



# BAY LEAVES

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## Presidents' Message

Annette Delaney and Ramona Raybin

On the calendar, Fall is around the corner! For those of us who live in the Bay Area, it means we will begin our summer-warm, sunny days at least through October. It also means gearing up for AAUW activities and programs, now that the whirl of summer travels and family visits have been completed.

Following the Spring election, the new Board sat down and began planning for this new AAUW year. Always with the goal of advancing AAUW's mission, we put together a schedule of events, programs and other activities for our Branch for the coming AAUW year 2016-2017. We hope as you look over this calendar you will find many activities that will interest you and perhaps you may find some that you wish to contribute your time to supporting, helping or expanding. Please take a moment now to jot down on your personal calendars the events or activities that interest you so you don't forget and miss them.

As always, if you are interested in attending an event but need a ride, just contact either of us and we will arrange for you to be picked up.

## Upcoming Branch Events

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

## 2016 San Mateo Branch Scholarship Reception



Four of the Six recipients of the Ethel Gayman and Kathleen A. Smith Scholarships

The 2016 AAUW-San Mateo Branch Scholarship Reception was held at the SMCCCD Office at the College of San Mateo on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Six well-deserving women were recipients of the Ethel Gayman and Kathleen A. Smith Scholarships.

### The Ethel Gayman Endowment Scholarships:

In 1991, Ethel Gayman, a long-time member of AAUW-San Mateo, left a bequest to the branch. This bequest was designated to provide funding for yearly scholarships to students from the three San Mateo County Community Colleges who continue their education at a four-year accredited college or university. Eligible applicants must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average, demonstrate financial need and be enrolled at their chosen university during the subsequent fall term. Each of this year's five scholarships is \$3,000.

### The Kathleen A. Smith Memorial Scholarship:

In 2012, Kay Smith, another long-time member of AAUW-San Mateo, bequeathed \$50,000 to the branch. The board of directors voted to establish the Kathleen A. Smith Memorial Scholarship. The criteria for the scholarship are the same as those of the Ethel Gayman Endowment; and each year for ten years, one \$5,000 scholarship is awarded.

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## Scholarship Reception -continued from page 1

### The 2016 Ethel Gayman Scholarship Recipients:

**Leslie Castillo-Ortiz** (Skyline) is a first generation college student who held a full-time job plus working part-time on week-ends while attending community college full time. She has been on the Dean's list and awarded membership in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She will be majoring in Kinesiology, with the goal of working in health care.

**Ingrid Shalom Diaz** (Skyline) grew up in Costa Rica. She is now a resident of the Bay Area, and a single parent of two children. Ingrid will be majoring in business, with the goal of working in public service. She has earned membership in three honor societies, one of which is international.

**Vitoria Araujo Goncalves** (Skyline) has a 4.0 GPA in the Honors Transfer Program and earned membership in two honor societies while working. She served two terms as a senator in Associated Students' Government. Vitoria has been accepted at UC Berkeley and will be majoring in business.

**Rawshan Omar** (Cañada) was born and raised in Northern Iraq and came to the United States for a better life and education. She is married, and has a young child. Rawshan is on the Dean's List, and a member of the STEM Center and Pre-health Society. She completed a six-month internship at the Sharp Grossmont Hospital Pharmacy in San Diego. Her long-term goal is to become a pharmacist.

**Yijia Ren** (Skyline) emigrated, from Shanghai in 2014. She has a 4.0 GPA in the Honors Transfer Program, majoring in economics and mathematics. She earned the Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) award, as well as membership in two honor societies. Yijia works part-time to support herself and help her family. Her volunteer activities include tutoring at Thomas Edison Elementary School and as the Honors Transfer Club's finance officer.

### The 2016 Kathleen A. Smith Scholarship Recipient:

**Caitlin Horn** (Cañada) is one of five children and works thirty hours a week to pay for her college education. She has been on the Dean's List every semester, received the History Department's 2015 Academic Achievement Award and membership in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Caitlin enjoys tutoring her peers in English and History. Her goal

is to pursue a single subject teaching credential in social science and become a high school history teacher.

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee: Co-Chairs Judy Laird & Billie Lou Sands, and committee Jane Bradley, Pat Fuetsch, Gerhild Klein, Kathy Wiblin, and Judy Winkelstein for their hard work in selecting these talented women.

## Membership

Maureen Buchner and Kathy Wiblin

Branch Membership: August 10, 2016 -146

50-year Members: 21

Congratulations to our 2 newest 50-year members: Rosemary Faberstein and Thelma Kromhout.

Thank You to the following branch members for their donations with their dues to AAUW Funds, LAF, Tech Trek and NCCWSL:

Bobbi Benson, Susan Blake, Jane Bradley, Ida Braun, Maureen & Steve Buchner, Marilyn Canon, Kay Colman, Betty Drisko, Joanne Eigenbrod, Sue Gill, Joan Grant, Pat Griffin, Gayle Hardt, Nancy Jalonen, Elissa James, Margo King, Maggie Kobe, Marcia Leonhardt, Melly Metcalf, Barbara Otter, Cynthia Robbins-Roth, Shirley Roberson, Sherrean Rundberg, Billie L. Sands, Barbara Schotzko, Florette Schwartz, and Pearl Symonds.

Total Donations: **\$2,428.00**

Welcome to New Branch Member:

Ruth Ciranni

Ruth Ciranni moved to San Mateo in 1970 and has lived in the same home ever since. Ruth graduated from the U of Nebraska with a BA in education. While at Nebraska she also played with the *Cornhusker* Band. She later received her MA from San Francisco State. Ruth taught in SSF then married and became a stay-at-home mom for several years after which she returned to teaching in the San Mateo Union High Schools. She ultimately retired from the faculty of Aragon High School. Ruth loves to travel, read, write poetry, and creating children's stories for her family. She has two adult children and two adorable granddaughters. Ruth enjoys volunteering for P.E.O. and at her church. Ruth looks forward to attending movies with AAUW 1<sup>st</sup> Monday group.

## In Memoriam

Marian Munroe, one of our 50-year members, passed away on April 25, 2016 in Portola Valley. She was 93 years old. Marian lived with her husband, Hugh, and their children in San Mateo for 46 years and enjoyed her activities with the San Mateo Branch while she lived here. Her family gave a donation to Tech Trek in her name.

## Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

### Exposing the Evildoers by Sue Lempert

We are fortunate to have Sue Lempert, former mayor of San Mateo and currently weekly columnist in *The Daily Journal*, as our guest speaker for our Public Policy discussion group on Tuesday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at the Home of Diane Silven.

In a recent column entitled "Exposing the Evildoers" Sue recounted examples of dark money, pervading the political system, and instances where money has poured in to fight efforts to improve the environment, health care and other national issues. She does this by reviewing three recent books focusing on the subjects. The meeting which is open to AAUW members, family and friends is especially appropriate as we approach this fall's very important election.

## California State November 2016 Ballot Measures Pros & Cons

AAUW San Mateo Branch will hold a Pros & Cons Presentation on the November 2016 state ballot measures at the San Mateo County Community College District Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr. San Mateo, CA 94403 on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.

*Pros & Cons* is an impartial presentation of the ballot measures with a description of the measures and the arguments for and against them. The public is welcome to attend this event. We encourage AAUW members to invite their family and friends.

There are numerous ways a Ballot Measure can be placed on a ballot. The most common form is the *Citizen Initiated* ballot measure where groups collect signatures and once those signatures are collected, election officials place the measure on the ballot for a vote.

There are also *Legislative Initiated* ballot measures where the State Legislation refers them to the ballot so citizens may vote upon them. Each type of initiative may change the state constitution, become a state statute or both.

Propositions 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, & 66 are all *Citizen Initiated* ballot measures. Proposition 58 is a *Legislative Initiated* ballot measure.

Laws already enacted by the State Legislature may be vetoed by the citizens through *referendums*. Veto referendums are placed on a ballot when citizens collect enough signatures to challenge the law. Proposition 67 is a veto referendum.

An *Advisory Question* is a type of ballot measure in which citizens vote on a non-binding question. The advisory question lets the Legislation know the opinion of the citizens in regard to an issue. Proposition 59 is an advisory question.

There are 17 state ballot measures on the November ballot. Included in this issue of the *Bayleaves* is a list of all of the 17 ballot measures plus a brief description of them. We encourage you to review this before the Pros & Cons presentation.

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## Play Time!

Mary Ann McKay is putting together a group to see the new ACT play "A Thousand Splendid Suns" based on the Khaled Hosseini novel. The date is Wednesday, February 22, 2017. There will be an ACT talk after the play. We already have enough people attending to qualify for the group price of \$40 (\$61.50 normally) in the Mezzanine. We may do lunch before or dinner after and will car pool and/or take BART or Caltrain. Please contact Mary Ann right away if interested (and not previously signed up) at [maedchris@aol.com](mailto:maedchris@aol.com). Tickets are going fast!

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This is a new year for the Bayleaves and we hope you will all contribute to its production. Please submit any information about your interest groups or other events you would like our membership to know about. We encourage you to take pictures of your activities so we can let our membership know how much fun we have participating in AAUW. We would also like to hear about accomplishments of the San Mateo Branch members. We want you to brag about yourself and each other! Please let us know how you are contributing to our community.

## Ballot Measures on the November 2016 Ballot

--Proposition 51, **California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative** provides for funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities.

--Proposition 52, **California Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Initiative**, ensuring that Medi-Cal fees would be directed to children's health services, Medi-Cal health care, and uninsured patient care.

--Proposition 53, **California Public Vote on Bonds**, requiring voter approval before the state could issue more than \$2 billion in public infrastructure bonds that would require an increase in taxes or fees for repayment.

--Proposition 54, **California Legislature Transparency Act** requires that every bill is published in print and online at least 72 hours prior to the legislative vote, that the legislature make audiovisual recordings of its proceedings and publish the recordings online, and allow any individual to record any open legislative proceedings either through audio or visual means and use these recordings without paying for such use.

--Proposition 55, **California Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare** would extend the temporary personal income tax increases approved in 2012 on incomes over \$250,000 for 12 years to be used for education and healthcare funding.

--Proposition 56, **California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Amendment** increases cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and E-cigarettes.

--Proposition 57, **California Parole and Juvenile Trial Opportunity Modification** would increase parole chances for felons convicted of non-violent crimes and give them more opportunities to earn credits for good behavior. It would also allow judges, not prosecutors, to decide whether to try certain juveniles as adults in court.

--Proposition 58, **California Multilingual Education Act** repeals most of the 1998 Prop 227, the "English in Public Schools" Initiative, allowing non-English languages to be used in public educational instruction.

--Proposition 59, **California Overturn of Citizens United Act Advisory Question asks**: "Shall California's elected officials use all of their constitutional authority, including, proposing and ratifying one or more amendments to the United States Constitution, to overturn *Citizens United v. F E C* (2010) 558 U.S. 310, and other applicable judicial precedents, to allow the full regulation or limitation of campaign contributions and spending."

--Proposition 60, **Condoms in Pornographic Films** requires performers in adult films to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse.

--Proposition 61, **California Drug Price Relief Act** regulates drug prices by requiring state agencies to pay the same prices as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) pays for prescription drugs.

--Proposition 62, **California Death Penalty Repeal** repeals the death penalty as maximum punishment for persons found guilty of murder and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole.

--Proposition 63, **California "Safety for All" Gun Control** prohibits the possession of large capacity ammunition magazines and would require most individuals to pass a background check and obtain authorization from the Department of Justice to purchase ammunition.

--Proposition 64, **California Marijuana Legalization** legalizes marijuana and hemp under state law and enacts certain sales and cultivation taxes.

--Proposition 65, **California Carry-Out Bag Revenue** redirects money collected from the sale of carry-out bags by grocery or other retail stores to a special fund administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

--Proposition 66, **California Death Penalty Procedure Regulation** changes procedures governing state court appeals and petitions challenging death penalty convictions and sentences and would make other voter approved measures related to death penalty null and void if this measure receives more affirmative votes.

--Proposition 67, **California Plastic Bag Ban Referendum** upholds or ratifies the contested legislation banning plastic bags that was enacted by the California State Legislature under the name Senate Bill 270.

## **September 2016 Interest Sections** **Elissa James, 650-579-2901**

### **Boggle**

Judy Steele,  
Wed. Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00  
Host: Judy Steele

### **Book Discussion I**

Elissa James  
No Meeting in September

### **Book Discussion II**

Judy Podesta,  
Thurs. Sept 22<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon  
Judy Podesta,  
*Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo

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

Sherrean Rundberg  
Thurs. Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30  
Mary Ann McKay,  
*Deep South*, by Paul Theroux

### **Book Discussion IV**

Mikki Coffino 341-2428 mikkicof@att.net  
Friday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Fran Gillen  
*White Fire*, by D. Preston & L. Child

### **Bridge**

Elissa James  
Monday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm  
Marge Denni

### **California Fact & Legend**

Bobbi Benson  
Tues Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30  
Speaker, David Ainsworth, *SS Jeremiah O'Brien*  
Host: Bobbi Benson,

### **Dining Out**

Jane Bradley  
Wed, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 pm  
Vespucci Ristorante 147 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SM  
RSVP to Jane Bradley,  
Carpools available-call Helen Hatchett

### **Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe  
No Meeting in September

### **Ethnic Dining**

Mary Faber  
Wed. Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm  
Call or email Mary for more information

### **Ethnic Lunch**

Annette Delaney  
Wed, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am  
Kabul Afghan, 135 El Camino San Carlos  
If attending RSVP to Annette by Sept 26

### **First Monday Movie Matinee**

Mary Ann McKay  
No Meeting in September-Happy Labor Day  
Email Mary Ann McKay to get on email list

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

Christine Elgin  
Thurs. Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am  
Host: Norma Tarrow  
Topic: *Climate Geopolitics: Road to Paris & Beyond*

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

Bobbi Benson  
Mon. Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, Public Owned Public Open Spaces  
Walk #3 San Francisco  
Mon. Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Stairway Walk St. Francis Woods  
To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### **Mah Jongg**

Helen Hatchett,  
Wed, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm  
Tues, Sept 27<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 Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30  
Specialty's Café & Bakery on Norfolk in SM  
*Believing the Lie*, Elizabeth George

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

Betty Bernstein  
Diane Silven  
Tues, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)  
Sue Lempert, *Dark Money in Politics*  
Host: Diane Silven

**AAUW/San Mateo**

|                                     | <b>Budget</b>      | <b>ACTUAL</b>        | <b>APPROVED</b>       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                     | <b>FY 2015-16</b>  | <b>Jul 15-Jun 16</b> | <b>Budget 2016-17</b> |
| <b>INCOME</b>                       |                    |                      |                       |
| Branch Membership Dues              | \$ 3,255.00        | \$ 3,455.19          | \$ 3,360.00           |
| NCCWSL Income                       | -                  | 2,499.00             | -                     |
| Tech Trek Income                    | -                  | 195.00               | -                     |
| Other Inc (Bayleaves mailing fees ) | 350.00             | 330.00               | 350.00                |
| Interest Income                     | 5.00               | 10.26                | 5.00                  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                 | <b>\$ 3,610.00</b> | <b>\$ 6,489.45</b>   | <b>\$ 3,715.00</b>    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                     |                    |                      |                       |
| <b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>           |                    |                      |                       |
| Membership Recruiting Exp.          | \$ 100.00          | \$ 65.55             | \$ 100.00             |
| NCCWSL Sponsorships                 | 250.00             | 3,426.60             | 250.00                |
| Spring Fundraiser                   |                    |                      |                       |
| Spring Fundraiser Expenses          | 150.00             | 551.00               | 150.00                |
| Spring Fundraiser Receipts          | -                  | (551.00)             | -                     |
| Spring Fundraiser (Net (Inc)/Exp)   | 150.00             | -                    | 150.00                |
| Hospitality Committee               | 250.00             |                      | 100.00                |
|                                     |                    | 21.69                |                       |
| Tech Trek Brunch                    |                    |                      |                       |
| Tech Trek Expenses                  | 150.00             | 522.01               | 125.00                |
| Tech Trek Income                    | -                  |                      | -                     |
| Tech Trek Brunch (Net (Inc)/Exp)    | 150.00             | (516.00)             | 125.00                |
|                                     |                    | 6.01                 |                       |
| Tech Trek - Local Camp Exp          | 150.00             | 159.48               | 150.00                |
| Membership Treasurer                | 250.00             | 168.79               | 175.00                |
| Programs                            |                    |                      |                       |
| January                             | 100.00             | 142.84               | -                     |
| Other meetings                      | 200.00             | 339.71               | 350.00                |
| Total Programs                      | 300.00             | 482.55               | 350.00                |
| Scholarship                         | 100.00             |                      | 100.00                |
|                                     |                    | -                    |                       |
| <b>Total Committee Expenses</b>     | <b>\$ 1,700.00</b> | <b>\$ 4,330.67</b>   | <b>\$ 1,500.00</b>    |

|                                   |                      |                    |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>CONVENTION EXPENSES</b>        | <b>600.00</b>        |                    | <b>600.00</b>        |
| <b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>             |                      |                    |                      |
| EF Assessment                     |                      |                    | <b>85.00</b>         |
|                                   | <b>85.00</b>         | <b>60.00</b>       |                      |
| Internet Website                  | <b>120.00</b>        | <b>119.88</b>      | <b>120.00</b>        |
| Liability Insurance               | <b>680.00</b>        | <b>573.07</b>      | <b>600.00</b>        |
| Memorials                         | <b>125.00</b>        | <b>50.00</b>       | <b>75.00</b>         |
| Miscellaneous                     | <b>130.00</b>        | <b>68.00</b>       | <b>130.00</b>        |
| Office Expenses                   | <b>400.00</b>        | <b>135.65</b>      | <b>200.00</b>        |
| Vocabulary Class at WCCF          | <b>500.00</b>        | <b>-</b>           | <b>500.00</b>        |
| <b>Total Other Expenses</b>       | <b>2,040.00</b>      | <b>1,006.60</b>    | <b>1,710.00</b>      |
| <b>PUBLICATION EXPENSES</b>       |                      |                    |                      |
| Newsletter                        | <b>300.00</b>        | <b>313.46</b>      | <b>300.00</b>        |
| Postage                           | <b>225.00</b>        | <b>448.20</b>      | <b>375.00</b>        |
| Yearbook                          | <b>300.00</b>        | <b>301.15</b>      | <b>325.00</b>        |
| <b>Total Publication Expenses</b> | <b>825.00</b>        | <b>1,062.81</b>    | <b>1,000.00</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>             | <b>\$ 5,165.00</b>   | <b>\$ 6,400.08</b> | <b>\$ 4,810.00</b>   |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                 | <b>\$ (1,555.00)</b> | <b>\$ 89.37</b>    | <b>\$ (1,095.00)</b> |

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF June 30, 2016: \$19,061.32**

**TOTAL ENDOWMENT ACCT BALANCES AS OF June 30, 2016: \$ 365,992.99**

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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.*

### September 2016

| Sunday | Monday                   | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                     | Thursday                | Friday            | Saturday |
|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
|        |                          |                                   |                               | 1<br>AAUW Board Meeting | 2                 | 3        |
| 4      | 5<br>Labor Day           | 6<br>CA Fact & Legend             | 7                             | 8<br>Foreign Affairs    | 9<br>Mystery Book | 10       |
| 11     | 12<br>Hiking             | 13<br>Public Policy (Date Change) | 14<br>Mah Jongg Ethnic Dining | 15<br>Book III          | 16<br>Book IV     | 17       |
| 18     | 19<br>Bridge             | 20                                | 21<br>Boggle Dining Out       | 22<br>Book II           | 23                | 24       |
| 25     | 26<br>Hiking Pros & Cons | 27<br>Mah Jongg                   | 28<br>Ethnic Lunch            | 29                      | 30                |          |