



San Ramon Branch Bulletin 2021–2022

AAUW National

AAUW Mission: Advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW National Strategic Plan Goals

- Champion equal access in education, emphasizing STEM
- Ensure education at every level is free from sex discrimination
- Shrink the gender pay gap
- Bolster inclusive career pathways for women in skills and training
- Expand number of women in leadership, particularly STEM

AAUW California

AAUW California Mission: Facilitate California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs, education, and resources.

AAUW San Ramon

AAUW San Ramon Mission: We promote equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and scholarships. We build relationships among local women and support our purpose through community engagement, events, activities, and educational programs that enrich our lives.

AAUW San Ramon 2021–2022 Goals

- *Marketing & Membership:* Grow membership. Increase visibility in the community.
- *Mission:* Develop more ways to connect to leverage, participate in, and support AAUW programs at all levels.
- *Enrichment:* Foster member relationships in a hybrid environment. Increase member participation in branch activities (interest groups, programs, volunteer/service opportunities, donations).
- *Governance:* Ensure a sustainable revenue foundation. Complete Phase 2 of the Document Archive project. Modernize our job descriptions and by-laws.

AAUW San Ramon (SR) is an affiliate member of AAUW. Our mission and a portion of our financial contributions support the mission, vision, values, and initiatives of AAUW at the national level. AAUW California provides San Ramon and our sister branches with support for administration and fundraising. A vast amount of information on programs and initiatives to support women and girls can be found on the national and California websites.



Enjoy Your Community

Community of Service

AAUW San Ramon supports several local and national service projects and is always looking to do more.



Tech Trek	A nationwide program where middle-school girls are awarded participation in a 1-week residential STEM camp. Typically, SR sends 6 girls. 2021 camp was held virtually due to COVID-19. Plans for 2022 are underway with details to be determined.
Scholarships	Two types of college scholarships are awarded: One to graduating high school girls (Local Scholarships) and the other to Cal State East Bay students who were in the foster care system (Renaissance Scholars Program). 2022 program will adapt to COVID-related guidelines.
AAUW Fund	All branches contribute to support AAUW National programs. The amount SR donates to the Fund depends primarily on individual donations. 2022 program will be adapted as required by COVID guidelines.
Committees & Leadership	Volunteers are always needed to organize, help, or lead at the national, state, and branch levels including service initiatives, SIGS, and board positions.
Support the Issues You Care About	AAUW National website has many informative and motivating options for education and local service including webinars, updates on issues, career tips, how to support relevant legislation and promote others to do the same through your communities and social networks.

Community of Friends

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) are small groups of members who get together to explore a common interest, learn, and have fun. See the monthly AAUW San Ramon newsletter for more detail and how to join and participate.



Daytime Readers	Participants take turns reviewing books and leading lively discussions. Topics include classics, bestsellers, fiction and nonfiction. 2nd Mondays at 1pm by Zoom
Night Book Club	Participants take turns reviewing books and leading lively discussions. Types of books include classics, bestsellers, fiction and nonfiction. 3rd Mondays at 7pm by Zoom
Book Exchanges	Buy 1 and pass it along. Two groups exchange hardcover bestsellers. One group exchanges unabridged audio CDs. Recent fiction or nonfiction. No meetings
Game Night	Board games, cards, and lots of fun. 1st Saturdays at 7:30pm by Zoom
Bridge	Players with basic knowledge of bidding and play. Social games. 3rd Tuesday at 7pm on BridgeBase and Zoom
Lunch Bunch	Conversations and good food at local restaurants. 1st Tuesdays at 12:30 pm. Currently meeting for conversation only by Zoom
4th Friday Flicks	View recommended films and discuss via Zoom. 4th Fridays at 7:30 pm
Travel Group	Each meeting focuses on one member's interesting trip. Share photos, stories, and recommendations. Meets 3 Saturday evenings per year at 7:30pm
Walking Group	NEW! Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am for leisurely 2-3 mile local walks

Program Calendar

Each month, AAUW San Ramon holds an informative or social program. All members are encouraged to participate. Please see the monthly AAUW San Ramon newsletters for more detail, new programs, and schedule updates.



September 2021	Membership Year Kickoff Event (Zoom)
October 2021	"The Long and Winding Road": Tour of San Ramon Walking District (in-person with COVID safety practices)
November 2021	"Let it Be": Women's Whole Health & Well-being (Zoom)
December 2021	"All Together Now": Holiday Social (In-person with COVID restrictions)
January 2022	"Now and Then": A Conversation with Local Author Kathy Moore (Zoom)
February 2022	"We Can Work It Out": Diversity and Inclusion: Removing Bias from Education (Zoom)
March 2022	"Here, There, and Everywhere": Impact of redistricting on local elections (Zoom)
April 2022	"Like Dreamers Do": AAUW Fund Event with Presentation by Fellowship Recipient (in-person with COVID safety practices)
May 2022	"Come Together": Membership Celebration and Recognition Event (in-person with COVID safety practices)

AAUW San Ramon Membership

We're starting the membership year with 100 members.

Invite a friend to join! You are our best ambassador!

AAUW membership dues cover the period July 1–June 30. Annual dues for 2021–2022 year are \$102.

Most of this amount (\$62) supports your AAUW National membership. Of that \$59 (all except \$3, which goes to support the AAUW Action Fund) is tax deductible. The Action Fund supports the Lobby Corp and Get-Out-The-Vote.

AAUW CA and AAUW San Ramon each receive \$20.



AAUW San Ramon Heritage: Our branch received its charter on October 20, 1982 with 62 members, some of whom are still members. Earlier, members were active in the Danville-Alamo branch. Our first branch president was Judy Macfarlane. Through the years, we've made numerous contributions to promote equity for women and girls. A few accomplishments to note include:

- *San Ramon Library:* Funded the opening by partnering with the San Ramon Library Foundation to raise \$300,000. Recognized by AAUW at the 1990 convention. Supported opening of the Dougherty Valley branch.
- *Child Care Services:* Published a much-needed guide for local parents (1989–2000).
- *Scholarships:* Since 1983, provided scholarships for 200+ girls and young women. Our branch provided a \$35,000 education grant at the national level to recognize our 25th Anniversary.

AAUW Heritage: AAUW was founded in 1881 when a group of female college graduates gathered to open doors for women's career advancement and encourage women to pursue higher education. AAUW has published hundreds of research reports and supported numerous laws focused on achieving equity for women and girls.

How We Contribute

Sources and Uses of AAUW San Ramon Money



The Projected Cost for projects indicates money expected to be spent in the 2021–2022 fiscal year, including money raised this year and from branch and project reserves as needed.

Fundraising activities may require accommodations for continuing health and safety considerations. Our intent is to do as much as is safe. Check the monthly AAUW SR newsletter for regular updates.

Given this year's fundraising challenges, please consider a special donation to the project of your choice!

Thank you for your support!



Tech Trek

2021–2022 Projected Cost: \$7000

Sources of Money

- Tips for Change at Gianni's Italian Bistro (February)
- Additional fundraisers are cancelled for 2021–2022
- Individual donations designated for Tech Trek

Scholarships

2021–2022 Projected Cost: \$6000 + In-kind Donations

Sources of Money

- Silent Auction (November—Cancelled for 2021)
- Additional fundraisers include restaurant fundraisers and Shredding Event (April)
- Renaissance Scholars Gift Baskets created with in-kind donations from members (September)
- Individual donations designated for Scholarships

AAUW Fund (Support for National Projects)

2021–2022 Projected Cost: \$5000

Sources of Money

- Spring Fund Event (April)
- Individual donations designated for national support

San Ramon Branch Operations

2021–2022 Projected Cost: \$3500

(Administration, insurance, communications, meeting and program support, branch reserve)

Sources of Money

- Membership Dues (Branch retained)
- Ice Cream Sales at the Art & Wind Festival (May)
- Individual donations designated for branch support
- NOTE: Membership events with meals are mostly self-supporting with costs covered by attendee fees

Support for National & State Operations and Other Branches

National and State Operations Support

Sources of Money

- Membership Dues (National and state pass-thru)

State & Other Branch Special Programs

- Varies year-to-year. Special programs may have designated funding, fees, or gift requests (e.g. Danville-Alamo Garden Event, Citrus Heights Days for Girls)

For More Information

- AAUW San Ramon - <http://sanramon-ca.aauw.net>
- AAUW California - <http://aauw-ca.org>
- AAUW National - <http://www.aauw.org>

To join AAUW San Ramon or find out more, please contact us at aauwsr@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at SRAAUW.