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Hello Branch Presidents and Public Policy Chairs:

Kim Churches, AAUW CEO, sent out a statement relating to the current Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh. I am sending you the statement to disseminate to your members. AAUW has suggested that members contact our CA federal Senators in support of this position.

Thank you,

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(This message is being sent to Branch Presidents, Branch Public Policy Chairs, All Communication and AAUW California Board mailing lists)

**WASHINGTON – AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches released the following statement announcing AAUW’s opposition to the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court:”**

“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. After careful review of Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s available record, it is clear to us that he would not be that justice. Judge Kavanaugh’s record shows that he is willing to do grave harm by undermining positions central to AAUW’s mission, including upending employment and labor rights, opposing reproductive rights and access to health care, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights. The Supreme Court is the arbiter of so many of the rights essential to women and girls, and if confirmed Judge Kavanaugh will have a say in those decisions for decades to come.

Therefore, AAUW opposes Judge Kavanaugh’s confirmation to the Supreme Court.

On the specifics of his available record, Judge Kavanaugh confirmation would put women’s constitutional rights, including abortion, at risk. He has shown opposition to women’s access to reproductive health care and contraception, seeking to delay a woman’s access to an abortion, arguing in support of religious employers who obstruct their employees’ access to contraceptive coverage, and calling into question protections of the Affordable Care Act. Judge Kavanaugh has shown little support for workers’ rights, including low-wage workers and workers of color. While on the bench, Judge Kavanaugh argued to weaken protections for race and age discrimination, as well as to narrow prohibitions against retaliation. He routinely argued to limit workers’ rights to organize and to narrow the scope of our nation’s labor laws. He has consistently sided with employers and against workers, refusing to support those who

seek to improve workplace conditions and to protect those who have experienced discrimination.

While we continue to urge that Judge Kavanaugh's full record be released to the American public, his available record makes clear that he stands in opposition to the values and mission of AAUW. He is the wrong choice for the Supreme Court and for women and girls. Now more than ever we need a Supreme Court justice who is not beholden to ideology and will be an independent voice. The role the next justice will play in all of our lives is too important for anything less."

### **ANNUAL TECH TREK BBQ & PRESENTATIONS**

Meet the Tech Trek campers and hear about their experiences. They are so grateful for your donations to send them to UCD for Tech Trek week in the summer. See where your money goes and be proud! We will hear the girls at the annual BBQ held on September 29, Saturday, at 4:00 pm. The location is 1102 Eureka Avenue.

Each family is asked to bring a dish to serve four. We have catering from Dos Coyotes, which will include vegetarian fare (cheese enchiladas and a no meat salad). Food items to prepare to bring might be soup (ex. Tex-Mex Tortilla), green salad, fruit salad, vegetable appetizers, Jello, or cupcakes, brownies, pudding, cookies. Water, sparkling water, juice, canned soda, and wine will be provided.

On display, will be the quilts made and donated by Marti Abbott. Raffle tickets will be available for sale. Please RSVP to Juliana, [carwells@thegrid.net](mailto:carwells@thegrid.net).

### **TECH TREK: 2018**

We have already received a grateful thank you from a parent of one of the participants. We are sure there will be more. It should be exciting and heart-warming to hear the Trekkers' reports at the September BBQ on the 29th.

### **REPORT: CELEBRATE THE 19TH**

For a special Celebrate, we enjoyed the hospitality and slides of Jan and Adam's trip to China to visit and tour with family. Estelle, Rhonda, Gail, Shahla (some of your board members), and Marti and Juliana were pleased with the informative presentation and scenic beauty of the areas. You can imagine the quality of the photography from these two talented photographers.

Thank you, Jan and Adam.

### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

The selection for October is: A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park. The meeting place and time will be verified by a special notice. There is no meeting scheduled for September, but the following books have been selected for the next two sessions: My Father's Garden by Karen Levy and The Hate You Give by Angie Thoman.

Following the slide presentation about China at the Bridge's, book club participants met at Juliana's to discuss Trevor Noah's book. Rhonda brought up questions about racism and learning lessons from South Africa's apartheid policies as she had listened to NPR- "The

Hidden Brain”. Celida talked about discrimination toward her family while in Oregon. Estelle and Juliana added to that discussion relating to Noah’s book and personal opinions.

Gail suggested reading My Father’s Garden and possibly inviting the author to speak at a luncheon. Even if you haven’t finished the book for the meeting (or read it at all), the discussions will give you the opportunity to voice opinions and hear interesting viewpoints in general. So do feel free to join us.

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

The Interbranch Council (IBC) will be offering special leadership training on October 6 (yes, our yard sale day) from 9am- 4pm. The training is free, but the lunch will cost \$20. Registration will be through Evite. If you are interested, please email Anne Davis East to be invited [anne@daviseastconsulting.com](mailto:anne@daviseastconsulting.com)

The morning session will focus on all that one should know when working for/with a nonprofit. This training will result in a certificate of completion. The afternoon will be a panel-led discussion on the areas on which we need to focus for AAUW.

It will be held at Christ Community Church, 5025 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael.

You may also send interest or questions to Gail  
[gejohnson08@comcast.net](mailto:gejohnson08@comcast.net)

### **I HOUSE FESTIVAL**

We will have a table at the festival on October 7 at Central Park 10am-4pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to be seen in public and to publicize our organization. If you have an hour or two and can volunteer to be at the table to give out info, answer questions, hand out membership applications, and smile, please contact Rhonda for volunteering. Early set-up help is also needed. New members: this is a chance to be active and get to know a few of your co-members, all for the price of a few hours of your time!

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### **YARD SALE FUNDRAISER**

If you have items you could donate, please set them aside and price them so that you can drop them off at Rhonda’s for the yard sale on October 6. That weekend is incredibly busy, and volunteers are needed to be in the yard to collect money from the public. You can also volunteer to help set up and take away items for the sale.

### **CALENDAR**

Sept. 13, Thursday: Board Meeting 6:30 library conf. room

Sept. 19, Wednesday: Celebrate the 19th TBD (no book club)

Sept. 21, Friday: International Film Series at I House 8 pm

\*Sept. 29, Saturday: BBQ for Tech Trek 4-7 pm

October 6, Saturday: Leadership Training

October 6, Saturday: Yard Sale fundraiser 320 I Street

October 7, Sunday: International House Festival noon-5pm

October 7, Sunday: AAUW Funds luncheon at Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon

October 7, Sunday: evening Woodland AAUW Octoberfest  
Fundraiser at Matchbook winery 5-8 pm

October 11, Thursday: Board Meeting 6:30 Library

October 19, Friday: Celebrate the 19th and Book Club TBD

October 21, Sunday: United Nations Day Program -AAUW  
Will co-sponsor. Speaker 3-5pm

October 23, Tuesday: Janice Bridge will present information  
about the renaming of North Davis School in honor of Mary Ellen Dolcini, Blanchard Room 7  
PM. Public will be invited. Specifics will be in October newsletter.

**Be as active as you wish, but stay a member. You count.**