



## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW October 2016 NEWSLETTER

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In conjunction with the **League of Women Voters**, the **Clayton Branch AAUW** presents a voter forum with pros and cons of ballot initiatives for the November 8 election.

This event will be held on **Monday, October 3** at the **Clayton Community Library**, 6125 Clayton Road in Hoyer Hall from **7:00 to 8:30 PM**.



On Thursday, November 3rd everyone is invited to make chocolate at Rachel Dunn Chocolates, 1021 Detroit Ave, behind Costco. Registration is at 10:30 and the class starts at 11:00. Space is limited since the class is open to the public. Please call Carol Herington at 672-3411 ASAP if you are interested. The cost is \$27.50, payable when you register.

All Clayton Branch AAUW members are encouraged to visit the [Interbranch Council Website](#) for more information about the IBC and the work of the [AAUW branches](#) that make up its membership.

## **AAUW CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

### **Joyce Atkinson and Carol Gurrad, Co-Presidents**

Our first meeting of the year was our yearly membership luncheon, planned by Marcia Hart, at La Veranda. We had 32 attending including three prospective members. Andi Shafer signed up at the luncheon. Emily, Megan, and Parmis talked about their experiences at Tech Trek camp. It's always good to hear how much they have learned how much fun they had. This is well worth our support. Jacqueline Franco, our scholarship winner spoke to us about finishing DVC and moving on to San Francisco State to work on her degree in Sociology. DVC made an excellent choice, choosing her according to our criteria.

We need to volunteer for Oktoberfest, on October 1 and 2. CBCA gives us money for Tech Trek and we need to support them. It's only a few hours. You'll see your neighbors and friends and get a free T-shirt!

Be sure to mark your calendar to come to our October meeting on Monday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. in Hoyer Hall at the library. The League of Women Voters will give us information on all those propositions. The meeting is early in the month because we know many people vote by absentee ballot. Don't forget to sign up to work the Book Sale, October 14-16. You will be contacted by email or phone. Sign up for a shift and help our library

Our November meeting will be at Rachel Dunn Chocolates on Thursday, November 3 at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$27.50. You must sign up and pay in advance to secure your place. This is open to the public, so you can ask friends and neighbors too.

See you all at the Voters' Information night on October 3.

Carol Gurrad, Co-President





### When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!

In addition to electing a new President of the United States, we are electing Senators and Members of Congress to represent us. With so much at stake, it's more important than ever to identify those candidates who would best represent our values and those who would roll back our rights.

How can you evaluate candidates? Look for their positions on issues relevant to AAUW's mission of promoting equity for all women and girls. For incumbents, review how they have voted. For all candidates, seek answers to these questions related to key issues in AAUW Public Policy Priorities:

- **Gender Pay Gap** - How would you address the pay gap between men and women? For women of color and mothers? What is your position on the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act to close legal loopholes and improve the effectiveness of existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the pay gap?
- **Family Leave and Paid Sick Days** - What is your position on legislation that would provide paid parental and medical leave for all employees?
- **Campus Sexual Violence** - Do you support increasing resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of federal laws prohibiting bullying, harassment and campus sexual assault? What should colleges and universities do to better address the issue of campus sexual assault?
- **Reproductive Rights** - Do you support public funding for family planning services and reproductive health care? What is your position on legislation that protects individuals' access to affordable quality reproductive health care, including abortion care?
- **College Affordability** - What can be done to help make college more affordable and loan payments more manageable?

AAUW national has just published the Congressional Voting Record, which is available from the national office. Order one to see how your incumbent Member of Congress voted on issues of concern to women during the last Congressional session.

### Ask the questions! Get the answers!

Women's votes will be especially important in this election! Please exercise your privilege of being able to **VOTE ON NOVEMBER \*8!**

## FUNDS LUNCHEON TO HEAR 2016-2017 FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT RECIPIENTS

The annual luncheon to listen to and select speakers for our local fund-raising luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 29, at the Crow Canyon Country Club, from 12:00 to 3:00. It is very interesting to listen to these speakers—and the lunch is usually very good. Everyone is welcome to come. Use the form below to register. The deadline to register is October 17. The cost is \$40. This year Clayton will be choosing the speaker. Click to access the Registration Form [HERE](#).

Lola, Co-Funds Chair

## Membership Directory Reminder

The member directories for 2016/2017 have been printed and will be distributed at the general meeting on October 3rd held at the Library, starting at 7:00 pm. Those members unable to attend that meeting will receive their copies in the mail. Everyone was asked to review last year's directory and to notify us of any changes they wanted to make to their profile, including new photos. We did receive changes for 4 or 5 members, and hopefully their information is now correct. Anyone who still wishes to update their profile photo should send a digital copy via e-mail, or a hard copy of the photo to Linda Pinder at [ljpinder@comcast.net](mailto:ljpinder@comcast.net). She will update the master copy of the directory so that your new photo is included in next year's directory.

Our scholarship recipient, Jacqueline Franco, attended our September 17<sup>th</sup> lunch. Miss Franco spoke briefly, and in her talk she touched on several subjects. On a personal level she told us that she is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation San Franciscan, who has been living in Concord for quite a few years. She is a graduate of Clayton Valley High School, and the first in her family to attend college.

On the academic front she is now a junior at San Francisco State University, majoring in Sociology. One of the reasons for her field choice is her desire to contribute to society and help with community endeavors. She mentioned that as a student at DVC she worked for the Monument Crisis Center as a volunteer and also in a variety of community projects, among them tutoring students who are first generation college attendees.

In addition to expressing her gratitude for being chosen for our scholarship, Miss Franco indicated her wish to connect with our group in the future. Her mother, Mrs. Patricia Franco also attended the lunch.



### Afternoon Book Group Fall Selections

The Book Group will meet at 2:30 pm at Priscilla's on:

Wednesday, September 28, to discuss *The Nightingale by Melanie Benjamin.*

Wednesday, October 26, to discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman.*

We always welcome new suggestions!

Jill Day



Evening Bridge meets at 7:00 pm the second Wednesday in the month.  
Contact Mary Ann Hayes at 672-4391 for more details.



Couples Bridge meets on the fourth Saturday at 7:00 pm.

For more information, contact Carol Wolfe at 672-1303.





## FIELD TRIPS

Call Marge Hennigar if you are interested in any of the following day trips. She can best explain the cost and reservation policy for these different trips. The policy is, once you get Marge's e mail telling you what the cost is, you need to send your check immediately to make your reservation.

## DAY TRIPS

- Nov. 8 Carmel A driving and walking tour. Miniature Museum, lunch, shopping: Cost: \$99.
- Dec. 4 Sunday Nevada City (CA) Victorian Celebration, lunch at a Pottery factory, theater and, caroling. Detailed info in the works, Cost TBA

## EXTENDED TRIPS

Please contact Marge for all the details if you are interested in any of these trips:

- New Year's in Nashville Dec. 30, 2016 - Jan. 3, 2017 - Talbot Tours
- Reno Snow Trip Feb. 25. - 27 2017
- Washington DC Focus on Experiencing our Nation's Capital APRIL 2017 Dates still in the works... Call Marge right away if you think you might be interested in this one.
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta/Carlsbad Caverns Oct 1 - 8, 2017 Talbot Tours
- Discover Thailand Nov. 1 - 16, 2017. An OAT TRIP (Overseas Adventure Travel)

Call Margaret Bradford, not Marge, on this trip only... 925-798-8748 more information

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