

## Presidents' Message

### Margo King & Annette Delaney

March is Women's History Month, a time that can be dispiriting or uplifting.

On the one hand, we can remember and rue the accomplishments of so many women who were never recognized or appreciated.

- The sonatas of Fanny Mendelssohn that the world has never heard.
- The contributions to our government and economic and social well-being by Francis Perkins, first female Cabinet member, a name that many have never heard.
- The scientific discoveries of Lise Meitner, whose unacknowledged work in nuclear physics led to the discovery of nuclear fission for which Otto Hahn received the 1944 Nobel Prize.
- The small number of scientific awards to women applicants by committees chaired by men--the role of chair shown by recent research as a principal factor in receiving awards.
- The fast-growing business fields that are still dominated by men in leadership roles and in which women are still inequitably paid.
- The political landscape in which so few women are present to speak for a majority of the population.

These patterns are part of our history as well as our present 21<sup>st</sup> century experience.

On the other hand, as members of AAUW-San Mateo we choose to avoid discouragement about the past and instead we invest in a different and better future.

- We give scholarships that help aspiring women who might not otherwise receive university educations
- We support Tech Trek and so encourage girls to consider careers in math, engineering and science.

- We support NCCWSL designed to encourage young women to assume leadership roles in their fields.
- We cast our votes for local, state and national policies, legislation and candidates supporting equity and opportunity.

This is our way to lift women to greater achievement and influence in a full range of endeavors that will enrich their lives and our society. This Women's History Month let's celebrate the known and unknown women who have come before us and the talented and yet-to-be-known women who will follow.

## UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

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| March 12    | Women's History Month Luncheon<br>Joint meeting with IBC, 11:30 am<br>Basque Cultural Center, SSF |
| April 15-17 | AAUW CA State Convention,<br>San Mateo Marriott 1717 S.<br>Amphlett Blvd San Mateo                |
| April 27    | Annual Meeting and Fundraiser<br>Peninsula Animal Shelter, 1450<br>Rollins Rd., Burlingame, Noon  |
| May 7       | Scholarship Awardee Celebration<br>CSM Board Room, 1:30 - 3:00 pm                                 |

## Spring is Around the Corner!

It's that time of year! The 2016 Spring Fundraiser is Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. This year we are doing something different and dog-gone delightful. We are meeting at the Peninsula Humane Society Adoption Center. A buffet lunch will be served. Our speaker will be Scott Delucchi, Senior VP Community Relations for the Society. He has wonderful and informative stories about the Society's work. Afterward, there will be a tour of the facility. See the flyer in this Bay Leaves edition. Don't miss it!



## AAUW-CA Convention 2016

*AAUW California Empowering You!*

This year's convention **AAUW California: Empowering You** will offer more opportunity to feel empowered and encouraged than ever. With four workshop sessions, energizing speakers, and the chance to meet and mingle with AAUW California members from all over the state, you'll be brimming with ideas and flush with optimism about AAUW's mission!

The speaker at this year's Gala Dinner will be Sheila Weller, author of *Girls Like Us*, *Carol King*, *Joni Mitchell* and *Carly Simon* and *The News' Sorority*, *Diane Sawyer*, *Katie Couric* and *Christine Amenpour--the Triumph of Women in TV News*.

The AAUW-CA 2016 Convention will be held at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, 1770 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo. This is a rare opportunity to attend an AAUW California convention without having to leave home.

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. 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. If you volunteer for 6 or more hours, you will receive a substantial reduction on the cost of registration. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

## California Fact & Legend

Annual Presentation by Michael Svanevik

Michael Svanevik once again gave the California Fact and Legend Group an interesting and informative talk. This month he told us of the people who came to the Bay area during the gold rush commonly known as the "49ers".

Michael explained that in the first year most of the people who set out for California to find gold were young men between the ages of 18 and 25. Their intention was to find riches and go back home not settle in the area. Most didn't see the need for churches, schools, banks or any other institutions of civilization.

We were surprised to learn that the majority of those who made the trek out west not only didn't find gold but came to California for other reasons. The idea of *manifest destiny* enticed men of means in the East to increase their fortunes by coming west. The individuals who became the richest were, in fact, entrepreneurs who created businesses to support all the prospectors. Some of these businesses are still around today including Levi Strauss and Wells Fargo.

Most California Fact & Legend meetings are open to all AAUW members so please consider joining us. You can find the list of place, time and subject in the Bay Leaves Interest Section.



Michael Svanevik speaks to the California Fact and Legend Group about the Gold Rush in California.

### AAUW MORGAN HILL 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL WILDFLOWER RUN Sunday, April 3, 2016

Please join us for our Fundraiser for Tech Trek, AAUW Funds & local scholarships for girls & women.  
10K USATF Certified Run, 5K Run/Walk/Stroller  
Kids & Seniors (60+) 2K Run  
Family & Group rates—Free Jamba Juice & T-shirts  
Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill  
Details and registration at  
[WildflowerRun.org](http://WildflowerRun.org)

# The American Association of University Women San Mateo Branch

cordially invites you to attend the  
19<sup>th</sup> 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  
(1/2 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:

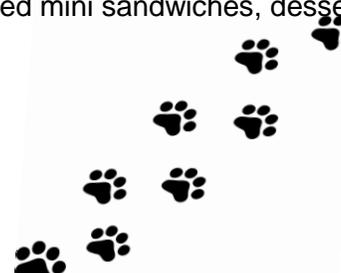
Ramona Raybin  
50 Mounds Rd #614, San Mateo, CA 94402

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**



## March 2016 Interest Sections

**Elissa James,**

**Boggle**

Judy Steele,

Wed. March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00

Call Judy Steele for location,

**Book Discussion I**

Elissa James,

Thurs. March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

Margo King,

*The Narrow Road to the Deep North*, by Richard Flanagan

**Book Discussion II**

Julia Pitcher

Thurs, March 24, 12:00 Noon

Donna Pribble,

*And the Mountains Echoed*, by Khalid Hosseini

**Book Discussion III (closed)**

Sherrean Rundberg

Thurs. March 17, 1:30

Gretta Csatho,

*All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr

**Book Discussion IV**

Mikki Coffino

Friday, March 18, 10:00 am (Note Date Change)

Maureen Buchner,

*The Spectator Bird*, by Wallace Stegner

**Bridge**

Elissa James

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm

Helen Hatchett,

**California Fact & Legend**

Helen Hatchett

Tues. March 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30

Diane Silven,

Stories of 2 Women from CA history

RSVP to Helen Hatchett by Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

**Dining Out**

Jane Bradley

Wed, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

La Collina,

RSVP to Ann Guinasso,

Carpools available-call Helen Hatchett

**Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am, Host, Nancy Blachman

**Ethnic Dining**

Mary Faber

Wed. March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Call or email Mary for more information

**Ethnic Lunch**

Annette Delaney

Wed, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 noon

Zabu Zabu, 98 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave San Mateo

RSVP to Annette Delaney by March 21<sup>st</sup>

**First Monday Movie Matinee**

Mary Ann McKay,

Mon. March 7<sup>th</sup>

Contact Mary Ann McKay for information

**Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions**

Christine Elgin,

Host Kathy Wiblin,

Topic: *Shifting Alliances in the Middle East*

**Hiking** Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>, Mission Neighborhood Walk

Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> Golden Gate Bridge

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

**Mah Jongg**

Helen Hatchett,

Wed, March. 9<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm

Tues, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 March 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30

Specialty's Café & Bakery on Norfolk in SM

*Heartstone*, by C. J. Sansome

**Public Policy/Current Events**

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

"What You Should Know about Hospice Care"

Speaker: Maggie Robertson, Pathways Hospice

Host: Betty Bernstein,

## Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

The March Public Policy meeting will be on the subject of hospice care. At one time or another everyone has to confront the problem of facing end of life care for beloved family members or friends. I had that experience very recently and, thanks to recommendations of friends in our branch, I decided to contact Pathways Hospice for their expertise and assistance.

Because I was so impressed with the wonderful help I received caring for my husband, I decided to bring information about Hospice care to my Public Policy/Current Events discussion group. I was especially eager to dispel some of the erroneous information I had about Hospice so that others would not delay seeking help from the program.

Our meeting with Maggie Robertson from Pathways Hospice will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 10:30 am. The meeting is open to AAUW members & guests.

## Become a Two-Minute Activist

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 for the Network, 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

## Tech Trek

Maureen Buchner

At this time, our candidates for scholarships have been nominated and have received their paperwork. The committee plans to have all interviews completed by mid-March. Thanks to you, our donors, we have the funds for 8 students to attend Camp Grace Hopper. Stanford has not finalized our housing yet, but we hope to have the 8 beds to put them in! Right now we can guarantee 7 beds and we are first on the list if another space opens.

Thanks to Joanne Finer, we have expert help with the camp's paperwork, spreadsheets, etc. Thank you so much for volunteering to help us. As you can imagine, breaking down the job into manageable pieces is key to our camp team.

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The *Carol Way Tech Trek Scholarship* continues to receive donations. At this point, 35 donations have been recorded for a total of \$3,725.00. One week at camp currently costs \$900.00. Carol's legacy went well beyond her work with AAUW. Her husband recently received a flag from Jackie Speier which had flown over the Capitol in Washington, DC. Anyone wishing to honor her can continue to send checks made payable to AAUW with *Carol Way Tech Trek* on the memo line. Send all donations to Maureen Buchner.

## National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

The San Mateo Branch is excited about the 2016 meeting of NCCWSL in Maryland. This is a leadership conference for current college students. Last year, our branch chose 2 engineering students who subsequently transferred to UC Berkeley from 2 of our three local community colleges.

Those who attended the Tech Trek/NCCWSL Brunch in October were able to see their video and hear them speak about their experiences. We will be raising money to promote leadership in this age group and to educate young women about how to be leaders and how AAUW promotes these leaders.

**Join other IBC Members (Interbranch Council)  
March 12, at 11:30 am  
for a scrumptious Lunch at the Basque Cultural Center  
599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco**

***A Presentation/Discussion Regarding Muslim Women in America***  
(Please Note the Change in Program)

Guest Speakers  
**Representatives from:  
Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
or  
Islamic Network Group (ING)**

**Please make your lunch selection;** Lunch includes salad,  
bread/butter, beverage & ice cream.

Make your check payable to “**AAUW San Mateo**” and mail it to our  
Financial Officer Judy Steele, by **March 1, 2016 (Note difference in  
price for each entree)**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon with Champagne Sauce, rice & vegetables, #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.95 each

Breast of Chicken Chasseur, rice & vegetables, #\_\_\_\_\_ \$ @ \$29.52 each

Vegetable Pasta, #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22.51, each

Total # attending \_\_\_\_\_, Check total \$\_\_\_\_\_

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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.*

March 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CA Fact & Legend	2 Drama Reading	3 Board Meeting	4	5
6	7 Monday Movie Matinee	8	9 Ethnic Dining Mah Jongg	10 Foreign Affairs	11 Mystery Book	12 Joint IBC Meeting
13	14 Hiking	15 Public Policy	16 Boggle Dining Out	17 Book I Book III	18 Book IV	19
20	21 Bridge	22 Mah Jongg	23 Ethnic Lunch	24 Book II	25	26
27	28 Hiking	29	30	31		