

CLAYTON AAUW OCTOBER NEWS 2010

League of Women Voters at our October 25 meeting

Our next meeting will be at Diamond Terrace at 7:30 on Monday October 25. This meeting will be a joint meeting with the Concord Branch of AAUW. Our speaker is from the [Diablo Valley League of Women Voters](#) and will provide an overview of the issues on the November ballot. This is a great opportunity to become a better informed voter before [election day](#). The meeting is open all interested voters so please inform friends and neighbors of this opportunity to hear about election issues. The Concord Branch has graciously offered to provide refreshments. *Carolyn Wetzel*

LAST CHANCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION is Monday, October 18 is the last day to register to vote before the November 2, 2010 election.

Welcome Back

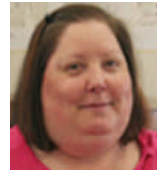
We're back...the summer break is over and we have started our new year. Our first event was the annual membership luncheon held on September 18th at La Veranda in Clayton. We had a nice turn out (missed those that couldn't be there) and welcomed several new members. The girls that participated in the Tech Trek program were there to let us in on the highlights of their week long stay.

The speaker was very entertaining, she literally had us laughing in the aisles! The membership committee, Lola, Alice and Priscilla, did a fantastic job. The table décor was Marcia Hart's beautiful Dahlias and May Ann made the cutest new member tags. Many thanks to all those that participated.

I know this will turn out to be another fun year for all of us. I hope all of you will get involved in one way or another. The interest groups are up and running, check them out.

The next Board Meeting will be on October 4th at 7:30pm in the main dining room at Diamond Terrace. The next general meeting will be on October 25th at 7:30pm in the main dining room at Diamond Terrace. Please mark your calendar; I'm looking forward to seeing all of you!

Have a great October, Judy Bates, President



AAUW FUNDS/EF Northern California Fellows Luncheon

Come and meet the women who work so hard to help through the fund raising efforts of our Garden Tour and from our members' generous donations. Twelve American and International Fellows and four Career Development Grantees are studying in Northern California this academic year. AAUW National awarded a total of 215 scholarships, research projects, and programs totaling \$3.2 million dollars this academic year.

*This year's luncheon will be held on **Sunday, October 24**, again at **Crow Canyon Country Club** from **Noon to 3:00 p.m.** introducing and celebrating the*

2010-11 Fellows and Grant Recipients studying in Northern California. Each Fellow and Grant Recipient will give an overview of her own area of study. Awardees are seated at different tables so those attending have the opportunity to personally interact with at least one Fellow. That interaction made the event even more fun and enlightening as we heard more about their personal situations, families, and motivations. It's a great way to see your contributions at work!

Cost is \$35 per person, which also covers the awardees' lunches. Reservation deadline is

October 11. Make Checks payable to "AAUW CA," indicate your branch affiliation and list one entrée choice from Azteca Chicken Salad or Chinese Chicken & Prawn Salad (Iced Tea and Dessert Included).

Mail your checks to AAUW CA Office, P.O. Box 160067, Sacramento, CA 95816-0067 or reserve on-line at www.aauw-ca.org/shop. We hope to see all of you on October 24.



Thanks to Priscilla Schmalzel for sending in photos taken at the September 2010 membership brunch meeting.

She reports "We had a nice luncheon." She hopes everyone enjoys these photos. The three girls did a nice job of telling the Clayton AAUW members about their week at the Tech Trek Camp.

The Clayton Branch is proud to sponsor these young girls so they can see what is possible in their future.





What is Tech Trek? It is a math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held. Campers are assigned either a math or a science core class that they attend daily. Off-campus field trips to encourage maximum interaction and instruction are also planned. Most important of all is the university campus experience. No matter what campus they attend, campers will have the opportunity to live the life of a college student for the week.

Tech Trek Reunion: All former Tech Trekkers are invited to this special event! Come share your current achievements with your former camp-mates, hear special, influential speakers, and show your support to the organization that has given to many communities. The complimentary reunion will be held May 2nd in San Ramon, CA. More information will be posted shortly. Mark your calendars for this terrific opportunity! [Click here to register for Tech Trek Reunion 2010](#)

Impact Study: In early 2007, participants from the first four years of the AAUW California Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls (1998-2001) were surveyed about the impact of their camp experience on their attitudes and subsequent academic and personal choices. Respondents were largely enthusiastic about their time at Tech Trek, many saying that it had been the most influential personal or academic experience of their middle school years. [Click here to view the full results of the study.](#)

AAUW member volunteers serve as counselors (surrogate mothers), nurses, classroom aides, and fill in as needed. They provide the opportunity to bring like-minded middle school girls together for a week of involvement in math and science enrichment activities, which are fun while educational. Junior Counselors, former Tech Trek campers who return as helpers when they are in high school, are now an indispensable part of program. Recent college grads serve as Senior Counselors.

2011 GREAT DECISIONS AAUW PROGRAM

The topics areas that will be covered in the *Great Decisions 2011* briefing book can be found below.

Rebuilding Haiti
U.S. National Security
Horn of Africa
Responding to the Financial Crisis
Germany Ascendant
Sanctions and Nonproliferation
The Caucasus
Global Governance



Our discussion group which is held Mondays at 3:30-4:45 during February and March 2011.

Great Decisions, the centerpiece of the longest-running civic education program in the United States devoted to foreign affairs, empowers readers to discuss global issues shaping U.S. foreign policy and the world. The briefing book provides historical background, current U.S. policy and alternative policy options, informative maps and detailed graphs, suggested readings and resources, as well as opinion ballots for each topic.

*Any individual with an interest in expanding his/her knowledge of international relations as well as engaging in active discussion of crucial global issues is welcome to join our local AAUW **Great Decisions** discussion group. Great Decisions is used by a wide range of people, from high school students to retirees, and participation is not limited to those with an expert knowledge of foreign affairs.*

Participants consider discussion groups a "safe" environment because they provide everyone with the opportunity to speak. Each participant's point of view carries equal weight and everyone is encouraged to share opinions and ideas. Consensus is not a goal. Discussion Group participants do not attempt to "convert" participants, because there is a mutual respect for each member's experiences, value systems and beliefs. The true focus of the Discussion Group is the critical examination of all issues and opinions, each recognized as equally valid.

The American Foreign Policy Association strives to help Americans gain a better understanding and interest in significant world issues in the belief that in a democracy a concerned and informed public is the foundation for an effective foreign policy. Through the Opinion Balloting process, the Great Decisions program not only facilitates greater citizen understanding of important global issues, but offers Americans an opportunity to make their views known to policymakers.

The Great Decisions 2011 topics are listed below. The cover price of the Great Decisions 2011 briefing book will be \$20.00. Contact JoAnn Caspar if interested in participating.

Please note that the final titles and order of the topics is subject to change.

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AAUWCA ACTION ALERT SYSTEM

Register now and make it easy to be active for AAUW. Contact your legislators, lobby for AAUW-supported bills as they are being heard in the legislature. Go to www.aauw-ca.org, click on advocacy, Public Policy and California Action Alerts.

Mark your calendar now for General meeting events:

November 22: "Volunteer_Niight" 7:30pm Diamond Terrace

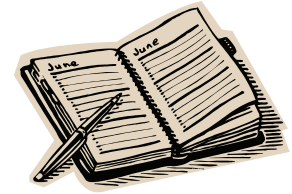
December 5: Holiday Party 5:30pm at Luz Argyriou's Home

January 24: TBD 7:30pm Diamond Terrace

February 19: EF Luncheon 11:30am Methodist Church in Concord

March 23: Annual Spaghetti Dinner [Fundraiser](#) 5:30pm Endeavour Hall,

April 25: TBD 7:30pm Diamond Terrace



Reading Group

CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW COUPLES BRIDGE 2010-2011

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argyriou@sbcglobal.net	Luz Argyriou	January 22
deatkinson@sbc.global.net	Joyce Atkinson	February 26
msbooks2@comcast.net	Jeanne Boyd	May 28
chesterman@astound.net	Joan Chesterman	November 27
bfogerson@comcast.net	Barbara Fogerson	March 26
sanhan@astound.net	Sandy Hansen	October 23
rfharwood@sbcglobal.net	Rosemary Harwood	April 23
hazy@astound.net	Mary Ann Hayes	June 25
allegramills@sbcglobal.net	Allegra Mills	July 23
lolarohrs@msn.com	Lola Rohrs	September 25
candjwolfe@aol.com	Carol Wolfe	August 29

Lunch and Movie section will be meeting this year at Fiore Restaurant at 12:30 on the fourth Wednesday each month.

Then we can car pool to the theatre. Hope to see you at Flore.

Please email JoAnn Caspar if you are attending so she can make lunch reservations.



Spotlight on Interest Sections

USED BOOK SALE

Sat., Oct. 16th, 10-6
Sun., Oct. 17th, Noon-4

CCLF member only preview
(Membership available at the door.)

Fri., Oct. 15th, 4-7 PM

Clayton Community Library
6125 Clayton Rd.
Old Town Clayton

Most Books - \$1

**Most Childrens
Books 50¢**

Half off most
Remaining books
Sunday 12-4 PM

Sponsored by
Clayton Community Library Foundation



Convention Information on Facebook

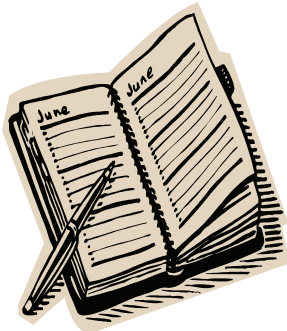
The 2011 AAUW National Convention is now on Facebook. From web stickers to workshops, Breaking through Barriers Awards, and blogs, this is your convention go-to page. [Visit today](#) and be sure to "Like" the page to stay up to date on the latest convention news.

Seeking Nominees for Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award

AAUW invites nominations for the prestigious Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award. Established in 1989, this biennial award honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equity and education for women and girls. Please [visit our website](#) to nominate a deserving woman, institution, or organization.

www.claytonaauw.org

News from Association



USA Science & Engineering Festival

Join AAUW at the first [USA Science & Engineering Festival](#) on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., October 23-24, 2010. Visit the AAUW booth or [volunteer](#) and enjoy hands-on activities for girls.

AAUW Lobby Corps Celebrates 35th Anniversary

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the [AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps](#). In June, AAUW hosted a Capitol Hill reception to celebrate the Lobby Corps and share its successes with AAUW board members and congressional staff. AAUW is proud to [celebrate](#) this milestone with the Lobby Corps, and we look forward to the next 35 years.

Empower Students to Be Leaders in Your Community: The 2010-11 [AAUW Student Advisory Council](#) and [AAUW Campus Action Project](#) applications are due in October. These are great opportunities for you to support campus women leaders and [build relationships](#) with colleges and universities in your community.

We are facing another extremely important election next month where California will elect new leaders. Even though AAUW CA is not supporting any propositions this election, and therefore branches may not take positions, we are interested in these issues. Members have been following pros and cons in the propositions, and reading the positions of the candidates running for the offices of governor, senator and legislator. Their views appear in the daily news and opinion sections, and soon voter handbooks will provide more information. The League of Women Voters also provides information to the public.

AAUW is known for its keen interest in education at all levels, preschool through graduate school. In her latest message, Sue Miller, AAUW CA Vice President and Public Policy Director, has suggested that EdSource has valuable information about this on its website.

EdSource is independent, nonpartisan, and a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to explain complex education issues, and suggest policy decisions to improve public schools. It compares the positions of Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman on education issues.

Look at this information at http://www.edsource.org/sys_election_platforms.html. Also find information about the non-partisan candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

AAUW CA is studying the California Budget Process and seeking solutions for improvement. The final AAUW CA report, to be approved by the Board, will be sent to the new governor and state legislative leaders. You can find the study outline at our website at www.aauw-ca.org/. The California Budget Process is extremely dysfunctional, and needs major work to improve it. As we know, this is the longest span of time we have been without an agreed upon budget.

We will soon receive the fall issue of the state publication Perspective. This will cover much of what is happening in AAUW statewide.

The Every Member Survey that gives each member an opportunity to vote on Public Policy Priorities that will guide decisions about public policy for the period of 2011-13 will be coming soon. The survey can either be done online at AAUW - Public Policy, or by mailing a hard copy to the state office.

The news from Washington DC is that The Paycheck Fairness Act has been placed on the Senate Calendar. Senator Harry Reid reintroduced the act (S 3772) and put it on the legislative calendar in an attempt to overcome potential procedural roadblocks. It is intended to give women the tools they need to obtain equal pay for equal work. If you haven't done so, please call the offices of your senators, and tell them to ask the senators to vote for this vital and necessary bill.

Did you know that women earned more doctorates than men in the United States in 2008-09? AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill was quoted on the front page of the Washington Post highlighting this first ever news! Despite gains across academe, women still face systemic disparities in wages. As our economy continues to struggle, and more women assume the role of breadwinner, families need this money more than ever.