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Newsletter

UC Davis Tech Trek Visitor's Day

Carol Delville – Tech Trek Chair

Thursday, July 18th, was a very successful UC Davis Tech Trek Visitor's Day experience! AAUW visitors from all UC Davis Tech Trek branches were represented. We visited courses of Genetics, Anatomy, Data, and Robotics. We saw girls constructing desalination projects and solar cars, having hands on experience of dissection of a pig's lung, telling stories through data and building robots with commands generated by computers. Throughout each class, the girls exhibited engagement, interest, and commitment to the projects! After visiting each of the Core Classes, individual branches had lunch with the girls they sponsored. All

were happy and excited to be there, and grateful for the experience they were given!



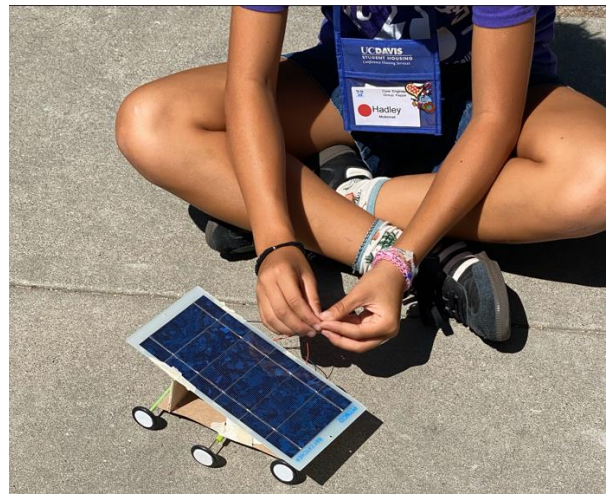
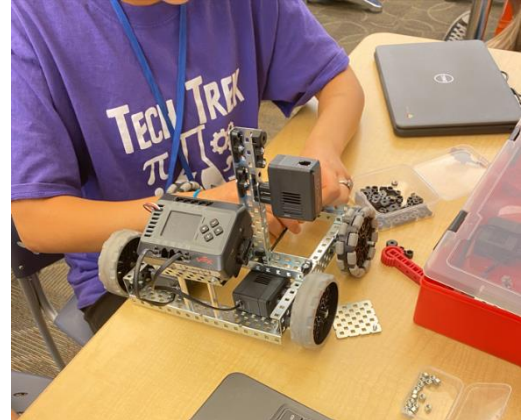
From left to right: Back row: Maroniae Zatzke (nominating teacher), Andrea Flamenco (Co-coordinator), Patricia Goldman IAAUW), Carol Delville (Co-coordinator), Kathy Kort (AAUW), Michelle Bloom (nominating teacher), Michelle Colletto (AAUW)

Breaux, Gurnaaz Kaur, Zahra Ahmadzai, Athena Fiorentino

Front row: Nora Khartchenko, Sophie



Michelle Bloom and her student Zahra Ahmadzai in Anatomy.



Five Core Classes, on-campus field trips, afternoon and evening workshops were planned for the week. One of our Roseville-South Placer members, Wendy Leimbach, will be teaching an afternoon Architecture workshop! Congratulations to our future AAUW Roseville-South Placer Ambassadors!

Your new Board Members

The 2024-25 Board of Directors held a planning meeting in July. We set several goals for the coming year including growing our membership and broadening our fundraising efforts to ensure that our Branch is on a positive trajectory for the future. The Board looks forward to an exciting year ahead.

Schelly Jensen - Co-President.

Schelly has been a member of AAUW-RSP since 2011. During the past 13 years she has served as VP of development, President-Elect, President and Neighborhood Group Chair. She's also served on various committees including Women of Distinction and Bylaws. Schelly graduated from UCLA and had a law degree from UC Davis. She has lived in Southern California, the Bay Area and Portland, OR, all while working for Verizon. Schelly moved to Roseville in 2007. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling, playing bocce ball, reading and socializing with friends. She joined AAUW to meet women of substance.

Sandy Haley - Co-President.



Sandy lives in Sun City Roseville. She joined AAUW because she was interested in supporting education and in joining many of the interest groups. With Schelly's help, Sandy plans to discharge her responsibilities as co-President to the best of her ability and do all that she can to support our programs.

Michelle Colletto – President Elect

Living in Lincoln, she has committed herself to making a positive impact on her community by joining the American Association of University Women (AAUW). This past year Michelle worked with Speech Trek, helping train judges, and also worked on the High School Scholarship Committee. Both experiences were very rewarding, and she met and worked with so many wonderful women. Additionally, she is a part of the Wednesday Book Group. This year she is serving as the President Elect and Chair of Speech Trek. These programs are pivotal in empowering the next generation, and she is passionate about fostering opportunities for young people to succeed academically and develop essential life skills. She looks forward to working with the wonderful women in AAUW.

Leslie McNeill - VP Secretary & Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Lead.



She lives in Roseville. Leslie became a member in 2008 and joined to connect with other women. She plans to welcome and support AAUW RSP members and the branch's mission.

Juanita Garcia - Vice President Philanthropy.

She has lived in Loomis for 38 years, with husband Michael and dog, Griff. She joined AAUW after being introduced to the organization by an old friend (they were college roommates) and soon realized what a critical mission AAUW serves to girls and women. Philanthropy is a key component of serving AAUW's mission. The board will be looking at new ways to raise the funds we need to continue to support scholarships, Tech Trek, Speech Trek and other initiatives.

Patricia Goldman - Vice President Outreach.

Patricia joined the Branch in 2022, following a move to Rocklin from Olney, Maryland, a small town outside of Washington, DC. After living forty years in Maryland, Patricia and Steven moved to California during Covid to be closer to grandchildren in the Bay Area.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, she has a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and an M.A. from Simmons College. Now retired, she was Program Director with Corestaff Services, managing her Company's contracts with the federal government.

Patricia originally joined AAUW in the early 1980's. Eventually, after becoming involved with career and family, she no longer had the time to devote to outside organizations.

She rejoined now to give back to the community through AAUW. She always considered AAUW as an organization that aligns with her interest in advancement for women. She is especially interested in helping provide young women the financial means to attend college.

She is excited to work on Branch Outreach, including supporting High School Scholarships, Speech Trek, Tech Trek, Gov Trek, Sierra College Leadership and Re-Entry Scholarships and AAUW Funds.

Lora Finnegan - Vice president, membership.

Lora loves living in the vibrant, active community of Sun City in Lincoln. There's so much to do here and so many interesting people who care about contributing to the community. And that's why she joined AAUW-to give something back to the larger community that has been her home for more than 14 years. This coming year, she is going to work hard to increase our membership and the reach of our branch. She's committed to our mission of supporting the education of women and girls and looks forward to meeting new people who share that vision.

Sandi Sherwood – Vice President, Finance.

She lives in Lincoln. A friend asked her to join because they needed a bookkeeper and really enjoyed our group. She is looking forward to continuing our mission and empowering the next generation of female leaders.

Kathy Novotny – Vice President, Programs.

Kathy lives in Rocklin. She attended a book club meeting and was interested in spending more time with a group of women who were focused on issues that were important to her. Kathy's goal is to provide informative programs and entertaining events for our members.

Carrie Jack – Held first AAUW RSP meeting

Carrie Jack held our first AAUW meeting in her home.

Carrie Jack has passed away and her memorial service will be in the park by the lake in Hidden Valley subdivision in Granite Bay on August 18, 2024 at 10AM.

November 2024 Voting Project

AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch will be participating in the November 2024 General Election by staffing a Placer County Voting Center on November 2-5. This is a volunteer effort that will raise \$4,000 for our Branch.

While we have volunteers for an inspector, a judge, clerks and alternates, we can always make room for more interested people. Help us staff the Voting Center, as "many hands make lighter work." Volunteers don't have to be a member of our Branch, so friends and family are welcome to join us.

As we receive more information on training and logistics, we will share it in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, contact Juanita Garcia, Philanthropy Vice President, to volunteer or answer questions.

Save the Date – Kickoff Meeting

September 14th as the for AAUW Roseville-South Placer 2024-2025 Kickoff.

Time: 10am - 12 noon

Where: Granite Bay Library

6475 Douglas Blvd.

Granite Bay, CA 95746



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New - AAUW handbook online

The printed Handbook Directory has been posted in the Members Only secured section of our website @ www.aauwroselillesouthplacer.org. To view the directory online, hover over the About Us menu item and Choose the Members tab. 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.

Renew AAUW membership now!

- **Send a check made out to RSP AAUW** with your renewal membership form (on-line at our website and print the form then sent to P.O. Box 1174, Lincoln, CA 95648

Or

- **Write your credit card number** on the membership form and we can enter your credit card information using square for you. We do not keep your credit card information. Please P.O. note that the cost for processing credit card transactions is \$3.75 per transaction.

AAUW Membership dues for 2024-2025 are \$116; this amount includes National, State, and Branch dues and a portion of the amount is tax deductible. Renewing will continue your membership for one more year. Your continued membership will help us to support our mission to support women and girls.

HS Scholarships

Patricia Goldman and Joyce Kirk



This year Roseville-South Placer AAUW awarded seventeen scholarships of \$1,000 each to high school seniors from Roseville, Lincoln, Rocklin and Granite Bay. Thanks to the generous support of donors, we were able to increase the number of awards this year from three to seventeen.

Joyce Kirk and the committee of five members reached out to ten schools and received more than 120 applications from seven of the schools. Each application was reviewed on financial need, grades, in-school and community activities, recommendations and a personal essay. The process was especially challenging this year since the federal financial aid forms, which score financial need, were not available.

Each member individually reviewed the applications from a specific school and chose her top contenders. Then the members met as a group to discuss and eventually agree upon the students for awards.

Following the awards, members attended award assemblies at the schools and were able to meet the awardees. It was extremely gratifying to meet these extraordinary young women who were thrilled to have received the scholarships.

Here are some quotes from the recipients:

“It’s an absolute honor to receive this scholarship. I promise too to be a voice for women throughout my time at college.” Katelyn

“Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. Your belief in my potential to pursue Aerospace Engineering means the world to me!” Cassidy

“I’m sincerely grateful for this scholarship. Your belief in the power of education to transform lives is truly inspiring. I am one step closer to achieving my academic goals and making a positive impact in my community!” Jasreet

“Your kindness is making a real difference in my life, and I am committed to give back to others just as you have done for me. Thank you for believing in me and my potential.” Janel

Sierra College - Lynda Stockwell, Committee Chair



Please join our committee for the 2024-2025 year. If you enjoy the college atmosphere and working with young people, this is the place for you! Contact Lynda Stockwell, 916-303-3809

Sierra College has posted our webpage on the Sierra College website. Please view it at <https://www.sierracollege.edu/student-services/career-transfer-internship/prepare-for-a-career/>. It is nestled in the Student Success department under Careers and Transfer Connections to facilitate easy access to our programs and memberships which includes our AAUW web addresses.

Our plans for 2024-25:

1. sign up students at campus events for free AAUW membership; support their participation
2. add a webpage at Sierra College for staff membership and professional development
3. encourage the Feminist Action Club to apply for an AAUW community action grant
4. participate in Women's History month with displays and speakers
5. continue donating food, clothing, and supplies to Sierra's Basic Needs closets

Wanted/Need - by Lynda Stockwell

Wanted: we would like a donated not-needed **laptop (age <10)** with Wi-Fi to sign up Sierra College students for AAUW membership at campus events.

Contact Lynda Stockwell.

Wanted: our Branch Archives are **missing** the following Branch **Handbooks**. If you have a copy, **contact Lynda Stockwell**. If you can donate it to our archives, it would be much appreciated. If you want your copy back, I can make a copy for our archives and return the original to you:

1973-74

1974-75

1997-98

1998-99

Also needed: Addendums for the above years (not 2023-24) and all the years 1976 through 2002-03.

Current Interest Group Activities

Group Name	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
GREAT DECISIONS GROUP Raley's Event Center, 1915 Douglas Blvd, Roseville Topic:	Elsie Gaura	2 nd Friday of-each month NO meetings in August.	10:00AM
WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP Zoom meeting – turn on your computer, iPad, Kindle Fire or smartphone! Book group will review "Where the Sky Begins" by Rhys Bowen	Nancy Taylor	3 rd Wednesday of each month Aug 21	10:00AM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP Book/Author: <i>Lady Tan's Circle of Women</i> by Lisa See Host/Reviewer: Kathy Kort For additional information, please contact	Jenny Griffin	Wednesday August 7th	6:30PM
MAH JONGG GROUP To join, contact Joyce Wade	Joyce Wade	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays August 1 at Fran Rice August 15 at Susie Hovde	1:00PM
CHICAGO/DUPICATE BRIDGE GROUP	Leslie McNeill	2 nd Wednesday of each month AUG: 14th	1:00 PM
WINE GROUP For information about next planned event, call Joan:	Joan Donlon		
CASUAL GARDENERS GROUP	Diane Madden	1 st Wednesday of each month: June: TBD No meeting in August	10:15AM
RUMMIKUB at Sandy Haley's RSVP to Sandy Please, include your name Sent from Sandy's iPhone	Sandy Haley	Monday August 19	11:00 AM

Current Neighborhood Group Activities

Lincoln Neighborhood Group. No meeting in August. Next get-together will be September.

Roseville Neighborhood Group. Breakfast at Timbers. 7050 Del Webb Blvd Sun City Roseville. 9AM, Monday, August 19. RSVP to Sandy Haley by noon, Friday, August 16, so she can make the reservation. Reply to her email or call or text Please, include your name.

Rocklin Group. Group contact is Lynda Stockwell, or Elizabeth Gonzales ,. "Meeting for coffee and tea on Monday, August 26 at 10 AM at the home of Marietta Gonzales,. Coffee and tea provided. Please bring a pastry or fruit or smile to share! Contact Beth Gonzales or Lynda Stockwell."

*** 2024 Words of Wisdom ***

Zeal fuels your appetite for life.

Almost everyone has a special interest that fills them with enthusiasm, including me. For instance, you may be finished for the day with the work you love but eager to go back to it tomorrow. This feeling is zeal.

Zeal gives you the energy to pursue your dreams. You can work toward your passion tirelessly because it brings you joy. This joy boosts your mood and elevates your outlook. Your enthusiasm is evident to everyone around you. You are happy to share your passion with anyone who asks.

Optimism colors my world with love

My experience of the world depends on the attitude I bring to it. When I hold positive thoughts and share the love in my heart generously, the world becomes an inviting, friendly place.

Optimism makes me a magnet for positive people, exciting opportunities, and serendipity of all kinds. It lifts my consciousness out of the mire of worry, anxiety, and fear and keeps me focused on the beauty of the earth, and the goodness of people.

When I perceive selfless impulses, and loving service happening all around me, my optimism grows. I feel renewed and inspired as I focus on what is right and good in my life. In gratitude for the world's wonders, I grow in optimism.

My journey is a joyous one.

My life is a journey of discovery. Sometimes the roads I travel are easy and the terrain gentle. Other times, the route may twist, and wind and the way may feel rocky and rough.

With my eyes and ears open, any journey can be one of discovery. When I am alert and aware, the world becomes bigger and more exciting. With my mind and heart open, my spiritual journey is also one of discovery. Sometimes I must navigate the challenging path of doubt before I can turn onto the smoother path of faith and joy.



Linking together for our mission.

Board meeting

The next Branch Board Meeting is August 12. We will meet at Raley's (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