

# BAY LEAVES



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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gavle Hardt & Helen Hatchett

As our 2013-2014 AAUW year draws to a close, we hope you took the opportunity to participate in our Interest Sections and attend some of our exciting programs.

Dues envelopes: There will be a pink paper in your dues envelope having your member number. Please keep this because it must be used for voting in elections and for access to restricted pages on the State and National websites. Also, please review the information on the envelope because significant changes have been made. Remember, the Bay Leaves will be sent by email next year. If you wish to receive it by mail, please include an additional \$10 in your dues envelope to cover the cost. One check can be written to cover dues and the Bay Leaves fee. As usual, there are instructions on the envelope for additional donations.

The deadline for dues is **June 10th**. Every year we receive a significant number of late payments. This creates a great deal of **extra work** for Carol Way, our Membership Treasurer. Carol has to send in additional forms to National and State to report late payments. Prompt payment will be greatly appreciated!

Don't miss the opportunity to meet our inspiring scholarship recipients at our final event on Saturday, May 31. (See adjacent column.)

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!

## *You are invited to the CELEBRATION for our 2014 AAUW Scholarship Recipients*

Saturday, May 31, 2014  
1:30 - 3 pm

SMCCCD Administration Building,  
2nd Floor Board Room  
3401 CSM Drive

**Meet the six finalists of the Ethel  
Gayman Scholarships and the  
one finalist of the Kathleen A.  
Smith Memorial Scholarship**

Many thanks to the Committee:

Gerhild Klein  
Marty Moga  
Ramona Raybin  
Billie Lou Sands  
Norma Tarrow  
Judy Laird, Chairperson

## MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Carol Way

Membership as of 4/01/2014: 175

New address: Tracy Gray

### **Congratulations to New 50-year Members:**

Beverly Gaines and Florette Schwartz

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

#### **Anne Grauzlis**

Anne graduated from UC Riverside with a BA in social sciences (anthropology/psychology). She also has an art background and established pottery programs and a studio in Berkeley. Later, she started a landscape design business in Bellingham, WA. As this business grew, she was unable to keep with the physical side and had to let it go. Her focus changed to esthetics, acupuncture training and substitute teaching. She has remained a potter, and most recently, served as a docent at the Mingei International Craft Museum in San Diego. She moved to HMB to be near family, and is working at the Older Women's League in San Francisco. Check out their website, [www.owlsf.org](http://www.owlsf.org).

#### **Carol Kadet**

Carol, who was raised in Phoenix, first became acquainted with AAUW as a high school senior when she received a college scholarship from the local branch! She holds a BS in sociology from Arizona State U and an MBA in marketing from Drexel. Her career was in sales/business development/marketing and she is now retired. She came to the Bay area in 1995. She serves on the Modifications Committee of the Redwood Shores Owners' Association and at Temple Beth El in San Mateo she is a member of the Board of Trustees and is their coordinator of the Home & Hope program. This is a non-profit which houses homeless families on a rotational basis in churches and synagogues throughout the county. She was a charter member and treasurer of the AAUW branch in Burlington, IA.

## REMINDER

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.

## TECH TREK

Maureen Buchner

Tech Trek 2014, Camp Grace Hopper

After spending most of the month of March reading essays and interviewing at our district's four middle schools, we have chosen the 2014 scholarship recipients. The students are nominated by their teachers, and with parent permission, they submit applications and essays, and then we interview them at their schools. Our selected students are: from Abbott: Kara Shannon and Teagan Browne; from Borel: Elyssa Samayoa and Sophia Guevara; from Bayside: Jayla Stokesberry and Emily Gavidia, and from Bowditch: Laurine Aldairy and Alexandra Chin. Next month we will hold our annual ice cream party for their families, and bring back some of the former campers to help to orient them.

Thank you for your longtime support for this AAUW CA program. Four new camps will be opening in different states this summer. The fun is spreading slowly around the country with new launches every year. California has shown the way and also sustained and grown our camps over the last 18 years.

The California AAUW state convention will be highlighting Tech Trek at the first session on Friday, April 11, 2014. It will include a historical (maybe hysterical) slide show of directors and volunteers over the years.

## **THE AAUW/CA ELECTION** **APRIL 12 TO MAY 2, 2014**

Go to [www.aauwca.org](http://www.aauwca.org) and double-click on ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS. This election is for the position of secretary and five directors, as well as a ballot proposal to increase the state dues. An abbreviated version of the proposal info follows:

**What is the proposal?** To increase the state dues by \$4, from \$16 to \$20, effective 7/01/15.

**When was the last state dues increase?** In 2004, at which time dues were increased \$6.

**How are my state dues spent and what value do I get for them?** There are several excellent resources posted on the website to give you detailed answers.

**How did we end up in a deficit?** 97% of our income comes from dues. Over the past eight years, our membership has declined, reducing our income, while expenses (particularly travel costs) have increased.

**What is being considered for additional sources of income?** We are in the process of creating a Development and Marketing Committee to explore strategies for additional income. We are also in the process of writing a new investment policy to increase our investment earnings potential without adding significant risk to our portfolio. However, we cannot assume those would result in a large enough impact on our budget in the near future to help us balance the budget without a dues increase.

**What has been done to reduce expenses?** Recently, the state office was moved to a new location in a center for non-profits, resulting in a significant savings on the monthly lease. In 2013, you approved a reduction in the number of state directors from 16 to 12. This will result in a savings of \$4,000 per year in travel expenses.

**What happens if this dues increase is not approved by membership vote?** We can

## **COLLEGE PARTNERS**

Maureen Buchner and Gayle Hardt attended a Student Senate meeting at the College of San Mateo in April to introduce our College Partnership. The students were very receptive of their opportunity to become free e-members. We encouraged them to consider having a club on campus, where we could offer programs such as \$tart smart salary negotiations, Elect Her, Title IX, and we also discussed Campus Action Grants and other opportunities, including our local branch scholarships.

There are quite a few clubs on the campus, and the students are a pretty active bunch. Their advisor also noted that the international students could benefit greatly from our offerings of classes/meetings. So we will keep you posted on our partners at CSM, and perhaps you'll be called upon to be a presenter next year!

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS (NCCWSL)**

This year will be our first for awarding an annual scholarship to the National College Conference for Women Student Leaders in Washington, D.C. Our representative from CSM, our branch's college partner, is Amanda Governale. She is currently Vice President of the Student Senate. She has organized a conference on women's leadership in 2014 for the community college and the community at large. She is looking forward to all that the NCCWSL has to offer. We are hoping that the school might fund a second woman. There will be many workshops from which to choose, pertinent films, networking with professional women, and Chelsea Clinton will be a featured speaker.

## **PROGRAMS**

Betty Bernstein

### **If You Have Any Questions about Housing, Plan to Attend May Public Policy Meeting**

This month's Public Policy/Current Events speaker, realtor Karyl Eldridge, will answer many questions have about issues affecting property ownership and tenants' rights when she joins us for a wide ranging discussion on Tuesday, May 20th from 10:30 a.m. -12 noon at the home of Betty Bernstein.

Those of us who own our own homes have many questions about how to protect the rights of our heirs when we die or what happens if we have reverse mortgages on our homes. Those who are renters or have children or grandchildren who rent rather than own their own homes have questions about what protections are available for tenants when a landlord wants to take over the property or raise the rent excessively.

Karyl, who is assistant manager of her Coldwell Banker office in San Mateo, also is a leader of Peninsula Interfaith Action's efforts to achieve additional affordable housing in the county and is very knowledgeable about all aspects of housing issues affecting our members.

The meeting is free and open to all AAUW members, family and friends.

## **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.

## MAY 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

Friday, May 9, 10 AM

“Matisse from the SFMOMA Collection” at the Legion of Honor in San Francisco.

If interested, please contact Maggie or Marge for info.

### \*Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thursday, May 15, 10:00 AM

Cathy Stigge

*Brazzaville Beach* by William Boyd

### \*Book Discussion II

Jean Atkinson

Thursday, May 29, 12:00 Noon – 2 PM

Donna Pribble

Book Selection Meeting

### \*Book Discussion III

Sherrean Rundberg

Thursday, May 15, 1:30-3:30 PM

Elaine LaFleur

*Sarah Thornhill* by Kate Grenville

### Book Discussion IV

Maureen Buchner

Friday, May 16, 10 AM-Noon

Marlene Coffino

*Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles

### California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tuesday, May 6 Guided tour of The Pardee Home Museum in Oakland which is listed as an Oakland City and California Historical Landmark and is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please contact Helen Hatchett for more information.

### Daytime Bridge

Elissa James

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, May 19, 12:00 Noon

### \*Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 AM

Ida Braun

RSVP: (650) 343-6043

### Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 PM

Restaurant and hostess: TBD

### Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Contact Mary for details

### Ethnic Lunch

A Delaney

Wednesday, May 28, 11:30 AM (RSVP by M)

Russian Family Restaurant, 2086 Broadway, F

### Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thursday, May 8, 10:30-12:00 Noon

Barbara Snedeker

TOPIC: China’s Foreign Policy

### Hiking Always 10 AM year-round

Bobbi Benson

Mon., May 12, Sam McDonald County Park

Sat., May 24, SF Bay Trail – Point San Bruno

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi.

### Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Thursday, May 8, 1:30 PM

Tuesday, May 27, 1:30 PM

For more info, contact Helen.

### Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Mon., May 19, Wine and Cheese, 5:30 – 7:30

Please RSVP to Maureen.

### Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Jeanne Duggan

Tuesday, May 20, 10:30 AM -12 Noon

Karyl Eldridge, realtor and Assistant Manager

Coldwell Banker, San Mateo

"Problems and Possibilities in Housing in San County"

Betty Bernstein

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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.*

MAY 2014 CALENDAR

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

