

BAY LEAVES



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gayle Hardt & Helen Hatchett

The High Tea honoring our 50-year members was well attended and enjoyed by all. Approximately 50 members attended (including twelve 50-year members). Gayle and I would like to thank Paula Gleason for not only suggesting this event but serving as its hostess at her lovely home. Maureen Buchner (our own Martha Stewart) provided many of the delicious treats as well as their fabulous presentation. Additional thanks to Barbara Snedeker, Susan Cioni, Judy Steele, Betty Bernstein, Shirley Roberson and Carol Way for their assistance. The high point of the afternoon was the presentation of oral histories by our 50-year members.

I recently received an email from Sue Miller, State Public Policy Director regarding State Bill 516: Regulation of Foreign Labor Contractors to Prevent Forced Labor and Human Trafficking. A priority of AAUW is the fight for equality for women and girls. The majority of human trafficking is in the form of forced labor. AAUW is asking its members to encourage Governor Brown to sign this bill (you may do so through Sue's email). I will be happy to forward it to interested members. Please contact me at helenhat@att.net.

Last but not least, don't forget to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming election on November 5. See you at the polls!

AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY

The San Mateo Branch is celebrating the holidays with an open house at the home of Gayle Hardt, 851 Viewridge Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403, on Saturday, December 7, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We will be serving appetizers and beverages. Everyone is invited, including spouses and friends.

We will be supporting InnVision Shelter Network by asking that all who come to the party bring an item to be donated to them. Their wish list includes gift cards from: Safeway, Trader Joe's, Costco, Target, K-Mart, Walgreens, CVS Pharmacy, gas stations, barbers & salons (for interview preparation); children & baby clothing; new underwear & socks; and children's arts & crafts items.

For those members who are unable to attend the party but who do wish to contribute, bring your contribution to a section meeting during November. Section leaders will forward any contributions to a member of the board.

If you would like to be part of the planning committee, please contact Gayle Hardt, 650-477-2141.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

Dec. 7 – Holiday Party

Jan. 11 – Art Lecture by Kay Payne,
FAMSF Docent

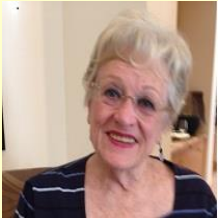
April 28 – Spring Fundraising Luncheon

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Carol Way

Membership as of October 1, 2013: 169

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER!



Hertha Harrington
601 Laurel Ave., Apt 1004
San Mateo, CA 94401
650-931-4424

Growing up in Berkeley, Hertha's only ambition was to attend UCB. She did attend, graduating with a BA in psychology. Fifteen years later she returned to her alma mater to study criminology, receiving an MA. There followed a 33-year career as a Probation Officer with San Mateo County. Many of these years she served as the Probation Office's representative in court cases.

She was a long-time resident of Woodside until her recent move to the Stratford. She is a board member of both the San Mateo County Parks Foundation and the Woodside Library, and she is involved in other environmental causes, such as preserving open space, and animal welfare is her passion.

Late Renewal:

Elayne Weinhoff

One Baldwin Avenue #319
San Mateo, CA 94401
650-343-1789

Address change:

Pat Dubrow

3438 E. Huron Street
Seattle, WA 98122

TECH TREK

Maureen Buchner

What a great group of scholarship winners we met at our annual brunch! Thanks again to all who have supported Tech Trek with donations and volunteer time over the last 9 years. Our branch is making a difference in the lives and futures of these girls from our local district schools! Your pink postcards will be coming soon. We need your help to keep serving these young girls. Your contributions of checks made out to AAUW CA SPF should be mailed to Maureen Buchner, 792 Widgeon St., Foster City, CA 94404.

GREAT NEWS: Our founder, Marie Wolbach, was featured in the national magazine, "Traditional Home" as one of 5 prize winning Classic Women. She attended a gala awards ceremony with Ellen Le, a recent Stanford grad in chemical engineering, who was a former Tech Trek student and who currently helps out at our camp's Professional Women's Night.

For founding Tech Trek, Marie was honored with a \$2,500 donation and spotlighted on a video available on You Tube or the AAUW website. Over 10,000 girls have been able to participate in this all-scholarship program. Four new states opened camps in 2013, and more will be ramped up in 2014. Marie continues to be a source of inspiration to me and to the other Tech Trek volunteers.

SAVE THE DATE

Please save April 28, 2014. It is the date of our annual spring fundraising luncheon. It will be held at the Crystal Springs Golf Club. See you there!

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBER TEA



At the home of Paula Gleason, forty-eight branch members and guests gathered to celebrate the 50 year members. With gleaming silver coffee and tea service, the ladies enjoyed a fancy spread of tea sandwiches and delicious goodies. Conversation was lively with long-time friends and current members. The 50-year members were invited to introduce themselves. Here's a summary of the AAUW activities and career paths of our honored 50-year members attending the tea:

Jean Atkinson joined AAUW in 1954. She joined an AAUW section for recent graduates. She currently section leader for Book Discussion II which is reading "Lady in Gold" about the artist, Klimt. From 1969 to 1981 Jean was a trustee of Burlingame Elementary School District.

Kay Colman joined AAUW in 1940. During WWII she was an AAUW volunteer in a hospitality committee for the troops in DC. In AAUW she likes current events, and general meetings. In her career, she was an editor for the National Educational Association in Washington and in Kansas City was editor for the magazine of Mid Continent Airlines. Kay also had the opportunity to work in Vienna for several years.

Beverly Gaines participated as a pilot in the Civil Air Patrol in search and rescue missions from local airports. In her career she was a microbiologist. Her other activities include writing a book about her many travels. With her husband and others, Beverly worked to provide medical services for Samaritan House. She also continues to play the harp for patients in Mills Peninsula Hospital. In AAUW, Beverly is enthusiastic about the Tech Trek program.

Vera Pitts joined AAUW in 1956 in Stockton. She earned her PhD at Michigan State. Her career included positions in New York City and Cal State Hayward. She mentioned that in 1970 there were 1,200 ladies in the San Mateo Branch.

Lou Reed joined AAUW in 1954. She participated in the "recent graduate section" (within ten years) and is still in touch with some of those members. Lou was also an AAUW board member. She was a bacteriologist for three or four years. Later, she served for many years in human resources in the San Mateo School District and the Community College District.

Ruth Scammon attended Stanford and was the first woman manager of a major news bureau, UPI (United Press International). She joined AAUW in the 40's and was active in the Baby Sitting Co-op and conversational French. Ruth's mother, Ruth Larsen, was a founding member of AAUW/San Mateo.

Barbara Schotzko joined AAUW in 1953. She was a pharmacist working mostly for San Mateo County. Through the AAUW Baby Sitting Co-op, Barbara found friends for bridge. That bridge group still meets. She served on a membership committee of AAUW. She is a serial traveler and participates in the AAUW hiking group and Book Discussion III.

Gloria Sweatt attended San Francisco Jr. College and graduated from Stanford in 1940. In AAUW she enjoys the Drama Reading group. She also belongs to a dance group that performs locally

Virginia Thomson earned an MA from U.C. Berkeley. She taught high school at Capuchino for two years and then thirty-three years in Watsonville. She calculated that she has taught over 8,000 students. She is author of a mystery book, "Lawson's Castle," which is both a biography and history. Her second book is "Battle for the Spirits of Mankind: and How to Prepare Oneself for the Judgment Day."

Edna Robin White joined AAUW in 1956. Later she joined the San Francisco Branch. Robin has been in the San Mateo Branch for 40 years. Her fond memories include the AAUW Couples Dancing Group of San Mateo Branch.

May-Blossom Wilkinson joined the branch in 1954 and was on the Board for many years. She also served on the Foundation Board of San Mateo Community College District. May-Blossom taught school from kindergarten up to college over forty years, including twenty-eight years in San Mateo.

Family Service Agency Director Will Address Public Policy Group

Our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group is pleased to announce that we have a very special speaker for our November 19th meeting at the home of Lyn Haithcox, 1485 Ascension Drive, San Mateo. Arne Croce, executive director of Peninsula Family Service, will talk about the wide variety of services his agency offers to San Mateo County residents of all ages.

Mr. Croce served as city manager of San Mateo for 18 years. After his retirement he took on the awesome job of trying to straighten out the financial affairs of the notoriously corrupt city of Bell in Southern California before returning to San Mateo County and taking on his current job last December.

Our meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. It is free and open to all AAUW members, families and friends.

SECTION HIGHLIGHT

Foreign Affairs–Great Decisions Join Us: Be a Woman of the World

What do Women of the World do? On the 2nd Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. they come together to discuss essays on the great issues of our day. The discussions are lively, opinionated, and diverse—as you would expect AAUW discussions to be. The essays are written by experts in the various topics and compiled by the Foreign Policy Association in a briefing book which features impartial, thought provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to US policymakers. The goal of the association matches our goal for ourselves and our organization: to be educated and current on global issues and international affairs.

The Foreign Policy Association has announced the topics for 2014. They are:

- Defense Technology
- Israel
- Turkey
- Islamic Awakening
- Energy Independence
- Food and Climate
- China's Foreign Policy
- US Trade Policy

We would love to have you join us for a morning cup of coffee and discussions of the most interesting and challenging issues of our time. Consult the Bay Leaves for each month's location. The new books will be ordered in November so please notify Carol Way at 345-7014 if you would like one (approx. \$20).

FAVORITE RECIPE – ELISSA JAMES

Many of you have asked me for my Bok Choy Salad recipe, so here it is. ENJOY!! It was one of the salads served at the Tech Trek brunch. Please E-mail Annette YOUR favorite recipe, so it can be published in the Bay Leaves for everyone to try.

BOK CHOY SALAD

Chop: then chill

1 head, large type bok choy (I buy 2 to get the best parts)

4 green onions (or more to taste)

Brown: lightly then chill

in oil or margarine or **Bacon Fat**

2 packages Ramen noodles (no seasoning packets)

1/2 package slivered almonds

Boil one minute: then chill

1/4 cup white vinegar

3/4 cup oil

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1/3 cup sugar

When ready to serve, mix noodle and salad mixtures. Shake the dressing well and add to taste. It makes **EXTRA** dressing. Salt and pepper to taste.

You can add:

bacon bits *** (fry about 8 slices, add in noodles, and shrimp)

chopped chicken, pork, beef

shrimp *** (I use jumbo pre-cooked 21-30 count, then cut into 1/3's)

bean sprouts, water chestnuts

sesame seeds ***

Use the bacon drippings to brown the noodles & almonds and coat the shrimp. You can put back the bacon bits while browning also. I use shrimp and bacon, but almost any meat and/or vegetables will work. This recipe can be made the night before.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL AAUW

Excerpts from an email sent by Beth Scott, AAUW Regulatory Affairs Manager:

"It's not like the shutdown actually helped anyone. In fact, the American economy lost a lot of ground during those 16 days. The shutdown cost the economy an estimated \$24 billion, according to Standard & Poor's. That's almost what it costs to fund Head Start, children's insurance programs, and the Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program for a whole year. Basically, we wasted money because of political games.

As part of their agreement, the House and Senate are coming together to negotiate a budget. AAUW will continue to urge Congress to pursue a responsible appropriations process that ends the harmful effects of sequestration, and we will oppose any attempt to cut critical entitlement programs.

We can't do this alone. Watch out for updates from us on what Congress is doing and how you can help protect the interests of women and girls, and tell Congress how they should move beyond the shutdown."

To sign up for these important updates, go www.aauw.org. At the bottom right hand corner of the home page, there are the words "Get updates from AAUW." Underneath you will find a space in which to enter your email address.

THANK-YOU NOTES FROM TECH

TREK PARTICIPANTS:

From Jacqueline Alvarado: "I learned a lot about the stars and planets on the night of the star party, and, during all of this, I had a great, wonderful and amazing time. This experience has had a great impact on me by helping me learn a lot and learn to get comfortable around others (and without my parent)...and you always had me busy! Thank you for this great experience."

"My favorite activities so far have been extracting DNA from strawberries, going fountain jumping, going to the virtual human interaction lab, and going to the star party. Thank you so much for this experience - if it weren't for you, I wouldn't be here at Tech Trek, having the time of my life." by Naomi Garibay

"Thank you so much for all your efforts to send me here. I am very thankful for all of these new facts and fun times I have experienced. My most memorable experience so far is astronomy night. Looking at Saturn and Venus and seeing the craters of the moon more in depth were my best images. I learned a lot and can't wait to learn more...." Sydney Dozier

"While at the Virtual Human Interaction Lab, we learned that these labs can be used for clinical studies to get over phobias, study the brain, and test to see if a computer experience can create false memories. Another interesting thing we learned was about computer animation; how Pixar makes their movies, and some of the extensive work that goes into creating a Pixar film. Overall, Tech Trek has been absolutely amazing and I hope to come back as a junior counselor" Magine Slonaker

"Thank you so so so so so much for sending me to Tech Trek Camp Hopper. It is so much fun meeting all these new people and exploring all of the interesting subjects we are studying. The Star Party was especially interesting because one of the astronomers knew a ton about physics and explained to us about dark energy and matter. He also explained how black holes lost their mass over time. Thanks for all of the hard work you did fundraising to send me to camp for this once in a lifetime opportunity." Sam Rose

NOVEMBER 2013 INTEREST SECTIONS

Most sections meet in homes, so space is limited. A star * indicates space is NOT available.

INTEREST SECTIONS CHAIR - Elissa James 579-2901

Arts & Culture

Marge Denni 573-8460 MargeDenni@gmail.com

Marjorie Kobe 579-5650 maggishaw@dkobe.com

We'll be attending the simulcast HD performance of Puccini's *Tosca* on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 9:55 AM at the San Mateo movie theater.

*Book Discussion I

Elissa James 579-2901 billandelissa@comcast.net

Thursday, November 21, 10:00 AM

Cathy Jensen, 520 Fairfax Ave., SM

Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple

*Book Discussion II

Jean Atkinson 347-7893 jeanatkinson@mac.com

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

*Book Discussion III

Sherrean Rundberg 572-1988 sherrberg@pacbell.net

Thursday, November 21, 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Barbara Schotzko, 324 Landfair Ave., SM

Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey by The

Countess of Carnarvon

Book Discussion IV

Maureen Buchner 573-1604 widgeonmab@yahoo.com

Friday, November 22, 10 AM

Mady Sokolsky, 50 Mounds Rd. #40, SM

IQ84 - Book I by Haruki Murakami

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett 571-6129 helenhat@att.net

Tuesday, November 5, 10:00 AM

Program: Michael Svanevik

Gayle Hardt, 851 Viewridge Drive, San Mateo

RSVP to Helen Hatchett by Friday, November 1

Daytime Bridge

Elissa James 579-2901 billandelissa@comcast.net

3rd Monday, November 18, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Dining Out

Jane Bradley 571-8352 janeesq@pacbell.net

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 PM

Luceti's, 109 W. 25th Ave., SM

RSVP to Pearl Bloom at 573-5737 or

nanabloom@aol.com

*Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe 579-5650 maggishaw@dkobe.com

Wednesday, November 6, 9 AM

Gerhild Klein, 356 Dolphin Isle, Foster City

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber 348-7085 maryfaber1@comcast.net

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 PM

Quinta Sol (Mexican)

2201 Broadway (at Middlefield Road), Redwood City

Ethnic Lunch

A Delaney 415-235-1155 annetedelaney@yahoo.com

DATE CHANGE: Wed., November 20, 11:30 AM

Straits Restaurant, 1100 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame

RSVP to Annette by Monday, November 18

Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Carol Way 345-7014 waycarol@aol.com

Thursday, November 14, 10:30-12:00

Mary D'Anna, 1061 Beach Park Blvd. #211 Foster City

349-2945 **Topic: Threat Assessment**

*French – Intermediate

Joan Goble 341-4336 joangoble@sbcglobal.net

Every Monday, 10:30 AM

Hiking Always 10 AM, year round

Bobbi Benson 579-7555 bobbi_benson@comcast.net

Mon., Nov. 11: Coal Creek Open Space Preserve

Sat., Nov. 23: SF Stairway Walk—Edgehill starting from

311 Ulloa Street. To join us anytime, contact Bobbie.

Membership: New and Prospective NEW GROUP

Maureen Buchner 573-1604 widgeonmab@yahoo.com

Mon., Nov. 18, Wine and Cheese, 5:30 – 7:30 PM,

792 Widgeon St., FC. Please RSVP to Maureen

Movies 2nd Wednesday, November 13

Pat Haupt 349-0371 pathaupt@aol.com

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein 343-9137 bettybernst@aol.com

Jeanne Duggan 573-6945 jdamdug@aol.com

Tues., November 19, 10:30 AM -12 Noon

Arne Croce, executive director of PFS (see page 4)

Lyn Haithcox, 1486 Ascension Drive, S.M.

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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 2013 CALENDAR

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3	4 French	5 CA Fact & Legend	6 Drama	7 Board Meeting	8	9 Arts & Culture
10	11 French Hiking	12	13 Movies Ethnic Dining	14 Foreign Affairs	15	16
17	18 French Membership Bridge	19 Public Policy	20 Ethnic Lunch Dining Out	21 Book I Book III	22 Book IV	23 Hiking
24	25 French	26	27	28	29	30

