



Standing Together for Equity

Empowering Women Since 1881

BRANCH LINES

November AAUW Meeting

WOMEN'S FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

NOVEMBER 12TH @ 4 PM

LINCOLN LIBRARY

485 TWELVE BRIDGES DR, LINCOLN CA

Please join us for this free seminar

- How to increase retirement savings
- What's ahead for stocks post-election
- Charitable Giving: doing it right

Guest Speaker:

George Robertson
CFP, AAMS, CRPC

Financial Advisor of Edward Jones

Light Refreshments

RSVP @ www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org/events



RSVP Link: [Events | AAUW-RSP Branch Site \(aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org\)](http://www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org/events)

Women's Financial Empowerment

By Lora Finnegan, Membership Vice President

Supporting women's education and equity are key parts of AAUW's mission. So, we are proud to offer a free presentation on "Women's Financial Empowerment" on November 12 at 4 PM at the Lincoln Public Library.

The speaker will be George Robertson from Edward Jones. Robertson is a certified financial planner and advisor based in Granite Bay. His talk will cover such topics as how the recent election changes the outlook for the market, how to get an emergency fund, review investing/financial goals, how to increase retirement savings. You'll also hear about managing charitable giving and how to do it right from an IRA.

This free program should be of interest not only to those in or near retirement, but anyone with money in the market or planning for retirement. You are urged to bring a friend; we hope to have a good turnout at this important event. There will be time at the end of the program for Q&A and light refreshments will be available. And there will be door prizes! Please go to our website to RSVP.

No Reservations Fundraiser

By Schelly Jensen, Co-President

November is the beginning of our Branch's main fundraiser for this year: No Reservations. The beauty of this "event" is that there are no reservations to make, no dinner to attend, just donate. We are hoping to raise a significant amount of money to fund our various scholarship programs—Tech Trek, Sierra College re-entry women and high school scholarships as well as ongoing Branch operations.

The Roseville-South Placer Branch dues are only \$24 per year. That means that with approximately 100 dues paying members, the Branch begins the year with approximately \$2400. That will pay for 2 girls to attend Tech Trek, or 1 Sierra College scholarship or 2 high school scholarships, and nothing else. Consequently, successful fundraising is vital to the ongoing health of our Branch. In addition to the money, we spend on scholarship programs (\$ 18,500), we also need money for mundane things such as facility rentals (for programs), insurance and printing, just to name a few.

Last year, for the first time in branch history, wording on the No Reservations form was changed to encourage large donations to be directed to specific scholarship funds. This year, donations of \$1000 or more may be directed to a specific scholarship fund by writing it into the memo line of your check. At this time, we require that you do not specify a use for smaller donations – less than \$1,000. But these meaningful smaller donations are—and have always been—essential to the branch.

Please continue to support AAUW's mission by making a generous donation to the No Reservations campaign.

Donation page on website: [Your Donation Counts | AAUW-RSP Branch Site \(aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org\)](https://www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org)



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON - SAVE THE DATE

December 16, 2024

11am - 2pm

Timbers Restaurant at Sun City Roseville



Northridge Country Club
7600 Madison Ave. Fair Oaks, CA

Save the Date! AAUW Fund Luncheon

Sponsored by your Capitol Counties Interbranch Council

Saturday, January 25, 2025
Noon – 2 PM; doors open 11:30

Keynote speaker: *Charmen Goehring, AAUW California President, will give us the history of AAUW Funds, including the varied ways the Funds support women.*
In addition, two current AAUW Fund Scholars will share their educational journeys, focusing on details and progress of the work AAUW has funded.

Be a part of this annual tradition. Enjoy a fun meal, listen to brilliant young women share their remarkable learning journeys, glow with pride to be an AAUW member supporting these determined, intelligent scholars.

Tickets will be available on Eventbrite in December; look for the link and further details in your December Branch Newsletter.

Deadline for reservations is January 17, 2025.



AAUW American Association of University Women
Speech Trek Contest 2024 - 2025

Semi-Finals: February 1, 2025 – Orchard Creek Lodge, Lincoln, CA

Finals: February 7, 2025 – Kilaga Springs Lodge, Lincoln, CA

<u>BRANCH PRIZES</u>		<u>STATE PRIZES</u>	
1 st	\$1,000	1 st	\$2,500
2 nd	\$800	2 nd	\$2,000
3 rd	\$700	3 rd	\$1,000
4 th	\$300	4 th	\$500
5 th	\$200	5 th	\$500

AAUW Celebrates Ribbon Cutting at Roseville Chamber of Commerce

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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
 OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

With commendation and congratulations on the AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch ribbon cutting with the Roseville Area Chamber of Commerce. Through research, education, and advocacy, this organization works to uplift and promote equity for women throughout our community, state, and nation. Congratulations!

October 10, 2024

Roger Niello
 Roger Niello
 Senator, 6th District



Left to right: Rana Ghadban, CEO Roseville Chamber of Commerce, Patricia Goldman, Michelle Colletto, Carol Delville, and Magnolia West.

Left to right: Lora Finnegan, Carol Delville, Michelle Colletto, Patricia Goldman, and Ronnie Binczewski



On October 10th, AAUW members and Roseville Chamber of Commerce leaders gathered for an exciting event—the official ribbon cutting for AAUW’s membership with the Chamber! This membership is a big step forward, helping AAUW connect more deeply with our community and grow our network of members and supporters.

In attendance from AAUW were our dedicated leaders, including Patricia Goldman, V.P. of Outreach; Carol Delville, Chair of Tech Trek; Lora Finnegan, Membership V.P.; Michelle Colletto, President Elect; and Ronnie Binczewski. Representing the Chamber, CEO Rana Ghadban and Membership Service Coordinator Gabby Aamodt joined the celebration, welcoming AAUW into the Chamber family.

Adding to the excitement, Magnolia West presented a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of California State Senator Roger Niello, applauding AAUW’s impactful work in the community. Also in attendance was Frank Udvarhelyi, Placer County District 4 Representative, who congratulated AAUW on this new milestone.

After the ribbon was officially cut (amid cheers and applause!), everyone gathered for a lively reception, complete with appetizers and plenty of networking. It was an afternoon of laughter, shared stories, and new connections—all in celebration of AAUW’s growing presence in the community. Here’s to many more successful partnerships!



Left to right: Elene Martzen (RCC Ambassador, Janine Turner, Rana Ghadban, Patricia Goldman, Michelle Colletto, Carol Delville, Frank Udvarhelyi, Magnolia West, and at the back, Dave

AAUW's 'Final Friday of the month' Happy Hour! – join us at the next event in January



Photo from Oct 25th Happy Hour

Written Knowledge Test Requirement Eliminated for Most California Driver's License Renewals

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced that drivers 70-years-old and older in California whose licenses expire in 2024 and beyond will no longer be required to take a written knowledge test beginning October 1.

"All drivers have been required to take a written test once they turn 70 as a policy requirement and not a requirement of law," said DMV Director Steve Gordon. "We are eliminating the written knowledge test for those without traffic violations on their record to improve customer service. If thousands fewer people need to visit the DMV, or can spend less time in an office, the people who need to take care of their business in one of our offices can be better served."

For those renewing their license who are 70 and older, an office visit is still required for a vision exam and an updated photo. Some renewal notices for customers with licenses that expire in 2024 may indicate a knowledge test is required, but it will be waived during the in-office visit.

The DMV encourages customers to start their application online to minimize the amount of time it takes to complete the process in an office.

Those drivers up for license renewal who have points on their record will be eligible for the eLearning course, available in English, Spanish and Chinese. Drivers whose records meet any of the following conditions are still required to take the knowledge test:

- Two or more accidents during the two years immediately preceding the expiration of the license.
- Three or more accidents during the three years immediately preceding the expiration of the license.
- A DUI suspension during the two years immediately preceding the expiration date of the license.

- A violation point count greater than one within the two years immediately preceding the expiration date of the license.

For those Californians who are required to take a knowledge test, choosing an online option for testing significantly reduces the amount of time customers need to spend in an office. This improves DMV customer service by reducing office congestion and wait times.

The DMV continues to improve its website at dmv.ca.gov to make it easier for Californians to take care of business. The department has more than doubled the number of online services from 20 in 2019 to 50 today.

AAUW Public Policy

By Sue Miller, Public Policy Chair

August 31, 2024, was the final day for the Legislature to pass bills. The Governor had until September 30, 2024, to sign or veto the bills passed by the Legislature. 16 bills on our 2024 Legislative Agenda have been signed into law, including all three of our “A” priority bills:

- AB 2843: Health Care Coverage: Rape and Sexual Assault
- AB 2099: Crimes: Reproductive Health Services
- AB 2326: Equity in Higher Education Act: Discrimination: Compliance

Tech Trek

By Carol Delville, Committee Chair

October has arrived, and with that arrival comes another year to plan the UC Davis Tech Trek experience for 2025 for our 7th grade girls! Looking backward for a moment, a huge shoutout to the girls that completed our 2024 camp last July. In addition, Sophie and Gurnaaz from Glen Edwards Middle School, Western Placer School District, were honored by their school board with Certificates honoring their participation. A huge acknowledgement by the district and county!

Zoom meetings with Dr. Mary “Mimi” Isaac, CA Director of Tech Trek, as well as Zoom meetings with Rachel Kanowsky, UC Camp Director have begun in October and will continue ahead monthly.

A warm welcome to Elizabeth Schwierer (Sierra College) and Kathie Sinor to the Tech Trek Committee!

Survey Results

By Lora Finnegan, Membership Vice President

The goal of the survey was to make sure the branch was hearing the thoughts and needs of the membership. The number of responses was disappointing. Our survey did succeed in reaching out to members and making sure that we heard their thoughts and ideas. Thanks to all of those who participated. If you still have not filled out your survey but want to participate, please do so and mail it in. We are still listening.

To date, 21 members (out of a total of 109 branch members) have responded to the survey. We got a lot of feedback, both positive and negative, about how the branch operates.

We hope in the future to find a way to get more members interested in taking on leadership roles. We will also be addressing survey results in future board meetings to see how we can respond with positive changes as needed.

<p>Question 1: Length of membership 4 members less than two years 4 members 2-8 years 5 members 9-15 years 8 members over 15 years</p>	<p>Question 2: how likely to renew 11 very likely to renew 1 likely to renew 2 somewhat likely 1 somewhat unlikely</p>
<p>Question 3: if not renewing why not? —Until the focus is on our mission statement and members treat each other respectfully, membership participation will decline. The attitude of “we’ve always done it this way” does not bode well for a dynamic organization. —I am very disappointed that yet again they still require you to have a degree—it is not inclusive. I do not have a degree but have been very involved with Tech Trek for over 10 years. —I have renewed for this year. However, if AAUW changes its degree requirement so that it is open to all, it is no longer an organization of university educated women. At that point I will probably no longer renew.</p>	<p>Question 4: Most valuable benefits Interest groups: 10 Monthly meetings & guest speakers:8 Supporting the mission of the organization: 18 Social connections/friendships: 9 Opportunities to support public policy: 7</p>
<p>Question 5: are there other benefits to membership you can tell us about? —I have met many wonderful women and also crass, rude, and uncompromising ones as well.” —When I joined AAUW years ago, I did so because I was impressed with the intelligent, knowledgeable, articulate, life-long learners in the branch and I was eager to be part of them.</p>	<p>Question 6: Communications methods Branch Lines: 18 Email: 17 Webpage: 4 Facebook/social media: 3 Announcements at meetings:9 US mail: 3 Text: 5</p>
<p>Question 7: Familiarity with leadership and committees Very familiar: 11 Familiar: 5 Somewhat familiar: 2</p>	<p>Question 8: Interest in volunteering for leadership or committee: Very interested: 1 Somewhat interested: 2 Not very interested: 4</p>

<p>Somewhat unfamiliar: 1 Not familiar: 2</p>	<p>Not interested at all: 4 Already serving/have served: 11</p>
<p>Question 9: if you are interested in serving in a leadership or committee position email Schelly Jensen.”</p>	<p>Question 10: recommendations for additional interest groups. (Note that if you are interested in starting an interest group, please contact Schelly Jensen.). —Pinochle —Dinner group including spouses, Travel group —Women’s dinner group —Investment discussion group “stock talk” —a writing group or arts and crafts group</p>
<p>Question 11: Best ways to fundraise. Solicit members for specific programs: 7 One large event: 7 Planned annual giving: 9 Raffles at meetings: 6 Many smaller fundraising events: 6 Raising branch dues: 7</p>	<p>Question 12 : what additional fundraising ideas do you have? —many ideas have been suggested but have been told “that won’t work.” It seems the branch is more focused on money than mission. The branch has lost its pride, tenacity, and commitment to young women and girls. —Bring back bridge, luncheon, and play where friends of members will support ticks as we do for PEO games day. —members sponsor a new member like pay it forward anonymously —luncheon fashion show with raffles —monthly bingo including catered lunch —I like one I heard of—Kentucky Derby Day. What about a ‘Futurist Lunch’ —held in January with a panel of speakers discussing trends and what to expect in the year ahead in...tech, finance, travel, fashion, food, etc. —my previous branch did a wine event and a T? Tea Luncheon —RMDs —like No Reservations, especially for those unable to attend events —Trivia night, bingo, or a garage sale</p>
<p>Question 13: Results: Everyone uses the printed handbook</p>	<p>Question 14: Results: 19 know the handbook is online; 2 do not</p>

. **Question 15:** Results: 10 have used the online handbook; 11 have not

Question 16: What else do you want us to know?

-How will the results of the survey be shared? What will you do with the results? What measurable outcomes do you have for this year? How will you measure your success?

—Keep all politics from national to local out
—often fails to be non-partisan

—Make sure all communities (Rocklin, Roseville, Granite Bay, Lincoln) are heard and included. Spread tech trek among many schools. Every school has “winners”

-How can AAUW get involved in helping to pass the Social Security Fairness Act to repeal both GPO and WEP (Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision.) It means that it needs to pass out of the House Ways and Means Committee before the full House of Representatives can vote on the bill.

—How can AAUW get involved in helping to pass the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. Both pieces of legislation have been bogged down for decades in Congress

—the future events need to be listed for whole year to attract potential members. The manning of the Lincoln library polling site needs lots more publicity via urgent emails. This undertaking is a huge complicated job and right now is way short staffed



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AAUW handbook online

The printed Handbook Directory has been posted in the Members Only secured section of our website @ www.aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org. To view the directory online, hover over the About Us menu item and Choose the Members tab from the drop-down menu. The password is in the front of the printed Handbook Directory. It is a standard pdf file; if you want to look someone up, you can either scroll down or search by using

Ctrl F and typing in either a first or last name. Please take a minute to review your own name and let us know about any updates and/or corrections.

Sierra College Committee

by Lynda Stockwell, Chair



With volunteers Michele Stark, Kathy Kort, Dawna Hawksworth, Judy Martin, and Lynda Stockwell, our committee signed up **21** new AAUW student members at 4 different campus event days so far this year. The memberships are **free** to students.

Our October branch **Basic Needs donations** were delivered to Sierra College Basic Needs closets on November 4th. Your donations are very appreciated (and very needed) by students.

Check out the Sierra College **EVENTS** calendar at www.sierracollege.edu for more information:

Oct 10 – Nov 3: [Sierra College Theatre Arts Presents William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*](#)

November: Sierra's **Ridley Gallery** is proud to present "**American Flags**," an exhibition of paintings by Full Time Drawing Faculty, Nicholas Gagliardi. Nick's current work explores the many layers, both physically and metaphorically, surrounding some of the current issues people face today. Various dates and times in Room LR-102. Check Events at www.sierracollege.edu.

Current Interest Group Activities

Group Name	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
GREAT DECISIONS GROUP Great Decisions Raley's Event Center 1915 Douglas Blvd., Roseville Topic: "Pandemic Preparedness" presented by Lynda Stockwell. Contact: Elsie Gaura	Elsie Gaura	2 nd Friday of-each month Nov 8	10:00AM
WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP Zoom meeting – turn on your computer, iPad, Kindle Fire or smartphone! Reviewing: Trust by Hernan Diaz	Nancy Taylor	3 rd Wednesday of each month Nov 20	10:00AM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP Book/Author: <i>Running with Sherman</i> by Christopher McDougal Host/Reviewer: Carollyn Garfein	Jenny Griffin	Wednesday Nov 6	6:30PM

For additional information please contact Jenny Griffin,			
MAH JONGG GROUP To join, contact Joyce Wade Joyce:	Joyce Wade	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays Nov 7 Joyce Wade Nov 21 Carolyn Eakin host	1:00PM
CHICAGO/DUPICATE BRIDGE GROUP Leslie:	Leslie McNeill	2 nd Wednesday of each month Nov – no bridge	1:00 PM
CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP A short program on MUMS at my home followed by a stop at the Roseville Green Acres and TBA restaurant for lunch and fellowship, Please let me know if you will attend. To join, contact Diane Madden	Diane Madden	1 st Wednesday of each month: Nov 6	10:00AM
RUMMIKUB at Sandy Haley's Sun City Roseville RSVP to Sandy Call or text Please, include your name	Sandy Haley	Monday Nov 18	11:00 AM

Current Neighborhood Group Activities

Lincoln/Loomis Neighborhood Group Hello all, I have enjoyed getting to know the branch these past few months. The gatherings that I have organized and will continue planning are casual and welcome to partners or friends. The more the merrier. My goal is to provide an opportunity for our members to get out in the community together, support other organizations' events or local businesses, and have a little laughter for free or low cost. Below are the upcoming gatherings.

Monday November 25th - Nature Walk at Nimbus Fish Hatchery in Folsom. Arriving at 10:30am. Please contact me if you want to join in a carpool or caravan. I want to try to organize an out of area event quarterly.

Monday December 30th 3:00pm-6:00pm - House Social, Michelle Colletto's, "Cherish the Old with the New Year" Bring a photo from your university days and enjoy sharing.

January Date TBD but will be art focused with the Art League of Lincoln. They host a 2nd Thursday reception from 5-7pm but I want to make sure of dates for 2025.

Sela Greenhouse.

Roseville Neighborhood Group. All members are invited to attend. Everyone is invited to join the Roseville Neighborhood Group at 9:00 AM the 3rd Monday of every month for Breakfast at Timbers, 7050 Del Webb Blvd. in Sun City Roseville. Following Breakfast, those who want to play Rummikub are invited to Sandy Haley's home located close to Timbers.

Monday **Nov. 18**
Monday Dec. 16

RSVP to Sandy Haley call or text by noon the Friday before the breakfast. Please, include your name and indicate if you are just coming for breakfast or if you also plan to play Rummikub.

Rocklin Group. Group contact is Lynda Stockwell, or Elizabeth Gonzales , The Rocklin Group is planning an **olive oil tasting adventure** at **Ternero Farms**, 3680 Lincoln Newcastle Hwy, on **Thursday, November 21st at 11 am**. The cost is \$10 per person and includes multiple olive oils, balsamic vinegars, and skin products to try. All members are welcome to join in! Can buy holiday gifts! We can bring our own wine (and charcuterie, and/or salad if desired) to supplement the tastings. Loomis' **Il Pizzaioli** pizza can be ordered for an extra charge. Email or call Lynda Stockwell to RSVP or request a ride:

*** 2024 Words of Wisdom ***

Generosity

There have been times when I relied on the generosity of others. I remember feeling grateful when they shared what they had with open hearts, not thinking of how I might repay their kindness.

This is the true gift of generosity—not just the material offered, or the services rendered, but the feeling I am worthy of someone's time, treasure, and effort.

This love and compassion are at the heart of my generous impulses too. I give, not out of pity or even out of obligation or duty, but so others may know their worthiness through me.

Each person is a divine being, made in the image and likeness of God. I honor each person's divinity by doing what I can to help and support them, as others have helped and supported me.

Kindness

Looking back over the years, I remember kindnesses I received, some from friends and family members and others from acquaintances or even from strangers. These gifts of others' time and attention blessed me and helped me feel valued.

That is the true gift of kindness. Specific acts of service or generosity may fade from memory, but the impulse to love and care and the feeling it generates has its roots in kindness.

I keep this in mind when I extend kindness to others. I give, share, and love generously without thought of getting anything in return.



Linking together for our mission.

Board meeting

The next Branch Board Meeting is **November 11**. We will meet at (10 am) Raley's O-N-E Market| 1970 Blue Oaks Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747. All members are welcome. **Please send an email to the President if you plan to attend and if you have something to add to the meeting agenda.**

For updates in real time, please visit our branch website at

aauwrosevillesouthplacer.org