

THE AAUW KEY

Palo Alto CA Branch

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Palo Alto Branch September Kickoff Meeting

Saturday, September 22, Brunch at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting and Program at 11:30 a.m.

Palo Alto Downtown Library

270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto

*Ample free parking is available across the street
in the City Hall underground parking lot*

- *Brunch will be served.*
- *You will have a chance to sign up for AAUW Sections.*
- *A group of the rising 8th grade girls who spent a week at Tech Trek-Camp Grace Hopper will report on their activities and the impact that the camp had on them.*
- *Guest speaker will be Nora Jane Brackbill, former Tech Trek camper at Stanford and now a physics Ph.D. candidate at Stanford.
She will share her experiences and moderate the panel of 2018 Tech Trek attendees.*



Welcome back!

I hope you enjoyed summer times to travel and be with family, and that now you are ready to get involved with our branch activities.

Thank you for supporting AAUW and it's many efforts such as providing education grants, defending women in discrimination suits, advocating for equal pay and promoting a strong system of public education.

We have excellent programs coming this year, and of course our wonderful special interest sections.

We've had a banner year supporting Tech Trek and you can hear from the sponsored girls directly at our Sept 22 event. AAUW is helping to open doors to STEM fields for more women.

Did you know - next year is the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment to allow women to vote? Let's encourage all women to vote this year! Let your voice be heard.

I look forward to seeing you at our programs.

Betsy Colby
2018-2019 Co-President

Branch Fall Kickoff Meeting & Brunch

September is a time of new beginnings, including the start of the Fall season and the new Branch year. We are hoping that there will be a good turnout of members and prospective members on the morning of September 22 so that we will have a good start to another engaging Branch year! Details of the event are found on the cover of this edition of *The Key*. We ask that you RSVP by visiting the branch website <https://pal Alto-ca.aauw.net/fall-kickoff-meeting/> or by sending an email to program@aauw-paloalto.org so that Marie Wolbach, our VP of Programs, may get an approximate number of attendees for the event.

The morning will begin with the opportunity to connect with friends new and established over a delectable selection of light brunch foods and beverages. This will also be the time to check out our Branch's section offerings and sign up for something new and stimulating!

Our main program of the morning will be a panel of our 2018 Tech Trek campers, who will have begun their 8th grade year. We hear how their week at camp unfolded, what caught their fancy and what memories they made. Tech Trek alumnae Nora Jane Brackbill will moderate the camper panel. Nora is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Physics at Stanford University. Check out her webpage to learn of her research interests <http://web.stanford.edu/~nbrack/>.



Branch Hospitality

Do you enjoy welcoming people to social occasions and making them comfortable? The Branch can use your skills to make some of our meetings run smoothly by seeing that refreshment supplies are on hand and ready for attendees. This usually means about 4 or 5 meetings per year, but you need not sign on for all of them. The Branch has ample paper serving supplies ready for use. You would need to be sure they were on hand to receive contributions of refreshments. You can recruit members to help with set up and serving. We can also use greeters at some of our meetings when we expect members of the public to join us. If you can help out with either of these jobs, please contact Marie Wolbach program@aauw-paloalto.org and she can answer any questions. Thanks for helping!

2018 Tech Trek Camp Grace Hopper

By Anna Zara
Tech Trek Branch Coordinator

In July our sponsored campers joined other rising 8th grade girls sponsored thirteen other SF Bay Area AAUW branches ranging from Santa Rosa to the north, Santa Cruz County to the south, Orinda/Moraga/Lafayette to the east and Pacifica to the west – making for a total of 78 girls spending the week at Stanford. Our Branch's group of girls is pictured below in their camp finery.



Rose M., Katherine L., Jocelyn G., Giovanna C.
Maanasa V., Roshelle R., and Mia R.

This year I was able to be one of the drivers for the Marine Biology core class's field trip to the Palo Alto Baylands. It was great to see the girls engage with the docents and their core class teachers.



Jocelyn G., Rose M. and Mia R. – at the Baylands
with the Marine Biology Core Class

I would also like to share some quotes from the thank you notes our campers wrote that, I hope, will give you a flavor of the week and the impact we have had on these girls:

“Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek and giving me this opportunity to meet all of these inspiring women.” Rose M., 49ers Academy

“Being in the [Marine Biology core class] has sparked a curiosity in me to dig deeper and look into work I could some day get into.” Mia R., Jordan Middle School

“An activity I especially enjoyed was the STEM Hunt where we used science, math and teamwork to complete small obstacles.” Roshelle B., Terman Middle School

“Going to Tech Trek I learned about engineering, animation and structures, which I think will affect my thinking on what I should do or what I should try out.” Jocelyn G., 49ers Academy

“I spent my week focusing mainly on Aerospace Engineering, learning about construction, design and teamwork, which is an unforgettable experience.” Maanasa V., JLS Middle School

“On the first day coming here, I was really scared and anxious, but as soon as the first day was over I realized that my one week here will be one I will never forget.” Katherine L., 49ers Academy

Thanks again to all the Branch members who support our Tech Trek efforts and to the Palo Alto Kiwanis and 49ers Academy for their grants to our camper sponsorship fund.



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Mah Jong 7:00 p.m.	4 AAUW Board Mtg., Writers 1:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9 Special Event Eleanor Roosevelt Performance See description below	10 Drama Reading 7:30 p.m.	11 Meditation 10 a.m. Family History 11:45 Mystery Books 1:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Walkers 10 a.m.	15
16	17 Mah Jong 7:00 p.m.	18 Afternoon Books 2 p.m. Writers 1:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Brunch Meeting with Tech Trek girls
23 Wine Tasting 5 – 7 p.m.	24 Gadabouts 1:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
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All members are invited to attend AAUW Palo Alto Board of Directors meetings. They are held on Tuesdays in the Embarcadero Room of Rinconada Library.

Here is the schedule for 2018-19: September 4 (1:30 p.m.); October 2 (1:30 p.m.); November 6 (10:30 a.m.); December 4 (1:30 p.m.); January 8 (1:30 p.m.); February 5 (1:30 p.m.); March 5 (1:30 p.m.); April 2 (1:30 p.m.); May 7 (1:30 p.m.); June 4 (1:30 p.m.)

Contact details for section chairs are in your directory. You may also email our Section Coordinator, Scotty Martinson at sections@aauw-paloalto.org

AFTERNOON BOOKS: Meets on the 3rd Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. at members' houses. We read novels selected by the group. For info contact Joyce Freiberg

DRAMA READING: Meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Ashley, 3114 Cowper Street. The group reads a play script distributed by an AAUW drama reading committee for a network of California branches. For further info call Millie Saxman.

FAMILY HISTORY: Meets on the 2nd Tuesday at Cibo's Restaurant, 3398 El Camino at 11:45 a.m. for a no-host lunch meeting with monthly historical themes. Please contact Betsy Colby with any questions.

GADABOUTS: Meets year round on the fourth Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Misao Sakamoto to plan adventures and outings of all kinds. For further info call Scotty Martinson.

MAH JONG: meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at members' homes. Beginners and advanced players are invited to play Mah Jong, a Chinese tile game. For further info and locations call Marcia Baugh.

MEDITATION: Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m., at the home of Marcia Baugh, 490 Gary Court. All are welcome come and learn about meditation. For further info call Charlotte Jackson

MYSTERY BOOKS: Meets 2nd Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., at the home of Marcia Baugh, 490 Gary Court. The group discusses a new topic each time. For further info call Marcia Baugh

WALKERS: meets the morning of the 2nd Friday of most months at 10 a.m. Carpooling is available to the starting point of the walk if it is outside of Palo Alto. Walks vary from easy to somewhat challenging. Suggestions are always welcome. Please call Mary Ashley for more info.

WINE TASTING: Meets the 4th Sunday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. imported, selected by the group. Spouses are welcome. For further info call Carol Hansen or Barbara Bowden.

WRITERS: Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the homes of members. The members meet twice a month to read to each other what they've written. In this way we are encouraged to keep up our writing. Please contact Marcia Baugh.

September 9 Special Event

"Eleanor Roosevelt" Performance:
Join us for a special Bay Area debut performance of **Eleanor Roosevelt: The Power of Words** on Sunday, September 9th from 2:00-4:00pm in the Media Arts Center of Palo Alto High School as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The show is sponsored by American Association of University Women of Palo Alto and co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto and the United Nations Association.

September 9th event continued:

Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or at the door.
Advance purchases available at
<https://ERPowerofWords.eventbrite.com>

You are invited to meet one of the most influential women in the world — Eleanor Roosevelt.

Nationally acclaimed scholar and historical interpreter Susan Marie Frontczak creates a compelling portrayal that reveals Eleanor Roosevelt not only as a relentless voice for the powerless, but also as a mass communications genius – press conferences, newsreels, speeches, magazine and news columns, and books. Hear her speak for herself as she transforms the role of First Lady to become one of the most revered women of her generation. From the famous words by her husband that helped the nation through the Great Depression to her own words through speeches, radio broadcasts, and insightful opinions written in her My Day column, Eleanor Roosevelt shows how words well chosen can bring attention to a topic, awaken understanding, and bring the listener to a new point of view. She also shares how words misused can be harmful as well: hurtful to an individual, harmful to a group, or endangering to a whole nation. The program culminates with a look at the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

You'll laugh – you'll be challenged – you'll have lots of questions. And Eleanor Roosevelt will answer them through a living history experience. Get inspired! Because it's not just history – it's personal.

Recommended for adults and students, age 13 years & older. Although family-friendly, the show is not recommended for students under 10. This is a Chautauqua style program, the audience is part of the show. Bring your stories.



Speaking of History: A plea from Marcia

Don't let Palo Alto AAUW Branch history be thrown out by your family! As Branch historian I try to keep relevant documents. I have at least one copy of almost all "Keys" from 1987. Earlier ones are in storage.

If you have flyers or articles (dated please) on projects the Branch has done, please get them to me or put a note with the materials earmarking them for PA AAUW. Contact me, or any of the Branch officers. Thank you very much.

Anyone who ever served as a City Counsel or School Board observer, please share your experiences with me - even a short note of dates and any issues of importance.

Email Marcia at historian@aauw-paloalto.org with questions or contributions.



Welcome to our new AAUW members!
Gail Schubert has announced that we
have 16 new members and 2 returning.

Audrey Alonis

Heather Buhr

Katherine Causey

Lina Crane

Pearl Director (Returning)

Marsha Duro

Anne Jensen

Liz Kniss (Returning Member)

Kaethe Langs

Kathy Rafael (Dual Member)

Caroline Schwarz

Gertrude Shearer

Fang Tian

September 2018 edition of the California Perspective

AUGUST 30, 2018

The **fall edition** of the California Perspective provides an insight into important and interesting AAUW state and local branch news.

In this edition, you'll discover:

- 2018-2019 Speech Trek topic
- AAUW's position on the
November ballot measures
- How financial literacy can pave
the way for economic security
...and much, much more.

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AAUW IBC and National News

On January 29, the Santa Clara County Interbranch Council of AAUW (IBC)* held a special meeting with Santa Clara County Supervisor, Cindy Chavez. San Jose branch had asked for her help in creating a yearlong celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which was passed on August 18, 1920, giving women all over the USA the right to vote. Supervisor Chavez responded with great support for the idea and will be asking the other members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to provide funding to support the celebration with special events taking place from August 2019 through August 2020.

Supervisor Chavez will be meeting with members of all sorts of women's organizations during this year to form a steering group that will organize and promote the centennial celebration.

Question to Palo Alto branch: What would you like to see included in such a celebration? Have ideas on how all of us can celebrate the importance of women's votes and the positive effect that women's suffrage already has had on our country since its passage in 1920? Please send your ideas to your branch's leadership team or to Mary Morrison, our branch's current representative on the Interbranch Council. Her email is membership@aauw-paloalto.org.

*Palo Alto branch is a member of AAUW's Santa Clara County Interbranch Council. The seven branches in Santa Clara County send representatives to meet four times a year to discuss common challenges and to celebrate our successes together. The other branches in our county are Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Los Altos-Mountain View, Los Gatos-Saratoga, Sunnyvale-Cupertino and San Jose.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez has praised the AAUW for their support of many of the actions of The Board of Supervisors. These include the approval of a resolution establishing the **Women's Equality 2020 Leadership Council**. As we celebrate the centennial of women obtaining the right to vote we will be working to raise the level of voter engagement across the board. We will also make sure that our 2020 Census is accurate and we have the representation and resources we deserve. To stay engaged in this process email OWP@ceo.sccgov.org.

- ✓ **Intimate Partner Violence** programs have been funded with a **400% increase** beginning July 1, 2018. That is a **\$5M increase** in funding with an additional \$5M proposed for January 1, 2019. This is a significant step in making sure our victims become survivors.
- ✓ **The Historic Recognition of Women** was approved with funding for projects in each district. The next step will be developing a committee structure and an opportunity for you to participate. Stay tuned!
- ✓ **Rape Kits** will now be processed faster than anywhere in the state. This sets a national model and assures victims of sexual assault that, no matter the circumstances, evidence in their case will be processed rapidly.
- ✓ **Foster Children** will now be able to attend more summer enrichment and education programs through a pilot program that we have developed with partnerships with the City of San Jose and others. This supports foster families in our entire county.



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