

November 12th Branch Meeting

Don't miss this month's AAUW branch meeting! We'll gather at 9:30am on Saturday, November 12th in the Fireside Room at Central United Methodist Church.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Mary Lomax-Ghirarduzzi. Dr. Lomax is University of the Pacific's inaugural Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Chief Diversity Officer. A leader on race, leadership and social justice, she is guiding the university in integrating DEI into all aspects of campus life.

Dr. Lomax-Ghirarduzzi is a graduate of Pacific and a dynamic speaker with an inspirational life story and compelling vision for diversity, equity and inclusion. Invite a friend!



Dr. Mary Lomax-Ghirarduzzi

The meeting will be held in the Fireside Room at
Central United Methodist Church
3700 Pacific Avenue

Schedule:

9:30am	Check In
10:30am	Meeting Begins

Cost: \$10 (covers room rental and continental breakfast)

Registration Information Change for November Meeting

Betty Parsons is out of the country so CYNTHIA MILFORD is the Registration Contact for the November meeting:

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President's Message



Is the U.S. society a melting pot, where a variety of people and cultures assimilate into a cohesive whole, or is it a salad bowl, where different cultures integrate into our society while still retaining their individual identities? This is a question that has been discussed and debated for generations.

As waves of European immigrants migrated to the U.S., they were expected to adopt American values and social norms and to become part of a melting pot. This didn't happen as much as hoped, in part, because of racism and xenophobia, which caused immigrants to hang on to their old cultures and to each other. As a result, we saw the rise of cultural enclaves, such as "Little Italys" and "Chinatowns," and we have developed a society that accepts basic interactions among people that have not lost their cultural identities entirely. This diversity has made for a rich and varied culture.

American society is more like a salad bowl. In a salad the various ingredients coexist but don't lose their individuality. Americans of different cultures speak their own languages, worship as they wish, and celebrate holidays befitting their own cultures. Many of these observances have become part of our national identity and often include the traditions and cuisines that accompany them.

Without question, American attitudes toward immigration have impacted this question. There has been a recent spike in anti-immigration viewpoints, with some immigrants being described as "criminals." In reality, most immigrants, past and present, came to our shores looking for the hope and security that was missing at home.

I believe that the salad bowl analogy is appropriate, even though racism and xenophobia still exist. Through education and by celebrating our cultural diversity, we can make our whole society stronger and more resilient.

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Mentor Program

The Mentor Program celebrated the arrival of fall with a relaxed day of "all things pumpkin". We started at 10:30am with pumpkin muffins, pumpkin seeds and, of course, pumpkin spice lattes! In keeping with our theme of "health and safety" we discussed the nutritional properties of pumpkin. The girls were happy to hear that 1/2 cup of pumpkin contains 240% of the RDA for vitamin A, 4 grams of fiber and only 49 calories! The vitamin A is especially welcome for its ability to regenerate skin cells!

After weighing, measuring, estimating seeds, etc. we then checked to see if they would sink or float. They all did, leading us to hypothesize that it was because they were hollow.

The pumpkin carving was loads of messy fun. Because we are not fans of the "violence and mayhem" part of Halloween all pumpkins were carved in a happy and joyful design.



This was a day of learning and doing with lots of laughter thrown in.



Our next activity is on November 5th when our girls will attend the "Expanding Your Horizons" conference at U.O.P. This is a full day of hands-on activities which has returned to an in-person format this year. Watch this space for news of that great activity next month.



Once the mess was cleaned up we had lunch consisting of sandwiches, harvest pumpkin soup, pumpkin pasta salad and pumpkin tortilla chips. Dessert was pumpkin pie followed by frosting pumpkin shaped cookies. Phew!





AAUW California DEI Statewide Chat

Join us Thursday, November 3rd, at 6pm for a statewide chat to explore AAUW's efforts around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Engage in an intimate conversation with national leaders:

Julia Brown, AAUW Board of Directors Chair, and Melissa LaDuke, AAUW DEI Chair.

Learn about the DEI issues our organization faces and National's efforts to address them. Leave with what we can do individually and collectively to strengthen our understanding and commitment to this work.

Check out your October California Connection for more information and the link to register. This Zoom webinar will be recorded. For accessibility needs or any questions, contact diversity@aauw-ca.org.


After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Directory update

Please make the following addition to your Directory:

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(DEI) Chair

One of the primary policies within AAUW – national & state – is to support a strong system of high quality public education.

WHAT AAUW ADVOCATES	WHAT AAUW DOES
Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other federal and California civil rights laws pertaining to education.	Title IX Tool Kit, monitoring
Adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students, including preschoolers.	Advocacy with Legislators
Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.	Tech Trek
Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in all levels of education and fields of study, including sexual health education and athletics.	Advocacy
Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education, and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools.	Advocacy
Support for adequate funding that gives women and other disadvantaged populations access to higher education, including two-year degree programs and vocational training.	Student Debt Research & Education
Vigorous enforcement of Title IX	Supports federal legislation strengthening Title IX; opposes laws weakening it; provides Title IX toolkit; conducts institutional monitoring
Adequate and equitable funding at all educational levels, including pre-school and post-secondary	Advocates for legislative changes
Instruction in STEM fields	Advocates for legislative changes
Opposition to the use of public funds for schools that do not meet public school civil rights and accountability standards	Advocates for legislative changes

In 2022, AAUW California has so many inspiring California fellow and grant recipients (39!) that we are hosting four (!) AAUW Fund virtual events. These smart and talented women will share nuggets of their fascinating studies. See what, and who, your AAUW Fund dollars support. Sign up for one or all to learn about sustainable environments, global migration, refugee studies, and 36 other topics. Your branch can share the wealth too. You can request one of these scholars to speak at your virtual or in-person event. Registration required.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the event:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w1Hfqhq_T2W43aO5fu1Mjg

Click [HERE](#) to read the bios of all the grant recipients:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2022-fund-events/>

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Vision: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measureable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Mission: **AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

November Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
Thu	3	6:30pm	AAUW California DEI Statewide Chat	
Mon	7	6:00pm	November Board Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sat	12	9:30am	AAUW Stockton November Branch Meeting	Central United Methodist Church
Sat	12	10am-12n	AAUW Fund Virtual Luncheon	Online via Zoom