



Clayton AAUW

September 2011 e-news

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Please send your check today to register for this event.

2011 – 2012 Funds Fellows and Grant Recipients Studying in California

October 23, 2011, time 12:00 noon
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA
\$35 how much per person
RSVP Deadline: October 11, 2011

Featuring: Fellows and Grantees

Our October general meeting will be the 2011-2012 Funds - Fellows and Grant Recipients Studying in California. Please join us for this outstanding event where members from other East Bay AAUW branches also participate. Bring your daughters and granddaughters to hear these inspiring women talk about the studies and struggles.

These women our the future leaders of America. Do not miss this meeting.

Send RSVP check payable to AAUW CA
AAUW CA OFFICE, PO BOX 160067,
SACRAMENTO CA 95816-0067

Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville
\$35 for your choice of entree:
Sunburst Chicken Salad, Prawn Salad, or
Fruit Salad (Vegetarian)

Registration deadline 10/12

Link: <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?475930>

The September 26th general meeting time has been moved up to 7:00 pm. See the attached flyer.

The Tech Trek attendees and their mothers will be there to give us an overview of their summer Tech Trek experiences and join us for dessert. It is important that this presentation start promptly at 7:00, so please arrive 5 - 10 minutes early.

After their presentation, we will all enjoy some dessert before the next phase of the meeting which will be a presentation at 7:30 about Charter Schools in general. This will NOT specifically address Clayton Valley HS.

PLEASE - REMEMBER TO COME EARLY FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TECK TREK ATTENDEES PUT ON A WONDERFUL PRESENTATION FOR CBCA LAST MONTH, AND I THINK YOU WILL ALL ENJOY MEETING THEM.

For further info, contact Carolyn Wetzel at 672-0700.



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- Simply signup at www.escrip.com. Register your credit cards, debit/ATM cards, grocery and retail loyalty cards. Note that eScrip is a very reputable program widely used by thousands of other schools and nonprofit groups. **Sycamore Valley Elementary earned \$ 26,972 through Escrip.**
- Designate 137683940** as the group you support. Then use you registered cards at your usual merchants or restaurants. There is **no cost** to you. A donation will then be routed by eScrip to AAUW.
- For dining, if you are interested in who participates, look at the list at eScrip Dining. For example, there are many restaurants that will donate via eScrip. Just use a registered card to pay for your meal. No extra effort required.
- For online purchases, there is one easy additional step to get the donation back to AAUW. Click on the eScrip Online Mall at www.escrip.com, select your preferred merchant and the link takes you directly to their site where you shop as you normally would. The only difference is that AAUW now receives a donation.

Questions? Feel free to contact Jill Day

AAUW is pleased to collaborate for a second year with [She Should Run](#) as a part of our highly successful [Elect Her](#) initiative. She Should Run is a program that provides the resources and information needed to help women explore whether public office is right for them. This collaboration is an important aspect of Elect Her, which builds the pipeline of women running for office in order to diminish the long-standing gender gap in political leadership.

- Through the She Should Run online tool, individuals can nominate themselves or encourage women they know to run for office.
- She Should Run also provides a monthly newsletter and companion notebook that demystifies the process of running for office and includes resources, training, and information about running for office nationwide.

She Should Run is forming state partnerships in all 50 states to ensure that more women know about the program at the local level. Since AAUW works so closely with She Should Run, we would love for you to get more involved!

You can collaborate with She Should Run at the state or branch level by including She Should Run on your website and providing information about the program at state and branch meetings. AAUW and She Should Run want to make sure that women in your community have the local resources and connections they need to explore whether running for office is the right path for them.

To receive the She Should Run logo, information for your website, and brochures for your meetings, please contact Julie Daniels, She Should Run programs director, at 202/393-8164 or by e-mail at Julie@wcfonline.org.

Selection Panelists Needed

AAUW's review and selection panelists are seasoned experts in academia and the professions who analyze the thousands of applications for AAUW's fellowships and grants. We are always seeking new talent and expertise. Visit the [Fellowship and Grant Selection Panels](#) web page, and please pass the information on to your networks!

Last year I read applications for grants. It was rewarding to be able to give \$72,000 in grants to deserving women. Do apply to be a reader. If you have questions concerning this position, email rkrane@yahoo.com. Roseann Krane

Get the Latest on AAUW Fellowships and Grants

Applications for all programs are currently available. [Deadlines and eligibility requirements](#) are posted on the association website.

As I read the applications for grants I kept thinking my friends and even I could have qualified for these grants if only we had applied. Do apply today.

AAUW Marks Women's Equality Day with HERvotes Coalition

AAUW joined forces with other women's organizations on Women's Equality Day, August 26, to show Congress that we will [make our collective voices heard](#) during the 2012 elections. The [HERvotes](#) coalition announced plans to preserve women's [health and economic rights \(HER\)](#) and mobilize women voters. AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman's remarks about the initiative were quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Houston Chronicle*, the *Philadelphia Business Journal*, the *Sacramento Bee*, and on Examiner.com.

Legal Advocacy Fund Informational Call

On Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m. EDT, you can hear case updates and program information during a conference call with LAF staff that is open to all AAUW members. Please RSVP to laf@aauw.org by Tuesday, September 27, to receive the call-in information. A transcript of the call will be available on request starting September 30.

October 15 Summit on Workplace Sexual Harassment

AAUW is a [co-sponsor](#) of "[Anita Hill 20 Years Later: Sex, Power, and Speaking Truth](#)," a daylong [summit](#) and evening performance about workplace sexual harassment that will take place on October 15 at Hunter College in New York City. [Register online](#); attendance costs \$20 and is free for students! For those in the area, please share this information with your networks — it promises to be a terrific event with fantastic speakers. You won't want to miss it! Questions? E-mail info@anitahill20.org.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 24 ,2011 @ 7:30 PM

General Meeting Presentation by CERT
(Community Emergency Response Team)

Carolyn Wetzel

AAUW CA Welcomes New Advocate, Shannon Smith- Crowley

Shannon Smith-Crowley has been retained by AAUW CA as our new legislative advocate, effective July 1, 2011. Shannon earned her law degree from California Western School of Law, and holds a Masters in Health Administration from the University of Southern California, as well as Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with Concentration in Information Sciences from the University of California Santa Cruz. In 2003 she founded Partners in Advocacy, a legislative and regulatory advocacy firm.

In addition to representing AAUW CA before the California Legislature, she will be improving communication to AAUW members about legislation on both our website www.aauw-ca.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/aauwca. The Public Policy section of our website already reflects Shannon's work in making timely updates on AAUW CA's bill package available to members. Welcome, Shannon!

Greetings,

I hope your year is off to a roaring start, and enthusiasm for AAUW is building! Public Policy is an important component of our Advocacy on behalf of women and girls.

Legislature Sends Bills to Governor Brown

After a flurry of late-evening activity, the California Legislature concluded its 2011 session on September 9. Of the 49 bills being supported or followed by AAUW CA, 16 have been passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor. Key among these:

- SB 14 (Wolk) **State Budget** - Requires performance based budgeting by state agencies after 2013.
- SB 15 (DeSaulnier) **State Budget** - Requires multi-year budgeting.
- SB 222 (Evans) **Maternity coverage**: requires every individual health insurance policy to provide coverage for maternity services.
- AB 9 (Ammiano) **Bullying** - local educational agencies must adopt policies to prohibit discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, receive and investigate complaints, and require school personnel who witness such acts to take immediate steps to intervene, investigate and resolve complaints.
- AB 90 (Swanson) **Human trafficking** - current law, the California Control of Profits of Organized Crime Act, provides the procedure for the forfeiture of property and proceeds acquired through a pattern of criminal profiteering activity. This bill includes within the definition any crime in which the perpetrator induces, encourages, or persuades, or causes through force, fear, coercion, or violence, a person under 18 to engage in a commercial sex act.
- AB 499 (Atkins) **Minors Medical Care** - For minors 12 and older, adds to current law the right to consent to medical care related to the prevention of a sexually transmitted disease.
- AB 568 (Skinner) Requires law enforcement personnel to use the least restrictive restraints on pregnant inmates.

Governor Brown has until October 9 to sign or veto bills. Go to the [Public Policy](#) section of our website to look for updates. Our new lobbyist, Shannon Smith-Crowley is keeping current our legislative summary on the website, posting on Facebook and preparing our Action Alerts. Great work, Shannon!

AAUW CA has received an Impact Grant from AAUW national to develop and implement a Voter Education project. The education focus will be on the impact of federal and state budget cuts on women, in the areas Education; Healthcare including Reproductive Freedom; Social Security changes including potential privatization; Safe Campuses and Communities; and the Social Safety Net for low-income women, children, the disabled, and elderly. These touch all of us!

Study the California Initiative Process!

Did you know that Ballot Initiatives, when passed, actually amend the California Constitution?

In 1911, an amendment to the California Constitution established the California Initiative process, giving voters the right to enact legislation, a power equal to the power of the legislative branch of state government. At that time, progressives were concerned about the influence that moneyed interests, such as the Southern Pacific Railroad, exercised over the legislature led the movement. In this century the process has now become dominated by moneyed interests who can pay signature gathers in order to get their special issues on the ballot.

Some initiatives previously passed have constrained the allocation of tax revenues and affected the state budget process. There are increasing calls for making modifications to the Initiative process. This led the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee to recommend that branches study the Initiative process, in similar fashion as the State Budget Study was conducted earlier this year. Branches do individual studies and make recommendations. All branch studies are combined by the Committee into a single document which, after approval by the AAUW CA Board, is distributed to State Elected Officials.

Please consider taking part in this study. The combined work of AAUW's educated members gains respect for our organization and is an opportunity to influence public policy. Contact Sue Miller, if you are interested in doing a study or if you have questions.

With best regards,
Sue Miller, AAUW VP, [Public Policy Director](#)

Centennial Program for 10/10/11

The final program for 10/10/11. AAUW CA with the assistance of AARP will host the final reception where the Secretary of State will be featured. Come join us. in Sacramento.

Gloria Taylor, CO-President AAUW California and
CO-Chair California Women's Suffrage Centennial, Celebration Committee

Centennial PROGRAM 2011

Monday, October 10, 2011 - experience the victory!

(Voters registration all day at the California Museum and 12-3 pm outside Capitol)

- 9:30 am Gather at the California Museum – 1020 “O” Street
Site to assemble for the stroll and craft corner.
Sign making and storytelling for all ages.
“American, the Beautiful” with alternative lyrics song by Rev. Janice Steele
- 10:30 am Celebration Stroll – Stroll in a lively procession on the sidewalks down 10th Street to the North Steps of the Capitol (L Street side) with banners, signs and lusty voice.
- 11:00 am Capitol Steps program –
Welcome – Centennial Co-Chairs
“Star Spangled Banner” song by Belinda Liu
Elected officials and invited guests and California Suffrage Singers
- 12 Noon All Activities inside the Capitol must enter “L” Street security doors
- 12:15, 1:15, 2:15 Intermittent Living History Presenters –California Suffragists (Cynthia Arella as Maud Younger, Linda Milliken as Caroline Severance, Leslie Ragsdale as Clara Shortridge Flotz, Andrea Riggs as Selena Solomon and Chuck Arella as John Braly)
- 12:15 & 2:15 “The Girl from Colorado or the Conversion of Aunty Suffridge,” a short play.
(Peter Bassford as Reverend, Alida Hinton as Constance, Kiki Arnaudo as Aunty Suffridge and Chuck Arella as Professor)
- 1 pm Suffrage Singers – Ground Floor Rotunda (Katie Riggs, Kiki Arnaudo, Elsa Schafer, Cathy Foxhoven and Jan Robertson)
- 1-3 pm Have your photo taken if dressed in period clothes or suffrage colors (free in Eureka Room in the Capitol basement cafeteria)
- 1; 30 & 2:15 Dramatic Reading of Proposition 4 – (for and against permitting women to vote)
Presented by law students from McGeorge School of Law
- 2:30 – 6 p.m. Meet the Authors & Book signing - California Museum in the Secretary of State Complex– Robert P. Cooney, Claire Rudolph Murphy Claire Noonan and Mae Silva
- 4-5 p.m. Presentations – “The Sixth Star Suffragists” with actors in earlier roles and Valerie Purnell as Naomi Talbert Anderson and Jim Holmes as Senator A. Sargent
Encore: performance: “We Did It for You!”
- 4 - 6:30 pm Reception and Closing Ceremony with Secretary of State Debra Bowen. Official half-hour program starting at 5:30 pm include remarks from Secretary of State Bowen and elected officials reading of SCA 4 pro and con. Program concludes with passing of banner to the next state.

You might be interested in this young woman who has founded a school in Rwanda. She and two students will be in San Francisco on Oct.6. This is a good chance to see someone who is following AAUW's mission!

International Relations

Metropolitan *Safari* 2011



The Akilah Institute for Women cordially invites you to spend an inspirational evening with Co-Founder Elizabeth Dearborn Davis and special guests from Kigali, Rwanda. Two of our students, Allen and Noella, are making the journey from Rwanda to the United States for the first time to meet supporters and share their life-changing experiences at Akilah. Come meet them and learn more about the work of Akilah. All proceeds from the evening will support the Akilah Institute for Women.

This event is one of many the students will be attending during their 10 weeks in the US. Events will also occur in Tampa, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco Bay Area, New York, Providence, Ithaca, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.



Allen Kazarwa

Thursday, October 6, 2011
6:30 pm Appetizers, Wine & Presentation

Monroe
473 Broadway Street
San Francisco CA 94133
Hosted by Tyler Dikman

Tickets: \$35 per person
Tickets available at www.metropolitiansafari.org

Please email any questions to
Jennifer DeSimone at jen@akilahinstitute.org



Noella Abijuru



The Akilah Institute for Women is a college in Kigali, Rwanda preparing the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs. Our first Diploma, Hospitality Management, prepares young women to find meaningful employment and launch ventures in the fastest growing sector of the economy.

The Akilah Institute is an initiative of Project Akilah, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax deductible according to law.

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