



# Branch Lines

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American Association of  
University Women

## ANNUAL MEETING

**May 10, 2016**  
**Annual Report to Members**  
**Election of Officers**  
**Program**



**Hear Keynote Speaker Cheewa James:**  
**If It Is To Be, It Begins With Me: A Journey to Balance**

Cheewa James, a sought-after author, corporate trainer, journalist, TV anchorwoman and producer, and KVIE participant will be the featured speaker at the Branch Annual Meeting.

Ms. James, born on Oregon's Klamath Indian Reservation and enrolled with the Modoc Tribe, has authored nearly 100 articles in magazines and major newspapers across the U.S. Her documentary "The Modoc War," aired on Oregon Public Television, is an account of the tribe's history. Her award-winning book *The Tribe That Wouldn't Die* tells the Modocs' story. She has won the prestigious National Golden Mike Award for Excellence in Television Production in the Interest of Youth and seven United Press International awards.

**Thursday, May 10, 2016**

**Time: 10:00 to 12:00**

**Place: Kilaga Springs Presentation Hall**  
**1187 Sun City Blvd.**  
**Lincoln, CA 95648**

## President's Message by Sanchia Spadow



Thirty-seven branch members attended the branch program: Equal Pay Day—the symbolic day when women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the previous year - at the Capitol on April 12th. Little has changed over the past decade for women's earnings. American women who work full time, year round, are paid only 79 cents for every dollar paid to men—and for women of color, the wage gap is even larger. These disparities continue to be a priority of AAUW. Special thanks to Carolyn Garfein and Sue Miller for organizing this important program and to Lynn Cook for arranging the excellent Capitol tours.

I hope you will attend the Annual Meeting on May 10th. The annual report will be given and the election of officers for the 2016-2017 year will be held. At the conclusion of the formal meeting we have the pleasure of hearing from Cheewa James, a much sought after professional keynote speaker. I am delighted Cheewa has agreed to be with us to share words of wisdom —some of which reflect her culture as a Modoc Indian Tribe member. As a former AAUW member, she is familiar with our mission and vision and the work that we do.

The branch Installation and Awards Luncheon to be held on June 29th is the one event a year where we focus on our members. It's an opportunity to thank members for what they do for the branch, to thank the outgoing board, and to welcome and swear in the new officers for next year. Please join us for both of these branch events.

*Sanchia*

## Board Meeting Highlights—April 13, 2016

- Committee monthly reports were given.
- All annual reports have been submitted and were reviewed by the board. These will be used for the development of a Power Point presentation for the Annual Meeting on May 10th.
- Motions approved by the board:
  - The revision of Interest Group policy
  - The purchase of permanent magnetic name badges

Next Board Meeting is May 11th. Any member is welcome. Contact Sanchia Spadow with your discussion item a week before the meeting so you can be placed on the agenda.



## *Installation of 2016-17 Officers & Awards Luncheon Eleanor Roosevelt Awards*

*Date:*            *Thursday, June 29, 2016*  
*Time:*           *11:00—2:00*  
*Place:*          *Timbers Ballroom*  
                      *Sun City Roseville*  
*Cost:*            *\$25*



*Menu selections all include salad, warm sourdough rolls,  
dessert, coffee and tea.*

- \* Chicken Piccata with lemon cream sauce*
- \* Sliced Flank Steak with peppercorn demi glaze*
- \* Pinenut crusted salmon with white wine sauce*
- \* Vegetable Napoleon—layered terrine of eggplant  
zucchini, tomatoes, fontina, sweet basil, curry,  
garlic in tomato sauce*

*No host bar at 11:00*

*Door Prizes*

**Make check for \$25 payable to AAUW and send to:  
Barbara Fraivillig (address in Branch Handbook).  
Write your menu choice on the coupon and on your check.**

### *Installation of 2016-17 Officers & Awards Luncheon*

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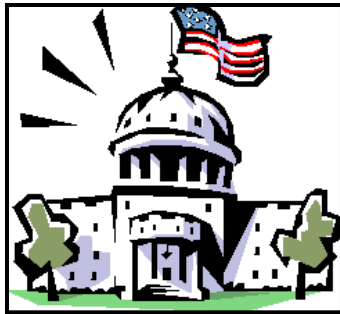
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Dietary restrictions or concerns:

## Public Policy Report—Equal Pay Day at the Capitol

By Carolyn Garfein

Members celebrating Equal Pay Day at the Capitol heard from Shannon Smith-Cowley, AAUW California's professional advocate, and from two Assemblywomen. Assemblywomen Nora Campos and Lorena Gonzalez inspired us with their stories about pay inequity and the legislative efforts they are spearheading to help California women get a fair shake in the workplace. For dessert, we enjoyed 78% of a Payday candy bar. After lunch members were privileged to participate in a private, docent-led VIP tour of the Capitol.



Pictured left to right: Branch members Sue Miller and Carolyn Garfein, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzales and Assemblywoman Nora Campos

## What's Your Story?

Describe how your pay hasn't shown your value.

Please send your experience of 150 to 200 words to branch member Pam Wilkinson via email so she can assemble your stories to send to Shannon Smith-Crowley, our California AAUW Advocate, to help her with bills in the California Assembly and Senate.

**Please try to send your story by early July.**

Your story can tell why you were inspired to seek work in a particular field, how you prepared for work through education and experience, how you learned that you were valued less, paid less, didn't get the position or promotions that a man got. You may want to name the company or field of your work.

To conclude your story, tell the outcome: paid more, paid the same, lost the job, or that your efforts to get equal pay worked.

## Sierra College Women Students in Need

### By Sue Miller

Please help low-income women students at Sierra College by collecting and donating the following:

**Travel sizes of shampoo and conditioner; tampons, pads, soap/shower gel, razors; toothbrushes/toothpaste/floss; tissues; hand sanitizer; baby diapers and wipes; school supplies such as pens, pencils, sharpies, highlighters, notebooks, staplers.**



The branch voted to give members the opportunity to contribute to the new Women's and Gender Resource Center at Sierra College as an on-going project this spring.

Drop off your items to one of the following:

**Lincoln—Sue Orvis; Rocklin—Sue Miller; Roseville--Linda Howard; Loomis and Granite Bay—to one of the members listed, OR...**

**Neighborhood Groups and Interest Groups can also serve as collection sites.**

The Women's and Gender Resource Center, developed under the leadership of student leader Rachel Sexton, a NCCWSL attendee in 2015, provides comprehensive information about issues affecting women. The addition of a collection site for much needed supplies helps low-income Sierra students.

## “Love Your Body” Week at Sierra College



**Member Judy Clemensen with student Natalie Uriodain at the AAUW table during “Love Your Body” week at Sierra College. Nine young women signed up to be AAUW e-student affiliates at that event.**

**Many thanks to all of our members who support our Sierra College programs.**



## Speech Trek News—Proud of Caitlyn!

By Michele Stark, Speech Trek Chair



**Congratulations Caitlyn!**

On April 16, at the AAUW CA Convention, the Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Trek State Final competition was held.

**Our branch winner, Caitlyn Jordan, a senior at Oakmont High School in Roseville, won second place, with a \$1,000 prize.**

Gray Allen, the contest sponsor, six of our members, and Caitlyn's family were present at the event to cheer for Caitlyn.

Next on Caitlyn's agenda is to check out UC Berkeley for the fall semester. **Yes!**

## IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR...

Jackie Lamb, Vice President of Philanthropy

**You should have received in the mail an invitation to the Annual Branch Non-Event.**

This is our last fundraising event for the 2015/16 year. This event is easy for you, as you just have to mail the stamped addressed envelope with your fully tax deductible contribution.

The funds raised by June 30th will be used to provide scholarships and programs for 2016/17.

**Your donations make the difference!**

Did you know that it is possible to donate to the branch, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, a portion of your IRA Required Mandatory Withdrawal without being liable for income tax on the contributed amount? After age 70 1/2, those of us with IRAs all have to take this withdrawal, so this might be a good way to use some of it as a donation.

We suggest that you speak with your Financial Advisor or Funds Manager about how to donate a portion of your IRA Required Mandatory Withdrawal.

## Tech Trek Scholarship Recipients Chosen

By Kim Lillard, Tech Trek Chair

On March 19th, Tech Trek committee members interviewed eleven students from a wide range of middle schools in our area. Six of the most outstanding nominees were chosen as the recipients of this year's Tech Trek Camp Scholarships. They are Karina Andersen, Natalie Ang, Eliana Biassa, Siena Halsey, Keneya Onuaguluchi, and Ife-Michaela Spencer. Two young ladies were also chosen as alternates. They are Elina Dern and Katherine Solis.



The decisions were difficult, beginning with the twenty girls who were initially nominated by their teachers, down to the eleven interviewed, and finally down to the six recipients and two alternates. The committee members debated for quite a while before making their final selections. This is always the most difficult part of the process, because every young lady is eager to attend, and tries to do her best with the essay question and the interview. It is very hard to say no to the girls who would like to attend Tech Trek camp, but who are very closely nudged out of the running by another student. We wish we could send them all!

The students have all been notified of their status, and the recipients are in the process of finalizing the online application that is newly required of them this year from the National Tech Trek organization. Once that is finished, they will be officially enrolled as this year's Tech Trek Scholarship recipients. The camp directors have also received the list of girls' names and other pertinent information and are busy finalizing their paperwork in order to prepare the UC Davis camp to host our girls this summer.

Plans are underway for our branch's annual Tech Trek Ice Cream Social as well. All six recipients, their parents, and two of last year's camp scholarship winners and their parents will be invited to share bowls of ice cream and get to know one another. Past campers are invited to the social so that they have a chance to share their experiences and to answer any questions this year's girls or their parents may have about their upcoming camp experience.

If you would like more information on Tech Trek, please feel free to **contact Kim Lillard**.

You may also go to our website or join us on Facebook.

(See page 13 in this issue of Branch Lines to link to these media sites.)

## Slate of Officers for consideration for the AAUW 2016-2017 Year

### Report of the Nominating Committee

Committee: Michele Stark, Chair, Diane Madden, Joan Mackey

President  
President-elect  
Program V.P.  
Membership V.P.  
Outreach Projects  
Finance V.P.  
Philanthropy V.P.  
Secretary

Kathleen Crawford  
Kathy Novotny  
Sanchia Spandow  
Patricia Lane  
Sue Orvis  
Kathy Novotny  
Diane Black and Lynn Cooper  
Tasha Standridge



## The Welcome Mat & Thanks to Mentors!

By Leslie McNeill, New Member Coordinator

### AAUW Roseville South Placer Branch welcomes new member:

**Welcome Dotti! Dotti May** has retired from a career as a project manager in the world of technology. She received her MBA from Golden Gate University, lives in Sun City Lincoln, and looks forward to working with the middle school girls in the Tech Trek outreach program.



### Many Thanks to New Member Mentors!



I want to thank ALL the AAUW Roseville South Placer Branch members who have been mentors this year to the many new women who joined our Branch. You have helped make their journey into the Branch an easier and more meaningful path. Many have joined the committees and the social activities. With your involvement, you helped make my position as new member coordinator meaningful for me, and I know your role as a mentor created a vibrant experience for the new members as they assimilated into the AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch. Thank you! You "Rock!"

## New Member Event!

By Patricia Lane

A get acquainted event for new members was hosted by the Membership Committee on April 6 at Patricia Lane's home. In addition to the special treat of ice cream sundaes, we were treated with enthusiastic explanations of our Branch's activities by members of the Board: Sanchia Spadow, Kathleen Crawford, and Lynda Braun. Our newest members are very interested in and ready to participate in our endeavors.

From left to right: Tasha Standridge, Margaret Maher, Dotti May, Patricia Lane, Esther Parfitt, Maureen Calandra, Marilyn Sanders. Missing is Beth Gonzales.





**??? Ask your question! ???**

What would you like to know about the branch-- its 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, please 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.

**This month we're saying “Kudos To”**

The Tech Trek committee for its outreach to the South Placer Community and its involvement in a large number of middle schools, some who are rejoining Tech Trek as a result of the committee's efforts. Also, there will be an additional girl on the Tech Trek team this year. Here's to the team: Chair Kim Lillard, Lois Adams, Sally Altman, Noreen Briggs, Viktoria Peterson, and Louise Santana.

And Kudos to Carolyn Garfein and Sue Miller for arranging the exciting Equal Pay Day event on April 12th at the State Capitol. See page 4 for photo and details. It was a great outing for 37 members of the branch.

*In Memoriam*

Long-time branch member Deloris Fenske died in April after suffering a stroke. In Deloris's early years in the branch, when the membership was much smaller, she hosted events in her Roseville home and garden. She was an active member of Women's Gourmet and often, with husband Paul, attended the wine events. She hardly ever missed a branch program or major event and was a strong supporter of AAUW's mission and goals.



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

### Wednesday Evening Book Group May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Jane Watkins  
Please RSVP to Jane if you plan to attend:

Jane reviews: Hemingway in Love  
by A. E. Hotchner

June book: China Dolls by Lisa See  
Further information: Contact Pat Morgan.

### Casual Gardeners Wednesday, May 4

We will travel to Pauline's Garden in Carmichael for  
a 10:30 tour of her beautiful property.  
Lunch will follow at ASR in Roseville.  
Please RSVP to Joan Urry for further information.

### Mah Jongg

Thursday, May 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.

Play continues with the new card for 2016.

New members are welcome at the teaching table.

Further information: Contact Joyce.

### Women of the World

Monday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.

At Lincoln Raley's Event Center, 39 Lincoln Blvd.  
Kathy Kort will be reviewing "A Nun on the Bus:  
How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change and  
Community" by Sister Simone Campbell.  
Contact Joan Mackey for further information.



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

Group meets on the second Tuesday monthly  
at the Granite Bay home of Darlene Thomas.

RSVP to Darlene if you plan to attend.

For information about our group, contact Darlene.

### Party Bridge

Wednesday, May 11, 1:00 p.m.

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

### Mexican Train

Thursday, May 12, at 1:00 p.m.

The Mexican train group meets on the second  
Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in members'  
homes. May hostess is Betty Manning  
In Sun City Roseville.

RSVP to Betty ASAP.

Please bring \$2 in nickels.

Further information, contact Joan Urry.

### Great Decisions

Friday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.

Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas, Roseville  
Topic: "Climate Change/Geopolitics: The Road  
to Paris and Beyond." DVD shown.

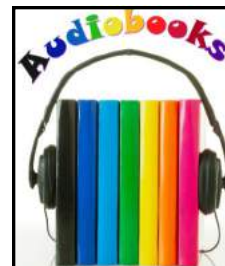
Open Forum. Bring your thoughts..

No-host lunch afterwards.

Questions? Contact Elsie Gaura.

### Audio Book Exchange

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



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

### Duplicate Bridge

**Friday, May 13, 1:00 p.m.**

Sue Ames will host our May game at her home in Lincoln.

Please let her know if you plan to attend. If you would like to be a sub in this group, contact Sandi Roullier. We need substitutes!

### Wine Appreciation Group

**Sunday, May 15, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Maria Actis. Our theme will be wines from Washington state.

Please bring a Washington wine and an appetizer. Members wishing to attend should RSVP to Karen Allen.

### Movies on Monday

**May 16, 11:30 a.m.**

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Sue Cofer. Our film: "Woman in Gold" 2015

The film is based on the true story of the late Maria Altmann, an elderly Jewish refugee living in Cheviot Hills, Los Angeles, who, together with her young lawyer, Randy Schoenberg, fought the government of Austria for almost a decade to reclaim Gustav Klimt's iconic painting of her aunt, *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I*, which was stolen from her relatives by the Nazis in Vienna just prior to World War II. Altmann took her legal battle all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled on the case *Republic of Austria v. Altmann*.

Helen Mirren stars as Maria.

Bring your lunch. \$2 "at the door" pays for chips, beverage, and movie rental.

Seating is limited to 15 so please RSVP early.

For Reservations: Contact Carol Mahany.

Further Group Information: Contact Coordinators Darlene Thomas or Sue Cofer.



### Tuesday Book Group

**May 17, 10:30 a.m.**

Lutheran Church: 6365 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay  
 Reviewing: At the Water's Edge by Sara Gruen  
 June book: The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud  
 Questions: Contact Patricia Glover.

### Wednesday Book Group

**May 18, 10:30 a.m.**

At Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas in Roseville  
 Reviewing: The Winter of our Discontent  
 By John Steinbeck  
 June book: A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler  
 Questions: Contact Nancy Taylor.

### Couples Dinner Group

Our next dinner will be held on

**Saturday, May 21.**

Members will be sent information at a later date. If interested in our group, contact Barbara Gorden or Fran Rice.

### Women's Gourmet Group

**Monday, May 23, 6:00 p.m.**

Women's Gourmet will be held at the Lincoln home of Janet Johnson. She will send out the menu in April. Questions about our group may be directed to Karen Allen.

### Scrabble Group

**Tuesday, May 24, 2:00 p.m.**

Group plays in members' homes monthly on the 4th Tuesday.

Meeting in May at the Lincoln home of Joan Fulcomer.

Please RSVP to Joan if you plan to attend.



## May Neighborhood Groups Events

Neighborhood Group Branch Chair: Susan Hovde



**Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville/Orangevale:** The Granite Bay, etc. group will go to lunch somewhere on the **4th Friday** again, **May 27th**, instead of the 3rd Friday in May. Members will be emailed as to the location and time in early May. Contact **Sally Altman**.

**Rocklin/Springfield:** **Sandra Barnikel** is planning an activity for Rocklin's Neighborhood Group on **May 19th**. She enjoys gardening and visiting local gardens. That's a hint to the kind of event that is being planned! She will send an email with details.

**Lincoln: Cafe and Clay in May**

We will meet at the **Newly relocated and renovated** Whistle Stop Cafe, 602 Lincoln Blvd., Suite 120, Lincoln, for lunch on **May 26th** at 11:30. We will then venture to the exhibit of student works at **Clay Fest IV** at the Lincoln Art League, located at 580-6th Street, Lincoln. **RSVP to Sue Cofer** by May 24th for your reservation.



**Join your Neighborhood Group Today!**  
**Contact our group leaders.**  
**Or call our**  
**Neighborhood Group Coordinator**  
**Susan Hovde.**

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

Let's make our own "**Art Fest**" on **May 12th**. Meet at Pam's at 3 PM to create your own art work from spilled or dribbled wine or coffee. We'll have time to try both along with reasonable snacks to go with the beverage. (Small spills on newsprint create a starting point for pen and ink - ball point creations.) This practice comes from the WorkBook: Drawing from the Right Side of the Brain. Pam says: In our living space between studio and workshop, I have room for 10 to 12, so let me know as soon as possible if you can make it. Location: Here in Sun City Roseville RSVP to hostess **Pam Wilkinson**, preferably by email. Bring your own ball point pen or non-smear Sharpie pen.

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

Our group will be enjoying breakfast 9:30 AM on **Tuesday, May 31st**, at Denny's, 5181 Foothills Blvd., Roseville. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 29th, to **Sandy Haley**.

**Neighborhood Group Leaders**

(They welcome your questions about our groups)

Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville & 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 is happy to honor your requests to send a card or make a friendly call to members who are ill, need encouragement, or are to be congratulated.

Her contact information is in our Branch Handbook.



### Board Meeting Notice

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

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at Raley's in Roseville.**

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

### 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/>

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