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Presidents' Message

Annette Delaney and Ramona Raybin

AAUW Policy on Diversity

The Section Chairs have already received this message, but we thought that our general membership should also be aware of the AAUW Diversity Policy regarding meetings.

Under the AAUW Diversity Policy, there are STRICT gridlines regarding meetings: "No meetings will be held on the following major religious observances: Maundy Thursday through Easter, Rosh Hashanah (two days), Yom Kippur, the evening preceding the first day of Passover, Christmas, or major holidays of significant religious or ethnic groups. All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the previous day."

For 2017 the dates are:

- Passover-the evening preceding April 11
- Maundy Thursday-April 13-Easter April, 16
- Rosh Hashanah-from sundown, Sept. 20 through sundown, Sept. 22
- Yom Kippur-from sundown, Sept. 29 to sundown, Sept. 30
- Christmas-December 25

Not only does our branch need to adhere to this national policy but we want to be inclusive to all who join our organization.

We urge you to come to our December 10th meeting on floral arranging. It promises to give you great ideas for your holiday entertaining. (Please see the article about this event later in the *Bay Leaves*.)

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8!



Upcoming Branch Events

Please mark your calendars!

- 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
Redwood Shores Library, time TBD
- Apr 21 Annual Meeting / Fundraiser Luncheon, Hiller Aviation Museum-docent tour San Carlos Airport, 11:30 am

Flower Arranging for the Holidays

Decorate for the holidays! The San Mateo Branch will hold a class on holiday flower arranging on Saturday, Dec. 10, beginning at 2:00 pm at the San Mateo County Community Colleges District Office, 2nd Floor, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo. This class will be taught by floral designer Relli Siegel. She will create a number of different arrangement for this class. You may even be able to take one home. There will be a drawing from the names of those attending to give them away at the end of the program. There is a \$10.00 fee to cover the cost of the supplies. Space is limited so please make your reservations by Dec. 1. Please see the flyer included in the *Bay Leaves*.

The Drama Reading Group

The Drama Reading Group currently has an opening for a new member. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am at members' homes. The hostess provides breakfast and then we begin to read a play aloud while sitting informally. The roles are assigned by the chairperson and no advanced preparation is required. In addition, the chairperson talks briefly about the playwright to enhance our understanding and enjoyment of the play. If you would like to join contact Maggie Kobe.

Membership

Maureen Buchner and Kathy Wiblin

Welcome to New Branch Member:

Verena Fleischer

Verena M Fleischer is an AA graduate of the College of San Mateo. She went on to attend the Alliance Francaise in Paris and study French. She is a grandma and a great-grandma now. In AAUW she has joined a book group and is interested in public policy, ethnic lunch, dining out, hiking and the movie group.

In Memoriam

Mary E. Faber passed away on September 20, 2016. She was 80 years old. Mary was an active member of AAUW, serving as the interest section leader for Ethnic Dining and a member of the Movie and Drama Reading sections. To honor her memory, the Branch has made a donation to Tech Trek.

Tech Trek

Maureen Buchner

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of Tech Trek scholarships for our district's 7th grade girls. Our annual post card appeal will be coming out this month.

The director's of AAUW's 21 camps all met at the beginning of October in Washington, D.C. We had time to share ideas and best practices and also learn a great deal from the staff at National. We came back with renewed enthusiasm. We plan to update our classes and include more technology in our classes.

I also want to thank Marilyn Canon and Anne Horgan for their dedication to the interview committee. Joanne Chee spent hours organizing the paperwork and spreadsheets for all of Camp Grace Hopper. Thank you for the incredible job, Joanne.

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Amazing Elfenworks Foundation



Over the years members of our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group have had an opportunity to learn about many of the non-profit organizations that contribute so much to making our community a better place to live in. On November 8th we will have an chance to meet the founder and CEO of a remarkable organization that most have never heard about, the Elfenworks Foundation.

Our speaker, Dr. Lauren Speech, the founder of the foundation, which has existed seemingly under the radar for the past 10 years, will tell us about some of the many accomplishments Elfenworks has achieved. One recent example is the support of a very unusual organization, *Lava Mae*, which has transformed retired San Francisco Muni buses into portable shower facilities for the city's homeless population.

You can be certain you will be amazed to hear all about what Elfenworks has been accomplishing. You won't want to miss this very special meeting at the home of Betty Bernstein at 10:30 am. The meeting is open to all AAUW members and guests.

California Fact and Legend

Bobbi Benson

On Nov. 1, beginning at 10:30 am, Robert Strode will do an historic re-enactment, appearing in full regalia as *Colonel John C. Fremont*, at the home of Lyn Haithcox. Robert chose this date specifically because of its historic significance—come find out why! There will be a \$5 charge—pay at the door. RSVP to Lyn Haithcox.

Join us to see *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

1 or 2 matinee tickets are still available to the play *A Thousand Splendid Suns* ACT San Francisco on Wednesday, February 22 2017 with a talk after. \$40 per mezzanine ticket. (More than a third off). Contact Mary Ann McKay if interested.



FLOWER ARRANGING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sign up now for a Flower Arranging Class!

Saturday, December 10, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

San Mateo County Community Colleges District Office,
2nd Floor, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo, 94403

There is ample parking in the lot at the rear of the building

Relli Siegel, a professional floral designer, will give a class on holiday floral arranging. She will be making 3 or 4 different arrangements which will be given away by a drawing from the names of those attending.

The cost is \$10 to cover the cost of supplies. Space is limited so please make your reservations now. Checks must be received by December 1, 2016

Holiday Flower Arranging Class

Name _____

Phone _____

email _____



Please mail your check for \$10 payable to "AAUW San Mateo" to:
Judy Steele, Checks must be received by Dec. 1.

November 2016 Interest Sections

Elissa James,

Boggle

Judy Steele

Wed. Nov 16th at 1:00 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Nov 17th at 10:00 am

Jill Stewart

The Little Girl who Fought the Great Depression

John Cassen

Book Discussion II

Judy Podesta,

Thurs. Dec 1st at 12:00 Noon (Note Date Change)

Elizabeth Haning,

Being Mortal, Atul Gawande

Book Discussion III (closed)

Sherrean Rundberg

Thurs. Nov 17th at 1:30 pm

Barbara Schotzko

Geography by Genius, by Eric Weiner

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino

Friday, Nov 18th at 10:00 am (Note Date Change)

Mikki Coffino

The Taming of the Queen, by Phillipa Gregory

Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, Nov 14th, 1:00 pm (Note Date Change)

Host: Elissa James

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tues Nov 1st 10:30 (\$5.00 fee-pay at the door)

Speaker: Robert Strode as *John C Fremont*

Host: RSVP to Lyn Haithcox

Dining Out

Jane Bradley 464-3808, janebradley@mac.com

No Meeting in November

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Nov 2nd at 9:00 am

Host: Gerhild Klein,

Ethnic Dining

No Meeting In November

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, Nov 30th at 11:30 am (Note Date Change)

Pizzeria Delfina 1444 Burlingame Ave Burlingame

If attending RSVP to Annette by Nov 28th

First Monday Movie Matinee

Mary Ann McKay,

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on email list

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs. Nov 10th, 10:30 am

Host: Zelta Adams

Topic: *Korean Choices*

Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon. Nov 14th, Russian Ridge, Palo Alto

Mon. Nov 28th, Dogpatch, SF

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett,

Wed, Nov 9th, 1:30 pm

Tues, Nov 22nd, 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 Nov 11th at 1:30 (Note Location Change)

Neal's Café San Mateo, 114 De Anza Blvd, SM

Death on Demand, by Paul Thomas

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Nov 8th, 10:30 am (2nd Tuesday)

Dr. Lauren Speech, from Elfenworks Foundation

Host: Betty Bernstein

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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.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CA Fact & Legend	2 Drama Reading	3 AAUW Board Meeting	4	5
6	7 Monday Matinee	8 Election Day Public Policy	9 Mah Jongg	10 Foreign Affairs	11 Mystery Book Group	12
13	14 Bridge (Date Change) Hiking	15	16 Boggle	17 Book I Book III	18 Book IV	19
20	21	22 Mah Jongg	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28 Hiking	29	30 Ethnic Lunch (Date Change)	Dec 1 Book II (Date Change)		