

Branch Lines

NOVEMBER 2015 American Association of University Women

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Save the Date Our Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:00 to 3:00 PM Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 6365 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay A Members-Only event!

Our Speaker: From Compassion Planet—Helping Young People in Need

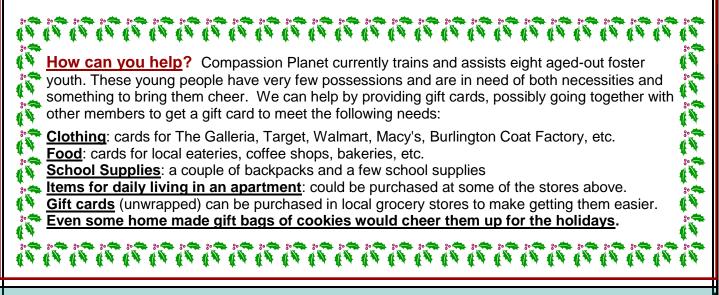
Hear Scott Flanagan, Executive Director of South Placer's Compassion Planet, describe their unique program to assist the area's aged-out foster youth (ages 18+) and teens at risk. Compassion Planet helps those underserved young people who are turned out of the foster care programs at age 18. It provides training programs and demonstrates how one's whole life can affect his or her vocation.

It addresses such needs as hunger, clothing, housing, life skills, mentoring, and employment within a family-like structure.

Mr. Flanagan will describe South Placer's Deer Creek Farm and Thrift Store that helps provide funding for this program and Compassion Planet's connection to other area services to aid these very needy young people.



Appetizers, desserts, wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be served. Please submit a \$15 check payable to AAUW to Barbara Fraivillig. Registration must be received by Friday, December 4.



President's Message By Sanchia Spandow

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The Kick-off was an illustration of what AAUW is about. The focus was on our members and our committees and what they do: Scholarships for re-entry women to Sierra College, Tech Trek our STEM program for middle school girls, Speech Trek where high school students show their ability to take a given subject, do the research and develop a speech which they deliver in a public forum.

The remarks given by the Tech Trek campers and the Sierra College Scholarship recipients were illuminating. Everyone present was impressed by their articulate presentations and personal experiences.



We are adding another student to Tech Trek, bringing the number to six this year, and another Sierra College scholarship. And, in addition, we will give five high school scholarships.

Also, we provide programs which educate and assist: Sierra College Leadership Programs are paid for with money raised; we support AAUW FUNDS which provides money for national programs and research. We spend the money raised wisely and prudently.

You can all be proud of what you support and the work you do and what the branch accomplishes. We are all volunteers, and we work for the Branch because we are passionate about what we do for woman and girls.

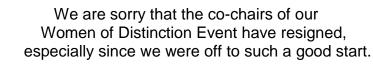
Separately we take baby steps.

Together we SOAR!

Sanchia



Regarding Women of Distinction Event



The Board is currently reviewing all their materials and will be looking at alternatives as we move forward.

Please keep selling and buying raffle tickets. We will have more information in the near future.

Thank you for all your support.

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Speech Trek Contest By Michele Stark, Chair



Plan to come hear about **Gender Bias and Inequality.** Regional high school students will clue you in at our branch's 10th annual Speech Trek contest. Due to an increase in student participation, we are going to have a semi-final round, at which judges will determine the top 5 students who will advance to the final round, the branch's main event.

We're excited: for the branch final round, we are partnering with Sun City Lincoln Hills Community Forum, which has invited our Speech Trek contest to

be one of their featured programs. Got your pencils ready? Write this on your calendar:

What: Speech Trek Contest Final Round
Date: February 5, 2016
Time: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM
Where: Ballroom in Orchard Creek Lodge, 965 Orchard Creek Lane, Lincoln

Help! We need judges for our contest semi-final round on February 1, 2016. Training provided. If you are interested, please contact Michele Stark.

Sierra College Leadership News By Lynda Braun



The Leadership Committee hosted an information table on the Sierra College Quad October 20th, during their Social Justice Days. The purpose was to inform students and faculty about the programs offered by AAUW advancing social justice for women and to offer free student e-affiliate memberships in AAUW. This added to the more than 30 students who were signed up in September.

Sierra College will be one of 50 colleges nationwide to host an AAUW Elect Her workshop on the Sierra College Campus in the Spring of 2016. Campus administrators, students, and local AAUW members collaborate with AAUW and Running Start staff to plan the training sessions. The 4.5 hour workshop encourages and trains women to run for student government and future political office. Participants practice hands-on campaign skills, hear from inspiring local speakers, and discuss research on women in government. 76 percent of the 2015 Elect Her participants who reported running for student office WON!

Sierra College is having a food drive to fill their food closet for hungry students the entire month of November. If you'd like to lend a helping hand, drop off your non-perishable food items at the ASSC office (Associated Students Sierra College office, which is at the front of the cafeteria building) between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Free 1/2 hour visitor parking is available in the lot in front of the bookstore/cafeteria buildings.

Or deliver to Lynda Braun, who will take them to the college.

Public Policy Updates By Mary Kay Melton

Very Good News---From AAUW Washington Update:



California became the state with the <u>strongest equal pay protections</u> in the nation last month after **Governor Jerry Brown signed the California Fair Pay Act**. The new law requires employers to pay workers equally for "substantially similar work" even if their titles or work sites are different. The law will also close loopholes that have made it difficult for employees to successfully sue over discriminatory pay. Employers will now be prohibited from retaliating against employees who discuss or ask about co-workers' wages.

The Department of Labor Women's Bureau awarded <u>\$1.55 million in grants</u> to study the development and implementation of paid leave programs across the country. Eight states— California, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, and Washington—received grants to analyze various models to determine how policies such as paid family leave can help fight income inequality.

The Supreme Court reconvened last month for its 2015-16 term. Here are some of the cases it will consider:

The affirmative action case: Fisher v. University of Texas could further restrict the use of race in college admissions decisions. Affirmative action programs establish equal opportunity for women and minorities and improve gender, racial, and ethnic diversity in educational institutions and in workplaces.

The voting rights case: Evenwel v. Abbott will consider whether voting districts should be established based on total population—as is currently the case—or eligible voters. Changing the current standard could shift voting power away from communities with large numbers of children and higher immigrant populations.

The union case: Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association has the potential to limit the ability of unions to collectively bargain. Unions are an important tool for all workers, but especially women, in fighting for fair pay, safe working conditions, health care, and retirement benefits.

The potential abortion regulations case: There will likely be a case challenging the restrictive abortion regulations put in place in Texas. Although couched as protecting the health and safety of women, these harmful restrictions both seek to and are succeeding in limiting access to safe, legal abortion and in so doing are also limiting access to women's reproductive healthcare generally.

The potential birth control coverage case: It is probable that the Court will hear a case from religiously affiliated organizations seeking to challenge the Affordable Care Act's preventive healthcare contraceptive coverage provision. They will claim that having to notify the federal government about their objections to birth control coverage in their insurance plans makes them complicit in facilitating access to contraceptives and therefore violates their religious freedom.

Governor Brown Signs SB 358—California Fair Pay Act By Sue Miller

Members of the *Stronger California* coalition, including AAUW CA, who have been actively lobbying legislation that could affect women economically, were invited to the signing of **SB 358, the Fair Pay Act**. Seldom does Governor Brown sign bills in such a public way, so this was quite a momentous event.

Held at the Rosie the Riveter National Monument in Richmond, invited guests included seven "**Rosies**"—all in their late 80's and early 90's and very articulate! They were paid wages equal to non-combat men doing the same work, even in the 1940's! Many coalition members brought their children, who were invited to sit on the stage – after all, they can benefit from Fair Pay legislation in the future!





Viewing the signing were AAUW CA President Kathleen Doty (on right), Senate President Kevin DeLeon, and AAUW Public Policy Chair Sue Miller

AAUW Members witness the signing of SB 358, the Fair Pay Act by Governor Brown



Here are two delightful "Rosies" Phyllis who was an electrician, and Mary who was a welder, actually working on building ships! (we called them "Rosie the Riveter")

AAUW Roundtable with US Treasurer Rosie Rios New \$10 bill design

On Friday, October 9, I had the honor of joining 50 of my fellow AAUW members, the Board of Directors, and our CEO for an exclusive, behind-closed-doors roundtable session with **U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios**, the "woman behind the woman on the \$10 bill." We had a very open and productive conversation about whose face should grace that new bill, as well on the persistent gender pay gap and other pertinent issues.

The decision, by Rios and U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, to make a woman the face of the \$10 bill has reignited two long-standing discussions that AAUW cares very much about: how to represent the key role that women play in our nation's history and how to empower women today.

As the 43rd treasurer of the United States, Rios is key ally in both those discussions. The timing of our meeting was also fitting: just under a week before Latina Equal Pay Day, the symbolic date each year that Latina women have to work to in order to be paid what a man was paid the previous year. Working 10 whole months extra just for the same pay - it's shameful!

A prominent Latina political figure, Rios shares our frustration about the pay gap and the still-unequal status of women in the United States. Her signature appears on roughly half the banknotes in this country. After our discussion, I know she shares our commitment to real change, not spare change - and to getting more of those signatures into the pockets of hardworking American women and their families!

AAUW has a long history of advocating for women's economic security and pay equity. It was an honor to be part of this chapter in that ongoing legacy.



Carolyn Garfein Roseville-South Placer Branch (Former 4-year President, National AAUW)

U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios invited AAUW members and staff to a private roundtable to discuss the new \$10 bill design.

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Scholarship Recipient Melissa Wenzel Sends Thanks!

Enjoy this letter from Women's Scholarship recipient Melissa Wenzel—pictured here with our Branch Scholarship Chair Betty Manning. Both Melissa and Carisa Lolmaugh spoke at our recent Kick-off event—and we wish them well as they continue their studies.

Dear Elizabeth Manning,

I was very happy to learn that I was a recipient of the AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch Scholarship. I am writing to say thank you for your generous financial support towards my higher education.

I am currently a single mom of a teenager and a full time student at Sierra working on an Associates of Science degree in Social Work. My plan is to pursue full time employment working in Youth Advocacy. It has always been my goal to work with children and families regarding behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse issues. I believe it is important to provide services to the family unit, not just the individual.



By your awarding me the AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch Scholarship, I am able to concentrate on what is important for me, and that is continuing my education. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to my community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely, Melissa Wenzel

PANEL ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING . .

Subject: PANEL ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING—From the Public Policy Chair of AAUWCHAR. We would like to invite your branch members to come to a PANEL ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, at the SYLVAN OAKS LIBRARY, 6700 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights, CA.

Our Public Policy Committee has invited a number of speakers to participate . . .Deputy District Attorney Sonia Satchell, a speaker representing WEAVE, Nilda Valmores of MY SISTER'S HOUSE and a founder of BREAK FREE. The program will begin at 1:30pm. Following the presentations we will have a Question and Answer period. And of course, refreshments will be served - just for you!.

The purpose of the program is to heighten the public's awareness of the serious problems of Human Trafficking in the Sacramento Area - focusing on the victims - who they are and how they can be helped.

We hope that you and your branch members will join us,

Mary Toutonghi ... Public Policy Chair and Vice-president Program, AAUW/CHAR

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Highli	ghts of October Boa	d Meeting		

Two items were approved by unanimous votes:

The addition of an additional student to Tech Trek for the year 2015-16. Program Holiday Party to be held on December 10th.

Committee reports were made.

- Communication: reported that a new website assistant has been hired by National AAUW. Our submissions should soon be added to our website in a timely manner.
- Membership: there will be a new member supper on October 30th hosted at the home of the membership chair.
- Marketing: Review of the current branch brochure, publicity for programs and events is ongoing.
- Philanthropy: Update on Women of Distinction event Antique Answers is planned for March 5th.
- Outreach: The final round of Speech Trek will be held February 5th. Updates were given on all outreach projects.

??? Ask your question! ???

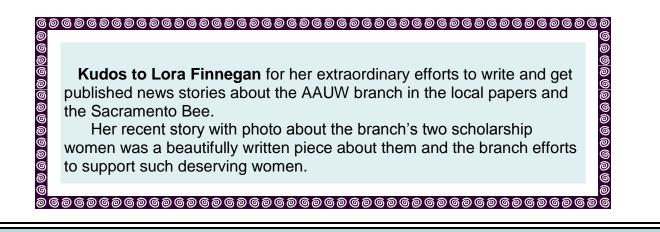
What would you like to know about the branchits functions, its policies or practices? If you have a serious question you have pondered and that can be answered by one of the branch leaders, send it to Susan Hall. We will print the question and answer in subsequent copies of *Branch Lines*. We hope this new feature will help keep members better informed.

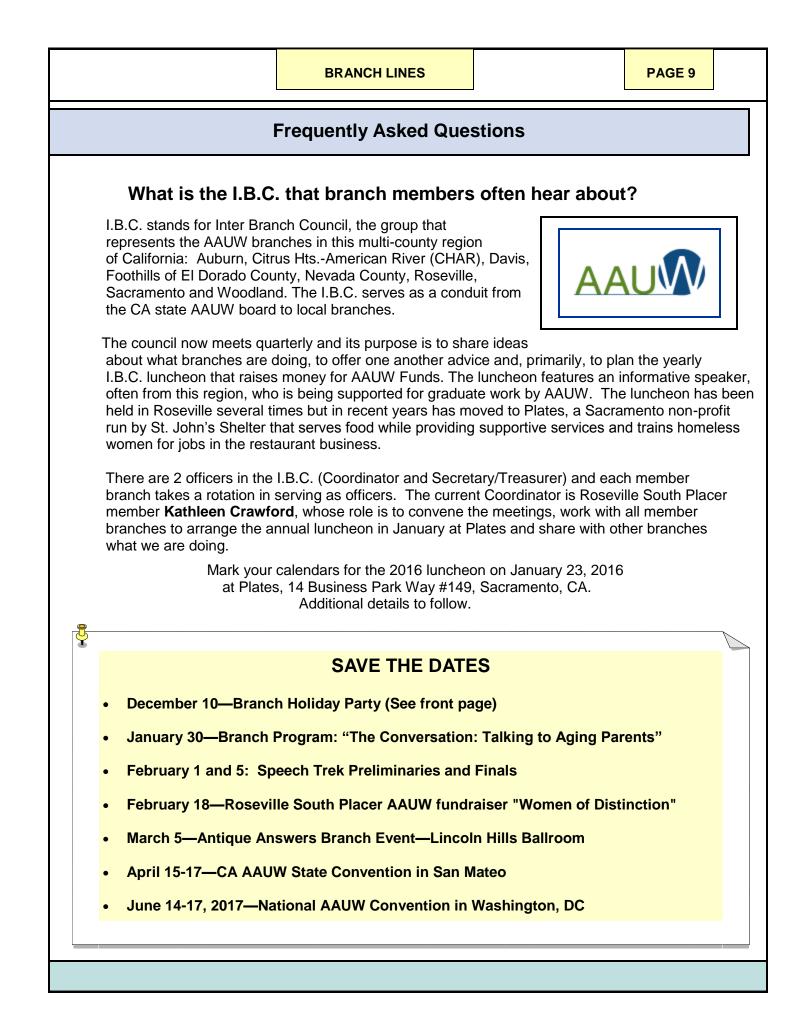
Your Communications Team

Let's Say:



 "Kudos To" ~ A branch feature ~
 Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond to help the branch—perhaps someone who has missed being recognized?
 Send your recommendation with examples to Communications Director, Susan Hall.





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Interest Group Meetings in November-- Open to all members

Casual Gardeners Wednesday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Casual Gardeners are planning a guided tour of the WPA Rock Garden located at 1702 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, CA 95822, in William Land Park. We will first meet in the parking lot near Office Depot on the corner of Douglas Blvd. and North Sunrise at 9:10. Lunch will follow the tour at 11:15 at Scott's on the River, 4800 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95822, (916) 379-5959. Please RSVP to Pat Tolleson by November 2.

Wednesday Evening Book Group November 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at the home of Peggy Elo in Lincoln. RSVP to Peggy if you plan on attending. November book: <u>Killing Patton</u> by Bill O'Reilly Reviewer will be Barbara Gorden. At the December meeting we will choose new books for the next year. Each person to bring two selections she has read. Meeting will be at the home of Pat Morgan, Lincoln.

Mah Jongg

Thursday, November 5 and 19, 1:00 p.m. Group plays twice monthly in members' homes on first and third Thursdays.

Players will be contacted by hostesses and Coordinator Joyce Wade. New members are welcome at the teaching table. Further information: Contact Joyce.

Women of the World

Monday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Adele Tarantino in Sun City Roseville DVD: "The True Cost—Who Pays the Price" RSVP to Adele if you plan to attend. For more information: Contact Joan Mackey.



Mexican Train

Tuesday, November 10, 1:00 p.m. The Mexican Train group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in members' homes. November hostess is Jean Ching in Lincoln. RSVP to Jean if you plan to attend. Please bring \$2 in nickels. Further information, contact Joan Urry.

Hand and Foot Card Game Tuesday, November 10, 1:00 p.m.

Group meets on the second Tuesday monthly at the Granite Bay home of Darlene Thomas. Please bring a snack to share. RSVP to Darlene if you plan to attend. For further information, give Darlene a call.

Party Bridge

Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. Group meets monthly on the second Wednesday. Questions: Contact Leslie McNeill.

Duplicate Bridge Friday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Peggy Elo in Lincoln will be our hostess. Please contact her if you would like to play. If you would like to join the group or be a substitute, please contact Sandi Roullier.



Wine Appreciation Group No plans yet for November. Members will be contacted. If no meeting, Happy Thanksgiving to all! Questions: Contact Diane Madden.

November Interest Group Meetings-- Open to All Members

Great Decisions

Friday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. Group meets on the second Friday of the month at Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas, Roseville. Topic: "Russia and the Near Abroad" Open Forum and DVD shown. No-host lunch afterwards. Order the 2016 Book by November 20. Further information: Contact Elsie Gaura.

AAUW Couples Dinner Group Sunday, November 15

The next event will be a Fall Sunday Brunch on November 15th Please RSVP to Fran Rice if you plan to attend. We will need another hostess for this date, so please let us know if you can host. <u>REMEMBER: save the date for our</u> <u>Holiday Dinner on 12/6.</u> Further information: Contact Barbara Gorden.

Women's Gourmet Group Monday, November 16, 6:00 p.m.

The November Women's Gourmet will be held on November 16 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. It will be held at the home of Michele Stark, 260 Golden Bluff Court, Lincoln.. She will send out the menu to members in November. Anyone needing further information about the group should contact Karen Allen.

Audio Book Exchange

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



Movies on Monday November 16, 11:30 a.m.

At the Lincoln home of Sue Cofer Our Film: Lee Daniels' "The Butler" 2013 Oscar-winner Forest Whitaker delivers a powerful performance as Cecil Gaines, who served as the White House butler under eight presidents against a backdrop of unparalleled change in American history. Also starring Oprah Winfrey. Bring your lunch. \$2 "at the door" pays for chips, beverage, movie rental. Seating is limited to15 so RSVP early. For Reservations: Contact Carol Mahany. Further Group Info.: Contact Coordinators Darlene Thomas or Sue Cofer.

Tuesday Book Group November 17 at 10:30 a.m. At 6365 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay

Norma Vuletich reviews: <u>The Boys in the Boat</u> by Daniel James Brown December book: To be announced Questions: Contact Patricia Glover.

Wednesday Book Group November 18 at 10:30 a.m.

At Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas in Roseville Kim reviews: <u>Some Luck</u> by Jane Smiley. December book: <u>Delicious</u> by Ruth Reichl Questions: Contact Nancy Taylor.

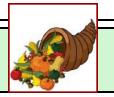
Scrabble Group

Tuesday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. Plays in members' homes monthly on 4th Tuesday. November hostess will be Sandy Haley in Sun City Roseville. RSVP to Sandy by Sunday, November 22. Further group information: Contact Sandy Haley. PAGE 13

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November Neighborhood Groups Events





Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville/

Orangevale: Our group will gather for lunch on our regular day—the 3rd **Friday, November 20.** We are going to Peg's Ham & Eggs Restaurant, 1950 Douglas at Rocky Ridge. Time is 12:30 p.m. Let **Sally Altman** know if you plan to attend.

<u>Rocklin/Springfield</u>: No neighborhood group meeting in November. Happy Thanksgiving! Questions about our group, contact **Jerri Yeager**.

<u>Lincoln</u>: On Wednesday, November 4, the Lincoln Neighborhood group will enjoy Harvest Time at the Flower Farm Café, 9280 Horseshoe Bar Road, Loomis. RSVP by November 2nd to Sue Cofer.

Join your Neighborhood Group Today! Call group leaders to be put on contact list. Or call our Neighborhood Group Coordinator Susan Hovde.



SCR Villages 1-8 + Northwest Roseville:

On **November 19**, at 12 noon, we'll be having lunch at the home of **Frankie Saumure** in Sun City Roseville. Please RSVP to Frankie by November 12.

A look ahead—Details to come:

December 10: Branch Holiday Party January: Lillah Robb—White Elephant Game February: Lois McBride—Valentine Tea March: Pat Tolleson will hostess April and onward: Need volunteers for events.

SCR Villages 9-13 + Southwest Roseville:

On **Monday, November 9,** at noon—**Carolyn Eakin** will be hosting pizza and an Italian green salad in her Sun City Roseville home. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Carolyn by Thursday, November 5th.

Neighborhood Group Leaders

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

Sunshine Chair Welcomes Your Requests

Patricia Glover is our Sunshine Chair. She welcomes your requests to send a card or make a friendly call to members who are ill, need encouragement, or are to be congratulated.



(Her phone number is in our Branch Handbook.)

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Board Meeting Notice

Board Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM at Ralev's Event Center.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at Raley's in Lincoln

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. **Contact President Sanchia Spandow** with any agenda items.

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