

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW March 2023 NEWSLETTER

Rosemary Harwood, Newsletter Editor

2022-2023 Edition v

Fundraising Pot Luck Luncheon
Diana Bauer's House
250 Roundhill Place, Clayton
Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 12:00 Noon

Please join us for our annual "No Event - Event" to raise funds for next year's Tech Trek and College Scholarship programs.

The last few years we have been suggesting a donation of \$100, or whatever you feel you used to totally spend on our Spaghetti Feed dinners. If that isn't feasible, please give as much as you can so that we can continue to send 3 students to Tech Trek next year and offer a scholarship to a continuing DVC student.

Fiona Hughes, a representative from **Clayton Valley Village** has been invited to join us and will give a short presentation about the benefits of becoming a member of the Village or becoming a volunteer with the Village.

Please RSVP to Linda Pinder at <u>lipinder@comcast.net</u> or 510-246-1190 if you plan to attend and what item you plan to bring, a salad or dessert. **Diana** will provide beverages.

If you are unable to attend, mail your contribution to our Treasurer, **Carol Wolfe.** Checks should be made out to AAUW Clayton Branch and the memo line should read Special Projects.

AAUW CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE Diana Bauer & Linda Pinder

It was so nice to get together with our Concord AAUW friends on February 11th for our shared Funds Luncheon after two years of virtual gatherings. We had a very interesting presentation from Amal El Wardi.

After lunch and Amal's presentation, the two branches broke up to hold brief branch meetings. Our branch awarded Named Gift Honoree certificates to JoAnn Caspar and Alice Ponti for stepping in to share the VP of Programs position this year and bring us so many wonderful programs. The last one about Eastern European Egg Decorating was especially interesting and well attended. Much thanks to both JoAnn and Alice for their efforts this year. Concord branch members told us that they have not had any in-person meetings at all since before Covid hit, so we were very lucky to benefit from JoAnn's and Alice's efforts.





At the April meeting we will be voting on the slate of officers which the Board approved. Those who agreed to continue to serve are:

Position Proposed for 2023/2024

President

Linda Pinder

VP Program

JoAnn Caspar & Alice Ponti

VP Membership Lola Rohrs

VP Funds

Jan Hester & Diana Bauer

Secretary

Joan Chesterman

Treasurer

Carol Wolfe

In addition to these 5 elected positions, two of the most important jobs are appointed positions for Scholarship Coordinator and Tech Trek Coordinator. Elena Noble has agreed to continue as the Scholarship Coordinator. Robin Krizay will be Tech Trek Coordinator. This year's Coordinator, Rosemary Harwood has agreed to work with Robin.

It is with sadness that we learned about the passing of Carol Herington after a long battle with Cancer. Carol was a long time Clayton AAUW member and previous Funds Co-Chair with Jeanne Boyd. Together they did a great job organizing the Funds Luncheon with the Concord Branch. There was a gathering to celebrate Carol's life was on March 12th at La Veranda and we hope that some of you were able to attend.



Wednesday Afternoon Book Group Selections

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

March 22nd

Black Echo by Michael Connelly

April 26th

Mad Honey by Jodie Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

May 24th

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

June 28th

Henna Artist by Aka Josh

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Day Excursions

March 16, 2023

Historical walking tour (2.5 mil) and lunch in Martinez. Email Yvonne:

mossyvonne52@gmail.com for details.

There are no other excursions at this time.

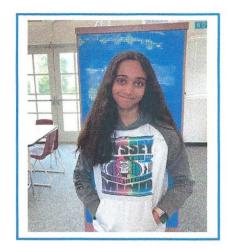


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2023 Tech Trek Girls







Isabella Murillo

Audrina Gonsalves

Senulya Senarath

The Tech Trek Committee interviewed four 7th grade girls at Diablo View School on Monday, March 6th. The committee consisted of Rosemary Harwood, TT Coordinator, Joan Chesterman, Robin Krizay and Jan Hester. As usual, the girls were outstanding and choosing one alternate was difficult to do. The level of maturity and intelligence never ceases to amaze the committee. Think about helping with interviews next year.

There is new software, CampDoc, being beta tested this year so everything online has been different and difficult. By next year hopefully the wrinkles will have been ironed out.

Just FYI, here is the new Clayton Branch AAUW logo. Next year we will start using it on our documents.

