



**Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek (CA)**



## February 2023 Advocate

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### Third Thursday Member Meeting - February



**What's Next After Foster Care?**

**Thursday February 16, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Greenbrook Clubhouse  
300 Greenbrook Drive, Danville**

#### Speakers:

**Roshawn Campbell, Coordinator for CSU East Bay Renaissance Scholars**

**Britt Wade, LCSW, Workforce Development Manager for Family Harvest Farm**

Join us for our Third Thursday Member Meeting on February 16. After our usual social time, our two guest speakers will share their important work supporting youth transitioning out of foster care.

*Roshawn Campbell* will inform us about the Renaissance Scholars Program, which aims to ensure that all former foster youth who enter CSUEB as undergraduate students complete their degree. The program promotes the holistic development and graduation rates (70%!) of former foster youth attending CSU East Bay by providing comprehensive support services through collaboration with a variety of university departments and community organizations. This critical support includes access to housing, books, supplies, financial aid and counseling. To learn more about the Renaissance Scholars Program [click here](#)

*Britt Wade's* topic will be the Family Harvest Farm, part of the John Muir Land Trust. Once a vacant lot, in 2020 this 3.5-acre parcel in Pittsburg was repurposed into a thriving organic farm. Its mission: to empower transitioning foster youth and adults to discover and participate in a local food system that encourages healthy living, nurtures the environment, and feeds the community. Family Harvest Farm employs transition-age foster youth in a hands-on job-readiness program, teaching marketable skills and preparing them for life outside the foster care system. To learn more about the Family Harvest Farm [click here](#)

**For more about the program and to RSVP [click here](#)**

## Third Thursday Member Meeting -March

**Educational Equity: Growing Healthy Kids**

**Thursday March 16, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Greenbrook Clubhouse, 300 Greenbrook Drive, Danville**



**Speaker: Laney Cline King, MSW, LCSW, GHK Program Director**

Join us for our Third Thursday Member Meeting on March 16. In addition to our usual social time, we will learn about the non-profit organization Growing Healthy Kids (GHK), and the unique garden-based science and wellness education it brings to K-12 students in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

To learn more about GHK and its programs [click here](#).

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## February Co-Presidents' Message

*By Christine Ritter and Joanne Quijano, Co-Presidents*

It's been a pretty wild winter so far; our area certainly needs the rain but maybe in smaller doses. Hope that you've fared well and avoiding flooding or other storm related problems. And we can already look forward to spring flowers and the greener hills that will emerge in the next month or two.



Chris Ritter



Joanne Quijano

We were really struck by the topic of our January member meeting. The speakers first gave us a fascinating insight into the working of a hospital emergency department. They then explained how vital it is for women who've experienced violence to get medical and other critical services to heal and to stay safe. We have posted links to the vital [Family Justice Center](#) and [STAND! For Families Free of Violence – Contra Costa County](#) which helps direct people to these needed support services in our county. Hopefully knowing about these resources will prove valuable for people in need; you never know who that might be.

On a pro-active note, one key strategy for preventing family violence is to foster women's equality enabling them to avoid toxic relationships and situations. AAUW Calif will be working on their legislative agenda for the coming Lobby Day identifying legislation critical to building women's equity.

February is Black History Month – this year's theme is "Black Resilience". We can be inspired by the many strong, tenacious people who have persevered to help move equal rights forward by serving and strengthening their communities. Here's a link to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture to explore and learn more – [click here](#).

Finally, it's application time for our Local Scholarships! [Click here](#) to download our Local Scholarships flyer so you can spread the word to your friends and colleagues. The application deadline is March 17, 2023, so please act quickly.

Stay warm, and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 16 to learn about making a difference for students transitioning out of foster care.

## February Checklist

- February 6, 4:30 – 8:00 pm – Tips for Change dinner – San Ramon AAUW
  - February 8, 10:00 – 11:30 am - New Member Social! - Peet's Coffee, Alamo Plaza
  - February 11, 11:00 am - Clayton & Concord AAUW Funds 2023 Luncheon with Fellowship speaker Amal El Wardi
  - February 16, 6:00 pm – DAW Third Thursday Member Meeting - What's Next After Foster Care? To RSVP [click here](#)
  - March 16, 6:00 pm – DAW Third Thursday Member Meeting - Educational Equity  
Save the date!
  - [Donate here](#) to support DAW branch programs
  - **Volunteer!** - We still have open positions on our branch board and committees! Learn more [here](#)
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## DAW Branch Updates

### New Member Social!

*February 8, 2023, 10:00- 11:30 am*

**At Peet's Coffee  
215 Alamo Plaza, Alamo**



Let's get social!! We are excited to get together with our newest branch members. Please come and welcome them at this casual gathering at Peet's Coffee in Alamo. It will be a great opportunity to meet new friends as well as learn more about our branch community advocacy and some of our goals for the year. Please feel free to bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please email at: [daw.aauwmembership@gmail.com](mailto:daw.aauwmembership@gmail.com).

### January Member Meeting Recap - Providing Healthcare to Women Experiencing Violence

Thank you so much to our wonderful speakers for our January meeting: Dr. William Francis, emergency room physician and Tiffany Wittmer, emergency room nurse. We learned about how patients are triaged in the ER and about how victims of domestic violence are often hesitant to seek medical care. Dr. Francis shared information about the new program he has established here in Contra Costa County called Telecare, for remote health care at no cost. Victims of domestic violence can make one call to the [Family Justice Center](#) or [STAND!](#) For Families Free of Violence to be connected with Telecare remote health care, as well as a variety of other services including legal assistance, housing, and food to address their immediate needs.

Our speakers encouraged us to continue our work to empower women as the best way to prevent domestic violence. It was an inspiring meeting and a great opportunity for about 35 of us to meet together. It was especially nice to meet our newest members so be sure to add our Third Thursday Member Meetings to your calendar!





Photo gallery from the January Third Thursday Member Meeting

## Clayton & Concord Branches - Funds Program 2023

**Feb. 11, 2023, 11:00 am**

**At Concord United Methodist Church, Ogelsby-Close Hall**

**1645 West Street, Concord**



The annual Funds Luncheon held by our friends from the Clayton and Concord AAUW branch will be in person again. DAW members are welcome to attend. Bring a dessert or salad to serve 6.

Please RSVP to Jan Hester, Clayton branch member, at [janisahester@gmail.com](mailto:janisahester@gmail.com) or 925-586-8395.

This year's Fellowship speaker is Amal El Warda.

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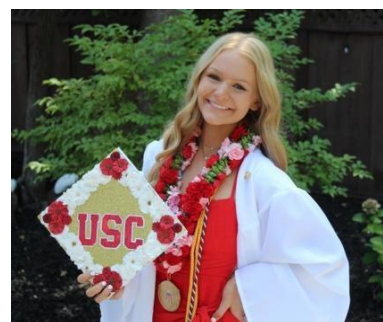
### 2022 Local Scholarship Recipients

*By Becky Bhatt, past Local Scholarship Chair*

We follow up with our Local Scholarship recipients in January to see how they are doing and how the scholarship funds have helped them. They are all enrolled full time and have excellent grades. Your support of Local Scholarship makes a difference.

Here are our notes from our 2022 awardees.

**Shelby Bates:** I am so grateful to have been selected as an AAUW scholarship recipient in 2022. My scholarship went straight to my tuition fees, which enabled me to slightly reduce my work hours and shift more of my focus towards my academics and hobbies. As I am responsible for a significant amount of my tuition, it has been a relief to know that I am much closer to paying it off because of the kindness from AAUW.

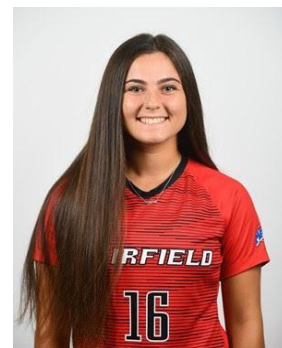


**Amy Daseking:** The AAUW scholarship helped contribute to my tuition for the fall quarter of my third year at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Some of the classes it helped me enroll in included organic chemistry, exercise physiology, motor development, and a food science course! Each of these classes had their own impact on my academic career and I am so thankful that this scholarship helped me in taking them. In organic chemistry I was pushed to go out of my comfort zone and learn topics that I never thought of before, I especially enjoyed my lab section where we made essential oils, soap, and performed lots of TLC plates to figure out the compounds in

different mixtures. Exercise physiology might have been my favorite course this past quarter as I learned so much about how the human body responds to exercise and different exercise environments. I also enjoyed the lab for this class as we performed different endurance and body composition tests. In my motor development class we had the opportunity to observe preschool and kindergarten groups according to what we were learning in class. In my food science course I was able to learn more about the food that I purchase including regulations, regulation agencies, and general properties about food and drink. All in all, I really valued this past quarter of learning and I am so thankful that this scholarship was able to help my education journey.



**Angela Filosa:** I am very grateful to have received this scholarship. The funding that I received from this award supported me through my fall semester. It covered my lab fees for both of my labs and a portion of my tuition for fall classes. This semester was unique as I was enrolled in genetics. I am on the path to becoming a Genetic counselor and this term was an important first step in exploring that passion. The lab portion of this course was especially interesting as I was learning techniques that I will use for the rest of my career. I am forever thankful for the support this program has offered me and that it has allowed me to continue to pursue both my educational and career goals.



**Tatum Hall:** Last semester I used the AAUW scholarship towards my tuition at Claremont McKenna College. One of the classes I took during the semester was a course on Russian Literature in the 19th century. During this class, I discovered a passion for Russian Literature, particularly the writings of Alexander Pushkin. Because of this discovery, I will write my senior thesis on his works in the coming semester. Moreover, the experience of taking Russian Literature not only contributed to my academic areas of interest but also helped me to improve my analytical skills as I was looking at a new style of Literature. My sharper analysis skills will help me when I start my full-time job at an investment bank, and I will need to look at companies' detailed documents.

Thank you so much again for the scholarship!

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## DAW-AAUW 2023 Local Scholarships Launch!

*By Robin Halloran and Liz Williams, Local Scholarships Co-chairs*

Our Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch has provided over \$121,000 in scholarships over the last ten years to help local college women complete their degree programs. This year the minimum scholarship award is \$2,000 or greater and will be paid no later than June 30, 2023.

Applicants must be entering into their junior year or higher, at an accredited 4-year college or university, no later than the fall of the upcoming school year after which they apply for the scholarship. In addition, applicants must be high school graduates from (or current residents) within Walnut Creek or the San Ramon Valley Unified School District's boundaries, OR be in the Renaissance Scholars program from California State University East Bay. Applications must be completed and postmarked by March 17, 2023.



For applications and a complete description of requirements see our website:

<https://daw-ca.aauw.net/local-scholarships/>

Please tell your daughters, granddaughters, nieces and interested friends about this positive DAW-AAUW program! Thank you.

## 2023 Tech Trek Update

*By Deborah Wechsler, Tech Trek Chair*

Planning and selection processes for Tech Trek STEM summer camp for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls are underway! This coming year DAW hopes to send some girls to each of the following camp opportunities: Sonoma State – June 18-24 or July 23-29, Fresno State – June TBD, and Virtual Camp – July 23-29.



*We are looking for volunteers in the following areas to support this popular and effective program.*

1. Selection/Interview Teams – Starting February with wrap-up in March
2. Workshop Instructors – more information [HERE](#)
3. Professional Women's panel at one or more camps
4. Dorm Mom
5. Ice Cream Social (1st or 2nd Sunday in June)

***Please contact Deborah Wechsler if you are interested or with any questions.***

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## TIPS FOR CHANGE – San Ramon AAUW

**Monday, February 6, 4:30 to 8:00pm**

**at Gianni's Italian Bistro, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon**

The San Ramon AAUW branch is holding a fundraising event benefiting their Tech Trek program. You will enjoy a wonderful dinner and support a worthy cause. It's a win-win!

All tips and 10% of sales go to support the organization. [Click here](#) for more information.

THIS WEEK'S DINNER SPECIALS	
July 21 - August 4	
	<b>Zuppa di Lenticchie</b> 6 cup / 9 bowl Organic Green Lentil Soup with Calabrese Sausage
	<b>Panzanella</b> 11 Cherry Tomato and Cucumber Salad with Red Onion, Basil, Garbanzo Beans, Goat Cheese, Parmesan Croutons, Spicy Gulf Shrimp and White Wine Vinaigrette
	<b>Risotto alla Milanese</b> 18 Italian Arborio Rice with Fresh Asparagus, Parmigiano Reggiano and Spanish Saffron
	<b>Pappardelle alla Val D'Aosta</b> 18 Homemade Wide Fettuccine with Smoked Pancetta, Fresh Peas and Creamy Porcini Mushroom Sauce
	<b>Barramundi al Marsala</b> 28 Pan Roasted Parmesan Crusted Filet of Barramundi Sea Bass with Marsala Wine Sauce

Go to [www.Giannissanramon.com](http://www.Giannissanramon.com) or call 925-820-6969 to make a reservation or place a to-go order.

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## Public Policy Update

*By Asha Bajaj and Ogie Strogatz, Public Policy Co-chairs*



We saw the new Congress and the battle for speakership play out as Mr. Kevin McCarthy was sworn in for the majority party in Washington.

Mr. Gavin Newsom signed several bills last month; here is a re-cap of the California issues close to AAUW public policy priorities.

### **Senate Bill 1375, reproductive access, and sanctuary state**

A new law will give qualified nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives the ability to perform first-trimester abortions in California without the supervision of a physician.

The law, Senate Bill 1375 authored by Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins, builds on two existing laws: Assembly Bill 890, which passed in 2020, and allows nurse practitioners to practice independently and Atkins' own AB 154, which passed in 2013 and permitted nurse practitioners to conduct first-trimester abortions under a doctor's supervision. In November, California voters approved Prop. 1, a ballot measure that codified abortion as a constitutional right in the state.

### **Assembly Bill 257, the FAST Recovery Act, wage and working conditions in the restaurant industry**

AB 257, or the FAST Recovery Act, would create a first-of-its-kind fast-food council to set rules for chains with a hundred or more restaurants nationally. Tia Koonse is the legal and policy research manager at the UCLA Labor Center and says pay is just one part of the plan. “AB 257 would address working conditions that have been long-standing issues in the fast-food industry,” Koonse said. “So, safety, harassment, violence, retaliation, wage theft. That’s certainly not the experience of all fast-food workers, but a significant and sizable amount; more than other industries.”

### **Assembly Bill 2282, hate crimes at schools**

Assembly Bill 2282, which takes effect on the first of the year, increases penalties for people who use hateful symbols as part of hate crimes — swastikas, nooses, desecrated crosses — and expands restricted locations to include K-12 schools and colleges. The bill was introduced in March by Democratic Assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and 17 co-authors from every legislative ethnic caucus. It passed the Senate 39-0

**Minimum wage increase**, in accordance with Senate Bill 3 passed in 2016. On Jan. 1, the minimum wage in California will increase to \$15.50 an hour. The minimum wage has been gradually increasing under a 2016 law that brought workers’ hourly minimum pay from \$10 to \$15. While larger companies hit the \$15 per hour minimum wage in January 2022, smaller businesses had an extra year to meet the requirement.

The extra 50-cent boost in 2023 is because the law includes a provision requiring the minimum wage to increase with inflation. The Department of Finance certified in July that a 7.9% year-over-year increase in the Consumer Price Index would require the minimum wage to increase to \$15.50 in 2023 for small and large businesses.

### **Senate Bill 731, expanded eligibility for sealing criminal records**

SB 731, authored by Democratic Senator Maria Elena Durazo, will allow people who have served time on or after Jan. 1, 2005, to automatically have their records expunged if they haven’t been convicted of another felony in the past four years. Those with violent or serious felonies in their backgrounds wouldn’t get their records automatically sealed, but would be able to petition a court to have them sealed. Sex offenders would not be eligible.

### **Senate Bill 1137, oil, gas, and community spaces for environmental safety**

A law requiring a 1,200-foot space between oil and gas wells and community areas will go into effect on Jan. 1. Environmental groups have rallied behind the idea of SB 1137 for years, saying that a space or “setback zone” will keep communities farther from the impacts of leaking wells and pollution.

But just after the bill was signed into law in September, a referendum effort fueled by oil and gas companies was launched to undo the ruling. Stay tuned!

### **Assembly Bill 2598, restorative justice in schools ending ‘school-to-prison pipeline’**

This new law would task the California Department of Education with developing evidence-based best practices for restorative justice. The law, authored by Democratic Assembly member Dr. Akilah Weber, is an effort to disrupt the so-called “school-to-prison” pipeline, which refers to the disproportionate and increased likelihood of students of color — particularly Black students — being disciplined in school via suspension or police to end up incarcerated as adults. Weber, a physician, said implementing restorative justice practices in schools is a manner of focusing on social determinants of health.

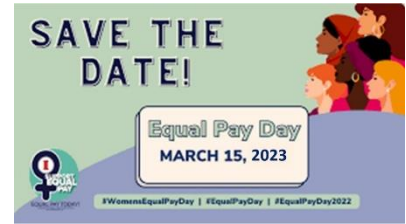
Stay alert! Stay informed! Stay engaged!



## Equal Pay Day is Wednesday, March 15, 2023

This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. (It was originally called "National Pay Inequity Awareness Day" and changed to Equal Pay Day in 1998.)



Equal Pay Day is observed on March 15 this year in the United States, but the date changes each year. It is also different for various sub-demographics; for example the wage gap is even greater for most women of color. However, Equal Pay Day is an annual observance that symbolizes the ongoing issue of pay disparity and the wage gap between men and women. Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. **Wear red on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!**

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## Interest Group Updates

### Great Decisions

The Great Decisions Interest Group is about to kick off their 2023 season with a bounty of interesting topics. There is still time for new members to join the sessions in either of the two groups which will meet once a week for 8 weeks during February and March.

- An evening group begins Monday, Feb. 6th, running from 7:00pm – 8:30pm, at the Mercer Social Room in Walnut Creek. Contact Mary Granzotto [mgranzo@earthlink.net](mailto:mgranzo@earthlink.net) for more information.
- A daytime group will be led by Asha Bajaj on Zoom from 2-4 pm starting Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please look for the link closer to the Feb. dates.

For more information about the group sessions and this year's topics, [click here](#).



**Please contact the group leaders if you would like to join in the conversation!**

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## Honoring Past Presidents of AAUW – Gratitude for their contributions!



Row 1: Jan Geahry, Roseann Krane, Chris Winter, Jo Harberson, Millie Lindsay, Marilyn Milam, Sandy Barco

Row 2: Arlene Barnett, Lynn Griffith, Martha (Gus) Slavin, Pat Kenber, Dot Healy

Row 3: Pat DeRensis, Anne Long, Carolyn Sanchez, Connie Cady, Olivia Larson, Bev Nidick

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## AAUW California Updates

### AAUW FUND

*by Karen Vanderwerken, Director, AAUW Fund Committee Chair, [aaufund@aauw-ca.org](mailto:aaufund@aauw-ca.org)*

**Cheers to All California Branch FUND Contributors!** Because of you, AAUW Fund exceeded our targeted goal of \$525,000 by an additional \$4,4682 through the end of November. And this exceeded last year's Fund donations by \$51,000! Did you notice that these figures didn't even include December's donations? So, there will be more! Yay!!! Check back next month.

Speaking of Fund, the Honorary Dianne Owens Fund was completed with total donations of \$5,845. These donations were designated for the Greatest Needs Fund too.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

*by Stormy Miller Sabia, Director, DEI Committee Chair, [diversity@aauw-ca.org](mailto:diversity@aauw-ca.org)*

**Let's Talk DEI: Recap and Thank You!** The AAUW California DEI Committee sends a great big THANK YOU for your participation in our first DEI coordinator/director community conversation - "Let's Talk DEI." While we thought we would have to spend time explaining the meaning of DEI, you have been advocating for diversity, equity and inclusion one way or another for many years in your own milieu. Those coordinators/directors who were new to DEI quickly grasped the scope of the challenge ahead and didn't seem to shy away.

Did you miss Let's Talk DEI: Session I? Here's a [link](#) and password (653525) to access the recording!

**"The Kindness of Color"** For a DEI inspiration, check out the new "Kindness of Color" program from AAUW CA. Two families: one Japanese American and one Mexican American. Two true stories of their

separate battles with racism, incarceration, and school segregation in the WWII era. Unexpectedly, their lives intersect, paving the way for a landmark court decision in California. Join author and descendant Janice Munemitsu for the intimate story of how the kindness of friends and strangers provided hope and strength to persevere against unjust treatment. To view the recorded webinar [click HERE](#)

## Membership

*by Marsha Swails, Membership Committee Chair, [membership@aauw-ca.org](mailto:membership@aauw-ca.org)*

**Women with a Dream- Let's Grow!** As I say goodbye to 2022, I often think about opportunities that I should have pursued. One particular one makes me realize that finding new members for AAUW is as simple as asking. A close friend of mine was willing to meet with my branch leadership team to talk about some creative fundraising ideas. She was about to leave on a trip to Europe when I became ill and needed surgery. After she returned and I recovered, I mentioned that I would still like her to meet with our branch leaders. She hesitated. Then she said, "I was waiting for you to ask me to join AAUW, but another friend invited me to join a group in Manhattan Beach. I just don't feel I have the time now." True confession. Here I am a leader in AAUW and I missed this opportunity. I still hope to draw her in, because I see her skill and talent. She actually wanted to find a community of women. I will not give up on her, but I see that all I had to do was ask. I truly believe she will still join! (I have a plan 😊)

What did I learn? We are dreamers. We look at the girls who join Tech Trek, Speech Trek, and now Gov Trek and we viscerally know that our mission to empower women and girls can change the world. I should never hesitate to extend the chance to simply say the words "join me" to be part of a life-changing organization.

**Growing AAUW California** - The AAUW California Membership Committee shares fresh ideas and creative approaches on how you can recruit and maintain new members. Recruiting new members is not just a branch officer's responsibility. Every member is an AAUW ambassador within our communities. Learn how to get members engaged in the work of identifying and persuading new members to join our dedicated association. *Note: Claudia Schwarz, our DAW AAUW past Membership VP shares the story of our branch recruiting strategies in this video!*

To view the recorded program [click HERE](#)

## Nominations and Elections

*by Charmen Goehring, Nominations & Elections Chair, [nominating@aauw-ca.org](mailto:nominating@aauw-ca.org)*

**Join the AAUW California Team!** This spring we will be electing a CFO, a president-elect, and three directors. Last month, we focused on the duties of the CFO. Now let's consider the responsibilities of a state director.

Directors are expected to attend monthly meetings of the state leadership team and a summer retreat. The work includes chairing a state committee, developing a strategic plan for their committee, reporting accomplishments to members at state meetings, reviewing and approving the annual state budget, communicating with other directors and branch leaders, hosting relevant webinars, organizing peer group meetings, and writing monthly articles for the Board to Board.

For a more complete description of duties and responsibilities, click HERE to read the Policies and Procedures.

Being on the board is work, but it is also a wonderful way to meet other outstanding leaders who come from all parts of California. You won't regret joining the AAUW California team!

## Public Policy

*by Kathleen Harper, Director, Public Policy Committee Chair, [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)*

**New Congress, New Legislature, New Opportunities to Get Involved in Public Policy in 2023!** Your AAUW California Public Policy team has been hard at work planning all kinds of public policy activities to engage you, your members, and your branches. Here's a preview:

- January – Lobby Days Opportunity for all members to sign up to help advocate for our priority bills. Sign up to participate and register for training [HERE](#). If you missed the January deadline and want to participate, please sign up and there may be space available
- February – [Black History Month](#).
- March – Busy Month!
  - Women's History Month
  - AAUW California Legislative Agenda released, will be available on our website
  - Equal Pay Day – March 15th\*. Opportunity to educate your community and your membership about the Gender Pay Gap
  - Lobby Days! Mandatory training for all participants on March 20th; two days of advocacy with state legislators, March 21st and March 22nd
- April – Proposed changes for 2023-25 Public Policy Priorities submitted for vote by all members. Opportunity for all members to weigh in on the committee's recommendations.
- May – Asian American and Pacific Islander Women Equal Pay Day, May 3rd
- June – Pride Month. Opportunity to educate your members on the challenges faced by women in the LGBTQ+ communities

\*Note that these dates are tentative; they are not official AAUW-confirmed dates at this point and may be subject to change.

If you joined AAUW because you believe in our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research, don't miss one or more of these opportunities to get involved!

## Gov Trek

*by Shauna Ruyle, Gov Trek Program Director, [govtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:govtrek@aauw-ca.org)*

**We are Closing the Gap!** We have a diverse group of 67 girls from across California registered for Gov Trek and we launched an amazing program on January 28th! It is so inspirational to see all the young leaders aspiring to public service and elected office who have registered for Gov Trek.

We've also invited 16 women leaders and legislators to address Gov Trek participants throughout the program. Topics covered will include elective office at different levels of government, the skills and challenges involved with holding office, and other related career paths in leadership and political participation. Excuse the name-drop! Here are just a few of our confirmed speakers:

- Ellen Montanari, Deputy Campaign Manager, Rep Mike Levin (D-CA)
- Kathleen Van Osten, AAUW Advocate and Lobbyist
- Hilary Nemchik, Strategic Communications Executive, Former Director of Communications for the San Diego City Attorney's Office
- Summer Stephan, San Diego County District Attorney

Stay tuned for more speaker announcements! These women leaders will really inspire and energize students, as well as our volunteers implementing the program. The speaker sessions will be recorded and available to AAUW California members.



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**From the Editor** *Roseann Krane*

**Contribute to the Advocate** - Send ideas, articles, and pictures by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to appear in the next issue. Please use the [Submittal Form](#) on our website to direct your contribution to the Advocate, or other DAW social media, to our communications team.

Submissions should be in the following format:

- Articles in a .doc or .docx file, or in the body of an email
- Calibri font, size 11
- Pictures in .jpg format (compressed)
- Permissions set for editing

Find contact information about people mentioned in the Advocate on our [branch website](#) and in your directory. If you do not have a directory, contact Tena Gallagher.

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**From the Treasurer** *Monika Witte*

**Handle money matters here** - Please send expense vouchers or deposits to our AAUW mailbox at: P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507 for expedited processing. Refer to our branch website for specific forms and instructions – Click on [Members Page](#)

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**From the Corresponding Secretary** *Julie Grisham*

**Know someone who needs a note?** - Julie Grisham, our Corresponding Secretary, sends cards on behalf of our branch. If you know of an AAUW-DAW member in need of a get well, condolence or congratulations card, contact Julie via email [here](#).

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