 1:00 PM Daytime Readers Margo James	15 7:00 PM Bridge Chris White	16	17	18	19
20	21 7:00 PM Night Book Group Cheri Ng	22	23	24	25 Fourth Friday Flicks Chris White	26
27	28	29	30	31		



**Flag Day  
June 14**

# JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 7:30 PM Game Night Lucy Weed
4 	5	6 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines	7	8	9	10
11	12 1:00 PM Daytime Readers Margo James	13	14	15	16	17
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## SNIPPETS

Missing you all! Woody and I want to extend an invitation to visit us in Walla Walla (where Woody and I met here at Whitman College, and our daughter's family now resides), which is located in the SE corner of WA on the border of Oregon. Stop by on your way to jaunts in parks in Alberta, Utah, Montana, Idaho, and our now-famous W2 wineries! Further, we have great restaurants, serving both inside and out, and we reside close to both an RV park and a hotel.

I first joined AAUW with **our group** more than 30 years ago! I wish I could see you all in person to say how much I have enjoyed the benefits of your leadership, mental stimulation, and the Interest Groups as well as your friendships over the years!

Fondly, Sherri  
Sherri Hedman

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 Date

Saturday, September 11: Kick-Off Event via Zoom Videoconference