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Presidents' Message

Ramona Raybin and Jane Bradley

Recently a large tech company employee wrote a memo arguing that there are fewer women engineers and software developers because women are biologically unsuited for those positions. The memo has gone viral and increased focus on why women continue to be underrepresented in lucrative jobs in the tech industry despite dramatic increases in girls' educational achievements in math and science.

Answers can be found in AAUW's research set forth in the comprehensive report entitled *Solving the Equation, The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*. Persuasive evidence in the report confirms that stereotypes and biases account for the lower percentage of women in high paying engineering and computing professions.

The report applauds Harvey Mudd College as a prime example of how changing structure and environments can increase women's participation in computing. The college made three major changes in their computing program: dividing the introductory computing course into two levels based on experience; providing research opportunities for undergraduates after their first year in college; and taking female students to the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference. In five years the percentage of women graduating from Harvey Mudd's computing program increased from about 12% to approximately 40%.

As the number of women pursuing engineering and computing degrees is increasing, a disproportionate share of women leave these fields after years of preparation according to AAUW's report. Women who leave engineering do so because their employers provide few opportunities for training and development, and no support for balancing work and nonwork roles. Women who stay in the profession, in contrast, received challenging assignments with a clear path for advancement and felt they were valued and recognized by their employer.

For a more detailed explanation of how stereotypes and biases affect women in the tech industry and what can be done to reduce these deterrents, check

out *Solving the Equation, The Variable for Women's Success in Computing and Engineering* at the AAUW National section of our website. You also have an opportunity to encourage girls to consider tech careers by contributing to Tech Trek and attending the upcoming luncheon to learn about our recent campers' experiences.

Upcoming Branch Event

Please Save the Date!

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| Oct 14 | Art lecture on Gustav Klimt and Rodin
SMCCCD Board Room, 1:00 pm
Joint program with San Carlos Branch |
| Oct 28 | AAUW Funds Luncheon
Basque Cultural Center SSF, 12:30 pm |
| Oct 29 | Tech Trek Luncheon
San Mateo Senior Center, 11:30 am |
| Nov 4 | Flower arranging for the holidays
SMCCCD Board Room, 1:00 pm |
| April 20 | Annual Meeting/Fundraiser Luncheon
Foster City Recreation Center 11:30 am |

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

A unique program, Villages of San Mateo, will be the subject of our Oct. 10th Public Policy/Current Events group meeting at 10:30 am at the home of Diane Silven.

Our speaker, Eric Hanson, outreach coordinator for the Villages of San Mateo, will explain how the nonprofit grassroots program helps aging adults continue to live in their homes by providing volunteer services for its members including transportation, light home maintenance, technology assistance and social services. It is based on neighbor helping neighbor to insure that everyone receives the help they need.

Like all Public Policy/Current Events programs this meeting is open to all AAUW members and guests.

AAUW Funds Luncheon

Cathy Foxhoven

Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about **AAUW Funds** and how your donations are being spent. Every year, AAUW CA provides the AAUW Funds Luncheons, both in Southern California and Northern California. The Northern California luncheon has always been in Danville at the Crow Canyon Country Club. This year, there will be a luncheon on this side of the Peninsula to accommodate our members, at the **Basque Cultural Center in S. San Francisco on October 28th, 12 pm.**

The purpose of these luncheons is to introduce the women who have received grants/funds from AAUW Funds, i.e. Eleanor Roosevelt, LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund), Tech Trek, Tech Savvy, Start Smart, etc. Fellowship and Grant. Each luncheon provides an opportunity to meet six to eight recipients who will give a brief overview of their studies or projects and highlight what the support they received from AAUW means to them. **As an added bonus the San Mateo 70th Anniversary endowment was awarded to one of the recipients who will be attending the event.**

Please plan on attending this very important event and learn more about the wonderful organization we belong to. The cost is \$45 and you can register online at www.aauw-ca.org. You will find the link on the front page entitled "2017 Funds Luncheons". The deadline is **October 16th**.

Ethnic Lunch

The Ethnic Lunch group met at the Miramar Beach Restaurant in Half Moon Bay on August 23rd to enjoy the delicious food and beautiful beach. Ethnic Lunch meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month at various local ethnic restaurants. They dine "family style" so everyone can enjoy the various dishes offered by the restaurant. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Annette Delaney. Bon appétit!



Ethnic Lunch Group enjoying the beach at Half Moon Bay

Gustav Klimt: Dialogues with August Rodin Legion of Honor, Oct 14, 2017-Jan. 28, 2018

We have the privilege to hear about this gorgeous exhibition featuring the art of Gustav Klimt and the sculpture of August Rodin from a Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco docent. Kathryn Zupsic will be giving this presentation on Oct. 14, at 1:00 pm at the SMCCCD Board room, 3401 CSM Dr. San Mateo, 94403. This is a joint meeting with the San Carlos Branch.

AAUW CA Needs your Vote

AAUW CA has a critical issue that will be addressed through an "every member" vote. It's important that every member of AAUW CA cast a vote **in favor** of changing the non-profit status from "Mutual Benefit" to "Public Benefit". On Sept. 10, the polls opened for AAUW CA members to vote on a change to AAUW CA's status from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit entity. The vote will be taken online through Survey Monkey and all members with e-mail received an electronic notice of the vote and voting directions. Members who don't have an email address on file received a postcard, prior to the opening of the polls, with instructions on how to vote by phone or online. **Members will have until Oct. 1, 2017 to cast their votes electronically or by phone. For more information, please go to aauw-ca.org.**

Tech Trek

Please join us on Oct. 29th for our annual **Tech Trek Brunch**. We will be meeting the recipients of our STEM sponsorships who attended Tech Trek camp this July. They can tell us some great stories about what amazed them the most at Stanford. We will also be inviting our Community College recipients of the NCCWSL scholarships for college women in leadership which was held this summer in Washington, D.C.

These are fabulous programs to promote leadership for girls and women. AAUW really shines through these wonderful initiatives. Thousands of girls have attended Tech Trek over the last 19 years. Thank you for your continuing support of the girls in our local school district. Please respond generously to our postcard appeal at the end of October. To register go to the flyer in this issue of *Bay Leaves*

Breaking News! Read All About it!

The *Bay Leaves* is your newsletter so we encourage you to contribute to its production. Please submit any pictures or information about your interest groups or events you would like our members to know about. We would also like to hear about the accomplishments of the San Mateo Branch members. Brag a little!

ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

FOR CURRENT and PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS and GUESTS

Make a reservation now for the Tech Trek Brunch!

Sunday, October 29, 11:30 am - 1 pm

San Mateo Senior Center
2645 Alameda de las Pulgas

**Invite Your Friends as well as any Prospective New Members.
There is no Charge for Guests!**

Come and meet our 2017 Tech Trek students as they regale us with tales of their week at AAUW Science & Math Camp at Stanford University.

Meet our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarship recipients and follow their trip to Washington, D.C.

- The luncheon cost is \$17 per member.
- Checks must be received no later than October 24, 2017.
- The Senior Center will not permit any payments on the day of the event.
- There is ample parking in the lot at the rear of the building.
- Let us know if you need to carpool.

We thank you for your generous support in enabling us to send these students to the Tech Trek program and NCCWSL!

Please mail your check to: Maureen Buchner.

2017 Champagne Brunch Reservation

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest(s) _____ Total # of people in your party _____

Guests & Prospective members are Free!

**Please mail your check for \$17 payable to "AAUW San Mateo" to:
Maureen Buchner. Checks must be received by Oct. 24.**

October 2017 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay,

Boggle

Judy Steele,

Wed, Oct 18th at 1:00 pm (Note Change of Location)

Host: Mary Ann McKay

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs, Oct 19th, 10:00 am

Susan Cioni

My Name is Lucy Barton, Elizabeth Strout

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Judy Podesta

Thurs, Oct 26th at 12:00 Noon

Pat Motto

Commonwealth, Anne Patchett

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Sherrean Rundberg

Thurs, Oct. 19th at 1:30 pm

Pat Fuetsch

Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk, Kathleen Rooney

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Oct 27th at 10:00 am

Host: Cathy Jensen

The Draining Lake, Arnaldur Indridason

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Oct 16th at 1:00 pm

Host: Kathy Wiblin

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tue, Oct 3rd 9:05 am to take BART to SF

Tour of Tenderloin Museum & Tenderloin area

RSVP to: Bobbi Benson, space is limited

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed, Oct 18th at 6:00 pm (carpool? call Jane)

Mistral Restaurant, 370 Bridge Parkway, #6 RWC

RSVP to Hostess Lyn Haithcox by 10/11

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Oct 4th, 9:00 am

Nancy Jalonen,

Ethnic Dining

Sue Rosenberg,

Contact Sue Rosenberg for Ethnic Dining in October

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, Oct 25th at 11:30 am

Sixto's Cantina, 1448 Burlingame Ave, B'game

RSVP to Annette by Oct 23rd.

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs, Oct 12th 10:30 am

Host: Harriet Sinaikin,

Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Oct 9th Eaton Park, SC

Mon, Oct 23rd No Walk Scheduled

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett,

Wed, Oct 11th 1:30 pm

Tues, Oct 24th 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay,

Mon. Oct 30, time TBD (Note Date Change)

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri. Oct 13th at 1:30 am

Barb Schotzko

When Will There Be Good News?, Kate Atkinson

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein,

Diane Silven,

Tues, Oct 10th 10:30 am

Host: Diane Silven

Speaker: Erik Hanson, Villages of San Mateo

Neighbors helping neighbors in San Mateo

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.

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 California Fact and Legend	4 Drama Reading	5 AAUW Board Meeting	6	7
8	9 Hiking	10 Public Policy	11 Mah Jongg	12 Foreign Affairs	13 Mystery Book Group	14 Branch Meeting Gustav Klimt
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