

Bay Leaves

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Margo King & Annette Delaney

It must be Fall! And that means back to AAUW activities and interest groups after a summer hiatus. We hope all of you have had good summers and travels and that you are looking forward to seeing and catchup with your friends and resuming participation in a variety of the activities membership in the Branch offer to you.

Over the summer your Board has been busy planning activities that we hope will advance the AAUW mission, keep our minds & bodies fit and provide us with both stimulating content and camaraderie. We invite you to look at the events in the 2015-2016 calendar at right. When you do, we are confident you will find a number of programs that appeal to you and we wanted to provide the choices to you early so that you can mark your calendars now.

Please remember that if you are interested in attending an event but would need a ride to do so, just let either of us know. We are happy to help organize ride sharing as needed.

We look forward to seeing you—we hope many times—over the coming year.

MEET OUR AMAZING TECH TREK CAMPERS AT THE CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH IN OCTOBER.



2015-2016 AAUW-SAN MATEO EVENTS CALENDAR

- Oct 3, 2015 **Legal Advocacy-Program** with San Carlos Branch, Speaker: Jennifer Reisch, Lawyer/Civil Rights Activist
Redwood Shores Library 1:00-3:30 pm
- Oct 18, 2015 **Tech Trek/NCCWSL Scholarship Celebration Brunch** 11:30 am,
San Mateo Senior Center
- Nov 7, 2015 **Garden Reception:** Celebrate our 50-year members & Welcome New Members, Hostess Paula Gleason,
2:00-4:00 pm
- Jan 9, 2016 **Art Lecture:** Kay Payne, Docent
CSM Board Room, 12:00-3:00 pm
- Feb 20, 2016 **What to Do with Your Stuff**
Program with the San Carlos Branch
Speaker: Lois Tager,
Author/Consultant
Location & Time to be announced
- Mar 12, 2016 **Women History Month Lunch**
(with all Inter-Branch Councils)
Program: **Solving the Equation**,
Basque Cultural Center,
South San Francisco, 11:30 am
- Apr 15-17 2016 **AAUW State Convention San Mateo**
Marriott, 1770 Amphlet S.M.
Details to be Announced
- Apr 27, 2016 **Spring Annual Fundraiser Buffet Lunch** Peninsula Humane Society:
Their Mission
Speaker: Scott Delucci, P.R. Director
Peninsula Humane Society
- May 7, 2016 **Scholarship Awards Celebration**
CSM Board Room, 1:30-3:30 pm

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Carol Way

Branch Membership, August 6, 2015: **161**

50-Year Members: **21**

Congratulations to our 2 newest 50-year members. Carol Goodwin & J. Marietta Spencer

Thank You to the following branch members for their donations with their dues to AAUW Funds, LAF, Tech Trek and NCCWSL.

Blythe Brandon, Ida Braun, Bobbi Benson, Jane Bradley, Kay Colman, Elizabeth Daniel, Betty Drisko, Gayle Flanagan, Pat Griffin, Gayle Hardt, Karen Herrel, Elissa James, Nancy Jalonen, Margo King, Maggie Kobe, Marcia Leonhardt, Marian Monroe, Barbara Otter, Cynthia Robbins-Roth, Billie L. Sands, Helen Reynolds, Sherrean Rundberg, Shirley Roberson, Barbara Schotzko, Leona Tai, Carol Way, Elayne Weinhoff, Kathy Wilblin, May Blossom Wilkinson and Diane Silven.

Total amount in donations \$2,455.00

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Erika Abbott

Erika received her Bachelor of Arts from New York University in 1968. Among her many interests, she is an avid member of the hiking group.

Mary Lou Cirianni

Mary Lou received her Bachelor of Business Administration in 1955 & an MBA from the University of Michigan a year later. She worked at Parke Davis and Company for 7^{1/2} years. In 1964 she moved to San Francisco where she became a CPA. Mary Lou then worked for 32 years for the General Services Administration.

Mary Lou retired in 1997, when she joined the History Guild of the Oakland Museum and she traveled with them for 12 years. She enjoys travel, studying history & watching PBS Mysteries.

Mary Ann McKay

Mary Ann received her BA from Skidmore College & her paralegal certificate from the U of San Diego. She followed her late mothers' advice about 40 years after graduating & joined AAUW! Mary Ann retired in 2015 after most recently working for 15 years for Varian Medical Systems in Palo Alto. She & her husband are avid readers of fiction. She enjoys swimming, dancing, watching ice skating and gymnastics, singing in the church choir, downhill skiing, jazz, symphony, theater & museums.

Gail Mintz

Gail graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amhurst with an English major. She moved to the Bay Area in 1972 & worked for the City & County of San Francisco until retiring in 1998. Gail loves travel & art and has visited over 55 countries capturing the highlights with both a camera & paintbrush. She enjoys reading, a good meal with stimulating conversation and the theater.

Pearl Symonds

Pearl received her BA in elementary education from the U. of Montana. She taught in various locations including Seattle & Sydney, Australia. When she returned to the Bay area, Pearl began working in the Research Compliance Department at Stanford in 1995 & retired in 2013. Pearl is a member of the Board of Directors of her homeowners' association in Foster City. She & her husband, Phil, enjoy traveling, photography & are volunteers in the Foster City Cert Organization.

TECH TREK

Maureen Buchner, Co-Director of Camp Grace Hopper at Stanford

Our eight campers had a terrific time at Camp Grace Hopper at Stanford this summer. Two new core classes were offered: Cybersecurity and an App inventor coding class. Your continuing support of our local students is very gratifying.

Here are some excerpts from their thank you notes: “I had so much fun working with the other girls...the whole week ended up fascinating; I got to build a tiny hovercraft & a mousetrap car. I can easily say I had the time of my life.” (Fiona McCarthy)

“Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend Tech Trek. I especially enjoyed meeting the professional women and the speaker from Pixar...”(Sarah Finer)

“I will always remember and treasure the amazing experience that I had at Stanford. One of the projects that I really liked was building our own puzzles in 3D math.” (Charlotte Wong)

“An experience here that I greatly enjoyed was programming and creating my own robot along with the help of my partner. And I enjoyed setting up a crime scene for the whole camp to investigate...” (Angelica Bennett)

“Thank you for the opportunity for me to explore and appreciate the foundation for Stem. I really appreciated the opportunity to tour the Stanford Blood Bank. In the future, I would like to be a rehab counselor ...”(Ellen Baatsuri)

“Thank you so much...I liked the veterinarian because she was really fun and I learned a lot about being a vet. She was an inspiration to me because I want to be a vet in the future (since I was little). It’s an experience I will never forget...”(Judith Ramirez)

“My favorite moment at Stanford was when we did the spaghetti structures...it showed me that I don’t have to do what everybody else does..but to make something creative and had never been done before... I am very grateful.” (Srimaye Samandrala)

“I have learned so much at Tech Trek, like coding and app design...Thank you so much for this amazing experience.” (Valerie Miller)

Come to our October Brunch and meet these fabulous young ladies! There will be some changes going forward as we transition from a state project as we are trained.

Camp directors will be meeting in Washington in September. We will let you know of the changes as soon as we are trained.

PUBLIC POLICY

Attacks against Planned Parenthood From AAUW CA Public Policy

By now you are aware of the attacks against Planned Parenthood. So what is AAUW’s response? As evidenced in our member-adopted Public Policy Program, AAUW is a longtime supporter of reproductive rights. We know Planned Parenthood values the health and safety of its patients above all else, and has high-quality standards for their lifesaving tissue donation programs.

To show our support, AAUW joined 92 organizations in signing a letter to Congress informing them that we stand with Planned Parenthood and the women they serve every day. AAUW has also joined 96 organizations on a coalition letter opposing congressional efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, and sent our own letter to the Hill urging a “no” vote. We will be scoring this vote in our AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record.

To read the entire article by Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations, go to aauw-ca.org.

TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST ADVOCACY BY EVERYONE

Gayle Hardt

Have you ever wondered how you could support AAUW's mission to empower women and girls? One of the easiest ways to do that is to become part of AAUW's "Two-Minute Activist" where you can make your voice heard in Congress.

Since AAUW's founding in 1881, our members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issue of the day--educational, social, economic, and political. The messages you send through the Two-Minute Activist tool play an important role in the work we do. As an Action Network Subscriber, you will receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress, find detailed information on legislation currently under consideration, and write letters to the editor of your local paper.

You can sign up for the Two-Minute Activist on the AAUW website. First go to the AAUW website at www.aauw.org then click on the link "Get Involved" at the top of the page. You will see a page that has a link that says "Take Action Online". This will lead you to the page that gives you the instructions to sign up. You should receive an email from AAUW telling you that you have successfully signed up. If you don't receive this email you might want to check your spam or junk folder.

After you have signed up you will have the opportunity to send messages regarding issues that AAUW supports to Senators Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer & Representative Jackie Speier in Congress plus other departments in the government such as the Department of Labor.

By joining the AAUW Acton Network, you will belong to a dedicated community of members and supporters who break through barriers for all women and children.

BOOK NOTES

Margo King

The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd

If you haven't read this best-selling book yet, you might want to put it on your "to read" list. The historical novel is set in Charleston in 1803 and juxtaposes the experiences of two girls over decades of their lives. One is a young slave girl; the other is the daughter of a slave-owning family who becomes an abolitionist. The world they live in and the challenges they face are well described and the personalities of the various girls and women we meet in the book are quite compelling.

For many, an interesting aspect of the book is that its heroine, Sarah Grimke, is a historical figure who worked with her sister Angeline and Angeline's husband, Theodore Weld, to advance the civil rights of both black and women. Her work is considered to have influenced Harriet Beecher Stowe, yet not many have heard of her. Despite a completely inhospitable environment, the women in this novel had the ability to hope for and the courage to dare to achieve what seemed unattainable.

In an interview Sue Monk Kidd has said. "I know the world is different now, but I am a believer that girls and women and all of us really need all the stories of courage and daring we can get." In other words, she is an AAUW kind of woman!

Happy Reading!

AAUW San Mateo Branch has five Book Groups including a Mystery Book Group. The Mystery Book Group meets on the 2nd Friday and Book Group IV, meets on the 4th Friday; they both have openings if you would like to join them.

September 2015 Interest Sections

Elissa James, 650-579-2901

Boggle

Mikki Coffino,

Wed. Sept 16 at 1:00

Contact Mikki Coffino for location

Book Discussion I

Elissa James, 579-2901 billandelissa@comcast.net

NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Book Discussion II

Julia Pitcher

Thurs, Sept 24, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm

Judy Postesda, hostess

Blood, Bones & Butter by Gabrielle Hamilton

Book Discussion III

Sherrean Rundberg 572-1988 sherrberg@pacbell.net

Thurs Sept 17, 1:30- 3:30 pm

Barbara Schotzko: hostess

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino,

Friday, Sept 25, 10:00 am

Cathy Jensen, Hostess

Longbourn by Jo Baker

Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, Sept 21, 12:00 Noon

Marge Denni, Hostess

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Wed. Sept 2, Note Change of Date

Guided tour of the Dunsmuir House in Oakland and bag lunch in the beautiful gardens

Contact Helen for more information

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed Sept 16, 6:30 pm

Stella Alpina Osteria, 401 Primrose Burlingame

Carpools available- call Jane Bradley 464-3808

Drama Reading

Majorie Kobe

NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Contact Mary Faber for details

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed. Sept 23, 11:30 am

Pacific Catch, 243 S. B St San Mateo

RSVP to Annette by Sept 21

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thurs Sept 10, 10:30 - Noon

Norma Tarrow, Hostess

Topic *Sectarianism in the Middle East*

Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon Sep 7 (Labor Day) Great Highway Beach SF

Mon Sept 21 Pescadero Creek Co. Park Loma Mar

Mon Sept 28 Dolores Heights Neighborhood SF

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett,

Thursday, September 10, 1:30 pm

Tuesday, September 22, 1:30 pm

For more info, contact Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Wednesday Sept 9, 1:00 pm - Coffee

RSVP to Maureen Buchner

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Friday September 11, 1:30

Specialty's Café & Bakery on Norfolk in San Mateo

Roman Blood by Steven Saylor

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tuesday, Sept 15 10:30 am - 12 Noon

Subject to be Announced

Betty Bernstein, Hostess

ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Make a reservation now for the Tech Trek Brunch!

Sunday, October 18, 11:30 am – 1 pm

San Mateo Senior Center

2645 Alameda de las Pulgas

INVITE A NEW MEMBER and let us know if you need to carpool

Come and meet our 2015 Tech Trek students as they regale us with tales of their week at AAUW Science & Math Camp at Stanford University.

Meet our NCCWSL scholarship recipients and follow their trip to Washington, D.C.

The luncheon cost is \$16 per member

Checks must be received no later than October 9, 2015

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

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

2015 Champagne Brunch Reservation

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest _____ Total # of people in your party _____

Prospective members are Free!

Please mail your check for \$16 payable to "AAUW San Mateo" to

Maureen Buchner, 792 Widgeon St, Foster City 94404, Checks must be received by October 9

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

AAUW advances 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.

SEPTEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

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