



# BAY LEAVES

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## Presidents' Message

**Annette Delaney and Ramona Raybin**

We doubt there is any need to remind you that in less than 6 weeks we will elect a new President. By now we imagine you are as tired as we are of 24/7 endless speculation, lies and accusations by both major parties. But no matter how discouraged you or your friends and family are by the circus that this election has become, we all must VOTE. We recently learned that 42% of those ages 18-30 are not even registered to vote. This is the generation that will likely be most impacted by whoever becomes our next President. So what's an AAUW member to do? Encourage everyone you know to cast their ballot. If they need help to register or to get to the polls, please take the time to provide the assistance they need. You will be glad you did.

### Meeting Reminder

California State Ballot Measures Pros & Cons

Members of the North and Central San Mateo County League of Women Voters will present the Pros and Cons of the 17 California State Ballot Measures on Monday, September 26, beginning at 6:30 pm.

We will begin with the Propositions of more interest to the members:

- 51 Education facilities bond;
- 55 Extended education and health care taxes;
- 52 Medi-Cal hospital funding fee;
- 53 Public vote on bond measures;
- 54 Legislation published 72 hours prior to vote;
- 58 Repeal of "English in Public Schools" Act;
- 62 Repeal of the death penalty;
- 66 Changes in death penalty procedures;
- 57 Changes in criminal sentencing & juvenile trials;
- 59 Advisory question regarding campaign finances;
- 63 Firearms and ammunition sales;
- 61 State prescription drug purchases;
- 67 Statewide ban on plastic bags;

We will continue with the remaining propositions as time permits. This program is open to the public.

### Upcoming Branch Events Please mark your calendars!

- Sept 26 State Ballot Measures Pros & Cons  
SMCCD Board Room SM, 6:30 pm
- Oct 1 *What Parents & Grandparents Need to Know about College Admissions*  
Speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Stone  
Redwood Shores Library, 2-4 pm
- Oct 16 Tech Trek/NCCWSL Scholarship  
Celebration Brunch  
San Mateo Senior Center, 11:30 am
- 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



Trying to help your child or grandchild with college? Come join us to hear *What Parents and Grandparents Need to Know About College Admissions* from guest speaker Dr. Elizabeth Stone.

This presentation will cover strategies and tips for parents and grandparents who want to provide both the emotional and financial support to students apply to college.

Dr. Stone has guided hundreds of high school students, along with their parents and grandparents, through the college admission process. She began her career as Research Psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry at UCSF after earning a PhD in special education from UC Berkeley. Dr. Stone is now Executive Director and CEO of Campanile College Counseling and its partner programs in San Mateo.

## NCCWSL-Summer 2016

--Article by Lesley Danzinger, AAUW CA

The National College Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCSWL) at the University of Maryland (June 1-4, 2016) was attended by 900 students--35 from California. At NCCWSL students experience first hand the support that our unique organization provides for university and community college women. They return as part of the AAUW family, with a new national and international network of women leaders and friends and the resources and confidence to be leaders for positive change on their campuses and in their communities.

Three women from the San Mateo County Community College District attended NCCWSL: Benita Kayembe, Cañada; Lesley Bode, Skyline; and Patricia Anne Mahubay, Skyline. Benita was quoted in the Fall 2016, California Perspective issue. "Before NCCWSL 2016, never have I seen so many women getting together, working together, and loving each other. The most amazing part of it all was seeing how different we all were, yet beautiful and strong in our own ways."

We're very proud of these women and invite you to meet them and hear about their experiences at the Tech Trek/NCCWSL Celebration Brunch on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, at the San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, 94403 at 11:30 am. Please see the flyer in the Bayleaves to make your reservations.

### Tech Trek

--Maureen Buchner

2016 Tech Trek was a resounding success! San Mateo Branch sent 8 girls to camp again this year. They all sent notes to our branch thanking us for the great week at Stanford. I have excerpted portions of their letters for you to read. I look forward to seeing them on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. Come and meet them, ask them questions, keep the Tech Trek legacy alive.

You may notice that we had 4 girls from Abbott: 2 were alternates who took the places of others who had to move in June. How lucky can you get?

Natalie Figueroa (Bayside) First of all, I would like to say thank you for this amazing opportunity. I really enjoyed meeting a lot of girls who share the same interests as me...My favorite part was getting to meet many women who have gotten big careers, and I know that if I want an education, I have to work very hard....

Eva Montgomery (Abbott) Thank you for providing me with experiences I will never forget. Being at Tech Trek Camp has reminded me that being smart isn't a bad thing, it's a PLUS! I have learned so much...I have

also made many new friends. Now I know that you care about education as much as I do. Go Math and Science!

Jolaiya Aldridge (Borel) I appreciate your giving me the opportunity to prove myself as a leader, as well as someone people can talk to...Math can be so much more than 7X8, or 9X11. Puzzles or even games, bringing you close to insanity... I have learned many new things about myself and my own thinking through this camp. I am a new girl. Jolaiya Aldridge, Tech Trek Girl.

Deepti Bhat (Bowditch) Because of you, many girls from San Mateo, including me, can dream big about our careers in the future. I had countless unforgettable experiences at camp: structures class, stargazing night, Pixar and Professional Women's Night...various careers I had never thought of...I will take what I learned and use it throughout middle school, high school and college.

Allison Rulli (Abbott) We did so many fascinating things this week. I absolutely loved my core class, Forensics. I had my heart set on being an astrophysicist, but every night we would do an activity and I would think "how cool would it be to have this job!" It was really important to me and showed me that women can do absolutely anything.

Nicole Masarova (Bowditch) I could never thank you enough for this amazing scholarship. My core class was App Inventor and my field trip was to a software company called VMware... Chemistry, stargazing, and the Pixar presentation were really cool and fun. Thank you for these chances to make the world a better place.

Mae Montgomery (Abbott) My favorite activity was Professional Women's Night. All of the ladies there helped guide me to what I might do in the future. Especially Julie Lewis (Digital Mountain), who talked about computer forensics. Thank you for all your hard work to send me to Stanford. I've grown so much in only 1 week!

Caitlin Regan (Abbott) The Professional Women's Night had an enormous impact on me...I loved Alyssa Sakkas (Lockheed Martin), who went outside of her comfort zone and became a computer scientist. At the trip to VMware, Jerri-Ann Meyer told me in order to be successful in a career, you need to work hard and be passionate about what you're doing...I am going to follow my dreams, never give up, no matter what.

# ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

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

Sunday, October 16, 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 2016 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 \$17 per member

Checks must be received no later than October 10, 2016

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 and NCCWSL!**

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2016 Champagne Brunch Reservation

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of people in your party \_\_\_\_\_

**Prospective members are Free!**

Please mail your check for \$17 payable to "AAUW San Mateo" to: Maureen Buchner,  
Checks must be received by Oct. 10.

## **October 2016 Interest Sections**

**Elissa James,**

### **Boggle**

Judy Steele,  
Wed. Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm  
Host: Judy Steele

### **Book Discussion I**

Elissa James,  
Thurs. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00  
Susan Cioni,  
Nora Webster Colm Toibin

### **Book Discussion II**

Judy Podesta,  
Thurs. Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon  
Julia Pitcher  
*The Luncheon of the Boating Party, S. Vreeland*

### **Book Discussion III (closed)**

Sherrean Rundberg  
Thurs. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30  
Mary Ann Saffold,  
*Children's Act, by Ian McEwan*

### **Book Discussion IV**

Mikki Coffino  
Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
Jan Lamphier,  
*My Brilliant Friend, by Elena Ferrante*

### **Bridge**

Elissa James  
Monday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm  
Sherrean Rundberg,

### **California Fact & Legend**

Bobbi Benson,  
Tues Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30  
Speaker, Michael Svanevik,  
*Adeline-A Woman of Uncommon Distinction*  
Host & Contact: Julie Hitchcock

### **Dining Out**

Jane Bradley  
Wed, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Stella Alpina Osteria, 401 Primrose Rd Burlingame  
RSVP: Helen Hatchett  
Carpools available-call Helen Hatchett

### **Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe  
Wed. Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm  
Nancy Jalolen,

### **Ethnic Dining**

Wed. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

### **Ethnic Lunch**

Annette Delaney  
Wed, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am  
Rangoon Ruby's Burmese, 680 Laurel St SC  
If attending RSVP to Annette by Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

### **First Monday Movie Matinee**

Mary Ann McKay,  
Mon. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Time & Movie TBD  
Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

### **Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions**

Margo King,  
Thurs. Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am  
Host: Margo King,  
Topic: *Korean Choices*

### **Hiking** Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

### **Only One Hike In October**

Mon. Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, Land's End, SF  
To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### **Mah Jongg**

Helen Hatchett,  
Wed, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm  
Tues, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 **NOTE NEW LOCATION**  
Host: Mikki Coffino,  
*River of Darkness, by Rennie Airth*

### **Public Policy/Current Events**

Betty Bernstein  
Diane Silven  
Tues, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)  
Informal discussion of Nov CA Ballot Measures  
Host: Lyn Haithcox

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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.*

**October 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Meeting Redwood Shores Library
2	3 Monday Matinee	4 CA Fact & Legend	5 Drama Reading	6 AAUW Board Meeting	7	8
9	10	11 Public Policy	12 Ethnic Dining Mah Jongg	13 Foreign Affairs	14 Mystery Book Group	15
16 Tech Trek Brunch, Senior Center	17 Bridge	18	19 Boggle Dining Out	20 Book I Book III	21	22
23	24 Hiking	25 Mah Jongg	26 Ethnic Lunch	27 Book II	28 Book IV	29
30	31					