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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gayle Hardt & Margo King

Celebrate the Season

Spring is a time for celebration. We celebrate rebirth, regeneration, renewal in a variety of ways. AAUW/SM approaches the end of another year of advocacy for women and girls by providing seven university scholarships, three conference scholarships and eight Tech Trek camp scholarships. We invite you to celebrate the new possibilities your support has created for these 18 young women, and one of the ways you may wish to do so is by joining us at a reception honoring the seven university scholarship award winners on Saturday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the CSM Board Room. It is always inspiring to meet these deserving young women.

Another spring activity we are called to is to exercise our vote for the new leadership of both the state and national AAUW organizations. This is our opportunity to guide the organization in ways which reflect our values and concerns. To aid you in this, the voting process follows.

Exercise your Right to Vote

There are two elections for AAUW candidates this spring. All AAUW members are eligible to elect candidates for the AAUW National Board of Directors, proposed Public Policy Program and amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. In addition, AAUW-CA will elect a president-elect, a secretary (to finish the current term), a chief financial officer and enough directors to maintain a twelve-person board. Both of these elections will be held on line because online voting is efficient, cost-effective, secure, and green.

For the AAUW National election, voter PIN numbers will be mailed to members with the Spring/Summer
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You are invited to the

CELEBRATION FOR OUR 2015 AAUW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Saturday, May 9, 2015
1:30 P. M.**

**SMCCD Administration Building
2nd Floor Board Room
3401 CSM Drive**

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

**Many thanks to the Committee:
Jane Bradley
Gerhild Klein
Marty Moga
Ramona Raybin
Norma Tarrow
Kathy Wiblin
Judy Laird, Co-Chairperson
Billie Lou Sands, Co-Chairperson**

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Carol Way

Membership as of 4/01/2015: 170

Even though the new membership year begins on July 1, the dues envelopes need to be sent in by **June 10.** This enables the branch to get the information to National in a timely manner.
PLEASE DON'T BE LATE WITH YOUR DUES!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Patricia Fuetsch

Patricia moved to San Mateo in the mid-1970's. She received her BS in business from San Francisco State and her master's degree from USF in human resources and organizational development. After working in the corporate world in this area for many years, she retired at the end of 2013. Since then, she has been involved in various programs with grade children with reading and through Homework Central, an after-school program for 3rd-5th graders.

Her interests are education and scholarships for young women, book discussion groups, hiking, public policy, and mailings as well as tutoring and gardening.

Carmen Garcia

Carmen received her BA in business administration from San Marcos State University, San Marcos, TX, followed by a degree in psychology from SF State. She is currently taking courses there to prepare her for The Wright Institute, where she will be attending in spring 2016 for her PsyD.

She currently works as a Legal Administrative Assistant at Root & Rebound: Reentry Advocates, an organization providing direct legal and social services, legal education, and policy advocacy to improve the lives of reentering citizens and maximize their opportunities for success in the community.

She enjoys creating children's stories as well as meditating and also collects Japanese and Chinese antiques. But most importantly, she enjoys weekend brunches with her daughter.

TECH TREK

Maureen Buchner

The Tech Trek Committee has chosen 8 campers from the San Mateo-Foster City School District 7th graders nominated by their teachers. They have written essays, and have passed our interview process. We have chosen Sarah Finer and Srimaye Samudrala from Bowditch, Fiona McCarthy and Anjelica Bennett from Abbott, Charlotte Wong and Judith Ramirez from Borel, and Ellen Batsuuri and Valerie Miller from Bayside Stem Academy.

This year, Camp Grace Hopper will run from 7/5 to 7/11. One of our junior counselors will be Glynnis McNamara, a former Bayside student now at Aragon High School and a senior counselor will be Julise Hall, the current student body president at Aragon High School.

We are preparing to offer a coding class for making an app (Verizon grant) and a cyber-security class (Symantec grant), along with our very popular core classes from last year. Lockheed-Martin is also supporting our 2 Stanford camps, so we are purchasing new computers.

Thanks to our members who give funds for these scholarships for our local girls. Donations may be sent to Maureen Buchner. Make checks payable to AAUW-CA SPF. The funds will continue to go through the SPF through the month of November, then we will transition to the national AAUW.

“Solving the Equation”

"Solving the Equation" was presented to the press and public at Samsung in Mountain View. Cathy Foxhoven, Marcia Leonhardt and Maureen Buchner attended from the San Mateo branch. This is the study which follows up on "Why So Few?" which asked about the lack of women in STEM fields. This is an AAUW study by Catherine Hill and Christianne Corbett.

A panel discussion was moderated by Stanford Professor, Londa Schiebinger. Professional leaders from AT&T, Samsung, NASA, GlassLab and Broadcom responded to questions from participants. It was very informative. If you would like to read the study, we each have a copy to loan, and it is downloadable from the AAUW National website.

Those of us who work on the Tech Trek Camps are really working hard to interest girls in STEM fields. We do know that we are attracting girls to more AP science and Technology classes in high schools. It seems that businesses are also working to try and reverse the number of women who choose to leave these fields in corporations. It appears that schools, universities and businesses must all devote their energies to changing this culture.

ANNUAL RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

The seven students who have been selected to receive scholarships from our AAUW/San Mateo Branch will be honored on Saturday, May 9TH, 1:30 p.m. at the San Mateo Community College District (SMCCD) building, 3401 CSM Drive, in the second floor Board Room.

You will be introduced to our seven scholarship recipients who will each present to you their experiences, goals and aspirations. Your attendance will provide support and encouragement to the awardees and their guests.

Six of the \$5,000 scholarship awards are from the Ethel Gayman Endowment which is designated to provide funding for yearly academic scholarships to students from the three San Mateo County Community Colleges who are continuing their education at accredited four-year colleges or universities.

The Kathleen Smith Memorial Scholarship is providing one \$5,000 scholarship award to be announced at this recognition event. The AAUW/San Mateo Board of Directors voted to establish this academic scholarship for ten years. The recipient is from one of the three San Mateo County Community Colleges and will be attending a four-year university in the fall.

Members of the 2015 Scholarship Committee are Gerhild Klein, Jane Bradley, Kathy Wiblin, Marty Moga, Norma Tarrow, Ramona Raybin, Judy Laird, Co-Chair and Billie Lou Sands, Co-Chair. After reviewing required information, personal statements, reference statements, and transcripts for each qualified candidate, the Committee selected twelve candidates to be interviewed. From those interviewed, seven were chosen to receive the seven scholarships available from our AAUW/San Mateo Branch.

Your attendance is needed to recognize your scholarship recipients on Saturday, May 9TH at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and decorations will be provided by the Scholarship and Hospitality Committees.

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AAUW Outlook, as well as the final slate of candidates, bylaws proposals, and resolutions. Online voting opens on April 15 and close on June 19, 2015 at 9:00 pm Pacific Time. Members may request to have a paper ballot mailed to them between April 1 and May 8; use the email address: connect@aauw.org or call 800.326.2289 to request a ballot. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 26.

At the state level, the voting period is April 18 through May 8, 2015. On April 18, an email message will be sent by Vote Now with your personal access code and a link to the voting site.

If you do not have an email account, or if the message sent to you bounces, you will receive a postcard by first class mail with this information and instructions for requesting a paper ballot if you are unable to vote online. If you plan to request a paper ballot, please do so early enough for mailed ballots to reach Vote Now (located in Florida) by May 8. Detailed instructions for voting online are available on the website. More information can be found in the Winter 2015 *California Prospective*.

It's very important for all of us to vote to ensure a strong American Association of University Women and that it reflects the desires of its members. As we try to instill in every citizen, "your vote counts" whether in an AAUW election or a national, state and municipal election.

Hand-Wringing Over Bacteria

Q. Does the widespread use of hand sanitizers risk breeding resistant bacteria?

A. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing 60% to 95% alcohol do not increase the chances of producing resistant bacteria, according to research cited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but some others kinds may do so.

Furthermore, even the recommended kinds of sanitizers do not eliminate all germs, the CDC warns in its guidelines for sanitizer used. Soap and water are still more effective than hand sanitizers for removing or inactivating certain kinds of germs like *Cryptosporidium*, norovirus and *Clostridium difficile*, especially when hands are grimy, not just contaminated.

C. Clairborne Ray question@nytimes.com

San Mateo County Commission on Aging, Adult Abuse Prevention Committee's Making the Invisible Visible (MIV) Project

The San Mateo County Commission on Aging, Adult Abuse Prevention Committee (AAPC) is working on *Making the Invisible Visible (MIV) Project*. The purpose of the project is to bring greater awareness and education of elder abuse to the residents of San Mateo County in hopes of preventing elder abuse. Unfortunately, elder abuse is happening in San Mateo County and is on the rise according to SMC's Adult Protective Services statistics.

The MIV Project uses an innovative and powerful approach to promote elder financial and emotional abuse awareness and education. In 2013, AAPC began working with Eyal Rabinovitch who is a member of the Theatre of the Oppressed, an organization which uses theatre to promote social and political change. Our effort follows a forum theatre format and involves a short 30-35 minute skit on elder financial and emotional abuse, followed by a 50-minute facilitated interactive dialogue with the audience. The latter is the most critical part of the Project. The audience is invited to see how they might change the situation just presented to them, and what obstacles might interfere with this. The short play is a real world composite created by the troupe itself from its members' own experiences.

This MIV play entitled, "*Could It Happen To You? A Story of Elder Abuse*," covers elder financial abuse perpetrated by a son on his mother and touches on emotional abuse as well. Humour is used often which helps to lighten the heavy topic and also makes the play more powerful. It also sensitively touches on some of the difficulties which come with aging. The critical and most important part of the project is the facilitated post-play discussion. In its past 7 productions, the discussions have been lively and reflected the audiences' engagement and deep interest. Then Daly City Mayor Canepa attended both performances held in his City in 2014 and is an enthusiastic supporter of the Project. A presentation last month to the Burlingame Rotary has generated interest from other service organizations as well. For information regarding future efforts, please check the San Mateo County website or the San Mateo Daily Journal Calendar Section.

Melodie Lew, AAPC Chair

AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE April 10, 2015

Hello! I am your new State Policy Analyst. I'm excited to join the AAUW team and be part of a great legacy of inspiring women.

As a child, a poster of the famous **Nike ad: If You Let Me Play (1995)** hung on my wall. The messages from that poster about self-confidence and strength, along with my feminist parents and supportive friends, helped shape the person I am today.

Through their examples and encouragement, I learned about feminism, the importance of education, and reproductive freedom. I also became a political junkie and found social activism.

After spending time on the front lines working in a clinic and then organizing young women on campuses, I shifted gears into the legal and policy world. For the past several years I've honed my state policy chops working with the National Governors Association on education policy. Now, I am thrilled to bring those skills to AAUW and return to my passion of fighting for the rights of girls, women, and families.

The State Policy Analyst position is new for AAUW, so I hope you will help me craft it. I have big plans, including re-envisioning how we track legislation, providing analysis and vetting services on state bills, and creating model legislation. Just recently, I assisted California with recommendations for SB358 which addresses equal pay. I look forward to working with many of you on similar bills as we fight to ensure that all women earn a fair wage. Look out for more introductory emails, phone briefings, and trainings in the coming weeks as we roll out the new state policy program.

That poster from my childhood now hangs on my office wall and inspires me to help fight for equality for girls and women every day. I am excited to pursue those goals in collaboration with all of you. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kate Nielson, AAUW State Policy Analyst

Public Policy Discussion Group Will Hear How Clubhouse Dream Became a Reality

Back in September 2013, our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group heard a friend of Diane Silven, Juliana Fuerbringer, discuss her dream of establishing a clubhouse where mentally ill men and women could gather together to enjoy each other's company and receive a variety of helpful services in a comfortable Peninsula setting.

At that time Juliana had only her dream and the support of friends like Diane to achieve her dream. Now we are happy to report that she has reached her goal to establish a clubhouse in a former Planned Parenthood building at 2211 Palm Avenue, San Mateo. There is a chance we will hold our May meeting at that location, but in the meanwhile we have scheduled our meeting on Tuesday, May 19th from 10:30-12 noon at Diane's home. Interested AAUW members should call Betty Bernstein a few days before May 19th to confirm the final decision on the meeting's location.

MAY 2015 INTEREST SECTIONS
INTEREST SECTIONS CHAIR - Elissa James

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thursday, May 21, 10:00 AM

Cathy Jensen

Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage by Alice Munro

Book Discussion II

Mary Stella Flynn

Thursday, May 28, 12:00 Noon – 2 PM

Donna Pribble

Planning Meeting for 2015-2016

Book Discussion III

Sherrean Rundberg

Thursday, May 21, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Barbara Schotzko

Light between Oceans by M. L. Stedman

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino

Friday, May 22, 10 AM – 12 Noon

Mady Sokolsky

The Magician's Assistant by Anne Patchett

Bridge

Elissa James

Monday, May 18, 1 – 4 PM

Pat Haupt

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tuesday, May 5, 10:30 AM

Tour of Saint John's Cemetery in San Mateo followed by lunch

Please RSVP to Helen by Friday, May 1

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 PM

Spiedo Ristorante, 223 E. 4th St, San Mateo

Hostess: Jan Lundquist

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wednesday, May 6, 9:00 AM

Ida Braun

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 PM

Contact Mary for details

Ethnic Lunch

A Delaney

Wednesday, May 27, 11:30 AM

Ben Tre Vietnamese Homestyle Cuisine

213 2nd Ave., SM RSVP to Annette by 5/25

Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thursday, May 14, 10:30 AM -12:00 Noon

Betty Bernstein

TOPIC: Brazil's Metamorphosis

Hiking Always 10 AM year-round

Bobbi Benson

Monday, May 11: POPOS Walk No. 2 in SF

Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day): Cowell State

Beach To join us anytime, contact Bobbi.

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Thursday, May 14, 1:30 PM

Tuesday, May 26, 1:30 PM

For more info, contact Helen.

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Monday, May 18, 5:30 PM – Wine and cheese

Please RSVP to Maureen.

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Friday, May 8, 1:30 – 3:00 PM

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

A Cold Day for Murder by Dana Stabenow

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 AM -12 Noon

Juliana Fuerbringer will speak on "Clubhouse---An Impossible Dream Becomes a Reality."

Diane Silven

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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.

MAY 2015 CALENDAR

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