



# BAY LEAVES

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## Presidents' Message

Annette Delaney and Ramona Raybin

### Human Trafficking - An Advocacy Issue

Among the many advocacy issues of concern to AAUW is human trafficking. In an effort to make our membership aware of this issue in the San Mateo area we have engaged Chief Susan Manheimer, the Chief of Police of San Mateo to talk on this topic on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. During her time with San Mateo, Manheimer has built a reputation for having urged more community outreach, and is a leader in the county's anti-human trafficking efforts.

You may wonder how relevant this talk is to you personally. However, in November of last year in the 400 block of 20<sup>th</sup> Ave in San Mateo the police busted a brothel. The police were notified by neighbors of unusual activity and promptly started an investigation. If this type of activity can happen in San Mateo on the same street as City Hall and Serra High School it could happen in other areas on the peninsula. We need to be informed on this topic!

This program will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2017 in the Board Room at the San Mateo Community College District Offices, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo. The doors open at 1:30; the program will start at 2:00. Please RSVP to Gerhild Klein, 341-0791; 2gklein@comcast.com, by Feb 1.



Before being named the "Top Cop" in San Mateo, Chief Manheimer served almost 17 years with the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). Her assignments included robbery decoy work, & gang and violent-crime

suppression. She was both a Lieutenant and Captain of the Tenderloin Task Force, a tough inner-city neighborhood. Chief Manheimer was recruited by the City of San Mateo and appointed Chief of Police in May 2000.

## Upcoming Branch Events

- Jan 29 Creating Your Own Path  
San Jose City College Theater  
2100 Moorpark Ave SJ, 2-4 pm
- Feb 11 Speaker: San Mateo Police Chief  
Susan Manheimer  
SMCCCD Board Room SM, 2- 4 pm  
RSVP to Gerhild Klein, 341-0791 or  
2gklein@comcast.com, by Feb 1
- Apr 21 Annual Meeting/Fundraiser Luncheon,  
Hiller Aviation Museum-docent tour,  
San Carlos Airport, 11:30 am

### Become a Two-Minute Activist

Here in the Bay area we have been complacent the last eight years knowing that our Congressional representatives have been voting in favor of most of our AAUW public policy issues. However, in order to have our voices heard in the national AAUW count, it is more important than ever to BECOME A TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST! Numbers do count.....

So, please take a few minutes to subscribe to the AAUW's Action Network. Action Network sends email notices to members to make it easy for subscribers to contact their representatives in Congress through the Two-Minute Activist tool. Anyone with an email address can subscribe, even non-AAUW members. The more people signed up, the louder our voices will be as we advocate for education, equal pay, paid family leave and many more issues.

When you receive the email, take a minute to read about the latest issue in Congress, then take a minute to send an email to your representative. It's also a good way to keep informed of the many issues that AAUW supports.

It's easy to sign up:

- Google "AAUW Action Network"
- Click on "Two Minute Activist: AAUW"
- Enter your email address
- Click on **Sign-up** and enter information as indicated.

## Look What AAUW Action Network Accomplished in 2016!

Looking for a New Year's resolution? Help grow AAUW Action Network by sharing these successes with friends and family members and urging them to advocate for issues affecting women and girls as a Two-Minute Activist. In the list below, you'll see how much we have done together throughout the past year—and the more our advocacy community grows, the more we'll be able to do in 2017! If this election taught us anything, it's that AAUW's nonpartisan voice and research-based advocacy are needed now more than ever. You provide the voice, we'll provide the megaphone in 2017 and beyond!

- **200,000+** messages went out to state and federal legislators. With your help, we contacted all 435 U.S. House offices and all 100 U.S. Senate offices throughout the year!
- **6** states passed new equal pay laws in 2016. AAUW members played a key role in achieving new equal pay laws in California, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, and Utah. Yes, you read that right: Those are red, blue, and purple states taking action to close the gender pay gap – thanks to you and AAUW.
- **900+** get-out-the-vote events organized by members in 46 states. AAUW branches, Younger Women's Task Force chapters, and student organizations hosted voter registration drives and candidate nights with AAUW's It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard resources.
- **19** AAUW members were elected to state legislatures. We know of 19 AAUW members who were elected to state legislatures or state senates in 2016. Do you know of any AAUW members in office? Be sure to tell us about them!
- **714** resource guides were delivered to Title IX coordinators in 29 states. This first tool kit of its kind was created at AAUW's prompting, and now we are delivering the good news nationwide.

Your advocacy and generous support have ensured that we will continue to do many successful and exciting policy activities throughout the year.

### **Meeting Reminder:**

#### ***Women Changing our World***

The Santa Clara County Interbranch Council of AAUW presents five leaders in the fields of business, law, government, STEM and sports in a panel discussion entitled *Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership*.

**Please attend** at San Jose City College Theater, 2100 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, on **Sunday, Jan. 29, 2-4 p.m.** (Halfway between S. Bascom and Leigh on Moorpark.) Carpools can be arranged.

## **Tech Trek Update**

Maureen Buchner

Preparations are underway for our 2017 camp at Stanford. We are beginning the process of identifying candidates at our district middle schools. Thanks for your contributions! So far, we have gone over the halfway mark for sending 8 girls to Camp Grace Hopper.

We will also be funding 1 camper from the *Carol Way* scholarship funds. This fund, started in her memory, will be supporting 1 student for several years to come.

To contribute for our class of 2017, please make out a check to AAUW and mail it to Maureen Buchner.

Online donations may be made on the AAUW site. Be diligent and choose the correct camp: *California, Stanford, Grace Hopper*. If you let Maureen know you donated online, she can make sure your donation arrived at the proper camp.

## **Women's Heart Health Month**

February is not only the month you may lose your heart, it may also be the month you save your heart.

Know the symptoms of a heart attack women may experience:

- Extreme Fatigue: may last for days
- Nausea: should not be dismissed as the flu
- Pain in shoulders, neck, jaw, or arms
- Shortness of breath with or without chest pain
- Faintness or lightheadedness

Pay attention to these symptoms & don't be afraid to speak with your doctor if you experience them.

## **February 2017 Interest Sections**

**Elissa James,**

### **Boggle**

Judy Steele,  
Wed Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm All members welcome

### **Book Discussion I**

Elissa James,  
Thurs Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
Maureen Buchner,  
*The Last Goodnight*, Howard Blum

### **Book Discussion II (closed)**

Judy Podesta,  
Thurs Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 Noon  
Ramona Raybin,  
*Circling the Sun*, Paula McLain

### **Book Discussion III (closed)**

Sherrean Rundberg  
Thurs Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm  
Sherrean Rundberg,  
*The Little Paris Bookshop*, Nina George

### **Book Discussion IV**

Mikki Coffino  
Friday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
Anne Horgan  
*A God in Ruins* by Kate Atkinson

### **Bridge**

Elissa James  
Monday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm  
Host:

### **California Fact & Legend**

Bobbi Benson,  
Tue Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am  
Betty Bernstein  
Carmen Blair, SM History Museum, Prohibition

### **Dining Out**

Jane Bradley  
Wed Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Rocca, 1205 Broadway, Burlingame  
RSVP Helen Hatchett by Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe  
Wed Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am  
Marjorie Kobe,

### **Ethnic Dining**

Maureen Buchner,  
Sun, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm  
Eden Silk Rd, 231 S Ellsworth SM  
RSVP to Maureen Buchner by Feb 2

### **Ethnic Lunch**

Annette Delaney  
**No Meeting in February**

### **First Monday Movie Matinee**

Mary Ann McKay,  
Mon. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Time & Movie TBD  
Email Mary Ann McKay to get on email list

### **Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions**

Margo King,  
Thurs Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am  
Margo King  
*U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum*

### **Hiking** Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson  
Mon Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Seal Point Park SM  
Mon Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Los Trancos Open Space Preserve  
To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### **Mah Jongg**

Helen Hatchett,  
Wed, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm  
Tues, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm  
Host: Helen Hatchett,  
For more info, contact Helen Hatchett

### **Membership: New and Prospective**

Maureen Buchner  
Kathy Wiblin

### **Mystery Book Group**

Mikki Coffino  
Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 am  
Barb Schotzko  
*Treachery at Lancaster Gate*, by Anne Perry

### **Public Policy/Current Events**

Betty Bernstein  
Diane Silven  
Tues Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am  
John Jacobo, Project 90, Inc. Substance Abuse  
Diane Silven,

## Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

### Public Policy Group Reschedules Project 90 Talk

Our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group has rescheduled our meeting with John Jacobo, Intake Coordinator, Project 90, Inc. for Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 10:30 am at Diane Silven's home. Jon had to cancel his presentation at the last minute in January, but the group engaged in a lively discussion about current political events.

Mr. Jacobo will explain how Project 90, Inc. offers treatment for men and women suffering from drug and alcohol addictions as well as mental illness. It also provides housing up to 18 months after treatment for those who are able to work full-time if they continue to attend Alcoholics and/or Narcotics Anonymous.

The meeting is open to all AAUW members, friends and family. **Participants are encouraged to bring men's and women's clothing suitable for Project 90 participants to wear to job interviews.**

## Membership

Maureen Buchner and Kathy Wiblin

### Welcome to New Branch Members

Stephanie Katz

Stephanie is a native San Franciscan who spent most of her career in Pennsylvania. She earned her BA in Spanish at Pomona College. In Pennsylvania, she worked in tourism promotion as well as teaching French, Spanish and ESL at various levels. Now that she is retired, she joined San Carlos AAUW and is a dual member of San Mateo Branch. She is interested in walking, ethnic dining, wines, books, classical music, theater and travel...and belly dancing! She has a young grandson in PA.

Sandra Shapiro

Sandra received her BA in Political Science from UC, Berkeley and her JD from UC Berkeley Boalt Hall. She has recently retired and has joined our AAUW Branch. Sandra is interested in Public Policy among other interest sections.

## Stop hate in its tracks

The 2016 election may be over, but AAUW's work is ongoing. While the new administration and 115th Congress have the potential to raise serious challenges to AAUW priority issues, there may also be some strategic opportunities to advance our mission.

You can help us take the next steps to make sure that women, girls, and their families are a priority for this country. Democracy demands work every day of the year, and we know that our AAUW community is up to the challenge!

AAUW stands against bias and bigotry of any kind and continues to be the leading women's organization working on addressing hate crimes, especially gender-based hate crimes. We take the safety and civil rights of all people very seriously and are disturbed to hear of racist, sexist, and xenophobic incidents happening across the country, especially on college campuses.

If you experience or witness harassment, threats of violence, cyberbullying, or hate speech in your area or on your college campus, use these resources to find support for yourself and members of your community.

- ▶ Notify campus safety or municipal police if you experience threats or harassment.
- ▶ Students, contact your campus Title IX coordinator (the individual responsible for helping track gender-based harassment, including intersectional harassment).
- ▶ Contact the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights regional office, your local Anti-Defamation League regional office, and/or the Southern Poverty Law Center to report harassment or hate speech.
- ▶ Refer to AAUW's online advocacy resources to review student rights under Title IX when it comes to on-campus sexual harassment and sexual assault.

### Join us for a play in San Francisco

Due to a cancellation, one mezzanine ticket is available for (discounted) \$40 for Wed. Feb. 22 ACT matinee of *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. A group from AAUW San Mateo is going and some attendees are getting together for lunch before or dinner after in SF. There will be a theatre talk after show. Contact Mary Ann McKay if you'd like to join us.

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**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.*

**February 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Drama Reading	2 AAUW Board Meeting	3	4
5	6 Monday Matinee	7 CA Fact & Legend	8 Mah Jongg	9 Foreign Affairs	10 Mystery Book Group	11 General Meeting
12 Ethnic Dining	13 Hiking	14 Public Policy	15 Boggle	16 Book I Book III	17	18
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