

THE AAVW KEY

Palo Alto CA Branch

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Holiday Gathering Saturday, December 29, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Wolbach home, 3427 Greer Road, Palo Alto

Gather around a Dickens Village and celebrate the holidays. AAVW members, their partners and friends are welcome to join the casual Open House. No formal program is planned. RSVP appreciated but not required to mariewolbach@gmail.com by Dec. 27.

In the Giving Spirit of the season, checks made payable to AAVW Funds will be accepted, if offered, and sent to AAVW's Fellowship Program.



AAUW FELLOWS AT STANFORD

Charlotte Jackson

On October 6th Marie Wolbach and I had the privilege of picking up 3 of the 6 AAUW Fellows attending Stanford this year and driving up the peninsula to attend one of the annual Fellows Luncheons. These luncheons are held annually in several places in California to meet and to honor AAUW Fellows at nearby colleges. Four of the fellows from Stanford were in attendance, as well as members from the Branches on the SF Peninsula.

Each of the International Fellows spoke a little about why she wanted to come to the United States for graduate work and what she is studying. In addition, each was so grateful for having received an AAUW fellowship, as none of them could have continued her studies without the AAUW Grant.

The three who rode with us were Jess Adepoju, who lives in Minnesota but whose father is an immigrant from Africa, Meltem Tuter, from Turkey, and Janka Deli, from Hungary. Janka is the one who had received a Grant from the Palo Alto Endowment, so it was special for us to be able to chat with her.

We encourage more of our Branch members to attend this luncheon next year. It is inspiring to hear our Fellows talk a little about their studies and their goals. Each is very talented and determined.

Help for Paradise AAUW Members

You have all seen pictures of the incredible destruction of the Camp Fire in Butte County. We understand that most of the members of the Paradise Branch have lost their homes. We realize that as they try to rebuild their lives, there will be many small things they need as they face the larger issue of finding or replacing housing. It will be important for them to know that their fellow AAUW members are concerned and want to help.

As an organization, we cannot give them money, but we can help them as individuals. One of the members has told us that they would love to receive gift cards: Gift cards from Target, Penny's Macy's, CVS, Rite Aid, Safeway or Raley's will all be welcome. The local Wal-Mart has allowed people to set up tents in their parking lot so that could be a convenient place for them to spend any Wal-Mart gift card that they receive.

Please send any gift cards that you have to our state office: AAUW of California, 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Our office manager will send them on to the Paradise members.

Information received by Anna Zara.
--Barbara Evans

A Recap of our September Branch Year Kickoff Meeting

Anna Zara

We had a very good start to our 2018-2019 Branch year with a brunch meeting on September 22 at the downtown library. Four of our six 2018 Tech Trek campers were able to attend and share their experiences of Tech Trek in July at Stanford. Nora Brackbill, a current graduate student in the Stanford University Physics Department and a Tech Trek alumna, ably moderated the camper panel. The girls had a lively conversation with us all sharing their delights in build-it night, professional women's night, making new friends and having a university experience focused on

curiosity and exploration of technologies, math and science.

In December our Branch's Tech Trek committee will be meeting to plan for our work in selecting campers to be sponsored by our Branch at the 2019 Tech Trek. If you would like to work with us and attend the December meeting, please send an email to me at aauw.pa.techtrek@gmail.com or techtrek@aauw-paloalto.org and I will give you all the necessary details of the meeting and our work through out the coming year.



2018 Tech Trek Campers, Roshelle B, Maanasa V., Mia R. and Rose M. with Nora Brackbill, TT Alumna and speaker Marie Wolbach, Program Chair and TT founder.

Eleanor Roosevelt Speaks

Palo Alto High School's Media Arts Center was filled for the AAUW sponsored September program, a performance of "Eleanor Roosevelt: The Power of Words." Nationally acclaimed scholar and historical interpreter Susan Marie Frontczak created a compelling portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt.

The audience learned, or was reminded, of the influence Eleanor had as a voice for the powerless, as a mass communications genius, and as the influential U.S. Delegate to the United Nations. She detailed the difficult process of writing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the 70th anniversary of that document is observed this year.

Following the formal portion of the program, the actress stayed in character as "Eleanor" and answered questions from the audience. Frontczak then stepped out of character and took more questions.

AAUW's co-sponsors for the program were the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto and the United Nations Association.

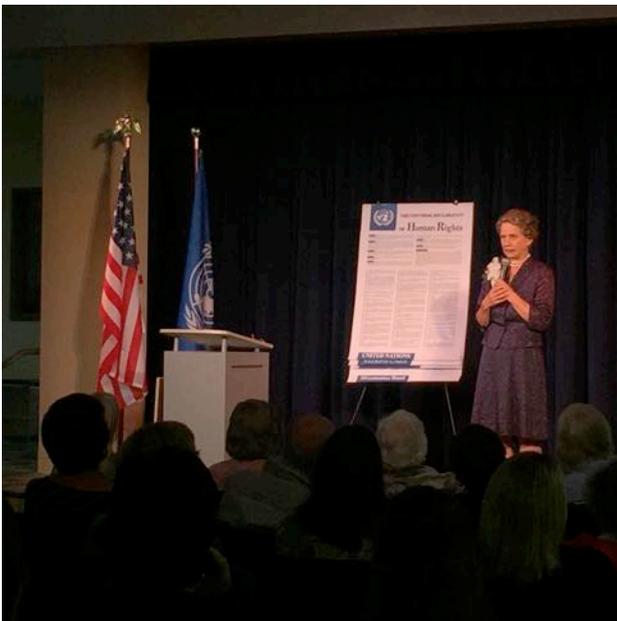


SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES!

Saturday, December 29, 2 to 4 p.m.
Holiday Party at Marie Wolbach's home
in Palo Alto, questions to
program@aauw-paloalto.org

Saturday, March 2, Authors' Lunch at
Michaels' at Shoreline --- Our annual
fundraiser for our Tech Trek camper
sponsorships..

Our featured writer, Julie Lythcott-Haimes, the author of *How to Raise an Adult* has now written a heart-felt memoir of her life as a bi-racial woman growing up in the white suburbs: *Real American*.



PALO ALTO NOW A CEDAW CITY!

On Monday, October 1, 2018 the Palo Alto City Council voted unanimously to accept the February 8, 2018 Human Resources Commission (PA HRC) recommendation that City Council implement the principles of the UN Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), a treaty signed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 but never acted on by the US Senate.

In 2002 Palo Alto had adopted a resolution to support CEDAW, but without requiring steps to implement it. In February 2018 the PA HRC asked City Council to direct city staff to prepare an ordinance to form a body to do a gender analysis to assess what needs to be done to conform to CEDAW and to implement it. The City Council approved the recommendation, sent it to the Policy and Services Committee for action on implementation of the principles of CEDAW and a study of the needed scope and focus of a gender analysis.

CEDAW is an international treaty adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly, and is often referred to as the international women's bill of rights. CEDAW has been adopted by over 189 countries. The US is one of a handful of countries, including, Iran, Somalia, Sudan and Tonga, which have not ratified the treaty.

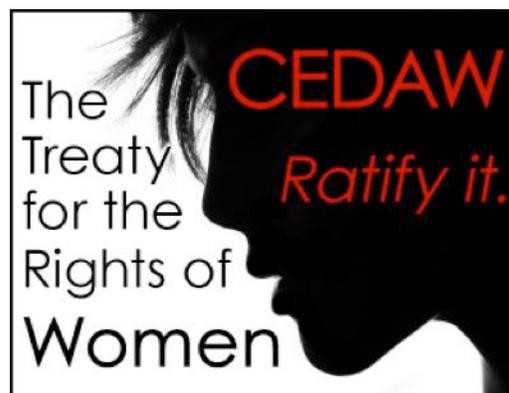
In the absence of national action in the U.S. Senate to ratify the treaty, the Cities for CEDAW initiative aims to "make the global local." AAUW Palo Alto Branch is a member of the Palo Alto Cities for

CEDAW Coalition, which has been working for almost two years to bring Palo Alto into the group of cities committed to implement gender equity. There is still a lot of work to be done to bring this excellent effort into effect.

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018 the AAUW board agreed to offer the help of AAUW members of the Palo Alto Branch to assist the committee in implementing CEDAW, passing a motion which states: "Move that Palo Alto AAUW Board support the efforts of the Palo Alto Cities for CEDAW coalition to establish Palo Alto as a city committed to assist the efforts of the city to implement elimination of discrimination against women."

Those of you who are interested in working with the Coalition and the City of Palo Alto on this project, please get in touch with Helen Young, AAUW Palo Alto Branch CEDAW representative. hybj@stanford.edu or 650-493-6541.

--Helen Young



Contact information for section chairs will be in your directory. You may also email section coordinator Scotty Martinson at section@aauw-paloalto.org with any questions about sections.

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 in Palo Alto. 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 in Palo Alto, 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 in Palo Alto. All are welcome 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 in Palo Alto. 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 join the e-mail list.

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 have written. In this way we are encouraged to keep up our writing. Please contact Marcia Baugh.



December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Mah Jong 7:00 p.m.	4 AAUW Board Mtg. 1:30, Writers 1:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9 Special Event	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
23 <hr/> 30	24 Gadabouts 1:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29 Holiday Gathering 2:00pm

All members are invited to attend AAUW Palo Alto Board of Directors meetings. They are held Tuesdays in the Embarcadero Room of Rinconada Library. Here is the schedule for 2019:
 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.)



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