



FROM SAN RAMON

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November 2021

"Let It Be"

**Wednesday,
November 17, 2021**

7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Social time begins
at 6:45 PM

*Presented by Karen Rice
Health & Wellness Coach*

Look for your Evite invitation!
Zoom link sent via email prior to
the meeting

See Page 5 for Details



**Support Local Scholarship!
Mountain Mike's Fundraiser
Wednesday, November 10
See page 9 for Details**



AAUW MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS

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

NOVEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 7:30 PM Game Night Lucy Weed |
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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

Sunday, December 12, 1:00–3:00 PM: AAUW San Ramon Holiday Gathering

Co-Presidents' Pen



"Gratitude paints little smiley faces on everything it touches." Richelle E. Goodrich

It's November and I'm thinking about giving. My very organized mother bequeathed me planning skills, so I get started working on holiday gifts and cards early. In November I also take stock of what I've donated during the year.

Women's causes are especially on my mind. We've had setbacks: the new Texas laws; the pandemic, which knocked 54 million women out of work and burned-out millions more; the Taliban resurgence in Afghanistan. On the other hand, women have gained representation in corporate leadership at all levels. Women in STEM have progressed from 8% in 1970 to 27% in 2019. A record number of women (just over a quarter) serve in the 117th U.S. Congress. Two important AAUW-supported bills were just introduced at the federal level by California legislators—Women's Health Protection Act (H.R.3755) and Title IX: The Patsy Mink and Louise Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA) (H.R.4097).

Women's equality is an effort that will take generations. We AAUW members are doing our part. In the words of the Talmud, "You are not obligated to complete the work, yet neither are you allowed to abandon it." The future looks bright when we think about the contributions that our Tech Trek campers, scholarship recipients, and national Fellows will make in their lifetimes.

If November puts you in a giving frame of mind, please consider these ways to help the AAUW SR Branch mission:

AAUW Branch Fall Fundraising Campaign: You will soon receive a letter and donation flyer from our board. Please read it to find your favorite project and method of donating.

Giving Tuesday, November 30: Remember AAUW on Giving Tuesday. Check to see if you are part of an organization that matches charitable contributions.

Give from Your IRA: For those of you eligible to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you may be able to avoid ordinary income taxes by giving part to AAUW via a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). QCD's don't increase your Adjusted Gross Income, your taxable income, or anything related to Medicare. Timing and details are critical, so check with your financial advisor or the IRS.

Volunteer Your Time: Our board seeks amazing people with a few spare hours who can help the Tech Trek program. Please see the Tech Trek article in this newsletter for more information. And if you are interested in helping with something creative or outdoors-y, or if you have office skills to spare, let us know so we can involve you in upcoming projects.

What's Coming Up?

- *Sunday, November 7* "Meet the Fellows" Virtual Fund Event at 1:00 PM. Check this month's AAUW Fund article for the sign-up link. Let the Fund committee know who you found most inspirational.
- *Wednesday, November 10* Don't cook tonight! Order pizza at Mt. Mike's and raise funds for our Local Scholarships.
- *Wednesday, November 17* You can exhale now! Our own Karen Rice will advise us on de-stressing as we move into the busy holiday season.
- *Tuesday, November 30* Remember AAUW on Giving Tuesday.

Blessings to you and yours during this season of thanks and giving!

Kathleen Schaub
Co-President with Janice Colby

Editors' Note

You might have noticed....

We are experimenting with different layouts, so certain articles might be located in different places in the newsletter each month.

COVID Protocols

Come Together (Yes, it's a Beatles reference!)

We all look forward to being able to meet together again. In that light, your board has outlined some protocols we are putting in place so we can once more gather in person.

For now, all board meetings will continue via Zoom. Some Programs will also be planned for Zoom. Interest groups who plan to meet in person shall follow the rules outlined below.

COVID circumstances and our efforts to keep everyone safe and yet enjoy time together create a *fluid* situation. The following rules are based on the criteria outlined by the Contra Costa Department of Health and AAUW National. As we see the rules and guidelines changing, we plan to change as well.

In-Person Event Protocols

- **Vaccination Status:** All attendees, whether an event is indoors or outdoors, shall be required to show proof of COVID vaccination—either a paper or a photo of their CDC vaccination card or the Personal Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record.
- **Tracking:** Event organizers shall keep a log of event attendees, their signatures, and responsibility waivers for each event.
- **Personal responsibility:** Event attendees will be responsible for their own health decisions and practices. Neither AAUW nor event hosts will be insured for COVID-related mishaps.
- **Indoor Events:** All participants shall be required to wear masks when attending an AAUW San Ramon event indoors except when consuming food or beverages. Event organizers shall accommodate social distancing and good ventilation as much as is feasible.
- **Outdoor Events:** Mask wearing for outdoor events will not be required.
- **Hybrid Events:** Where feasible, event organizers shall make a Zoom option available for those members who cannot or choose not to attend in person.

Happy meeting, everyone!
Contact Janice or Kathleen if you need to obtain responsibility waivers.

Janice Colby
Co-President with Kathleen Schaub

Membership



Membership Matters

Member Directory

When you receive your *updated* AAUW San Ramon Branch Member Directory, please check your personal listing and verify that all information is correct. Be sure to contact Margo James with any changes and or corrections. When applicable, your information will also be updated on Evite and the National AAUW database.

City Walk

It was wonderful to see 18 members and four guests at the City Walk on October 3. Sabina Zafar led us on a fun and informative tour.

Renewal of Dues Deadline was October 31

The deadline to renew your membership for 2021–2022 was October 31. Please contact your membership team if you need assistance with the renewal process.

Prospective Member Guests and “Shape The Future” Discount

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM. Member Karen Rice will be the featured speaker. This is a virtual event. Check your e-mail for your invitation via Evite.

Guests are welcome! 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). Remember that during this time of year, we are able to extend the “Shape The Future” discount to new members who join at or soon after public events. The discount is 50% off the national dues for one year—a \$31 savings. “The Shape The Future” campaign continues into the spring.

Happy Thanksgiving from the membership team!

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

Program

Many thanks to Sabina Zafar for an excellent introduction and tour of the San Ramon Walking District. Sabina took us on *the long and winding road* of the planned walking district in San Ramon. She explained the initial concept design and the history behind its intended use. We had a nice turnout of members and guests who enjoyed nice weather and a pleasant walk through Central Park and Bishop Ranch. We really appreciate Sabina's knowledge and willingness to share this with us.

Wednesday, November 17

**7:00–8:00 PM
Via Zoom**

"Let It Be"

***Presented by Karen Rice
Health & Wellness Coach***



***Emotionally burnt-out?
Has the pandemic brought about
unexpected changes in surprising ways?***

Mark your calendar for our Program, "Let It Be," presented by Karen Rice to gain some helpful hints on how to just *let it be*. Given all the craziness of our environment and the everchanging guidelines, we all need a little help to deal with the stress and anxiety.

Give yourself a lift by participating in our interactive presentation and conversation with Karen Rice, National Board-Certified Health and Wellness Coach and Speaker. Before starting her coaching practice, Karen was in the corporate world for over 20 years. This corporate career—in conjunction with a decade of formal movement and nutrition training—gives Karen the ability to offer a unique perspective on integrated wellness that fits into the fast-paced, high-demand world of modern living. Karen also currently works as an independent yoga instructor.

Karen creates custom workshops and programs as well as offering personalized health coaching services, all designed to help clients achieve peak living with practical techniques designed to effect meaningful change based on the latest research by top professionals in holistic nutrition, movement, and medicine.

And some fun facts about Karen...

- I have deep gratitude for having the ability to pursue my passion for empowering people to confidently embrace their journey of good health and overall wellness.
- I am creative, curious, driven, loyal, interested, realistic, and thoughtful. I have yet to fully remove my rose-tinted glasses—I'm eternally optimistic!
- I was an apprentice chef not once, but twice. Once in West Hollywood and once in Paris, France!
- I've ridden a donkey, a camel, a horse, a llama, but "Wowza" is all that can be said about the view from atop an elephant.
- I eat up to two pounds of veggies every day, sometimes roasted, raw, steamed, mashed, or likely a mix of all.
- Giving people the tools to own their wellness keeps me firmly grounded in my own well-being.

Please respond to the Evite invitation and we will e-mail the Zoom link to you! This event is open to guests as well.

Coming December 12

1:00–3:00 PM

Holiday Gathering

Mark your calendars for **December 12 from 1:00–3:00 PM** where we will be *all together now!* We hope to get together in person for a Holiday Gathering at the Bollinger Hills Cabana. As mentioned on page 4, we will follow local and state guidelines regarding in-person events. So more details to come, and we look forward to seeing you at these fantastic upcoming events.

Cindy Alpert
Co-Vice President, Program with Lynda Gann



Tech Trek



"Blossom" at Tech Trek Camp



School Liaison Sub-committee Co-chair (with Cordelia Hwang)

The School Liaison Sub-committee Co-chairs are the bridge between the Branch Tech Trek program and the four San Ramon middle schools. This shared position would require approximately a total of 15 hours during January and February of 2022.

Key responsibilities of the co-chairs are:

- Contact the school principals or other designated contact (e.g. STEM teachers).
- Solicit school participation in 2022 Tech Trek program and request nominations of current 7th-grade girls to attend the summer camp.
- Follow up with schools, as needed, to see that nomination forms have been completed and submitted.

Readers Sub-committee Co-chair (with Stella Hadjimarkos)

The Reading Sub-committee Co-chairs coordinate the reading and scoring of the camper applications. This shared position would require up to a total of 20 hours from mid-February to the latter part of March.

Key responsibilities of the co-chairs are:

- Form a sub-committee of 5 branch members to read and grade camper applications. (Can be drawn from existing list of past readers and new volunteers and can include the sub-committee co-chair.)
- Have readers complete and sign AAUW Tech Trek Code of Conduct Agreement (e.g., anti-bullying and sexual harassment training). Materials provided by AAUW CA online.
- Distribute camper applications link, scoring guide, and reporting forms electronically to readers.
- Compile scores and—in coordination with Branch Co-coordinators—select candidates to move on to the interview process.

If you want to help encourage young women to pursue an interest in STEM, please contact Stella Hadjimarkos or Cordelia Hwang.

Cordelia Hwang
Stella Hadjimarkos
2021–2022 AAUW San Ramon Branch
Tech Trek Co-coordinators

Happy November Birthdays

**Harry Sachs
Carol Callaway
Pauline Nolte
Linda Louie
Pamela Justin**



Fund



Leadership Fund

Your AAUW Fund donation supports four strategic giving funds: Education and Training, Leadership, Economic Security, and Governance and Sustainability.

This article will focus on the work of the Leadership Fund, which supports the effort to bolster the number of women in top roles across industries by addressing systematic biases and giving women the skills and resources they need to lead.

Recent federal, state, and local elections brought a surge of women leaders into public office. But while that progress is getting widespread attention, the reality is that women still lag far behind men when it comes to leadership roles. They remain significantly under-represented at the highest rungs of almost every field: corporate, government, nonprofit, education, law, medicine, finance and banking, and the military. In 2020, there were only 36 women leading America's biggest companies—that's only about 7% of all Fortune 500 CEOs.

The problem is not a lack of qualified potential leaders to fill the roles. Women make up more than half of the U.S. workforce and they receive the majority of university degrees at virtually every level. So while qualified women are certainly in the pipeline, there are barriers and biases that keep them from attaining the highest—and most highly-compensated—leadership roles.

The AAUW Leadership Fund helps women achieve their leadership goals by offering the following:

Career Center: AAUW has a Career Center to help women boost their careers and help them master the skills needed to tackle any career challenge with confidence. They offer free online resources, classes, and events all designed to help women take charge of their futures.

Work Smart: AAUW's free salary negotiation training, Work Smart, gives women the skills to discover their worth and to advocate for themselves—whether looking for a new job or asking for the promotion they deserve.

National Conference for Student Leaders: Each year AAUW invites hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of leadership training, inspiration, and networking at our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

AAUW 2021 Fund Events

Black Holes? Rural women's health? Social classification? What incredible topics are the 37(!) AAUW-funded fellowship and grant recipients studying? Attend these live virtual events showcasing their personal stories and fascinating studies.

There is still time to sign up for the November 7th 1:00–3:00 PM AAUW Fund event if you haven't done so already.

Click here to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SRjho3n4QmyTZ_Ds_nR28w

Registration is required.

Elaine Graves

Co-Vice President, Fund with Pam Bugbee



Communications



“Beyond the Newsletter” Webinar Inspires Change

In the name of outreach, CA AAUW Communications Committee members Sandi Gabe and Dawn Johnson presented a 60-minute master class in publicity and marketing. From the tried-and-true (newsletters, e-mails, press releases) to the cutting edge (social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) to the brave new world (phonevites, texts, print mailings, MeetUp, NextDoor, Evite), they urged members to leverage the power of publicity and consider new ways to up their communication game—to each other and to the public.

In response to this request, *The View* will contribute to this effort with a few experiments. We hope you enjoy them, and we look forward to your feedback.

So How Do We, AAUW San Ramon, Convey Information to You?



We are currently using all the methods listed below. We will be evaluating their effectiveness and will make changes where needed. We are open to change with the intention of reaching out more, in an effective manner.

- ⦿ E-mail, on rare occasions by snail mail or phone
- ⦿ Newsletter
- ⦿ Website
- ⦿ Facebook
- ⦿ Instagram
- ⦿ Evite
- ⦿ NextDoor
- ⦿ Patch and other online news outlets

There are three basic components of communication:

- ⦿ Transmitter (us)
- ⦿ Channel (those listed above)
- ⦿ Receiver (you)



Our expectation is that you receive and share the information.

The growth of this branch is a responsibility of every member, not just the membership committee.

Again, we look forward to your feedback.

Isabel Lau
Communications Chair with
Marsha Froines and Carol Lombardi



Local Scholarship



Mountain Mike's Fundraiser Wednesday, November 10

Local Scholarship is having their first fundraiser for this year on Wednesday, November 10 at Mountain Mike's Pizza in San Ramon **all day** to raise scholarship funds for local high school students and Renaissance Scholars for 2022. This was a popular venue, so we're having another fundraiser there. **Thirty percent** of your order will be donated to our San Ramon Branch of AAUW. You will need to bring in the attached flyer or show a picture of the flyer on your phone and remind the cashier that the funds are to go to the San Ramon AAUW.

Mountain Mike's Pizza is located at 2205 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon in front of Café Attila and Three Brothers from China. Their phone number is (925) 314-9000.

Please tell your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers about this all-day pizza event. It's a good day to skip cooking! Thank you in advance for supporting Local Scholarship. There is a flyer attached at the end of this newsletter as well as postcards for you to use or distribute.

CSUEB Renaissance Scholars Update

Maryam Fields
(Current Recipient 2021)

Susan met with Maryam and her grandmother on September 18. We received the following e-mail from Maryam that afternoon:

Hi Susan,

It was so nice to see you in person this morning. I really enjoyed getting to know you and the AAUW program better. It was also nice to share a little bit of our backgrounds, and experiences.

*Of course, I am **beyond grateful** to have been awarded the scholarship plus the gift basket with practical necessities and treats...given the tough background I come from.*

As was discussed, transportation and/or housing is a major goal that I am trying to work on because the commute to and from Tracy and Cal State East Bay is cumbersome. It would be great to be more accessible to both my academics and job as a Peer Academic Coach. In

addition, it would also be a great opportunity for me to develop some independence...during college...

I believe you asked about my job...at the university...I am a [Peer Academic Coach \(PAC\)](#) for Cal State East Bay University. Our mission as PACs is to enable a smoother transition for incoming freshmen...We work...one on one with students and/or within the General Studies (GS) classroom alongside faculty. The atmosphere from PAC itself is a unique one, in such that we (PACs) are students ourselves, so a layer of familiarity and ease gets added to the whole experience as we serve others.

Again, thank you so much!...

Maryam Fields

Michelle May
(Recipient for 2021 and 2020)

When Julie, Lorraine, and Susan met with Michelle on September 16 to present her with her check and gift basket, she presented each of us with a floral arrangement (below) that she had made. Along with this lovely gesture, she conveyed her profuse thanks to us and to the branch for the support that we are giving her.



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

Public Policy



California Legislative Update and Supreme Court Hearings on State Abortion Laws

In addition to the contribution this month from AAUW California Public Policy Committee Co-Chair Kathi Harper, we are sharing an updated post from the Center for Reproductive Rights website regarding the case scheduled to be heard on December 1, 2021 at the U.S. Supreme Court on *Jackson Women's Health Organization v. Dobbs*.

Catherine Lewis
Public Policy Chair

Update on the U.S. Supreme Court's Hearing on Reproductive Rights Case from the Center for Reproductive Rights Website

The Center for Reproductive Rights will return to the United States Supreme Court this term to defend the right to abortion, a right recognized in *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 decision. On May 17, 2021, the Court announced it will hear Mississippi's appeal of a circuit court decision that threw out Mississippi's law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy in this case.

This is the first time the Court will rule on the constitutionality of a pre-viability abortion ban since *Roe*. The Court's ruling in *Roe* recognized that the decision whether to continue a pregnancy or have an abortion, which impacts a person's body, health, family and future, belongs to the individual, not the government. Nancy Northup, president and CEO of the Center, said in a statement: "Alarm bells are ringing loudly about the threat to reproductive rights. The Supreme Court just agreed to review an abortion ban that unquestionably violates nearly 50 years of Supreme Court precedent and is a test case to overturn *Roe v. Wade*."

Case background: The Center for Reproductive Rights, the law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Mississippi civil rights attorney Robert B. McDuff, and the Mississippi Center for Justice brought a challenge in Jackson, Mississippi against a regime of Mississippi laws and regulations that have created unconstitutional barriers to the right to access safe, legal abortion and that violate the Supreme Court's standard in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*.

The lawsuit challenges legal restrictions in Mississippi that place burdens on women seeking abortion services, including laws that demean, delay, and misinform women, as well as a series of Targeted Regulations of Abortion Providers (TRAP) laws and regulations.

As Mississippi has enacted this legal regime over the last two-and-a-half decades, all but one of the state's abortion clinics have closed. The lawsuit also includes an emergency challenge filed to block the state's unconstitutional ban on abortion after 15 weeks. In 2019, the Center also filed a challenge to an even more severe abortion ban passed by the Mississippi legislature, which would ban the procedure as early as six (6) weeks.

The restrictions challenged in the lawsuit include:

- TRAP Licensing Scheme: a restrictive clinic licensing system that singles out abortion clinics for a series of unnecessary and unwarranted regulations that far exceed regulations applied to other clinics providing similar and even higher-risk medical care
- 24-hour mandatory delay: a requirement that women delay their abortion 24 hours after receiving state-mandated information; Mississippi does not subject any other medical care to this requirement
- Two-trip requirement: a requirement that a woman make two separate trips to and from the clinic before she can obtain an abortion; no other medical care is subject to this requirement in Mississippi
- Physician-only law: a requirement that only physicians provide abortion care, when evidence and experience demonstrate that other medical practitioners can safely provide this care, as they do in several other states
- Telemedicine ban: a ban that applies only to physicians providing abortions that prohibits physicians from the use of telemedicine to provide consultations and treatment recommendations, including dispensing prescription medications, to patients; no other type of telemedicine consultations or treatments are subject to this prohibition in Mississippi
- 15-Week Ban: a prohibition on abortions after 15 weeks that threatens physicians with civil penalties for providing that care
- 6-Week Ban: a law that would make it a crime for doctors to provide an abortion once a heartbeat has been detected—which can happen as early as six weeks of pregnancy

These requirements and restrictions do not make abortion care safer or improve women's health; instead, they are part of a "step-by-step" legislative strategy by anti-abortion groups and politicians in state legislatures to eliminate access to legal abortion. Anti-abortion legislators have implemented this strategy across the country, and these laws and regulations have hit low-income women, rural communities, and communities of color the hardest.

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Public Policy, continued

The Center for Reproductive Rights is using the power of the law and the Supreme Court decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* to challenge these unconstitutional laws in Mississippi. The landmark ruling reaffirmed a woman's fundamental right to access abortion, and declared that laws whose benefits do not outweigh the burdens they impose on women's access to abortion are unconstitutional. For more information, please visit this link:

<https://reproductiverights.org/case/jackson-womens-health-organization-v-dobbs/>

Updates from AAUW California Public Policy Committee by Kathi Harper, Co-Chair Abortion Justice

Although the constitutionally guaranteed right to an abortion has been systematically under attack for decades, it is currently in danger of disappearing altogether. As AAUW National recently noted, "Every person should have the ability to make their own informed decisions regarding their reproductive life. It is beyond time for abortion to be secured legally, funded fully, and equitably available for all who need it, when they need it, without shame or stigma." With the recent refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene in the onerous Texas case, it is clear that we can no longer count on the courts to protect this critical right. Congress must pass the Women's Health Protection Act. Watch for Action Alerts from National, use them to keep pressure on your representatives, and sign up now for the 2-Minute Activist if you haven't already done so by clicking here

<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

Be sure to let us know if members from your branch participated in the Rally for Abortion Justice on October 2nd, along with Beach Cities, Palos Verdes, San Fernando Valley, Pasadena, Alameda, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, Los Altos-Mt. View, San Jose, and Morgan Hill, and send pictures if you have them to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Legislative Updates

Our last five priority bills that were awaiting the Governor's signature have been acted on. Here are the results:

SB 62 (requires fair pay, instead of "by the piece" payment, for garment workers) **SIGNED**

AB 367 (free menstrual products must be provided in girls/women's bathrooms in schools) **SIGNED**

AB 887 (allows domestic violence restraining orders to be filed electronically) **SIGNED**

AB 123 (increases paid family leave benefits to 65–75% of regular pay) **VETOED**

AB 1074 (requires hotel and janitorial workers who have lost their jobs due the pandemic to be prioritized for hiring as businesses reopen) **VETOED**

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)

Interest Groups

GAME NIGHT

First Saturday

Saturday, November 6; 7:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Information about the Zoom call will be sent prior to November 6.

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed

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### LUNCH BUNCH

#### First Tuesday

Tuesday, November 2; 12:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

This will be another virtual Lunch Bunch meeting. Margo James (336-6699, [mljames5@gmail.com](mailto: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. We will discuss starting a second, in person Lunch Bunch for those who want to dine out. To join the e-mail reminder list, contact:

Marsha Froines

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DAYTIME READERS

Second Monday

Monday, November 8; 1:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

We will be reading *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. Chris White will lead the discussion. If you have questions or wish to be put on the e-mail list to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact

Margo James

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## Interest Groups

### THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Monday, November 15; 7:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Marielle Boortz will review *We Are Not Free* by Traci Chee. (This book was chosen for the annual Read Contra Costa program.)

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng

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TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Tuesday, November 16; 7:00–9:00 PM or so

Hostess: Chris White

RSVP

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

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### FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Friday, November 19; 7:30 PM \*\* Special Date

Mary Venkat, our volunteer Organizer, has chosen the film *Official Secrets*, which is available on Netflix, Google Play, and Amazon Prime.

Note to All: *Picture A Scientist*—our film choice for October—should be watched by everyone as it addresses our AAUW mission.

We have had great discussions on the movies that have been recommended.

If you have questions or wish to volunteer to be an Organizer some month in 2021 or 2022, please contact Chris White.

## 2021–2022 Board

### CO-PRESIDENTS

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