

BAY LEAVES



AAUW/San Mateo

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gayle Hardt & Margo King

Fall Greetings! We hope that you have all had a relaxing summer season and that you are now reinvigorated and ready to tackle the ghosts and goblins of Halloween and to plan for the family and feasts of Thanksgiving. And of course we hope that you are ready again to fully participate in the San Mateo Branch's AAUW activities.

Our new season has so far been successful. The summer of 2014 Tech Trek campers and families have been feted and provided all of us present with a delightful afternoon, as we listened to their camp stories and future aspirations. We have also held, in partnership with the League of Women Voters, an informative afternoon of reviewing the pros and cons of various state ballot measures on which we will all vote on November 4th.

In connection with the November 4, 2014 election, we would like to call your attention to a measure which AAUW San Mateo has publicly supported. Measure H asks for a \$388,000,000 bond issue to prepare the three community colleges—College of San Mateo, Skyline College, and Cañada College--within our branch domain to better meet the needs of the county's growing student population. Regardless of how each of you might individually vote, the Board made the decision to support this bond measure on behalf of our organization because it will enhance educational and career options for local students, a goal which we applaud. 21st century careers require excellent programs, current biotechnology and job training facilities as well as classrooms and labs that support demanding high-tech, nursing, healthcare and public safety careers. Details both for and against this measure are in the Voter Information Pamphlet you received from the county, and you

will also see the AAUW/San Mateo support noted in that pamphlet.

We look forward to seeing all of you at some or all of the coming events noted in the Bay Leaves calendar, and we hope that you are enjoying re-engaging in your various interest sections with old friends as well as with new members who will become your friends.

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving to All!

November 8th Branch Meeting

All members of our branch are invited to meet Amanda Governale, our scholarship winner, who attended NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) in Washington, D.C., this past June. She will be showing a video that she made, speaking about her experiences, and sharing what she has brought back from this gathering of national college women student leaders and mentors. Amanda is a graduate of CSM, our college partner, and she has transferred to Notre Dame de Namur to finish her degree. Please join us for coffee and dessert on Saturday, November 8, at 1 p.m. at the home of Annette Delaney.

RSVP by email to Annette Delaney or phone Maureen Buchner at 573-1604 to reserve a space. Guests and prospective members are welcome. Be an advocate for membership in AAUW!

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Nov. 1 - Coffee with Jackie Speier
- Nov. 8 - Branch Meeting & Dessert
- Dec. 13 - Holiday Party
- Jan. 10 - Art Lecture by Kay Payne,
Fine Arts Museum, SF Docent

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Carol Way

Branch Membership, October 1, 2014: 161

Thank you to Betty Drisko for her donation to Tech Trek with her annual branch dues.

Phone No. Change: Virginia Thomson

Email Changes:

Gayle Flanagan
Sue Walsh

Welcome to New Member:

Judy Podesta

Judy received a BA in anthropology from UC Berkeley in 1964 and a teaching credential from CSUEB the following year. She was a consultant for private planning firms for 5 years and subsequently retired from the telecom industry after a 25-year career. She studies and practices Italian with friends, follows the City of San Mateo initiatives, participates in local planning workshops, and has an interest in art and design.

IN MEMORIUM

JEAN KIDERA, a longtime member of the branch, joined in 1980. Jean was a 1945 graduate of Occidental College with a BA degree. She was an active member in California Fact and Legend and Ethnic Lunch groups.

Public Policy Meeting Will Discuss Unaccompanied Minors in S.M. County

"What Is San Mateo County Doing to Assist Unaccompanied Minors Who Have Recently Entered the United States?" will be the subject of November's Public Policy/Current Events discussion group at the home of Lyn Haithcox.

Our speaker, Rosa Gomez, staff attorney for the International Institute of the Bay Area, is deeply involved in working on this very important but difficult subject. She comes highly recommended by our stimulating September speaker, Rose Mukhar, who gave us an update on human trafficking in the county.

Ms Gomez will take time out from her very busy schedule to meet with us on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

YEARBOOK ADDITIONS

Please add the following information to the list of board members on page 2 of the yearbook:

Elected Officers

Co-President: Gayle Hardt

Co-President: Margo King

Membership Co-VP: Anne Horgan

Recording Secretary: Marty Moga

Appointed Officers

Ad Hoc: Kathy Wiblin

Hospitality: Susan Cioni

Scholarship: Co-Chair: Judy Laird

Co-Chair: Billie Lou Sands

**Thank you for volunteering for board
service!**

New Mystery Book Lovers Group

If you love the old fashioned type of mystery that has plot twists and turns, lots of red herrings, interesting Police Inspectors or Private Detectives, with crimes occurring in domestic or foreign locales, then please get in touch with me to let me know if you're interested. Looking at the current section schedules, the best meeting date would most likely be either the 1st Friday of the month or the 1st Monday of the month, either mornings or afternoons. We'll need about 4-5 members before we can move forward with a planning/introduction meeting.

Marlene Coffino

FOREIGN AFFAIRS/GREAT DECISIONS

Come and join this lively discussion group with the following topics for the 2015 year: Russia and the Near Abroad, Privacy in the Digital Age, Sectarianism in Middle East, India Changes Course, US Policy Toward Africa, Syria's Refugee Crisis, Human Trafficking in the 21st Century and Brazil Metamorphosis

Discussion books written by the Foreign Policy Association cost approximately \$20 and will be ordered by Carol Way. Please let her know ASAP if you will join the group.

Coffee with
 Jackie
Speier



Please join the American Association of
University Women
for a morning meeting with

CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER

This meeting is specifically designated
for members of the American Associa-
tion of University Women, and we en-
courage participation by all members.
There is no charge. Refreshments will
be served.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

THE CHETCUTI ROOM

450 POPLAR AVENUE
MILLBRAE



This is a unique opportunity to discuss AAUW and other concerns
with Jackie. She is a member of the North Peninsula Branch and
grew up in South San Francisco, which really makes her a local!

Any questions? Please call Sue Argeris, (650) 343-5995, or
email sueearg@gmail.com



Visit to the Carolands on 9/03/14

AAUW enjoyed a fascinating and comprehensive tour of Hillsborough's Carolands. What an exceptional opportunity to see a most beautiful house and learn the real history behind it! Thanks to Helen Hatchett, who has so ably headed California Fact & Legend for years, and to Betty Bernstein, who helped arrange this marvelous day.

Bobbi Benson

Skyline President Joining President's Advisory Council

President Barack Obama has announced his intention to appoint Regina Stanback Stroud, president of Skyline College in San Bruno, to the President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans.

The council, established in June 2013, advises Obama and the Secretary of the Treasury on how to build the financial capability of young people at an early stage of their lives in schools, families, communities, the workplace and through the use of technology. It is hoped that these recommendations will contribute to the nation's future financial stability and increase upward economic mobility, according to a press release.

Stanback Stroud has been president of Skyline College since 2011 and previously served as vice president from 2001 to 2011. From 1997 to 2001, she was the dean of workforce and economic development at Mission College in Santa Clara. (SM Daily Journal)

NEWS FROM NATIONAL AAUW

There's a lot of negative talk about Congress these days—and that might be the understatement of the year! But when it comes to your senators, we've got a lot to be thankful for.

Senators Boxer and Feinstein received a 100 percent score in the newly-released AAUW Action Fund *Congressional Voting Record* for the 113th Congress—meaning they voted for or co-sponsored selected AAUW priority bills 100 PERCENT OF THE TIME.

The [Congressional Voting Record for the 113th Congress](#)—CVR, for short—includes legislators' votes or co-sponsorship on legislation to strengthen our nation's equal pay laws, raise the minimum wage, protect LGBT workers from discrimination, re-open the federal government, and other critical issues.

[Send a message to Sens. Boxer and Feinstein today to say you're thankful for their votes and actions supporting women and girls in the 113th Congress!](#)

It's our responsibility to demonstrate to women voters exactly what's at stake, and we need to encourage them to head to the polls on Tuesday, November 4—use the [AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record](#) to make that case! Go to www.aauw.org

Jackie Speier's ERA Rally in Redwood City



NOVEMBER 2014 INTEREST SECTIONS

Elissa James, Sections Chair

Arts & Culture

Marge Denni

Maggie Kobe

Saturday, November 1, 9:40 AM Simulcast HD opera with popcorn. Join us to see Bizet's *Carmen* on Saturday, November 1, at the Century Movie Theater in San Mateo. The opera with intermissions runs 3 hours and 40 minutes. Meet in the lobby at 9:40 am. Call Marge Denni for further information.

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thursday, November 20, 10 AM - 12:00 Noon

Empire Falls by Richard Russo

Jill Stewart

Book Discussion II

Mary Stella Flynn

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Book Discussion III

Sherrean Rundberg

Thursday, November 20, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake by Anna Quindlen

Barbara Schotzko

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino

DATE CHANGE Friday, November 21, 10 AM

The Beekeeper's Apprentice by Laurie R. King

Mady Sokolsky

Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, November 17, 1 – 4 PM

Kathy Wiblin

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tuesday, November 4, at 10:00 AM

San Francisco Trivia Game

Gerhild Klein

Please RSVP to Helen by Saturday, November 1

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 PM

Scandia, 742 Polhemus Road, SM

Host: Ann Guinasso

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wednesday, November 5, 9 AM

Gerhild Klein

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 PM

Contact Mary for details.

Ethnic Lunch

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Holiday Celebration – DATE CHANGE

Friday, December 5, 11:30 AM

Puerto 27 (Peruvian)

525 Crespi Drive, Pacifica

RSVP to Annette by 12/03

Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thursday November 13, 10:30-12:00

Norma Tarrow

Topic: Defense Technology

Hiking Always 10 AM, year round

Bobbi Benson

Saturday, November 15: Glen Canyon Park, SF

Monday, November 24: Wilbur's Watch Trail, Pescadero

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

For more info, contact Helen.

Thursday, November 13, 1:30 PM

Tuesday, November 25, 1:30 PM

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Mon., November 17, Wine and Cheese, 5:30–7:30 PM

Please RSVP to Maureen

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

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Rosa Gomez, staff attorney, International Institute of the Bay Area, speaking on "What Is San Mateo County Doing to Assist Unaccompanied Minors Who Have Recently Entered the U.S.?"

Lyn Haithcox

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

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.

NOVEMBER 2014 CALENDAR

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

