



Webinar: Care and Feeding of Volunteers

Save the Date for this Important Webinar hosted by AAUW CA
Webinar: The Care and Feeding of Volunteers
Moderator: Dawn Johnson
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Time: 7:00 PM

Members are burned out? No one wants to be president? Getting and keeping volunteers and leaders is both an art and a science. This webinar will explore ways to recruit, empower, thank, and more importantly, KEEP the modern volunteer. Registration required.



Click [HERE](#) to register.

President's Message

Welcome to May.

Wishing all of us a Happy Mother's Day. Whether your children are biological, 4 legged, or "adopted", I hope your day is full of good memories, love, and hope. A quote from author Amy Tan sums up my feelings about the day: "A mother is the one who fills your heart in the first place."



Membership Renewal - June 30th.

The procedure for renewing your AAUW membership has changed this year. National will be send you an invoice in April. You can use the procedure in the invoice to pay your dues with your credit card. If you want to pay by check, you can send me \$97.00 made out to AAUW. Send the check to 22112 Queen Street Castro Valley 94546.

The dues have gone up by \$3.00. You can deduct \$59.00 of your dues from your taxes since we are a 501c3 organization. The other \$3.00 is money spent in lobbying our Congress and thus is not tax deductible. Thanks. Liz Bathgate

Remember it is AAUW Election Time

Ending May 17, 2021, the **National AAUW** ballot includes a vote on the public policy priorities for 2022-2023; open positions for the Board of Directors; and a bylaws change affecting the membership criteria for AAUW. If you have an email address listed with AAUW, please check your email folder (spam/junk also) for information needed for you to vote. You may vote on your computer, a pad, or your phone. Members with no email listed have already been mailed a ballot. Paper ballots must be postmarked by Friday, April 30, 2021. More information:

[National Election – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#)

Ending May 7, 2021, the **AAUW CA** ballot includes a vote on the CA public policy priorities for 2022-2023; open positions for the CA Board of Directors; and a bylaw change to add a one-year Board of Director position in even years. If you have an email address listed with AAUW, please check your email folder (spam/junk also) for information needed for you to vote. You may vote on your computer, a pad, or your phone. Members with no email listed have already been mailed a ballot. More information: [2021 AAUW California Nomination & Election Process - AAUW California \(aauw-ca.org\)](#)

Upcoming events



Drama Reading

When: May 13, 2021

Time: 1 – 3 PM

Where: Liz Bathgate's home

We all had a marvelous time reading *Night Watch*, a very weird play, last month. We did it at my home since all of us are vaccinated. We will do the same thing this month. This is the last play in the series this year. We will not meet for Drama again until October.

The play this month is "JITNEY" by August Wilson. It was written in the 1970's. Regular taxi cabs will not travel to the Pittsburgh Hill District of the 1970's, and so the residents turn to jitneys - unofficial unlicensed taxi cabs that operate in the community. This play portrays the lives of the jitney drivers. Questions? Contact Liz Bathgate at lbbathgate@att.net.



Book Group

When: Monday, May 17, 2021

Time: 1:00 (Note new time)- Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting

Where: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83975110308?pwd=WDJNTIJTQEVHMFdidlMwRW04M254QT09>

Meeting ID: 839 7511 0308 / Passcode: 596362 / Dial in by your phone 1- 669-900-6833 US

The branch book group continues to thrive thanks to Linda Slater, Genie Lester, Margaret Hankle and Linda Myers. The April meeting featured Ann Patchett's *The Dutch House* facilitated by Linda Myers.

Linda Slater will facilitate the May discussion of *The Dressmaker of Khair Khan* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon on Monday, May 17th. Both meetings will be on Zoom and will begin at 1 p.m.

Further plans for the group will be in coming issues of *The Shareline*. All branch members are welcome to join in. If you have questions, contact Barbara Jones at bb_jones@pacbell.net.

Evening Book Group



When: Thursday, May 20, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88544605279?pwd=UjIPSkVqSExVYVYVob29jcDZmaXJiQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 4460 5279 / Passcode: 232030 / Dial by Telephone to +1 669 900 6833 US

Our Evening Book Group first meeting was off to a good start in April with a lively discussion of the complex book, "The Vanishing Half", reviewed by Linda Slater.

For our next meeting we have chosen, "The Night Watchman", a novel written by Louise Erdrich. Ms. Erdrich is a Native American, and a superb writer who has won the National Book Award and has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. The book is a fictionalized account of an important incident in the life of her grandfather, a member of the Chippewa tribe. Join us on Thursday, May 20 for the discussion led by Pat Macsata.



Tech Trek News - SAVE THE DATE! August 16, 2021 for our annual Tips for Change fundraiser at Gianni's (<https://giannissanramon.com>) in San Ramon. As of this date the meals will be take-out only and we will organize a little delivery service for those of you who do not want to drive to San Ramon. The food is excellent, and they have a great take-out menu. Give them a try.

We have three girls attending the virtual camp in June and July: Laila Calvillo, Canyon Middle School; Isabela Zaragoza, Bret Harte Middle School; Sofia Cruz, Washington Manor Middle School. The main focus of camp this year is robotics. As I learn more I will share it with you.

AAUW hopes to resume residential camps in 2022 if all goes well.

Tech Trek CA is trying to organize alumni groups in each chapter. If we plan to do this, some volunteer help is needed to go over all of the contact information and try to contact former Tech Trekkers. I have not done a good job keeping track of all of our girls over the years. If you would like to be part of our Tech Trek team/committee, please contact Judy Harrison:

jharrison663@comcast.net.

Thanks for a Successful Lobby Day!

AAUW California's first attempt at a virtual Lobby Day with the California Legislature presented many challenges, such as contacting dozens of legislators' offices, registering, and communicating with members wishing to participate, analyzing legislation to discuss...but the Public Policy Team made it happen successfully!

First and foremost, we thank our lobbyist, Kathy Van Osten who, with help from her assistant Jennifer, made all the appointments with legislators. Kathy also arranged for our key opening speakers, Assembly Member Christina Garcia, Chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus (who had a bit of a delay as her bill was being heard in a committee), and Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Reyes, author of AB 92, which we are co-sponsoring. Hearing from these two prominent legislators was empowering and it was also significant for them to learn about AAUW and our Public Policy Priorities.

After the opening session, 30 teams of 3 or 4 AAUW members connected with individual legislators or their staff. Thanks to our Team Leaders, who prepared their teams for their meetings! Every effort was made for members to meet with their Assembly Member or Senator, with some teams having as many as 3 meetings during the day. In these meetings, members communicated information about AAUW CA, their branches and also the three bills which are high priority for AAUW in the current session.

- AB 92 Assembly Member Reyes *Child Care Family Fees*
- SB 62 Senator Durazo *Garment Worker Protection Act*
- AB 373 Assembly Member Min *Consumer Debt: Economic Abuse*

The results of these meetings are important in several ways. Sixty legislators or their staff now know about AAUW and our commitment to improve the lives of women and girls in California. They'll remember us when we contact them again as our bills move through the legislative process. Several legislative staffers asked for more information about becoming members! Co-Chairs Kathi Harper and Sue Miller met with members of Governor Newsom's staff, who are influential in assisting the Governor in his decisions about signing or vetoing bills, and with Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins staff. Kathi and Sue also met with Assembly Member Reyes who is ecstatic that we are co-sponsoring AB 92! She made a point of telling us that AAUW IS very well known and respected in Sacramento! All of this will enable our lobbyist to better connect with legislators as our bills move through the legislative process from now through September.

Thanks to all of you who participated! Hopefully, we can do this in person in 2022!

AAUW-CA's Top 3 Priority Bills

AAUW-CA identified its top three bills going before this legislative session. These bills address issues in our society that disproportionately affect girls, women, and people of color and were presented by members on AAUW-CA Lobby Day in March.

CA AB92 will temporarily waive, and then reduce, fees low-income families pay for childcare. State and federally funded programs help families with the cost of daycare, but families must still pay fees. This can make subsidized care unaffordable for many. This bill will waive family fees, using federal funding, through October 31, 2022. It will provide immediate relief for these low-income families, similar to what the Legislature did last year at the beginning of the pandemic. After that, the bill will create an equitable sliding scale for reasonable family fees. This is AAUW-CA's signature bill, and AAUW is co-sponsor of this legislation.

CA SB62 Currently, garment workers are paid by the piece rate rather than being paid legal wages for time spent working. The piece rate often results in subminimum wage rates. This legislation eliminates piece rate in the garment industry and assures workers are paid for all their work.

SB373 will prohibit creditors/debt collectors from being able to collect from individuals who can show the debt was incurred through economic abuse. It primarily focuses on survivors of domestic abuse, and foster youth. Debts taken out in their names without their knowledge damage their credit and may force them into years of debt repayment.

For more information check out bill tracking on the AAUW CA website. You can see a list of all the bills being tracked by AAUW CA.

[Bill Tracking - AAUW California \(aauw-ca.org\)](https://www.aauw-ca.org)

Member News



Patricia Ball, who had been a member of our branch since 1958, passed away in March. She was a life member of AAUW and a member of the Legacy Circle. Pat had a long career in education starting in elementary and finishing at Pacific High in San Leandro where she taught history. She stayed in her own home until a few years ago when she moved to Baywood Court.

If you have news about a member who needs to be congratulated on a special occasion or accomplishment, who needs to be encouraged during illness or difficult time, or to be reminded we are here for him/her, please contact your corresponding secretary Barbara Jones at 538.0516 or by email at bb_jones@pacbell.net.

This is especially important during these pandemic times when we are isolated from our branch friends and not enjoying our usual meetings. Let's show our friends know we care.



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