



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gayle Hardt & Margo King

Advocacy: Action not Apathy

Advocacy is a way of instituting change in society. Apathy is an attitude that accepts the status quo. Advocacy tries to change the "what is" to "what should be". And because you are members of AAUW, you have already made the choice that apathy is unacceptable and that advocacy must be our course of action.

We are on the side of advocacy by belonging to an organization that is empowering women and girls in a variety of ways. AAUW/San Mateo has been active in supporting the education of women and young girls through our support of Tech Trek for middle school girls, academic scholarships and, most recently, leadership development for women through a national conference for this purpose.

But there is much more that the needs of the time call upon us to do and that we can do. We do not need to march, sit-in, knock on doors or circulate petitions personally. Although all of these are good and helpful activities. The national offices of AAUW have made it possible to accomplish much while doing something simple and well within our scope.

We can go to our computers, read the action calls sent to all registered members, scroll to the bottom of the page and just click. It is that simple.

By clicking on the box marked "submit," we can add our names and numbers to support work that is still not completed: equal pay; ending sexual trafficking; the Equal Rights Amendment--so many issues that AAUW is monitoring and asking us to be informed about and to support through advocacy and action.

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Disaster Preparedness is Subject of March 14th General Meeting

Are you ready for the next major earthquake or other possible disaster that could destroy or severely damage your home and personal possessions?

If not, you will want to attend our special "Shake, Rattle and Roll" presentation by Clint Steele who will meet with us on Saturday, March 14th at 1 p.m. at the SMCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Drive, 2nd Floor, San Mateo. Clint, who is the husband of Judy Steele, our financial officer, received his PhD from Stanford University and worked 38 years for the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park. He will discuss steps that all of us should make to safeguard our homes and personal possessions from earthquakes, floods, tsunamis and other natural disasters that could confront us in the future.

So bring your questions along to this important meeting which is free and open to all AAUW members, family members and friends.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

- Mar. 14 - Branch Meeting on Earthquake Preparedness - Clint Steele, PhD.
- Mar. 21 - AAUW-CA Leadership Development
- Apr. 20 - Spring Fundraising Luncheon

Spring Fundraiser Info

This appears as the colored insert in the mailed version of the Bay Leaves, and in the email version, it appears on Page 3.

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Carol Way

Membership as of 2/01/2015: 168

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Shannon Hill

Shannon is currently working on her teaching credential in special education at Notre Dame de Namur University. Prior to that she received a BS in sociology from Whittier College and a MSW from San Jose State.

She works full time as a special education behavioral aide and as a therapeutic horseback riding instructor teaching students with special needs to ride horses. Her AAUW interests include AAUW Funds, programs, scholarships and hiking.

Carole Thurmond Wills

Carole recently retired as a professor at the College of San Mateo and will spend most of this year traveling. She was one of the professors instrumental in having CSM sponsor a vocabulary class at the women's jail where three of our branch members volunteer.

Her educational background includes a BA in cultural anthropology and archeology from SF State University, anthropology graduate work at the University of Oregon and a MA in education from SF State University. Carole is interested in our partnership with CSM, history, genealogy, world events, travel and international/cultural sharing.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In recent years our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group has devoted a couple of our meetings to the growing problem of housing affordability in San Mateo county.

Our speaker on Tuesday, March 17, Diana Reddy, Community Builder with the Housing Leadership Council, is actively involved in organizing Peninsula residents to work together to create affordable housing and stabilizing rents of existing homes and apartments in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

The meeting at the home of Lyn Haithcox will be from 10:30 a.m. -12 noon.

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Just as we stand on the shoulders of the women who have come before us, AAUW continues to act and to advocate for the many improvements still needed to empower women now and in the future. The call for action comes to each one of us. Please be advocates.

How to Register in the AAUW Action Network

- Go to www.aauw.org
- On the AAUW Home page there is a link entitled "Get Involved"--click on this link
- On the "Get Involved" page there is a link entitled "Take Action Online"--click on this link
- This page is entitled "Two Minute Activist" On the left is a link entitled "Take Action--click on this link
- On this page entitled "Take Action" there is a place for your email address. Type in your address.
- When you type in your email address, it will take you to a page that asks for your name, address, phone number, etc. Complete that form, submit it and you will begin to receive emails regarding the various actions we can take to empower women and girls!

AAUW Leadership Development

Registration is open for an exciting opportunity for new skills and enthusiasm for your current and potential branch leaders at the Leadership Development Days on March 21 in Hayward, California. "Developing the Leader in You" will host speakers from National AAUW and present seven workshops by AAUW CA branch leaders. The day will be packed full of ideas and techniques to promote leadership in your branches. Go to <http://www.aauw-ca.org/> to register. Registration ends on March 12. The cost is \$60.00 which includes lunch. Please contact either Gayle Hardt or Margo King if you would like to attend.



**THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN -
SAN MATEO BRANCH**

**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER
AND GENERAL MEETING 2015**

*Please come and join us to hear award-winning reporter
RITA WILLIAMS*

talk about her 30-year career in journalism.

*She is a dynamic speaker and will share her stories about what it was like to work
and succeed in a male-dominated career.*

When: Monday, April 20th, 2015

11:00 a.m. Social Hour

12:00 noon Lunch

Where: Crystal Springs Golf Club

6650 Golf Course Drive, Burlingame

(Black Mountain exit off Highway 280)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate your choice of entrée below

___Chicken Cordon Bleu ___Salmon Filet ___Pasta Primavera

Please make out your check for \$47.00 to: AAUW/San Mateo.

This amount includes both lunch and a contribution to the branch's scholarship fund for NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders).

I cannot attend, but want to support NCCWSL with my contribution of _____

Please mail checks to: Elissa James

Reservation Deadline: APRIL 6TH

AAUW and Title IX

Most people think Title IX only applies to sports, but athletics is only one of ten key areas addressed by the law. These areas include: access to higher education, career education, education for pregnant and parenting students, employment, learning environment, math and science, sexual harassment, standardized testing, and technology.¹

The law states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

It’s hard to imagine that just forty years ago, young women were not admitted into many colleges and universities, athletic scholarships were rare, and math and science was a realm reserved for boys. Girls square danced instead of playing sports, studied home economics instead of training for “male-oriented” (read: higher-paying) trades. Girls could become teachers and nurses, but not doctors or principals; women rarely were awarded tenure and even more rarely appointed college presidents. There was no such thing as sexual harassment because “boys will be boys,” after all, and if a student got pregnant, her formal education ended. Graduate professional schools openly discriminated against women.²

Title IX applies to anyone who is being discriminated against: boys or girls, men or women, gay, lesbian or transgender. Progress has been made in the past 40 years but it is an ongoing battle. The rape and sexual assault cases on many American colleges and universities campuses have been brought to the attention of the college and university administrators under Title IX.

AAUW members do amazing work to ensure that Title IX is enforced. They investigate compliance, assemble lists of Title IX coordinators, promote better anti-sexual-assault policies, and help teach students, parents, educators, coaches, and administrators about Title IX’s requirements. The

U.S. Department of Education simply cannot enforce Title IX alone, and AAUW’s work goes a long way toward making schools and sports fairer for women and girls. We all need to be vigilant in observing and reporting cases of discrimination that fall under the Title IX umbrella.

Gayle Hardt

¹ Winslow, B. (Spring 2010) History Now. *The Impact of Title IX*. Retrieved from <http://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-now/>
²Ibid.

Program at San Mateo County History Museum on Saturday, March 7, 2015, celebrating Women’s History Month

“Two Notable Women-Two Notable Mansions”

The History Museum Auxiliary is presenting a skit featuring the lives of Sarah Winchester and Harriet Pullman Carolan at 1 p.m. in the courtroom at 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. (On Saturdays there is free parking behind the Museum.)

Plan to come and learn about these remarkable women, the Winchester Mystery House and the early days of the Carolands Chateau. AAUW members Kiki Arnaudo, Lois Everett and Cathy Foxhoven will be participating.

Marie Hotz

RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

The following motions were passed in recent months:

- To purchase a microphone at a cost not to exceed \$200 for use at branch events.
- To renew the website maintenance contract with AAUW National.
- To verify with SMCCCF the use of Kathleen A Smith non-endowed monies for NCCWSL funds.
- To increase the amount of each Ethel Gayman Fund scholarship to \$5,000.
- To allocate the contributions from the spring fundraiser to NCCWSL funds.
- To approve a \$200 fee for the luncheon speaker.

MARCH 2015 INTEREST SECTIONS

Arts & Culture

Marge Denni

Marjorie Kobe

NO MEETING IN MARCH.

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thursday, March 19, 10:00 AM

Margo King

Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden

Book Discussion II

Mary Stella Flynn

Thursday, March 26, 12:00 Noon – 2 PM

Pat Motto

Abundance by Diamandis & Kotler

Book Discussion III

Sherrean Rundberg

Thursday, March 19, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Barbara Schotzko

Suffer the Little Children by Donna Leon

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino,

Friday, March 27, 10:00 – 12 Noon

Mikki Coffino

The Silver Star by Jeanette Walls

Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, March 16, 1 – 4 PM

Helen Hatchett

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tuesday, March 3, 10:30 AM

Speaker: Jim Clifford

Lyn Haithcox

RSVP to Helen Hatchett by Feb. 28

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 PM

Paul's Diner (in the Old Villa Hotel)

4000 S. El Camino, San Mateo; Hostess: J. Bradley

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wednesday, March 4, 9:00 AM

Nancy Blachman

INTEREST SECTIONS CHAIR – Elissa James

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 PM

Young Can Wok, 1200 Broadway, Burlingame

Let Mary know if attending

Ethnic Lunch

A Delaney

Wednesday, March 25, 11:30 AM

Scandia, 742 Polhemus Rd., San Mateo

If attending, let Annette know by March 23

Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thursday March 12, 10:30 AM – 12 Noon

Zelta Adams

Topic: Human Trafficking in the 21st Century

Hiking Always 10 AM year-round

Bobbi Benson

Monday, March 9, Ravenswood Open Space Preserve

Monday, March 23, Wunderlich County Park, led by

Carol Kadet.

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi.

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Thursday, March 12, 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 24, 1:30 PM

For more info, contact Helen.

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Wednesday, March 11, 1:30 PM - Coffee

Please RSVP to Maureen.

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino,

Friday, March 13, 1:30 PM

The James Joyce Murder by Amanda Cross

Specialty's Café & Bakery, 1886 S. Norfolk, SM

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon

Diana Reddy, Community Builder, Housing Leadership

Council, will speak on "Helping Our Communities

Create More Affordable Housing."

Lyn Haithcox

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

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.

MARCH 2015 CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1	2	3 CA F & L	4 Drama	5 Board Mtg	6	7
8	9 Hiking	10	11 Ethnic Dining Membership	12 Foreign Affairs Mah Jongg	13 Mystery Books	14 General Meeting
15	16 Bridge	17 Public Policy	18 Dining Out	19 Books I Books II	20	21 AAUW-CA Leadership Development
22	23 Hiking	24 Mah Jongg	25 Ethnic Lunch	26 Books II	27 Books IV	28
29	30	31				

