

THE VIEW FROM SAN RAMON

Thanks for Another Great Year...



Enjoy Your Summer!

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.

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

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Watch for more information about our 2024–2025 events in future newsletters.

President's Pen



A Summer of Transition

She realized what a gate was: it was an indication that you had left one place and were entering another.

Gabrielle Zevin,
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow

Summer can be many things: a longed-for vacation, time to read a juicy romance, tending to gardens at the height of their glory, running kids back and forth to a plethora of camps, scrumptious backyard barbecues, or a break from AAUW board meetings (LOL). For me, summer will always feel like a time of transition because my brain remains in school mode. I loved school, and my mental year has always ended in June and restarted in September with summer as a liminal time.

I learned the word *liminal* a while back, and it has become one of my favorite words. It's an adjective indicating a threshold between two states. Airports, parking lots, hotel lobbies, the surf, and doorways are liminal places. Twilight and dawn are liminal times. When you feel like you are the verge of something, you are experiencing a liminal moment. Some years the summer liminal period was passing from one grade to another, while sometimes there was big shift from one life stage to another through the ritual of graduation.

Besides graduations, many of us hold some of life's most significant transitions in common including marriage, parenthood, career shifts, divorce, moving, empty nest, retirement, and deaths. Other gates are personal, such as the achievement of a treasured goal or a discovery of a hidden family secret. Still other transitions are experienced by all of us but not in the same way—right now, the diffusion of artificial intelligence into our information system comes to mind. We will always have a before and after this big change.

Some transitions are unexpected, but often we can see the new state looming on the horizon, which gives us a liminal opportunity to “train” for the new state. A friend of mine is making the most of her liminal time as she prepares for knee surgery. Her training consists of becoming as physically strong as she can get: exercise, losing weight, cutting down drinking. She is also preparing her home for a period of decreased mobility and building her network of people who can help. Training for a new state we know is coming improves the chances that life will roll in our direction.

Is there a transition on the horizon for you? How could you make this summer a time to train? For me this summer, it's moving into a new home and starting the publishing process for the book I've been working on for several years (I learned it takes like a year to get published!). Also, I'll be stepping down from AAUW San Ramon board after four fun and challenging years (one as president elect, two as co-president with the amazing Janice Colby, and one more as president). I'm thinking a lot about how to train well for these big changes during this liminal time.

In the September newsletter, you'll get a President's Pen from our two awesome incoming co-presidents, Cindy Alpert and Judy Bracken. I look forward to seeing what these two talented women have in store for us! We will all find out at the September 7th kickoff event.

Here's to a wonderful summer and whatever is next for you. May it bring you many blessings and enlightening adventures!

POSTSCRIPT: Regretfully, I must share that the change to the National bylaws to open membership qualification did not pass. Changes to AAUW's bylaws require 2/3 majority (66.6%) to pass, and AAUW members voted 65.1% to approve the measure—missing by just 1.5%. Hopefully, it will pass next time.

Kathleen Schaub, President



Ice Cream Sale



Congratulations to the San Ramon Branch of AAUW!

We successfully implemented the Square cashless payment system and accepted credit cards to sell over 100 ice cream bars at the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival! While we faced a few challenges on Sunday, all patrons and members practiced what Winston Churchill famously said: “Attitude is a ‘little’ thing that makes a big difference.”

Thank you to Kathleen and Cindy for leading this effort—an important step, as the trend for cashless sales continues to grow.

We use this fundraiser to support branch events and administrative needs. This year, we raised about \$1,100!

And thank you to all who sold ice cream, accepting both cash and credit cards, including: Cindy Alpert, Pat Baran, Jo Anne Barron, Fran Bartholomew, Margaret Batesole, Marielle Boortz, Judy Bracken, Chris Burchik, Janice Colby (and friend Vee Chick), Margie Goldware, Joyce Gunn, Stella Hadjimarkos, Lois Kamoroff, Carol Lombardi (and husband Steve), Claire Mailhiot (and daughter Cameron), Cathy Nisen, Karen Rice, Helen Rozman, Kathleen Schaub, Sally Scholl, Susan Volsky, and Lorraine Weir.

We are finalizing the financials of this fundraiser and will follow up in the fall with the exact total.

Janet Williams

You Can Still Volunteer at the Alameda County Fair to Raise Money for AAUW

(Even while the Fair is running!)



Go to Alamedacountyfair.com, and scroll down to the site map. Click on “Volunteer.”

Fill out an application and watch a video. Choose from the many opportunities listed—inside or outside.

The Fair will donate your “salary” to AAUW Scholarship.

Before your first shift, a parking pass and fair ticket will be sent to your email.

Questions? Email Kristen Dean at kdean@alamedscountyfair.com or Sally Scholl

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Baran
Linda Mayfield
Robin White
Barbara Blalock
Jennifer Fish
Cordelia Hwang
Vicki Turbeville
Brodie Hilp
Cheryl Ng
Vineetha Nair
Susan Walker-Christensen
Christina Burchik

Program

YEAR-END CELEBRATION!

A cheer-filled gathering was held on Saturday, May 18 for our end-of-year reflections. We met the high school scholarship recipients, who inspired us all as we learned of their aspirations and plans. There was an overview of the many branch accomplishments during the past year, plus the 2024–2025 board members were introduced. Our outgoing president, Kathleen Schaub, was recognized and thanked for her service during her three terms.

And we had sweet, in-person time to socialize with our AAUW friends!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 7, from 1:00–4:00 PM at San Ramon Community Center, for our kickoff of 2024–2025. More information about this afternoon “Happy Hour” celebration will follow. As always, look for the Evite in August with all the fun details.

We appreciate the support of and participation in all the various programs we held. And 2024–2025 is sure to be another amazing AAUW San Ramon year!

Cindy Alpert & Karen Rice
Co-VPs, Program

Tech Trek



As we head into the summer, we will be sending our Tech Trek campers on some new and exciting adventures. We now have six campers attending Camp Franklin and Sonoma State and two campers attending virtual camp. They are all very excited to spend a week enjoying classes, activities, and speakers focused on STEM topics.

At the September Membership Kickoff meeting, we will meet these campers and hear about their experiences. Their shared enthusiasm and excitement is so fun to see. More information about Tech Trek can be found here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek/>

Thank you in advance for all your support.

Cindy Alpert
Tech Trek Coordinator

Local Scholarship



MEET OUR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The 2024 scholarship recipients have been selected! We have awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four outstanding young women from California High School. This year’s recipients present a wide range of skills and have demonstrated significant academic success and achievements in music, science, world languages, athletics, and leadership. They have been involved in community volunteer or social activities, participated in internships, or held part-time jobs. We hope that many of you had a chance to meet and speak with them at our Year-End Celebration on May 18. Following is a brief overview of their accomplishments and goals.



Hailey Godin will attend Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania to major in Sociology and Political Science and to attend law school. She is focused on a career in public service. Throughout her high school career, Hailey demonstrated her passion for social justice and equity. She founded the Restorative Justice Club at Cal High, initiated a joint Restorative Coalition with all four high schools in SRVUSD, and has been a member of the district’s Equity Steering Committee. Her leadership skills are also evidenced on the softball field. She has participated in this sport since was 10 years old, on school and traveling teams. She has been a varsity softball team member at Cal High for all 4 years, currently is the team captain, and will continue playing in college at Muhlenberg. Hailey was a Tech Trek camper from our organization in middle school and a winner in last year’s Gov Trek program.

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Local Scholarship



Shivali Pathak will attend the University of California in Irvine. She plans to major in Public Health and become a physician. During her high school years, Shivali has demonstrated her commitment to both STEM areas and community service. On campus, Shivali has been a member of NHS, served as president of the Red Cross club, and founded the STEmpower club. STEmpower organized high school volunteers to provide hands-on science workshops to elementary students both in San Ramon and Oakland. They also donated necessary science equipment to some of the needy Oakland schools. At this time, Shivali was also an intern at a biotech company doing cancer research. Shivali has also been involved in both vocal and dance musical activities for many years, both on campus and in other areas. In 2020, she founded an organization to address the “pandemic-induced isolation” called Tri-Valley Youth Music Group (TVYMG). This group of high school musicians performed for hospitals, senior centers, and other groups and raised money for the Red Cross and a domestic violence support group.



Trisha Sarkar will attend Colby College in Waterville, Maine. She plans to major in Business with a career goal of working in finance. Trisha has demonstrated her leadership skills with her involvement with several campus organizations. She has been a member or Interact for four years (currently serving as its president) and is the managing editor of the school newspaper. She has been a varsity lacrosse team member at Cal High for all 4 years, currently is the team captain, and will continue playing at

Colby. She has played on club lacrosse teams and has been employed as an individual tutor, referee, and coach. Following her freshman year, she co-founded the Summer of Pages Book Club for fourth to seventh graders in the Tri-Valley area, focusing on developing reading comprehension. Over the past three summers, more than 300 students have been involved with this group in collaboration with local librarians, authors, and teachers. Trisha’s other volunteer activities have included the National Alopecia Areta Foundation (NAAF), as Trisha was diagnosed at age three with this condition, and Junior Achievement , which focuses on promoting financial literacy and business entrepreneurship.



Nadia Sherman will attend East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. She plans to major in Nursing with a career goal of working with neonatal or oncology patients. Nadia states that one of her greatest strengths is her “ability to show kindness toward others.” She demonstrated this strength and made an immediate impression at the beginning of her sophomore year when she began volunteering in a Special Day Class as part of the Best Buddies Club. She realized that many on-campus and community activities were not available to many SPED students. As current president of Best Buddies, co-president of the Special Olympic Club, and member of the PALS program, she has provided leadership and organized many opportunities for SPED students at Cal High. These included tutoring and individual support, organizing a special “prom” and on-campus Special Olympics events, as well as developing individual friendships with general education students. Nadia has demonstrated caring skills in the community as a member of St. Raymond’s parish as a respite caregiver and, along with her family, as a resource family for foster children. She has continued to play competitive soccer for 14 years and more recently flag football—along with maintaining a part-time job.

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Local Scholarship

Renaissance Grads and New Scholars



Our 2024 Renaissance Scholars with the team (L to R: Sally Blackwell, Lorraine Weir, Nicole Silliman, Leslie Hernandez, Susan Walker-Christiansen)

We attended the CSUEB Renaissance Scholars Luncheon on April 26—always a very inspiring event. The students and the staff are passionate about the program and the support they have received. We feel honored to continue to be part of the community of support for this program.

Five of our recent scholarship recipients were honored as graduating seniors: Ruth Clay, Jessenia Cohen, Felecia Hubbard, Michelle May, and Ashley Middlebrooks.



Michelle May, a Renaissance Scholar from 2020–2022, has overcome multiple challenges to graduate this spring. Congratulations, Michelle!

More Updates:

One of our previous Scholarship recipients, Jessica Schaffer (2014), received her Master's degree in Social Work. It was very exciting to see her again and to be able to offer her our congratulations!

Amy Nguyen, a previous CSUEB RS scholarship recipient from 2022, will graduate from San Francisco State with her Nursing degree and Registered Nurse certification. She plans to continue her future education toward her goal to be a Nurse Practitioner.

2024 Shredding Event Raises \$1,530

Many thanks to Janice Colby for renting and paying for the shredding truck and for helping to publicize this ever-successful fundraiser. Both Andrew and Jessica of Jessica's Shredding—a woman-owned business—went above and beyond in their helpfulness and enthusiasm.

We also thank Joy Perkins of Omnibus Organizing for providing additional advertising and sharing the news of our event with her clients. We are ever grateful to our web mistress, Isabel Lau, who shared information about our Shredding Event on multiple social media platforms and sites (which was most effective) and to Carol Lombardi, our newsletter wonder. Extra gratitude is due to our hard-working committee members—Susan Walker-Christensen, Sally Blackwell, Dayna Hannum, and Lorraine Weir—and to enthusiastic volunteers Janice Colby and Patty Nobles for their invaluable help working the event. And finally, thank you to Claire Mailhot for processing the funds we collected. Yes, it takes a village!

The lovely and temperate sunny day included a mix of members, neighbors, and friends, all connecting with each other and the community while raising funds. It was the perfect backdrop in which to share information about AAUW and Local Scholarship's mission.

We do so appreciate our members who contributed to our success by bringing their shredding and sharing information about our fundraiser. We anticipate repeating this Shredding Event next April after tax time...so stay tuned. Til then, know that your support and participation this ENTIRE year has been most appreciated!

Trader Joe's Gift Basket Raffle



Due to the generous participation by the attendees at the May 18 Year End Celebration, the Trader Joe's basket drawing raised \$380 for Local Scholarship! Congrats to the lucky winner, Margie Goldware!

Susan Walker-Christensen and Lorraine Weir
Local Scholarship Committee

Membership



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Our membership stands strong with **104** members. Our good works and camaraderie are key elements that sustain our recruitment efforts. Let's keep this energy going. Let us know of interested friends, family, and colleagues, and we will reach out to them. You can also direct prospective members to our branch website to fill out the Member Profile found on the Membership tab "Join." We'll take it from there.

Directory

Be watching for our latest directory in June. Thank you so much for sending us your changes and additions so we can keep up to date. Also, once you notify us, please remember to also change your information on the AAUW National website.

The Shape the Future Membership Campaign

AAUW National offers the *Shape the Future* membership campaign to branches who recruit new members. Thanks to this campaign, our branch is able to extend 50% off national membership dues to a new member who joins at or soon after an AAUW meeting or event. We also earn one free national membership for every two new members they recruit. Our branch qualified for the maximum *three* free national memberships due to our successful recruitment of nine new members during the campaign period. The board is honoring the following members with free national memberships for 2024–2025:

- **Chris Burchik** for her steadfast support of our branch
- **Betsy Hoffmann** for her many years of service in a variety of capacities
- **Janet Williams** for overseeing all aspects of our ice cream sales at the Art & Wind Festival

Membership Renewal

AAUW National emailed renewal reminders on April 25, 2024 to everyone whose membership expires on June 30, 2024. The email was sent from American Association of University Women, infosf@aauw.org. The subject line reads: "AAUW: It's Time to Renew Your Membership!"

Check your spam folder if you did not get this email. You will be getting a reminder notice in June from AAUW National. You are encouraged to complete your renewal online. The video on how to self-renew is helpful. Our branch code is CA0189.

The preferred method of payment is by credit card when you renew online. However, you may also pay by check to AAUW San Ramon, P.O. Box 336, San Ramon, CA 94583. Dues for 2024–2025 remain unchanged: AAUW National \$72 (fully tax deductible) + AAUW California \$20 + AAUW San Ramon \$28 = a total of \$120.

Honorary (50-year) members do not pay dues. Lifetime members have prepaid national dues, thus pay only state and branch dues. Dual members pay dues for each branch to which they belong and the corresponding state dues as well as national dues unless they are lifetime members.

Questions or comments? Please reach out to us for assistance.

Happy Summer from your Membership Team
Betsy, Margo, & Harvalee

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Beth Robertson
Cindy Ferrin
Purvi Rawal
Elaine Baldwin
Karen Van Zino
Joyce Gunn
Pamela Bugbee
Carol Rowley
Mary Jane Keogh
Patricia Leong
Rena Buckser
Nancy Powers
Sally Blackwell
Elaine Graves
Helen Rozman
Sandra Budde
Jo Anne Barron
Jane Young

Public Policy



AAUW California Advocates for Its Priorities with the Legislature

By Sue Miller and Joy Frew, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

This year's Lobby Days event, held on April 2nd and 3rd, was exciting and action-packed. 140 women on 43 teams from 63 AAUW California branches met with 39 Assembly offices and 27 Senate offices. 11 meetings took place in person in Sacramento, 55 meetings took place via Zoom, and the majority took place without a hitch.

While most meetings were conducted with legislative staff, we were able to hold eight meetings with the members themselves - five Assemblymembers and three Senators. We were not able to get a meeting for Zoom Team 7 with Assemblymember Hart, but they did even better when one of their members, Judy Frost from the Santa Maria branch, joined Assemblymember Hart on a hike and lobbied him on the hiking trail.

We were happy to learn that our organization was known to many of the legislative staff and legislators with whom our members met. Some staff had looked up our website prior to meeting and were impressed with programs such as Tech Trek and Gov Trek. Most were supportive of advancing women's equity. The reception of our "Top 3" bills - AB 2843, AB 2326 and AB 2099 - was generally favorable. The offices were more familiar with the first two, both of which are sponsored by AAUW California. AB 2099 was new to them. You can find more information on these and all the bills we are supporting [HERE](#)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JLvpR56LgEhUpnBXcq84S82TPGn3tRuhLG49yfiNFG8/edit#gid=0>

In short, AB 2843 eliminates cost sharing, including deductibles, from being imposed on any rape survivor seeking medical treatment following a rape. Insurers will be required to cover the full cost of medical care. AB 2326 requires the chancellors or presidents from the University of California (UC), the California State University (CSU), and the California Community Colleges, to provide an annual report publicly and orally to the Assembly and Senate Subcommittees on Education Finance on each institution's compliance with Title IX, including sexual assault. AB 2099 would make it possible for the D.A. to file a felony charge for sharing personal information or images of reproductive health care providers or patients, including on the internet, with the intent of causing them harm, if the posting and subsequent action results in bodily injury.

During our Lobby Days event, we were able to get our message across to those who make our laws and to highlight AAUW, our mission, accomplishments and the benefits we bring to our communities throughout California. It was an empowering exercise in advocacy and for those of you who participated, AAUW California thanks you!

Biden Administration Releases Long-Awaited Guidance: NEW TITLE IX RULES

On Friday, April 19, 2024, the Biden Administration released long-awaited guidance on the application and administration of Title IX. The rule changes rework Trump Administration guidance on the handling of campus sexual assault, providing expanded protections for survivors; and expands Title IX protections against sex/gender-based harassment and discrimination to protect members of the LGBTQ+ community. Expansion of rights to the LGBTQ+ community via Title IX aligns this federal law with current interpretation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits workplace discrimination on the basis of sex/gender. AAUW national serves in a gender equity coalition supporting these changes. Stay Tuned! It will be a busy summer. We are anticipating needing your help to push back on challenges to this new guidance. The June Public Policy News will include an article that expands on all of this information, and provides updates on impending legal challenges. Thank you in advance!

ACTION ALERTS!

Test Out Resistbot by Clicking Below

Thankfully, a lot of our priority legislation is moving along smoothly, so we have not yet reached out to you to act. However, we do invite you to test out one arm of our alert system: Resistbot. Click on this link: <https://resist.bot/petitions/PMWZAZ> and "sign" the petition in support of SB 554. When you "sign," Resistbot will prompt you, through your preferred text message system, to send a letter with the petition text to your CA State Senator. Be sure to check it out!

Source: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy/>

Catherine Lewis, Public Policy

**Thank you to our eagle-eyed proofreader,
Lucy Weed**

Interest Groups

Walking Group



L to R: Stella Hadjimarkos, Fran Bartholomew, Lois Kamoroff, Linda Mayfield, Harvalee Grimm, Kathleen Schaub, Helen Rozman, Chris Burchik

Our walking group enjoyed a 1-2-3 times walk around Annabel Lake on a beautiful May morning.

Lois Kamoroff
Co-leader with Andrée Chagnon



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Janice Colby
Diane Schinnerer
Sindhura Putumbaka
Mary Venkat
Lucile Weed
Cathy Nisen
Dayna Hannum
Linda Yoshizawa
Rebecca Said
Judy Bracken

GAME NIGHT

First Saturdays; 7:00 PM in person

June 1

Host: Fran Bartholomew

July 6

Host: Heather Taapken

August 3

Host: Linda Louie

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed



LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesdays; 11:30 AM in person

June 4: Curry Pizza House, 12191 Alcosta Boulevard, San Ramon

July 2: Egg Happiness, 4288 Dublin Blvd. #113, Dublin

August 6: The Roundhouse, 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon (if it's a nice day, look for us outside!)

To join the email reminder list, contact:
Margo James



Interest Groups

DAYTIME READERS

Second Mondays 1:00–3:00 PM, Zoom or in person

June 10 via Zoom: We will discuss *Running with Sherman* by Christopher McDougall. Diane Griffiths will lead the discussion.

July 8 in person: We will discuss *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin at Kathy Senti's home. Kathy will lead the discussion.

August 12 via Zoom: We will discuss *Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution* by Cat Bohannon. Kathleen Schaub 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.



LOCAL WALKING GROUP

Second Saturdays; 9:00 AM in person June 8

July 13

August 10

We'll walk around Annabel 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



Interest Groups

BOCCE

Third Saturdays; 1:00–3:00 PM in person

Following are the locations for Bocce games this summer:
June 15 at Souyen Park on Watermill Road

July 20 at Annabel Lake in Bishop Ranch

August 17 at the Senior Center on Alcosta Blvd.

I will send reminder emails to the people who have told me or tell me they are interested in playing. If you have questions, please call or text Kathy Senti.



THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Third Mondays; 7:00 PM via Zoom

June 17: Judy Bracken will lead our discussion of *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett.

July 15: Claire Mailhiot will lead our discussion of *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim.

August 19: We will discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.
Questions? Contact Cheri Ng



TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Third Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM or so via Zoom and Bridgebase and/or In person June 18

Hostess: Heather Taapken

Please RSVP to Chris White and let her know:

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

July 16

Hostess: Margo James

Please RSVP to Chris White and let her know:

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

August 20

Hostess: TBD

Please RSVP to Christ White and let her know:

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

Questions? chriswhite925@gmail.com or 925 829-2809

Interest Groups

WOMEN IN HISTORY

Third Wednesdays, 1:00 PM via Zoom

June 19: We will discuss The History Chicks podcast of Frances Perkins. There are three episodes: [Episode 218: Frances Perkins, Part 1](#), [Episode 221: Frances Perkins Part 2](#), and [Episode 222: Frances Perkins Part 3](#). Margo James will lead the discussion.

July 17: We will discuss The History Chicks podcast of Althea Gibson. There are two episodes: [Episode 244: Althea Gibson part 1](#) and [Episode 246: Althea Gibson part 2](#). Diane Griffiths will lead the discussion.

August 21: We will discuss The History Chicks podcast of Queen Nzinga, [Episode 80: Queen Nzinga](#). Margo James 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



HIDDEN BRAIN

Fourth Mondays; 7:30 PM via Zoom

The following dates are scheduled:

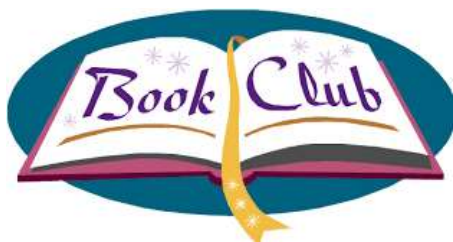
June 24: Harvalee will lead a discussion on “How to Believe in Yourself.”

July 22: TBA

August 26: TBA

We do not currently have topics or hosts scheduled for two dates, so please let Kathy Senti know what topic is of interest to you and what date you would be willing to lead a discussion.

Kathy will send reminder emails to the people who have told her they are interested in participating. If you have questions or need help accessing the podcasts, please call Kathy. You can also go to www.hiddenbrain.org or to your favorite podcast app to listen to any episode.



Interest Groups

FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Fourth Fridays, 7:30 PM via Zoom

June 28

Discussion Leader: Mary Venkat

Watch: *The Three of Us*, Netflix

We need volunteers for **July 26** and **August 23!**

Contact Chris White



LET'S GO

Nothing planned.

If you would like to organize a visit to some location and invite some of your AAUW members to join you, let Chris White know by email.



2024–2025 Board

CO-PRESIDENTS

Cindy Alpert
Judy Bracken

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Kathleen Schaub

CO-VICE PRESIDENTS, PROGRAM

Janet Colby
Karen Rice

CO-VICE PRESIDENTS, MEMBERSHIP

Harvalee Grimm
Betsy Hoffmann
Margo James

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