

THE VIEW FROM SAN RAMON

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**SAN RAMON AAUW
ANNUAL VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9:00–11:30 AM
SOCIAL TIME BEGINS AT 8:45 AM
ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL PRIOR TO MEETING**



- **MEET OUR TECH TREK CAMPERS**
- **CELEBRATE OUR RENAISSANCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**
- **LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE BRANCH**
- **HEAR FROM OUR GUEST SPEAKER, WHO RECEIVED OUR FIRST TECH TREK SCHOLARSHIP IN 1998**
- **EXPLORE THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**
- **CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS, MEET NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME OUR GUESTS**

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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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Welcome back as we begin a new AAUW branch year!

A Year of More Friends!

Our branch will echo AAUW CA's Marketing and Membership theme this year with an eye toward engaging more women in three categories: working age, retirement age, and university level. We want to get the word out about how special the AAUW organization is. In addition to increasing communications, we'll also increase collaboration with other community groups. We'd love to hear ideas from you and welcome your help!

More Service!

Many thanks to our project teams for the great work during last year's challenges. Tech Trek, Scholarships, Fund, and Public Policy did a fantastic job in 2020–2021. You'll hear their plans for an equally exciting year ahead at our upcoming Virtual Membership Meeting—and, of course, continue to get updates in our fantastic newsletters. AAUW is both a service and a social organization. Please volunteer and participate in fundraising for our worthy mission.

More Social (We Hope!) Activities

Expect an interesting agenda as our Program team kicks off a fun-themed year with a wide range of topics. Cross your fingers for an improved public health environment that allows us to get together in person. "Stay flexible" remains our mantra for now as the pandemic ebbs and flows. AAUW at the national and state levels advise us to follow local guidelines. Through September, it's all Zoom. After September, AAUW SR will not host large group get-togethers while mask mandates are in place. Since special

interest groups vary in size and activity type, the branch board leaves it up to each SIG to determine what makes sense for them. We'll continue to monitor guidance from the CDC and community leaders. Once again, everyone's patience and cooperation are appreciated as we maneuver together through this confusing time.

What's Coming Up?

Thursday, September 8: Board Member Webinar

You're in charge! Now what? What boards need to know. President-Elect of AAUW-CA Sandi Gabe presents ideas and recommendations. Look for registration info at <https://www.aauw-ca.org>.

Saturday, September 11: Membership Meeting

Our illustrious Program Vice-Presidents have themed our September kick-off event "With a Little Help from My Friends."

Sign up for at our Virtual Annual Membership Meeting and invite new prospective members to join you.

See you soon!

Kathleen Schaub,
Co-President with Janice Colby

Happy September Birthdays

Alice Miller
Anne Hayden
Pat Barley
Diane Griffiths
Arlene Addison
Brenda Uranga
Millie Kessler

Editors' Note Policy Reminder

In order to ensure that newsletter editors are able to edit submissions (articles or portions thereof and flyers for events/fundraisers), the Board of Directors has voted to adopt a policy of **ONLY** accepting documents in a Word.doc or .docx format for publication in the newsletter (i.e., **NO** .pdf formats allowed).

Program

Welcome to a new planning year for our branch programs. Your vice-presidents of Program, Cindy Alpert and Lynda Gann, are busy planning monthly programs that are interesting, intriguing, and informative. We also added a consistent theme to our program plans! See if you can figure it out!

Do you want to know a secret? We received many great ideas from our members and have done our best to incorporate those ideas into the plans. Please remember to check the monthly newsletter for details of each event. We can work it out with our publicity team to share the information with you and the community.

With a little help from my friends, our first event is the Annual Membership Meeting on **September 11** from **9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. This is an exciting time to catch up with friends, make new acquaintances, hear from our Tech Trek campers, and celebrate our two Renaissance Scholars. We have a very special guest speaker too! Tawan Udtamadilok, who was our very first Tech Trek camper, will share her personal experiences following a STEM-related education and career. **E-vites were e-mailed in August—remember to RSVP so you receive the Zoom link!**

In October, we will hear from AAUW San Ramon member Sabina Zafar with an update on the San Ramon Walking District plans. The city has embarked on a six-month process to develop this framework plan, which aims to define the location of walking and biking loops, enhance wayfinding, and provide placemaking guidelines for the routes and signage. This *long and winding road* is currently being built into the City Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Recreation Master Plan. Please mark your calendar for **October 2** from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Additional details and a Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.

In November, mark your calendar on **November 17**, from **7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** for some helpful hints on how to just *let it be*. Karen Rice—a new member of AAUW San Ramon—is a health and wellness coach. She will present some ways you can take control of your whole-life health and guide us through healthy ways to deal with the stress, anxiety, and all the craziness of our environment. This will also be a Zoom—more details to come later.

We hope to see many of you at the September 11 meeting and at the many exciting events planned for the upcoming months.

Have a great start to September!

Cindy Alpert,
Co-Vice President, Program with Lynda Gann

Fund



Our branch generously contributed \$2,164 toward the AAUW Fund in the April–June quarter of 2021. We have a great start toward the \$5,000 Fund goal our branch has set for April 2021–March 2022. This unusual time period for the goal was chosen because of the way Fund donations are reported from AAUW National. Thank you to all who generously donated to the AAUW Fund so far. At the events described below, we will have a chance to meet this year's 37 scholars who will be recipients of scholarships supported by our donations.

AAUW CA Save the Date to Meet Our 2021 Fund Fellows

It is the time of year we all look forward to—meeting our fellows. Hearing from our awardees is such an inspiration and the personification of our mission. This year we are again giving you the opportunity to meet all of our awardees virtually. California has 37 scholars studying here this year. In order to give each of these women an adequate amount of time to speak, we are scheduling three events this year. You are welcome to register and attend all three events. Details will follow in September, so for now save these dates:

Saturday, October 23

Saturday, October 30

Sunday, November 7

Each event begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 12:00 PM (noon). See you then!

*Contributed by Lynne Batchelor,
Secretary, AAUW CA Fund Committee Chair*
aauwfund@aauw-ca.org

Elaine Graves,
Co-Vice President, FUND with Pam Bugbee

Membership



Membership Matters

Welcome Back!

We are eager to work for and with you! Your Membership team hopes you have enjoyed your summer and had the opportunity to once again connect with family and friends. We are proud that our branch has remained strong and active despite the restrictions on meeting in person. We have gotten creative in our ways to meet and communicate!

Annual Membership Meeting

Our Annual Membership Meeting is Saturday, September 11 at 9:00 AM. The Zoom link opens at 8:45 AM to allow for a chance to visit before the meeting. A Save-the-Date E-vite and an updated E-vite were sent to your e-mail in late July and mid-August. Let one of us know if you did not receive it. Your RSVP would be greatly appreciated.

Prospective Member Guests

We welcome prospective member guests to all of our programs! Please consider inviting your friends who might be interested in joining AAUW to our Annual Membership Meeting. It is a great way for prospective members to meet us and experience the breadth of the work we do and programs we support at the branch as well as the state and national levels. Guests are also welcome at our monthly programs as well as at interest group events. Please share contact information for these prospective members with any of the membership vice-presidents, and we will initiate their invitation. We participate in the AAUW Shape the Future campaign. Anyone who joins at the annual meeting or a monthly program receives a 50% discount on AAUW national dues—a \$31 savings!

Renewal of Dues Deadline Is September 30

Members who have not yet paid their dues for the fiscal year 2021–2022 were sent electronic reminder notices the week of August 16. Please check for an e-mail from memberinfo@aauw.org. AAUW National advises this year's renewal deadline is **September 30**, after which non-renewed members will be removed from branch rosters and become fully lapsed. Contact your Membership team if you need assistance with your renewal.

New Member Spotlights

Nancye Harder



I was born and raised in Alexandria, Virginia. I spent 13 years in Hong Kong teaching at the Hong Kong International School. From Hong Kong, I moved to the Bay Area and have been here over 25 years. I have a Master's Degree in Education from Lynchburg University, as well as a Telecommunications Master from Golden Gate University. I am currently working as Senior Technical Program/Project Manager at AT&T.

I am very much a water person and love my aqua aerobics classes. I am a member of the International Dark Sky Association and very much interested in preserving our night sky from light pollution.

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Membership, continued

Karen Rice



Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Karen made her way to the Bay area via Oregon, Washington, Illinois, Ohio, and Texas. She started college at the University of Oregon and then transferred to Washington State University, where she completed her undergraduate degree. Karen is a practicing health and wellness coach/instructor; she obtained her national board certification from the Institute for Integrative Health.

Karen's interests are cooking, whole body wellness (mind/body/soul), hiking, reading, music, theatre/movies, language, and senior care/teen care. She considers herself a world traveler. She has visited many countries as well as ALL 50 states!

Harvalee Grimm,
Co-Vice President, Membership with
Betsy Hoffmann and Margo James

Local Scholarship



2020–2021

A Different but Successful Year!

Due to the generous donations from our members, friends, family, and successful fundraisers this past year, a total of seven \$1,000 scholarships were or will be awarded. Five scholarships have already been awarded to Cal High seniors, and the remaining two will be awarded to Renaissance Scholars at the Virtual Membership Meeting on Saturday, September 11. Please join us to meet these two impressive young women and learn about the Renaissance Scholar program

2021–2022 Plans

Due to the continuing COVID pandemic, our annual Silent Auction has been cancelled for 2021. We would still like to continue giving scholarships to our high school students and Renaissance Scholars. With that said, our modest goal this year is to raise **\$5,000** for scholarships instead of \$10,000. Our fundraising plans will be shared in the coming weeks. Our scholarship program to help young women pursue their educational goals will depend on the continued generous support of our members.

Thank you in advance for your help and support for this coming year.

Julie Gin,
Co-Vice President, Local Scholarship with
Susan Walker-Christensen and Loranne Weir
Committee Members: Sally Blackwell, Pam Bugbee,
Pat Campbell, Anna Fehrenbach, Dayna Hannum, and
Sally Scholl

Update on CSUEB Renaissance Scholars

Trinity Cuevas (2019 recipient) graduated in May, 2021.

Dian Rodriguez (2017–2020 recipient) graduated in May, 2021.

Celena Johnson (2019 recipient) will be applying to nursing school in 2022.

Alba Gutierrez Diaz (2016–2018 recipient) graduated in May, 2021. Alba has moved to Virginia and will be working in a medical lab while establishing residency in the State of Virginia. She plans to continue to pursue graduate school in chemistry.

Hilda Arriaga Delgado (2016 recipient) sent the following as an update:

She has been working at Chabot College for five years and was classified full-time in March of 2020. She has applied for the Master's Program at CSUEB in Public Administration and hopes to start in the fall of 2021.

Her son is 15 years old and a sophomore at Mt. Eden High School in Hayward. Her daughter is 10 years old and in 4th grade at Southgate Elementary.

Hilda reports that they always say “. . . I wonder what happened to the ladies that gave us the microwave?” I get happy . . . when they ask for you because I know they are grateful for everything you did for us.”

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

Public Policy



This month we share an interesting article from the AAUW California website about the gender pay gap, which is a timely and relevant topic. As we know, the San Ramon Branch is giving special focus this year to issues affecting gender equality and women's financial security. But first,

A Quick Note About the 2021 CA Gubernatorial Recall Election

The recall ballot will ask two questions: 1. Do you want to recall Governor Newsom? and 2. If the governor is recalled, who do you want to replace him?

If 50% or more vote No, the governor would remain in office. If more than 50% vote Yes, the governor would be removed from office and the person with the most votes would replace him. Voters can choose to vote only on question 1, or to vote on both questions 1 and 2. For more information, visit the California Secretary of State website at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/> and click on "Elections."

Catherine Lewis
Public Policy

When Will the Gender Pay Gap Be Closed?

By Ginny Hatfield,
AAUW California Public Policy Committee

How long will it take? What can we do to make it happen sooner rather than later? These are questions that AAUW has been grappling with for decades. As we mark Equal Pay Day on March 24th, perhaps there is hope that we can make progress in decreasing the gender pay gap in 2021, given a new administration that is committed to social justice and leveling the growing disparity between the haves and the have-nots. We also now have women in the highest echelons of national leadership; and as we all know, when women are in charge, things get done!

According to the 2020 update to AAUW's *The Simple Truth*, based on the projected earnings ratio compiled between 1988–2019, it will take white women until the year 2069—50 years—to achieve parity with men. For women of color, the numbers are even worse. Black women will have to wait until the year 2369—350 years—

as their earnings ratio advanced only 7% from 1988 to 2019. And Latinas find themselves in the worse scenario as their earnings ratio has only increased from 51% to 55% during this period of time, projecting their year of parity to 2451—430 years! (AAUW, *The Simple Truth* 2020 update)

The reasons for these disparities in the gender wage gap are known—and understanding what's causing the problem is the first step to meeting it head on. Members are urged to click [here](#) to read the summary of *The Simple Truth* update on the AAUW National website which lays out the problem, its causes and solutions.

AAUW is leading the charge to effectuate change and you are part of the solution with the work your branches undertake on behalf of women and girls. The more we educate ourselves and others about the scope of this gender wage gap with programs like Start Smart, **Work Smart, NCCWSL**, etc., the more we chip away at the disparity. What is your branch doing to make a difference in the Gender Pay Gap? Let us know what creative ideas you have come up with to spread the word in these days of social distancing, and we'll share them on the web (send to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org).

This excerpt is taken from an e-mail sent by AAUW National to newsletter editors and is titled "Mission and Action" dated August 19, 2021.



PUT WOMEN AT THE CENTER OF CRISIS RECOVERY

More than half of mothers who left their jobs during the pandemic did so because their child's school or daycare closed—and many women cannot return to the workforce without access to paid leave and child care. It's a key reason that the percentage of women in the labor force is the lowest it's been in 32 years.

But every crisis brings opportunity. The U.S. Senate voted last week to advance a budget resolution that includes paid leave and child care. As Congress works through its final budget, [take action](#) and tell them they must prioritize these important measures to help women and their families thrive. It's long past time for the United States to join other developed nations in providing paid caregiving leave to workers.

[Learn more](#) about this and other ways to put women at the center of our economic recovery.

Tech Trek Update



Tech Trek 2021 was a virtual California camp, repeated three times during June and July. More than 600 girls from 60 branches in California participated. For our five camps, it provided a wonderful week of challenges and successes, discoveries and inspiration. Their core project was to create a wearable item utilizing technology taught at the camp. For our girls, it was a hat with a flashing LED light and an automated moving part that also displayed their interests, strengths, and values. Come and meet the girls on Zoom at the September 11 membership meeting.

Below are pictures displaying the kit our girls were provided to create their projects from and two of the hats they made.



There were virtual meetings with notable women in Astrophysics, Neuroscience, Engineering, Food/ Agriscience, and Climate Activism. Each day ended with choices of STEM workshops such as “Light, Waves, and Plasma” (involving building a spectroscope and using it to identify elements), and “Strawberries have DNA?” (during which DNA was isolated from strawberries and human spit). Each girl received a materials kit from camp and a Tech Trek bear from the branch as shown in the photo.

It was a huge effort to switch from our traditional residential camps to a totally virtual program, but we did it! A special thank-you to all our members who supported Tech Trek with their time and donations.

There will be a 2022 Tech Trek camp, and our goal is to send six girls. We are preparing for it, whether it be virtual or in person. We hope that you will support this worthy cause.

Cordelia Hwang,
Co-Chair, Tech Trek with Stella Hadjimarkos

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/salary/start-smart/>



Communications



Communication Is a Two-Way Street

Our second virtual September Members Meeting is fast approaching. If there is one thing we have all learned since March 2020, it's how important technology is for staying connected.

The Communications team for our branch consists of Marsha Froines, Carol Lombardi, me, and all of you. Communication is a two-way street.

We reach you by way of this newsletter, our website (<https://sanramon-ca.aauw.net/>), Facebook (San Ramon University Women, @SRAAUW), and Instagram (@sanramonaauw). We also provide publicity for all events offered to the membership and public.

We have a few requests:

- Please read our newsletter and let us know what you think.
- Visit our website. Let us know if you find it helpful. Is there something missing?
- LIKE our Facebook page. LIKE our posts. And SHARE them with your friends.
- FOLLOW us on Instagram. LIKE our posts. SHARE them with family and friends.

Send us an email to aauwsr@gmail.com with your feedback.

Wishing you a great Autumn!

Isabel Lau,
Communications with
Marsha Froines and Carol Lombardi

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, Blackhawk Auto Museum, BR Nails, Brass Door Restaurant, Bridges Golf Course, Bridges Restaurant, Buckhorn Grill, 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, Danville Chocolates, Danville Bowl, Danville Olde Town Bakery, Dublin Iceland, Dublin Ranch Golf Course, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Experience Burma Restaurant and Bar–Pleasanton, 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, Rakestraw Books, Rigatoni's, San Ramon Marriott, Shabu Shabu, Shampooches, Sky Terrace Vineyard, Sonoma Botanical Garden–Glen Ellen, 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

GAME NIGHT

First Saturday

Saturday, September 4; 7:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Information about the Zoom call will be sent prior to September 4.

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed



LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesday

Tuesday, September 7; 12:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Until we can resume meeting in person, this will be another virtual Lunch Bunch meeting. Margo James (336-6699, mljames5@gmail.com) has kindly agreed to set the meeting up, so watch for her e-mail with the Zoom link in it. If Margo is unable to set the Zoom meeting up, Lucy Weed will do the honors. To join the e-mail reminder list, contact:

Marsha Froines



DAYTIME READERS

Second Monday

Monday, September 13; 1:00 PM

* Special joint meeting with Night Book Group *

Via Zoom videoconference

We are reading *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. Brodie Hilp will lead the discussion.

This is a special meeting; the Night Book Group will join in the discussion.

Monday, October 11; 1:00 PM

Please come ready to discuss books you would like us to read in 2021–2022. For questions, or to be put on the e-mail list to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact Margo James



Interest Groups

THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

* Special joint meeting with Daytime Readers *

Monday, September 13; 1:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

We are reading *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. Brodie Hilp will lead the discussion.

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng



TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE



Tuesday, September 21; 7:00–9:00 PM or so

Hostess: Chris White

RSVP: chriswhite925@gmail.com or 925-829-2809

Our AAUW Bridge meetings will continue to be via Zoom and BridgeBase. 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.**

Questions? Contact Chris White



AUDIO BOOK GROUP

Space Is Available—Please Join Us!

The Audio CD Book Group is like the Book Exchange group, where you buy one book on CD (or download an audible book and transfer it to CD). It is then passed to the next person on the list at the first of the month. We don't hold monthly meetings, so if there is a book you don't have time to listen to, you just pass it along to the next person on the list.

The books should be unabridged on CD, either fiction or non-fiction, and published in the past year.

Contact Cindy by September 15, as the group will begin passing their first CD book on October 1.

Cindy Ferrin

Interest Groups

FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Friday, September 24; 7:30 PM

Organizer and movie choice to be announced!

We have had great discussions on the movies that have been recommended. Thank you, Joyce Gunn, for leading August's discussion.

If you would like to be **removed from receiving e-mails** about Friday Flicks, please let me know. I wish more of you would join in our discussions! They have been great!

We desperately need people to sign up to be an Organizer for the remainder of 2021. Following are the duties of the Organizer:

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;
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 volunteer! Here are the dates:

October 22

November 19 (3rd Friday due to Thanksgiving)

December 17 (3rd Friday due to holidays)

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



Are you interested in playing Chinese Mah Jong?

If so, please let Linda Louie know of your interest and preferences. We have not played since early last year!

Please answer some of these questions:

1. What is your level of interest in playing Chinese Mah Jong?
2. What's your preferred day/night; time; frequency?
3. Are you interested in playing in person now (as there is not a good virtual program that we know of)?
4. Are you not willing to get together in person yet but would like to once COVID has calmed down?
5. Anything else related to Mah Jong?

Please respond to Linda Louie.

Interest Groups

BOOK EXCHANGE GROUP



You buy one hardbound book—either fiction or non-fiction published in the past year—and get to read 12!

On the first of the month, you pass the book you have to the next person on the list. The person receiving the book usually lives close to you. This group does not meet monthly, so if you aren't interested or don't have time to read the book, just pass it along to the next person on the list.

My group has two openings, so contact me by 9/15 if you would like to join or have questions. The book exchange begins on October 1.

Cindy Ferrin



TRAVEL GROUP


We have not scheduled the next Travel Group meeting. Few people have traveled since the pandemic started, and it makes sense to wait until things return to normal. By then we will be able to hold in-person meetings again, which is what is preferred.

We will let everyone know via the branch newsletter and our Travel Group e-mail list when we resume our meetings.

We look forward to that time and to reconnecting with all our AAUW Travel friends once again.

Renae Buckser
Anne Hayden
Travel Group Co-Chairs

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 7:30 PM Game Night Lucy Weed Via Zoom
5	6  Happy LABOR DAY	7 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines Via Zoom	8	9	10	11 9:00 Membership Meeting Via Zoom 
12	13 1:00 PM *Special Meeting* Daytime Readers and Night Book Group Margo James Via Zoom	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 7:00 PM Bridge Chris White Via Zoom	22	23	24 7:30 PM Fourth Friday Flicks Chris White Via Zoom	25
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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

Saturday, October 2, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM: Program with Sabina Zafar on San Ramon City Plans
 Saturday, October 23, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM: FUND Virtual Meeting
 Saturday, October 30, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM: FUND Virtual Meeting
 Sunday, November 7, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM: FUND Virtual Meeting
 Wednesday, November 17, 7:00–8:30 PM: Program with Karen Rice on how to de-stress