



**AAUW San Ramon
Membership Meeting
September 6, 2025
11:00am – 2:00pm
San Ramon Community Center**

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Branch Updates & Goals
- Brainstorm – what do you want from the Branch
- SIGs Jeopardy Game
- Meet the Tech Trek Campers
- Local Scholarship Overview
- Meet the Renaissance Scholars
- Budget Review & Approval
- Membership Overview
- Communications Overview
- Programs Overview
- Public Policy – Focus Areas
- AAUW Fund Update
- Closing

Janice Colby & Kathleen Schaub
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SIG Leaders
Cindy Alpert & Kathy Senti
Ashley Cherry & Helen Rozman
Susan Walker-Christensen
Claire Mailhiot & Janet Kleyn
Margo James
Isabel Lau
Janice Colby & Kathleen Schaub
Cindy Alpert
Margie Goldware
Janice Colby & Kathleen Schaub

AAUW Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

AAUW Vision

Equity for all.

AAUW Values

Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Principled. Inclusive and Intersectional.

Branch Accomplishments

Cindy Alpert & Judy Bracken

2024-2025 Accomplishments

- 101 Members
- ~\$13,400 raised for Tech Trek & Scholarships → sent 8 girls to Tech Trek camp and awarded scholarships to 4 graduating high school seniors and 3 Renaissance Scholars
- ~\$3,500 donated to AAUW Fund
- ~\$800 raised through selling ice cream treats at the Art & Wind Festival
- 8 programs and events sharing fun, interesting topics
- 3 bills supported by AAUW in the California Legislature signed by the Governor
- 11 special interest groups (SIGs) = fun for many
- Updated our policies and procedures to conform with AAUW guidelines

Branch Focus Areas 2025-2026

Cindy Alpert & Judy Bracken

- Fun & impactful fundraising – new ideas, broader reach
- Opportunities for actionable advocacy – keep it simple
- Engagement: keep members involved and informed
- Achieving our Five-Star Branch status – national recognition for excellence in areas of advancement of AAUW's mission, public policy and advocacy, governance, programming, and communications & external relations

Current Board Officers

Co-Presidents

Cindy Alpert & Judy Bracken

Co-VP's Program

Janice Colby & Kathleen Schaub

Co-VP's Membership

Harvalee Grimm & Margo James

Co-VP's Scholarship

Ashley Cherry & Helen Rozman

Co-VP's Finance

Janet Kleyn & Claire Mailhiot

Co-Recording Secretaries

Alice Miller & Nancy Vandell

Art & Wind Festival

Janet Williams

Communications, Newsletter, Website

Isabel Lau, Vineetha Nair, & Beth
Robertson

Public Policy

Catherine Lewis

Hospitality & Fellowship

Jo Anne Barron

Tech Trek

Cindy Alpert

Tech Trek Overview

Cindy Alpert

To stimulate interest in STEM and encourage girls to pursue STEM careers

Selection of sponsorship recipients:

- Nomination by STEM teacher – 7th graders
- Student application + essay
- Interview by Branch panel
- Selection of campers for 2025:
Six residential, two virtual campers.

Funding of camp sponsorships:

- Tips for Change fundraiser
 - TBD
- Tax deductible donations

Check payable to “AAUW-CA SPF”, memo line “Tech Trek-San Ramon”, mail to AAUW San Ramon, PO Box 366, San Ramon, CA.

Thank you to all our donors!

Tech Trek 2025 week long camps:

- Camp Franklin – residential at Sonoma State University
- Virtual Camp – 1 session; via Zoom and Break rooms.

Tech Trek

Camp Experiences

Meet the Tech Trekkers

- ❖ Vanditha Adiraju
- ❖ Akanshaa Gopinath
- ❖ Akshara Harkar
- ❖ Yani Lin
- ❖ Aleena Mirza
- ❖ Elizabeth Reyes
- ❖ Uma Thyarala
- ❖ Liliane Vu



Local Scholarship

Ashley Cherry & Helen Rozman

Overview – Branch Scholarship Program & Renaissance Scholar Program CSUEB

Thank you for all the generous donations and support!

Meet the Renaissance Scholars – Susan Walker-Christensen

- Bobbie Byrd
- Ruth Clay
- Justine Overmyer

Roshawn Campbell – Renaissance Scholars Program Coordinator &
Academic Counselor

Budget Presentation

Claire Mailhiot & Janet Kleyn

 SAN RAMON BRANCH		Approved by the Board August 11, 2025
	2024-2025 ACTUAL	2025-2026 PROPOSED
<u>Income</u>		
Dues - National (Pass-Through)	\$1,248	\$1,480
Dues - State (Pass-Through)	\$420	\$600
Dues - Branch	\$2,100	\$2,660
Dues - Donations (Pass-Through)	\$18	\$0
Sub-total Dues	\$3,786	\$4,740
Admin (misc donations to Branch)	\$0	\$0
Interest Income	\$0	\$200
FUND Donations (Pass-Through)	\$0	\$800
Local Scholarships (Excludes SPF)	\$4,563	\$6,000
Tech Trek Donations (Pass-Through)	\$665	\$500
Tech Trek Parent Donations	\$100	\$200
Event - Fall KickOff	\$814	\$1,500
Event - Year-End Celebration	\$1,239	\$1,500
Branch Fundraisers	\$2,695	\$2,000
Programs (Other Than Events)	\$128	\$0
Reserve	\$0	\$530
Total Income	\$13,990	\$17,970

<u>Expense</u>		
Dues - National (Pass-Through)	\$1,248	\$1,480
Dues - State (Pass-Through)	\$420	\$600
Dues - Donations (Pass-Through)	\$18	\$0
Dues Paid by Branch to National	\$1,686	\$2,080
Admin	\$558	\$750
FUND (Pass-Through)	\$0	\$800
FUND Event	\$65	\$50
Local Scholarship	\$4,590	\$7,190
Tech Trek Camp misc.	\$65	\$250
Tech Trek Misc & Pass-Through	\$32	\$500
Event - Fall KickOff	\$1,486	\$1,500
Event - Year-End Celebration	\$1,190	\$1,500
Branch Fundraisers	\$1,888	\$1,000
Hospitality	\$0	\$50
Insurance	\$514	\$550
Marketing & Communications	\$0	\$0
Membership	\$510	\$600
Program	\$976	\$1,100
Public Policy	\$0	\$50
Total Expenses	\$13,560	\$17,970
Net Income / (Expense)	\$430	\$0

Membership

Harvalee Grimm & Margo James

- Membership status
- Membership roles in the branch
- Branch brochure
- Shape the Future Discount & branch awards
- Milestone years membership recognition

Communications

Isabel Lau, Vineetha Nair, Beth Robertson

The “New” View from San Ramon newsletter!

- Vineetha Nair, Newsletter Editor
- Email format
- Summarized content
- Visit our website for more details
- Send us your feedback – we want to hear from you!

“New”sletter – View from San Ramon

AAUW-San Ramon <aauwsr@gmail.com@mlsend.com> on behalf of AAUW-San Ramon <aauwsr@gmail.com@send.mailerlite.eu>

To: You

Welcome to our new email newsletter format!

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The View From San Ramon

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Dear Cindy Alpert, Hope you enjoy this newsletter! We look forward to your feedback!

Important Upcoming Events



**Annual Membership Meeting
and Welcome Event**
Saturday, Sept. 6
11 AM - 2 PM



Programs

Janice Colby & Kathleen Schaub

Month	Program	Notes
September 6	Membership Welcome Event	Introduce year's agenda / promote community / highlight branch social action programs / Fun
October 23	Civic Engagement Focus: Fact Over Fiction, Navigating the News	Partner with League of Women Voters & San Ramon Library. Open to Public
November 13	Friendsgiving Potluck	Promote branch community / Fun
January	Local Focus / Topic TBD	Local speaker TBD
February	Tech Trek Dine for a Cause	Fund raising for Tech Trek / Community building / Fun
March	Women's History Month Focus: Topic TBD	Inspiring woman speaker TBD
April	AAUW Fellow/FUND Focus	National Fellow Speaker Event TBD
May	Year End Celebration	Reward volunteers and achievements / promote community / highlight branch social action programs / Fun

Public Policy

Catherine Lewis

What is Public Policy? Working to advance gender equity through advocacy

Stay informed - <https://www.aauw.org/act/>

What can you do? Be informed about the issues, become a two-minute activist

(<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>), VOTE!

We Stand for Education

- Higher Education
- Public Education
- Inclusive Curriculum
- STEM Opportunities
- Strengthened Civil Rights Protections

We Stand for Social Justice and Civil Rights

- Constitutional Rights
- Expanding Voting Rights
- Freedom from Harassment and Violence
- International and Civil Rights

We Stand for Economic Security

- Pay Equity
- Support for Caregivers
- Retirement Security
- Reproductive Freedom

Public Policy – AAUW CA resources

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



- Economic Security for All Women
- Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students
- Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society
- Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles

2025-2027
**PUBLIC
POLICY
PRIORITIES**

Public Policy Priorities

Learn about the member-approved priorities that guide our work

Issues We Care About



Economic Security



Human Trafficking



Reproductive Health



Social Justice Reform



Student Debt



Title IX



Voter Education



Student Access to
Diverse Materials



Equal Rights
Amendment

AAUW Fund

Margie Goldware

What is AAUW Fund?

- Source of ALL funds to support AAUW's mission
 - Fellowships & Grants
 - Community Action Programs & Activities
 - Operations and Communications

How can you support it?

- Donate to AAUW Fund when you renew your membership
- Donate by check at any time during the year
- Select 'Greatest Need' fund – unrestricted funds and supports area most in need

AAUW appreciates your donations!

Thank you for attending!

Special thanks to all who helped plan and organize this event! We especially thank our Hospitality Crew!

Find a way to get involved – Special Interest Groups, attend a school board meeting, join an AAUW webinar, come to the programs

See you at an event or meeting!