

BAY LEAVES



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gayle Hardt & Margo King

ACHIEVEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT

Yes, AAUW/SM sponsors and supports both. And we have had success with both. Our dues, donations and votes are all ways in which we participate in AAUW achievements. The issues vary--supporting equal pay legislation, stopping charter school use of vouchers, working to establish data regarding human trafficking--but we continue to support the work and share in the achievements.

Our entertainment takes a variety of forms also from interest groups that meet around books, games and food to programs that both educate and create enjoyment: art with Kay Payne, introduction to the Delancey Street program, and a variety of area speakers, all programs arranged by the Board.

Now we want your ideas about what you would like to achieve and how you would like to be entertained. We joined AAUW because we share its values and believe in its mission. We also joined for the many interest groups offered, places where we can be educated and entertained with old and new friends. Are there interests you have that you would like to share with a group? Games you would like to play? Music you would like to listen to or study? Crafts that you once did and would like to revive? It is easy to add new sections and invite members to participate. And Elissa James, the interest group coordinator, would love to help you coordinate such an effort in any way she can.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year:

Co-Presidents
Margo King
Annette Delaney

Membership Co-Vice Presidents
Maureen Buchner
Anne Horgan

Program Vice President
Ramona Raybin

Recording Secretary
Marty Moga

Financial Officer
Judy Steele

Thank you to the Nominating Committee members: Betty Bernstein, Gayle Hardt, Gerhild Klein and Diane Silven.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 17 - North Pen. Branch,
Equal Pay Day Luncheon

Monday, April 20 - Spring Fundraising
Luncheon

Saturday, May 9 - Reception for
Scholarship
Recipients

MEMBERSHIP TREASURER

Carol Way

Membership as of 3/01/2015: 168

Dues envelopes will be mailed first class the last week of April.

IN MEMORIAM: Elise Stone

Elise joined AAUW in 2000 and has been a member of the hiking and book group II. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a BS in 1956 and obtained a MA in Health Science from SF State in 1974. She spent her career as a health educator and was also a past president of the local League of Women Voters.

TECH TREK – Maureen Buchner

March and April are busy months for Tech Trek nominees and the San Mateo Branch Tech Trek Committee. Our funds were due on March 1st, and reservations have been made for 8 campers at Camp Grace Hopper at Stanford.

The Stanford camps will be purchasing new computers and running several new classes due to grants from Verizon, Lockheed-Martin and Symantec.

Our state board recently voted to combine our 10 camps with the Tech Trek camps at AAUW National, which will take a year in transition. We have already benefitted greatly from the united efforts of the professionals at National. The branches will continue to choose and fund their own local students.

Thank you for your generosity and support for our local girls. More than 80 7th grade girls have benefitted over the past 12 years. Many of them HAVE chosen to study STEM majors and careers. In fact, one of our Bayside students is currently an engineering major at Stanford and comes each summer to introduce our girls to the Solar Car project.

Your checks are payable to AAUW CA SPF, a 501(c)(3) created by the state organization to enable your tax-deductible donations. Mail to Maureen Buchner.

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One of the popular interest groups we may all have enjoyed was Arts and Culture. The past coordinators of this group did a great job of finding and letting us know about cultural happenings around town. But we cannot ask the same people to do this for us forever. What about re-energizing this group. Do we have a volunteer? Someone who loves arts and varieties of entertainment.

Now there are so many wonderful DVD and computer streaming opportunities with a huge variety of content, all available for our entertainment. Movies, fine television series (without ads!), ballet, opera...you continue the list. Mixing electronic entertainment with live entertainment options around the Bay area would now make it easy to schedule on a permanent day and week. That way more of us could arrange our calendars to be sure we don't miss out on any of the great entertainment available and that we would always have one day a month to do something that is fun or maybe even beautiful. And we would get to know other members who share our passions at the same time!

Think about our call to consider new interest groups and to revitalize a new Arts and Entertainment group. Then reach out to interest group coordinator Elissa James.

We are fortunate to belong to an organization where you can work, play and develop friendships with women with whom we share values. Help us continue to make achievement and entertainment part of our AAUW/SM experience.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

If you have suggestions for a new interest group and/or if you are willing to help reorganize an Arts and Entertainment interest group, please contact me so that we can arrange to talk about our options. I am eager to discuss and assist.

Elissa James



**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 40-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

North Peninsula Branch Equal Pay Day Luncheon

The Public Policy Committee of the North Peninsula Branch has scheduled a luncheon at the 16 Mile House in Millbrae, Friday, April 17, to honor Equal Pay for Women from 11:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Speakers will be Congresswoman, Jackie Speier (the reason the luncheon is on Friday and not Tuesday Equal Pay Day), who is able to be here following a busy week in Washington, and Phyllis Gould, an original Rosie the Riveter.

The owner-manager of the 16 Mile House is giving us 22% off the price of the meals. Menu options: 16 Mile House Prime Steak, Chicken Marsala, and Grilled Salmon--for the unbelievable price of \$25.00.

Reservations must be in by April 1, 2015.
Please contact Lada Denisova.

Ami Seebode

Luncheon at Delancey St. Restaurant Offers Members Much Food for Thought

After a hearty four-course luncheon at Delancey Street's handsome restaurant in San Francisco, a good turnout of branch members, husbands and guests enjoyed a fascinating talk about the organization's amazing history and operation.

For the last five years our branch has provided volunteers and a small amount of financial support for the vocabulary program in the Choices section of the Women's Correctional Facility in Redwood City. Since the Choices program is based on Delancey Street principles, we decided to hold a luncheon at their remarkable restaurant on the Embarcadero in San Francisco.

Our first speaker, Sabrina Fontanilla, acknowledged that she had been a 25-year heroin addict before entering Choices and then Delancey Street. She explained how the organization successfully operates without any outside government funding to turn people like her into successful self-supporting men and women. Each resident is provided at least three vocational skills, such as chefs or servers in the restaurant, print shop operators or moving company workers in the organization's highly regarded moving company. Sabrina explained how she had worked her way up to be in charge of private dining, and it was, in fact, she who made all of the arrangements for our luncheon. She is but one of more than 350 people who are currently living and working at Delancey Street at this time.

Next, we heard a very moving presentation from Maria Garcia who spent over a year in Choices, but did not



Members with Maria Garcia, a speaker

go to Delancey Street. Instead, she was transferred to a federal prison in the East Bay and then to a halfway house in the Tenderloin. Despite all of this she was able to use the valuable lessons she learned in Choices to turn her life around. She told of her very busy life today as a graduate student in psychology at San Francisco State University and her part-time work for a non-profit organization, Root and Rebound in Berkeley, which helps formerly incarcerated women like her successfully re-enter their communities. All of the board members who attended the luncheon were so impressed with Maria that we voted to offer her a free one year's membership in our AAUW branch. We expect that for awhile she will be too busy with work and her studies to be very active, but we do hope that eventually she will be able to participate in our many programs.

Betty Bernstein

Two New Branch Members will Be Featured Speakers at Next Public Policy/Current Events Discussion Group Meeting

Diana McDonough, one of our most recent new members, wasn't completely retired when she came up with an original idea for helping some of the world's poorest children. She and her good friend, Kate Parnes, also a new branch member, will jointly tell us about the innovative idea they have for helping fellow grandparents share the generosity they show for their own grandchildren with far less fortunate children in the U.S. and other countries of the world.

Both will discuss their new venture at this month's Public Policy/Current Events discussion group meeting on Tuesday, April 21, from 10:30 A.M.-12 noon at the home of Betty Bernstein. As always, the meeting will be open to all AAUW members, family and friends.

APRIL 2015 INTEREST SECTIONS

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thursday, April 16, 10:00 AM

Cathy Stigge

In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson

Book Discussion II

Mary Stella Flynn

Thursday, April 23, 12:00 Noon – 2 PM

Please contact Mary Stella for location.

City of Fallen Angels by John Berendt

Book Discussion III

Sherrean Rundberg

Thursday, April 16, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Gretta Csatho

Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo

Book Discussion IV

Mikki Coffino

Friday, April 24, 10:00 – 12 Noon

Cathy Jensen

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Bridge

Elissa James

NO MEETING IN APRIL

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 AM

Program: DVD

Gayle Hardt, 851 Viewridge, San Mateo

RSVP to Helen Hatchett by April 4

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

NO MEETING IN APRIL

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 AM

Linda Byers, 259 W. 3rd Ave., San Mateo

Ethnic Dining

Mary Faber

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 PM

Baltica (Russian), 33 W. 25th Ave., San Mateo

Call or email Jeanne Swapp if you plan to attend.

INTEREST SECTIONS CHAIR – Elissa James 579–2901

Ethnic Lunch

A Delaney

Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 AM

Xanh (Asian Fusion) 110 Castro St, Mountain View

If attending, let Annette know by April 20

Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Carol Way

Thursday, April 9, 10:30 AM – 12 Noon

Barbara Snedeker

TOPIC: India Changes Course

Hiking Always 10 AM year-round

Bobbi Benson

Monday, April 13, Monte Bello Open Space Preserve

Monday, April 27, Los Trancos Open Space Preserve

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi.

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Thursday, April 9, 1:30 PM

Tuesday, April 28, 1:30 PM

For more info, contact Helen.

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

DAY AND TIME CHANGE

Monday, April 20, 5:30 PM – Wine and cheese

Please RSVP to Maureen.

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Friday, April 10, 1:30 PM

Dead Cert by Dick Francis

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

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tuesday, April 21, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon

"Helping the World's Poorest Children through Global Grandparents."

Diana McDonough and Kate Parnes will tell us all about their innovative approach to charitable giving.

Betty Bernstein

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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.

APRIL 2015 CALENDAR

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

