



DIRECTIONS

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June Highlights



LAZY SUMMER DAYS

- 5-3 Novato Branch Board Meeting
- 6-2 Wine Down & Installation
- 6-8 Wednesday Walkers (1)
- 6-14 Flag Day
- 6-14 Lunch Bunch
- 6-19 Father's Day
- 6-22 Wednesday Walkers (2)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well y'all, I'm sending my last presidential address. I need to say thanks to the whole board, but especially Kathleen G. And Eileen H. for doing most of the heavy lifting. My low-key approach was a result of trying to juggle my job at Laguna School and everything else in my life. As with most teachers, I prioritize my students first, then everything else second. But, I'm hopeful that our branch is always in good hands.

My parting wish for all of our members is that you can unplug over the summer. The news and screens will be there whenever you get back from a walk, the beach, or just your garden. Best wishes and be safe.

Respectfully, Cindy D

Cindy Demchuk

Novato Branch President ckbarr66@hotmail.com

AAUW RENEWAL

June 30 is the expiration date for your 2021-2022 AAUW membership. In case you missed the email, on May 25, Kathleen Gallivan, your Membership VP, sent out the following information about using the new Community Hub on the AAUW site for your renewal.

Online: Go to my.aauw.org

- 1) Scroll below the blue login button and click **Forgot Password** at the bottom.
- 2) Enter your email address, then click **Reset Your Password** to receive your login email. (Note: If you do not receive the email, contact connect@aauw.org for help.
- 3) Once the email arrives, enter your email address and **Create and Confirm your Password** and access your **Personal Snapshot**.
- 4) Within **your Personal Snapshot**, click the blue **RENEW** button at the bottom to renew your national, add your branch [**BRANCH CODE/NAME**] and state memberships!

An advantage of online renewal for dual members is that now you can pay dues for both/all of your branches at once.

As always, you can also renew by mailing your dues check, made out to Novato AAUW, to Kathleen Gallivan at 20 Lotus Court, Novato, 94945.

Annual branch dues are \$107 (\$67 National, of which \$64 is tax-deductible; \$20 CA, \$20 Novato Branch). If you are a dual member paying by check, you must send national and state dues, plus the dues for that branch only, to your primary branch. Then send appropriate dues for any additional branch directly to that Branch.

WINE DOWN

We had a small but lovely gathering at Wine Down last Thursday to celebrate the installation of the newly elected branch officers – President Linnea Leroux, VP Finance Kathleen Gallivan and Recording Secretary Barbara Granicher (physically absent, but installed anyway). We also gave thanks (and applause) to Cindy who had now completed two years as the branch President. It was an unusual two years for the branch and Cindy kept us together and going with Zoom access for many of our activities.

Your editor received the following note from Ellen about Wine Down activities in the summer months:

Imagine yourself enjoying a lovely glass of wine while talking to friends sitting on a cool, vine covered patio in downtown Novato. If this sounds appealing, then join us at our Summer Wine Down sessions scheduled for Thursday, July 7th and Thursday, August 4th. We'll be sharing our life stories with other AAUW gals and some of their guys. It's a fun evening.

Contact Ellen with questions, 415-892-6546...breezeales@comcast.net

LUNCH BUNCH

LUNCH BUNCH will continue to meet over the summer. Let Gail Jackson know if you would like to be added to her lunch reminder list.

June 14 Note change of day (**2nd Tuesday** this month) and time. Join us at **1 p.m.** at Cucina Paradiso, 114 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma. RSVP to Ginna Zoellner, 415-761-0456 or zoellnernovato@gmail.com. Let Ginna know if you want to carpool from Novato Safeway lot at noon.

WEDNESDAY WALKERS

WEDNESDAY WALKERS will continue to meet over the summer. Let Gail Jackson know if you would like to be added to her walk reminder list.

There are two chances to hike each month. The second Wednesday of the month is generally a shorter, gentler stroll; the fourth Wednesday can involve some hills and/or a longer route. Please RSVP to Gail Jackson, 415-897-7696, unless otherwise noted below. In general we will carpool from the DeLong Safeway parking lot adjacent to the electric vehicle charging stations. Give Gail a call if you'd like to meet us at the trailhead.

June 8 – Lake Lagunitas (outside Fairfax). 1.8 fairly flat miles on beautiful Mt. Tam **followed by lunch and planning** at nearby restaurant. Carpool from Novato Safeway lot at 9:15. If you are driving direct, from downtown Fairfax take Bolinas Road; left on Sky Oaks Rd to end at Lake Lagunitas parking lot at 10.

June 22 – Rush Creek from Binford Road (near the freeway). About 4 flat miles led by Susan Mortenson. 10 a.m. No Carpool. Let Susan know if you plan to join at smoresart1@gmail.com.

AAUW CA ELECTION

The results are in!

AAUW California 2022-2023 Board

President, Sandi Gabe

Secretary, Tracey Clark

Finance Director, Roli Wendorf

Directors: Carole Holzgrafe
Kathi Harper
Janice Lee
Stormy Miller Sabia

Dawn Johnson
Sharyn Siebert
Marsha Swails
Karen Vanderwerken

A Note From Theo Jones

I am married to my dog. We are a "gay" couple.....as in both female, and inseparable. We sleep together every night. We are starting to exhibit similar characteristics, as do most couples.....our mid ranges equal our hips and shoulders. Yes, our doctors seem to think we could do with more exercise and fewer calories. Apparently my whacking at giant orange balls with my canes, sending them rolling across, or flying above, the living room floor doesn't count. And I guess we shouldn't share my dinner after she has hers. But she does love my cooking.....and of course I make extra.

Our hair is often interchangeable.....but my white hairs account for more on the pillows and hers on the covers: the floor and chair backs are questionable. Mine are usually on the shoulders of my clothing while hers float about on my legs and stick to my socks. Then again, they could be mine. Gravity and air pressure are probably not particular.

Our eyebrows are now similar as well. White hairs are becoming predominant...many of which no longer understand the rules of symmetry, or direction. And I, of course, do not really know if I have white tufts of hair growing out of my ears, but then my ears are not black so maybe I just don't notice.

We do both have whiskers. Hers are longer because she doesn't do tweezers. Sometimes I don't either but she doesn't seem to care.

We both bark and growl at strangers more now.....me while driving and protected by 2 tons of metal: she is sheltered by doors and fences.

As with most happy couples we tend to find reasons to touch each other. Leaning into each other we can talk with our eyes, the tilt of our heads, smiles, a shrug, a sigh. We understand when we need to be alone and go our separate ways. But like most happy couples we do prefer to be within the sight or sounds of the other. Unafraid to be just ourselves.....

And A Note From Sue Potter

Sue responded to the Installation e-mail with a long detailed note of her many activities in her new home area. I hope she forgives, but I will summarize.

Of first mention is her daily involvement with her grandchildren Grace and Levi. She gets to be with them every day and has dinner every night with the grandchildren and their parents.

They went to the local fair and had fair food – cotton candy, corn dogs on a stick and a giant pretzel. Grace and Levi went in the fun house and they all looked at the pigs and

other farm animals. They also attended a marionette show of the Wizard of Oz. A full day at the fair!

They all went to Lake Almanor one weekend and Sue went a second time for a day bike ride (16 miles) from the dam/boat launch to Prattville and back on a lovely paved bike trail.

Grace graduated from kindergarten last Thursday – her last day of school before summer.

Further activities with the grandchildren included a sleepover at Sue's with a pitched tent in the living room and Swedish thin pancakes that Grace made for breakfast the next morning. And the three of them are feeding chickens and a turkey every day while the owners are away for two weeks.

Sue has also been enjoying puzzle (550 piece types) making with a friend, playing ping pong with another and hiking in Bidwell Park.

Needless to say, there is never an empty moment in Sue's day – just lots of enjoyable and healthy activities with family and many friends.

From your newsletter editor –

This June issue is the last newsletter for the 2021-22 AAUW year. The next issue will be in September which for the branch will be the start of the 2022-23 AAUW year. I hope that all of you will renew your memberships and that the fall will mark the start of a more usual year of AAUW activities – perhaps some additional sections and other activities to get us involved.

Bill and I will be visiting soon with our grandson, William, and his parents. Happy summer!

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Submissions for articles written by members or news articles of interest are always welcome. Feel free to email me if you have something interesting you would like to share and it may be added to the newsletter.

