



THE VIEW

FROM SAN RAMON

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
2:00–3:00 PM**

**"THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD"
A WALKING TOUR OF
SAN RAMON'S WALKING DISTRICT**

**LED BY SABINA ZAFAR
SAN RAMON CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**



**COME JOIN US FOR THIS FABULOUS WALKING TOUR OF
THE NEW SAN RAMON WALKING DISTRICT!**

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On September 11, we hosted our annual Membership Event and—even though it was a virtual one—I came away with a renewed enthusiasm for our branch, its mission, and its programs.

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and some new ones too! The feedback we have gotten from those of you who attended has been overwhelmingly positive. We were successful in making the event informative, fun, and interactive.

Great Teamwork Made for a Great Event!

A huge amount of thanks goes to all who participated in the slew of e-mails, multiple planning meetings, and dry runs to bring off this event successfully. We only accomplished this “With A Little Help from Our Friends”!

First Tech Trek Student Brought Her Memories to Share

For those of you who might not have been able to tune in, we had a marvelous speaker, Tawan Udtamadilok. Tawan was our very first Tech Trek scholarship recipient in 1998. She talked about her journey from Iron Horse Middle School, to Cal High, to Cal Berkeley, and then Harvard. The huge influence her family and teachers had on her helped guide her.

As the Head of Operations for Schox Patent Group, Tawan is well prepared to work with engineers thanks to her experiences and education. Tech Trek was one of those experiences. She had even kept a memento from her Tech Trek camp in 1998! It was a real sign of the impact this wonderful program makes on the students who participate.

Getting “The 411” on Plans for the Year

Each of the committee members for our branch pillars—AAUW Fund, Tech Trek, Program, Scholarship, Communications, and Public Policy—laid out their plans for the coming year. Some of our Special Interest Groups got creative with their presentations. The games group created a Jeopardy game that they displayed and played. The reading groups created videos highlighting each of the different ways they share their love of reading. There were even drawings for three lucky participants!

Membership recognized some of our long-term members. Arlene Chang was recognized for her 50 consecutive years in AAUW. We saw photos of Arlene from her university days as she was performing a hula! What great memories!

**“You’ll never be bored when you try
something new.
There’s really no limit to what you can do!”
Dr. Seuss**

Kathleen and I talked about how we can make this year’s theme for AAUW California, “Marketing and Membership,” one that will inspire all of you to participate in branch activities with renewed energy. Let’s pick an activity that you haven’t tried before, whether it’s a project (like helping put on an event related to AAUW Fund) or participating in a new-to-you Special Interest Group.

Where Do I Find Event Info?

Our amazingly dedicated and creative Communications Team is always working to keep you informed. In addition to enjoying this newsletter, you can

Check out our web page:

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

Friend us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SRAAUW>

Follow us on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/sanramonaauw/>

What’s Coming Up?

Start this year off with our first program. We are looking for opportunities to get back together in person! Our first program on October 3 will be one where we can do just that! Join us for a walk with fellow member and San Ramon City Council Member Sabina Zafar as she guides us along the City of San Ramon’s Walking District. We can be outside together! I hope to see you there!

Meet the Fellows at the Fund Virtual Events:

Saturday, October 23 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Saturday, October 30 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sunday, November 7 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

I hope to see each of you along the road this year as we explore and participate in new experiences together!

Janice Colby

Co-President with Kathleen Schaub

Program

**Sunday, October 3
2:00–3:00 PM
"The Long and Winding Road"
A Walking Tour of
San Ramon's Walking District
Led by Sabina Zafar
San Ramon City Council Member**



**Come join us for this fabulous walking
tour of the new San Ramon Walking
District!
Meet in front of the San Ramon City Hall**

Sabina Zafar was inaugurated into office in December 2018 and is currently serving her first term as a council member. She is an accomplished technology leader, community volunteer, mentor, and mother. Sabina is wholeheartedly committed to giving back to her city. She has dedicated her career and personal time to improving our community, empowering women and girls to pursue STEM careers, and helping make San Ramon the center of technology and innovation in the Bay Area. Sabina promises to ensure transparency and inclusion in our local government for all residents. In addition, she is passionate about engaging our city's youth in civic service, and she has promoted this initiative through her summer internship program.

This program is coming to you in person, so get your walking shoes on and plan to meet outside San Ramon City Hall. Non-members are always welcome.

Lynda Gann
Co-Vice President, Program with Cindy Alpert

Program Plans for 2021–2022

Plans are coming together for the 2021–2022 program events. Here is a listing of the topics and timeframes. Updates will be provided in the monthly newsletter, social media platforms, and e-mail notifications. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events—we look forward to seeing you there!

Co-Vice Presidents, Program
Cindy Alpert and Lynda Gann

October 3, 2021

2:00–3:00 PM (SR City Hall)

"The Long and Winding Road"

Sabina Zafar, San Ramon City Councilperson
San Ramon Walking District

November 17, 2021

7:00–8:30 PM (Zoom)

"Let It Be"

Karen Rice, Health & Wellness Coach
Women's Whole Health & Well-Being



December 12, 2021

1:00–3:00 PM

"All Together Now"

Holiday Social
Bollinger Hills Cabana

January 2022

"Now and Then"

Presentation on First Peoples of California
San Ramon Valley Historian speaker
Details in process

February 2022

"We Can Work It Out"

Focus on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Removing bias from education
Details in process

March 2022

"Penny Lane"

Focus on Public Policy
Women's economic security
Details in process

April 2022

"Like Dreamers Do"

AAUW Fund Fellowship Recipient Speaker
Details in process

May 2022

"Come Together"

End-of-Year Celebration
Details in process



Fund



Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world! AAUW California is proud to showcase all of the 37 2021–22 Fellow/Grant recipients through virtual events offered over three different dates and times. Below are the dates, times, and links for registration. These virtual sessions are both informative and inspiring. Even if you can only tune in for one session, it is worth it!!

Saturday, October 23 **10:00 AM–12:00 PM**

Click [HERE](#) to register. Once registered, you will receive an e-mail with the Zoom link to join the meeting on October 23rd.

Saturday, October 30 **10:00 AM–12:00 PM**

Click [HERE](#) to register. Once registered, you will receive an email with the Zoom link to join the meeting on October 30th.

Sunday November 7 **1:00 PM–3:00 PM**

Click [HERE](#) to register. Once registered, you will receive an email with the Zoom link to join the meeting on November 7th.

Regards,
Pamela Bugbee
Co-Vice President, Fund with Elaine Graves

Happy October Birthdays

Margie Goldware
Anna Fehrenbach
Allison Winaker
Isabel Lau
Harvalee Grimm
Christine House

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 Gelato Cakes, Zachary's Pizza (now moved to Pleasanton)



Membership



Membership Matters

Annual Membership Meeting

Fifty-five members and guests attended the Annual Membership Meeting on September 11, 2021. We met our Tech Trek campers and the scholars and leaders of the Renaissance program at Cal State East Bay. We met Tawan Udtamadilok, our first Tech Trek camper of 1998, who was our guest speaker. The meeting was informative and FUN!

Renewal of Dues Deadline Was September 30

The deadline to renew your membership for 2021–2022 was September 30. Please contact your Membership Team if you need assistance with the renewal process.

Member Roster and Evite List

Margo James maintains the branch member roster and Evite list. Please let her know of any changes and/or additions to your contact information.

Prospective Member Guests and Shape The Future Discount

Let's continue to grow our chapter. Prospective member guests are welcome to attend our monthly programs and interest groups throughout the year. Keep in mind the Shape The Future discount, which new members receive if they join at a public event, such as our monthly programs. The discount is 50% off the national dues for one year—a \$31 savings. The Shape The Future campaign is currently ongoing and continues into the spring.

If you know someone who is interested in learning about and potentially joining our branch, please share their contact information with the Membership Team. We will invite them to the next branch event(s).

Honoring Arlene Chang Fifty Years with AAUW!



At the Museum of Ice Cream, San Francisco

Arlene Chang was born on the Big Island of Hawaii. She graduated from Michigan State University. Her first career was as a teacher. Arlene met her husband, Bill, while attending a meeting at the University of Michigan (where he was a student). They graduated, were married, and moved to Germany, where Bill assumed a post with a NATO unit. This was the culmination of his commitment with the Army ROTC program. They then moved to Schenectady, NY, where Arlene joined AAUW. From then until now, no matter where they lived, Arlene sought out AAUW. She credits her mother with her continued membership. She'd learned about service to and support of women while watching her mother's involvement with the Association of Chinese University Women in Hawaii.

Arlene has been an active member of AAUW wherever she has lived. She has sought out the local branch and joined the special interest groups in an effort to meet like-minded women. She feels it is important to continue the good works of AAUW and is grateful for the many friends she has made in fifty years.

Congratulations, Arlene! Fifty years with AAUW! We are so lucky to be able to celebrate this milestone with you.

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

AAUW SAN RAMON BRANCH BUDGET

	2020-2021 APPROVED	2020-2021 ACTUAL	2021-2022 APPROVED
<u>Income</u>			
Dues - National	\$1,180	\$1,266	\$1,180
Dues - State	\$500	\$540	\$500
Dues - Branch	\$2,000	\$1,840	\$2,000
<i>Sub-total Dues</i>	\$3,680	\$3,646	\$3,680
Advertising - Newsletter	\$100	\$0	\$100
Tech Trek - Parent Contribution	\$300	\$100	\$300
Local Scholarship - Auction	\$5,000	\$2,220	\$5,000
AAUW Fund	\$500	\$0	\$500
Wind Festival	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Fundraisers - Other			
Tech Trek SPF/ Donations	\$2,000	\$725	\$6,000
Tech Trek - New Fundraiser			\$1,100
Shredding Event	\$500	\$2,034	\$500
Brunch, Program, Admin	\$1,000	\$455	\$500
Reserve	\$6,750	\$0	\$1,700
Total Income	\$24,830	\$9,180	\$24,380
<u>Expense</u>			
Dues - National	\$1,180	\$1,266	\$1,180
Dues - State	\$500	\$540	\$500
<i>Sub-total Dues Paid by Branch</i>	\$1,680	\$1,806	\$1,680
Administrative	\$500	\$465	\$500
Insurance	\$400	\$386	\$400
IBC	\$50	\$50	\$0
Brunch	\$1,500	\$482	\$0
May Celebration	\$1,800	\$300	\$1,800
Hospitality	\$200	\$0	\$200
Membership	\$500	\$328	\$500
Program	\$1,000	\$310	\$1,300
Marketing & Communications	\$400	\$0	\$400
Public Policy	\$100	\$0	\$100
AAUW Fund	\$500	\$65	\$500
Wind Festival	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Local Scholarship	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$6,000
Tech Trek	\$6,600	\$795	\$7,400
Training	\$300	\$0	\$300
State Convention	\$300	\$0	\$300
National Convention	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$24,830	\$6,987	\$24,380
Net Income / (Expense)	\$0	\$2,193	\$0

Tech Trek



Certificates Awarded to Our Campers

What a great summer it was for virtual Tech Trek! Over 600 campers were registered for the virtual camps in California.

AAUW (with Qualcomm Thinkabit Lab) awarded a certificate of achievement for coding and circuit design, and a certificate of completion of the Tech Trek program to deserving campers. All five San Ramon campers qualified for both certificates. Yay!

The San Ramon Tech Trek committee printed and mailed 10 certificates to the campers, two per person. They were all printed on high quality paper and look quite beautiful.



Tech Trek Presentations at the Membership Meeting

Our five spectacular 2021 Tech Trek campers and their parents were our honored guests at the virtual membership meeting on September 11. All but one were present. These young women were awarded our full sponsorship to attend an AAUW's Tech Trek virtual camp, which 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 (servo) that displayed their interests, strengths, and values.

We watched part of a video where each camper showed us the wearable hat they built. You may watch the video in its entirety by clicking [here](#). Kudos to our camper Maanika, who thought to include subtitles.

We also met Sarah Tan, a junior coach from the 2021 camp, who was also a Tech Trek camper in 2018. She inspired this year's campers to also become junior coaches for Tech Trek camps in the future.

All these presentations validated the worthiness of the Tech Trek project. Please consider joining the Tech Trek team. We need readers to read essays, interviewers during the selection process, and servers at our fundraising events.

Save the Date!

Monday, February 28, 2022 Tips for Change Fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro

Make sure you save the date February 28, 2022 for our annual Tips for Change fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon. This is our main fundraiser for Tech Trek. There may be more fundraisers (to be determined) in the near future.

Remember, tax-deductible donations can be made to Tech Trek by check made payable to AAUW CA SPF. Please indicate Sonoma State Univ. Tech Trek camp, San Ramon Branch on the memo line. You can mail your donation to the branch at AAUW San Ramon, P. O. Box 336, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Thank you for supporting Tech Trek!

Stella Hadjimarkos
Co-Chair, Tech Trek with Cordelia Hwang

Public Policy



This month we share a press release dated May 20, 2021 from the AAUW National website about the serious and detrimental effects of student debt on women, especially women of color. This topic fits well with the mission of the San Ramon Branch to give special attention this year to issues affecting gender and racial equality, and women's financial security.

Women Doubly Squeezed by Student Debt

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/press-releases/women-doubly-squeezed-by-student-debt/>

Loan payments limit ability to meet living costs

WASHINGTON DC— Student debt is making it nearly impossible for many women to afford their basic living expenses after graduating from college, a new analysis by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) shows.

- The 2021 AAUW's *Deeper in Debt* report finds that women hold an average of \$31,276 in student debt, leaving them with a monthly loan payment of \$307 the year after graduation. Given that women graduating with a bachelor's degree expect to earn an average of \$35,338—only 81% of what men anticipate earning—meeting that loan obligation is challenging at best.
- One year after college, women spend an average of \$920 per month on housing, \$396 per month on a car loan and, for the 16% of women who are moms, \$520 on childcare, the report finds. Adding in that \$307 student loan payment makes it difficult—if not downright impossible—to make ends meet.

Download the full report:

https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2021/05/Deeper_In_Debt_2021.pdf

“This untenable level of debt is forcing many women to delay major life milestones, such as buying a home, starting a family and building the nest egg for retirement,” said AAUW CEO Kim Churches. “We cannot continue to ignore the student debt crisis—especially since women's disproportionate share of job losses during the pandemic further undercuts their ability to pay back student loans. We need our policy makers to take action right away.”

Black Women Owe 20% More

The *Deeper in Debt* analysis

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/research/deeper-in-debt/> also found that Black women carry about 20% more student debt than white women do. One year after graduation, white women owe \$33,851 on undergraduate loans, while Black women owe an average of \$41,466. Cumulative debt on graduate loans is \$75,085 for Black women, compared to \$56,098 for white women.

“This is yet another example of how systemic racism and systemic sexism conspire in a way that puts Black women at an even greater disadvantage,” said Churches. “The specific needs of women of color must be paramount in any policies we adopt to address this crisis.”

AAUW calls on state and local governments to make college more affordable for low- and moderate-income students by investing more in public institutions. AAUW also supports increasing and expanding federal Pell Grants, as well as equitable forgiveness of student debt for all borrowers.

“Student debt is a crushing burden for millions of women, but it is also a drain on our economy,” Churches said. “We need to make college accessible and affordable to everyone. Getting a good education and becoming a productive member of society should not come at such an enormous cost.”

Catherine Lewis
Public Policy



Local Scholarship



Our Local Scholarship committee is very honored that our branch has continued to support the young women from the Renaissance Scholars Program at CSUEB as they continue their education. This year, we presented \$1,000 scholarships to two very talented and impressive young women from this program. They have demonstrated significant determination and focus to achieve their academic and personal goals. Each recipient also received a Student Affiliate Membership to AAUW along with their “Back to School” gift baskets. Those of you who were able to attend our Zoom Membership Meeting had an opportunity to meet or hear about these outstanding young women. Following is a brief profile of our two recipients.

Maryam Fields



Maryam is a sophomore this fall and is majoring in Biological Sciences with a concentration in cell and molecular biology. She is interested in exploring ecology and environment issues, perhaps as a researcher.

Maryam grew up in Tracy and continues to live there with her grandparent and younger siblings. She was a Gold Seal

Merit graduate from high school. Maryam has been eagerly looking forward to in-person/on-campus classes and will be commuting to CSUEB.

Even though her experience as a college freshman was “remote,” Maryam shared many positive comments about the support that she has received so far from the Renaissance Scholars Program and the other services available to her at CSUEB.

Michelle May



Michelle is continuing as a senior this year and is a “returning recipient” for our scholarship. She is majoring in Human Development with a concentration in Gerontology and is interested in going to graduate school to become a Clinical or Medical Social Worker. She is interested in working with the geriatric population as a social worker or director of services for a long-term care facility.

Michelle grew up in Oakland and currently lives in Livermore with her daughter, who is eight years old. Michelle has an AA degree in Sociology from Laney College and currently works in Pleasanton for Compass SLS & ILS (Supportive and Independent Living Skills). This agency provides services for adults on the autism spectrum. Michelle is very passionate about the clients that she works with in addition to being very passionate about pursuing her own educational and career goals and providing for her daughter.

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Local Scholarship, continued

Thank you again to all of our members for your continued support with our fundraising efforts. This enables us to provide financial support and recognition for these deserving young women. An additional special thanks to those members who contributed to the gift baskets given to support these young women with their daily academic demands and personal needs. We chose to fill the "baskets" again this year with gift cards and cash donations in addition to some specific useful or personal items. Gift card donations from Target, Safeway, Visa, Amazon, and cash will provide them with options for groceries, school/office supplies, household supplies, and personal items.

In addition to laundry supplies, the cash and gift cards totaled slightly over \$1,000 for each recipient and will provide them with some purchasing options and continued support in the months to come.

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

Save the Date
Wednesday, November 10



Local Scholarship is having a pizza fundraiser at Mountain Mike's Pizza on Wednesday, November 10 all day to raise scholarship funds for local high school students and Renaissance Scholars for 2022. Thirty percent of your order will be donated to our San Ramon Branch of AAUW. You will need to bring in the flyer or show a picture of the flyer on your phone.

Mountain Mike's is in San Ramon at 2205 San Ramon Valley Blvd. It is located in the shopping center in front of Café Attila and Three Brothers from China. Their phone number is (925) 314-9600.

Please let your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors know about our fundraiser. It's a good day not to have to cook! You might even want to order an extra pizza for another day.

Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser for Local Scholarship. There is a flyer attached at the end of this newsletter as well as postcards for you to use.

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



Mystery/Thriller Book Sale
Saturday, October 30; 10:00 AM–2:00 PM
San Ramon Library
100 Market Place, San Ramon

We have a large selection of your favorites.
Sponsored by the San Ramon Library Foundation.
All sale proceeds benefit the San Ramon libraries at
Market Place and Dougherty Station.

Submitted by Jo Anne Barron



Interest Groups

GAME NIGHT

First Saturday

Saturday, October 2; 7:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Information about the Zoom call will be sent prior to October 2.

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed



LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesday

Tuesday, October 5; 12:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Until we can resume meeting in person, this will be another virtual Lunch Bunch meeting. Margo James 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, 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

Monday, October 18; 6:30 PM **Special Time

Via Zoom videoconference

Evening Book Group will host a virtual potluck and book selection in lieu of our annual live social gathering. We will meet via Zoom to present our choices for next year's reading and discussion. Each member should select no more than three (3) books to present at our meeting.

Please send the title and author of each to Cheri Ng by October 5. It would be helpful if you include the number of pages and whether the book is in hardcover or paperback (if you have that information). Cheri will type up and send a list of all the books that are to be presented at the meeting, leaving space for people to take notes during the presentations. Duplicate choices will be noted. Feel free to submit any variety of genres—fiction, non-fiction, biography, mystery, classics, etc.

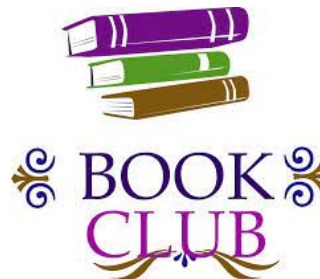
The presentation should be a brief description of why you think the book might be a good choice for the group. Sometimes this might be a book you have read and loved and want to share and sometimes it may be a book that you've heard about but haven't read or just a book that caught your eye and seems interesting. We are very non-judgmental!

At the end of the evening we will vote for our top 11 choices. This may be via Zoom or it may be just asking each of you to send your list of top 11 choices. The method of voting is yet to be determined.

Once we have our 11 choices, we will decide what months to read which books (for example, December is typically a shorter, easier read due to the holiday season). I will also be asking for volunteers to lead the reviews each month.

It should be great FUN!

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng



Interest Groups

TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Tuesday, October 19; 7:00–9:00 PM or so

Hostess: Chris White

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



CHINESE MAH JONG



This group will not be getting together until more people are comfortable meeting in homes.

For information contact:

Linda Louie

Interest Groups

FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Friday, October 22; 7:30 PM

Organizer and movie choice to be announced!

Becky Said has volunteered to be our Organizer. She will let us know her movie choice sometime during October!

We have had great discussions on the movies that have been recommended. Thank you, Chris Burchik, for leading September's discussion.

Please volunteer! We need Organizers for December and for 2022!

October 22: Rebecca Said

November 19 (3rd Friday due to Thanksgiving): Diane Griffiths

December 17 (3rd Friday due to holidays): Organizer needed

If you have questions or wish to volunteer to be an Organizer in December or in 2022, please contact Chris White

Got a Good Idea?

Would you like to see more Interest Groups?

How about

Hiking

Biking

or Gardening?

Contact either of our co-presidents to chat about it!

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OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:30 PM Game Night Lucy Weed
3 2:00 PM– 3:00 PM Program: Walk with Sabina Zafar	4	5 1:30 AM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines	6	7	8	9
10	11 1:00 PM Daytime Readers Margo James	12	13	14	15	16
	7:00 PM Board Meeting Via Zoom					
17	18 6:30 PM Night Book Group Cheri Ng	19 7:00 PM Bridge Chris White	20	21	22 7:30 PM Fourth Friday Flicks Chris White	23 10:00 AM FUND Virtual Event (see page 5 to register)
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31 Boo!						

Snippets

Mark Stephenson, local artist and partner of SR branch member Judy Bracken, was chosen by the City of San Ramon to display his photographic mixed media series entitled "The Trees of San Ramon Valley" at the City Hall from October 2 through December 16. This will be the first City art display since pandemic restrictions began in March 2020! Mark will host a public artist reception at City Hall on **Thursday, October 7** from 5:30–8:00 PM, where you can sip wine and learn about Mark's art process. To preview some of the art or be added to the mailing list, visit <https://www.markstephensonart.com/> and click on Portfolios/Luminous Grounds.

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

Sunday, November 7, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM: FUND Virtual Meeting
 Wednesday, November 10, all day: Mountain Mike's Pizza Fundraiser for Scholarship
 Wednesday, November 17, 7:00–8:30 PM: Program with Karen Rice on how to de-stress