



DIRECTIONS

novatoaauw.org

September, 2019



Membership Meet-Up

Friday, September 20th

El Rey (formerly La Piñata) 940 Seventh Street

4:00 to 6:00 pm

Meet on the Patio to enjoy the company, a selection of Mexican small plates provided by the branch and no-host beverages.

Bring stories of your summer and perhaps some new members who are interested in joining our branch.

\$5 cover charge for all the hors d'oeuvres you can eat!

RSVP: Cherry Levin - cplevin23@yahoo.com -
so we will know how many to expect

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year AAUW Novato members. I am pleased to serve as your President for a second term; thank you for your support! I hope you all had interesting and eventful summers that included travel, learning, and time with family and friends. August 13 was my 30th first day of teaching middle school. My youngest son has started his freshman year at Sonoma State University and my oldest son is finishing his AS in Criminal Justice at Sierra College in Rocklin. I

have a brand-new UC Riverside alumni license plate frame to represent my alma mater and show my school spirit and pride. It is my great hope that you smart, accomplished women look back on your college experience with affection and pride.

As schools across the nation get back to business, statistics show, “women will comprise more than 56 percent of students on campuses nationwide, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Some 2.2 million fewer men than women will be enrolled in college this year.” (*The Atlantic*, 2017) As an organization, we should be proud of these statistics. We should also celebrate more women earning bachelor degrees, master degrees, and doctorate degrees than men. Increasing pressure on employers and legislators to eliminate the pay gap is our next great task. We must all rally behind the AAUW at the national level to achieve this goal.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our September 20 mixer at El Rey from 4:00-6:00.

Linnea Leroux
Novato Branch President

INSTALLATION 2019

At the installation event on June 11, we welcomed new and returning Board Members! (photos from Installation 2019, thanks to Sue Potter and Kathleen Gallivan)



2019 – 2020 Novato Branch Board

President – Linnea Leroux
President Elect – Cindy Demchuk
Finance Officers – Kathleen Gallivan, Eileen Hutchinson
Recording Secretary – Barbara Granicher
Program VP – Cherry Levin
Membership VP – Kathleen Gallivan
Tech Trek VPs – Myrna Stevenot, Lucy Stevenot
Newsletter Editor – Eileen Hutchinson

MEMBERSHIP

The branch has several new members for 2019-2020. You may have met some of them as several have already participated in section activities over the summer months. Please welcome them!



Elaine Biagini, transferred from Marin Branch, lives in Terra Linda
Emily Handelman, new to Marin, moved from the East Bay
Theodora Jones, moved from San Luis Obispo
Delyn Kies, friend of several branch members and member of the Novato Garden Club
Alizah Rotman, recruited by Myrna Stevenot
Lauryl Rudolph, friend of Myrna's
Lane Yee, president of the Novato Garden Club, referred by Delyn
Mary Wahlberg, former member, has returned upon retiring from employment

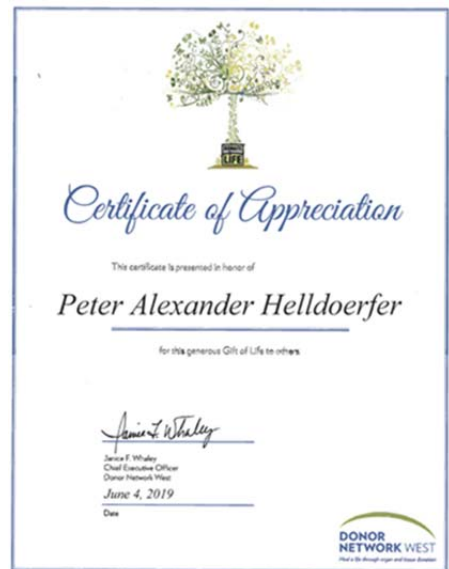
KATHLEEN FREITAG ASKED US TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS LETTER AND CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE DONATION OF SON ALEX'S ORGANS

"Dear Ms. Freitag,

"We would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your son, Peter. Peter's kindness and generosity have dramatically changed the lives of waiting transplant recipients. We would like to share the outcome of Peter's donation in the hope that this information will comfort you in the weeks and months ahead."

The letter then gives some information about the recipients, all from the Bay Area -- kidneys to 29- and 40-year-old males; liver to a 63-year-old woman; heart to a 47-year-old male -- and states, "They would not have survived without these lifesaving transplants. Because of Peter's generosity, he has forever changed the lives of these recipients, as well as the lives of their families and friends...."

"On behalf of Donor Network West, the recipients, and their families, thank you for honoring Peter's wishes. We hope that you will be comforted, knowing that these gifts were gratefully received."



TRASH TO TREASURES



It's almost time for the fall Trash to Treasures sale sponsored by the Margaret Todd Senior Center. The sale is a perfect opportunity to donate items to the branch that can be sold at Trash to Treasures.

The branch participates in this sale twice each year with all proceeds used to help fund the Tech Trek camperships.

Trash to Treasures

Saturday, October 19, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
at the Margaret Todd Senior Center



Most small items -- glassware, dishes, gift items and toys, vases and gardening items, accessories (purses, scarves and shoes, etc.), some clothing (sweaters, jackets, coats), jewelry, puzzles, CDs, DVDs and Christmas items – usually find a buyer at the sale.

If you have any items that you would like to donate (no bulky items – we have small tables), please call Eileen Hutchinson, 415-637-9810, to arrange for pick-up.

DATES TO REMEMBER

At the recent August planning meeting, dates were set for several branch events. In addition, there are several CA AAUW events of note that will be in the Bay Area. Details for the CA AAUW events can be found in the issues of the state's newsletter -- *California Perspective*. Details and additional information for the branch events will be in future issues of the branch newsletter, but do mark your calendars for the following:

September 20	Membership Meet-up (see page 1 of this newsletter for details)
October 5	AAUW Fund luncheons (see next page)
October 19	Fall Trash to Treasures sale, Margret Todd Senior Center
October 31	Annual Trick or Treat event for AAUW Fund donations
December 8	Holiday Potluck, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Cherry Levin's home, San Rafael
January 26	Winter Party and Silent Auction, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bahia Clubhouse
February 29	Tri-Branch Meeting, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Homeward Bound Key Room
April 17 – 19	CA AAUW State Convention, Westin San Francisco Airport, Millbrae

AAUW FUND LUNCHEONS

FANTASTIC SPEAKERS & DELICIOUS LUNCHEONS!

There are 30 Fellows and Grant recipients studying in California in 2019-2020. We have an opportunity to meet some of these inspiring women and hear their stories at our AAUW Fund Luncheons. Both of the October luncheons in the Bay Area are from noon to 3:00 PM with the check-in at 11:30 AM.

Saturday, October 5, 2019

RSVP: September 20, 2019
Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave - South San Francisco, CA 94080

Sunday, October 6, 2019

RSVP: September 20, 2019
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive – Danville, CA 94526

The cost is only \$45 per person. Register early online through Eventbrite [HERE](#). Or mail check/credit card information to AAUW CA, 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

2019-2020 CA AAUW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Term of office and committee assignments for California AAUW.


Cathy Foxhoven Co-President 2018-2020	Dianne Owens President-Elect 2019-2020 President 2020-2022 AAUW Fund	Kimberly Hernandez Director 2019-2021 Programs
Jane Niemeier Co-President 2018-2020	Deanna Arthur Director 2018-2020 Membership	Carol Holzgraf Director 2019-2021 Project Oversight
Roli Wendorf Chief Financial Officer 2019-21 Finance	Sandi Gabe Director 2018-2020 Communications	Elaine Johnson Director 2018-2020 Leadership Development
Lynne Batchelor Secretary 2018-2020 Programs	Kathleen Harper Director 2018-2020 Public Policy	Sharyn Siebert Director 2018-2020 Branch Support


NOVATO BRANCH BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting will be September 10, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Hamilton Peets Coffee, 5800 Nave Dr Suite M, Novato. After September, the meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month (October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, and May 5). Contact Linnea at linnea_leroux@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending a board meeting. All are welcome!

SECTION NEWS

All sections are open to and welcome newcomers. Each member is encouraged to visit and check out sections that might be of interest to her. Newcomers, please call the meeting hostess if you want to attend. In most cases, regular section members should also RSVP the meeting hostess.

SECTION	NEXT MEETING	SECTION INFORMATION
BOOKS - DAYTIME 	Thursday SEPT 5 12:00 noon	<p>Book Selection Meeting. Bring at least four suggestions or titles that you wish to propose for reading and discussion in 2019-2020. Meet at the home of Eileen Hutchinson – a light lunch will be served. RSVP to 415-637-9810.</p> <p>This group is looking for new members. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Gallivan, 415-897-0629 or krqallivan@hotmail.com.</p>
BOOKS - EVENING	Wednesday SEPT 18 7:30 p.m.	<p>The group will be discussing <i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover. Meet at the home of Sue Potter, 1101 Second Street, Novato.. RSVP to Sue at 415-892-5569.</p> <p>Newcomers welcome. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.</p>
FANTASTIC FEMALES	Wednesday SEPT 18 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	<p>Fantastic Females, celebrating and supporting fantastic females near and far, generally meets the third Wednesday of the month depending on speaker availability (or there may be an occasional book discussion).</p> <p>The group meets at Roberta's home from 5:30-7:30. Snacks/drinks to share are welcome, not required. Contact Roberta DiPrete for more information 415-370-5454. All are welcome.</p>
4th FRIDAY WINE DOWN	Friday SEPT 27 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	<p>No host, no reservations required - drop in from 5:00 - 7:00 at Trek Winery. You are welcome, though not required, to bring a snack to share. Informal conversation and friendly visiting. All are welcome -- spouses, guests, friends. Host Roberta DiPrete, 415-370-5454.</p>
GRANDMAS and WANNABES	Thursday SEPT 26 7:30 p.m.	<p>Meet at the home of Sue Potter, 1101 Second Street, Novato. RSVP to 415-892-5569.</p> <p>Newcomers welcome. The group meets the fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m.</p>

LUNCH BUNCH	Tuesday SEPT 17 12:30 p.m.	For September, Café Arrivederci , 11 G Street, San Rafael. RSVP to Gail Jackson, 415-897-7696. Lunch Bunch meets the third Tuesday of the month.
MOVIE MANIA	Monday SEPT 30 7:30 p.m.	Come to discuss movies you have recently seen, could be only one, or want to hear what others say about current movies. The section meets the last Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Elvera Berson, 111 Portsmouth Drive. RSVP to Elvera at 415-883-5846.
STITCHERY	Tuesday OCT 1 1:30 p.m. (no September meeting)	Stitchery meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30. The group will not be meeting in September, but join us starting with the October meeting. Everyone welcome. Bring any stitchery project you want to work on or just come for conversation. RSVP 415-892-5569.
WEDNESDAY WALKERS 	 Wednesday SEPT 11 Departing 9:30 Wednesday SEPT 25 Departing 9:40	Two chances to hike each month. The hike on the second Wednesday of the month is generally a shorter, gentler stroll; the hike on the fourth Wednesday of the month 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 Safeway parking lot (at the Dollar Tree end and closest to Redwood Boulevard). Give Gail a call if you'd like to meet us at the trailhead. Sept. 11: Hills separating Sleepy Hollow (San Anselmo) from Terra Linda. One short, steep uphill, but the mileage is short. Trailhead is end of Del Ganado Road. Departing Novato Safeway at 9:30. If driving direct, take Freitas Parkway from US 101, turn right on Del Ganado Road and drive to end. Sept. 25: Indian Tree Preserve, Novato, Big Trees and Deer Camp trails. About 4.2 hilly miles. Departing Novato Safeway at 9:40, or drive direct to trailhead at end of Vineyard Road where pavement changes to dirt road just past the last house on Vineyard Rd.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Holiday	3	4	5 Daytime Books 12:00 noon	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting 5:30 pm	11 Wednesday Walkers 9:30 am	12	13	14
15	16	17 Lunch Bunch 12:30 pm	18 Fantastic Females 5:30 - 7:30 pm ----- Evening Books 7:30pm	19	20 Membership Meet-Up @ El Rey Restaurant	21
22	23	24	25 Wednesday Walkers 9:40 am	26 Grandmas And Wannabes 7:30 pm	27 4 th Friday Wine Down 5 - 7 pm	28
29	30 Movie Mania 7:30 pm					

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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.