

**Clayton**

**American Association of  
University Women**



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
March 2016 newsletter**

**CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW**



**MARCH PROGRAM:**

**WILD BIRDS! WHO WILL BE IN YOUR BACKYARD THIS SPRING?**

**When: MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**

**Where: DIAMOND TERRACE RETIREMENT LIVING FACILITY  
6401 CENTER STREET, CLAYTON**

**What: MIKE ELIOT OWNER OF WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED IN PLEASANT HILL  
AND A BOARD MEMBER OF MT. DIABLO AUDUBON WILL DISCUSS THE CARE  
AND FEEDING OF BACK YARD BIRDS.**

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# AAUW Empowers Women

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

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Our Programs

## [RESEARCH](#)

We analyze gender equity issues in education and the workplace.

## [CAMPUS LEADERSHIP](#)

We help shape the lives of the next generation of women leaders.

## [PUBLIC POLICY](#)

We advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls.

## [GLOBAL CONNECTIONS](#)

We respond to the global development needs of women, helping them contribute to the economic and social development of their countries.

## [CASE SUPPORT](#)

We support challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

## [STEM EDUCATION](#)

We are leveling the playing field for girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

## [EDUCATIONAL FUNDING](#)

We provide educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women.

## [SALARY NEGOTIATION](#)

Through AAUW Start Smart and AAUW Work Smart, we are fighting to close the pay gap, one workshop at a time.





# Women's History Month

MARCH 2016

Women in music and art

## EQUITY SPEAKER SERIES: PAMELA ROSE

*Wild Women of Song: Great Gal Composers of the Jazz Era*

Pamela Rose is a San Francisco jazz and blues vocalist who thrills audiences locally and internationally with her swinging, soulful style. Rose is that rare breed of entertainer who connects solidly with her audience by always delivering a personal and unforgettable musical experience.

**March 7 12:30-2 p.m., DVC Diablo Room**

**March 8 12:30-2 p.m., SRC Learning Commons**



## SPECIAL FILM - *Yours for a Song: The Women of Tin Pan Alley*

This homage to a handful of Tin Pan Alley's most prolific female songwriters, complete with generous samples of music, vitaphone film clips and TV kinescopes to underscore the thoughtful narration, will no doubt hear the cheers of serious students of American music history.

**March 9 2-3:30 p.m., SRC W212**

## FILM NIGHT - *Girls in the Band*, directed by Judy Chaikin

*Girls in the Band* is a documentary that tells the story of women who worked in big bands and as jazz instrumentalists, through contemporary interviews and archival footage.

**March 10 7-9:50 p.m., DVC Forum**

## EQUITY SPEAKER SERIES: TRES VIDAS

*Featuring Rosa Rodriguez*

A chamber music theater work conceived and performed by Core Ensemble. A chamber music theater work for singing actress and pianist based on the lives of three legendary Latin American Women.

**March 29 12:30-2 p.m., DVC Diablo Room**



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## FILM NIGHT - *The Hunting Ground*, directed by Kirby Dick

An exposé of rape crimes on U.S. college campuses, their institutional cover-ups, and the devastating toll they take on students and their families.

**March 17 7-9:50 p.m., DVC Forum**

**BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES - *The Wage Gap***

**AAUW CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**  
**Lola Rohr and Joan Chesterman, Co-Presidents**  
**CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Thanks to our Funds Chairs for putting on a lovely Funds luncheon—weather was good, speaker was interesting, food was delicious, conversations great, and congratulations to Joan Chesterman for being named honoree.

In honor of March being Women's History Month, Jeanne Boyd has arranged for three books related to women's issues to be ordered from Clayton AAUW for the Clayton Library. They are the following: Marilyn Yalom: *The Social Sex: a History of Female Friendship*, Eileen Pollack: *The Only Woman in the Room: Why Science is Still a Boy's Club*, and Julie Summers: *Home Fires: the Story of the Women's Institute in the Second World War*.

Bill Elliot will discuss care and feeding back yard birds at our March meeting at Diamond Terrace, 7:00 p.m., March 28. At this meeting, we will vote on the slate of officers for next year. The slate was listed in the February newsletter. It is important that you attend.

It is time to prepare for our April 27 Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser. Packets of flyers and 6 tickets to sell are being distributed to each member. Please send your checks payable to Clayton AAUW in the envelope enclosed in your packet to Lola Rohrs, 3440 McKean Drive, Concord, CA 94518. I have additional tickets if you need more. For those of you who would like to donate a raffle item, let me know, and I can pick it up from you or get it from you at a meeting. I will be emailing to all of you the sign up sheet for work to be done ahead of time and during the spaghetti feed. It will have the names of those who did the work last year. You need to respond to my email to let me know if you want to do the same thing that you did last year or do something different. Of course, if you are not on the list, please sign up to do something.

There is a program called Million Women Mentors designed to spend 20 hours a year mentoring young girls to pursue and stay in STEM careers. It certainly relates to our Tech Trek program. Twenty hours a year is not a lot of time. If you are interested, check it out at [mwm-ca.org](http://mwm-ca.org).

**Lola and Joan**



## TECH TREK SUCCESS STORY

The AAUW Tech Trek Program sends middle school girls to college campus summer science programs. Although there are many girls who participate in our AAUW Tech Trek Program and go on to professions in the sciences, here is recent correspondence from one of our former Tech Trek girls.

A letter from one of our members to former Tech Trek student Giovannah Lizette Webb: "Giovy, you may not remember me, but I was one of the Tech Trek Coordinators who picked you to attend Tech Trek Camp several years ago. I noticed in the Pioneer newspaper about your achievements and that you are headed to Yale. Congratulations and best of luck in the years ahead. We obviously picked a winner! Sincerely, Rosemary Harwood, Clayton Branch AAUW."

The response from Giovy:

***"Ms. Harwood, of course I remember you!! Thank you for your message! It made my day! I was actually thinking about reaching out to you regarding college, because ever since Tech Trek, I've had an immense interest in the sciences. In fact, at Yale, I plan on studying economics and computer science. Hopefully I can successfully enter the field and make a lasting imprint and open up further opportunities for women. I also plan on applying for a summer internship at Google. Fingers crossed that I get accepted! Do you know of any tech scholarships available or of any scholarships that you think I should look into? I'm specifically looking for merit-based scholarships to help offset college costs. If you know of any, please let me know. Gooo Tech Trek. Giovy"***

It is so gratifying to hear from former Tech Trek girls and to know that we are making a difference in getting girls interested in science related professions.

**Lola**

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**The Clayton American Association of University Women Branch was chartered on May 13, 1974. The AAUW promotes equity for women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.**

**Great Decisions is America's  
largest discussion program  
on world affairs.**



The program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year and serves as the focal text for discussion groups across the country. **Contact JoAnn Caspar to participate.** Topics for weeks six, seven, and eight of 2016 are:

[The United Nations Post-2015](#)

[Climate Geopolitics](#)

[Cuba and the U.S.](#)

### **Afternoon Book Group Fall Selections**

### **Spring Book Group News**



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

- 1) Wednesday, **March 23**, to discuss ***Songs of Willow Frost*** by Jamie Ford
- 2) Wednesday, **April 20** (date change due to Spaghetti Feed), to discuss ***Dead Wake*** by Erik Larson.

We are always interested in new ideas for books to read.

Please let us know if you have other suggestions.

**Jill Day**



## Field Trips: Senior Safaris

**Savannah & Charleston <> April 12-19, 2016**

**American Queen Steamboat Company, Columbia & Snake Rivers, Clarkston: May 9-17, 2016. 9 days from \$4,395, inc. hotel stay. (Details to follow).**

**Cape Cod & Nantucket <> Sept 10-16, 2016**

**Please RSVP to Marge Hennigar (707)751-1858 [mhennigar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhennigar@sbcglobal.net)  
Nancy Sloan, Talbot Tours, 1952 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95124, (408) 879-0101  
(800) 662-9933**

**Yes, it's not too early to pick one of our deluxe tours Scottsdale <> San Antonio <> New Orleans Cruise. Ask for our brochure!**

## DAY TRIPS 2015

**For more information and/or a flyer, please call Ed and Marge Hennigar at 1-707-246-9150 (cell), email: [mhennigar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhennigar@sbcglobal.net).**

**For day trip information, contact either Marge or Adela Oldford at 1-925-672-9446, Vacation Discounters number is 1-888-655-6141. Talbot Tours 1-800-662-9933.**

**Thanks Adela**



**Couples Bridge: To find out about couples bridge please contact Carol Wolfe to participate**



**Evening Bridge meets at 7:30 pm the second Wednesday in the month. Contact Maryann Hayes for more details.**

**Couples Bridge meets the fourth Saturday in the month. Contact Carol Wolfe for more details.**

