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What: Tech Trek Luncheon
When: Saturday, September 19
11:30-2 pm
Where: Methodist Church
1645 West St., Concord
Cost: \$12



Hello Ladies – Our first program of the New Year will be the Tech Trek Luncheon.

Come meet the four wonderful young ladies you sent to Tech Trek Camp this past summer.

We meet at the Methodist Church on West St. in Concord on Saturday, September 19. Social starts at 11:30 am, lunch will be served at 12noon, and program will be at 12:30 pm followed by a short business meeting.

We will have boxed lunches from Panera Breas. Your choices are: Chicken Cobb with avocado salad, Bacon Turkey Bravo Sandwich, Mediteranian Veggie Sandwich, Strawberry poppyseed & chicken salad. *Any of these can be half Sandwich or half salad Boxed lunch.*

Please send your checks with your lunch choice, made out to **Concord AAUW** to Kathie by **September 17th**.

Programming/Monthly meetings:

Ronni has been working hard on arranging for engaging and interesting speakers for our programs this year. Time, date and location is still being decided, but please flip to the back page and see a list of Topics/Speakers in the "Save the date".



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Past-President's Message

Last Spring I mentioned that we would need to vote on updated Bylaws--since I am still waiting from AUW-CA for the updated model branch bylaws, we will not be addressing the Bylaws at the September meeting.

Michelle

A Note of Thanks

Brenda Ruiz, our CEF scholarship recipient, will be attending UC Berkeley this fall as a junior. Besides our scholarship, she was also a recipient of a scholarship from Pleasant Hill to the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders held in Maryland. She writes:

"I do not know where to begin in thanking you for awarding me your scholarship....after my trip to Maryland, I have become very grateful, appreciative and knowledgeable of the AAUW organization. Because of all the hours of volunteer work that the committee and donors have put into the organization, you have made it possible for students like myself to continue pursuing a higher education....I will continue pursuing a higher education, be active in my community as I fight for social justice and make remarkable changes in the world as I become the best leader I can be.... thank you for everything. Warmly, Brenda Ruiz"

Interest Groups

Just a reminder that the following groups are always looking for new members:

AAUW Book: Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Montecito
September's book is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown
October's book is *Euphoria* by Lily King

Call Helen for more information.

Bridge (played with Clayton members):

Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays or 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Call Kathie for more information.

Great Decisions:

Ruth and Joanne will be leading these interesting discussions on important global issues. Stay tuned for more information including topics and meeting times.

Backpacks and School supplies--Thank you

Thanks to all of our Concord Branch members who contributed in some way to this year's backpack program. You shopped, you sent checks, you sorted and you packed! We were able to give filled backpacks to 45 students in the Mt. Diablo District, as well as give supplies to the students in the Marclair Court apartments off of Clayton Rd. Each backpack contained a pencil box with pencils, pens, crayons, pencil sharpeners and erasers, as well as a binder with paper, a spiral notebook, a ruler and a 2-pocket folder. For the Marclair kids, we were able to supply colored pencils, erasers, notebooks, pencils, pens, scissors, pencil sharpeners, crayons, binder paper and more. All of our kids will be able to fit in with their peers on the first day of school. Well done, ladies!!! Kudos also to Cynthia Garrett of the Center for Human Development (thanks, Elaine P. for this connection) and Kathy Gleason, who organizes efforts for the Marclair Court area.

--Phyllis



Members from Concord AAUW sorting supplies at Phyllis'. Thankful students who have received full backpacks.



Students "shop" for a backpack and supplies at Marclair.



Thankful student who has a new backpack for school.

Kathy Gleason wrote the following:

We distributed the Marclair Kids backpacks and school supplies Sat. 8/15 in 105 degree weather - and we lived!!!!

Just over 70 backpacks were distributed. We set up backpacks on sheets in the yard with organized boxes of school supplies nearby. The kids were able to pick a backpack (Thank you Jansport for a nice donation.) then walk over to the supply boxes and pick what they needed: glue sticks, glue bottles, pens, pencils, mechanical pencils, spiral notebooks, pencil boxes or pouches, erasers, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, 2 pocket folders and more. Tiny kids received a cute tote bag and could pick a coloring book, crayons and a story book.

Kids and parents helped to set up, distribute and clean up. More volunteer "bouncers" monitored the supply boxes, making sure that everyone took only what they needed.

FIND AAUW ON THE WEB!

Connecting to AAUW National: <http://www.aauw.org>

Connecting to AAUW-California: <http://www.aauw-ca.org>

Our own Concord AAUW homepage: <http://concord-ca.aauw.net/>

For membership info (including benefits of membership): <http://www.aauw.org/membership/>

SAVE THESE DATES...

Topics/Speakers for this year:

Saturday, September 19 Fall Luncheon/Tech Trek
Concord Methodist, West St., Concord

October – Karen Gallagher, an actual recipient of an AAUW Scholarship – Family Law Attorney

Sunday, October 25
Northern CA AAUW Funds Luncheon
Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville

November – Norene Lowry, Hypnotist, will give us tips to reduce stress over the Holidays--no she will not hypnotize us

April 15-17, 2016 AAUW CA Convention
San Mateo Marriott

December -- Holiday Luncheon

January – Rebecca Walker – Cambiati – trainer in good eating habits and health – starting the New Year right

May 7, 2016 Concord AAUW 4th Annual
Art and Wine (and Beer!) Walk

February -- CEF/Fellows Speaker with Clayton Branch

March – Hali Hauseman – ALOHA Mindmath, will share this incredible teaching that helps girls (and all students) excel, based on the abacus

April – Martha David Alexandar, Estate Planning Attorney, and Jenny Lind, Senior Care Provider – planning and services

May -- Scholarship Luncheon and Board Handover

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is California's most active and diverse organization for women offering: action for equity, personal and professional growth, community leadership, and friendships.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. Membership is open to all college or university graduates) and to students enrolled in college or university. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.



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