

# **Branch Lines**

MARCH 2018 American Association of University Women

Don't Miss the 2018 Women of Distinction Awards Dinner! Thursday, March 8 5:00 p.m. Catta Verdera Country Club 1111 Catta Verdera, Lincoln, CA



March 8, the date of the event, is also International Women's Day, a day to celebrate the Suffragette Movement, that led to women's gaining, finally, the right to vote.

On this day the Branch will honor two South Placer women who have achieved success in roles more often occupied by men: Dawn Clayton and Susan Rohan. See page 5.

We will also hear two keynote speakers: Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez and Beth Broome, whose work has focused on equity issues and creating growth opportunities for women and girls. See pages 6 & 7.

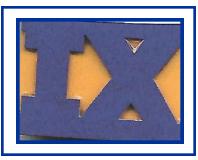
It is fitting that the Women of Distinction Fundraiser helps to support women who have shown a desire for personal growth and achievement: our Scholarship Women and Girls, our Tech Trekkers, our Speech Trek and \$tart \$mart participants, and AAUW Funds recipients.

You can still purchase Raffle Tickets! The prizes are exciting! See page 8. And you can feel good about helping raise funds to support our Branch's Community programs that further enhance opportunities for gender equity. Contact Linda Hart.

If you haven't purchased a dinner ticket by now, you may be out of luck, but check with Barbara Fraivillig to see if there are any cancellations.

# Are Women Getting Their Piece of the Pie?

Branch members enjoy playing games, tasting wine and gourmet food, visiting garden sites, engaging in current events. However, it is easy to lose sight of our most important mission: our philanthropic work for women and girls. One of the most important parts of our philanthropy program is providing scholarships to women returning to school at Sierra College and high school senior girls in need of financial aid and heading directly to college after graduation. In addition, girls and women across the nation are affected by **Title IX**, not only for sports but for issues such as sexual harassment in school.



**Lora Finnegan, high school scholarship chair,** will describe our **high school scholarship program:** how students are selected and who have been past recipients. We hope to hear from at least a few of these outstanding girls. Their individual stories of need and the hard work they put in to prepare for college are truly moving.

**Betty Manning, Sierra College scholarship chair,** will introduce the women whom we send to Sierra College. Both of our scholarship women will attend and share their stories and their heartfelt struggles of returning to finally get their college degrees. See page 9 to review the progress of these remarkable women.

Alecia Hetman, Past President of AAUW CA, National Vice President of AAUW, member of many committees including LAF, and currently Title IX Chair will bring us up to date on issues covered by Title IX. (See page 3 for further information on Title IX.)

This is the Branch's first program for this 50th Anniversary Year to focus entirely on these important issues. It is a must-see event!

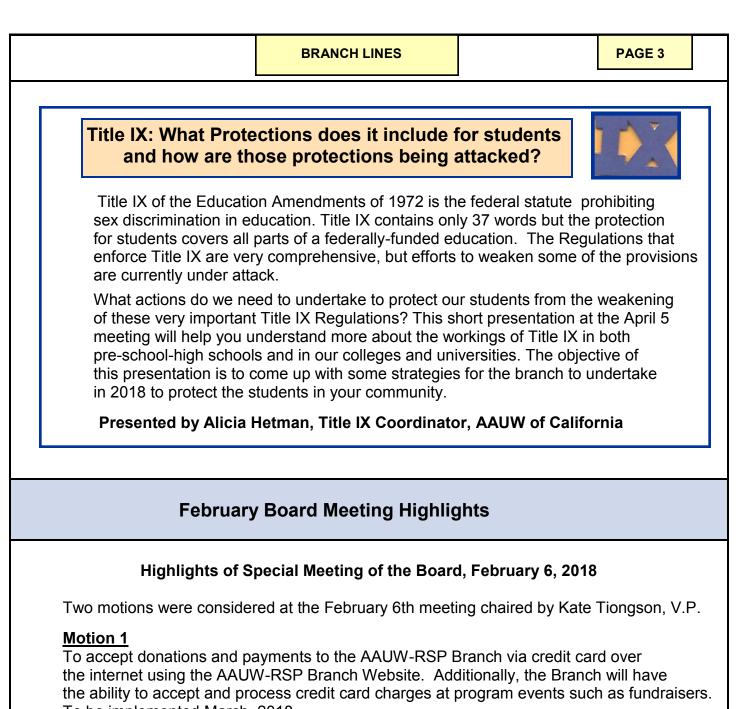
When: Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Woman's Club 499 E. St. (Corner of 5th), Lincoln

A Free Program, Open to the public

**Refreshments provided** 





To be implemented March, 2018.

### Unanimously Approved

#### Motion 2

The Branch follow National AAUW's policy to charge 50% membership dues to **new** members joining from January – March. Breakdown: Full Annual Dues New Member **January – March** 

<b>Unanimously Approved</b>		
TOTAL	\$93.00	
Local Branch	\$24.00	
State	\$20.00	
National	\$49.00	
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New Member	January -	- March
National	\$24.50	
State is static	\$20.00	
Branch	\$12.00	
TOTAL	\$56.00	

### SPEECH TREK CONTEST RESULTS

#### Amazing Student Speakers Michele Stark, Speech Trek Chair



Inspirational event! On February 16, five high school student finalists spoke on the topic "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" Partnering with Sun City Community Forum for the third year, approximately 140 people filled the Presentation Hall in Lincoln's Kilaga Springs Lodge for the final round of the 12th annual Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest.

Left: Dave Allen, VP Kate Tiongson, Hannah Uhler, Julia Chin, Rohan Sharma, Gabrielle Camba, Michele Stark, Speech Trek Chair

Cash awards, sponsored by Gray Allen, were presented by his son, David Allen.

1st place, \$850: Rohan Sharma, sophomore at Whitney

2nd place, \$550: Gabrielle Camba, sophomore at Lincoln

3rd place, \$300: Hannah Uhler, sophomore at Lincoln 4th place, \$100: Julia Chin, senior at Woodcreek 5th place, \$100: Evelyn Bartholomew, junior at Whitney

Winner, Rohan Sharma, (center in right photo) now has an opportunity to participate in the AAUW CA State Finals at the Convention on April 28.

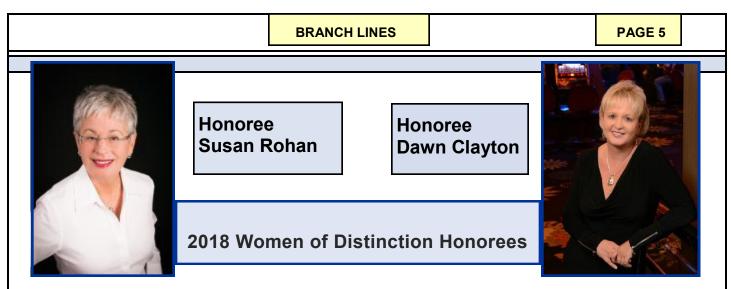




A new number! On February 9, twenty-seven students participated in the semi-final contest. Seven high schools were represented: Antelope, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Rocklin, Roseville, Whitney, and Woodcreek. Reception, with complimentary hors d' oeuvres and a cash bar, was well attended by members and the community.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE! Kudos and much appreciation to the Speech Trek Committee, the Reception Committee, the judges, other AAUW volunteers, the Sun City Community Forum, and community people who volunteered their time to help. Photos: Patricia Lane



**Susan Rohan** is the Mayor of the City of Roseville, elected to the Roseville City Council for a four-year term in November of 2010 and again in 2014, serving as Mayor from 2012-2014 & 2016-2018 and Vice Mayor from 2010-2012 & 2014-2016. She is the immediate past-chair of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. Susan has long been civic minded and involved with community activities in Roseville. She owns a public affairs business, and is the former Vice President of Government and Environmental Affairs for the Del Webb Corporation, which she represented on the Sun City Roseville Homeowners Association Board. Since moving to Roseville in1988, Susan has served on numerous city and county commissions and committees.

Susan reflects AAUW's focus on advocacy, education, and philanthropy in her private-sector, public-sector, and volunteer roles. Susan has been instrumental in increasing Roseville's involvement in legislative advocacy at the state and federal levels; these efforts continually contribute to improving and enhancing the lives of women and girls as they provide greater economic opportunities, access to housing, healthier environments. Susan is a "people person," skilled in connecting with those with whom she comes in contact, and identifying ways to connect people to each other. She readily accepts invitations to mentor young women, shares ideas and her contacts. She knows how to bring people together to get things done. She has been instrumental in the formation of the South Placer Women's Leadership Coalition, a group of South Placer women in business, government, and community organizations meeting monthly to network and be educated about community issues. Her interests extend well beyond politics and government, as evidenced by a long list of community groups in which she has been involved, and their recognition of her accomplishments.

**Dawn Clayton** is the General Manager of Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, one of Placer County's major employers with 2,500 staff. She is a 34-year veteran of the gaming/hospitality industry, ranging across commercial, riverboat, Native American properties the United States. She has come to be known as a strategic, open-minded and creative thinker with the ability to apply new and best practices to move business forward in highly competitive markets. She is a dynamic leader with a proven track record of dedication to excellence, professionalism, mentoring and personal integrity and ethical responsibility. AAUW supports women who, after other pursuits, re-enter college to complete their education and Dawn is excellent example. After starting as a craps dealer in Atlantic City, she earned a BA in Psychology from the Richard Stockton University of New Jersey.

In 2016 she was recognized as one of the Sacramento Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business, and named to the national top 100 "Women to Watch" list compiled by the Journal's Bizwomen publication. In June 2016, she was featured in Forbes Magazine as one of California's Women Business Leaders. She services on the Rocklin Chamber Board of Directors and chaired the Board in 2015. She was named the 2013 Business Person of the Year, and received the 2016 Chairman's Award. Currently she serves on the Boards of several area non-profit organizations, including Courage Worldwide, the Lighthouse Counseling & Resource Center and the Placer SPCA.

# **Speakers for Women of Distinction Event**



In keeping with honoring women leaders in our community, as well as International Women's Day, we are privileged to have **Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez and Beth Broome** who have worked together on major projects impacting women in California.

### "Standing on Their Shoulders" will be their topic.

**Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez** has devoted her career to expanding opportunities for women, supporting the needs of underserved communities, and improving partnerships between government and

the private and non-profit sectors. After more than three years working to successfully transform the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, she recently stepped down leaving the commission with stabilized funding and innovative initiatives. **The CA Pay Equity Task Force, established after the Equal Pay Bill was passed by the Legislature in 2016, will soon complete its work to develop tools that enable California's employers and employees to transform workplace culture.** An expanded STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) portfolio including Million Women Mentors-CA and initiative to Engage Girls in STEM has received national and state recognition.

Nancy served for four years as Director of Government Affairs for the City and County of San Francisco with then Mayor Gavin Newsom, and almost eight years in the Clinton Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for intergovernmental Relations at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, DC and the US Department of Labor. For five years, she was a Commissioner and President of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women where she championed local initiatives to reduce domestic violence and human trafficking, improve gender equality, and advance girls' services. She currently serves as the Board Treasurer of Emerge America, on the National Leadership Council of Futures without Violence, and on the Board of Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation.

Kirshner-Rodriguez graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. She received the Alumnae Medal of Honor for her years of service to the college.

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### **Speakers for Women of Distinction Event**



**Beth Broome** is the Senior Advisor to the Provost for STEM Strategy at UC Davis. In this role she is able to leverage her interdisciplinary education, nonprofit, and community planning expertise to create strategic partnerships and initiatives aligned to the STEM mission of the University.



A major focus of her work is committed to improving access, persistence and success for women historically underserved and first generation students pursuing STEM degrees.

UC Davis is one of 10 University of California campuses. UCD has been named No. 1 on the *Forbes* list of best colleges for women in STEM, with 56 percent female enrollment and 29 percent of the student body specializing in STEM. UC Davis is ranked in the top 10 public universities, and 13th in US institutions granting undergraduate degrees to students of color. Davis is **3rd** among the top U.S. colleges for "doing the most for the "American Dream" and for its commitment to economic diversity.

(College Access Index, New York Times 2017)

### What's on the Branch Website?



We are nearing the time of year when a nominating committee is named and candidates for office sought. Moreover, members--both old and new--have questions about Branch policies or "rules." Some want to know what has occurred at board meetings. Others want to know about the women and girls we support with Tech Trek, Scholarships, Sierra College, Speech Trek.

**Visit the Website:** www.rosevillesouthplacer-ca.org. Save it as a starred site to click on. In the Members section you will find the newly revised Policies and Procedures, with a table of contents, the By-laws, and a complete list of all Branch job descriptions, with a table of contents. The board minutes are posted along with other information for members only.

You will also find current Branch information and articles relevant to AAUW mission and values on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/aauwrsp Computer users: Both of these sites can be accessed by clicking on a hyperlink on the last page of each month's Branch Lines. Just go to the last page, hold CTRL on keyboard, then put your cursor on the link and click. **There you are!** 

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	Women of Distinction Raffle March 8, 2018	
Grand	<ul> <li>I Prize – 2-Night Napa Getaway Adventure for 2         Napa River Inn, Celadon restaurant, II Posto         Tratorria restaurant, Odette winery tasting         And tour, Culinary Institute of America at         Copia experience, Di Rosa Gallery, Olive         Press tasting and tour, Oxbow Market         Goodies. (est. value \$1300)     </li> </ul>	
S	Second Prize – 2 Night Plymouth Getaway for 2	
Fourth Fifth P	Rest Boutique Hotel, Taste Restaurant, Amador Vintage Market, Sobon winery, Andis winery, Amador Flower Farm, signed Longaberger basket. (est value \$700) <b>Third Prize – Chocolate and Wine Fantasy</b> Bottles of wine, wine accessories, luscious chocolates and more. (est value \$400) <b>Prize – Amador County Wines</b> Mixed case of wine from several Amador wineries. (est value \$200) <b>Prize – Jewelry Surprise</b> It's a surprise but is handmade by a local artisan. (est value \$100) <b>Prize – Necklace and Earrings</b> Handmade Rain Forest rust jasper pendent with rust etched jade and black onyx beads, copper colored spacers and matching earrings. (est value \$85)	
Tickets are being sold and will be available for purchase at AAUW events and on March 8 at the WOD dinner.		
I	Tickets are: \$10 each, \$25 for 3, \$75 for 10. Please contact Linda Hart for further information.	

### March Luncheon for our Sierra College Scholarship Women By Betty Manning, Sierra College Scholarship Chair

#### Hi Ladies,

Our two students are both on track and doing well. They're both delightful! We're having a New Year's lunch with them in March to "catch up" and I know many of the board members as well as other branch members plan to attend. Then, both are planning on attending the program on April 5th ("Are Women Getting their Piece of the Pie") and will speak about how/what their scholarships have meant to them. They're both very thankful for the support!

#### To remind you of their backgrounds:

#### <u>Tonya Hart</u>

**Tonya** attempted to go to college 20+ years ago but it didn't work out. Now, after a marriage of 21 years, raising two amazing daughters, a divorce and a serious illness, she returned to college. Although her doctor told her she shouldn't set her expectations too high, she's soared! In fact, she made all A's this past semester and plans on doing it again for her final semester, during which she plans on taking 14 units (we only require 12 units for the scholarship)......and her classes will include: Math, Statistics, Philosophy, Ethics, Psychology Research Methods and Symbolic Philosophy! Very impressive!



She will receive her AA-T for Psychology and an AA in Administration of Justice in May. She's hoping to be accepted into Edinburgh University in Scotland for her upper division education. She feels she's a role model for her daughters and nieces, that it's never too late to get an education! We KNOW she's a role model!

#### Pham Thi Kim Dung

**Pham** is an Accounting Major and plans to graduate this fall and continue her education at CSUS in the spring of 2019. She's very thankful for the scholarship, which has reduced her financial burden and allowed her to focus more on her schooling and the pursuit of her dream. She has the strong belief that this world still has hands to grasp the hand (in other words, those who will help others in need). I love the way she says this. She thanks the AAUW for bringing hope and generosity to women who not only have the responsibility of learning but also the other responsibilities of motherhood, being a wife and a daughter. She says this generosity has inspired her to



help others and to give back to the community. She hopes that one day she will be able to help others to get beyond their difficulties and get an education the way the AAUW has helped her.

I love these ladies!

**Betty** 



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# 2018 Eleanor Roosevelt Awards



It takes a village... we all know what that means, but who are our village women? Who are the women who make this Branch work? Who gives their time, dedication, leadership, ideas, vision, or volunteers whenever the call goes out? Why don't you tell us by submitting their name(s) for an Eleanor Roosevelt Award this year? In celebration of our 5 decades—1968 -2018, an award will be given to five deserving women.

We think Eleanor Roosevelt was a wonderfully inspiring woman whose legacy should be celebrated, which is why the Branch presents the Eleanor Roosevelt Awards each year.

*Eleanor Roosevelt* was an incredible and influential woman! She was an American politician, diplomat and activist. She was very controversial and was very outspoken on many issues including racial ones. Eleanor was the longest-serving First Lady of the United States, having held the post from March 1933 to April 1945. In 1999, she was voted in the top ten of Gallup's List of Most Widely Admired People of the 20th Century.

Please submit the name or names for an Eleanor Roosevelt Award. Anyone—whether they have received the award before or not—may be nominated this year. Everyone is eligible!

Send names with two or three paragraphs why you're nominating this member for recognition to: Sanchia Spandow, Chair Eleanor Roosevelt Award Committee

Nominations will be shared only with members of the committee.

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

#### Welcome to our newest AAUW Members!

**Karen Hanford** resides in Rocklin. She is a retired Administration/ education professional. Her degree in Education Leadership is from SFSU & LSUC. Her personal interests include gardening and reading. She brings the following skills to our branch: Email, Word, PowerPoint & grant writing. She was referred by Dawn Hass and joined in January 2018.



**Bernadette O'Keefe** resides in Rocklin with her spouse. She is a part-time Non-profit management grant writer. Her degrees include a BS in Sociology and Grad school in Public Administration from UC Santa Cruz & San Jose State. Her personal interests include gardening, politics, & family. She brings the following skills to our branch: Email, Word, Excel & grant writing. She was referred by Lynn Cook and joined in January 2018.

#### We welcome back renewing member:

**Mary Ellen Vogt.** She resides in Lincoln with background as Prof/Teacher, reading spec, Consultant. Her degrees include a BA from CO State, an MA from CSU Stanislaus, and Ed.D. from UC Berkeley. We welcome her back to our many branch activities.

### Handbook Updates and Corrections

You may find recent Handbook Updates and Corrections in the Members Only section of our Branch Website.

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

To All Members: If changes to your Handbook information, please contact Cindy Hays, Handbook Publisher.

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### New Interest Group—Smart E-Gals By Janet Dixon

**Smart E-Gals** is a technology special interest group dedicated to educate and share information about:

1. computing devices including computers, mobile devices and tablets

2. internet and web for communications

3. social media including Internet Safety, using social networking sites like Facebook & Twitter, security, privacy, protecting personal information

1-2 hour long forums will be held at least once a quarter if not more often. Planning is underway for the first forum covering device basics. Date, location, and time to be announced. Future forums will cover Internet basics and social media basics.

**Contact: Janet Dixon** 

### AAUW NAME TAGS NOW AVAILABLE By Dotti May, Membership Vice President

If you would like to buy an AAUW name tag for <u>\$4.00</u> please send money (check made out to AAUW) and your name for the tag to Dotti May.

1 ½ inches high X 3 inches wide with magnetic fastener

See our Branch Handbook for Dotti's mailing address.

She will be happy to receive your call or email regarding purchasing of these popular name tags.



**Kathy Samo** 

Member

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

#### Mah Jongg

Thursday, March 1 and 15, at 1:00 p.m. Group plays twice monthly in members' homes on first and third Thursdays. Players will be contacted by Coordinator Joyce Wade. Or RSVP to Joyce if you plan to attend. Newcomers are welcome at the teaching table.

#### Casual Gardeners Wednesday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.

Visiting Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery and Demo Garden in Rancho Cordova behind Soil Born Farms. Meet at 9:30 at our usual parking lot on Douglas to arrange transportation and verify tour times. Lunch TBD. Contact Sandra Barnikel for further information and confirmation of your attendance.

#### Wednesday Evening Book Group March 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Fran Rice RSVP to Fran if you plan to attend. Reviewing: <u>The Rent Collector</u> by Cameron Wright April book: <u>We Were the Lucky Ones</u> by Georgia Hunter Further information: Contact Jane Watkins.

#### Nine And Wine Thursday, March 8 and 22, 2:00 p.m.

Beginning and intermediate golfers play 9 holes for fun and end with a Happy Hour. Group meets the second and fourth Thursday at 2:00 p.m. For further details and to RSVP, please contact Carolyn Garfein.





#### Duplicate Bridge Friday, March 9, at 1:00 p.m.

Sally Altman in Granite Bay will be our hostess. Please let her know if you plan to play. We need eight players. If you would like to join or be a substitute in this group, please contact Sandi Roullier.

#### Great Decisions Friday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Our group meets on the second Friday of the month Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd, Roseville Topic: "Turkey: A Partner in Crisis" Presented by Karen Anderson. All welcome. DVD shown. 2018 Books available. Further information: Contact Elsie Gaura.

#### Women of the World Monday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Kathy Adams DVD shown...Documentary: "Birthright" Reproductive rights of American women, but not about abortion. Limited seating. Please RSVP ASAP to Kathy to secure your place. For more information about our group, contact Joan Mackey.

Hand and Foot Card Game Tuesday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m. Group meets on the second Tuesday monthly at the Granite Bay home of Darlene Thomas. We are looking for new members. For information about our group, contact Darlene.



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

### Social Bridge

Wednesday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m.

Chicago scoring 2-table bridge is played on the second Wednesday at a player's home. If you would like to play or be a sub, come join us. RSVP to Leslie McNeill.

#### Couples Dining In 'N Out Sunday, March 18, at 5:30

We will enjoy a fun meal at a restaurant that has a wall of glass to a pond with all the spring flowers and trees in bloom. Join us at SOURCE RESTAURANT 5540 Douglas Blvd, #110, Granite Bay. RSVP to Karen Anderson to secure your reservation. <u>NOTE</u>: In the future, we will meet on the 3rd Sunday evening of every other month. The next one will be May 20.



#### Movies on Monday March 19, at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Sue Cofer Our film: "The Eleanor Roosevelt Story" 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.

#### Tuesday Book Group March 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church, 6365 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay Sanchia reviews: <u>Waking Lions</u> by Aylet Gundar-Goshen April book: <u>The Sellout</u> by Paul Beatty Questions: Contact Patricia Glover.

#### Wednesday Book Group March 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas, Roseville Jane Reviews: <u>A Piece of the World</u> by Kristina Baker Kline April book: <u>Magpie Murders</u> by Anthony Horowitz Questions: Contact Nancy Taylor.

#### Mexican Train Monday, March 26 at 1:00 PM

Our hostess this month is Leslie McNeill. If you plan to attend, please reply by March 19. Don't forget to bring your nickels!

#### Women's Gourmet Group Monday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m.

The March Women's Gourmet will be held at the home of Cindy Hays in Lincoln. The menu will be sent out in March. Questions may be directed to Karen Allen.

#### Smart eGals

Members will meet by contacting the chair and arranging to bring portable technology to a gathering to share questions and answers and learn to use their smart phones, tablets, laptops, etc. There is no set meeting day or time but hour-long forums will be held at least once a quarter if not more often. Date, location, and time to be announced. See page 12 for more information. Chair: Janet Dixon

#### **New Member Group**

New members and members with guests who are interested in joining the South Placer AAUW Branch are invited to a party. On **Tuesday, April 10**, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Lincoln home of Lynn Cook. Please RSVP by **April 3** to Lynn Cook, New Member Chair.



### Leadership Needed

Please contact Schelly Jensen if you would like to assist with activities for the Lincoln Neighborhood Group.

#### **BRANCH LINES**

# **Board Meeting Notice**

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

#### The next Board meeting will be on March 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Raley's in Lincoln.

Anyone interested in attending our board meetings is welcome. 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.

### AAUW ROSEVILLE-SOUTH PLACER BRANCH LINES

Adele Tarantino, Editor Gini Christiansen, Distributor



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.

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

http://www.aauw.org/

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



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

To access the Members Only section on our Branch Website, you must use the branch password.

Branch Lines Deadline: 15th of the month

### NOTE:

Branch Lines may be printed out in color <u>or</u> in black-and-white. Your printer will most likely be set for color. You may click on Properties or Preferences and change the setting to black-and-white or grayscale.

It is suggested that you print out the newsletter now so you will have it handy for future reference.

