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Tech Trek Potluck

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 6 PM

Community Congregational Church, 1305 W 2nd Street, Benicia

This is when we ask the girls we sent to Tech Trek this past summer to come and tell us about camp, how they felt about it and how it helped them. We will have the opportunity to meet with their families as well.

We're asking **AAUW members** with last names beginning with the letters A-M to bring salads (green, pasta, fruit, etc) and those beginning with N-Z to bring desserts. Store-bought or homemade are all welcome. See you there for a fun evening!



President's Message

Janet Leventhal, Co-president

We had a lot of fun at our Wine, Cheese and Chocolate fundraiser. Everyone seemed just happy to be out and together. We're planning on extending the time from 2 hours to at least 2.5 hours next year to have more fun together. Thanks to Al and Alice Plutchok for again welcoming us to their wonder house. What a great place to party!

Also, I am so grateful for Joan Eignor for organizing our fundraiser every year. She is a real professional. Others who helped included Mary and Sam Hammonds and Barbara Houseman. Kevin Jones did a nice presentation on wine. Our campers are very lucky to have such a team advocating for them.



Meet the 2025 campers: Mark your calendar and bring food to our Nov 5, 6pm dinner.

Many of our members came to the Oct 18 NO KINGS Demonstrations in Vallejo and/or Benicia. Let's do it

again at the next one. It was actually quite joyful to be out with so many people who want to preserve American Democracy and human/women's rights. We meet a lot of possible new members when we sit at our table. I will be organizing shifts next time. It's encouraging to talk with everyone as they come by.



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact
Wednesday November 5 6 PM	Tech Trek Potluck Community Congregational Church 1305 W. Second, Benicia	Chris Stevens
Tuesday November 18 1:30	Book Group Home of Leslie L	Kim Fountain
Friday November 21 11:30 AM	Restaurant Research and Support Society Got Plate Lunch, 810 W 9th St, Benicia	Barbara Engdahl

Also of interest:

Our own member, Barbara Engdahl MSW, will be giving a talk on November 20 at 10:30 at the Dona Benicia room at Benicia Library. This talk is open to the public and free. She will discuss options you may not realize you have for care at the end of life, choices you can make regarding hospice and using California's Death with Dignity Act to have a peaceful death.



Music Ensemble

Join us Tuesdays at 10 AM. Woodwinds, strings or piano welcome. Contact Leslie at lh1@lessenger.net.



Restaurant Research and Support Society

The Restaurant Research and Support Society will meet on Friday, November 21 at 11:30 AM to savor together Hawaiian food at the Got Plate Lunch, 810 W 9th St, Benicia on the hill beside the 9th street pier. Not only the food but also the views up and down the Strait are so worth it.

Book Group

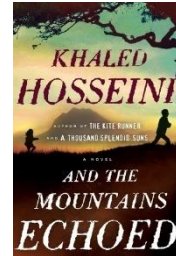
This month's selection is

And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini

Meets: Tuesday, Nov 18 @1:30pm

Host: Leslie

Meet at: Leslie L



So, then. You want a story and I will tell you one... Afghanistan, 1952. Abdullah and his sister Pari live with their father and stepmother in the small village of Shadbagh. Their father, Saboor, is constantly in search of work and they struggle together through poverty and brutal winters. To Abdullah, Pari—as beautiful and sweet-natured as the fairy for which she was named—is everything. Each night they sleep together in their cot, their heads touching, their limbs tangled. One day the siblings journey across the desert to Kabul with their father. Pari and Abdullah have no sense of the fate that awaits them there, for the event which unfolds will tear their lives apart; sometimes a finger must be cut to save the hand. Crossing generations and continents, moving from Kabul, to Paris, to San Francisco, to the Greek island of Tinos, with profound wisdom, depth, insight and compassion, Khaled Hosseini writes about the bonds that define us and shape our lives, the ways in which we help our loved ones in need, how the choices we make resonate through history and how we are often surprised by the people closest to us. (Goodreads)

Public Policy

Teresa Chupp, Public Policy Chair

Over seven million attended No Kings actions on 18 October, and No Kings/Indivisible will have more mass protests in the future, but before that, there will be authoritarian overreach to defend against...and quickly. What we do will change week to week. Whatever the moment requires, we'll adapt. Because authoritarianism doesn't stand alone — it survives on silence, complicity, and cash flow. The No Kings Alliance is simple: make it impossible for anyone — in power, in profit, or in denial — to quietly capitulate. Check the link below each Wednesday for the current action.

<https://www.nokings.org/next>



TECH TREK FUNDRAISER-THANK YOU!

A successful and fun event. Big thank you to Alice and Alan Plutchok for hosting, Kevin Jones from Vallejo Cellars for pouring his wines, and Sande Sutter and Nance Matson for their wine donation. And to all who came and supported this event.



Please consider making a donation to Tech Trek. You can make a tax deductible donation by addressing your check to CAAAUW SPF. If you're eligible for an MDR/RMD withdrawal, you can make a TAX FREE donation by having the financial institution holding your funds make out a check to CAAAUW SPF. **Mail checks to Barbara Houseman.**

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