

THE AAUW KEY

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Tenth Annual Palo Alto AAUW Authors' Lunch

**BENEFIT TO SEND DESERVING 7TH GRADE GIRLS
TO TECH TREK, AAUW'S STEM CAMP AT STANFORD**

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 • Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch served promptly at 11:45 a.m. • Program begins at 12:15 p.m.

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

\$50.00 per person



Terry Gamble's latest novel, *The Eulogist*, is set in Ohio in the decades leading to the Civil War. It illuminates the immigrant experience, the injustice of slavery, and the debts human beings owe to one another, witnessed through the endeavors of one Irish-American family.

Julie Lythcott-Haims pulls no punches in *Real American: a Memoir*, her recollections of growing up biracial in white suburbs of America. This debut memoir follows the success of her best-selling book on the dangers of helicopter parenting, *How to Raise an Adult*.



Heather Havens is the author of the award-winning **Alvarez Family Murder Mysteries** and **Persephone Cole Vintage Mysteries**. *Death of a Clown*, her stand-alone noir mystery about Ringling Brothers Circus is based on her mother's memories.

Our moderator will be Fantasy author Tad Williams. There will be an opportunity to purchase books at the event courtesy of Books, Inc. and have them autographed.

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

If reservation won't arrive by Feb. 27 deadline, call 650-856-0618 so we can save a place for you.

President's message

Welcome to 2019!

After all the activity of the 2018 mid-term election, we can celebrate the election of so many new women in Congress – and our wonderful local congresswoman Anna Eshoo who helped pave the way for these younger women.

AAUW encourages women leaders. This graphic is one you can look up and share: 'Women have heard it all.'

www.aauw.org/files/2016/11/women-have-it-all-.png

Our Palo Alto AAUW branch is encouraging women leaders too – authors, actresses, teachers, scientists and more. Please mark your calendars for our events. Our branch program team works hard to find interesting speakers, arrange for comfortable rooms, and provide good refreshments. I appreciate all their work and hope you will encourage them by coming to learn and be inspired.

You can be part of an event too - We are hoping to be in the Palo Alto May Fete parade on Saturday, May 4. If you would like to be in the parade (and perhaps wear a costume) let me know.

- Betsy Colby
president@aauw-paloalto.org
2018-2019 co-President

Early Childhood Education Emphasized in Governor's Budget.

All Palo Alto AAUW members should celebrate the positive budget for education that Governor Gavin Newsom proposed on January 10. It includes an historic amount of funding for California K-12 schools included with a massive infusion for Early Childhood Education. Gavin Newsom, when campaigning, pledged to make early education a priority. His new budget includes \$1.8 billion for early learning including additional programs for supporting the emotional and intellectual growth of children age 0 to 5.

These additional monies will fund several projects, including:

- 1) A plan to provide paid family leave beginning at birth for all CA families up to 6 months.
- 2) A long-term plan to improve access and quality of subsidized child care to all 4 year-olds.
- 3) Build and expand professional development and child care facilities for providers.
- 4) Expand services for babies and toddlers, such as home visiting programs.
- 5) Build or expand kindergarten classrooms so all school districts can offer full-day kindergarten for 5 year-olds.

For K -12 The school districts will also receive an additional 576 million dollars to assist districts in providing for special needs students.

January Branch Program: “Breaking Down the Barriers to a College Education”

The featured speaker at our January program was Alice Kleeman, a specialist in navigating the college application maze especially for students who must overcome a variety of challenges to apply. Alice was invited to speak by Branch Membership Treasurer Mary Morrison, who is a college financial aid specialist.

Alice shared stories of how she made a daunting process, applying and attending college, approachable. Barriers like understating the breath of financial aid offerings, application systems like the Common Application and testing and application fees were what she demystified for her students and their families.

Even with knowledgeable College Advisors, low income and first-generation college aspirants face challenges if their faculty and staff aren't sensitive to their needs. Alice noted that schools are training their faculty and staff better in the possibilities that all students have. If you weren't in attendance at our January branch meeting you can learn more of Alice's continuing work breaking barriers to higher education here <https://immigrantsrising.org/story/alice-kleeman/>

The program morning also offered everyone a nice opportunity to catch-up. Many thanks to Marie Wolbach, our Program chair, and to all the members of our Board who provided refreshments for us to share.

Thank you from Paradise

After the devastating fire in Paradise, CA several branch members sent gift cards to the AAUW branch there. Following is a note of thanks from them:

Since I am one of the very few branch members who did not lose her house in the recent Camp Fire (our neighborhood is a mile north of the fire line), I am in charge of collecting and distributing the hundreds of gift cards sent by AAUW members all over California and, really, other states too. Their generosity is truly overwhelming.

I have received several envelopes from your branch members.

Since our members need everything from vacuum cleaners to underwear, these cards will be put to good use. Also, we are sharing the cards with our Tech Trek families because they, too, have lost everything.

Would you thank all your members for us please.

Thank you again,
Carol Holzgrafe
AAUW Paradise





2019 Tech Trek Camper Selection Update

At the beginning of the New Year Judi Swope and Anna Zara worked with teachers and administrators at Greene (formerly Jordan), Fletcher (formerly Terman), JLS and Ravenswood middle schools to secure nominations of 7th girls with that SPARK for math and/or science for Tech Trek. We have distributed application packets to all the nominated students and will be getting applications back by February 21. Interviews of our candidates will happen in March and it's not too late to join us on the interview teams – we speak with each girl for 10 minutes one afternoon at their school – please send an email to tech-trek@aauw-paloalto.org.

This year we will be able to send six to seven rising 8th grade girls to Camp Grace Hopper to be held from July 15-20, 2019 at Stanford. It is always a joy to speak with the girls and to read their application essays.



Saturday, May 18, 2019, is the date of the annual AAUW Palo Alto meeting, to be held at Rinconada Library. Election of officers will be the primary business during the luncheon meeting and the menu will be Chinese Chicken Salad.



Nominees for 2019-2020 AAUW Palo Alto Leadership

Elected positions

President or Co-president: **Vacant**

Program: Marie Wolbach

Membership: Gail Schubert

Membership Finance: Mary Morrison

Recording Secretary: Joyce Freiberg

Administrative Secretary: Barbara Bowden

Treasurer: Ellie Mansfield

Funds: Charlotte Jackson

Millie Saxman

Directors: Betsy Colby

Barbara Jackson

Appointed positions

College relations: Rosenna Yau

Historian: Marcia Baugh

International affairs : Helen Young

Newsletter editor: Barbara Evans

Public policy: Diane Rolfe

Sections: Scotty Martinson

Tech Trek: Anna Zara

Webmaster: Anna Zara

We are seeking volunteers for the position of president/co-president. It is not as hard a job as you might think. And you will always get help from other board members. We encourage friends to volunteer together to share the responsibility and the fun. For details, talk to Marie or Scotty.

SECTION NEWS

Please refer to your Branch directory for section contact details or email

section@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, 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 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 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.

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.

BOARD MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the month. Embarcadero Room of Rinconada Library.
Schedule for 2019:
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.). All members are invited to attend Board of Directors Meetings.



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I certify that the above information is true and complete: Barbara Evans, Editor.