

BAY LEAVES



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gayle Hardt & Helen Hatchett

Happy New Year!!! We hope that you were able to enjoy the Holiday Season with family and friends. Please remember to keep this newsletter handy, since it is a combined January-February issue.

We would like to call your attention to a special program in January which is being sponsored by the San Carlos Branch. The speaker, Lisa Maatz, is AAUW's Washington D.C. Legislative Advocate. As AAUW's top policy adviser, Lisa works to advance our priority issues on Capitol Hill, in the White House and in coalition with other organizations. Featured in the book "Secrets of Powerful Women," she has developed a reputation for her strategic approach to legislation and advocacy. She is a sought-after speaker across the nation and in our nation's capital. The program will be held on Saturday, January 25th at the San Carlos Public Library, 610 Elm Street (1:30 - Snacks and Chat -- Presentation - 2:00).

Don't forget our own upcoming branch programs - the ever popular Kay Payne's art program at the SMCCCD Boardroom on January 11 and Melody Lew's lecture on her experiences helping impoverished children in Nepal on February 22, also at the district office. (See the adjacent column for details.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 11 - Art Lecture by Kay Payne,
FAMSF Docent, 1 PM
- Jan. 25 - Lisa Maatz, AAUW/National
Legislative Advocate
San Carlos Public Library, 1:30 PM
- Feb. 22 - Melody Lew - Slide Lecture
on Nepal, 1 PM
- Apr. 28 - Spring Fundraising Luncheon

Kay Payne Art Lecture Will Feature Celebration of Marriage

"To Love and to Cherish: A Celebration of Marriage" will be the subject of our 2014 Kay Payne lecture on Saturday, January 11, at 1 p.m. at the San Mateo County Community College District Office Boardroom, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo.

Every year we look forward to Kay's visit and the wide variety of art topics that she offers us. Her slide show presentation on love and marriage will offer selections from some of the world's most famous art works to show how these topics were portrayed over the centuries.

Kay has been a docent at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco since 1981 and always enjoys sharing her magnificent slides with us. Her lecture is free and open to all AAUW members, family and friends.

Melody Lew Will Present Update about Experiences Helping Nepalese Children

Long-time branch member Melody Lew will give a follow-up slide lecture on her experiences helping impoverished children in Nepal in a special program set for Saturday, February 22, at 1 p.m. at the San Mateo County Community College District Office Boardroom, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo.

Four years ago Melody spoke to us on "My Personal Effort to Help the Children of Nepal." When we heard that she had recently returned from Nepal, we asked Melody to bring us up to date on what had occurred since we heard her first talk.

Most of us make donations to charitable organizations that help poor children overseas, but Melody has made it her personal goal to be involved directly in the process. It should be interesting to see what she has been able to achieve. The meeting is free and open to all AAUW members, family and friends.

College Partners

The President of the College of San Mateo has agreed to partner with AAUW San Mateo. Now all of the students can have a free e-membership. Our branch will be meeting with their appointed Faculty Reps to discover what sort of programs will benefit their students most. An exploratory committee is forming with plans to set up a club at CSM. The students will also be encouraged to attend any of our branch meetings.

Please contact Gayle Hardt, Helen Hatchett or Maureen Buchner to volunteer for this brainstorming committee which will begin meeting in January.

NCCWSL

NCCWSL is a college student leadership meeting which takes place once/year. This year it is scheduled for the University of Maryland. We at the San Mateo branch are committed to sending a CSM student to this year's convention. We hope this will be a tradition for many years. Just like our other scholarships, we will need to develop a plan for choosing a student to receive this honor.

Would you like to help with this task? Unlike Tech Trek or Scholarship Committee commitments, we only have to choose one person! Call your co-presidents and help us lead the future generation of AAUW.

Speech Trek

Speech Trek is a statewide speech contest for high school students. Our branch needs a coordinator if we are to participate in the contest. Is there a branch member who wishes to see this opportunity continue for local high school students? Perhaps several members can join together and run this program. Call Helen Hatchett or Gayle Hardt if you have any questions. Check aauw-ca.org under Mission Based Programs for more information.

TECH TREK – Maureen Buchner

Thanks to our members who have sent checks in support of Tech Trek. At this point we need to gather about \$2,000.00 to complete our goal of sending 8 girls to Tech Trek camp at Stanford. Some members will want to donate before the end of the year for 2013 tax year, while others would prefer to use 2014 for their donation year.

Our funds are due at the end of February to fund this coming summer's campers. I am confident that we will be able to do that with everyone's help. Let's push the mercury on our thermometer up to the top of the gauge! Checks should be made out to AAUW CA SPF and mailed to Maureen Buchner.

PUBLIC POLICY – Betty Bernstein

InnVision Shelter Network Program Director
Will Discuss Services for Homeless

Our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group will open up 2014 meetings with a talk on services for the homeless in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties by Jacob Stone, program director of InnVision Shelter Network, on Tuesday, January 21st from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon at the home of Betty Bernstein.

The meeting will cover the many services offered homeless families and individuals in the two counties. Each night the agency provides shelter and a wide variety of services for men, women, and children in its 18 shelters from Daly City to San Jose. As recently as 2012, ninety percent of the families and 60 percent of the single adults served graduated from their rapid re-housing program to permanent housing.

In December we were able to provide a substantial number of gift cards as Christmas gifts for shelter residents. As always, this Public Policy meeting is open to all AAUW members, family and friends.

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER – Carol Way

Membership as of 12/01/2013: 170

Welcome to New Member: Frances Gillen



After receiving her BA in sociology from the University of Texas, Fran moved to Washington, DC, where she worked in editorial correspondence at National Geographic. While there she married a career soldier, and they were posted in six different locations in Europe, principally in Italy and Germany. They returned to the States for his last duty station back in Washington, DC. At the time that their daughter enrolled at Smith, she returned to admin work, first at the Pentagon and then again at National Geographic. Later, they returned to Texas to be near family and most recently, in 2012, to San Mateo to be a part of her daughter's family. She is active in the Congregational Church of San Mateo and is interested in participating in Hospitality and Circulation in AAUW/San Mateo.

AAUW Scholarship Committee 2014

You can make a difference for selected bright and hardworking Community College students to achieve their educational goals of transferring to a 4-year university to complete their studies.

Our AAUW/San Mateo branch committee selects student scholarship recipients. Five students will receive \$3,000 from the Ethel Gayman Endowment Scholarship, and one will receive \$5,000 from the Kathleen A. Smith Memorial Scholarship.

The duties involve the following commitments:

- * Attend a meeting with committee members to go over selection process.
- * Read approximately 20 applications from the three San Mateo County Community Colleges. A CD will be distributed to each member to use on her own computer.
- * Attend two sessions for interviewing at the SMCCCD offices in mid-April.
- * Attend an award ceremony at one of the Community Colleges in early May.

Judy Laird, AAUW Scholarship Chairperson

BRANCH HOLIDAY PARTY

The San Mateo Branch of AAUW had their annual Holiday Party at the home of Gayle Hardt, Co-President. The party committee brought delicious appetizers and beverages for the members and their guests to enjoy. 28 people attended the party, including husbands and guests. Gift cards and other items were collected for InnVision Shelter Network in the amount of \$650+. Everyone was in a festive mood and enjoyed the holiday treats & decorations. A Holiday Trivia Quiz was presented for entertainment. A prize was given to Helen Fricke for her answer to the question "How do you spell one of the gifts of the three Kings 'Myrrh?'"



ONLINE BAY LEAVES FOR 2014-2015

The Board voted to change the Bay Leaves to an online version beginning next September. Most of the other area branches have already implemented this change. Members can "save" the newsletter to their hard drive and/or print it at home.

For those members who have no computer access and those who prefer to continue to receive a printed version of the Bay Leaves through the mail, we will still be able to send it to you next year for a fee of \$10.

When the Annual Dues envelopes are sent out in April, there will be details included on how to continue to have the Bay Leaves mailed to you. However, we encourage you all to try out the online newsletter for its convenience. Please check the yearbook, and if your email address is incorrect, kindly send the corrections to Carol Way, our Membership Treasurer.

Anne Horgan, Circulation

Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund

AAUW/San Mateo has been asked to support an international AAUW effort called VGIF (Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund). VGIF currently funds 41 grants in 21 developing countries worldwide supporting a wide variety of projects that are managed by women for the benefit of women and girls. One such example is *Medical Services in the Pacific* which is providing health care assistance to over 1,000 women in flood-affected areas of Fiji. If you would like to help, you may send your check to VGIF at 11 Broadway, Suite 510, New York, NY 10004.

Women in Leadership Meeting at CSM

Amanda Governale, Vice President of the Associated Students of the College of San Mateo, invited women in leadership positions to discuss their methods of success in a town hall format at CSM on December 4. The event highlighted women in leadership who could give inspiration to anyone who has ever been put down as they were trying to accomplish something. The main speaker was broadcaster, Jan Yanehiro, who hosted KPIX Evening Magazine for 15 years.

The Associated Students of all three community colleges co-sponsored the town hall. AAUW/San Mateo was invited to attend and was represented by Helen Hatchett, Carol Way and Gayle Hardt. Also attending were Michael Claire, President of CSM, and Karen Schwarz, President of the

Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District.

Approximately 30 people attended the event. Each participant introduced themselves and mentioned a goal they wanted to achieve. The young women and men who attended were all inspirational themselves. It was also an opportunity for the San Mateo Branch to meet with some of the young women of the county community colleges and discuss our partnership with CSM.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014 INTEREST SECTIONS

INTEREST SECTIONS – Elissa James

Most sections meet in homes, so space is limited.

A star * indicates space is NOT available.

Arts & Culture

Marge Denni or

Maggie Kobe

Friday, **January 17**, 10:30 AM, de Young Museum in SF: David Hockney: A Bigger Exhibition and The Art of Bulgari: La Dolce Vita and Beyond 1950-1990

Friday, **February 21**, 10:30 AM - Filoli in Woodside and lunch at Bucks Restaurant

***Book Discussion I**

Elissa James

Thursday, **January 16**, 10 AM - 12:00 Noon

The Painted Drum by Louise Erdrich

Carol Rose

Thursday, **February 20**, 10 AM - 12:00 Noon

Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walters

Elissa James

***Book Discussion II**

Jean Atkinson

Thursday, **January 23**, 12:00 Noon – 2 PM

Prague Winter by Madeleine Albright

Sally Roe

Thursday, **February 27**, 12:00 Noon – 2 PM

A Piece of Cake by Cupcake Brown

Julia Pitcher

***Book Discussion III**

Sherrean Rundberg

Thursday, **January 16**, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

The Roberts Court by Marcia Coyle

June Hendrickson

Thursday, **February 20**, 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Life After Life by Kate Atkinson
Bonnie Sevens

Book Discussion IV

Maureen Buchner

Friday, **January 24**, 10 AM
The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Phillip Sendker
Mady Sokolsky

Friday, **February 28**, 10 AM
A Covert Affair (Julia Child and the OSS) by Jennet
Conant. Maureen Buchner

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tuesday, **January 7**, at 10:00 A.M.
Joan Fitzgerald
Program: San Francisco Trivia Game
RSVP to Helen by January 4 if you are coming

Tuesday, **February 4**, at 10:00 A.M.
Gerhild Klein
Program: Geology of California by Clint Steele
RSVP to Helen by January 31 if you are coming

Daytime Bridge

Elissa James

3rd Monday, **January 20**, 12:00 Noon
February 17, 12:00 Noon

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wednesday, **January 15**, 6:30 PM
Sweet Basil, 1457 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City
RSVP to Carol Gilbert

Wednesday, **February 19**, 6:30 PM
Esposito's, Borel Shopping Center, 59 Bovet Rd., SM
RSVP to Susan Rosenberg

***Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe

Wednesday, **January 8**, 9 AM
Cathy Foxhoven

Wednesday, **February 5**, 9 AM
Nancy Blachman

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wednesday, **January 8**, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, **February 12**, 6:30 PM
Contact Mary for details.

Ethnic Lunch

A Delaney

Wednesday, **January 22**, 11:30 AM
Spiedo, 223 E 4th Ave, San Mateo
RSVP to Maureen Buchner by January 20

Wednesday, **February 26**, 11:30 AM
Hotaru Japanese, 33 E 3rd Ave, San Mateo
RSVP to Annette by February 24

Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thursday **January 9**, 10:30 – 12 Noon
Carol Way

Topic: Review Threat Assessment.
Books for 2014 available, and new members welcome

Thursday, **February 13**, 10:30 – 12 Noon
Place and Topic TBA

Hiking Always 10 AM, year round

Bobbi Benson

No hikes planned for January.

Monday, **February 10** and Monday, **February 24**

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Mon., **January 20**, Wine and Cheese, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Mon., **February 17**, Wine and Cheese, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Please RSVP to Maureen

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Jeanne Duggan

Tuesday, **January 21**, 10:30 AM.-12 Noon
Jacob Stone, Program Director, InnVision Shelter
Network speaking on "Serving the Homeless in San
Mateo and Santa Clara Counties"
Betty Bernstein

Tuesday, **February 18**, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon
Prize winning film to be announced.
Maureen Buchner

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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.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014 CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> 1	<u>Thursday</u> 2	<u>Friday</u> 3	<u>Saturday</u> 4
5	6	7 CA F & L	JANUARY 8 Ethnic Dining Drama	9 Board Meeting Foreign Affairs	10	11 KAY PAYNE
12	13	14	15 Dining Out	16 Books I Books III	17 Arts & Culture	18
19	20 Bridge Membership	21 Public Policy	22 Ethnic Lunch	23 Books II	24 Books IV	25 LISA MAATZ San Carlos Lib
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
FEBRUARY 2	3	4 CA F & L	5 Drama	6 Board Meeting	7	8
9	10 Hiking	11	12 Ethnic Dining	13 Foreign Affairs	14	15
16	17 Bridge Membership	18 Public Policy	19 Dining Out	20 Books I Books III	21 Arts & Culture	22 MELODY LEW
23	24 Hiking	25	26 Ethnic Lunch	27 Books II	28 Books IV	

