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CLAYTON/CONCORD FUNDS LUNCHEON

Our annual joint Funds Luncheon with the Concord Branch will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 11:00 at the Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord.

We have an interesting speaker, Absiola Kusimo, who is currently working on her M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Stanford. Her research focuses on the incorporation of care, future ethics, and voice into the design of sustainable sanitation products and services. The daughter of Nigerian immigrants, she hopes to improve design practices for people interested in international sustainable development.

Soon you will receive instructions and an envelope in the mail regarding your AAUW funds donation. If you do not receive this information in the next two weeks, call Susan Coulston at 672-1477.

This year we are responsible for bringing desserts. Camellias are also needed. Please call or email Lola at 680-8345 or lolarohrs@msn.com to let her know what dessert you will bring, if you can bring camellias, and if you will be attending.

We are looking forward to a successful and fun luncheon.

Lola and Susan

AAUW CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Joyce Atkinson & Carol Gurrad

Ever wonder why we celebrate Funds in February? It used to be the EF Luncheon and as the Educational Foundation was the HEART of AAUW we celebrated during February, when we gave heart shaped valentines and gifts of wonderful red heart shaped boxes of chocolate candy. So with that bit of trivia, I want to invite you to attend the Funds Luncheon on **Feb. 25th** and join with Concord Branch to celebrate the years AAUW has funded Women's Education and other causes. Invite a friend to come and hear our terrific speaker. Hopefully they will want to join us.

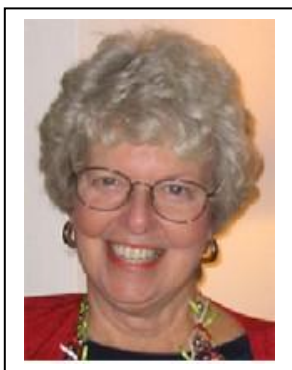
Those of you who missed the January meeting - Water more or less - missed a great program. Rita Schmidt Sudman spoke on the changing landscape of California's water. Check out her book at the Clayton Library (a gift of AAUW Clayton Branch) and enjoy an informative read.

The Spaghetti Feed is fast approaching and we will begin making lists and gathering items before you know it. **May 3rd** is the date. Mark it on your calendar.

The Clayton Community Library Used Book Sale will be in May this year. Books will be moved in on Sunday, May 7th, and the sale will take place **May 12th, 13th and 14th**. And yes, I realize the 14th is Mother's Day, but we had no choice. Clayton is a very busy city. I hope you will be able to help sort and sell.

See you on February 25th!

Joyce



2017 AAUW National Election — One Member, One Vote

AAUW members will receive their voter information in early April by e-mail and mail with the Spring *AAUW Outlook!* Candidate slate, bylaws proposals, Public Policy Program proposals, and resolutions will be published in the spring issue of *AAUW Outlook*. And don't forget to check for the latest updates on the [AAUW National Election web page](#).

AAUW supported the Women's March on Washington. Many local marches occurred, too.



Marian Becker (on the right), a Charter Member of Clayton Branch AAUW participates in the January 21st Women's March. Her friend carries a sign saying "Human Rights for Everyone". Thanks to Roseann Krane for the picture.

AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities

In the current issue of the California *PERSPECTIVE*, the CA Public Policy Priorities are clearly listed. You will be asked to vote on these biennial priorities in this year's election. Please review them because these are the same items that AAUW is lobbying for in Washington. As a voting member of AAUW you should familiarize yourself with them.

The AAUW CA Public Policy program supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, and **complements the national Public Policy program**.

AAUW CA's priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and strong Member support. All members were invited to comment regarding the priorities that AAUW CA should place on California legislation affecting women and girls during the next two years, and these priorities reflect member comments.

These Public Policy Priorities will be on the April 2017 ballot for approval by members. They are listed on the next page. Be sure to vote!

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women AAUW CA advocates:

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation, benefits and economic justice.
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes
- Programs that provide women with education, including financial literacy, training, and support for success in the work force.
- Strengthening programs that encourage career development and earning potential, including career and technical education, access to postsecondary education, and welfare job training.
- Strengthening retirement benefits and program, including pension improvements, and protecting Social Security from privatization or reduction in benefits.
- Policies that promote and support work-life balance, including child and dependent care.

To support a strong system of high quality public education, AAUW CA advocates:

- Adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students, including preschool.
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education, including sexual health education.
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education, and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools.
- Support for and adequate funding that gives women and disadvantaged populations access to higher education, including two-year degree programs and vocational training.

To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW CA advocates:

- Self- determination of one's reproductive health decisions.
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including bullying, sexual harassment, human trafficking, and gun violence, in all aspects of life.
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care, and family planning services.
- Strengthening California programs, including affordable housing, that improve the lives of children in families living at or below the poverty level.
- Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' issues.
- Freedom in definition of self and family, and guarantee of civil rights for all family structures.
- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights for all.



Elena Noble Start Smart Facilitator

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AAUW's CCC Inter-Branch Council is once again working with The Contra Costa Community College District to offer free classes in Wage Negotiation that works toward closing the **Gender Pay Gap**. We have contacted **Diablo Valley, Los Medanos and Contra Costa Community Colleges**, and offered each campus an opportunity to educate graduating students our **Equal Pay Workshops**.

I am pleased to announce that **Diablo Valley College** has scheduled two workshops to coordinate with their **Woman's History Month in March**. The following Dates are:

March 7, 11:30-1:30 BLF Conference Room

Pleasant Hill

March 15, (time to be determined) San Ramon

These are exciting workshops, and your **Start Smart Team** Invites AAUW Members to sit in and watch the interaction between our diverse Career Team and the students.

Fill free to contact me for questions and updates on time and place.

Afternoon Book Group Selections

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

Wednesday, February 22, to discuss *The Summer Before the War* (WWI) by Helen Simonson.

Wednesday, March 22nd, to discuss *The Divide* by Nicholas Evans.

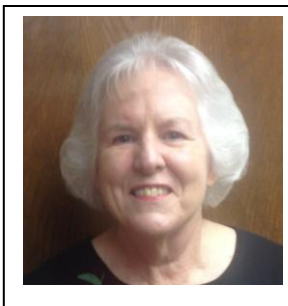
We are still looking for more selections. Be sure to let us know any you would like us to read!

Jill Day



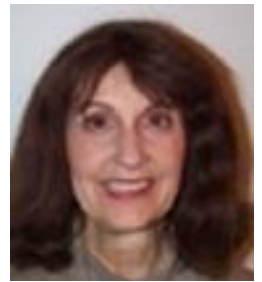
Ladies Evening Bridge meets at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Contact Mary Ann Hayes at 672-4391 for more details.



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

For more information, contact Carol Wolfe at 672-13103.



Adela Oldford

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Thanks
Adela

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

- March 5 - Niles Canyon Railway, lunch at Tyme for Tea in Niles - Cost: Lunch, bus, museum, train ride \$85 pp. Deadline Jan 16th
- April 13 - Elkhorn Slough Lunch OYO, nature hike, boat, bus and State Park. Cost \$85pp. Deadline Feb 16th.
- May 31 - SF Theater Outing, Roman Holiday Cost TBA
- June 15 - Captain Moran's Delta Cruise - leave from Discovery Bay: 2 ½ hour narrated cruise to Stockton, lunch at Garlic Brother. Cost \$120 pp (cruise, lunch and transportation or \$90 with own transportation. Deadline April 16, 2017.

EXTENDED TRIPS

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

- February 25-27 Reno Snow
- April 2017 Washington DC Focus on Experiencing our Nation's Capital Dates still in the works... Call Marge right away if you think you might be interested in this one.
- October 1-8 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta/Carlsbad Caverns Talbot Tours
- November 1-16, 2017 Discover Thailand. An OAT TRIP (Overseas Adventure Travel) Call Margaret Bradford, not Marge , on this trip only. (925) 798-8748 for more information.

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