



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW
March 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Rosemary Harwood, Newsletter Editor

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Clayton Branch Meeting

When: Monday, March 27th, 7PM

Where: Diamond Terrace 6401 Center Street, Clayton

Who: Constance Krail-Self, author of several books

In her first book, *Life In Hitler's Crosshairs*, Constance Krail-Self tells the story of a young Polish girl and her family, giving us a first-hand account of the terror that caused the disintegration of Polish culture at the hands of Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin during World War II. Having lived in Europe, she was fortunate to hear stories from WWII survivors and vividly retells these memories.

Meeting is open to the public, no reservations needed.

Questions. call 925-672-3411

Roseann Krane, Webmaster, has asked that the members check out the [New Clayton AAUW website](#) - all the pages - and give her a final feedback. The old website [Old Clayton AAUW Website](#) will be shut down soon. Please let her know if there is anything from the old site that you would like included on the new one.

AAUW CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Joyce Atkinson & Carol Gurrad

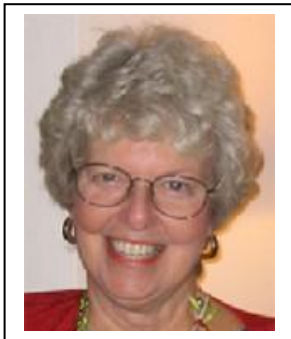
Thanks to Susan Coulston and Lola Rohrs for working with Concord Branch to organize the annual AAUW Funds Luncheon. We had a great turnout and enjoyed listening to Abisola Kusimo, an EF Endowment Fund recipient. See the picture and comments later in the newsletter.

If you haven't already received your packet of info and tickets for our Spaghetti Dinner, May 3rd at Endeavor Hall, you will soon. This is our only fundraiser to raise the funds necessary to send Tech Trek girls to camp and to provide a scholarship for a DVC student. Everyone will be asked to sell at least 6 tickets and those that are able should plan to help on the day of the meal. You will soon be asked to sign up for work and cooking. We will also need cookies from everyone.

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. Although we realize the 14th is Mother's Day, there were no other logical choices since Clayton is a very busy city. We hope you will be able to help sort and sell. You will be called on to volunteer in April.

The nominating committee will be meeting soon, so when you are called on to be on the Board, please say yes. We can't run the organization without you.

Carol and Joyce



Extend the value of your AAUW membership! Visit the [Contra Costa County Interbranch Council website](#) to see upcoming AAUW activities in nearby branches.

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](#).

MISSION & ACTION: COUNTING DOWN TO EQUAL PAY AND MORE.

Listed below are links to articles of interest from the AAUW e-newsletter. Be informed and follow the links to read about AAUW's policy priorities.



FAIR PAY

Gear up for Equal Pay Day. Fighting for fair pay is about more than a day. Take action now and every week leading up to April 4 with AAUW's advocacy challenges.

[Read More >>](#)



EDUCATION

Your Exclusive Tool for Title IX Advocacy
Every school is required to have a point person for implementing Title IX. Find your local contact person.

[Read More >>](#)



OUTLOOK

The Political Road Ahead

If you are craving a plan of attack for the new few years, you need to see what AAUW's top lobbyist has on her agenda.

[Read More >>](#)

The annual AAUW Funds Luncheon was on February 25th. The event was attended by 22 members of the Clayton Branch. Thank you to Susan Coulston and Lola Rohrs for organizing the luncheon with Concord Branch. The speaker this year was Abisola Kusimo.



Name Name: [Abisola Kusimo](#)

Award Year: 2016-17

Award: Selected Professions Fellowship

Institution: Stanford University

Location: Stanford, California

Discipline: Engineering - mechanical

Degree and Specialization: M.S., Design methodologies

Abisola Kusimo is pursuing a master's degree in design methodologies and manufacturing in the developing world. Her research will focus 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. She loves empowering women through spoken word poetry.

Sponsors:

1049 - San Francisco (CA) Branch/Elsa Bickel Gordan

4368 - Mildred Hart and Elisabeth Hart Bathgate

4238 - Women's University Club



Linda Pinder and Rosemary Harwood shared the Named Gift Honoree award for their work for the Branch this year.

Linda stepped up to do the Membership Directory and Rosemary agreed to take on the newsletter this year.

Both recipients were thanked for their participation with the annual Spaghetti Feed. Linda made a very organized Spaghetti Feed Binder which has been an invaluable asset year after year. She works on the fundraiser each year and spends most of the day working at the event. She often donates a beautiful quilt for the raffle.

Rosemary has been helping this year's Tech Trek Chairman with the computer requirements of this job. Computer skills have become an important part of this position. She also works on the Spaghetti Feed each year; shopping, cooking in the kitchen and storing and inventorying the boxes of equipment used from year to year.

Afternoon Book Group Selections

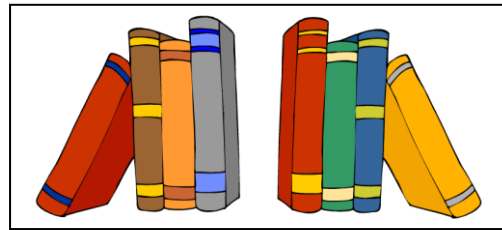
The Book Group will meet at 2:30 pm at Priscilla's on:

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

Wednesday, April 26th to discuss *The Yellow Crocus* by Laila Ibrahim.

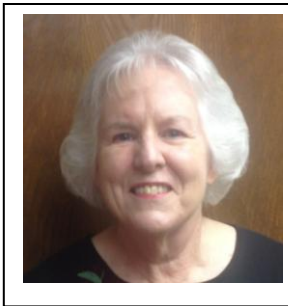
Book Club members were sent a synopsis of the above books as well as possible suggestions for further selections. Please review Jill's email to for further information or give her a call at 672-0895.

Jill Day
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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 672-1303.



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

- 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:

- 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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