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Eighth Annual AAUW Palo Alto's Author Lunch

Saturday, February 25th, 2017 • 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Michaels at Shoreline • 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. • Mountain View
\$45.00 per person • \$20 of the ticket price will help send deserving
7th grade girls to Tech Trek, AAUW's math/science camp
held at Stanford in July.**



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This year we are introducing debuting authors Elizabeth McKenzie and Susan Sherman on a panel with veterans Laurie King and Gail Tsukiyama. There will be an opportunity to purchase books at the event courtesy of Books, Inc. and have them autographed.

To reserve your spot, please mail the form in this issue with your check made payable to AAUW PA to AAUW Palo Alto, P.O. Box 60653, Palo Alto, CA 94306, or visit paloalto-ca.aauw.net to register and pay by credit card.

If reservation won't arrive by Feb. 22 deadline, call 650-380-3617 so we can save a place for you.

AAUW Palo Alto's Author Lunch
Well Known Authors and Less
Known Authors

-- Barbara Evans

At our author lunches, we like to give you the opportunity to meet new and different authors as well as to hear from some of your favorites. This year we are introducing our members to Elizabeth Mckenzie and Susan Sherman on a panel with Laurie King and Gail Tsukiyama.

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Tickets are \$45 per person, \$20 of which is a contribution to our Tech Trek scholarships.

Additional tax-deductible donations to our camper scholarships may be made by check payable to **AAUW**, with "Tech Trek Camp Hopper – Palo Alto" noted on the memo line.

To attend the luncheon there are two ways to reserve your place:
Option one: can clip out and complete the form that follows this article, then mail the form with your check payable to AAUW Palo Alto to

AAUW Palo Alto
P.O. Box 60653, Palo Alto, CA 94306

ATTN: Barbara Evans

Option two: visit our website and reserve online using PayPal to make your reservation. There will be an additional \$1.61 per reservation fee to cover PayPal costs. www.aauw-paloalto.org

Name _____
Number of persons _____
Phone (for questions) _____

- Lunch choices (choose one):**
____ Shrimp Louis Salad
____ Chinese Chicken Salad
____ Chopped Cobb Salad
____ Mushroom Crepes

Meet AAUW Fellow Connie Wun

Your donations to AAUW Funds are this year specifically helping support Connie Wun. She is a 2016-17 recipient of an AAUW postdoctoral fellowship and is currently doing research at Mills College. She also has a postdoctoral appointment at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

The daughter of immigrants, she was raised in the East Bay of California. She said her parents did not know how the college system in the U.S. works but, with help from teachers, she learned what to do. She received a B.A. from San Francisco State University and then earned a Ph.D. from UC-Berkeley in the Graduate School of Education. She gave a commencement speech at CAL on the difficulties of being a woman of color in academia.

Dr. Wun has worked as a high school teacher, sexual assault counselor and youth advocate. Her research interests include the politics of school violence, discipline and punishment, particularly in girls of color. She has published extensively in her field.

Dr. Wun's current project examines the different ways that formal and informal discipline practices shape the academic and personal lives of black and non-black girls of color. She is also exploring the impact of social media on those girls. Since learning about AAUW, she is exploring ways that interested branches might help her with projects or research.



THE POWER OF YOUR GIFTS

Danielle Feinberg Honored By AAUW National

--- Marie Wolbach

Palo Alto Branch members may recall the evening a few years ago when Pixar Lighting Director, Danielle Feinberg, spoke to a standing room only crowd at a Palo Alto AAUW program. Danielle has volunteered at Tech Trek for 15 years, showing the young women how an animated film is made and inspiring them to think about computer programming in a new way.

National AAUW has announced that Danielle Feinberg will be one of five women named as Women of Distinction at AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The conference is held at the University of Maryland, College Park. Over 900 college women from across the nation will gather May 31-June 3, 2017, and will hear from the Women of Distinction on June 1.



<https://www.nccwsl.org/2017/01/12/pixar-engineer-has-a-brave-story-of-her-own/>

February 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
.			1 Evening Bridge	2	3 BOARD MEETING	4 .
5	6 Mah Jong	7 Writers	8 .	8	10 Walkers .	11 Film Buffs
12	13 Drama Reading	14 Meditation Family History Mystery Books	15	16	17	18
19 .	20 Monday Evening Books Mah Jong	21 Writers	22	23	24	25 AUTHORS LUNCHEON
26 Wine Tasting	27 Gad Abouts	28 Meditation				

Check your directory for Section contact details.

Board Meeting: The next Branch board meeting will be on **February 3** at 1:00 at Channing House.

All branch members are welcome to attend. Please email president@auw-paloalto.org with comments or questions.

Monday Evening Books: Meets **Feb. 20**, the 3rd Monday at a member's house. For the location of the next meeting call Barbara Evans.

Mystery Books: Meets, **Feb. 14**, the 2nd Tuesday at 1:30 pm at the home of Marcia BaughRSVP to Marcia.

Drama Reading: Meets, **Feb. 13**, the 2nd Monday of the month from October through May. Please call Millie Saxman (799-7095) for further information.

Evening Bridge: Meets, **Feb. 1**, the 1st Wednesday of the month. More players needed. Call Wilma Milligan for further information.

Family History: Meets the 2nd Tuesday – **Feb 14**, 11:45am at Cibo's 3398 El Camino, Palo Alto for a no-host lunch. The theme for February will be family involvement in WWII. Contact Betsy Colby for questions

Film Buffs: Meets, **Feb. 11**, the 2nd Saturday, at 2:30 p.m. Sixth Floor Lounge, Channing House. Spouses are welcome. Call Marian Gex for further information or to be added to the e-mail list.

Gad-Abouts: **Feb 27.** Gad-Abouts usually meets year round on the 4th Monday of the month at 2 p.m. to plan outings and adventures of all kinds. Meeting location is Misao Sakamoto's home in Palo Alto Please call Scotty Martinson for information.

Mah Jong: **Feb 6 & 20.** Beginners and advanced players are invited to play Mah Jong, a Chinese tile game. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm. Call Marcia Baugh for location and other details.

Meditation: **Feb 14 & 28.** Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10 a.m. For location call Charlotte Jackson.

Walkers: **Feb 10.** Meets the morning of the 2nd Friday of the month. Please call Mary Ashley for more information or to join the e-mail list.

Wine Tasting: **Feb 26**, 5 – 7 PM. Members study and taste wines, domestic and imported, selected by members of the group. Spouses are welcome. Call Barbara Bowden or Carol Hansen for information.

Writers: **Feb 7 & 21.** Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. Call Marcia Baugh for location.

Our Branch calendar is now on-line and accessible two ways – from our Branch website <http://auw-paloalto.org> or directly via the public Google Calendar

AAUW Palo Alto Activity Calendar,

Calendar ID: auw.paloalto.org@gmail.com

AAUW's accomplishments in 2016

As this New Year comes begins, it's time to look back at AAUW's 2016 achievements. Our accomplishments are the result of the work of all of our members and supporters. Without this grassroots work, the success of the last year would not have been possible. These are some of the accomplishments of AAUW in 2016:

- **200,000+** messages went out to state and federal legislators.
- **6** states passed new equal pay laws in 2016.
- **714** resource guides were delivered to Title IX coordinators in 29 states.
- **2,200** signatures collected on AAUW's petition urging Anheuser-Busch to sign the White House Equal Pay Pledge.
- **44** years of Title IX celebrated with Senator Harry Reid.
- **900+** get-out-the-vote events organized by members in 46 states.
- **19** AAUW members were elected to state legislatures.
- **12,000** young women and girls were empowered through AAUW's leadership programs.
- **11,460** women learned to ask for the salary they deserve through AAUW salary workshop negotiations

The full article summarizing AAUW's work in 2016 is here:

<http://www.aauw.org/2016/12/22/aauw-action-network-accomplishments-2016/>

FUTURE BRANCH EVENTS

- **Apr. 7:** Board meeting – open to all members. Send email to president@aauw-paloalto.org to give input.
- **May 1:** Quarter 4 Key published
- **Mid-May:** Spring Luncheon and Installation of new officers

NOTES FROM NATIONAL AAUW National AAUW Election 2017

Yes, another election is coming soon and your vote is sought.

AAUW adopted the “One member, one vote” policy a few years ago. Now it's time to learn about the candidates for AAUW offices and select issues to be addressed in the future. Voting may be done online or members may request paper ballots.

Videos of the candidates will be available after January 31 at aauw.org. Several Californians have filed for positions on the Board of Directors, including the office of president.

The recently announced timeline for AAUW the election is as follows.

- Early April 2017: Voter PIN numbers, needed for voting, will be e-mailed to members and mailed with the Spring *AAUW Outlook* magazine. That issue will contain the slate of candidates, bylaws proposals, Public Policy Program proposals, and resolutions.
- April 3, 2017: Opening date to request paper ballot
- April 14, 2017: Voting begins online
- May 4, 2017: Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot
- May 22, 2017: Deadline for mailing paper ballot; ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. to be counted
- June 14–17, 2017: AAUW National Convention, Washington, D.C.
- June 15, 2017: Online voting ends at 9 p.m. EDT
- June 16, 2017: Election results announced online and at the convention



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