

BAY LEAVES



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gayle Hardt & Helen Hatchett

The Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of officers for 2014-2015:

Co-Presidents: Gayle Hardt

Margo King

Financial Officer: Judy Steele

Corresponding Secretary: Marty Moga

VP Programs: Betty Bernstein

Membership VP's: Maureen Buchner

Anne Horgan

VP AAUW Funds: Elissa James

A vote by the general membership will take place at the Spring Fundraiser on April 28th. More nominations to the slate may be made at that time, but you must have the nominee's permission to do so. While we have nominees for the elected positions, we could use help in other areas. We are looking for someone to help our Membership Treasurer, Carol Way. Carol sends out dues envelopes, keeps track of membership income, maintains membership lists and coordinates with State and National Membership. We would also like to set up a Hospitality Committee to assist with branch programs. Please offer your valuable time in serving your branch. An organization can only stay viable if members participate! Contact Helen Hatchett if interested in finding out more or to offer your assistance.

In an attempt to make the branch directory as accurate as possible, please take a moment to review your personal information. If you have moved, or changed your phone or e-mail address, please let us know. Also, please check your listing in the 2013-2014 directory to make certain that all the information is correct. If you have any changes, you may e-mail them to Carol Way. She would like to have all corrections no later than June 1st. Thank you for helping us make the information in the directory as error free as possible.

APRIL 28TH SPRING FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON REMINDER

Please don't forget to send in your check for the upcoming luncheon on April 28th. It should be written to "AAUW Branch San Mateo" in the amount of \$47.00, and the reservation deadline is Monday, April 14th. The mail-in form is the yellow insert inside this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elissa James.

You will not want to miss our terrific speaker, Shirley Lamarr!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 5 - 10:30 AM

Coffee with Jackie Speier

The Chetcuti Room

450 Poplar Ave., Millbrae

Monday, April 28 - Annual Spring Luncheon

11:00 AM - Socializing

11:45 AM - Lunch

Crystal Springs Golf Course

6650 Golf Course Drive

Burlingame

Saturday, May 31 - Scholarship Reception

1:30 - 3:00 PM

SMCCCD Administration Bldg.

3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Carol Way

Membership as of 3/01/2014: 173

Corrections and Changes:

New member last month is **Teresa Walker**

Email:

New address: Gwyn Menzies

Welcome to New Branch Member:

Nithila Dozier

Nithila came to the Bay Area from Sri Lanka to attend college. Since graduating from SFSU with a B.S. in microbiology, she has been working in the field of biotechnology. She has two daughters, the eldest of whom was chosen by our branch to attend Tech Trek last year. Besides working full time, she volunteers at her children's school to help tutor kids who are struggling in math. She is impressed with the work that AAUW is doing to help girls become interested in Science and Technology and wanted to join the organization.

Newsletter to be Emailed in 2014-2015

The Board of Directors has decided that the Bay Leaves will be sent to our members by email. The vast majority of our members have access to email, and our branch is one of the last to distribute the newsletter by mail. The reasons for this decision are the increasing printing and mailing costs and the fact that branches only receive \$20.00 of each member's dues. **In order to accommodate those who do not have email or choose to receive the Bay Leaves by mail, please include an additional \$10.00 in your dues envelope to cover the cost of the mailing for the following year.** Thank you for your understanding. Should you have any questions, please contact either Gayle or Helen, our Co-Presidents.

TECH TREK

Maureen Buchner

Our founder, Marie Wolbach, was awarded a Jefferson Award by KPIX for 2014. This is great news and a credit to her hard work through AAUW. Tech Trek started out so simply, an experiment to see if girls could be exposed to science and math before being socialized away from STEM careers. Surveys of former campers show 96% going to college and 56% studying STEM subjects.

Interviews are under way, and we will choose our 8 scholarship recipients by the end of March. Thanks to committee members Anne Horgan, Carol Way, Marilyn Cannon, and Maureen Buchner.

Our camp is called Camp Grace Hopper. Checks are forwarded to the Camp Hopper Treasurer who organizes the camp finances and then submits the branch deposits to the Special Projects Fund (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization). That is why there is a delay before your checks are cashed! Donations should be written to AAUW CA SPF and sent to Maureen Buchner.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS

The branch will be offering a scholarship to a woman from CSM to head off to Washington, D.C, to meet other dedicated college women who are, or want to be, student leaders. These young women are our leaders and AAUW members of the future. Since the conference is in early June, this will be awarded in early April.

Scholarships to attend this conference are also given by National through AAUW Funds, but do not apply for our local award. That is why our branch has set up a NCCWSL scholarship fund for sending a woman from the College of San Mateo. We hope this will become an annual scholarship funded by our branch for a local student from our college partner. See the information at nccwsl.org.

PROGRAMS

Betty Bernstein

Melodie Lew Describes Her Efforts to Help Impoverished Youngsters in Rural Nepal

In a presentation that featured spectacular scenery and moving photographs of the people of Nepal, Melodie Lew related a very human story of what life is like for the children of that remote nation that sits between India and China in the Himalayan Mountains and their lovely valleys.

After falling in love with the country and its people on her first visit back in 2007, Melodie decided to do what she could to help the poor children in one village where she found no access to books in their school. She located appropriate books and shelving in Katmandu and then subsequently did the same for another village school creating very well-received libraries in both schools. She also raised enough money to purchase several computers and solar panels to insure that they could be operated, since electricity is only available three to four hours a day in that part of Nepal.

Melodie plans another visit in 2015 when she hopes to bring another supply of books, computers and other items that will help the children. Anyone who was inspired by her talk or who would like to support her efforts can send a check to her. Checks are tax deductible if they are made payable to Lantern Project #133 (lanternprojects.org) which will turn the money over to Melodie for use on behalf of the children.

SECTION NEWS

NEW – MAH JONGG

Any Mah Jongg players out there???? We have started a new Mah Jongg interest section which meets on the second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. While there are many varieties of Mah Jongg, we are playing a simplified version of Chinese Mah Jongg. If you have played before or are just interested in learning, we would love to have you join us. If you could just come once a month, that would be fine. For more information, contact Helen Hatchett.

MEMBERSHIP

Each month, membership hosts a wine & cheese meet-and-greet for new members and prospective members to learn more about AAUW and the San Mateo branch. Thanks to those of you who have invited and accompanied prospective members. Keep up the good work, we are having fun and meeting wonderful new members. This takes place on the 3rd Monday of every month at 5:30 PM. You are always welcome to bring a prospective member. Maureen Buchner, RSVP

SMCCCF IS SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation's Board of Directors is seeking similarly-minded people to join them on the Board to contribute their time, talent, and resources to support the Foundation's mission of ensuring that quality, affordable higher education is available to every member of our community. If this interests you, please contact the Executive Director, Stephani Scott at scott@sccc.edu or 650-358-6871, to learn more about what it means to be a part of the Foundation community as a Board member. For more information about the Foundation, visit <http://www.smcccfoundation.org/>.

Now that Spring has sprung, here is a great recipe from Elissa James:

CHILLED GINGER ASPARAGUS

¾ cup rice vinegar
1 ½ tablespoons minced fresh ginger
2 tablespoons sugar
1 pound fresh asparagus
1 garlic clove, minced
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons dark sesame oil
1 teaspoon soy sauce
½ teaspoon salt

BRING vinegar & ginger to a boil in a small saucepan; boil 7 minutes or until liquid is reduced by half. Remove from heat, and stir in sugar; set aside.

SNAP off tough ends of asparagus. Place in water just enough to cover in a large skillet, and bring to a boil; remove from heat and drain.

PLUNGE asparagus into ice water to stop the cooking process, drain and pat dry. Place into a large plastic bag.

STIR together garlic, oil, sesame oil, soy and salt. Drizzle over asparagus, reseal in the bag, cover and chill 30 minutes. Drizzle vinegar mixture over asparagus, reseal in the bag, cover and chill at least one hour.

You can make the two parts of the marinade and cook the asparagus the night before, but it should not be assembled until a few hours before serving, as the asparagus will get mushy.

MUSEUM NEWS

KAY PAYNE WILL SPEAK ON GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

For those of you who enjoy Kay's annual lecture in January and are also interested in the art of Georgia O'Keeffe, you will want to know that Kay is speaking about the current exhibit at the de Young Museum in the Lane Room of the Burlingame Library on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 7 PM. And FYI, the exhibit, entitled "Georgia O'Keeffe and Lake George," closes on May 11, 2014.

CURRENT SHOWS AT THE PENINSULA MUSEUM OF ART

Two exhibits at PMA run through April 27. One is wood block prints by Tom Killion titled "The Hand-Carved Landscape," and the other is by David Ruth, a glass sculptor, titled "Inner Space." The Peninsula Museum of Art is located at 1777 California Drive in Burlingame, just south of Trousdale. It is open Wednesday-Sunday from 11 AM-5 PM and is free. Not only are there changing exhibits, but also a roster of classes and a gift shop. And, above all, there are numerous ways to volunteer, besides being a docent, as it is a growing institution. Go check it out!

APRIL 2014 INTEREST SECTIONS

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

INTEREST SECTIONS CHAIR - Elissa James

Arts & Culture

Marge Denni

Marjorie Kobe

Sunday, April 6, 3 PM

An Alvin Ailey Dance Theater performance at Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley. Lunch preceding the performance will be at Henry's Tavern.

If interested, phone the theatre for seat availability.

*Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thursday, April 17, 10:00 AM

Susan Cioni

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by R. Joyce

*Book Discussion II

Jean Atkinson

Thursday, April 24, 12:00 Noon – 2 PM

Karlynn Schneider

God's Hotel by Victoria Sweet

*Book Discussion III

Sherrean Rundberg

Thursday, April 17, 1:30-3:30 PM

Pat Haupt *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver

Book Discussion IV

Maureen Buchner

Friday, April 25, 10 AM-Noon

Maureen Buchner

And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tuesday, Apr. 1, 10:00 AM (RSVP to Helen by Apr. 5)

Presentation by Jim Clifford on Western Neighborhoods Project, a non-profit dedicated to promoting and sharing the history of western San Francisco.

Lyn Haithcox

Daytime Bridge

Elissa James

3rd Monday, April 21, 12:00 Noon

*Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wednesday, April 2, 9 AM

Linda Byers

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 PM

Trapeze, 266 Lorton, Burlingame

RSVP to Helen Hatchett

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber 348-7085 Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 PM

(Contact Mary if going)

Tannourine (Lebanese and Mediterranean cuisine)

120 W. 25th Ave., San Mateo

Ethnic Lunch

A Delaney

Wednesday, April 23, 11:30 AM (RSVP by April 21)

Arya (Middle Eastern) 885 Middlefield Rd., RC

Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thursday, April 10, 10:30-12:00 Noon

Betty Bernstein

TOPIC: Israel and the U.S.

Hiking Always 10 AM year-round

Bobbi Benson

Mon., April 7, Monte Bello Open Space Preserve

Mon., April 21, Batteries-to-Bluffs Trail, SF

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi.

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Thursday, April 10, 2:00 PM

Tuesday, April 22, 2:00 PM

For more info, contact Helen.

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Mon., April 21, Wine and Cheese, 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

Please RSVP to Maureen.

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Jeanne Duggan

Tuesday, April 15, 10:30 AM -12 Noon

Pam Bartfield, Principal on Special Assignment for Common Core Standards, speaking on "21st Century Learning and the New Common Core Standards."

Gayle Hardt

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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.

APRIL 2014 CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		1 CA F & L	2 Drama	3 Board Meeting	4	5 Coffee w/Jackie Speier
6 Arts & Culture	7 Hiking	8	9 Ethnic Dining	10 Foreign Affairs Mah Jongg	11	12
13	14	15 Public Policy	16 Dining Out	17 Book I Book III	18	19
20	21 Bridge Membership Hiking	22 Mah Jongg	23 Ethnic Lunch	24 Book II	25 Book IV	26
27	28	29	30			

