



BAY LEAVES

AAUW/San Mateo

January 2016, Vol 86, Issue 4

Presidents' Message

Margo King & Annette Delaney

A New Year is a time when we renew, resolve, and revive our hopes and dreams for the future. Some years that is challenging to do. Much that surrounds us is beyond our control and does not fit with our hopes for our personal world or the larger world around us.

But as members of AAUW we can look back at the year behind us and enjoy our contributions to the hopes and dreams of others. In our own San Mateo Branch, there are seventeen young women who in the year past have been given opportunities and helped by our scholarship assistance towards achieving their dreams.

And so as we look at the world of 2016, we can look with hope and pride at what we are controlling and achieving. Many young women will have brighter futures and enriched opportunities because of the work of AAUW and our contributions to this mission.

Thank you. And Happy New Year to all of you!

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

Please save the dates

- Jan. 9 Art Lecture - Kay Payne, Docent, SMCCD Board Room, 1:00 pm
- Feb. 20 "What to do with Your Stuff"
Joint program with San Carlos Redwood Shores Library
1:45 pm registration, 2:00 lecture
- March 12 Women's History Month Luncheon
Joint meeting with IBC, 11:30 am
Basque Cultural Center, SSF

California Convention 2016 AAUW California Empowering You April 15 - 17, Marriott Hotel San Mateo

The AAUW-Ca 2016 Convention will be held at the Marriott Hotel, 1770 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo. You are encouraged to attend this interesting and informative event. Because it's being held in San Mateo, our Branch, along with all the regional branches, has been asked to serve as volunteers. Volunteers will have a reduction in the cost of registration if you volunteer for six (6) or more hours during the convention.

Please consider volunteering when you register for the convention. Although the San Mateo Branch has been asked to coordinate registration, anyone may volunteer to work at the 24 registration positions. The tasks are assigned according to when you sign up to volunteer; the sooner you sign up, the more likely you will receive your requested assignment. More information on registration and volunteering for the convention will be in the next *California Perspective* and on the AAUW-ca.org website.

Kay Payne Art Lecture

Celebration of Food in Art History

Our annual Kay Payne Art Lecture will be held at the SMCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr, 2nd floor, San Mateo at 1:00 pm on Jan. 9, 2016. Ms. Payne recently retired as chief docent of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco although she continues to keep this annual date with our AAUW Branch.

Kay is well and eager to present her lecture of *Pleasures of the Palate-A Celebration of Food*. This year's slide show explores the world of delectable delights and tasty temptations with both the serious and humorous roles in paintings, sculptures, fashion and the decorative arts. This popular lecture is free and open to the public. Please bring your friends and join us.

Tech Trek

Grace Hopper Camp at Stanford

We all know the name of the Camp where we send our girls to Tech Trek, Camp Grace Hopper, but do you know who Grace Hopper was? She was quite an impressive mathematician and an original computer programmer.

Admiral Grace Brewster Murray Hopper, PhD, was a pioneer in computers. She was born on December 9, 1906, in New York. Dr. Hopper graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar College in 1928, with a degree in mathematics and physics. She also earned her Master's Degree and PhD from Yale University.

Dr. Hopper joined the Navy during World War II and eventually achieved the rank of Rear Admiral. Around the time women and men at Bletchley Park were cracking the Nazi Enigma code, Dr. Hopper was working on the Harvard Mark I computer in 1944. In 1949, Dr. Hopper began working for UNIVAC, the world's first commercially available computer. Later she developed the way to program computers using words (code) rather than numbers (algorithms) known as COBOL which is still used today.

Dr. Hopper coined the word "bug" when a moth flew into the Mark I computer works and caused it to malfunction. After she removed it and fixed the computer, she claimed the computer was "debugged". Dr. Hopper was awarded more than 40 honorary degrees and is probably the only mathematician to have a warship named after her, the USS Hopper DDG 70, a guided missile destroyer.



Dr. Grace Hopper, 1952, pioneer in computing

Ethnic Lunch

High Tea at Lovey's Tea Shoppe

The Ethnic Lunch interest group celebrated the holidays with a traditional High Tea at Lovey's Tea Shoppe in Pacifica. This quaint little shop is reminiscent of tea shops found in small towns in the country-side of England. The sandwiches, scones, salads and sweets as well as the lively conversation were enjoyed by all who attended.



Members of Ethnic Lunch enjoy High Tea at Lovey's

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

The Role of HIP Housing in Our Community

We are fortunate to have a chance to learn about one of San Mateo County's most valuable local non-profit housing agencies when Alie Sobejak, MSW, Community Outreach Specialist, for Human Investment Project (HIP) Housing, speaks at our January Public Policy/Current Events discussion group meeting. Alie will speak about the unique variety of programs her agency offers low income members of our community.

One of our members, Lois Everett, was the executive director of the agency for 16 years beginning in the late 1970's.

Normally our programs are offered on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, but this time we will meet on January 12th, the 2nd Tuesday of January, beginning at 10:30 am, at the home of Barbara Schotzko. The meeting is open to AAUW members, family and friends.

Welcome to New Branch Member:

Pamela Brandman

Pamela graduated from Clark University in Worcester Massachusetts with a BA in sociology and psychology in 1970. She then earned her MSW from City University of New York in 1972. Pam and her husband have both retired and moved from Chicago to the Bay Area to be with their daughter, son-in-law and twin grandsons.

In Memoriam

Carol Way passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015, at the age of 85. Carol was a longtime member of the San Mateo Branch of AAUW serving on the Board of Directors in numerous positions, twice as President. She also held several state positions. Carol was our mentor as well as our friend. She was also our unofficial historian who helped us know and observe the traditions of her beloved AAUW. Carol is irreplaceable, she will be greatly missed.

There will be a memorial service for Carol on January 16th at 1:30 pm at Hope Lutheran Church, 600 42nd Ave. San Mateo 94403. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to a scholarship set up in Carol's name for Tech Trek at AAUW, PO Box 1465, San Mateo, CA 94401.

Advocacy

Title IX Coordinators in San Mateo High Schools
Pat Fuetsch

In April 2015, with AAUW's support, the Federal Department of Education issued a resource guide regarding Title IX to each school superintendent in the country. They also sent a thank you letter to each Title IX coordinator re-affirming their roles.

AAUW asked each branch to deliver this information to their local school superintendents. Dianna McDonough and Patricia Fuetsch met with Dr. Kirk Black, Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources and Instruction and Title IX Coordinator for the San Mateo Union High Schools. SMUHSD serves 8,500 students on 7 high school campuses and another 8,000 through the adult school.

Diana and Patricia were impressed when Dr. Black brought the DOE's guide to the meeting. He spent more than an hour showing samples of Title IX training materials and reports sent to the School Board regarding Title IX issues. Dr. Black was very forthcoming by answering all questions asked of

him and clearly informed on how Title IX applied to both students and employees.

The on-site Title IX Coordinator is the Principal at each campus and is the first "go to" adult for the students. In addition, there are 2 assistant principals and 4 or 5 counselors at each campus, depending on enrollment who are also trained in Title IX issues. These School Safety Advocates (SSAs) and School Resources Officers (SROs) are visible on campus and make a point of getting to know the students.

At the beginning of the school year the Principals and Dr. Black give a joint presentation to the students at each site outlining Title IX and other critical issues to every English class. Since every student must take four years of English, every student is reached. Another presentation is given by the SSAs to the English classes shortly after the beginning of the school year.

The staff is required to attend four professional development courses each year. The District utilizes several outside sources for the Title IX courses and other pertinent issues. They are also used for presentations to students and staff at school assemblies.

The District's website includes information on Title IX and legal protection against harassment. Some examples include bullying prevention, nondiscrimination, and complaints concerning employment discrimination.

Dr. Black provided an "Athletic Board Report" compiled by the athletic trainers based on the principles of a recent Title IX court case. According to the report "the District has equality in most of the factors. There are five areas in need of improvement" which they are addressing.

Since 98% of students in the district go to college, equity in STEM classes is generally not a problem; four years of math are required for college entrance. The District also participates in *Technology Education and Literacy in Schools* with the goal to pair trained computer professionals with teachers. They "team-teach" the students on computer science and engineering skills making sure that girls are equally included in this class.

Overall, the District's efforts to keep Title IX visible; its commitment to pursue gender equality; and acceptance of lesbian, gay and transgender students are impressive.

North Peninsula's 60th Anniversary

Guest Speaker:

AAUW past President Carolyn Garfein

The North Peninsula Branch of AAUW is celebrating its 60th Anniversary on January 29th, 2016 at Poplar Creek Restaurant at Coyote Point, 1700 Coyote Point Dr, San Mateo 94401 from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this celebration and fundraiser. The cost is \$60.00 which includes a delicious 3-course lunch. Let's help them celebrate this important anniversary.

The choices include:

1. Wine Braised, Boneless Short Ribs, garlic mashed potatoes, and squash ribbons.
2. Pan Roasted Salmon with lemon coriander beurre blanc, wild rice pilaf & sautéed broccolini.
3. Vegetarian Specialty.

Please send in the following information:

Names of those who will attend:

#Attending _____

Entre Choices:

Short ribs _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____

Payment: \$60.00 X _____ = _____

Please send your check, payable to "AAUW-NP" to Lada Denosiva

Stepping On

A Fall Prevention Class at the San Mateo Senior Center

Don't let the fear of falling keep you from enjoying life. Designed to assist older adults, this evidenced-based program will teach participants how to take control of their fall risk, explore different coping behaviors and encourage follow-through of safety strategies in everyday life. Questions? Call 573-3728. Presented by the San Mateo County Health System and the San Mateo County Fall Prevention Task Force.

Course number SR358-6854, Free
Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 pm 1/12-2/23/2016



Women's History Month IBC Joint Meeting March 2016

You are cordially invited to join our other Interbranch Council members (IBC) to a scrumptious lunch at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco, on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Please mark your calendars!

Our Special guest speaker will be Christianne Corbett, M.A. who will talk about her research and co-authoring of AAUW's latest research study, "*Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*".

This groundbreaking study asks the question why there are so few women in the critical fields of engineering and computing and explains what we can do to make these fields open and desirable to all employees. We'll explore the results of this study to see how we can support women entering these fields of study and employment.

There are 3 entree selections for lunch. The price includes tax and tip. Make your check out to AAUW San Mateo and send it to our Financial Officer, Judy Steele.

The entrees include salad, rolls coffee & dessert
Salmon with Champagne Sauce, with rice & vegetables - \$35.95
Breast of Chicken Chasseur, with rice & vegetables -- \$29.52
Vegetable Pasta - \$22.51

Please include the following information:

Name: _____

Guests: _____

Entrée Choices:

Salmon _____, Chicken _____, Vegetable, _____

Amount included: \$_____.

Please note the difference in prices for each entrée

We look forward to seeing you there.

January 2016 Interest Sections

Elissa James,

Boggle

Judy Steele,

Wed. Jan 20 at 1:00

Call Judy Steele for location

Book Discussion I

Elissa James,

Thurs. Jan. 21, 10:00 am

Cathy Stigge,

Back When We were Grownups, by Ann Tyler

Book Discussion II

Julia Pitcher

Thurs, Jan 28, 12:00 Noon

Sally Roe Host

Euphoria, by Lily King

Book Discussion III (closed)

Sherrean Rundberg

Thurs. Jan 21, 1:30

Pat Haupt, Host

Gift of Rain, by Tan Twan Eng

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino

Friday, Jan 22, 10:00 am

Cathy Jensen, Host

Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy, by Karen Abbott

Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, Jan 18, 1:00 pm

Sherrean Rundberg, Host

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tues. Jan. 5, 10:30

Diane Silvan, Host

Historic Presentation by Members

RSVP to Helen Hatchett by Jan 2nd

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed, Jan. 20, 6:00 pm

Iron Gate, 1316 El Camino Belmont 94002

RSVP to Joan Fitzgerald, hostess,

Carpools available- Helen Hatchett

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Jan 6, 9:00 am,

Host, Cathy Foxhoven

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wed. Jan 13, 6:30 pm

Call or email Mary for more information

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, Jan 27, 12:00 noon (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Baltica Restaurant 33 W 25th Ave San Mateo

RSVP to Annette Delaney by Jan 25

First Monday Movie Matinee

Mary Ann McKay,

Mon. Jan 4th

Contact Mary Ann McKay for information

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Thurs. Jan 14th 10:30 am

Host Margo King,

Topic: *Privacy in the Digital Age*

Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon. Jan. 11

Mon. Jan 25

Contact Bobbi Benson for more information

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett,

Wed, Jan. 6, 1:30 pm (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1:30 pm

For more info, contact Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Contact Maureen Buchner about new members

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Friday Jan. 8, 1:30

Specialty's Café & Bakery on Norfolk in SM

Thin Air, by Ann Cleeves

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Jan 12, 10:30 am (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

What You Need to Know about HIP Housing

Alie Sobzcak, Community Outreach HIP Housing

Barbara Schotzko, Host.

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.

January 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Monday Movie	5 CA Fact & Legend	6 Drama Reading	7 Mah Jongg	8 Mystery Book	9 Kay Payne SMCCD (CSM)
10	11 Hiking	12 Public Policy	13 Ethnic Dining	14 Foreign Affairs	15	16 Carol Way Memorial Service
17	18 Bridge	19	20 Boggle Dining Out	21 Book I Book III	22 Book IV	23
24	25 Hiking	26 Mah Jongg	27 Ethnic Lunch	28 Book II	29 NP 60 th Lunch Poplar Creek	30
31						