

FEBRUARY 2022

# THE SPOKESWOMAN

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## Seeking 2022-23 Board Members

**Would you like to have a voice in how our branch carries out the mission of AAUW?**

**Can you be a resource to our UCD AAUW students or are you interested in getting more involved with Tech Trek? Do you have ideas for programs?**

As we prepare for our annual branch meeting on April 10th, we are seeking candidates for board positions to bring new energy and ideas to our branch. The Board currently meets via Zoom at 7 pm on the second Thursday of each month.

To learn about opportunities to serve on the board and how to be more active at the branch level, members may reach out to Rhonda or Estelle at [Davis-CA@aauw.net](mailto:Davis-CA@aauw.net). The deadline for nominations is **February 28th**.

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## February Calendar

Thursday, February 10th, 7 pm  
Board Meeting

Saturday, February 12th, 9 am  
Book group discussion on *Sharks in the Time of Saviors* by Kawai Strong Washburn

Saturday, February 19th, 4 pm Celebrate the 19th (Amendment); Zoom information to be sent by email

Tuesday, February 22nd, noon - From Corporate America To Entrepreneurship - How Do We Transition?

Tuesday, February, 22nd, 7 pm  
AAUW Social Media Webinar, Part 2

Thursday, February 24th, 10 am to 2 pm  
UNA-USA's free virtual Global Engagement Summit; theme : One Humanity, One Planet, One Common Agenda

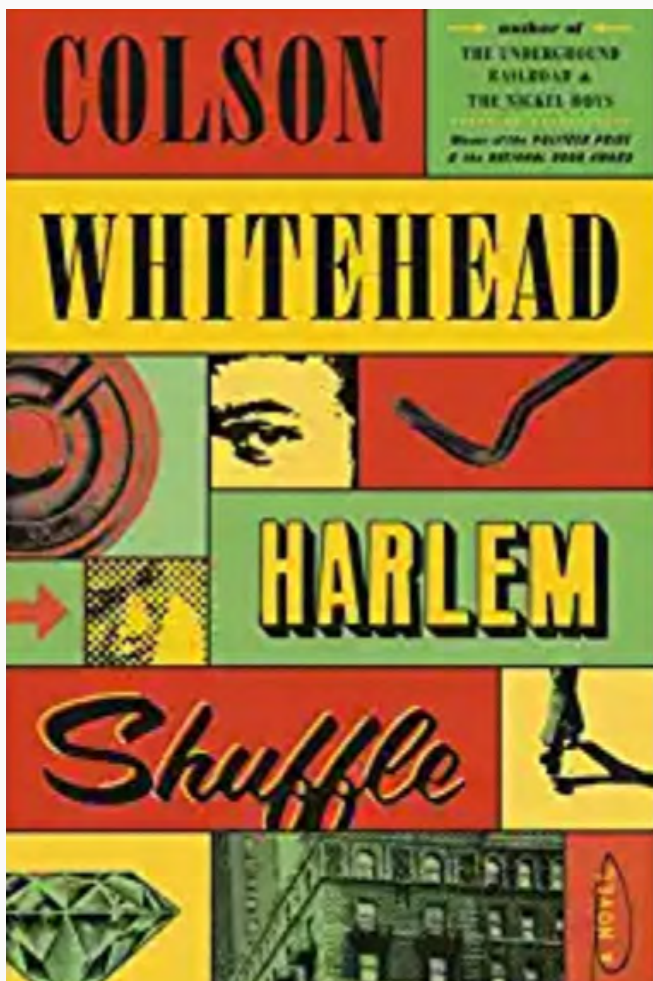
Friday, February 25th, 7 pm  
Free movie night, LFG: Equal Pay for Equal Play; hosted by AAUW San Francisco

Monday, February 28th  
Davis Branch Board Nominations are due; deadline to complete Lobby Week survey

## Upcoming Book Group Reading Selections

The book group meets on the second Saturday of every month at 9 am by Zoom. All are welcome to join us for the stimulating discussions, even if you haven't read the book.

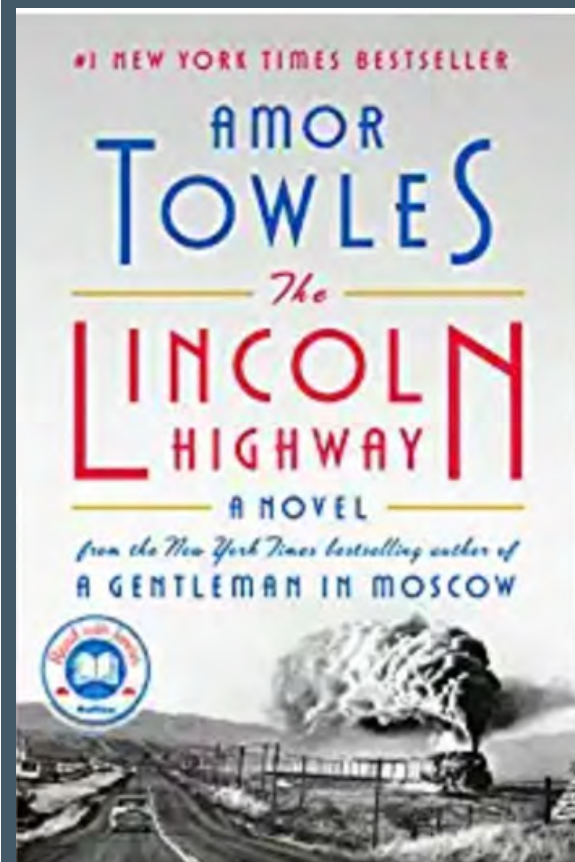
On March 12th, the book group will be discussing Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead.



The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles is the reading selection for discussion on April 9th. This book is 592 pages long so we are providing early notice to give readers a chance to start reading soon.

“A heist with a cast of zany characters, tongue-in-cheek dialogue, questionable criminal skills, and of course, a bumbling, incompetent thief or two are undoubtedly part of the charm of Colson Whitehead's Harlem Shuffle.”

DENNY BRYCE, NPR REVIEW



## Celebrate the 19th

Due to late notification and schedule conflicts, a relatively small group came together for a virtual chat on January 19th: Shahla, Juliana, Estelle, Stephanie, Beth, Verena and special guest Sahiba Kaur, former president of the UCD AAUW student organization.

After some general social visiting, most of the hour was devoted to Sahiba's reporting about her work in managerial economics, some of the challenges she faced while job hunting (including how to ask for references, navigate professional areas and make cold calls) and her advice to students to search for and join organizations related to their career goals. Sahiba offered to share her experiences and suggestions in a workshop for students, covering networking techniques, using LinkedIn, and resources for career development.

She strongly encouraged setting up official mentoring possibilities for the student organization. It was an interesting and stimulating discussion and a lovely surprise to have Sahiba, who was such a dynamic leader in the student organization in pre-pandemic times, "reappear" and offer genuine interest in helping those who are now facing the prospect of entering the job market.

Finally, there was brief mention of the upcoming Book Group selection for February 12, "Sharks in the Time of Saviors" and volunteer work accomplished two days prior by Stephanie and Verena and Ray Borton, who completed the annual pruning of the Peace Roses donated by the Davis UNA Chapter to the City of Davis in 1995 (see separate report).

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## February Board Meeting Update

The Davis Branch monthly board meeting was held on January 13th. The discussion included a review of finances, membership, book group update, United Nations Association planned events, and upcoming January and February events. Gail provided the latest news on the UC Davis Tech Trek camp. She indicated that tuition for attendance will be higher than in the past and an in-person camp is under consideration for the week of July 17, 2022. Details are still evolving with more to come.

We had a good discussion about the idea of starting a more structured mentorship program at the branch level, as well as potential collaboration and engagement with other active non-profit organizations with mutual goals and interests. These discussions will continue at future board meetings and should help shape current and future priorities of the branch.



## A Tradition Continues

In 1995 the Davis UNA chapter donated fifty Peace Rose bushes to the City of Davis as a symbolic commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter in San Francisco in 1945. The Peace Rose was the floral symbol for the first gathering of the United Nations. The idea of planting a garden of Peace Roses in Davis originated with Ray Borton, who arranged for the plants, and was encouraged by then UNA President Mary Ellen Dolcini. The city made available two beds located just south of 600 A Street and helped a group of UNA board members plant the Peace Roses 27 years ago this month.

Initially the city took care of the plants, but in 2006 the care was officially turned over to Ray and Verena Borton (now the only surviving members of the 1995 planting crew) as “adoptive parents.” In recent years the grounds have been under the jurisdiction of the county whose staff appreciate UNA’s care for the plants.

Every year the pruning of the rose bushes is undertaken as a service project during the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. Some years ago, a student group from UCD, Aggies for Humanity, helped with the pruning. They posted the following comment on their website in 2016: “Pruning the UN Peace Roses was hard work, but it taught us the lesson that to make peace and maintain it, it takes time, patience, and dedication. The UN Peace Roses have been in full bloom every year thanks to the love and hard work of Davis UNA-USA.”



Peace Rose.



Two beds of Peace Roses at 600 A Street, donated to the city by the UNA chapter in 1995.

On January 17th, Stephanie DeGraff-Hunt brought loppers, gloves and lots of energy to help the Bortons with the annual task. It took more than two hours of backbreaking bending to prune the two rose beds. This was a wonderful UNA-AAUW partnership in volunteering. We look forward to enjoying the reward of the work when the roses start blooming in April. Single stems of the Peace Roses have been presented as a special gift to speakers at UNA programs at International House in the past.

# Free Movie Night

## *LFG: Equal Pay for Equal Play*

AAUW San Francisco is hosting an online screening of *LFG: Equal Pay for Equal Play*, a no-holds-barred, inside account of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team's ongoing fight for equal pay as told by Megan Rapinoe and her teammates. The documentary grants viewers unprecedented access to these game-changers as they meet the physical demands and pressures of being some of the world's top athletes while showcasing their courage, unflinching spirit, and resiliency in an effort to create long-lasting social change.

Friday, 2/25/2022 7 PM  
Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## Lobby Week, April 11th to 15th

We used to call it Lobby Day. Now we're calling it Lobby Week. The time is fast approaching to spread the word about our priority bills to our state representatives, and once again we are enlisting the help of our branch members. California AAUW will be arranging meetings for members with their state representatives in their district offices the week of April 11-15, while they are home on spring break. Legislators may wish to meet in person in their district office, or they may prefer to meet via Zoom. Where in-person meetings are indicated, members residing in those districts who are also willing to meet in person (note: masks and/or proof of vaccination may be required) will be matched. Where representatives indicate a preference for Zoom meetings only, out-of-district members may be asked to make a presentation if no in-district members are available.

To bring your voice to Lobby Week, complete this short survey [HERE](#) by February 28th.

Participants are required to attend a mandatory training webinar on April 7th. Register for that [HERE](#).

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## AAUW Updates

### AAUW Fund Campaign

In pursuing our goal to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy we annually participate in this campaign to raise money given to women in an effort to support them to pursue higher education. This year we raised \$494,020 for our Fellowship and Grant program! That will definitely pay for more than a box of chocolates.

**AAUW National's dues for 2022-2023 will increase by \$5 to \$67, of which \$64 will be tax deductible.**

# UNA Updates

**January 17**

Annual pruning of the UNA Peace Roses at 600 A St. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details about this year's UNA-AAUW partnership for this activity.

**February 24 10am - 2pm**

Join UNA-USA's free virtual Global Engagement Summit with the theme One Humanity, One Planet, One Common Agenda. There will be a mix of live and on-demand content, aligning with UNA's mission to Inspire, Educate and Mobilize (many opportunities for advocacy). Register at [www.unausa.org](http://www.unausa.org)

**March 5th at 2pm**

Davis UNA will join with UNA Mid-Peninsula and other chapters to present a free virtual program celebrating International Women's Day.

Tentative title: *Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow.*

Among invited speakers: Natalie Isaacs, Founder of 1 Million Women. See statement [HERE](#)

**ONE HUMANITY  
ONE PLANET  
ONE COMMON AGENDA**

Final report on UNICEF campaign. In **December** Davis UNA completed its **annual campaign to raise funds for UNICEF** (formerly mostly by school children collecting through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF). Thanks to those of you who responded to the online request for contributions we were able to send \$6,000 to the U.S. Committee for UNICEF on December 22. These funds help provide health care (protecting nearly half of the world's children with vaccines), clean water, sanitation, nutrition, education and emergency relief to save and protect the lives of the world's most vulnerable children.



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# Upcoming Webinars

## **From Corporate America To Entrepreneurship - How Do We Transition?**

This Lunch and Learn session continues our exploration of Entrepreneurship. Have you ever wanted to start your own business, but don't know how to transition from your comfort zone to your own zone? Join us to learn how from Laura Hall. Laura has spent most of her business career in the fashion industry, helping to steer major brands like Burberry and as President of Polo Ralph Lauren Accessories. She is an author, speaker and fashion industry consultant with WHYZ Partners. As an entrepreneur, Laura follows the tenets of Conscious Capitalism, ensuring that purpose meets profits and has carried her passion in Conscious Capitalism to our future generations through her book, *The ABC's of Conscious Capitalism for Kids*.

Part 1 of this series can be watched [HERE](#)

**February 22, 2022, 12 noon**

Click [HERE](#) to Register

## **Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn - Your Key to Outreach - Part II**

**Speaker: Sandi Gabe, AAUW-CA President-Elect**

Yearning to create the perfect social media post? No, one size doesn't fit all. Learn how to customize your message to reach your specific audience.

Be sure to watch Part I on demystifying the various social media platforms. Part II will cover writing effective posts for each of the platforms to target the audiences who use them.

Part 1 of this series can be watched [HERE](#)

**February 22, 2022, 7 pm**

Click [HERE](#) to Register



Laura Hall,  
Speaker for From  
Corporate to  
Entrepreneurship  
How Do We  
Transition?



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