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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

From Alice Campbell & Carolyn Ross, co-presidents

AAUW's CEO Kimberley Churches released a statement on August 10th that AAUW opposes the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S Supreme Court. After a careful review of his *available* record, it is clear that he holds positions fundamentally at odds with AAUW's [mission](#).

Republicans have announced they are scheduling nomination hearings to begin as soon as September 4th, but – as Senator Dianne Feinstein noted – a mere .08% of Brett Kavanaugh's records are now public, with the remainder not available until sometime in October. Senator Feinstein made a direct request for his records from the Department of Justice. She was denied, with a DOJ statement that it was only required to release records to members of the party in control! Both Senators Feinstein and Kamala Harris have called this rush to confirmation outrageous and unprecedented.

Should we be concerned?

Why should a confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh be of serious concern to AAUW and its members? An examination of even the small percentage of his records now public reveals that he:

- Is opposed to women's access to reproductive health care.
- Has called into question the protections of the Affordable Care Act – from eroding health care coverage for pre-existing conditions to eliminating access to abortion and contraception.
- Is willing to upend employment and labor rights and restrict voting rights.
- Has argued to weaken protections for race and age discrimination and to narrow prohibitions against retaliation.
- Supports entangling public education and religion.

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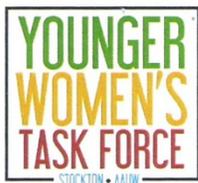
Connie During
(Carolyn Ross, Proof)

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Committee Rep.

Sally Irizary

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 9/18/2018

Lodi Public Library Community Room,
201 W. Locust St., Lodi

The Younger Women's Task Force is an offspring of AAUW. Come and hear what this movement is doing to fight for social justice.

Social time 5:30 pm
General Meeting 6:00 pm
Speakers 6:40 pm

Program Vice Presidents:
Kathie Mettler, Sally Spenker, and
Elena Wong



**NEW YEAR KICK-OFF
BRUNCH MINUTES
Saturday, August 18, 2018
Woodbridge Country Club
AAUW LODI AFFILIATE**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Alice Campbell. Alice thanked all involved in organizing the brunch. She also welcomed new members and guests.

Minutes of May Meeting: Minutes were approved by present membership.

Financial Report: Treasurer Julie Thompson reported \$21,403.35 in General Funds and \$2,854.72 in AAUW Funds. Three of the four high school scholarships have been paid, and one Donovan scholarship has been paid.

Julie asked the membership to check **the proposed budget** for this year found in the Directory (page 13). A vote of approval will be held at the September General Meeting.

Membership Report: Becky Greider announced a “Meet and Greet” for new and prospective members to be held September 25th from 4:30 - 6 pm at the Parkview Terrace Club House.

Membership Financial Report: Postponed.

Correspondence: No report.

Standing Committee Report: Sally Irizary reminded the membership of the importance of belonging to the Birthday Club. Monies donated go to fund either the AAUW Educational Foundation Fund or the Eleanor Roosevelt Scholarship (as you indicate on your check). Sally received her 50-year membership pin this year. Congratulations, Sally.

Old Business:

Program: Sally Spenker and Kathie Mettler handed out copies of the scheduled programs for 2018-2019. Once again, they have chosen topics that reflect some aspect of the AAUW Mission, Public Policy, and Goals to advance equity for women. Date changes were announced for the directory, Calendar of Meetings (pg. 10-11); please write the changes in your directory:

- **November General Meeting** should now read: Monday, 20th, 6 pm at the Lodi Public Library.

- **March General Meeting** should now read: Saturday, 16th, TBA, morning at the Lodi Public Library.

Open Positions for 2018-2019: Alice Campbell asked for volunteers. The position of Bunco General Chairperson is open. The Bunco Party is our only fundraiser of the year and it needs a leader. Several members have volunteered to help, we just need a commander-in-chief. Please contact Alice if you are interested. Also, the position of photographer is unfilled. You would take pictures at meetings and activities that can be used for the Facebook Page and publicity. Contact Alice if you are interested.

Directory: Connie During asked members to carefully check their information in the new directory. If any changes must be made, please contact Connie or Leigh Ramsey.

New Business:

2018-2019 Budget: Refer to comments in the Financial Report above.

Standing Rules: Edits, Deletions: Alice requested members read pages 4 and 5 in this year’s Directory in order to familiarize themselves with changes made to the Standing Rules.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Marson, Recording Secretary



Delicious Kick Off Brunch

Presidents' Message continued:

Ms. Churches speaks for our organization and its values in a powerful way, "AAUW's expectation is that our next Supreme Court justice will support the fundamental rights of all individuals and understand that his or her decisions have a very real impact on the daily lives of women and their families."

What can we do?

Although both of our state senators have already stated their opposition to senate hearings before *all* Judge Kavanaugh's records are available and able to be examined, there is still something we AAUW women can do to take action. The votes of senators in Alabama, Alaska, Indiana, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, and West Virginia are critical. You can use the **AAUW Two-Minute Activist** page to easily urge your family and friends in these key states to [make their voices heard](#). Just click on the underlined link. You can even access your address book contacts to send the prepared email. Thanks for taking two minutes of action to help.

Alice and Carolyn



Another message from the Presidents

There is still one very important position yet to be filled for our group:

- Chair for the Bunco Fundraiser

Bunco chair duties can be shared by two members. There is a lot of history and documentation on how to make this job run smoothly, and many seasoned volunteers to



help. The Bunco chair coordinates all the subcommittees that handle the various aspects of the event. She communicates

with the head(s) of each subcommittee — made up of additional volunteer members.

A huge thank you to Denise Reich for volunteering to be the branch photographer this coming year. Photos are needed for our



history, our Facebook page, our website, our newsletter, and our Directory.

Alice and Carolyn

AAUW September Meeting
Younger Women's Task Force (YWTF)

The Younger Women's Task Force is an offspring of AAUW. It is a movement by and for younger women to fight for social justice. YWTF was created in the summer of 2016 in order to give women in Stockton a space to collaborate with community members on social justice issues that affect us most. Together they form a diverse and inclusive group of activists, organizers, allies, and professionals on the local, state-wide, and national levels. They are a community founded on the belief that they can work within and beyond the women's movement to change the things that hold women back.

Come and be wowed by the things these young women are accomplishing.

Sally Spenker, Co-Vice President of Programs for Lodi AAUW



GAL-livanters

On September 24th, 14 members (who have made and paid for their reservations) will be attending the Senior Zoo Tea & Tour program at the Sacramento Zoo. Those of you who want to carpool, meet at the Safeway/Target/Big 5 parking lot at 8 am. The program is sold out, and I have the tickets.

Save October 15th for an hour and a half pontoon boat trip around Lodi Lake and up the Mokelumne River. After the boat trip, we will be meeting for lunch. Please call me if you are interested in joining us.

Nanette Green



September's Flower: the Aster

In ancient times, people believed that burning aster leaves would drive away evil snakes. The aster flower's meaning is patience and daintiness. Aster is Latin for star which refers to the flower's star shape. Aster is closely related to the chrysanthemum. The aster is considered the other classic autumn flower in addition to the chrysanthemum.



On the Move Walkers September Walk

Date: Thursday, September 13th

Time: 9:30, meet at Big Five near Target for carpooling

10:00: begin walk, which should end around noon.

Place: Oak Park, North Stockton

Lunch: bring something to share for a picnic

Walkers of all speeds are welcome. All that is needed is enthusiasm! Contact me at nancymellor582@gmail.com or 747-3452 by September 12th if you plan to walk with us.



Nancy Mellor

Girls Night Out

Girls Night Out will begin this month with a wonderful meal at El Pazcifico restaurant on Pine Street in Lodi. The Mexican food is fabulous! We will have a private room and separate checks, and yes, they do make margaritas and micheladas!

I will be the host for this evening on September 21st at 5:30 pm; please RSVP to me. Mark your calendars. If you wish to be on the email list, let me know; also let me know if you wish to be deleted from the list. I'll notify you as to RSVP deadline. We always have our night out on the third Friday of the month.

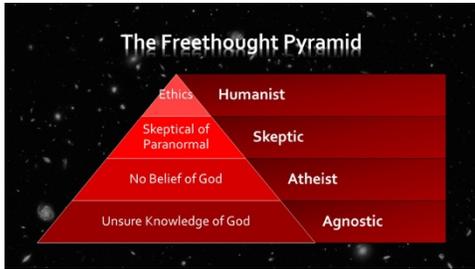


Julie Thompson

Be Informed

Deist, Theist, Atheist, Humanist, Agnostic, Skeptic. Those are some of the terms we learned about in our August Be Informed meeting. David Diskin, long-time Lodi resident, UOP instructor, community volunteer, activist for secular rights, and spokesperson for the atheist community, was our

speaker. He described his journey to atheism, and the experience of others in coming to this belief. It was an interesting and informative experience for our group.



The calendar for a few months includes: September - Helen Gross will tell us about her experiences with the Alaskan Iditarod races.

October - Beverly Fitch McCarty will share a lifetime spent as a Stockton volunteer and advocate for women's issues.

November - Liz Kirkley will describe the opportunities available for girls in the field of electrical utilities.

Be Informed meets the first Thursday of each new month, 10 am, at the home of Élise Forbes. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

Margy Gish, Coordinator



Take Note: Add This New Member to Your New Directory

Pat Browning

Address: 716 Howard St.
Lodi, 95242

Phone: (209) 712-0310

E-mail: 2patbrowning@sbcglobal.net

National University - B.A. Psychology



Make This Change to Your 2018-2019 Directory:

Sue Pixler's address is 6717 E. Harney Lane, not 6716.



Aware of these Dates?

- September 3rd ☞ Labor Day
- September 6th ☞ Read a Book Day
- September 11th ☞ Patriot Day
- September 17th ☞ Citizenship Day
- September 21st ☞ Day of Peace





2018 Scholarship Thank You Letters

Dear AAUW,

I apologize that I will not be able to attend the brunch for scholarship recipients. I head off to UC Berkeley on August 14th — days before the event, but I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the invitation.

Similarly, I would like to thank the entire AAUW committee for awarding me their scholarship. It truly means a lot to me that others see great potential in my future. This award has greatly aided me in funding my education so that I can focus less on finances and more on my studies and my future. I cannot thank you enough for providing me, and many others, with the means to obtain the amazing opportunity to go to college. It has been a dream of mine for years to attend college and study physics, and the association has helped make those dreams my reality.

Thank you again for the support!
Darby McCauley



To: Lodi AAUW Scholarship

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Lodi AAUW Scholarship. Your generous support allows me to be the first in my family to attend college. I am able to pursue my career in business at U.C. Santa Barbara with less financial burden.

Thanks again,
Zhe Ye (Tokay High)



Zhe Ye and
Manina Moles
at Kick Off
Brunch

New Members: Come One Come All!

New members who joined in or after January 2018 are cordially invited to the first new member get-together for the 2018-2019 year.

Other members may attend if they bring a potential new member to the gathering.



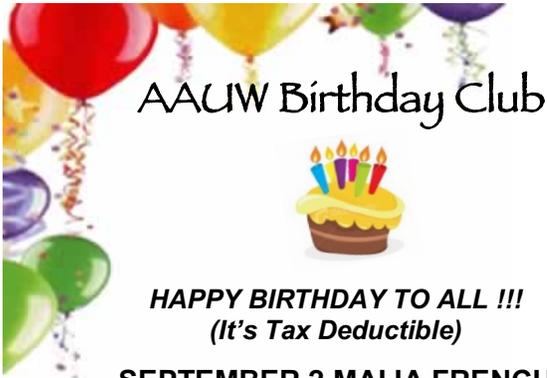
Introduce your friends to a marvelous group of ladies working to support women and girls in education and for all of us, too. We also have a great time participating in the various interest groups. We will meet at the Parkview Terrace Clubhouse on Tuesday, Sept. 25th from 4:30 to 6 pm. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see all of you there. Please RSVP to me at 603-8319 or Becky Greider at 712-2474.

Suzanne Membership co-chair



Kelsey Churchill (Dorm Mom) and
Tech Trekkers presenting their
experiences at camp.

A Few Thank You Postcards from the Tech Trekkers



**SEPTEMBER 2 MAIJA FRENCH
FAMOUS WOMEN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Christa McAuliffe (1948-1986) ≈ New Hampshire school teacher who was selected in 1985 to become the first teacher in space; she died aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

**SEPTEMBER 3 MARY LOU KOTH
FAMOUS WOMEN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Marguerite Higgins (1920-1966) ≈ first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for international reporting (1951) on coverage of the Korean War.

**SEPTEMBER 11 BECKY HAMNER
FAMOUS WOMEN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Jessica (Decca) Mitford (1917-1996) ≈ a British-born trade-union, political activist and author of *The American Way of Death* (1963).

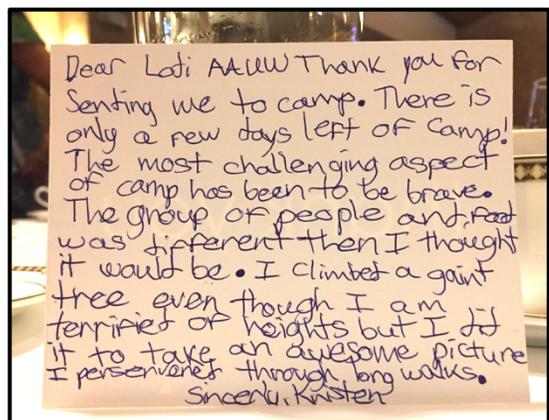
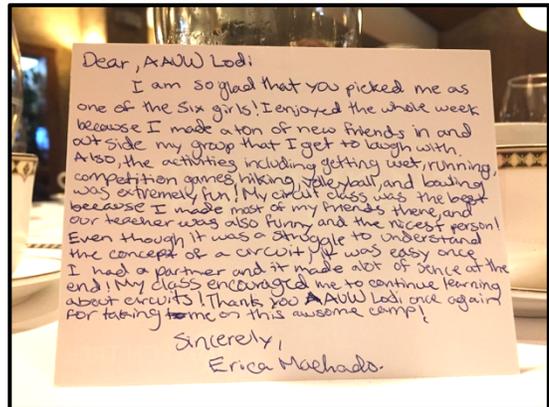
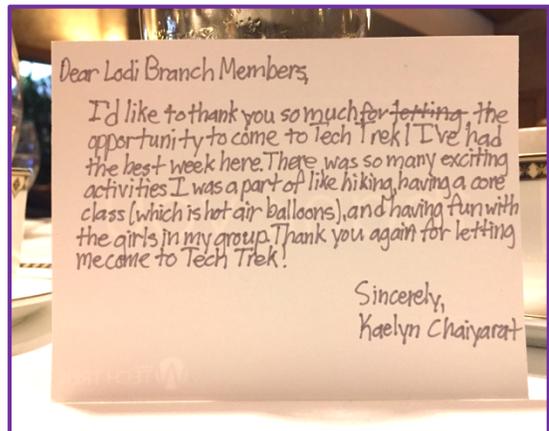
**SEPTEMBER 25 SALLY SIMPSON
FAMOUS WOMEN BORN ON THIS DAY**

Vinnie Ream (1847-1914) ≈ sculptor who was the first woman to win a federal commission with her statue of Abraham Lincoln in 1866.

Please add your name to the AAUW Educational Foundation Birthday Club in honor of your or someone else's birthday. By joining, you are helping to support the continuing graduate education of women through either the Educational Opportunities Fund #4336, or the Eleanor Roosevelt Research Fund #9170.

REMEMBER...The more birthdays you have, the longer you live!

Thank you
Sally Irizary & Joanne Cobb,
EF co-chairs



Member Feature Article

A Gift for Quiet Pleasures

SUGA MORIWAKI TURNED THE LEGACY OF HER TIME IN A JAPANESE-AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMP INTO A GIFT CELEBRATING THE PEACE SHE FINDS OUTDOORS.

In the 1980s, Suga Moriwaki found herself the uneasy recipient of an overdue payment: restitution from the U.S. government for her time spent at a relocation center for Japanese-Americans during World War II. Moriwaki initially considered refusing the money, but eventually decided to put it to good use instead. She gifted half to the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley, which stores archives of the Japanese-American wartime experience. The rest she earmarked in her will for The Nature Conservancy because she had grown to admire the organization's collaborative approach to its work. "I am far from outdoorsy," insists Moriwaki, who lives in California. Still, she enjoys visiting nearby TNC nature preserves and, since naming the group as a beneficiary of her estate, has participated in Legacy Club trips with other like-minded members to places such as Minnesota's North Shore and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (above). "These experiences have provided me with an opportunity to witness the results of the Conservancy's work," says Moriwaki, noting that since she began traveling with TNC she has started spending more time outdoors. "My commitment to nature grows in small and specific ways."



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War's End: Two-year-old Suga Moriwaki leaves Central Utah Relocation Camp in 1945. © Charles E. Mace/War Relocation Authority Staff/UC Berkeley, Bancroft Library

September 2018 & Calendar of Activities

- Thursday, 9/6** *Be Informed:* 10 am-12 noon at Élise Forbes' home. Our program will be Helen Gross speaking about her experiences with the Alaskan Iditarod race. Please call Margie Gish for further information
- Monday, 9/10** *Les Dames Françaises French Group:* 1 pm at Sally Simpson's home. Meetings are typically the 2nd & 4th Monday from 1pm to 2:30 pm (or later). Please contact Sally if you are not attending, and for additional info call Maija French or Sylvia Mayorga.
- Wednesday, 9/12** *Board Meeting:* 3:30 pm in the Drummond Room at the Lodi Public Library. Board members: for quorum purposes, please contact either Alice Campbell or Carolyn Ross if you're unable to attend.
- Monday, 9/17** *Book Group:* Needs a volunteer to host the 7 pm gathering at her home. The book for discussion is "The News of The World" by Paulette Jiles. Contact Leigh Ramsey this month for information and if you can host. Please RSVP if planning to attend.
- Tuesday, 9/18** *General Meeting:* 5:30 pm social time in the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library; 6 pm general meeting; 6:40 pm the Younger Women's Task Force will share what they are doing to fight for social justice.
- Friday, 9/21** *Girls Night Out:* 5:30 pm at El Paccifico restaurant on Pine St. Julie Thompson will be hosting this dinner; RSVP to her once you get the reminder email. Contact Julie if you'd like to be on the email list. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Monday, 9/24** *GAL-livanters:* 8 am meet in the parking lot near Big Five Sporting Goods on Kettleman so we can carpool to Sacramento for our 9:30 am Sacramento Zoo Tea & Tour. The program is sold out. Contact Nanette Green for information about the GAL-livanters.
- Monday, 9/24** *Les Dames Françaises French Group:* 1 pm meet at Susan Wyckoff's home. Please contact Susan if you can't attend.
- Monday, 9/24** *Bunco:* 7 pm at Carolyn Hannesson's home; call Carolyn with inquiries or participant changes.
- Tuesday, 9/25** *New and Prospective Member Social:* 4:30-6 pm at Park View Terrace Club House. RSVP for this party (with light refreshments) to Suzanne Talbot or Becky Greider.

Scenes from the Kick-Off Brunch: Tech Trekkers and Scholarship awardee

