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Boxed Recognition Luncheon



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Again We Will Zoom

As a nod to the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment granting women the right to vote, let's contemplate what women did in 1920 to celebrate.

Drat! Prohibition was already in effect, so no alcohol was being sold. A hundred years later we are mirroring the hardships of the 1918 flu pandemic, but we can drink. Let's party responsibly at our annual Recognition Luncheon.

Our meeting may be virtual, but

that doesn't mean we can't dress for a celebration! Let's take a page from the suffragettes and wear white, which they did to symbolize the purity of their hearts and their cause. A hat and gloves would be nice, too.

Finger foods were popular during Prohibition. Whip some up and bring them to this home "boxed" luncheon.

This luncheon will honor so many special people:

- Our scholarship recipients.

- Our named gift honorees.
- Our new board members and their installation.

- Our retiring board members.

The event will be fluid and festive. And, as always, we have some surprises planned.

All the best as we gently close our 2019-2020 branch year,

Peggy Rhozon, VP Programs

For your Zoom invitation to the recognition luncheon, please email **Peggy Rhozon** at prozhon@gmail.com.



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President's Message **Opening Up**

“Opening up” is used so much
these days for many things.
Countries, including the United
States, are relaxing COVID-19
restrictive guidelines. This “new
normal” represents a change in our
lifestyle. Not easy to do!

Our branch opened up to new
ideas for conducting meetings and
interest groups. *The Tidings*, video
conferencing, email and phones
are our means of being connected.

We ventured into areas that are
uncomfortable but necessary.

A change for our branch will
begin on July 1. New and resuming
officers will assume duties and
responsibilities to maintain and
enhance the goals and objectives of
our branch. Things will not be back
to normal; however, we will
continue on an altered course.

Smile, laugh and stay safe!

Barbara Von Glahn, President

Directory Additions or Corrections

Please take a look at your listing
in the 2019/20 branch directory. If
you see anything that is not correct
or if there's anything you would like
to add, please send the info to **Pat**

McNutt at patm@coastside.net.
This will help our 2020/21 Branch
Directory to be as helpful to the
members as possible.

Pat McNutt, Directory Editor

Welcome Our Newest Member

Please welcome new member
Lisa Petrides, who joined our
branch after her wonderful
presentation at our April general
meeting.

Lisa lives in Half Moon Bay and
attended UC Berkeley, Sonoma
State University and Stanford

University.

We are still looking forward to
hosting a new member happy hour as
soon as we are able!

*Sheila Spieller and Kathleen
Freitas, Co-Membership Vice
Presidents*

History Tidbit

1969: Our branch project established a “dedicated” bike route
between Montara and Half Moon Bay, which was accepted by the
county.

We sponsored Half Moon Bay High School's drama department
plays for children. Our support provided costumes and scenery.

Barbara Von Glahn, President

Membership Renewal Time!

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their dues. I hope having a choice of renewing either online or sending in a check is working for everyone. It does not matter which option you use; do whichever is most convenient for you.

Dues are \$110 (\$107 is tax-deductible). The national office sent all members an email on May 13 with specific instructions on how to renew online or by mailing a check. If you did not receive this email, please check your spam folder. If it is not there, email **Mary Sheridan** at mary.b.sheridan@gmail.com so she can notify the national office.

Another reminder will go out from the national office in June but it

would be very helpful if you could renew before the second reminder so national has fewer emails to send.

There are a few items to note:

1. If you are paying online, be sure to check the box for the type of credit card you are using. This line is hidden a bit so if you get an error message, check if you missed this step.

2. If you are paying by check, there is no need to include a copy of the email reminder from national. As long as your name appears on the check, I know who has renewed.

Again thanks for renewing your membership and let me know if I can be of assistance.

Mary Sheridan, Membership Treasurer

AAUW-CA Speech Trek Winners

It's official! Congratulations were extended at the virtual annual meeting to the following branches and contestants who placed in the 2020 Speech Trek state finals:

Gelasia Tiwana, Morgan Hill, fifth place; **Namita Shyam**, California Online, fourth place; **Carter Hill**, Foothills of El Dorado County, third place; **Jackson Patten**, Stockton, second place; and **Olivia Berman**, Lompoc-Vandenberg, first place.

Click [here](#) to enjoy their speeches on the AAUW California website.

The top prize was \$1,500; second, \$1,000; and third, \$500. The theme for next year is "Has social media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for women and girls?"

Mary Vargas, Speech Trek Co-Chair and Marlene Cain, AAUW California Speech Trek Coordinator

Big Lift Collaborative

On Tuesday, May 5, the Big Lift Collaborative held a meeting on Zoom to discuss the many adaptations that are necessary because of shelter-in-place directives.

Cabrillo Unified School District has announced that there will be no on-site summer school programs held at CUSD facilities. Hence, no Big Lift summer school classes for pre-K through third grade students will be held. However, support materials are being prepared for families and provisions are being made to ensure that needy children receive food support.


Good news was shared by the Cabrillo Education Foundation that two grants of \$15,000 each were received for pre-school and K through third-grade programs to support innovations required to meet the COVID-19 crisis. This determined group of educators continues to work to provide educational opportunities for the Coastsides' early learners so that they can be reading at grade level by third grade. I continue to represent AAUW as part of this collaborative.

Sue Hatfield



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Dates to Save & Remember

June 4

Mom's Equal Pay Day

June 4, 1919

19th Amendment
Passed by Congress

June 13

Recognition Luncheon

July 4

Independence Day

August 18, 1920

19th Amendment
Ratified by 36 States

August 26

Women's Equality Day
(celebrates 1920 adoption
of 19th Amendment)

*Please check calendars
on the [AAUW-HMB](#),
[AAUW-CA](#) and [AAUW](#)
websites for updates,
additional events and
announcements.*

AAUW California GovTrek Webinar

If you've been looking for ideas on how to get more women engaged in politics, you will want to join us for a webinar on "GovTrek: How to Rock the Next Generation."

The Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista (COV) Branch recently was awarded a state project grant from AAUW California for GovTrek, an innovative program designed to encourage young high school women to consider a career in politics. This is a six-month course in "how politics really works" and it includes presentations by legislators, critical-thinking and problem-solving activities, and workshops on civil discourse and conflict mediation.

Initially scheduled as a convention workshop, this webinar is your opportunity to learn how your branch might duplicate this project.

The webinar will be presented on Wednesday, June 24, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to register (required).

The webinar will be presented by **Kathi Harper**, State Director and Co-Chair of the AAUW California Public Policy Committee, and Chair of the COV Public Policy Committee. Topics will include overview of the COV program, how to design a program that works for your community, challenges and ideas for overcoming them, and what worked – and didn't.

Gender Equity in Education Act

Last month, the Department of Education issued a long-anticipated but extremely harmful rule designed to substantially weaken Title IX, rolling back important protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault.

AAUW has vigorously opposed this change for more than a year, but this heartless administration chose a global pandemic as the time to finalize it, adding to the confusion and unrest already felt within the education community.

Now we're launching a multi-pronged campaign in response and we need your help. While we're determined to stop this rule from ever going into effect, we also need to ensure that resources are in the right hands to help students and survivors.

That's why we need you to speak up. We need proactive responses to provide schools with resources to

fully realize Title IX's promise of equity in education. [Click here](#) to urge your members of Congress to cosponsor the **Patsy T. Mink** and **Louise M. Slaughter** Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA).

GEEA would help reduce and prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education by supporting the vital work of Title IX coordinators through additional resources, training and technical assistance. It would also authorize competitive grants to K-12 schools, colleges, local educational agencies or states to support their gender equity work.

AAUW advocates were key to the passage of Title IX, and we continue to fight today to realize the full promise of the law, despite the recent announcement of this harmful rule.

Urge your members of Congress to build on the legacy of Title IX by cosponsoring GEEA today.

Our Most Successful Coastside Gives!

During these unsettling times, you stepped up to ensure that AAUW Half Moon Bay will be able to continue our mission of empowering women and girls on the Coastside. Not only members, their families and friends, and Tech Trek families, but donors from the community gave generously so that we can continue our programs: local scholarships, Tech Trek, local STEM workshop, Speech Trek and supporting AAUW research and advocacy through the AAUW Fund.

Our 2020 Coastside Gives Fundraiser set records:

- Largest matching fund: \$4,000.
- Most money raised: \$11,126 as of May 21 (by comparison, we raised \$7,493 in 2019).
- Highest number of donors: 88.

In addition to everyone who donated to Coastside Gives and turned out for our Power Hour, I want to recognize those working behind the scenes. I am grateful for the support of our board, Golden Ticket volunteers, **Peggy Rozhon** for her radio interview, **Betty Lee Kendall** for making sure everyone received the updates, and members who

helped with the last-minute reminders.

Julie Gerth has been part of planning and implementing our Coastside Gives strategy since the beginning. I couldn't do it without her.

The list of thank-yous isn't complete without a heartfelt thank you to the AAUW members who made our \$4,000 matching fund possible: **June Baxter, Vivian Costello, Julie Gerth, Jan Grierson, Carol Joyce, Sheila Spieller, Barbara Von Glahn, Allene Zanger** and a member who chose to be anonymous.

As the impact of fighting COVID-19 pandemic sank in, I wondered if AAUW's mission would matter to Coastside Gives donors or if they would use their charitable dollars to support nonprofits providing services to those in need on the Coastside. Our success shows that our mission is important to our members and community.

In her Annual State of AAUW speech, CEO **Kim Churches** said that AAUW's mission is as important

as ever and our progress is at risk. An example is found in a May 20 press release with the findings of a new AAUW analysis of student debt. In the press release, AAUW advised: "The global pandemic is making the country's student debt crisis exponentially worse ... AAUW concludes that unless policymakers take further action to combat student debt and bolster the U.S. economy, millions of women college graduates will face unprecedented burdens that will hamper their economic security for years to come." You can read the press release by clicking [here](#).

I share Churches' belief that AAUW's mission is as important as ever. This belief was echoed in an email I received from a donor in our community. I will close with his words:

"Thank you for what you do. Your aims are the most important things that any organization could reach. I am proud to offer my support. Never give up the good work. My late wife would be as proud of you as I am."

*Carol Joyce, Vice President
AAUW Funds/Coastside Gives Lead*



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Coronavirus Discovered by a Woman



June Dalziel Almeida (Oct. 5, 1930 – Dec. 1, 2007) was a Scottish virologist who, with little formal education, became a Doctor of Science and a pioneer in virus imaging, identification and diagnosis.

Scientific pioneer **June Almeida** is finally being acknowledged for virology breakthroughs she made a half-century ago. June's work has come roaring back into focus during the present pandemic.

COVID-19 is a new illness, but it is caused by a coronavirus of the type first identified by Dr. Almeida in 1964 at her laboratory in St. Thomas' Hospital in London. Her paper to a peer-reviewed journal was rejected "because the referees said the images she produced were just bad pictures of influenza virus particles."

June Almeida died in 2007 at the

age of 77. Now 13 years after her death she is finally getting the recognition she deserves as a pioneer whose work sped up understanding of the virus that is currently spreading throughout the world.

I was alerted to this woman by **Maura Jones**, a member of AAUW **Half Moon Bay**. Thanks, Maura!

Perhaps a woman will discover a cure for COVID-19!

Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier, Co-Presidents, AAUW California

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AAUW Statement on Rollback of Title IX Protections

AAUW CEO **Kim Churches** issued the following statement on the U.S. Department of Education final Title IX regulations for schools dealing with sexual misconduct:

Although the nation is facing an unprecedented health emergency that requires singular focus, today the Trump Administration issued a rule that will substantially weaken Title IX, rolling back important protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault.

The decision by the U.S. Department of Education to move forward with this change follows more than a year of vigorous opposition from survivor advocacy organizations, civil rights groups and educational institutions. The

outrageous new rule will make it harder for students who have experienced sexual harassment or violence to come forward to get the protections Title IX was created to provide.

Compounding the outrage is the fact that this rule is being finalized amid a global crisis that is causing confusion and unrest, specifically within the education community. To proceed with a policy change that will require extensive resources for training and implementation while students and schools are already facing unprecedented challenges is positively shameful.

In the best of times, the rule is ill-advised: It threatens to turn back the clock, reversing policies that were

put in place to make it easier for survivors to report sexual misconduct. The rules will stack the deck against survivors, making it too onerous, even traumatic, for many to come forward. In short, the rule is antithetical to the fundamental promise of Title IX, that all students deserve access to an education free from sex discrimination.

But these are among the worst of times. We urge the Administration to keep its focus on protecting our colleges and universities, minding the shaky economy and on keeping Americans healthy and safe. To deprive American students of badly needed protections right now is just plain wrong.

Fair Pay for U.S. Women's Soccer

The U.S. women's national soccer team won the Women's World Cup in 2015 and 2019. By contrast, the U.S. men's national soccer team failed to qualify to play in the 2019 Men's World Cup, yet they continue to be paid more than the women and play fewer games.

The women have been in a legal fight with the Soccer Federation to receive equal pay and facilities. Judge R. Gary Klausner of U.S. District Court for the Central District of California has gutted almost all of the women's claims of unequal pay and treatment.

For example the women, but not the men, often are forced to play on artificial turf, which burns when you slide on it. The Federation installs grass for the men's games, but they claim with the women's game doesn't generate enough revenue to justify the expense.

The Federation lawyers argue that playing for the men's team "carries more responsibility" than playing for the women's team and that "women have less ability."



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I guess they haven't heard about Title IX! The women are expected to appeal these decisions.

Mary Vargas, Public Policy Chair

Tech Trek Camps Canceled Statewide for 2020

In accordance with state mandates and working with campus hosts, AAUW California announced the cancellation of all Tech Trek 2020 camps. Locally, we suspended our selection process when schools were closed in mid-March and before meeting our 12 semifinalists. As soon as Stanford decided in April to close all residential summer camps, the girls received notice that Camp Hopper was canceled.

AAUW California briefly contemplated carrying this cohort of girls over to summer 2021, but after a statewide vote of branch coordinators and camp directors, it was decided to start fresh with the next class of seventh graders next year. Our branch Tech Trek Committee was unanimous in that opinion.

When we can hold public meetings again, we hope to provide a special program or STEM speaker and to invite the 2020 Tech Trek applicants as guests. In the meantime, the girls will receive a consolation gift, a certificate for being selected by Cunha math and science teachers to apply to Tech Trek, and handmade masks with science motifs sewn by **Vivian Costello** and **Pauline Shue**. There is also a possibility of designing our local STEM Camp especially for this cohort next year.

Individual donors to Tech Trek can be reassured that their tax-deductible donations to this 501(c)(3) program have been identified and isolated, and will be expended once we resume camps in the future. AAUW California fully expects to

continue this robust and rewarding program for girls in 2021.

Julie Gerth, Tech Trek

STEM Camp

It's doubtful that we'll be able to hold a July STEM Camp. Because these are group activities in close contact, it is safer to not try to do it and take a chance on safety. **Julie Gerth** and **Mary Vargas** will determine if a Saturday field trip to a tech company is feasible or maybe several mini camps locally, when it is safe to do so in the future.

Mary Vargas, STEM Camp Coordinator

Election Results for AAUW-California Board

For the 2020-22 term, the AAUW California Board had seven directors and one secretary position to be filled. After the nominating period, we had enough candidates to fill each board position. Because there were no contested elected positions, we were not required to have an election.

Congratulations to the following candidates, who were duly elected

by acclamation at the end of our virtual AAUW California Annual Meeting on April 18:

Directors: **Michelle Miller-Galaz, Crystal Stebbins, Kathi Harper, Sharyn Siebert, Elaine A. Johnson, Tracey Clark and Jim Doty.**

Secretary: **Lynne Batchelor**

President-Elect **Dianne Owens** will become President of AAUW

California for 2020-22.

Thank you all for volunteering your time and leadership. Click [here](#) for more information on our new board members for the coming term. Any other questions, email the nominating committee at nominating@aauw-ca.org.

Janice Lee, Nominations & Elections Chair

Suffrage and the Cable Act of 1922

When the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified in 1920, some American women still were ineligible to vote. The Expatriation Act of 1907 had stripped women married to foreign citizens of their U.S. citizenship. It effectively functioned as Congressional endorsement of the various ad hoc rulings on loss of U.S. nationality that had been made by the State Department since the passage of the Expatriation Act of 1868.

Therefore, once suffrage was won, these women were not considered American citizens and had no right to vote.

However, Congress swiftly

enacted the Cable Act to restore citizenship to U.S.-born women who had married noncitizen husbands and thereby lost their citizenship under the Expatriation Act of 1907.

This law addressed the discriminatory law that set married women's citizenship according to that of their husbands and enabled white women to retain their U.S. citizenship despite marriages to foreign men. This right did not, however, extend to women who married "aliens ineligible for citizenship," especially Asian immigrant men.

Articles of Incorporation Amended

The motion to amend our articles of incorporation passed at the 2020 Annual Meeting of AAUW California. The motion corrects a clerical error that occurred when the articles were re-filed in November 2019 and brings the articles into alignment with the tax designation of the corporation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501(c)(4) entity.

Most Interest Groups on Hiatus

While most of our branch's interest groups are on hiatus, a few of them have carried on during shelter-in-place.



Evening Books: The group held a live discussion of **Michelle Obama's** *Becoming* on Zoom on May 26. No word yet about summer plans, but they expect to continue in person or via Zoom. If you'd like to join them, email **Linda Lowens** at lowensl@yahoo.com. Questions about the group should be directed to group leader **Nancy Evans** at egnancy@comcast.net.



Gourmet: Members have gained inventiveness and expertise during shelter-in-place and are encouraged to share new ideas and recipes.



Janus: Our May Zoom meeting had seven participants. If you would like to join us for our June 24 meeting, please email **Mary Alice Pearce** at maalice_hmb@comcast.net.

The State of AAUW: Staying Strong Together



While AAUW members can't gather in person for their spring conventions, they can — and should — continue to cultivate strong relationships and advance gender equity, said AAUW CEO **Kim Churches** in her recent **"State of AAUW" presentation**. Churches provided key organizational updates, including:

- Highlighting virtual programming like AAUW's **weekly webinar series**, including her

interview with **Diane Rehm**, talks by distinguished fellowships and grants alumnae, and tutorials on professional development.

- Sharing our renewed partnership with the Coca-Cola Foundation to bring **salary-negotiation training** to the nation's 107 historically black colleges and universities.

- Giving kudos to 60 branches working toward **five-star recognition** for meeting our mission, especially the three that have attained

all five stars: AAUW Marin (California), Bellingham (Washington) and Northeast Tarrant County (Texas).

- Explaining how we're engaging the next generation of activists through our **Equity Network**.

- Encouraging donations to **AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund**, which is crucial to AAUW's sustainability and responsiveness during the pandemic.



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Make sure to check out our weekly member webinars. You can peruse our [archive of recent topics](#), such as last week's session on governing during a crisis or our interview with radio personality **Diane Rehm**. You also can register for an upcoming session.

Special Member Discount on Long-Term Care

AAUW is pleased to offer a discounted long-term care insurance program to AAUW members and their families through LTC Global. Protection is available should you need care at home, in assisted living, or in nursing-home facilities.

To request information on this benefit, which is available to members and their spouses, parents

and grandparents, [visit this website](#) or call 888-305-4582.

COVID-19 Resource Center

Stay abreast of the latest research and member information related to the COVID-19 pandemic by visiting our [online resource center](#) on how we're staying connected through this crisis.

Congrats New Board Members

Thanks to everyone who voted in AAUW's recent election to select members for four board seats. We're pleased to announce that the following candidates have been elected to the board starting July 1: Dia Cirillo, Jeanie Latz, Shaila Rao Mistry and Jenna Kirkpatrick Howard. You can read more about them on the [national election section](#) of our website. Congrats!

Moms Deserve More

Did you know that moms working full-time earn, on average, just 70% of what dads do? Help highlight this disparity by sharing our [Fast Facts on Moms in the Workplace](#) on Mom's Equal Pay Day (June 4) — and every day until we reach full equity!

Title IX Rollback Silences Survivors

Earlier this month, the Trump Administration issued a rule that will weaken Title IX, rolling back protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault. See Kim Churches' [editorial in Newsweek](#) about the harmful new rule. Help push back by advocating for [equity in education](#).



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