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Step Up for Pro-Choice!



Friday, January 22, 2016

Noon to 1:15PM

Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

Celebrating the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Join **Los Altos-Mountain View AAUW**

And the **Santa Clara County Pro-Choice Community**

Co-sponsors: Palo Alto AAUW, Sunnyvale-Cupertino AAUW, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte

Linda Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Planned Parenthood Monte Mar, will speak on the continuing assaults against Planned Parenthood nationwide, and offer action ideas to those who support reproductive rights.

After the presentation, the audience will assemble in front of the Youth Center for a group photo session. All those present are encouraged to post photos on all their social media sites to step up for Pro-Choice and support Planned Parenthood.

Registration is \$2 at the door.

JOIN THE TECH TREK TEAM!

I know all Palo Alto branch members are proud of Tech Trek, the widely recognized program for middle school girls that was founded by our own Marie Wolbach. Many of you give generous donations of money to support the scholarships the branch awards. This year we are hoping to reach out to girls who live east of 101 and select some of our trekkers from those schools.

This program is a distillation of our mission with its emphasis on STEM and on girls' futures. In the latest AAUW Outlook magazine, it was pointed out that Tech Trek does not stand still but introduces new technologies as they develop. One of those described in the article was building Apps (Applications) for mobile phones, a project funded by the Verizon Foundation whose spokesperson remarked "I think AAUW has seen a glimpse of the future, and they are seeing Tech Trek as a successful path for their students".

If you are serious about helping girls succeed and you want to be part of that future, you should consider joining with Anna Zara and her Tech Trek team. As we add more girls, we will need to conduct more interviews and read more essays. So it is not enough to say, "Let's send more girls". We need to increase the pool of volunteers so that a small number of branch members don't have to do all the work of selecting those girls.

Please do email Anna at aauw.pa.techtrek@gmail.com and volunteer to join the Tech Trek Team. It's important work where you can feel that you are part of something important beyond yourself—helping girls find that path into the future.

—Barbara Evans

Holiday Social and Giving Event

Besides enjoying cookies and tea and several hours of chatting, members exhibited their generosity in providing \$700 in donations for the YWCA Support Network and bringing many books for the Girls to Women program. Tempe sent this:

The girls were so excited Monday when I arrived with three boxes of books! They nearly went wild, and kept saying things like, "Oh, I want to read that one, no, maybe this one..." It was terrific. I'm considered the Christmas angel, but I hand it to all of you who brought books to the Holiday party.

--- Tempe Javits

LAF Supports Sexual Harassment Suit Against Volleyball Coach and University

Several former members of the Indiana University East (IUE) volleyball team filed suit against the school under Title IX, alleging that IUE hired a volleyball coach who the players say sexually harassed them. The players claim that IUE hired the coach despite knowing that he had a history of sexually harassing female athletes. The players also allege that they notified the school of the coach's behavior and IUE refused to protect them. Further, the players claim that when the coach learned about the players' complaint to IUE, he dismissed several of them from the team. Besides losing the opportunity to play, the dismissed athletes also lost their school scholarships.

--Tempe Javits

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Supper Club 7:00 p.m.
3	4 Mah Jong, 7:30 p.m.	5 Writers 2:00 p.m.	6 Evening Bridge	7 Board Meeting 1 – 3:00 p.m.	8 Walkers 9:30 a.m.	9 Film Buffs 7:00 p.m.
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 2:00 p.m.	20	21	22 Roe v Wade Anniversary Planned Parenthood Speaker	23
24 Wine Tasting 5 – 7p.m.	25 Gadabouts 2:00 p.m.	26 Meditation 9:45 a.m.	27	28	29	30/31

Board Meeting will be Thursday, Jan 7 at 1:00. All branch members are welcome to attend, please contact president@aauw-paloalto.org for meeting details.

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.

Please refer to your Branch directory for section contact details.

Monday Evening Books: Meets Monday, January 18, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Elsie Kent, in P.A. The book for discussion is “*The Guns of August*” by Barbara Tuchman. Please let Elsie know if you are coming because access is restricted.

Mystery Books: Meets Tuesday, January 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Marcia Baughin 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 January 18 for a no-host lunch. We will learn about Women in Music. Members share stories from their families or general historic topics of interest. Please contact Betsy Colby for information.

Film Buffs: There will be NO meeting in January. Suggested movies for discussion at the **February** meeting will be “Brooklyn”, “Carol”, and “Trumbo”. Our usual meeting place in P.A. Our hostess is Elsie Kent. Spouses are welcome. Call Marian Gex for information or email her to be added to the list.

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 January 25 at 2:00 p.m. 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 First Christian Church, 2890 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Please 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. Call Carol Hansen, or Barbara Bowden for more information.

Writers: Meets Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 2:00 p.m. and again Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 2:00 p.m. Call Marcia Baugh for location and to RSVP.

Other Branch Volunteer Opportunities

We are still looking for a potential **editor** or **co-editor** for the *KEY*.

In addition:

I need at least one other volunteer for the **Tech Time Science Club** that meets once a month September through April. You are not required to be a tech person yourself—we find professional women to do those workshops. As volunteers, we bring snacks and greet the girls and help wherever needed. Come for a visit! Next club meeting is Jan 25 at Girl Scout House, P.A. --Barbara Evans key@aauw-paloalto.org



Mark your calendar!

Wednesday, January 6

The Peninsula Chapter of the World Affairs Council presents "The Rise of Mega-Free Trade Agreements and the Trans Pacific Partnership" with Dr. Vinod Aggarwal, Director, Berkeley Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Study Center at UC Berkeley. , Time: 7:00, refreshments 7:30 -9:00 program Location: Los Altos Youth Center, 1 North San Antonio Rd. . For information, call Carol Stevens.

Tuesday, January 19

The Computer History Museum presents "Thinking Big – Ada Lovelace: Mathematician and Visionary". As part of the Computer History Museum's (CHM) bicentennial celebration of Ada Lovelace, please join us for an in-depth discussion to gain a deeper understanding of the mathematician and visionary Ada Lovelace. University of Oxford Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Ursula Martin, Ada Lovelace biographer Dr. Betty Toole, and retired engineer and Charles Babbage expert Tim Robinson will critically explore the complexities of Ada Lovelace within the scope of each of their fields of expertise. Time; 6:00 p.m. Check-in with the program beginning at 7:00. Visit the CHM website to register. <http://www.computerhistory.org/> Computer History Museum 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd in Mountain View.

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Speaker from Planned Parenthood.

And coming up in future months:

Wednesday, February 3

The Peninsula Chapter of the World Affairs Council presents "The United Nations Global Conference on Climate Change: A Final Opportunity" with Christopher Field, Director, Carnegie Institution's Global Ecology, and Katharine Mach, IPCC. Field and Mach will be presenting their first-hand assessment after attending the Paris Conference.

Time: 7:00 refreshments, 7:30-9:00 program
Location: Los Altos Youth Center, 1 North San Antonio Rd., and Los Altos.

For information, call Carol Stevens.

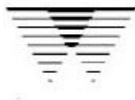
Thursday, February 11

Fireside Room of Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 East Charleston, P.A.
7:30 Speaker will be an EF Funds Recipient, Lina-Marie Murillo, American Fellow working towards her PhD in History.

Saturday, April 9. Save this date for the Tech Trek benefit **Authors' Lunch**. In this and coming issues, we'll profile our authors.

The first writer on the authors' panel will be M.P. (Martha) Cooley). Martha grew up in upstate New York so is very familiar with the winter landscape pictured in "*Ice Sheer*". Her very appealing protagonist is police officer June Lyons, a former FBI agent who now lives with her young daughter and her father, the town's retired chief of police.

After discovering the body of a murdered woman who is the daughter of the local congressman, June is deputized by the FBI to help in the investigation. Her participation forces her into contact with a former antagonist from her days with the Bureau.



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