



# Branch Lines

AUGUST  
2017

American Association of  
University Women



*Celebrating Fifty Years!*

*1967-2017*

## Kick-Off Brunch

**Wednesday, September 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Sierra Pines, 7600 Whistlestop Lane, Sun City Roseville**

Hear nationally acclaimed journalist **Michelle Carter** talk about her experiences in Russia during the “Bubble of Freedom” in the 1990’s, the pre-Putin era. *From Under the Russian Snow* is a searing personal memoir of her year in Russia as a U.S. appointed Journalist-in-Residence when she attempted to “midwife” Russian journalists through the birth of a free press after the fall of the Soviet Union, working her way across 11 time zones in some of Russia’s more primitive sectors.

Michelle was our speaker for the first Kick-Off program in 2011, when she told of her experience in a male dominated profession and her hopes of writing this memoir. She is also:

- \* Co-author of the 1993 publication *Children of Chernobyl: Raising Hope From the Ashes* and chair of The Children of Chernobyl Project of Northern California, which raised over \$500,000 worth of chemotherapy drugs and two tons of medical supplies for hospitals in Belarus, Minsk.
- \* A 19th California Assembly District Woman of the Year.
- \* Former staff member and then managing editor of the *San Mateo Times*.
- \* Retired Professor of Journalism at Notre Dame de Namur college in Belmont
- \* An AAUW Member of the San Carlos Branch.

Michelle’s book can be pre-ordered in paperback from Amazon or Barnes and Noble but will also be available for purchase at the Kick-Off. Guests will have an opportunity to ask the author questions and have books signed at the Kick-Off.

**Menu: Quiche, muffins, fruit, mimosas, and orange juice**

**Cost: \$12**

**Make your check out to AAUW and send to Barbara Fraivillig  
(Address in Branch Handbook)**

**Reservation Deadline: September 10th**

## President's Message By Kathy Novotny

### ***Celebrating Our Fiftieth Year!***

I'm writing this message while attending the AAUW National Convention with a group from our branch, and it's been an exciting experience.

While here we've been inspired by a wonderful line up of speakers, met members from all additional states, attended some very informative workshops, and participated in daily dialogues to discuss the challenges still facing women.

In addition, AAUW branch members "stormed" Capitol Hill to meet their Senators and Congressperson; unfortunately, due to the tragic incident on Tuesday morning, the meetings set for the California delegation with Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris, and Congressman Tom McClintock were with their staff, but our voices were heard loud and clear. (See article on page 3 on national convention for explanation.)



**Our 2017-2018 Branch President  
Kathy Novotny**

One of my favorite things about AAUW as an organization is that we're able to enrich our local community while advocating for women on a national level. 2017-2018 is a celebratory year for this branch: the 50th anniversary. Our programs throughout the year will remind members of the historic founding in 1967 when the country was undergoing great change and women were speaking out for equal rights. Sixty women formed the first branch in the Roseville area, and the membership has continued to grow over the years, including all of South Placer. I am looking forward to the Kick-Off on September 20 when we will hear an engaging speaker who has championed women's rights and a free press for most of her life. I also look forward to sharing some of the highlights from the national convention and the activities planned for the branch for 2017-2018.

### **Adele Tarantino Is Given a Special President's Award By Kathleen Crawford**



Adele Tarantino, editor/publisher of *Branch Lines*, was given a special service award by Branch President Kathleen Crawford for Adele's many years of service producing a highly acclaimed newsletter eleven months a year. Totally surprised by this special recognition, Adele was nearly speechless as she gratefully accepted the applause from her many fellow members along with a beautiful orchid plant. Adele works long hours each month to provide members an attractive, well organized newsletter that has been recognized as one of the best in the state. Thanks, Adele, for all you do!

## AAUW Lobby Day, National Convention in DC for 4 days by 6 branch members

Our Roseville South-Placer Branch was well represented at national convention June 14-17 in Washington, D.C., by (in last name alpha order) Kathleen Crawford, Lora Finnegan, Carolyn Garfein, Kathy Kort, Sue Miller, and Kathy Novotny. This group included the branch outgoing President, the branch incoming President, two past Presidents of the branch, a state board leader, and a former national President. We were certainly a powerful group, deeply committed to the values and mission of AAUW.



Lora Finnegan, Sue Miller, Kathy Kort  
Kathy Novotny, Kathleen Crawford  
Carolyn Garfein



Welcome to National Convention

This opportunity gave us memorable speakers (see next paragraph), workshops, national board elections, and the first exposure to our new Chief Executive Officer, Kimberly Churches, as well as Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. In our briefing for Lobby Day, we reviewed the AAUW Public Policy positions and the new research study "Deeper in Debt, Women and Student Loans." Our CA delegation met with staff members for Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris in the Hart Senate Lobby. Both Senators have a 100% voting record on voting for AAUW legislative recommendations and proposals. Our branch members Sue Miller (co-chair of the CA AAUW Public Policy Committee) and Kathleen Crawford presented the specific requests "asks" for legislative support on issues regarding Title IX and Student Loan Debt to both Senators' staff members who were very receptive and supportive. In the afternoon, the CA delegation split into smaller groups to meet with their congressional representatives. Our branch members were joined by a Mariposa branch member, also represented by Congressman McClintock with a 22% record of supporting AAUW legislative issues. His staff member was non-committal on the likelihood of his support for our position on funding the Office of Civil Rights (Title IX enforcement) and proposals to increase Pell Grant funding to lower the need for such extensive student debt or refinancing student loan debt to allow for easier repayment of the principal loan.

The highlights of the convention included Judy Woodruff (PBS Newshour anchor) who spoke on Wednesday evening, the day after the shooting of Congressman Scalise. Seeing and experiencing the security measures all over Capitol Hill drove home the gravity of the situation. Friday evening featured two incredible speakers: Dr. Tererai Trent and Supreme Court Justice Sonya Sotomayor. Dr. Trent was the Alumnae Recognition Awardee as a scholar, humanitarian, educator and a 2001-2 AAUW International Fellow from Zimbabwe. Her personal life story is compelling, and coming from an oral African tradition, she is an incredible story teller. She is the author of "The girl who buried her dreams in a can," a story of hope and perseverance.

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Secret Service Security around Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor was on high alert, but Justice Sotomayor continued her interview while walking around the large convention banquet hall getting up close and personal with every table. She did warn the audience to "make no sudden moves." Her interview was conducted by Executive Director Kimberly Churches following her from table to table as Justice Sotomayor answered all the questions on her career, her interests, and the collegiality of the Supreme Court, while holding strong divergent opinions based in the law and constitution. Our members all considered Friday evening to be the highlight of the convention. Be certain to ask any of us about our impressions.



Sonya Sotomayor with Secret Service speaking to our branch delegates



Kathy Kort, Kathy Novotny, Carolyn Garfein with new National Board Chair Julia T. Brown

The national board elections resulted in Julia T. Brown to lead our organization as National Board Chair. The proposed by-laws change to eliminate the degree requirement was once again defeated. The business session informed us of the financial issues facing our organization and the announcement that the next national convention is being postponed to 2020 (rather than 2019) to coincide with and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Woman's Right to Vote. The recently hired CEO Kimberly Churches spoke of her career experience (most recently with the Brookings Institute) and her personal affinity for the AAUW mission, values, and goals as a working woman and the mother of a young daughter.

The plenary session speakers and workshops provided fuel for thought and action. For instance, Linda DiVall (Executive Officer of American Viewpoint, a political consultant) advised that there are over 50 specific subtypes of female voters! The convention started early in the day and extended into the evening, allowing little time for exploring D.C.—although individually each of us managed a little time for our bucket list, i.e., the WWII memorial, the Newseum or dinner in Georgetown. Our time at convention strengthened our commitment to AAUW on both the macro and micro levels of national, state and our branch. Attending with 800 like-minded women from every corner of our country was affirming and inspiring. As soon as plans are announced for the 2020 national convention, plan to join our delegation!

**Kathleen Crawford, Lora Finnegan, Carolyn Garfein, Kathy Kort, Sue Miller, & Kathy Novotny**



## Area girls win AAUW-RSP scholarships

By Lora Finnegan, High School Scholarships Chair

Five South Placer County high school students won scholarships given by our branch this year. At awards assemblies held recently at Lincoln, Roseville, Oakmont, and Antelope high schools, five graduating girls were each given the \$500 AAUW-RSP scholarship. The winners are: Alla Klimkiv and Yazim Renteria-Sanchez of Antelope High School, Sandra Ines Diaz of Lincoln High School, Rylee Primavera of Oakmont High School, and Iulia Tarasova of Roseville High School.

Says AAUW-RSP President Kathleen Crawford, "This is our second year sponsoring scholarships for graduating female high school seniors in the South Placer community. Our AAUW members strongly support educational opportunities, and we recognize the need to do more in our area to support such deserving and qualified young women to become our future leaders."

In making the selections, High School Scholarship Chair Lora Finnegan was assisted by committee members Nancy Chapman, Jackie Lamb, Patricia Lane, and Cleo Postle; committee members had roughly 50 applications from six area schools to judge.

To be considered for the award, each applicant had to submit an essay and three letters of recommendation, have a GPA of at least 2.5 or higher, and have a college admission letter. In addition, criteria considered includes financial need, community or work experience, and school activities.



← Sandra Diaz  
of Lincoln High  
receives her award from  
Cleo Postle



Iulia Tarasova →  
of Roseville High  
accepts her award  
from Lora Finnegan

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By Lora Finnegan, High School Scholarships Chair



← Rylee Primavera  
of Oakmont High  
poses with her award  
from Patricia Lane

Alla Klimkiv →  
of Antelope High  
shows off her  
AAUW award



Yazmin Renteria-Sanchez  
of Antelope High School  
← displays her  
AAUW award



## Eleanor Roosevelt Award Winners for 2016-2017

Each year branch members nominate two women to receive the Eleanor Roosevelt award, recognizing their outstanding contribution to the branch. The winner's names are kept secret until the Installation and Awards Luncheon, when they are announced and awarded a certificate of recognition.

This year's recipients reflect two models of excellent contribution to the branch: one who has served on the branch board in many different leadership positions, and the other, whose talent, time, and effort was demonstrated by her service on various committees. And both are extraordinarily modest about their achievements.

### **This year's winners are Sue Orvis and Lora Finnegan**

#### **Sue Orvis**

Sue was branch co-president in 2009-2010, but her service to the branch did not stop there. Subsequently, she has continued to serve the branch in some capacity in every single year. Sue was co-chair of the Sierra College leadership programs and college scholarship chair. This year she agreed to take on one of the most demanding positions in the branch, Outreach Vice President, where she oversees AAUW Funds, High School Scholarships, Sierra College Leadership and Re-Entry scholarships; also Tech Trek and Speech Trek.

#### **Lora Finnegan**

As a member of the Philanthropy Committee and the Marketing Committee, Lora has made exceptional contributions to branch fundraising and visibility. She researched, organized, and oversaw Antique Answers, one of the most successful branch fundraisers. She was a key member of the Women of Distinction committee, using her connections as a former editor at *Sunset* magazine to secure the first WOD honoree. Lora designs flyers and writes newspaper articles publicizing all of our branch events. And this year she chaired the first year of our High School Scholarship program.

**Congratulations to these dedicated and very hard working branch members for all that they have done over the past years. Carolyn Garfein presents awards to recipients.**



## Need Committee Members for 2018 Women of Distinction Event



**Many Hands  
A great accomplishment:  
Women of Distinction Event  
Be part of the Branch's Continuing  
Fundraising Event of the Year!**

**Are you a leader or manager? Do you like a challenge?  
Do you work well with others to accomplish a task?**

The Philanthropy Committee is recruiting for Chair or Co-chairs and committee members for next year's Women of Distinction event. This is an amazing opportunity to contribute to this AAUW Branch's growth. The first two years of WOD have been very successful. As the event continues to grow, we are seeking new ideas to enhance the already defined structure. There are many opportunities (raffle, program, venue/caterer, awards, etc.) to be part of making this major Branch fundraiser a success. Women of Distinction raises more than half of our annual fundraising goal to fund scholarships, Tech Trek, AAUW Funds, and Sierra College Leadership programs.

Philanthropy Co-Vice Presidents Lynn Cooper and Dianne Black are eager to hear from you and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Be a helping hand on the Branch's fundraising tree.**

### The Welcome Mat By Dotti May, Membership Vice President

**We're happy to welcome a new member to our branch:**

**Lisa Beauchamp** joined our AAUW branch in July 2017. She lives with her spouse Terry in Granite Bay. Lisa has a BA degree in Communications from CSUS. She is working full time as a Communications Director. Her personal Interest is Patient Advocacy & Healthcare. Lisa was a referral from Joanne Beauchamp. We welcome her to our AAUW branch.





## AAUWRSP Smart eGals Interest Group – Description

### **Have a question about your smart phone or tablet, or the apps on them?**

Our newest interest group, **Smart eGals**, will gather to share information about our handheld tech devices such as iPhones, Androids, and e-tablets. We'll provide a forum for answering questions about apps such as Facebook, Twitter, and more.

All levels of techies are invited! Contribute your own tech tips and learn something new. No pressure, just a fun knowledge swap in a comfortable setting at a relaxed pace.

**Join us at Smart eGals!**

**Contact Tasha Standridge (Info in Branch Handbook)**



## **For Your Review! Link to our Website**

**NOTE:** Members can now view the newly revised By-laws, Policies and Procedures, and Job Descriptions on the Branch Website in our MEMBERS section.

**The branch password must be used to access this section.**

Press Control on your keyboard. Then click on the hyperlink below and you'll immediately go to our Roseville-South Placer Branch Website. Then enter the password for the Members Only section. It's fast & easy. You'll be surprised!



<http://rosevillesouthplacer-ca.aauw.net/>

### **WE'VE MOVED!!**

And would welcome seeing and hearing from you in our new digs.  
Irv and Eileen Herman  
Contact our Membership Chair for information.

## 2017- 2018 Board and Committee Members

\* Voting Members of the Board

<b>*President</b>	Kathy Novotny
<b>*Program Vice Presidents</b>	Sue Cofer and Kate Tionson
Public Policy	Sue Miller
Reservations	Barbara Fraivillig
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Interest Groups	TBD
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High School Scholarship	Lora Finnegan
Sierra College Leadership	Jackie Lamb
Speech Trek	Michele Stark
Tech Trek	Kim Lillard
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<b>Leadership Development</b>	Sue Miller
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Susan Hall



**Our  
50th  
Year**

## Interest Group Meetings in August--Open to all members

### Casual Gardeners

**Wednesday, August 2, at 10:00 a.m.**

Casual Gardeners will have their annual planning meeting on August 2nd. Bring your ideas for our Wednesday excursions where we explore gardens, nurseries, and parks. We will be gathering at Pat Tolleson's home in Roseville. Light breakfast treats will be served. Lunch will follow at Paul Martin's at 12:30. 1455 Eureka Road, Roseville (783-3600).

Please bring cash for easier service.  
RSVP to Pat so she can make lunch reservations.

### Wednesday Evening Book Group August 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Susan Brenden.  
Please RSVP to Susan if you plan to attend.

Susan reviews: Euphoria by Lily King.

September book: The Last Painting of Sara De Vos  
by Dominic Smith

Further information: Pat Morgan.

### Mah Jongg

**Thursday, August 3 and 17, at 1:00 p.m**

Group plays twice monthly in members' homes on first and third Thursdays.

Our group is using the 2017-18 card.

Players will be contacted by  
Coordinator Joyce Wade.

Or RSVP to Joyce for information  
if you plan to attend.

Newcomers are welcome at the teaching table.

### New Member Group

No new member group meeting in August.



### Hand and Foot Card Game

**Tuesday, August 8, at 1:00 p.m.**

Group meets on the second Tuesday monthly at the Granite Bay home of Darlene Thomas. For information about our group, contact Darlene. (Information in Branch Handbook)

### Social Bridge

**Wednesday, August 9, at 1:00 p.m.**

Group meets monthly on the second Wednesday. Questions & RSVP to Leslie McNeill.

### Women of the World

Meets 10 AM, second Monday of the month.

No meetings in June, July, August.

Happy Summer! See you in September.

Further group information, contact Joan Mackey.

### Great Decisions

Our group meets on the second Friday of the month. Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville

No meetings in August. Happy Summer!

September 8 topic: "Nuclear Security"

2017 Discussion books available @ \$21.

Contact Elsie Gaura for further information.

### Duplicate Bridge

**Friday, August 11, at 1:00 p.m.**

Leslie McNeill in Roseville will be our hostess.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Note: Eskaton Village parking space is limited.

If you are interested in subbing or joining this group, please contact Sandi Roullier.



## August Interest Group Meetings -- Open to All Members

### Movies on Monday

July & August are vacation months for our group. We will start enjoying films again in September. Further information: Darlene Thomas or Sue Cofer

### Tuesday Book Group August 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church, 6365 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay  
Pam reviews: The Other Side of the Sky  
by Farah Amedi  
September book: Live Right and Find Happiness  
By Dave Barry  
Questions: Contact Patricia Glover.

### Wednesday Book Group August 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas, Roseville  
Sally reviews: The Paris Architect  
by Charles Balfoure  
September book: Life Drawings by Robin Black  
Questions: Contact Nancy Taylor.

### Couples Dinner Group

For information about our group, please contact our new coordinator Karen Anderson.



Do you have questions about our interest groups?  
Would you like to be on an email reminder list for future events?  
Sign up for receiving email information and reminders at our Kick-Off in September.

### Scrabble Group

**Tuesday, August 22, at 1:00 p.m.**

Scrabble meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. and lasts approximately 2 hours. Our August hostess is Judy Maas in Roseville. Please RSVP to Judy if you plan to attend:



### Women's Gourmet Group Monday, August 28

Women's Gourmet will be held at the home of Patricia Lane in Lincoln. Patricia will be sending out the menu and requesting rsvps in August. Questions may be directed to Karen Allen.

### Mexican Train

Our group meets on the 4th Monday. The train will be in the roundhouse in August (no meeting), but we will resume our games on September 25th at Adele Tarantino's home. Watch for details in the September Branch Lines. And SAVE THOSE NICKELS.

### Audio Book Exchange

No regular meetings—just sharing of books on CD throughout the year. If interested, contact Coordinator Nancy Taylor.







## August Neighborhood Groups Events

Schelly Jensen, Groups Coordinator



**Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville/Orangevale:** Our group takes a summer break and will resume our events in September. For more information about our group, contact **Sally Altman**.

**Rocklin/Springfield:** The Rocklin Neighborhood Group will meet **August 24** for lunch. The meeting place has not been reserved as yet. We will plan the August lunch when we meet at Pete's on July 27. Early in August, luncheon details will be sent out to all. For information about our neighborhood group, contact **Jerri Yeager**.

**Lincoln:** The Lincoln group takes a summer break and may resume activities in September. Effective in July, the Lincoln Neighborhood Group will be without a coordinator. If you are interested in taking over the job, please contact **Schelly Jensen**. No further group activities will be planned until a new coordinator is found. Our members are encouraged to attend our Kick-Off Event on September 20. See details on front page of this newsletter issue.

**SCR Villages 1-8 + Northwest Roseville**  
**AND**

**SCR Villages 9-13 and Southwest Roseville:**

**On August 15**, SCR 1-8+ and 9-13+ will enjoy a joint event as we did last year. Complete information and sign-up form will be emailed to group members as we anticipate our very memorable: Breakfast in the Rose Garden at the Lodge.

**Neighborhood Group Leaders**  
(They welcome your questions.)

Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville &  
Orangevale: Sally Altman  
Rocklin/Springfield: Jerri Yeager  
Lincoln: TBA  
SCR Villages 1-8 + Northwest Roseville:  
Connie Frank  
SCR Villages 9-13 + Southwest Roseville:  
Sandy Haley

**For further information about our groups,  
Contact Coordinator Schelly Jensen.**

## *In Memoriam*



Long-time Branch member Charlotte Davidson lost her husband, Ritch, to cancer recently. They were active wine group members, and Ritch was always a friendly helping hand at these activities.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Charlotte and her family.

## Board Meeting Notice

Board Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at the Raley's Conference Room.

### The next Board Meeting to be announced

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please call President Kathy Novotny with your discussion item a week before the meeting so you can be placed on the agenda. Thank you.

Misplaced your copy of Branch Lines? No problem!  
Contact Editor for a re-send.  
OR: The current issue of Branch Lines can be found on our Website. Check it out.

## Visit AAUW Media Sites

Hold CTRL on keyboard, then click on addresses below to visit our Branch Website and Facebook page, as well as State and National sites, for a wealth of information about AAUW events present, past, and future—also to access links to articles of concern for today's women.

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<http://www.aauw.org/>

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/aauwrsp/>



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**Branch Lines Deadline: 15th of the month**

## AAUW ROSEVILLE-SOUTH PLACER BRANCH LINES

Adele Tarantino, Editor  
Gini Christiansen, Distributor



Roseville-South Placer (CA) Branch

**AAUW advances equity  
for women and girls through  
advocacy, education, philanthropy  
and research.**

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