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New Beginnings...

Seventh Annual Palo Alto AAUW Authors' Luncheon

Saturday, April 9, 2016 • 12 noon

Michaels at Shoreline • 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. • Mountain View

\$40.00 per person • Benefit for Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls



NoViolet Bulawayo

WE NEED NEW NAMES

A woman whose childhood was in Zimbabwe comes to stay with her aunt in Michigan.



M. P. Cooley

ICE SHEAR

A single mother, the daughter of a policeman, moves back to her home town to make a new life in law enforcement.



Elizabeth Rosner

ELECTRIC CITY

A family with the memory of the holocaust behind them settles in New York state.



Azadeh Tabazadeh

THE SKY DETECTIVE: A MEMOIR: HOW I FLED IRAN AND BECAME A NASA SCIENTIST

A young girl and her brother are smuggled out of Iran during the Iraq-Iran war to arrive eventually in Southern California.

**To register please see the enclosed flier with tear off form,
or download at paloalto-ca.aauw.net**

March Branch Meeting Recalls the Radio Broadcasts of Eleanor Roosevelt

Shown reading: Jeri Foley as announcer, Grace Agardy as Eleanor, and Scotty Martinson as a young navy recruit.



March was Women's History month and what better time to memorialize a wonderful woman than by re-enacting her speech on December 7, 1941. Even before the president could speak to the country, she used her regular radio broadcast to prepare the nation for the trials to come. Members of the Drama Reading Group did this very absorbing enactment: Grace Agardy, Mary Ashley, Pat Field, Jeri Foley, Carol Hansen and Scotty Martinson.

Business was conducted and the budget was approved by voice vote.

No slate of officer nominees was available and Barbara Bowden and others commented on the lack of members to do the job of organizing events such as the History Month luncheon. A drastically pared down branch was forecast, but even that requires at least a small leadership team to be recognized by state and national AAUW.

Marcia Baugh nominated Amanda Martin for secretary. Amanda could not be at the meeting but had agreed to serve. Treasurer

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Mary Seabury said she would continue in that role next year as will Barbara Evans as VP for program. We will still need either a president or a **leadership team** that can be identified as a focal point for communication from state and national.

Gail Schubert who is not now able to drive made the comment that there were things she and others could do from home and said that she would be willing to help the branch in some capacity. Certainly we have other very capable members who could also take part. Much of our business takes place over email in any case.

I think all of us want to continue as a branch. We continue to make important donations to Tech Trek and in other ways support women and girls. We will be discussing this further in the coming month. Consider what **you** might be able to do to keep our branch alive!

-- Barbara Evans

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Board Meeting 1 – 3:00 p.m	2 Supper Club 7:00 p.m.
3	4 Mah Jong, 7:30 p.m.	5 Writers 1:30 p.m.	6 Evening Bridge	7	8 Walkers 9:30 a.m.	9 Authors' Lunch—Tech Trek Benefit noon – 2:00 Film Buffs 6:30 p.m. (NEW TIME)
10	11 Drama Reading 7:30 p.m.	12 Meditation 9:45 a.m. Mystery Books 1:30 p.m	13	14	15	16
17	18 Fam. History 11:45 p.m. Mah Jong, Evening Books, both 7:30 p.m.	19 Writers 1:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24 Tasting 5 – 7p.m	25 Gadabouts 2:00 p.m.	26 Meditation 9:45 a.m.	27	28	29	30

Board Meeting will be Friday, April 1 at 1:00. All branch members are welcome to attend, please email president@aauw-paloalto.org for meeting details. Note change of meeting day to FRIDAY!

With the exception of the Supper Club, you do not need to be a member of the section to attend a meeting, but call the hostess or section chair to see if there is space for you.

For section contacts check your directory or email sections@aauw-paloalto.org

Monday Evening Books: Meets Monday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. For **this month only** we will meet at the home of Winnie Lew in Palo Alto. The book for discussion is “*The Man Who Made Vermeers*” by Jonathan Lopez. Please let Winnie know if you are coming or not.

Mystery Books: Meets Tuesday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Marcia Baugh, in P.A. Please let Marcia know if you are coming or not.

Drama Reading: We meet on the second Monday at 7:30 p.m. October through May. Call Mildred Saxman for further details.

Evening Bridge: Meets the first Wednesday of the month. More players needed. Call Wilma Milligan for further information.

Family History: The next meeting will be at CIBO, 3398 El Camino at 11:45 on April 18 for a no-host lunch. Topic is “Love Letters”. Members share stories from their families or general historic topics of interest. Please contact Betsy Colby for information.

Film Buffs: Meets Saturday, April 9, at 6:30. at the Moldaw Residences, 899 E. Charleston, P.A. NOTE CHANGE OF TIME. Our hostess is Elsie Kent. Spouses are welcome. Call Marian Gex for information.

Gad-Abouts: Gad-Abouts meet year round on the fourth Monday of the month at 2 p.m to plan outings and adventures of all kinds. The next meeting will be April 25, 2:00 p.m. at Misao Sakamoto’s home.

Please call Scotty Martinson for more information.

Mah Jong: Beginners and advanced players are invited to play Mah Jong, a Chinese tile game. Meets on the first and third Mondays at 7:30 pm. Please call Marcia Baugh for location and other details

Meditation: Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays, 10 a.m., at the home of Marcia Baugh, RSVP to Marcia Baugh. Call Charlotte Jackson for further information.

Supper Club: Meets on the first Saturday at 7 p.m. Call Sylvia Whitcher or Mary Morrison for information.

Walkers: Please call Mary Ashley) for information or to join the email list .

Wine Tasting: Wine Tasting meets on the 4th Sunday of the month, from 5 to 7 p.m. **There is no meeting in December.** Call Carol Hansen, or Barbara Bowden for more information.

Writers: Meets Tuesday, April 5. at 1:30 p.m. and again Tuesday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. Call Marcia Baugh for location and to RSVP.

AUTHORS' LUNCH APRIL 9 -- Benefit for Tech Trek!

LAST YEAR'S \$40 PRICE CONTINUES FOR THIS YEAR ONLY

In order to guarantee that half the ticket price goes to Tech Trek, some members are subsidizing a portion of the lunch cost, but prices will need to rise next year.

REMEMBER THIS IS THE ONLY FUND RAISING EVENT THE BRANCH HOLDS.

Please invite friends and pass a flier to neighbors.

Your reservation form is included with the mailed version of this KEY or will be emailed with the digital version.

I hope to see you all on Saturday, April 9 at Michael's at Shoreline!

Barbara Evans, VP Program

Authors for the Lunch are:

[NoViolet Bulawayo](#) will discuss her novel, which is based on her childhood in Zimbabwe and her transition to U.S. life: "*We Need New Names*".

[M.P. Cooley](#) has written a mystery set in upstate New York. June Lyons is a police detective and single parent who is the protagonist of "*Ice Shear*" and "*Flame Out*".

[Elizabeth Rosner](#) repeats as an authors' lunch panelist. In addition to "'Blue Nude" and "*Speed of Light*" she has recently published "*Electric City*" set in the (GE) company town of Schenectady N.Y.

Our fourth author, NASA scientist [Azadeh Tabazadeh](#), brings insight into the lives of Iranians who saw no good in the regimes of either the Shah or the Ayatollah. Fearing that their son will be forced to fight in the Iran-Iraq war, her parents paid a former drug smuggler to take both Azadeh and her brother out of Iran. Her memoir's title "*Sky Detective*" reflects her lifelong-interest in the science of clouds.

Mystery writer, [Heather Haven](#) will moderate the discussion.

TECH TREK 2016 Camper Selection is Underway.

In March the Tech Trek interview teams visited Jordan, JLS, Terman and St. Elizabeth Seton to speak individually with the twenty-seven girls who applied for scholarships to this year's Tech Trek Camp Grace Hopper in July. We will be announcing our camper selections in the beginning of April.

Our interview team members were:

- Mary Ashley
- Barbara Bowden
- Harriet Benson
- Betsy Colby
- Barbara Evans
- Judi Swope
- Anna Zara

Visit the Camp Hopper webpage for more details on this enriching STEM camp for rising 8th grade girls. <http://techtrek-stanfordgh.aauw.net/>



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