



BAY LEAVES

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Presidents' Message Margo King and Annette Delaney

May. Springtime. We all know what the poet tells us a young man's fancy turns to in springtime - thoughts of love. Well, that is not a bad thing. But perhaps a better thing for us this spring is for a woman's fancy to turn to thoughts of equality for girls and women.

This is not a time to be lulled into thinking that gender equity has been achieved. AAUW has done the research and the results tell us that much must still be done. *Barriers and Bias: the Status of Women in Leadership* is the newly released report that presents the facts. This report can be found on the AAUW website.

Women are still not able to achieve the leadership status they--and we--deserve. Among the many inequities, the report points out that there are only 5 women state governors. And even in the field of K-12 education, long considered a "women's field," 75% of the workers are women, but only 20% of school superintendents are women. Thanks to AAUW for creating this document.

Now it is time for us to enjoy the gender equity efforts we make together. This spring another group of young women will receive our financial support in their work to become educated and to accept the challenge of leadership in their communities and workplaces. We hope you will attend some of the events where you can meet these outstanding young girls and women.

So as our thought and fancies turn to the issue of equity, and the calendar moves towards the significant June primary and November election, we also think of our responsibilities. We must educate ourselves on the candidates' policies in areas that will support women in leadership. Those might be family leave, child care options,

early childhood education or pay equity. *Barriers and Bias* is a blueprint for officials to create policies that empower and lift women into leadership. It is another step toward our goal of gender equity.

Let your springtime thoughts and fancies take you to a time when equity is achieved and the world is better for it. Hope, like the young man's love, springs eternal. But our mothers always told us, hard work helps too.

Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy springtime--and a happy and healthy summer!

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

May 7 Scholarship Recipient Celebration
SMCCCD Board Room, 1:30-3:30 

AAUW-SM Branch Scholarship Reception

Here's an opportunity to hear from the 2016 Scholarship Recipients and applaud their accomplishments. This awards event will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the 2nd floor Board Room of the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) Administration Building, 3401 CSM Dr. San Mateo.

For those who are attending for the first time: Take Highway 92 to W. Hillsdale Blvd. (**toward the College of San Mateo, not the shopping center**). Go past Clear View Way, stay on the Left, then turn LEFT onto CSM Drive. 3401 CSM Drive is directly on your left, if you reach Parrott Drive you have gone too far.

Please come to congratulate your scholarship recipients, and to encourage them in their pursuit of a four-year degree and beyond.

Membership

Welcome to New Branch Member

Joann Eigenbrod

Joann is originally from New Orleans. She graduated with a B.S. from LSU. Joann moved to the Bay Area and eventually to San Mateo with her husband Dick. She worked in commercial real estate, asset/property management, leasing and financing. Joann obtained her MBA in finance from Golden Gate University. She recently retired and now is volunteering, playing golf, traveling & enjoying local cultural events. She is interested in Ethnic Lunch & Dining, Dining Out, California Fact and Legend, and Foreign Affairs.

Include New Information in Your Dues Envelope

You will be receiving your dues envelope shortly. The deadline for paying dues is May 15, 2016. If you have any changes to your address, phone number or email address, please include this information with your dues. You may also email this information to Maureen Buchner or Kathy Wiblin. We need this for the 2016-2017 Yearbook. There will be a box at the Annual Meeting to drop off your dues envelope.

Public Policy/Current Events

How Second Harvest Food Banks Serve the People of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

Second Harvest Food Banks is one of the busiest and most helpful community organizations in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

We are fortunate to have Cindy McCown, Second Harvest Vice President of Community Engagement Policy, as our speaker for this month's Public Policy/Current Events meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 10:30 am, at the home of Lyn Haithcox.

Please note we have changed the meeting date from the 3rd Tuesday to the 2nd Tuesday of each month to accommodate the schedules of several AAUW members.

The meeting is open to all AAUW members and their guests. We encourage you to bring a suitable item for food bank distribution. For more information call Betty Bernstein.

Tech Trek

The Tech Trek Committee has chosen 8 girls from the school district to attend Camp Grace Hopper from July 3-9, 2016. They are: Nathalye Figueroa, Nicole Masarova, Deepti Bhat, Jolaiya Aldridge, Sofia Ora Garrido, Allison Rulli, Caitlin Regan, and Mae Montgomery. These remarkable girls are from Abbott, Bayside, Bowditch and Borel middle schools in San Mateo.

We're asking for volunteers to help. Judy Steele and Anne Horgan are working at check-in. We need a photographer to take all camp and dorm group pictures after the opening session and send them to Costco in Mountain View. If you are able to add a border, that would be awesome!

We are also seeking volunteers to shop and deliver breakfast food to us at Stanford for our staff training on July 3rd. You will be reimbursed and dearly appreciated! For more details, call Maureen Buchner. Thank you for supporting this fantastic AAUW project!

Thank You to Helen Hatchett

We all want to thank Helen Hatchett for her amazing work as the section leader for the California Fact and Legend Interest Section for the past 13 years.

Her wonderful imagination and vast contacts have allowed us to hear from so many of the interesting people who have studied California history.

Many of us joined this group to learn about the history of California in a very entertaining way!



Lyn Haithcox & Jan Lundquist present an orchid to Helen to thank her for her work as the California Fact & Legend Leader

May 2016 Interest Sections

Elissa James,

Boggle

Judy Steele,

Wed. May 18th at 1:00

Call Judy Steele for location,

Book Discussion I

Elissa James,

Thurs. May 19th, 10:00 am

Host: Jeanne Swapp,

The Road, by Cormac McCarthy

Book Discussion II

Julia Pitcher

Thurs. May 26th, 12:00 Noon

Donna Pribble,

Book Selection

Book Discussion III (closed)

Sherrean Rundberg

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Thurs. May 19th, 1:30

Host: June Hendricks

Rosie Project, by Grime Simsion

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino

Friday, May 20th, 10:00 am (DATE CHANGE)

Host: Elissa James

The Wright Brothers, by David McCullough

Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, May 16th, 1:00 pm

Host: Marge Denni

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson,

Tues. May 3rd 10:30

San Mateo Art Tour/Lunch at the Vault

Meet in alley at Movie parking garage & 2nd Ave

RSVP to Bobbi Benson by April 30th

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed, May 18th, 6:00 pm

Fish Market, 1855 S. Norfolk, San Mateo

RSVP to Jane Bradley

Carpools available-call Helen Hatchett

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. May 4th, 9:00 am,

Host: Ida Braun

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wed. May 11th, 6:30 pm

Call or email Mary for more information

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, May 25th 11:30 am

Clay Oven, 78 E 3rd Ave San Mateo

RSVP to Anne Horgan by May 23rd

First Monday Movie Matinee

Mary Ann McKay

Monday, May 2nd

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on email list

Carpools available

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Christine Elgin,

Thurs. May 12th 10:30 am

Host: Barbara Snedeker

Topic: *The Rise of ISIS*

Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon. May 9th, Pedro Point Headlands

Mon. May 23rd Memorial County Park

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, May 11th 1:30 pm

Tues, May 24th 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 May 13th 1:30

Specialty's Café & Bakery on Norfolk in SM

Bangkok 8, by John Burdett

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, May 10th, 10:30am (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

How Second Harvest Serves our County

Cindy McCown, Second Harvest Food Bank

Host: Lyn Haithcox

AAUW-CA Convention 2016

The AAUW-CA 2016 Convention and Annual Meeting was held the weekend of April 15-17 in San Mateo. Our Branch was asked to provide volunteers to assist at the convention-mainly at the registration table. Those attending and volunteering were Margo King, Annette Delaney, Anne Horgan, Maureen Buchner, Judy Steele, Kathy Wiblin, Billie Lou Sands, and Gayle Hardt.

Friday began with the Presidents' Brunch followed by a viewing of the movie *The Hunting Ground*, a compelling and controversial documentary about alleged sexual assaults on many US college campuses and how the administrations dealt with the women who made the accusations. One of the women in the film, Alicia Arman a graduate of Berkeley, was part of the panel discussion that followed.

The Annual Meeting followed the Awards Dinner. The candidates for state board of directors were unanimously elected since they were running unopposed. We also heard from the Mayor of San Mateo, Joe Goethals, who spoke of his hope that his daughters would live in an equitable world.

Saturday was for workshops including four in the *Leadership Tract* that was designed to help leaders within AAUW Branches.

Sunday began with breakfast and an exercise called *Open Space* which is an approach to organizing meetings that allows groups of all sizes to self-organize, create an agenda and solve problems. Those attending found the concept very effective, especially the sharing of information.

The convention ended with an inspiring Public Policy Luncheon with speakers who spoke on the issue of equal pay. We heard from Aileen Rizo who was paid \$20,000 less than a male coworker who was less qualified. She & others were given a pay raise after Governor Brown signed the California Equal Pay Bill. Her lawsuit continues to highlight the lack of equity in other states.



Maureen Buchner, Judy Steele and Anne Horgan enjoy dinner and the speakers at the Awards Dinner on Friday

California Fact and Legend

The Mystery of the Manila Galleons

The Manila Galleons were Spanish trading ships that made round-trip sailing voyages once or twice a year across the Pacific Ocean between Acapulco and Manila in the Philippines during the late 16th Century. The crossing of the Pacific was one of the most dangerous journeys sailors would ever have to take. Thousands died during the voyage.

One of these galleons ran ashore off Baja California where she deposited her cargo across a wide section of beach. The cargo was from Asia including many types of Asian porcelain.

Edward Von der Porten, nautical archeologist, was one of the experts who uncovered this vast expanse of treasure. He spoke to our group about the history of these treasure ships, what they carried, and how this "ghost" ship was wrecked.



Edward Von der Porten presents a slide show to the California Fact & Legend Group about Manila Galleons off Baja California

Bay Leaves on Summer Hiatus

Gayle Hardt, Editor

The *Bay Leaves* will be on hiatus during the summer with the next issue written at the end of August for the September schedule. For the next year, I want to encourage everyone to send articles about your interest section's activities, your travels or any information you would like the branch to know. If you have a picture of the activity that would be included as well. The deadline is the 10th of each month (there's some flexibility with this date). Please keep this in mind during your activities throughout the year. Have a great summer!

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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.

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 First Monday Matinee	3 CA Fact & Legend	4 Drama Reading	5 AAUW Board Meeting	6	7 Scholarship Reception
8 Mothers Day	9 Hiking	10 Public Policy (Date Change)	11 Mah Jongg Ethnic Dining	12 Foreign Affairs	13 Mystery Book	14
15	16 Bridge	17	18 Boggle Dining Out	19 Book I Book III	20 Book IV	21
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