



Roseville-South Placer (CA) Branch

Branch Lines

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American Association of
University Women

DRUM ROLL:

Branch Winner Advances to STATE FINALS!

By Michele Stark, Speech Trek Chair

There is hope for the future when a young, articulate high school student delivers an *original 6-minute* speech on a relevant topic before a large audience.

Christine Corry's answer to the topic— How can we eliminate violence aimed at our schools?— has propelled her to be one of three students to compete at the **AAUW CA Speech Trek Finals.**



Christine Corry, a 9th grade student at Granite Bay High School, will vie for the top \$1,500 prize sponsored by **Gray Allen.**

On April 6, 2019, Christine will compete in the **statewide finals** of the **Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest**, held at the AAUW CA Annual Meeting in San Diego.

Christine says, “Having the chance to speak about an incredibly relevant topic which is close to the hearts of so many people is an amazing opportunity. I hope, by going to state, I can further spread the idea that violence targeting schools affects all of us, from drastic changes within schools themselves, to the mundane mannerisms of scared students who have changed in response to these events. I am unimaginably grateful to AAUW and Gray Allen for this opportunity and for providing a platform for the ideas of high school students.”

For the 4th consecutive year, our branch finalist has been selected to compete at State Finals. Be proud, Roseville-South Placer!

Indeed, IT TAKES A VILLAGE! *For recognition of the many volunteers who helped with the branch's Speech Trek contests, please see page 5.*

President's Message

Our member's commitment to building women's economic security inspired the Coca-Cola Foundation to invest in AAUW last August, when AAUW received its largest corporate grant in recent history to build an online platform to train women in salary negotiation.

In order to advocate making salary inequity a thing of the past, AAUW is offering access to a free online tool, AAUW Work Smart, to members and friends and family. Registration can be found at <https://salary.aauw.org/>.



Tuesday, April 2nd, is the symbolic day when women's salaries catch up to men's earnings for the year. In conjunction with our Public Policy Chair, Sue Miller, the IBC (Inter-Branch Council) have put together a group program to attend the Equal Pay Day at the State Capital in Sacramento on Monday, April 1st. Please see Sue's article in this month's Branch Lines for details on how you can participate. (Pages 8-9)

In addition, here are a few other ways you can take action to bring attention to the gender pay gap: Contact your members of Congress to support strong, effective pay equity legislation like the Paycheck Fairness Act. Meet with your local and state elected officials to discuss the pay gap in California or Placer County. Write letters to the editor of local newspapers.

April 1st is the deadline to get your nominations in for the Eleanor Roosevelt Awards; for details, please see Joan Mackey's article in this month's Branch Lines.

Make sure your calendar is up to date for the following events:

- * Equal Pay Day program at the CA State Capitol on April 1st.
- * The Annual Meeting has been changed from May 23rd to May 30th..
- * Installation of the 2019 – 2020 Board of Directors will take place on June 19th.

March 13th Board Meeting Highlights

- * Maria Actis, Finance VP, reported that the branch received \$42.52 from Amazon Smile for the 4th quarter of last year.
- * Once again the Speech Trek committee planned and executed a successful competition. For the fourth year in a row our branch's top speaker has been chosen as one of three candidates from across the State to compete at the AAUW-CA Speech Trek program.
- * The President and President-Elect are not able to attend this year's State Meeting, so a motion was made to use the allocated funds to send Michele Stark to represent the AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch at this year's meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.
- * Next month's Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10th, at 10am at the Raley's Conference Center, Lincoln.

Thank you to all who made it possible!

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First Prize: Dining Out in Style (est. value \$1350.00)
 Second Prize: New Getaway + Water cooler + Y (est. value \$1200.00)
 Third Prize: New Getaway + Water cooler + Y (est. value \$600.00)
 Fourth Prize: New Getaway + Water cooler + Y (est. value \$500.00)
 Fifth Prize: New Getaway + Water cooler + Y (est. value \$450.00) 5 Tickets for \$25
 Sixth Prize: New Getaway + Water cooler + Y (est. value \$400.00) 10 Tickets for \$25
 Seventh Prize: Green + Hand (est. value \$200.00) 10 Tickets for \$25

100 tickets printed

Women of Distinction Dinner March 28, 2019
 Falls Event Center, Roseville

Winners must be 21 years of age or older • Need not be present to win
 AAUW RSP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization
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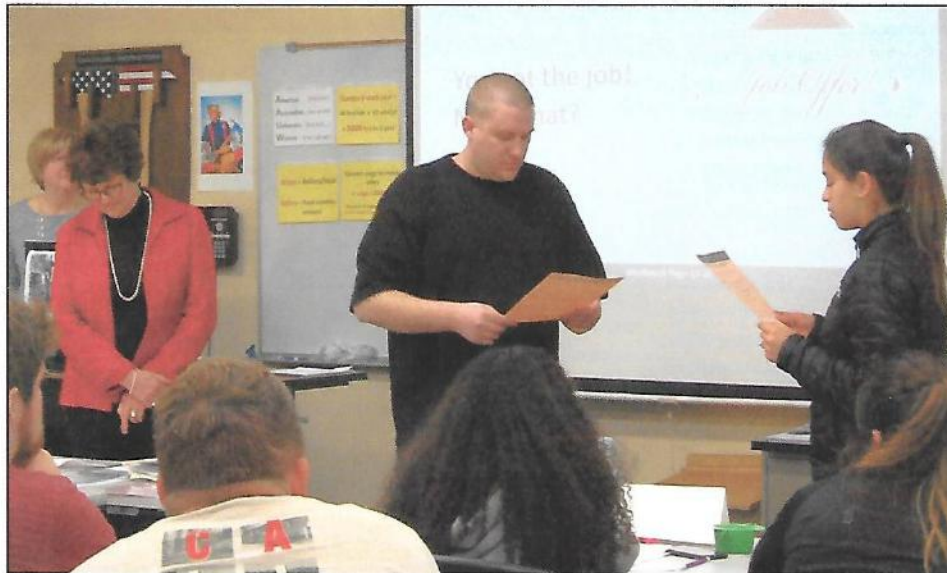
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Sierra College Leadership Report April 2019

Save the Date: Love Your Body Summit April 3rd at Sierra College. *Free* and open to the Public. Visit our AAUW-RSP information table on the Quad 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Start Smart and Work Smart Online

3 of 6 spring semester Start Smart workshops have been completed. Denise Hexom facilitated the latest workshop in a Personal Development 8 class. Take the *free Work Smart Online* to see what Start Smart is all about: <https://salary.aauw.org/work-smart/>

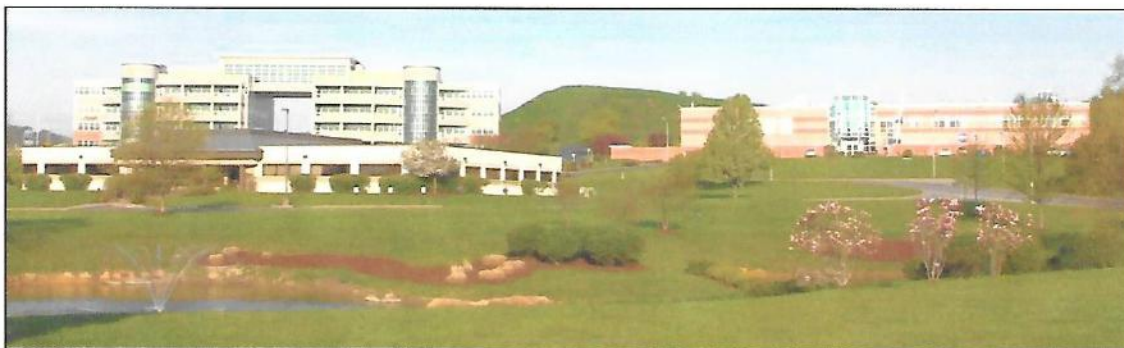


Students Sean Thorne and Micaela Moreira perform an employer – job seeker role play to practice negotiation skills. AAUW-RSP's Denise Hexom facilitated the workshop.

Women Making History February 22, 2019

NASA has re-designated its Independent Verification and Validation Facility in Fairmont, W. Virginia, as the **Katherine Johnson Independent Verification and Validation Facility**, in honor of the West Virginia native and NASA "hidden figure." "I am thrilled we are honoring Katherine Johnson in this way as she is a true American icon who overcame incredible obstacles and inspired so many," said NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine. "It's a fitting tribute to name the facility that carries on her legacy of mission-critical computations in her honor." For more information about Katherine Johnson, visit:

<https://www.nasa.gov/content/katherine-johnson-biography>



NASA's Katherine Johnson Independent Verification and Validation Facility in Fairmont, West Virginia

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH



Indeed, *IT TAKES A VILLAGE!* With gratitude, the Speech Trek program recognizes the following volunteers who generously gave their time and support to the Semi-final and Final contests. Thanks to all, the Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contests were successful.

SPEECH TREK SPONSORS

**Gray Allen and Family
Lincoln Sun City Community Forum**

JUDGES FOR THE FINAL CONTEST

Chris Ewers, Ewers Engineering, Toastmaster Club

Bonnie Gore, Placer County Supervisor

Pauline Roccucci, Roseville City Council

Alyssa Silhi, Lincoln City Council

Eric Stevens, President, Rocklin School District Board of Trustees

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Fran Rice

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Doug Stark

Nancy Taylor

Jane Watkins

RECEPTION

Sue Cofer-Program VP, Jean Ching, Barbara Gorden, Denise Hexom, Kathy Kort, Carol Mahany, Leslie McNeill, Remy Spandow-Stevens, Linda Tinsman

LAST CALL: Nominations for Eleanor Roosevelt Award (Deadline for nominations—April 1)

Each year we select two members to receive the **Eleanor Roosevelt Award** for outstanding contributions to our Branch. Please take a moment and think of deserving members in our branch and nominate someone who has been outstanding in giving her time, talent, and effort for the good of our Branch. Help us thank these members by honoring them with the Eleanor Roosevelt Award.



Send your nominations, including your reasons for the nomination, to Joan Mackey, chairperson, or contact any of the committee members: Lora Finnegan, Diane Madden or Barbara Fraivillig.

The deadline date for nominations is April 1. Winners' names will be kept secret until this award is given at the Annual Installation event in June.

The Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates for Branch Office for our AAUW year 2019-2020.

Secretary – Linda Yadao
 Membership – Dotti May
 Finance – Maria Actis
 Outreach – Kathy Novotny
 Philanthropy – Remy Stevens and Kate Tiongson
 Programs and President Elect – Denise Hexom
 President – Sanchia Spadow assumes the role of President
 for the coming 2019-2020 AAUW Year (currently is President Elect)

SAVE THE DATES

Here are the dates for the May and June meetings:

Annual Meeting	—	May 30th - Breakfast and Election of Officers Place and exact time to be determined
Installation	—	June 19th - Wine Reception honoring new officers and Eleanor Roosevelt honorees presented 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Place to be determined

AAUW FUNDS—Selected Professions Fellowships

By Joan Mackey

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to women who intend to pursue a master's degree in a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.



Master's programs are awarded in the following areas:
Architecture, Computer/Information Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics/Statistics.

In addition, fellowships in the following degree programs are restricted to women of color, who have been underrepresented in these fields: Master's in business administration — second year of study only, Law—third year of study only, Doctorate in medicine—third or fourth year of study only.

This funding was originally established in 1970 to open doors for women in the male-dominated fields of law and medicine. The focus has since expanded to include science and technology.

In Memoriam



Patricia McLaughlin's husband, Frank, passed away in March after many months in hospice care. Frank and Patricia were active in the couples gourmet and wine group after they moved to Lincoln. Frank's smiling face and great sense of humor will be remembered by all branch members who knew him. Our heartfelt condolences go to Pat and her family during this time of loss.

Branch member Patti Kingston and family lost their son, Eric, in a tragic event recently. He died in an accident while celebrating his and Patti's grandson's birthdays on a family outing. Our deepest sympathy goes to Patti and her family over this terrible loss. Many of you know Patti from her work on past philanthropy committees and her continued work on the Tech Trek Committee. She has been an active volunteer since she joined several years ago. We hope members will reach out to Patti during this time of loss.

Public Policy News

By Sue Miller



Important Congressional Legislation Moves Forward!

Ten years ago, the U.S. Congress passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which drew attention to and gave hope of actions that would narrow the Gender Pay Gap. Since then we've seen a number of bills, passed in the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown, that have addressed a number of factors contributing to the pay gap, with remedies. However, federal legislation has not effected much change.

You've heard the statistics — women working full time in the United States are typically paid just 80 percent of what men are paid, and the gap is even wider for many women of color. Now hope is on the horizon in upcoming Congressional action which can help change this. The Paycheck Fairness Act would take meaningful steps to update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to help close the gender pay gap, including:

- * closing loopholes that have weakened the law over time to allow employers to justify paying workers unfairly
- * creating more robust remedies for those who have suffered discrimination
- * preventing employers from retaliating against workers who discuss or disclose their wages
- * prohibiting employers from relying on salary history to set wages, and
- * providing much needed training and technical assistance, as well as data collection and research.

The gender pay gap is persistent and can only be addressed if women have the tools they need to challenge discrimination and employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law. It's time for Congress to make real change for all families by passing the Paycheck Fairness Act. You can help!

Go to the AAUW website, aauw.org and click on the Two Minute Activist. Here you can send messages to Senators Feinstein and Harris and Congressman Tom McClintock. Enter your address to ask them to show their support for pay equity by voting for the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Do it now! The vote in the House of Representatives may come before the end of March!

Other important legislation has been introduced: See continuation of this article on Page 9.

The Welcome Mat

By Lynn Cook

Our branch is happy to welcome two new members.
Please add them to your 2018-2019 Branch Handbook.

Kate Sween lives in Lincoln and has transferred from the Sacramento branch of AAUW.

Susanne Chambers, with her spouse Lee, is living in Lincoln. Susanne has a MS degree in Health Science & Counseling.



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Other important legislation has been introduced:

* Senators Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), and Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) introduced the bipartisan Building Blocks of STEM Act (H.R. 1665/S. 737). The bill was also introduced in the House by Representatives Haley Stevens (D-Mich.) and Jim Baird (R-Ind.). This AAUW-supported bill would create additional STEM education initiatives for young children through the National Science Foundation and specifically aims to further increase the number of girls in computer science.

* Rep. David Cicilline (D-R.I.) and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) introduced the Equality Act, which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the areas of employment, public education, housing and public accommodations. AAUW supports the swift passage of the Equality Act to ensure federal protections for all LGBTQ individuals.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that the Department of Education will no longer enforce the provision in federal law that prohibits religious organizations from providing federally funded educational services to private schools.

Interest Group Meetings in April—Open to all members

Wednesday Evening Book Group

April 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Kathy Kort.
Susan reviews: The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss
May book: The Doll House by Fiona Davis
Questions: Jane Watkins

Casual Gardeners

Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

We will be visiting the Sacramento Historic
City Cemetery Garden
1000 Broadway, Sacramento
We will meet in the Office Depot parking lot
On Douglas Blvd. at 9:30 a.m.
The Garden was designed to resemble the
Victorian Era, and houses many pioneer
and early settler's graves.

Please RSVP by **March 29** to Karen Haggard.
Of course, lunch arrangements will be made.

Mah Jongg

Thursday, April 4 and 18, 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.

New Member Group

Dotti May and I are planning an outing for May or
June. If anyone has suggestions for a local outing,
please email me. Be sure to check the
Branch Lines for details of our upcoming event.
Lynn Cook, New Member Chair

Women of the World

Monday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Raley's Event Center, 39 Lincoln Blvd., Lincoln
Claire Ravi reviews "The Milk Lady of Bangalore"
by Shoba Narayan.
Humorous India, cows, & culture
Open to new members.
Contact: Joan Mackey

Hand and Foot Card Game

Tuesday, April 9, 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.

Duplicate Bridge

Friday, April 12, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Great Decisions

Friday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m.

Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville
Topic: "Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics"
DVD shown. Open forum. Bring opinions.
No-host lunch. All welcome to learn the world.
Contact: Elsie Gaura

April Interest Group Meetings—Open to All Members

Social Bridge

Wednesday, April 10, 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.

Movies on Monday

April 15, at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting at the Lincoln home of Sue Cofer

Our film: "Coat of Many Colors"

Our theme this year is movies with a color in its title.

Bring your bag lunch.

\$2 includes chips, beverage, and dessert

Seating is limited to 15 so please

RSVP ASAP to Carol Mahany.

Questions: Please contact Darlene Thomas.

Tuesday Book Group

April 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church, 6365 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay

Norma reviews: The House of Broken Angels
by Luis Alberto Urrea

May book: An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

Questions: Contact Patricia Glover.

Wednesday Book Group

April 17, at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting at Raley's in Granite Bay
6845 Douglas Blvd.

Reviewing: Brooklyn by Colm Tolbin

May book: Wait for Me by Deborah Mitford

Questions: Contact Nancy Taylor.

Wine Group

Our wine group is now meeting quarterly. We encourage interested members to give their email address to Joan Donlon or Kate Tiongson

to join the group and thus receive timely information. See Branch Handbook for their contact information. Cheers!

Women's Gourmet Group

Monday, April 22

Women's Gourmet will be gathering at the home of Sue Cofer on April 22.

In May, Maria Actis will be hosting the group.

Anyone interested in joining us for fun, fellowship, and fine food, please contact Margaret Maher or Janet Johnson.

Mexican Train

(Note day change—5th Monday)

The train is running

but needs a place to stop.

We need a hostess for **April 29**, the 5th Monday due to Easter.

If you can be a hostess, please contact me by **April 12** so I can send an update to all on the list.

Call or email Joan Urry.

Thanks so much for volunteering.



April Neighborhood Groups Events

Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville/Orangevale: Our group will meet for lunch as usual at 12:30 on **Friday, April 19.**

For questions or information about our group, please contact **Sally Altman.**

Rocklin/Springfield: Rocklin neighborhood group will meet for lunch on **April 25.** Junko Baker will contact us with the place and time in our April email. In addition to having a lovely lunch, we'll also be planning the Progressive Lunch, which will be on **May 16.** For questions or information about our group, please contact **Jerri Yeager.**

Sun City Roseville & West Roseville:

On Tuesday, **April 16, at 9:30 a.m.** we will enjoy a delicious breakfast and good company at the Granite Rock Grill, 5140 Pacific Street, in Rocklin. RSVP to **Sandy Haley.**



Lincoln Neighborhood Group:

On **April 30th at 2:00 p.m.** the Lincoln Neighborhood Group will meet for tea and delicious goodies at the new B and B Bakery at 835 Twelve Bridges Drive. This bakery has had rave reviews for its baked goods and sandwiches. Please come to check it out. RSVP to Sue Cofer via email.

Note: To sign up for the Lincoln Neighborhood Group, contact **Sue Cofer** or **Maria Actis.**

**For further information
about our neighborhood groups:
Contact Coordinator Schelly Jensen**

Neighborhood Group Leaders

Granite Bay/Loomis/Newcastle/E. Roseville & Orangevale: Sally Altman
Rocklin/Springfield: Jerri Yeager
Sun City Roseville/West Roseville: Sandy Haley
Lincoln: Sue Cofer

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.

Contact her by phone. See Branch Handbook



Board Meeting Notice

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

Our next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m. at Raley's in Lincoln.

Anyone interested in attending our board meetings is welcome.

Please contact our Branch President with your discussion item a week before the meeting so you can be placed on the agenda. Thank you.

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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/>

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Branch Lines Deadline: 15th of the month

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

Spring is in the Air

By Kaitlyn Guenther

Spring is in the air
Flowers are blooming sky high
Children are laughing

