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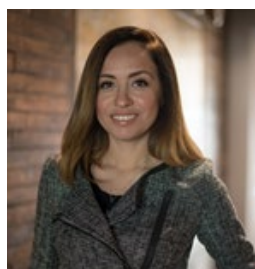
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“Strong Enough” Women Leaders in our Community

Join us for an informative and lively moderated panel discussion with dynamic women in non-traditional careers.

These women work in industries that are often thought of as male-dominated with little diversity within their ranks.



Pamela Vargas
Corporate Digital
Marketing Manager
eCommerce
Strategy at UPS



Maddie Mechikoff
Firefighter/ Paramedic
San Ramon Valley Fire
Protection District



Maria Castellanos
Firefighter/Paramedic
San Ramon Valley
Fire Protection District



Gayle Israel
Chief of Staff, Contra
Costa County
Supervisor Candace
Andersen

March 9 | 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd.
or

Zoom (RSVP in Evite to receive link)

See page 4 for more 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.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 7:00 PM Game Night Lucy Weed
5	6	7	8 International Women's Day	9 7:00 PM– 8:00 PM Program “Strong Enough” See page 4	10	11 9:00 AM Local Walking Group Lois Kamoroff
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19	20 7:00 PM **Special Meeting:** Daytime and Night Book Groups Cheri Ng	21 7:00 PM Bridge Chris White	22 11:00 AM –9:00 PM Habit Grill Fundraiser See page 5	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 **Special Date** 7:30 PM Friday Flicks Chris White	

Snippets

If you have a Snippet item (family events, career changes, etc.) that you would like to share with branch members, please contact Carol Lombardi.

Stir Crazy quilts made during the pandemic are on exhibit until May 31 at the Museum of San Ramon Valley on Railroad Avenue, Danville: Tuesday–Friday, 1-4; Saturday 10-1, Sunday 12-3. Chris White has two wall hangings in this exhibit. Go see them!

Save the Dates

April 22 Fund Spring Tea (see page 10)
April 29 Shredding Event (see page 6)
May 20 Year-End Celebration
May 28–29 Ice Cream Sale at Art & Wind Festival

Watch for more information about our 2023 events in future newsletters.

Co-President's Pen



Telling Stories

As an avid consumer of media, I was excited to learn that the theme of Women's History Month (March 2023) is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," highlighting women who are active in all kinds of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media. In the U.S., women make up 50.5% of the total population. Without women's stories, half of what's happening is hidden.

Tell Your Story

We all have stories. Although we may not be Maya Angelou, Barbara Walters, or Sofia Coppola, our voices have value. Telling our stories creates a legacy for future generations, helps us know ourselves better, and puts our lives into perspective. Have you ever thought about writing your life's story? Here are some tips from *Family Tree Magazine*:

- **Autobiography vs. memoir:** Which do you want to write? An autobiography covers your whole life, a memoir is a few stories and themes.
- **Decide what to leave in (and out):** Most of our lives are boring, but you don't want to leave out your daily life. My great aunt left us the story of her grandmother (my great-great grandmother), and it was a delight to read about the mundane details of her home. (Consider writing about your mother's or grandmother's life.)
- **Handle sensitive issues in context:** Many women's stories have difficult or potentially embarrassing aspects but staying silent may not be helpful. Start with some non-personal history to frame one person's story as part of something larger.
- **Learn more:** [Tips and resources for writing your story](#)

Listen to Other Women's Stories

- **Come to our March 9 program:** Meet our panel of successful local women who will share their stories of succeeding in a "man's profession." See page 4 for more information.
- **Virtual events:** Attend Women's History Month [events](#) on the topic of women's voices.
- **Read women's memoirs:** On July 17, the Evening Book Club will read and discuss *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships*, a memoir by journalist Nina Totenberg on her long friendship with Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Everyone welcome! Watch future newsletters for more information.

The Women's History Month press release quotes the late [Ursula Le Guin](#) as saying, "We are volcanoes. When we women offer our experience as our truth, all the maps change. There are new mountains. That's what I want—to hear you erupting. You Mount Saint Helens-es who don't know the power in you—I want to hear you.... If we don't tell our truth, who will?"

Let's make a new map for ourselves and the women of the future.

Kathleen Schaub
Co-President with Janice Colby



Happy March Birthdays!

Renu Kulkarni
Catherine Lewis
Teresa Kalashian
Faye Isaacson
Linda Henika
Leslie Adams
Michelle Ritenour
Joy Perkins

Program

Women in Leadership Working in Non-Traditional Careers

Thursday, March 9; 7:00–8:30 PM

San Ramon Community Center,
Terrace Room (or via Zoom)

Free to members, guests, and the public

Come join us for an informative and lively moderated panel discussion with dynamic women in our community who work in non-traditional careers. These women are employed in industries that are often considered male-dominated with little diversity within their ranks.

WHO will be speaking? We are proud to have the following women participate:

Maria Castellanos is a Firefighter/Paramedic with San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. Before she started her career in the fire service, she worked as an EMT paramedic for a private ambulance company. Born and raised in Santa Barbara, she comes from a large, half-Irish, half-Spanish family. She has many hobbies, including training in Brazilian jiu jitsu.

Madeline Mechikoff (co-panelist, to ensure one or both are present given the unpredictable nature of their roles) is a Firefighter/Paramedic for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. She attended San Jose State University, then started her journey pursuing Firefighting and Paramedicine in 2017. She attended the Fire Academy at Modesto Junior College followed by Paramedic School at Los Positas Junior College in 2019. She worked as a paramedic for AMR in San Joaquin County prior to getting hired by SRVFPD. In her current role, she also serves on the Behavioral Health Committee and Emergency Medical Services Committee.

Gayle Israel has been Chief of Staff to Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen since 2013. She has been a member of the Red Cross Contra Costa Leadership Council since 2017 and served on the Board of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation from 2018 to 2021. She is a graduate of the Leadership San Ramon Valley Class of 2013, the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce 2022 Employee of the Year, and a recipient of the Congressional Award Gold Medal. Gayle graduated from San Diego State with a bachelor's degree in Journalism, Public Relations, and a minor in Business Administration. She interned for Pete Wilson (CA) in the United States Senate in Washington D.C. and worked for Congressman

Jack Kemp (NY) in his Washington D.C. office and on his presidential campaign.

Pamela Vargas is a Corporate Digital Marketing Manager in eCommerce Strategy at UPS. She was born in Costa Rica and raised in San Francisco in a Spanish-speaking home. She attended Cal Berkeley (awarded full scholarship), then graduated from Saint Mary's College with an MBA. Her background is in engineering with over 20 years of experience in the Logistics, Transportation and Corporate Marketing sectors at UPS. She's worked on large project deployments including hub automation, SMART technologies, digital acceleration, and eCommerce strategic partnerships. Community outreach is a passion: She serves as co-chair of UPS's Global Corporate Hispanic/Latino Resource Group *Creceer*, advocating for initiatives to help increase executive level representation of women at UPS. She's been involved with USHCC (US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce) to promote the economic growth, development, and interest of Latino owned businesses and the greater economy of the United States.

What a fantastic blend of women with varied careers, backgrounds, and experiences!

This is a can't-miss event! Keep an eye out for the Evite and be sure to RSVP!

Invite your friends and family and/or share socially—here is a [link](#) to our flyer—and watch our social media pages too!

P.S.: Do save the date Saturday, May 20—for our Year-End Celebration, where you'll meet our high school scholarship recipients and welcome in the new San Ramon AAUW Board.

Cindy Alpert, Co-Vice President, Program
with Karen Rice

To All Members

The Nominating Committee is working to fill board positions for 2023–2024. We would welcome and value your consideration to lead or job-share one of our available positions:

Tech Trek Fund

**Co-President with Kathleen Schaub (our
current co-president)**

If you would like to join the board or have any questions, please contact:

Janice Colby,
Chris Burchik
Julie Gin

Local Scholarship

The Habit Burger Grill Fundraiser



**Wednesday, March 22
11:00 AM–9:00 PM**

**3121 Crow Canyon Place
(in the Sprouts Shopping Center)**

Please join us for a fundraiser at the Habit Burger Grill!

Twenty percent of the sales from this event will benefit our San Ramon Branch of AAUW. Simply present the flyer (page 13 of this newsletter and attached separately) or show the offer on your smartphone to the cashier upon ordering.

If you order online, via mobile phone or call-in: Do let the Habit staff cashier know that you want the order to go to our fundraiser. The Habit staff will keep track of these transactions by collecting the receipts.

You can help Local Scholarship by telling your friends, neighbors, colleagues, family, and organizations that you belong to about this exciting fundraiser.

Thank you in advance for your support. I plan to purchase lunch and dinner that day to support our fundraiser.

New Fun Fundraiser Benefiting San Ramon Local Scholarship

In April, Local Scholarship will start a new, fun, and exciting fundraiser: We will collect gift card or certificate donations from a few local businesses and offer the gift cards/certificates for auction to our membership.

All members will receive a monthly email blast from Carol Lombardi during the first week of the next two or three months outlining the gift card(s) or certificate(s) available that month, along with the face value for each and the opening and closing date and times for the auction. Any interested member will be instructed to contact a particular Local Scholarship VP by email with their BEST AND ONLY bid, to be NO LESS THAN THE FACE VALUE of the card or certificate up for auction.

The winner will be contacted by Local Scholarship to arrange for delivery of the gift card and payment, and the

results will appear in the next month's newsletter. In the event of a tie, the two co-winners will be given an opportunity to increase their bid. Otherwise, the winner will be determined by random drawing by a VP of Local Scholarship.

Thank you in advance for your support for this new fundraiser and Local Scholarship!

High School Scholarships Update

The application for the Local Scholarship award was posted on the San Ramon AAUW website. Counseling and career staff were contacted at California High and Dougherty Valley High. Students can access the application directly through our website, and site staff may also choose to provide hard copies. The deadline for submission of the application is **March 24, 2023**.

Renaissance Scholars Update

On January 24 and 27, Julie Gin and Susan Walker-Christensen met with our three CSUEB Renaissance Scholars (Michelle May, Felecia Hubbard, and Amy Nguyen) to present them with their second \$500 check and to update their progress toward their personal and academic goals.

All of these young women reported that they are doing well in general and that they very much appreciate the support from our organization. A brief summary of their current status follows.

Karla Padilla Gonzalez

Karla excitedly reported to me by email that she is doing very well! She finished the last semester strong and made the Dean's List. This is her last semester and she will graduate in the spring of 2023. Karla has already been accepted to a graduate program for a Master's in Social Work. She has also applied to other schools for this type of program, so she may have several options. She is eager to complete a degree in Social Work and will be planning her career full-time as her children get older.

Felecia Hubbard

Although Felecia continues to deal with some health challenges, she expresses that school is her "joy." She continues as a Human Development major with an emphasis on Women's Studies. She earned A's and B's last semester averaging a 3.3 GPA. She is officially a senior now and anticipates graduating in 2024. Felecia's career goal continues to be becoming a social worker or working with foster youth in a residential setting.

Michelle May

As you may know, Michelle has been focusing on her personal health issues and taking care of her two daughters. She feels very positive and well-supported by her doctors at Stanford and USCF as she continues with chemotherapy and other treatments. Michelle needed to drop her classes last semester, which will likely move her

graduation date to later in 2023 or 2024. She was able to move two of her classes to “Incomplete” and is currently working on them to earn these credits. She has also continued to be involved with the parent group at her older daughter’s school. Michelle expressed her thanks to her family and friends and to us at San Ramon AAUW for our ongoing support, cards, and good wishes and is eager to resume more of her “regular” activities.

Amy Nguyen

Prior to our meeting on January 27 at CSUEB Amy shared the following in an email:

My anticipated graduation date is May of 2024 and after I graduate from my nursing program my goal is to continue my education and become a nurse practitioner. My dream is to open my own practice as a nurse practitioner. My first semester in the nursing program turned out great! I had an awesome time learning the fundamentals and foundation of Nursing. I finished my first semester of nursing with all A’s and earned a 4.0 GPA. For my second semester of nursing, I will be learning about pediatrics and psychiatry. Last semester I really enjoyed doing clinical rotation at Mills-Peninsula and community nursing homes, shadowing nurses and assisting with patient care. I am excited to see what I will learn in the upcoming semester.

During our meeting at CSUEB, Amy continued to share her enthusiasm for nursing as her career choice. She is very pleased with her progress and success, both in the academic and clinical setting. She shared with us a brief video of a conversation with the Director of the Nursing at San Francisco State that was very complimentary of Amy as a student. Amy continues to work on-call at Kaiser as a medical assistant, as well as sharing family activities with her two children and their father. She is a very positive and delightful young woman!

Donor Gift Basket Drawing To Be Held at the March 9 Program

Once again, we plan to hold a drawing for a Thank-You Donor Gift Basket for anyone who donates to AAUW San Ramon Local Scholarship. Donations made through the day at the March 9 program are eligible. Any member, their family, or friends who make a monetary donation, regardless of amount, either directly or through SPF, will have their name entered in the drawing.

ONE LUCKY donor’s name will be drawn, and the winner doesn’t need to be present to win—but how fun if they are!

The attractive, reusable, and sturdy-handled gift basket is wine themed with an estimated value of \$125–\$150. So far, the basket contains:

- 1 bottle of Bent Creek 2020 Chardonnay from the Mendocino Coast vineyard
- 1 bottle of Artesa Estate Vineyard 2017 Pinot Noir from the Los Carneros region, Napa Valley
- 1 wine opener
- 1 package of 40 lovely sunflower design napkins
- 1 gift card to Chamois Car Wash (Danville) for a Deluxe car wash (valued at \$33)
- 1 box of cocoa chocolate truffles
- 1 bag cornbread crisps
- possibly one more gift card TBD



Thank you in advance for your generous support of Local Scholarship!

Loranne Weir, Julie Gin and Susan Walker-Christensen
Co-VP’s AAUW-San Ramon Local Scholarship

SAVE THE DATE for Our Shredding Fundraiser
Saturday, April 29; 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
(Event is over when shredding truck is full!)
Bollinger Hills Cabana Parking Lot
2949 Morgan Drive, San Ramon
Suggested Donation:
\$12 per Banker’s Box or Grocery Bag



Our shredding event fundraiser is back! Thanks to Janice Colby, we are able to hold this useful event once again, so use the month of March and April to clean out your files while gathering your tax documents!

Any questions, please contact Loranne at 925-202-7808 or laweir4@aol.com.

Membership



Membership Matters

New Member

Welcome back **Janet Kleyn**! With you, we are **100** members strong! See Janet's Spotlight below.

New Member Recruitment

We have many resources at our fingertips to offer potential members information about AAUW. If you have not recently done so, reacquaint yourself with the wealth of these online resources:

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

Please consider inviting any prospective member guest(s) to our monthly programs and special interest groups. Your membership team can assist with welcoming them and informing them about joining our branch.

Membership Renewal

Your AAUW membership is effective for 12 months, after which it is requested that you renew for the next year. The majority of the branch will need to do so in June/July. Please watch your email for the most current instructions on how to renew. We encourage you to renew online, though there will always be an alternate method. In preparation, **please activate your individual account on the national website** if you have not already done so. Go to **aauw.org**. Select **Membership**, then **AAUW Community Hub**. To get started, enter your current email address, then you'll be prompted to create a password that will give you access to your current information on the national database.

Contact Harvalee Grimm if you need assistance.

Thank You

**to the editors and proofreaders
of this issue:**

Judy Bracken, Cindy Ferrin, Lucy Weed

New Member Spotlight Janet Kleyn



Janet Kleyn *returns* to our branch after many years. She was born in SoCal and has called San Ramon home for 40 years. She received her bachelor's degree from Pepperdine University and her master's from Santa Clara University.

Janet is currently the president of Agape Villages Foster Family Agency. She has been with the agency for 25 years. Prior to that, she worked for AT&T.

Janet is the daughter of Beverly Kleyn, who was a member of our branch for many years. Janet has two sons and two grandchildren. She enjoys crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

Again, welcome back Janet! We look forward to getting reacquainted.

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



**Embrace Equity
March 8**

Tech Trek



Gianni's Tips for Change Fundraiser

A big thank you to everyone who made our February 6th Tips for Change fundraiser a great success. Whether you volunteered, attended, invited guests, or ordered out, you are greatly appreciated!

We raised \$2,300. This amount, combined with prior Tech Trek donations, exceeded our branch's goal of raising \$7,500. This will fund three spots at the 2023 AAUW Tech Trek STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) virtual camp, plus five residential camper spots at Sonoma State University in June.

A big thanks to our branch servers who earned great tips: Judy Bracken, Chris Burchik, Andréé Chagnon, Karen Rice, Kathleen Schaub, Kathy Senti, Lucy Weed, and Janet Williams. A special thanks to Steve Burchik, our chocolatier extraordinaire, who donated the magnificent basket of chocolates, and to Betsy Hoffmann, who did a fantastic job selling raffle tickets. We made almost \$500 from the raffle alone! Congratulations to grand prize winner, Claire Mailhiot, and second place winner, Judy Bracken.

The branch especially thanks Gianni and Melanie Bartoletti, owners of Gianni's Italian Bistro, who graciously offered their superb restaurant for this fundraiser and donated 10 percent of the evening's proceeds, along with all the tips, to Tech Trek.

Our total this year is inching closer to the income we achieved in pre-Covid years. For comparison, we made \$2,700 in 2019 and \$3,100 in 2020. The last two years, with take-out only, made around \$1,800 each year. Glad we could get back to inside dining!

We hope to do even better next year. We have reserved the date for February 5, 2024.

Tech Trek Committee News

This year, all four San Ramon middle schools have submitted nominations, for a total of 15 nominees. Parents have been contacted, and the student application deadline is February 28. Completed applications and essays will be evaluated by our Reader Subcommittee in early March. It will be an exciting time as we evaluate imaginative essays

about future STEM achievements. Finalists will be chosen for the final phase of camper selection, and Zoom interviews will be scheduled for late March. The fees for the virtual and residential campers will be transferred to the camps by March 15, and camper sponsorship selection will be completed by April 15.

Stella Hadjimarkos, Tech Trek Co-chair
with Cordelia Hwang

More Info About 2023–2024 Membership Dues Increase

In the January newsletter, we shared information about the Board's proposal to raise branch dues by \$8 per year starting with the 2023–2024 year. Members will vote on the proposal at the Fund Tea on April 22. We just learned that AAUW National will also raise dues by \$5.

This year, your total annual dues were \$107. If the branch proposal is accepted, your dues next year will be \$120. AAUW National will get \$72 (\$67+\$5), AAUW CA receives \$20 (no change), and our branch will receive \$28 (\$20+\$8).

Why the Proposed Increase in Dues? Simply put, our revenues can't cover our expenses. During the pandemic, we used reserves because we were unable to hold the Art and Wind Festival Ice Cream sale, which is our major source of revenue. Although that event is back, our revenue (including dues) isn't enough. Our branch is frugal. We have enough money for basic operations, but events cost more because expenses for venues and guests have increased. Our programs introduce our branch to new people which, in turn, help us grow. Currently, we have one of the lowest branch dues in the nation. We have not raised branch dues for our branch in many years. While the \$8 doesn't fully cover the difference between our income and what we spend annually, it does reduce how much we must use from reserves.

We Need Your Input. Between now and the April 22nd vote, we invite you to come to the March Zoom board meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 13 to provide comments or you can email Kathleen Schaub or Janice Colby at anytime.

We are both available to discuss this important decision with you individually.

Please be an active participant in this discussion. This decision doesn't come lightly. We want to ensure that all members have a voice in the decision.

Public Policy



March Is Women's History Month, a Fitting Time to Observe Transgender Day of Visibility

Melissa Maceyko, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Each year on March 31, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) to raise awareness about transgender people. It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces.

We understand how women's history tells the story of misogyny, which is the systemic mistreatment of women, girls, and feminine peoples through forms of physical and structural violence. But we rarely consider how it is linked to transmisogyny, which focuses on the complex intersections between transphobia and misogyny that are faced by trans women and girls, as well as transfeminine and gender non-conforming peoples. It is a term that attempts to capture multiple layers of gender-based marginalization and systemic mistreatment. If misogyny and transmisogyny are not combatted together, then the root of the problem will never truly be eradicated.

Although the past decade has seen a more vocal public push for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives around gender, the current sociopolitical climate in the United States is not supportive of, and is often openly hostile to, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Under this sphere of increased hostility is the explicit targeting of trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples with words, actions, and legislation. It is particularly important for women's organizations who seek to combat gender-based forms of oppression to build coalitions and take a stand against misogyny and transmisogyny in all its forms, because misogyny and transmisogyny come from the same place. They both describe gender-based oppression that results from the prioritization of masculinity alongside the degradation of femininity.

Targeted hostility against trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples can be seen not only in the alarming uptick in physical violence against this community, but also in the increasing persistence and intensity of public

debates over whether or not trans women and girls and transfeminine peoples are "real women" that belong in "women's spaces," including gender-specific bathrooms, women's sports teams, and locker rooms. These debates prioritize misplaced and misunderstood claims of biological authenticity. They are dehumanizing and cannot be disconnected from other forms of violence as they normalize widespread and explicit marginalization and exclusion.

[Given that AAUW is] a women's organization, the increasingly hostile environment for trans women and girls and transfeminine people should be at the forefront of our collective education and activism—let's help ensure that history doesn't continue to repeat itself. Visit the Public Policy website to learn more.

Source: AAUW CA website, February 2, 2023, [here](#)

Submitted by
Catherine Lewis, Public Policy



Become a CASA Volunteer Advocate Make a Positive Difference!

Right now, local children in foster care are waiting to be matched with a CASA Volunteer Advocate. Will you help to make sure every child referred to our program receives an advocate, a powerful voice inside and outside the courtroom, speaking up for their best interest?

Sign up today to attend an upcoming informational session where you can learn what it takes to become a CASA volunteer:

<https://cccocasa.org/menus/become-a-volunteer.html>

Sarah Bradford, Recruitment & Outreach Coordinator
[CASA of Contra Costa County](#)
sarahbradford@cccocasa.org
925-256-7284 ext. 7

CASA Volunteer Advocates are sworn officers of the court and share the willingness and ability to commit a minimum of 1 year, and at least 15–20 hours a month, to a child or youth in foster care.

CASA Tutors share the willingness to commit a minimum of 1 school year, and at least 6–12 hours a month, to a child or youth in foster care.

Submitted by Chris Burchik

Fund



Spring Tea AAUW Fundraising Event

Bollinger Hills Cabana
2951 Morgan Drive, San Ramon
Saturday, April 22, 2023
2:00 PM–4:00 PM



Our AAUW Grant Recipient speaker this year is the incomparable Greta Recinto Casino, a master's student at Loma Linda University. She is in the advanced year of her Master of Social Work program and she is working with the geriatric and criminal justice communities. Greta advocates for her clients by assisting seniors through their aging process. Her intention is to help ease their struggles by asking pertinent questions to find the right resources and to problem-solve in order to make key decisions in the aging journey.

Once again we are asking for the following donations to attend the event:

Bronze: \$25 Minimum donation
 Silver: \$35 (minimum donation and 6 drawing tickets)
 Gold: \$50 or more (minimum donation and 15 drawing tickets)

Look for your Evite with event details.
 Questions? Contact aauwsr@gmail.com

How to Support AAUW's Mission

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Adds the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

STEM
Title IX
Pathways to Jobs

Examples of programs include:
Fellowships
Alumni Initiatives
Public Policy
Research



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

Pay Equity
Title VII
Retirement Security

Examples of programs include:
Start Smart
Work Smart
Work Smart Online
Legal Advocacy Fund



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

Career
Workplace
Training

Examples of programs include:
Campus Action Projects
Empower
NCCWSL

Contributions to AAUW are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to the address below or made online at www.aauw.org/contribute.

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 800.326.2289 | connect@aauw.org
www.aauw.org

The work of AAUW Fund continues to be vital to the growth of women's many contributions toward a healthy and thriving society. We have contributed much towards women's higher education and career development, which is a benefit to us all. Please keep in mind that we need the San Ramon Branch's continued financial support through individual donations.



TrulyPossible.com

Interest Groups

GAME NIGHT

First Saturday

Saturday, March 4; 7:00 PM

Game night will be at Linda Louie's home. Please RSVP to Linda so she will know how many will join.

RSVP to Linda's email

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed

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### LUNCH BUNCH

#### First Tuesday

**Tuesday, March 7; 11:30 AM**

We'll meet at Armadillo Willy's, 4480 Tassajara Road, Dublin to try some Texas BBQ! To join the e-mail reminder list, contact:

Margo James

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LOCAL WALKING GROUP

Second Saturday

Saturday, March 11; 9:00 AM

We'll walk around the lake at Bishop Ranch. The walkway is gravel and paved in some areas and an easy flat terrain. Parking should be easy at the Target parking lot. Everyone is welcome, including your dogs!

RSVP if you would like to be a part of this interest group.

Contact:

Andrée Chagnon

Lois Kamoroff

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### DAYTIME READERS

#### \*\*Special Meeting with

#### The Night Book Group via Zoom\*\*

**Monday, March 20, 7:00 PM**

Daytime Book Group will NOT meet at the regular time.

We are joining the Evening Book Group at their scheduled time, Monday March 20 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. We are all reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Gamus. Alice Miller will lead the discussion. If you have questions or wish to be put on the email list to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact

Margo James

## Interest Groups

### THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

#### Third Monday

#### \*\*Special Meeting with Daytime Readers Via Zoom\*\*

**Monday, March 20; 7:00 PM**

Alice Miller will review *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Gamus.

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng

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TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Third Tuesday

Tuesday, March 21; 7:00–9:00 PM or so

Virtual and/or in-person

Hostess: Lucy Weed

RSVP

We will play via Zoom/teleconference and BridgeBase and in-person if enough people wish to get together.

If you would like play, please RSVP and let me know

1. if you are interested in playing or not and
2. if you wish to play in person or virtual.

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### FRIDAY FLICKS

**Friday, March 31; 7:30 PM \*\*Special Date\*\***

**Via Zoom videoconference**

**Organizer: Chris Burchik**

**Film:** *Off the Map*, a 2003 film available on DVD through Netflix. It is also available on other platforms for a fee; do not confuse it with a TV series by the same name.

Let Chris White know if you wish to receive a Zoom link for the above event. We desperately need volunteers to pick a film for 4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 7/28. Please Volunteer!!

Please Contact: Chris White

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