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Presidents' Message

Margo King and Annette Delaney

April is a busy month for our Branch.

- The Scholarship Committee interviews and selects our academic scholarship recipients.
- The NCCWSL Committee Reviews and selects the applicants for the spring leadership conference.

Selecting the recipients of these scholarships is the core work of the branch in empowering women and girls through education and we all offer our thanks to the members who give their time and thought into accomplishing the tasks.

And then there is the fun. This April all of us have two opportunities to enhance our own education and to entertain ourselves at the same time.

-The first is the chance to attend the AAUW-CA State Convention being held April 15-17 right in our community. There are many workshops and speakers to choose among, and we encourage all of you to review the state publication *Perspectives* to consider the packages offered and select the one that best suits your interests. It will never be more convenient to mingle with AAUW members and leaders from around the state. An easy drive and plenty of parking; what more can we ask!

-Another entertaining and educational opportunity is being offered to all of us on April 27 at 11:30 a.m. when you are invited to our Spring Luncheon, *Picnic with the Pets*, at the Peninsula Humane Society Adoption Center. This will introduce you to an amazing community resource. You will learn about the shelter mission while having a “doggone delicious” picnic lunch with friends and a chance to see lots of potential four-legged friends as well!

Hope to see you at both of these Spring events.

AAUW-CA Convention 2016

AAUW California--Empowering You!

As you know, the AAUW-CA 2016 Convention will be held at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, 1770 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo. If you've never had the chance to attend a state convention you should take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about our mission and about the other AAUW branches in California.

To register for the 2016 California Convention go to the AAUW-CA website then click on the listing on the left “*Convention 2016*”. This will lead you to the registration page.

Please consider volunteering when you register for the convention. At this point we only have 85% of the spots filled. If you volunteer for 6 or more hours, you will receive a substantial reduction in the cost of registration. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

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| April 15-17 | AAUW CA State Convention,
San Mateo Marriott 1717
So. Amphlett Blvd. San Mateo |
| April 27 | Annual Meeting and Fundraiser
Peninsula Animal Shelter, 1450
Rollins Rd., Burlingame, Noon |
| May 7 | Scholarship Recipient Celebration
SMCCCD Board Room, 1:30-3:00 |

AAUW San Mateo Branch Bylaws Amendments-2016

AAUW National has suggested changes to Branch bylaws that more closely reflect how the branches are evolving.

There are changes in Article V, *Nominations and Elections*; Article VI, *Officers*; Article VII, *Board of Directors*; Article X, *Financial Administration*, Article XL, *Meetings*; Article XVI, *Organization*; and the renumbering of Article XVII.

The San Mateo Branch Board of Directors approved the changes as revised and will be submitting it to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting on April 27, 2016. All those attending the meeting will have the opportunity to read them beforehand.

New Slate of Officers for 2016-2017

The Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of officers for 2016-2017:

Co-Presidents:

- Annette Delaney
- Ramona Raybin

Co-Vice Presidents, Membership:

- Maureen Buchner
- Kathy Wiblin

Financial Officer:

- Judy Steele

Co-Vice Presidents, Programs:

- Carol Kadet
- Gerhild Klein

Co-Recording Secretaries:

- Jane Bradley
- Marilyn Canon

A vote by the general membership will take place at the Annual Meeting on April 27th. More nominations to the slate may be made at that time, but you must have the nominee's permission to do so.

Annual Meeting & Spring Fundraiser

It's that time of year! The Spring Fundraiser will be held on **Wednesday, April 27th 11:30-2:00pm**. This year, we are doing something different that you will all enjoy.

We are meeting at the Peninsula Humane Society Adoption Center. A buffet lunch will be served. Our speaker will be Scott Delucchi, Senior Vice President Community Relations for 18 years. Scott has wonderful and informative stories about the Society's work.

Afterward, you are welcome to tour this beautiful temporary home for animals up for adoption. See the flyer in the April [Bay Leaves](#) for details.

SPACE IS LIMITED! SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION TODAY! Send your check for \$40.00 to AAUW c/o Ramona Raybin.



Public Policy/Current Events Betty Bernstein

The Public Policy Group will discuss promotion of clean renewable energy. We all want to encourage the use of clean, renewable energy in our community. In 2014 San Mateo County began to explore the feasibility of starting a Community Choices Energy program.

To discuss this program and other aspects concerning the acquisition of more sustainable clean energy, we have invited Kirsten Pringle from the County Office of Sustainability to meet with our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group on Tuesday, April 19th at 10:30 am. The meeting will be held at the home of Gayle Hardt, at 10:30 am and is open to all AAUW members and guests.

Membership

Directory Correction: Email address

Mady Sokolsky:

Welcome to New Branch Member:

Harriet Sinaikin

Harriet Sinaikin is a dual member with Sunnyvale-Cupertino branch. She is a graduate of NYU, who moved with her husband from New Jersey to California two years ago to be near her son and his family. They all recently relocated from Mountain View to San Mateo. Harriet has joined the Foreign Affairs group and looks forward to walking with the hiking group and other groups that her schedule will permit.

Academic Scholarships

Billie Lou Sands and Judy Laird

Our Branch of AAUW will be awarding five scholarships from the Ethel Gayman Endowment and one from the Kathleen Smith Memorial Scholarship funds to applicants from Cañada College, the College of San Mateo (CSM) and Skyline College for the 2016-2017 academic year. The 2016 Scholarship Committee includes Jane Bradley, Patricia Fuetsch, Gerhild Klein, Kathy Wiblin, Judy Winkelstein, and the Co-Chairs: Judy Laird and B.L. Sands.

The plan is to have all the applicants reviewed by March 14th, and interviews and the selection of recipients completed by April 9th.

May 7th (Saturday) from 1:30-3:00 pm, in the San Mateo Community College District building, 3401 CSM Drive, is scheduled for the *Scholarship Award Reception*-with refreshments-for our scholarship recipients, their families and AAUW-SM branch members. Each awardee will briefly present their experiences, goals and aspirations.

We are hoping to have all members put this date on their calendars and make a special effort to come to hear, congratulate and encourage the Scholarship Awardees. This is a very important part of our mission for AAUW San Mateo Branch.

Annual Dues are Due Soon

Dues envelopes will be mailed first class at the end of March. The due date for your payment is May 15th. To cover the expenses of mailing out a copy of the Bay Leaves, the Board has voted to increase the amount charged from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per year. There will be a box at our Spring Fundraiser to collect completed dues envelopes so you can save the 49¢ postage!

Boggle will "Boggle" Your Mind!



Cathy Jensen, Mary Ann McKay, Judy Steele, and Maureen Buchner enjoy a challenging game of Boggle

Join our wordsmiths every month for a few rousing games of Boggle. The game is played using a plastic grid of lettered dice, in which players attempt to find words in sequences of adjacent letters, then write them down. The words must contain at least 4 letters and each game is timed. After the time expires the players compare their lists. Duplicate words on the lists are eliminated. The winner is the one who has the most words remaining on her list. Call Judy Steele for information on joining this fun interest group.

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett, after 13 years as a marvelous Chair of California Fact & Legend, is stepping down in April.

Bobbi Benson will become Chairman, with Jan Lundquist as Asst. Chairman.

A huge THANK YOU to dear Helen for so many fun and interesting times! And welcome, Bobbi and Jan, with their ideas for the future.

April 2016 Interest Sections

Elissa James

Boggle

Judy Steele, Wed. April 20th at 1:00

Call Judy Steele for location

Book Discussion I

Elissa James,

Thurs. April 21st, 10:00 am

Carol Rose, Host

The Tiger's Wife, by Tea Obreht

Book Discussion II

Julia Pitcher

Thurs. April 28th, 12:00 Noon

Julia Pitcher, Host

All the Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr

Book Discussion III (closed)

Sherrean Rundberg

Thurs. April 21st, 1:30

Audrey Jackson, Host

Road to Character, by David Brooks

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino 341-2428 mikkicof@att.net

Friday, April 22nd, 10:00 am

Fran Gillen, Host

The Girl on the Train, by Paula Hawkins

Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, April 18th, 1:00 pm

Gerry Landers, Host

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tues. April 5th 10:30

Lyn Haithcox, Host

Guest, Edward Von der Porten, Maritime expert

RSVP to Helen Hatchett by April 1st

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed, April 20th, 6:00 pm

Osteria Coppa, 139 So. B St. San Mateo 94401

RSVP to Carol

Carpools available-call Helen Hatchett

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. April 6th, 9:00 am,

Church of the Good Shepard, 301 Burlingame,
Burlingame, CA 94010

RSVP: Linda Byers

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wed. April 13th, 6:30 pm

Call or email Mary for more information

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

No Meeting in April

First Monday Movie Matinee

Mary Ann McKay,

Monday, April 4th

Contact Mary Ann McKay for information

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Christine Elgin

Thurs. April 14th 10:30 am

Host: Maureen Buchner

Topic: *Cuba and the U.S.*

Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

(No Hike on April 11)

Mon. April 25th -Edgewood County Park

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett,

Wed, April 13th 1:30 pm

Tues, April 26th 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

For more info, contact Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Contact Maureen Buchner about new members

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Friday April 8th 1:30

Specialty's Café & Bakery on Norfolk in SM

Suffer the Little Children, by Donna Leon

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, April 19th, 10:30 am

Promoting clean renewable energy in San Mateo Co

Kirsten Pringle, SMC Office of Sustainability

Host: Gayle Hardt

The American Association of University Women San Mateo Branch

cordially invites you to attend the
19th Annual Spring Fundraiser & 2016 General Meeting

Please join us at The Peninsula Humane Society
for a "Picnic with the Pets"



Enjoy a lovely buffet lunch in the Society's beautiful new adoption facility. Learn all about the services PHS provides to our community from Scott Delucchi, Public Relations Director for the past 17 years. Meet one of the young women who has made humane work her career. Tour the facility after lunch.

Date **Wednesday, April 27, 2016**
Time **11:30 – Doors Open, 12:00 - Buffet Luncheon ***

Location Peninsula Humane Society Adoption Center
1450 Rollins Road, Burlingame CA 94010
(½ mile north of Broadway – NOT the Coyote Point Shelter)

Parking: Park on Rollins Road or Edwards Court. The building entrance nearest the meeting room is on Edwards Ct near Rollins.

Cost **\$40.00**

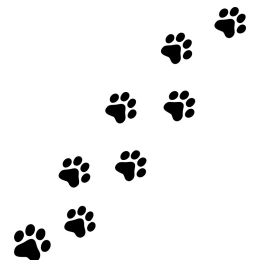
Reservation Send your check payable to AAUW/San Mateo by **April 17** to:
Ramona Raybin

The cost includes both lunch and a contribution to the Branch's *National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Scholarship* (NCCWSL) fund.

If you cannot attend but wish to support the scholarship fund, send your check to Ramona Raybin.

*Buffet Menu: 5 salad choices – 2 chicken, 2 veggie, 1 fruit, assorted mini sandwiches, dessert, refreshments.

Reservation deadline: April 17th



American Association of University Women
P.O. Box 1465
San Mateo, CA 94401-0816

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education philanthropy and research.
By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

April 2016

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