



# BAY LEAVES

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## Presidents' Message

Annette Delaney and Ramona Raybin

Happy Holidays!

As the song goes, "the happiest time of the year" will soon be upon us. While gearing up for this joy-filled season, do consider attending the "Holiday Flower Arranging" demonstration. We have engaged a talented certified floral designer, Relli Siegel. She will assemble several floral arrangements suitable for the holidays and share step by step how she approaches each one. This promises to be an educational as well as entertaining event. It will be held at the San Mateo Community College Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr. San Mateo, CA 94403, on Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4 pm. As a courtesy to our guest, we encourage you to arrive early. To reserve a seat, please send your check for \$10.00, payable to "AAUW San Mateo" and mail it to Judy Steele. Reservations must be received by **December 1**.

AAUW San Mateo Branch Board meetings are open to any member of the Branch. Also any member may request a copy of the minutes of the Board meetings. If you would like a copy, please contact either Jane Bradley or Marilyn Canon.

## Upcoming Branch Events

- Dec 10      *Floral Arranging for the Holidays*  
Speaker, Relli Siegel, floral designer,  
SMCCCD Board Room SM, 2- 4 pm
- Feb 11      Speaker: San Mateo Police Chief  
Susan Manheimer  
SMCCCD Board Room SM, 2- 4 pm
- Apr 21      Annual Meeting / Fundraiser  
Luncheon, Hiller Aviation Museum-  
docent tour, San Carlos Airport,  
11:30 am

## Tech Trek

Maureen Buchner

Planning for the 2017 camp is moving along. Tech Trek Camp directors soon will attend the state project meeting in Camarillo where they will update the curricula & meet with the branch coordinators for Camp Grace Hopper at Stanford. Our camp still needs a few things. First we need a 6 X 10 ft. temperature controlled storage space for our equipment (we have many bins). (The monthly rental for space is \$85.) We also need a computer-spreadsheet volunteer who can help us set up the rosters, various lists, and collect paperwork from home. This is a Feb to June job. If you would like to help, call Maureen Buchner.

The eight (8) scholarship winners (our campers) regaled us at the branch annual Tech Trek Brunch with their favorite times at camp. We also met our 2016 NCCWSL attendees. The community college students who attended the program in Washington, D.C. told us of the wonderful opportunity that we provided them. Thanks to all who attended the brunch and special thanks to Elissa James, Mikki Coffino, Gayle Hardt, Kathy Wiblin, & Anne Horgan for your hard work on this event.

Donations to Tech Trek are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to AAUW. Mail them to Maureen Buchner or you can charge your donation online by going to the AAUW website: [www.aauw-techtrek.org](http://www.aauw-techtrek.org). When you click on donate "here" link, there is a drop down box where you can click on "California-Stanford, (Hopper)". There are 2 camps at Stanford so make sure to hit "Hopper". Thank you for your support for this amazing program.

San Mateo Tech Trek Campers 2016



## Membership

Maureen Buchner and Kathy Wiblin

Welcome to New Branch Members:

Mary Lynn Baker

Mary Lynn Baker received her B.S. from UC Berkeley in 1966 and her teaching credential from Cal State San Jose in 1972. She first joined AAUW in 1974 while raising her 3 sons. Mary Lynn made new friends and enjoyed French, book review, bridge and tennis. In the 80's she returned to a career in teaching. Now that she has retired, she rejoined and is looking forward to book group II and hiking.

Denise Silverthorne

Denise Silverthorne was born and raised in San Bruno. She received her AA from the College of San Mateo and an accounting degree from Cal State East Bay. Denise has finally retired after working in various positions at PG & E for the past 35 years. She worked in workers' comp, safety compliance, and customer service. She is now exploring her options for feeling fulfilled and happy, which includes adding her voice to AAUW's goals. She will be joining the mystery book group and dining out.

Robert Way

Bob Way received his AA degree from the Community College of San Francisco in 1952. Bob is a talented vocal singer and has been a joyous member of church choirs since his boyhood. Since retiring from his career at P G & E, he has been a member of SIRS. Bob wishes to study about world affairs so will be joining the Great Decisions group and continue the work of his late wife, Carol, by supporting Tech Trek and the AAUW mission.

## Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

### *Rebuilding Together*

Every month the Public Policy/Current Events discussion group features speakers telling of the amazing variety of non-profit organizations that serve our community. On Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at **9:30am**, our speaker will be Marissa Robbins, development coordinator of *Rebuilding Together*, will tell us about the remarkable work her organization is accomplishing. Previously known as *Christmas in April*, *Rebuilding Together* utilizes the volunteer efforts of hundreds of private citizens and generous contributions from businesses to help repair and rebuild the rundown homes of low income seniors and disabled persons in the Bay Area throughout the entire year. The meeting will be at the home of Diane Silven at **9:30** am (this is a new time). It is open to all AAUW members and their guests. You will certainly want to hear about this organization which brings so much joy to the people it helps.

**Please note the time change!**

### California Fact and Legend

Bobbi Benson

On **Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10:30AM** California Fact & Legend will enjoy a 1½ hour special event at **Sam's Castle, 900 Mirador Terrace, Pacifica**—a Private Tour & Tea/Refreshments! Reservations are \$30 payable to Bobbi Benson by Nov. 30.

The Castle insists on adults only, no pets, and no spike heels on the beautiful floors. There's plenty of space to park in 2 lots.

Directions: 280 North, exit Westborough Blvd. take a left—becomes Sharp Park Road heading west. At the end, right (North) onto Francisco Blvd. Right on Clarendon Rd. go under Hwy 1, and an immediate Left on Oceana Blvd. Right on Carmel Ave. Right on Mirador Terrace, which is a very steep hill. NOTE: If you'd prefer a more gentle approach to the Castle, turn left onto Loma Vista and wind your way up more gradually by just going around the block. Take the first right on Vallejo Terrace and then another right when it dead-ends into San Pablo Terrace—you will see the Castle at the end of the street where you can park in the lot.

If you have further questions, give Bobbi a call. Hope all of you can come!



November 2016

Dear AAUW Members,

Voters made history November 8 by electing political outsider Donald J. Trump to the White House. AAUW intends to approach our work with both the new administration and Congress with our mission in mind. After this hyper-partisan election year, AAUW's nonpartisan leadership and research-based advocacy is needed now more than ever.

It is now, after an election, that the real work begins. AAUW will find common ground with the Trump administration and the new Congress on issues that are important to women and working families. Women want progress on issues that affect them, and AAUW intends to be a valued ally and fierce critic, depending on what is warranted. Most importantly, in true AAUW fashion, we will not hesitate to speak truth to power.

Election 2016 touched on many issues that affect women and families at every level: local, state, and federal. We still face congressional gridlock over the Paycheck Fairness Act, resulting in more states taking matters into their own hands to work toward equal pay. Students are still waiting for real action on college affordability and high student debt, and they expect a continued commitment to combating campus sexual assault. Working families are still looking for good jobs with paid family and medical leave and other workplace equity policies. And Americans still don't have the basic necessity of a full Supreme Court.

Members of AAUW worked hard to get out the women's vote on Election Day by registering and educating voters, holding candidate forums and town halls, and writing local op-eds and letters to the editor urging women to make their voices heard. These efforts were a part of the AAUW Action Fund's "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" campaign, which aims to turn out millennial women voters, a group that is often underrepresented at the polls.

Candidates must now work to deliver on their promises. Women voters expect our newly elected officials to work together on solutions. AAUW believes democracy demands work every day of the year, and hyper-partisan rhetoric only damages the chances for reasonable consensus. Women voters are watching. We've laid out our priorities, and we will hold each and every candidate accountable.

Yours in AAUW,

Lisa M. Maatz  
Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy

## **December 2016 Interest Sections**

**Elissa James**

### **Boggle**

Judy Steele, No Meeting in December

### **Book Discussion I**

Elissa James

Thurs. Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (Holiday Pot Luck)

Elissa James

*The Rosie Project*, Graeme Simsion

### **Book Discussion II**

Judy Podesta

Thurs. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 Noon (Note Date Change)

Elizabeth Haning

*Being Mortal*, Atul Gawande

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

Sherrean Rundberg

No Meeting in December

### **Book Discussion IV**

Mikki Coffino

Friday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (Note Date Change)

Maureen Buchner

*The Housekeeper & the Professor*, Yoko Ogawa

### **Bridge**

Elissa James

Monday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm (Note Date Change)

Host: Elissa James

**(Holiday Pot Luck)**

### **California Fact & Legend**

Bobbi Benson

Tue Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30, (\$30.00 charge for tour & tea)

Sam's Castle, 900 Mirador Terr. Pacifica

For reservation mail check made out to *Bobbie Benson*,

### **Dining Out**

Jane Bradley

Wed. Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

Chantilly,

Contact Jane Bradley to RSVP

Contact Helen Hatchett for carpools

### **Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am, (No Host Holiday Brunch)

The Wine Room, Mimi's Café, 2208 Bridgepoint SM

RSVP Maggie Kobe

### **Ethnic Lunch**

Annette Delaney

Wed, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am (Note Date Change)

Pizzeria Delfina

If attending RSVP to Annette by Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Ethnic Dining**

Sue Rosenberg's

Date & Time TBD

### **First Monday Movie Matinee**

Mary Ann McKay

Mon. Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Time & Movie TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on email list

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

Margo King

Thurs Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

Norma Tarrow

Topic *Climate Geopolitics*

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

Mon. Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Oyster Point Park, SSF

*Annual Hike and Picnic*

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### **Mah Jongg**

Helen Hatchett,

Wed, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Tues, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett,

For more info, contact Helen Hatchett

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

Maureen Buchner

Contact Maureen Buchner about new members

### **Mystery Book Group**

Mikki Coffino

Friday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 (Note Location Change)

Esposito's, Borel Square, 59 Bovet Rd, SM

*The Girl on the Train*, by Paula Hawkins

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

Betty Bernstein

Tues, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am (Note Time Change)

Marissa Robbins, Rebuilding Together

Host: Diane Silven

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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.*

**December 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>Nov 30</b> Ethnic Lunch (Date Change)	1 AAUW Board Meeting Book II (Date Change)	2	3
4	5 Monday Matinee	6 CA Fact & Legend	7 Drama Reading	8 Foreign Affairs	9 Mystery Book Group	10 Holiday Flower Arranging
11	12 Hiking	13 Public Policy	14 Mah Jongg Dining Out	15 Book I	16 Book IV	17
18	19 Bridge (Date Change)	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Hanukkah begins</b>
25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26	27 Mah Jongg	28	29	30	31