



# BAY LEAVES

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## Presidents' Message

Ramona Raybin and Jane Bradley

AAUW funded 3.7 million dollars in fellowships and grants to 250 woman scholars and nonprofit organizations for the 2017-2018 year due to the generosity of AAUW members and supporters. Several San Mateo Branch members attended the AAUW Funds Fall luncheon to honor some of the recipients at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. 26 recipients are studying in California universities or doing projects in our area. Five attended the luncheon and gave fascinating accounts of their projects. We all felt pride in AAUW for enabling these young women to continue their studies in diverse fields which will positively impact their communities.

- Allissa Walter, a Georgetown University Ph.d history student, is researching documents at Stanford obtained after the fall of Saddam Hussein. The AAUW grant even pays for child care for her two month-old child while she is pouring over documents in Arabic.
- Zesemayat Mekonnen, a medical student at UC San Francisco, is exploring the effects of air pollution and poverty on birth outcomes in California urban counties. Her goal is to become an academic physician focused on addressing health disparities.
- Adele Kuzmiakova from Brazil is a Ph.d Stanford engineering student researching models of urban mobility and social dynamics.
- Chndyli Rogel from the Phillipines is obtaining an MA in International Policy and Development at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She hopes to use her expertise to create and sustain poverty reduction policies and programs in the Phillipines.
- Girl Scouts of Northern California received a Community Action grant for their after school program Girls Go Tech which delivers hands on science and technology experiences to 30 girls in grades K-5 in Santa Rosa and Windsor.

## Upcoming Branch Events

Please Save the Date!

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| Jan 16   | Dinner with North Peninsula Branch<br>Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave<br>South San Francisco, 5:30 pm |
| Feb TBD  | Storytelling at Asian Art Museum<br>200 Larkin St. San Francisco<br>Lead by Karlyn Schneider                   |
| April 20 | Annual Meeting/Fundraiser Luncheon<br>Congregational Church, 751 Alameda de<br>las Pulgas, Belmont, 11:30 am   |

## Asian Art Museum Storytelling

Come to a magical storytelling tour at the Asian Art Museum! The mission of the story tellers is to introduce us to the art and culture of various Asian countries through the magic of story.

You will be introduced to *Ganes*, the Indian elephant headed god; *Mei Ling* the Chinese Princess and the dragon; see the samurai warrior's armor and sword; and hear the tale every Japanese child knows of *Issumboshi*, the one-inch warrior. You will view Asian painting, ceramics, scrolls, screens and sculpture in a new way. It will be held in February, the date will be announced as soon as it is determined. Contact Gerhild Klein, 341-0791, 2gklein@comcast.com, if interested.

## Tech Trek

Thanks to all who attended our Tech Trek Brunch in late October. We heard from 7 Tech Trek campers and our two NCCWSL scholarship representatives. They told their personal stories about how excited they were to attend these fine AAUW programs and what they had learned there.

Our annual campaign for donations to Tech Trek is going on right now. Please send your tax deductible contributions to Maureen Buchner, 792 Widgeon St. Foster City, CA 94404. Write the checks payable to "AAUW CA SPF", our 501(c)3. DO NOT WRITE CHECKS TO TECH TREK! Thank you so much for making this experience happen for these girls.

# The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap

The gender pay gap is not fake news. AAUW just crunched the numbers on new data from the U.S. Census Bureau and we have the facts you need to arm yourself to fight for fair pay.

*What's new about the pay gap? That's the problem: nothing.*

Despite incremental change the latest data show that women working full time, year-round in the United States are still paid 80 percent of what their male colleagues are paid. Clearly the gap is closing at a glacial pace.

*Is there a pay gap even if you compare women and men in the same job? YES.*

Data show that in almost every occupation men are paid more than women.

*Why don't women just choose higher-paying jobs? If only it were that easy!*

Researchers have found that pay drops for the entire field when women enter traditionally "male" fields.

*When will the pay gap close?*

According to our latest projections, the gender pay gap won't close until 2119. Women and families can't afford to wait that long.

*Ready to take action? Here's what you can do now!*

- Learn what your state is doing to achieve equal pay. Then push your elected officials for more action.
- Bring AAUW's salary negotiation workshops to your community. Help provide women with the tools they need to secure a fair salary.
- Urge your members of Congress to pass legislation to close the gender pay gap. Women and families need federal action on equal pay.

## Membership

### Correction:

In the November Bay Leaves we neglected to acknowledge the generous contributions of Melly Metcalfe to AAUW Funds, LAF, Tech Trek, and NCCWSL. We regret the oversight and want to thank Melly for her generosity. The new total is \$2805.00.

## Welcome to New Branch Member:

Belle Shayer

1 Baldwin Ave #906, San Mateo, CA 94401

Bellefc@sbcglobal.net, 650-341-2514

Belle is a graduate of San Francisco State and is a retired private professional fiduciary. She became a member of San Mateo Branch in 1955. She was an active member for about 10 years and now is returning hoping to share friendships and interests with the branch again. Belle is already enjoying the Drama Reading Group every month, just attended Ethnic Dining, and is looking forward to more.

## AAUW San Mateo Branch Supports Women in San Mateo County Jail

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls. There are many ways we do this. One of the ways our branch supports this mission is to sponsor a class for women in the Maple Street Correctional Facility in Redwood City.

One of the programs at the jail is called *Choices* where the women must interview to be part of the program. *Choices* provides classes and counseling for the women that they attend all day, 5 days a week. If they don't have their high school diploma or GED, they must study for and take the tests to receive their GED. They sign a contract that, after they have served their time, they will go into a program of at least 6 months such as *Hope House* or *Delancey Street*. The mission of *Choices* is to enable the women to avoid going back to the same environment that landed them in jail in the first place.

For the past 7 years members of our branch, Betty Bernstein, Shirley Roberson and Gayle Hardt, have been supervising a vocabulary class in the *Choices* program. The class was originally sponsored by the College of San Mateo. CSM was unable to continue sponsoring the class so the San Mateo Branch of AAUW took over.

The vocabulary course consists of 6 self-study books the women use to learn the words. They range in difficulty from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to college level vocabulary. The women take a placement test to determine which book they will study first.

Some of the women are a little intimidated when they start the class but after a few weeks they gain confidence and truly enjoy the challenge. After they complete each section of their book, they are given a certificate. In some cases, this is the first certificate they have earned. It's inspiring to see how these women change their lives through *Choices*. It's a program that works and we're proud to be part of it.

Join North Peninsula AAUW for Dinner and a De Young  
Docent Presentation on Marie Antoinette:  
*Art, Fashion, and Revolution.*

The AAUW North Peninsula Branch has invited us, and our guests, to  
join them for a sumptuous dinner and presentation at  
The Basque Cultural Center.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 5:30 - 8:00 pm  
Basque Cultural Center  
599 Railroad Ave. South San Francisco, CA 94080

The dinner includes: Soup or Salad, Coffee and Ice Cream

Entre selections:

Shrimp Scampi with vegetables and rice;

Roast New York Strip with scallop potatoes and vegetables;

Vegetarian pasta with mixed vegetables.

The cost of the Dinner is \$45.00. Checks must be received no later than Jan. 3, 2018.  
There is ample parking at the Cultural Center. (Let us know if you need to carpool.)

Please mail your check, payable to "AAUW Millbrae" to:  
Gerhild Klein, 356 Dolphin Isle, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Dinner with North Peninsula AAUW  
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ (use back of form for additional guests)

Please indicate meal choices: \_\_\_\_\_ Scampi; \_\_\_\_\_ NY Strip Steak; \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Pasta

Total # of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check for \$45 per person, payable to **AAUW Millbrae**, to:  
Gerhild Klein, 356 Dolphin Isle, Foster City, CA 94404.  
Checks must be received by Jan. 3, 2018.

## December 2017 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay, maedchris@aol.com, 349-1330

### **Boggle**

Judy Steele, Judy-Steele@comcast.net, 574-8089

**No Meeting in December**

### **Book Discussion I**

Elissa James, 579-2901 billandelissa@comcast.net

Wed, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am (Note Date Change)

Elissa James, 50 Mounds Rd 311, San Mateo

*Empty Mansions*, Bill Dedman, Paul Clark Newell, Jr

### **Book Discussion II (wait list)**

Judy Podesta, 343-4697 jpodesta555@sbcglobal.net

**No Meeting in December**

### **Book Discussion III (wait list)**

Sherrean Rundberg 572-1988

sherrberg@pacbell.net

**No Meeting in December**

### **Book Discussion IV**

Mikki Coffino 341-2428 mikkicof@att.net

Fri, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (Note Date Change)

Cathy Jensen 520 Fairfax Ave SM, 343-6480

*In the Unlikely Event*, Judy Blume

### **Bridge**

Elissa James 579-2901 billandelissa@comcast.net

Mon, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon (Note Time Change)

Elissa James, 50 Mounds Rd, 311, San Mateo

Pot Luck Luncheon

### **California Fact & Legend**

Bobbi Benson, 455-1563,

bobbi\_benson@comcast.net

Tue, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am,

Presidio Officers' Club and Museum tour, SF

### **Dining Out**

Jane Bradley, 464-3808, janebradley@mac.com

**No Meeting in December**

### **Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe, 579-5650, maggieshaw@dkobe.com

Wed. Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

Maggie Kobe, 1220 Grove Ave, Burlingame

### **Ethnic Dining**

Sue Rosenberg, 343-0140,

rosenberg26@sbcglobal.net

Sunday, Dec 17, 6:30 pm

Straits Restaurant, 1100 Burlingame Ave B'game

RSVP to Jeanne Swapp by Dec 13, 591-3123

### **Ethnic Lunch**

Annette Delaney 415-235-1155

annettedelaney@yahoo.com

**No Meeting in December**

### **Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions**

Margo King, margoking3@yahoo.com 458-3073

**No Meeting in December**

### **Hiking** Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson 455-1563

bobbi\_benson@comcast.net

Mon, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike & Picnic

Junipero Serra County Park, San Bruno

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### **Mah Jongg**

Helen Hatchett, 571-6129 helenhat@att.net

Wed, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm

Tues, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett, 954 Shoreline Dr. SM

### **Membership: New and Prospective**

Maureen Buchner 573-1604

widgeonmab@yahoo.com

### **Monday Movie**

Mary Ann McKay, maedchris@aol.com, 445-5206

Mon. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> time TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

### **Mystery Book Group**

Mikki Coffino 341-2428, mikkicof@att.net

Fri. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 am

Barb Schotzko, 324 Landfair Ave, SM, 345-6294

*Fall From Grace*, Tim Weaver

### **Public Policy/Current Events**

Betty Bernstein, 343-9137 bettybernst@aol.com

Diane Silven, 348-5877, dianesilven@yahoo.com

**No Meeting in December**

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.*

**December 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Monday Movie	5 California Fact and Legend	6 Drama Reading	7 AAUW Board Meeting	8 Mystery Book Group	9
10	11 Hiking	12 <i>Hanukkah begins at sunset</i>	13 Mah Jongg Book I	14	15 Book IV	16
17 Ethnic Dining	18 Bridge	19	20 <i>Hanukkah ends at sunset</i>	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 Mah Jongg	27	28	29	30
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