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It's time to meet and party in person! **AAUW Ice Cream Social** **Rick's Rather Rich Ice Cream will be served**

Saturday, August 7

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

3427 Greer Road (Deck of Wolbach home)

Please join us at the Ice Cream Social on August 7. Since we can now gather in person, the Board voted to have a strictly social event. Ice cream and cookies are the treat but the important thing is to greet each other!

Guests of members are welcome.

Masks are not required if the attendee is fully vaccinated.

RSVP: Phone: 494-7091 or Program@aauw-paloalto.org

Do RSVP so we know how much ice cream is needed.

AAUW Palo Alto Leadership Team 2021-2022

The following slate was elected by members of the Palo Alto branch:

Communication Chair, Web Master
and STEM Chair:

Anna Zara

Secretary:

Joyce Freiberg

Administrative Secretary:

Barbara Bowden

Branch Treasurer &

College-University Coordinator:

Rosenna Yau

Membership Treasurer:

Mary Morrison

Program Chair:

Marie Wolbach

Membership Chair:

Gail Schubert

Historian:

Marcia Baugh

Newsletter Editor:

Mary Ashley

Directory Editor:

Betsy Colby

The number of votes received electronically was outstanding. Thanks to all.

50 Year Members

AAUW's national office has notified the branch that members **Kathy Mize** and **Nancy Saperstein** have been awarded 50 Year Member status. Congratulations, Kathy and Nancy. Thank you for your many years of dedication and participation.

**Questions about your
membership or renewal?**

**Please contact
Mary Morrison at
[marykmorrison1029@
gmail.com](mailto:marykmorrison1029@gmail.com)**

Tech Trek 2021 - AAUW-CA Virtual Camp Update

There are three virtual camp sessions offered this summer. The first camp week ran from June 21-25. Currently there are 640 girls from all over California participating in one of the three virtual Tech Trek weeks: June 21-25, July 12-16, and July 26-30. Details are available on the camp website:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/virtualtechtrek/>

July Camps Adult Volunteers are Still Needed!

Additional adult workshop volunteers are needed to support the July 12th and July 26th camps. Apply now! Training will be provided! Click [here](#) for applications.

STEM: A 2021 Virtual Camp Season and 640 Eager Campers

California's STEM Tech Trek season offers three virtual camps to 640 selected 2020 and 2021 middle school girls: June 21-25, July 12-16, and July 26-30. If you would like to support these virtual camps click [here](#).

Announcement from AAUW National: STEMEd for Girls

Ensuring that girls are exposed to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) is fundamental to AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity. Join AAUW and the Arconic Foundation to ignite a promising future for girls through our new six-week virtual summer program. STEMEd for Girls is designed to attract girls in grades 9-12 to STEM and help parents and guardians to nurture their potential.

Additional information at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/stemed-for-girls/>

AAUW National Election Results

Many thanks to everyone who voted in AAUW's 2021 National Election. It took a mere three days to reach the required quorum—a testament to our members' passion and engagement.

I'm honored and humbled to have been re-elected to serve as your board chair for three more years. I'm also pleased to report that Malinda Gaul was re-elected as board vice chair, and Elizabeth Haynes and Joseph Bertolino will retain their board seats.

AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters. The board-recommended ballot initiative to remove the college-degree membership requirement did not receive the two-thirds, or 66.6%, vote required to enact a bylaws change.

However, the board is heartened that a remarkable 63% of you voted in favor of making this change, indicating a momentum shift toward a more inclusive membership. This was a significantly higher number than we saw in previous votes, which hovered just below 50%, to make the change.

While we have many voices, I know we all share the same commitment to AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy, and our vision of achieving equity for all.

Julia T. Brown, Esq.
Board Chair

Annual State Election Results

Congratulations to the elected board members:

- President-Elect - Sandi Gabe
- CFO - Roli Wendorf
- Director - Carol Holzgrafe

Moving forward...

- Bylaws changes - Passed
- Public Policy Priorities - Passed

Please click [here](#) for details for details on elected candidates, public policy priorities, and changes to the bylaws.

Thanks for your help in getting members engaged and involved; 24% of our members voted in this election which is a significant increase from the 15% who voted in the previous election.