

## Presidents' Message

**Margo King & Annette Delaney**

AAUW/San Mateo is off to a great start! The two October events were very successful. The first, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, was a joint program with AAUW/San Carlos, featuring Jennifer Reisch, the Legal Director of the San Francisco-based Equal Rights Advocates. Her topic was "Equal Rights, Equal Pay", one of AAUW's missions. This was wonderful timing because just three days later Governor Brown, with Ms. Reisch at his side, signed into law the strongest equal pay protection in the nation. Ms. Reisch stated, "By closing loopholes in California's equal pay law and expanding protections against retaliation, the *Fair Pay Act* will encourage more women to ask questions and demand fair compensation."

*Annette Delaney & Ramona Raybin with Jennifer Reisch at joint meeting with AAUW/San Carlos*



Our second October event, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, was well attended as always. Not only did we hear from the 2015 Tech Trekkers, but we also met the two San Mateo County Community College students sponsored by the branch to attend the annual June NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) in Baltimore.

We look forward to seeing all of you at some or all of the future events noted in the Bay Leaves calendar, and we hope that you are enjoying re-engaging in your various interest sections with old friends as well as with new members who will become friends very soon.

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving to All!

## UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

- Nov. 7 Reception for 50-year members, Host Paula Gleason
- Jan. 9 Art Lecture - Kay Payne, Docent, CSM Board Room

## Public Policy/Current Events Betty Bernstein

### Solving Family Homelessness in San Mateo County

Some of us feel helpless when it comes to dealing with the problem of homelessness in our communities. Luckily, one of our members, Carol Kadet, has become involved in a program, *Homes & Hope*, which links local churches and synagogues with homeless families in San Mateo County.

Carol will tell us how the program works and relate some of the rewarding experiences she has had participating in the program at our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group on Tuesday, November 17, beginning at 10:30 am at the home of Diane Silven. The meeting is open to all AAUW members and friends who are concerned about making life better for homeless families in our county.

## Welcome to Facebook!

The San Mateo Branch of AAUW is now on Facebook! We're looking for pictures and events and program information to put on the site AND most importantly, for *you* to "Like" us.

We hope to get others interested in our Branch who may not otherwise know we're here. This is a dynamic site, and we are working to get a tie-back to our website and eventually an interest in becoming a member.

We need as many members as possible to join in! If you have a Facebook account, go to search bar (the one with the magnifying glass) at the top of your Facebook screen and type in: *AAUW San Mateo*. If that doesn't work, the full name is **AAUW San Mateo - CA Branch, SF Peninsula**. It should appear in the dropdown, so click on it. You may see someone you know!

If you don't have a Facebook account you can join; go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and follow the directions for setting up an account. Invite your contacts and friends to be your Facebook friend. Then follow the directions above.

The more people who "like" our page and posts, the more we get word out that we are a vibrant, interesting organization. Send information about your event and pictures for our Face to Carol Kadet.

## Interest Sections Articles!

We would love to hear what your section is doing throughout the year. Please consider contributing an article for the Bay Leaves to let other AAUW members know how much fun you're having as a member of AAUW/San Mateo. Please submit your article by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to Gayle Hardt.

## Hiking Group

Bobbi Benson

Our Hiking Group began in the spring of 2004. This year the Hiking theme was "All New-All Year" and, after all this time, we still enjoy exploring new trails on the Peninsula and finding new gems in San Francisco and elsewhere. Among many trails our group hikes in the woods at Pescadero Creek County Park, along the Bay at Steinberger Slough, and . . . at Ocean Beach on Labor Day.



We also do Stairway Walks in San Francisco and "made-up walks" that Leader Bobbi Benson creates (e.g. Art Discovery Walk in San Mateo and Architecture and POPOS, "Privately-Owned Public Open Spaces" Walks in the City).

We hike on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 10 am year round, for about 2-4 miles and then have lunch. It's a group of marvelous women who enjoy the camaraderie as well as the exercise and the sights in our beautiful area. Join us anytime!

## Travel Log

Kathy Wiblin & Anne Horgan

What a Nice Surprise!

Viking is one of many different tour organizations that offer river cruises throughout Europe. The Grand European Tour is a 15-day cruise, which starts in Budapest, Hungary, sails up the Danube, going past Slovakia and through Austria, across Germany on the Main and Rhine Rivers and ends in Amsterdam. (Continued on next page)

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Another of Viking's river cruises, the Rhine Getaway, starts in Amsterdam and goes down the Rhine River through Germany, ending in Basel, Switzerland. The tours include visiting various UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Germany's largest cathedral in Cologne. The Cologne Cathedral claims to have the relics of the three magi.

Because Viking offers so many tours along the Rhine, each ship's Program Director constantly reminds his or her passengers that while on various land excursions to visit the famous sites of Europe, they need to be careful not to climb on board the wrong bus to return to their ship, as one could (and apparently several passengers have) ended up on the wrong ship!

This summer I was enjoying the Grand European Tour with my friend, having a great time sailing through Europe. We were on the thirteenth day of the cruise, visiting Cologne. We had just finished a bit of shopping, and climbed back on our bus to go back to our ship. I looked out the window and could not believe that there on the sidewalk in Cologne were Kathy Wiblin and her husband, Ray!

I pounded on the window and yelled Kathy's name in excitement. I could tell that she heard her name but she looked around in bewilderment. I continued to pound on the window and she looked up and saw me. She climbed onto the bus (not following her Program Director's caution to avoid getting on the wrong bus) to say hello. As she came on board, everyone welcomed her with a boisterous "Hi, Kathy!" We chatted briefly and she departed as soon as the bus driver started the engine. It turned out that the Wiblins were on the third day of their Rhine Getaway tour, and had just finished visiting the cathedral. Kathy was checking the front of the buses to ensure she and her husband got on the right one, when she heard me calling to her. We later discovered that our ships were docked next to each other in Cologne! It truly is a small world!

## Tech Trek Goes National

AAUW National and STEM Manager, Ana Kay Yagoubian, recently hosted a meeting of all of the Tech Trek Directors in the country. The transition from our camps as a California project to a national effort is under way. We had plenty of time to absorb the differences in how we will run the camps and to appreciate the professionalism of our team in Washington, D.C. We also got to meet the other directors from the camps around the country. Our California financial liaison and our Director, Linda Stinebaugh, are working hard on the financial transition with the Special Projects Fund of California. We are all looking forward to a great 2016 camp season!



## Celebrate our 50-year Members Membership Tea

Please join us as we celebrate our 50-year members and welcome our new members at a "High Tea" on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the lovely home of Paula Gleason. We will be honoring those steadfast and loyal women in our Branch who are now Life Members, having contributed their services for 50 years or more. This year Marietta Spencer, our former Treasurer, will join the group for a total of 21. Next year, Thelma Kromhout and Rosemary Farbstein will be added.

The Tea will be served at 2:00 pm followed by a tribute to our 50-year members. This delicious tea will be provided by our Hospitality Committee headed by Susan Cioni and Maureen Buchner. Please come to let our Life Members know how much we appreciate their membership and to let our new members know how much we appreciate their joining us. To RSVP, call Maureen Buchner. Remember to wear your gloves and fashionable hat!

## November 2015 Interest Sections

Elissa James,

### Boggle

Judy Steele,

Wed. Nov 18 at 1:00

Call Judy Steele for location,

### Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Nov 19, 10:00 am

Kathy Jensen, hostess

*Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger

### Book Discussion II

Julia Pitcher

Thurs, Dec 3, 12:00 Noon (Note Change of Date)

Ramona Raybin, hostess

*Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown

### Book Discussion III (closed)

Sherrean Rundberg

Thurs Nov 19, 1:30- 3:30 pm

Sherrean Rundberg, hostess

*Creatures of a Day*, by Irvin D. Yalom

### Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino,

Friday, Nov 20, 10:00 am

Maureen Buchner, hostess

*The Gathering*, By Anne Enright

### Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, Nov 16, 1:00 pm

Kathy Wiblin, hostess

### California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tues. Nov 3, 9:30 am, (Note Change of Time)

Gayle Hardt, hostess

RSVP Helen Hatchett by Oct 30

### Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed Nov. 18, 6:00 pm (Note new time)

Rocca Ristorante, 1205 Broadway, Burlingame

RSVP to Jan Lundquist, hostess,

Carpools available- Helen Hatchett

### Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Nov 4, 9:00 am

Gerhild Klein, hostess

### Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wed. Nov. 11, 6:30 pm

Opa (Greek) 140 University Ave. Palo Alto

RSVP to Jeanne Swapp by Oct 8,

### Ethnic Lunch (Holiday High Tea)

Annette Delaney

Mon Nov 30, 11:30 am (Note Change of Date)

Lovey's Tea Shoppe

4430 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacifica

RSVP to Annette by Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

### Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thurs. Nov 12, 10:30 - Noon

Maureen Buchner, hostess

Topic: Syria

### Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon. Nov. 9, Pedro Point, Pacifica

Mon. Nov. 23 Picchetti Ranch, Cupertino

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett,

Thursday, November 12, 1:30 pm

Tuesday, November 24, 1:30 pm

For more info, contact Helen Hatchett

### Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Wednesday Nov 9, 10:30 am - Coffee

RSVP to Maureen Buchner

### Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Friday Nov 13, 1:30

Specialty's Café & Bakery on Norfolk in SM

*The Lincoln Lawyer*, by Michael Connelly

### Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tuesday, Nov 17, 10:30 am - 12 Noon

Eradicating Homelessness, Speaker:

Carol Kadet, Home & Hope, Temple Beth El

Diane Silven

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*By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.*

### November 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 CA Fact & Legend	4 Drama Reading	5 Board Meeting CSM	6	7 50-Year Member Tea
8	9 Hiking Membership	10	11 Ethnic Dining	12 Foreign Affairs Mah Jongg	13 Mystery Book Group	14
15	16 Bridge	17 Public Policy	18 Boggle Dining Out	19 Book I Book III	20 Book IV	21
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29	30 Ethnic Lunch					