



BAY LEAVES

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Presidents' Message

Margo King & Annette Delaney

OUR new AAUW - San Mateo Branch year is now officially underway. Interest groups are meeting and the Board has had its first Fall meeting to begin acting on the decisions made at our annual planning meeting.

Our plan is to continue the activities that fulfill our missions—primarily scholarships for young girls and young women that help them expand their horizons and realize their dreams. But we also want to try some new approaches and activities that we hope you will find appealing and engaging. We will be telling you more about these as the year unfolds.

We ask you to note the use of the word OUR. This is OUR Branch. It does not belong to the Board or the Committees. It really is OUR Branch composed of members new and returning. And so as we pursue ways to assist the local, state and national organization to achieve our collective goals, we will be asking for your help in a number of ways.

Your opinions are important to the success of the Branch. We will be asking you if you receive and read Bay Leaves and what kinds of information you would like it to convey. We will be asking you to let us know what kinds of programs you want to attend or would like to see more of (or less, for that matter). We will be asking you to be an activist advocate for important national and state policies. We will be asking you to help make the Branch stronger, better, more responsive to the AAUW mission and more engaging to you as members.

We will be encouraging you to participate, not only in interest groups, but also in Branch-wide programs where we can all learn together and get to know each other better.

Please also consider attending a Board meeting any time you wish. We meet the first Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 in the SMCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo. Most of the Board members lunch together following the meeting at a variety of nearby restaurants. We welcome your presence either as a participant or an observer. No invitation is necessary because this is OUR AAUW Branch and working together will make it better and stronger for all.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

Oct. 3 - Legal Advocacy with San Carlos Branch

Oct. 18 - Tech Trek/NCCWSL Brunch

Nov. 7 - Reception for 50-year members

Public Policy/ Current Events
Betty Bernstein

The Wonderful World of Volunteering will be the subject of the October Public Policy/Current Events meeting. Because volunteering has become a way of life for many of our members we have decided to share some of their experiences with a special Public Policy/ Current Events discussion group meeting on this subject.

We will devote our meeting on Tuesday, October 20th to the many varieties of volunteer activities available to our members. Among the subjects to be covered will be volunteering in local schools, food banks, homeless shelters, Girl Scouts, nursing homes, the San Mateo County Jail and non-profit Boards, among others.

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Public Policy/Current Events

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Our host is one of our favorite volunteers, Lyn Haithcox, who brings her talented dog, Curry, to visit residents of nursing and assisted living facilities every week. Lyn's address is 1486 Ascension Dr, San Mateo, meeting from 10:30-Noon for all AAUW members & friends.

Membership

Maureen Buchner

All San Mateo Branch members are also part of the Membership Committee. Monthly gatherings are held to introduce prospective members to our activities and our mission to advance equity for women and girls. Keep up the good work by inviting people to join us at a prospective and new members' event. The Interest Sections page in our newsletter, Bay Leaves, lists the meetings time and place.

Welcome to our New Members

Christine Elgin

Christine was born and raised in San Francisco, graduating in 1967, from the University of San Francisco with a BA in Sociology where she also earned her California Teaching credential. She taught in nursery, elementary and high schools over a period of 36 years. Christine retired 4 years ago; however, she continues teaching adult students earning their high school diplomas 1 day a week. She has 2 grown children, 1 in Boston and 1 in Taiwan. Christine's interests include reading, walking, following political and current affairs, visiting museums, traveling, and getting together with friends for just about any reason.

Jennie Wong

Jennie graduated with a BA from UCLA in 1955, a MS from Pepperdine in 1976, and an Ed.D from University of LaVerne in 1992. When she retired she was a School District Manager. Jennie is active in her church, CRTA, and was a member of AAUW Alameda for many years. She is most interested in Tech Trek in our branch.

Tech Trek

Maureen Buchner

Please join us for our annual brunch on October 18 at the Senior Center on Alameda de las Pulgas. We will renew our friendships, hear from our Tech Trekkers, and meet our NCCWSL representatives. This is a perfect time to invite a prospective member!

Don't forget to fill in your reservation form.

All of the Directors of Tech Trek Camps are heading to Washington, D.C. in late September for training with National AAUW. Changes are coming. At this time all donations still may be written to AAUW. They will continue to be used for our Grace Hopper Camp at Stanford. National has simply done away with our need for the California Special Projects fund. We see this as a big step in the right direction.

San Mateo Branch is continuing to plan for 8 campers for our 2016 camp. Your generosity has helped so many girls since we expanded our goals back in the early '90s. Contributions should be made to "AAUW" with "Tech Trek" on the lower left line, mail it to Maureen Buchner, 792 Widgeon St. Foster City, CA 94404

Tech Trekkers Learn Robotics



Bay Leaves Editorial Board

We are looking for people to serve on the Bay Leaves Editorial Board. The duties would be to ask various members to contribute articles to the Bay Leaves. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Gayle Hardt. Articles are due the first Thursday of the month.

A Grateful Scholar
Phyllis Reaves Mason Stolp

Our Branch recently received a letter from one of our scholarship recipients which included a donation of \$300. In part, this is what she wrote.

“When I graduated from CSM in 1957, the AAUW blessed me with a \$300 scholarship which enabled me to continue my college education at UC, Berkeley. It paid for my room & board for 1 semester and encouraged me to go on to Berkeley. I graduated in 1959, after working for the City Attorney, the Professor of Librarianship & reading to the blind to help finance my education.

Thank you for the encouragement you gave me & continue to give others. . . I have always remembered your generosity and am glad to be able to repay so you can help someone else in need” Sincerely, Phyllis Reaves Mason Stolp

California Fact & Legend
Betty Bernstein

Author/Historian Will Present Stories About Famous San Francisco Homes & Landmarks.

If you have ever wondered about the stories behind some of San Francisco’s famous (and infamous) landmarks, you are in for a special treat at our California Fact & Legend program on Tuesday, October 6, at 10:30 am at the home of Maureen Buchner.

Our guest speaker, Catherine Accardi, is an author and historian who has been writing about the city’s heritage for four decades. Her talk features more than 100 vintage images of San Francisco mansions and landmarks entitled “San Francisco Landmarks Uncensored” will give us the unusual, quirky and often scandalous stories behind their elegant exteriors. Catherine is the author of 3 books and is nearing the completion of a fourth. She also is a columnist for a local San Francisco newspaper and a journalist for the San Francisco online news network, Headline.com.

This program is open to all AAUW members and friends. Call Helen Hatchett 571-6129 to RSVP and to arrange for rides to the meeting.

AAUW Advocacy
Patricia Fuetsch

AAUW Shares Concerns on a Variety of Topics

As we all know, AAUW mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Our Board has taken on the task this year of being more proactive in the advocacy area. Our goal is to make our members aware of specific issues that both the National and State offices promote and keep members informed of the progress being made on these issues.

For instance, “Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, is the federal statute prohibiting sex discrimination in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance”¹ However, 40 years after the passage of this amendment it is still necessary to keep the issue in the front of educators and make others aware of all the matters covered by the amendment.

Among the many other advocacy issues of concern to AAUW are gender pay gap, school vouchers, immigration, and violence against women.

In order to keep members aware and up to date on the various issues we will periodically roll these topics into the Public Policy forums that Betty Bernstein facilitates monthly and through articles in *Bay Leaves*. Part of this awareness will be promoting the “Two Minute Activist” so our members can easily contact members of Congress to share their views on the various topics. Watch *Bay Leaves* for further updates on this topic.

Foreign Affairs/Great Decisions
Carol Way

The Foreign Policy Assoc. has announced the topics for 2016: Middle East, Rise of Isis, Future of Kurdistan, Migration, The Koreas, United Nations, Climate Change, and Cuba. Come join this lively group for interesting discussions. Books will be ordered in late October (about \$22). Our new year begins in February, but you may join the group at any time. See the Interest Section for dates and times.

Recipe

Annette Delaney

Cucumber and Watermelon Salad with Hoisin-Lemon Dressing

1 ½ large English cucumber, cut into ½ inch pieces, about 3 cups
3 C ½ inch cubed, seeded watermelon
3 ½ Tbsp. fresh lime juice
2 Tbsp. hoisin sauce
¼ C shredded, fresh cilantro
2 Tbsp. chopped, fresh mint
1/3 C coarsely chopped, dry roasted peanuts

Combine cucumbers and watermelon in medium bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 15 minutes and up to 4 hours. Drain; discard liquid.

Whisk lime juice and hoisin sauce in small bowl to blend. Pour dressing over cucumber-watermelon mixture and toss gently. Season salad to taste with pepper. Sprinkle salad with fresh cilantro, fresh mint & chopped peanuts.

Book Note

The Season of the Witch

By David Talbot

In *Season of the Witch*, David Talbot tells the fascinating story of San Francisco in the turbulent years between 1967 and 1982. The author's access to the leaders of the City makes this a top-down view of San Francisco and sometimes it isn't pretty. Among the people Talbot interviewed were Willie Brown, Art Agnos, Dianne Feinstein, and members of the Hearst, Hallinan and Alioto families.

Season of the Witch captures the essence of San Francisco's journey from the epicenter of the 60s cultural revolution to a time when it was rocked by murder sprees, terror campaigns, political assassinations, street riots and the epidemic of Aids in little more than 15 years. Talbot links the trauma of this period to the cultural period of today including universal health care a living wage.

Travel Log

Gayle Hardt

Have you ever wondered what was meant by the phrase "travel to the ends of the earth"? You can find out if you take a trip to Antarctica.

This adventure begins with a flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. There you board the ship that will take you across Drake's Passage, a 36 hour journey where you can experience a smooth, gentle crossing or one where the seas are so high they can make it impossible to walk on deck.

You will arrive at the Antarctic Peninsula the northern most region of the continent. This is a place of massive glaciers, pieces of ice bergs called "bergy bits" and adorable penguins who build their nests with pebbles. You'll see two types of penguins, Gentoo & Chinstrap. They mate for life and both parents help prepare the nest and care for the chicks. The mating call of the penguin is unique. Two males will "shout" at each other and display their wings as if dueling to attract a mate. Apparently, this is appealing to the females.

There are many other mammals and birds living around Antarctica: whales, dolphins, seals, Antarctic petrels and albatross. The birds don't actually live on the land, they merely nest and raise their young then leave as soon as the chicks are able to fly or swim away.

Antarctica is a stunning place like no other in the world. Because of global warming & the need to protect the environment, there may be little opportunity to visit this place as a tourist in the future. Their summer season is the only time tourists are allowed to come, from December through February. It's well worth the effort to get there if you have the opportunity.

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Five of us enjoyed a delicious dinner and charming atmosphere at the Burlingame restaurant, Stella Alpina in September. They had many options so we ordered either appetizers and salad or the full entree. We were all happy with our choices and decided the earlier dining time at 6 pm was preferable to 6:30. Next month we dine at La Laterna in San Mateo. All members and friends are invited; carpooling is available.

October 2015 Interest Sections

Elissa James, 650-579-2901

Boggle

Judy Steele,
Wed. Oct 21 at 1:00
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Book Discussion I

Elissa James,
Thurs. Oct 15, 10:00 am
Susan Cioni,
Interpreter of Maladies, by Jhumpa Lahiri

Book Discussion II

Julia Pitcher
Thurs, Oct 22, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm
Karlyn Schneider,
My Beloved Life, by Sonia Sotomayer

Book Discussion III (closed)

Sherrean Rundberg 572-1988
sherrberg@pacbell.net
Thurs Oct 15, 1:30- 3:30 pm
Pat Fuetsch, 1247 Rhus St, San Mateo 349-3402
The Boys in the Boat, by Daniel James Brown

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino,
Friday, Oct 23, 10:00 am
Jan Lamphier,
The Language of Flowers, by Venessa Diffenbaugh

Bridge

Elissa James
Monday, Oct 19, 12:00 Noon
Gerry Landers

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett
Tues. Oct 6, 10:30 - 12 noon
Maureen Buchner,
SF Landscapes Uncensored, Catherine Acarrdi

Dining Out

Jane Bradley
Wed Oct 21, 6:00 pm (Note new time)
La Laterna Ristorante,
Carpools available- Helen Hatchett

Drama Reading

Majorie Kobe
Wed. Oct 7, 9:00 am
Nancy Jalonen,

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber
Wed. Oct. 14, 6:30 pm
Contact Mary Faber for details

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney
Wed. Oct. 28, 11:30 am
La Bodeguita Del Medio, Cuban
463 California Ave, Palo Alto, 94306
RSVP to Annette by Oct 26

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Carol Way
Thurs. Oct 8, 10:30 - Noon
Diana McDonough, 376-3287
820 N Delaware
Topic: Africa

Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson
Mon. Oct. 12, McNee Ranch State Park
Mon. Oct. 26 Twin Peaks, San Francisco
To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett,
Thursday, October 8, 1:30 pm
Tuesday, October 27, 1:30 pm
For more info, contact Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner
widgeonmab@yahoo.com
Wednesday Oct 21, 1:00 pm - Coffee

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino
Friday Oct 9, 1:30
Specialty's Café & Bakery on Norfolk in San Mateo
Case Histories by Kate Atkinson

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein
Diane Silven
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10:30 am - 12 Noon
Subject: *Volunteerism*
Lyn Haithcox,

ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
Make a reservation now for the Tech Trek Brunch!

Sunday, October 18, 11:30 am – 1 pm

San Mateo Senior Center
2645 Alameda de las Pulgas

INVITE A NEW MEMBER and let us know if you need to carpool

Come and meet our 2015 Tech Trek students as they regale us with tales of their week at AAUW Science & Math Camp at Stanford University.

Meet our NCCWSL scholarship recipients and follow their trip to Washington, D.C.

The luncheon cost is \$16 per member

Checks must be received no later than October 9, 2015

The Senior Center will not permit any payments on the day of the event

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

We thank you for your generous support in enabling us to send these students to the Tech Trek program!

2015 Champagne Brunch Reservation

Name_____ Phone_____

Guest_____ Total # of people in your party_____

Prospective members are Free!

Please mail your check for \$16 payable to "AAUW San Mateo" to:
Maureen Buchner. Checks must be received by Oct. 9.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

San Carlos Branch (Redwood City, San Carlos, Belmont and South San Mateo County)
and San Mateo Branch (San Mateo, Burlingame, Foster City, and Hillsborough)

Present

Jennifer Reisch **Legal Director of Equal Rights Advocates**



Speaking on “Equal Rights, Equal Pay”

Jennifer Reisch has devoted her legal career to advocating for under-represented individuals and communities. As Legal Director of Equal Rights Advocates, she is responsible for managing litigation and other advocacy on behalf of women, girls, and working families.

Jennifer also teaches university courses, serves as co-chair of the California Employment Lawyers Association’s (CELA) Wage and Hour Committee and is a member of CELA’s Immigration Rights Committee. She has volunteered with the Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center’s Workers’ Rights Clinic, and is an active member of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association’s Diversity Committee. Jennifer is a dynamic speaker, don’t miss this opportunity to hear her talk about a subject important to all members of AAUW.

Saturday, October 3, 2015

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Redwood Shores Library

399 Marine Parkway, at Bridge in Redwood Shores (650-780-7018)

(Going south on 101, exit at Ralston/Marine Parkway. At the light, turn east and cross over 101, go past Oracle and turn left at the light at Bridge Parkway. The library is on the corner of Marine and Bridge. If traveling south on El Camino, turn left at Ralston and follow the directions after crossing over 101.)

No charge, open to the public - bring friends and spouses. Carpooling is encouraged.

The meeting space is provided as a community service by the City of Redwood City. The City neither sponsors nor endorses this event nor the presenting individual or organizations.

If you wish to RSVP – please call [650-477-2550](tel:650-477-2550) or email ramonaraybin@gmail.com

**Budget-FY
2015-2016**

	Prev. Budget	ACTUAL/Final	APPROVED
	FY 2014-15	Jul 14-Jun 15	Budget FY '16
INCOME			
Branch Membership Dues	\$ 3,205.00	\$ 3,496.00	\$ 3,255.00
NCCWSL Income	-	2,664.68	2,660.00
Tech Trek Income	-	1,045.00	750.00
Other Inc (Bayleaves mailing fees)	510.00	570.00	350.00
Interest Income	5.00	8.90	5.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 7,784.58	\$ 7,020.00
EXPENSES			
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Spring Fundraiser			
Spring Fundraiser Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,596.69	\$ 150.00
Spring Fundraiser Receipts	-	(1,539.00)	-
Spring Fundraiser (Net (Inc)/Exp)	150.00	57.69	150.00
Tech Trek Brunch			
Tech Trek Expenses	-	405.01	250.00
Tech Trek Income	-	(465.00)	
Tech Trek Brunch (Net (Inc)/Exp)		(59.99)	250.00
Hospitality Committee	250.00	85.18	250.00
Membership Recruiting Expenses	250.00	-	250.00
Membership Treasurer	200.00	261.53	250.00
NCCWSL Expenses	-	1,860.00	3,000.00
Program Meetings			
January Meeting	125.00	75.00	100.00
Joint meetings (w/ San Carlos Br.)	-	-	150.00
Holiday Party/Other Meetings	275.00	-	
50-yr Member Tea	-		100.00
Scholarship Meeting	100.00	93.30	100.00
Total Program Meetings	500.00	168.30	450.00
Total Committee Expenses	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,372.71	\$ 4,600.00
CONVENTION EXPENSES	300.00	366.00	600.00
OTHER EXPENSES			
EF Assessment	85.00	60.00	85.00
Internet Website	120.00	119.88	120.00
Liability Insurance	675.00	680.58	680.00
Memorials	125.00	175.00	125.00
Miscellaneous	130.00	119.28	130.00
Office Expenses	420.00	144.47	400.00
Vocabulary Class at WCCF	500.00	-	500.00
Total Other Expenses	2,055.00	1,299.21	2,040.00
PUBLICATION EXPENSES			
Newsletter	360.00	373.79	300.00
Postage	225.00	312.77	225.00
Yearbook	275.00	235.93	300.00
Total Publication Expenses	860.00	922.49	825.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,565.00	4,960.41	8,065.00
NET INCOME	\$ (845.00)	\$ 2,824.17	\$ (1,045.00)

American Association of University Women
P.O. Box 1465
San Mateo, CA 94401-0816

AAUW advances 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.

October 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Legal Advocacy w/ San Carlos Branch
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25	26 Hiking	27 Mah Jongg	28 Ethnic Lunch	29	30	31