



# BAY LEAVES

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## Presidents' Message

Ramona Raybin and Jane Bradley

### ADVANCING BRANCH ONLINE SKILLS

We are excited to report that AAUW California is forming a technology peer group. The idea is to share online best practices and tools to reach our membership more efficiently and effectively. The virtual group is forming now and plans to meet by conference call initially to determine the areas of interest. The first meeting will be on Thursday, February 22 from 6:30 - 8pm. The group will then meet monthly, probably web based, and will focus on learning how to use a particular tool or how to respond to a specific need identified by the group. We encourage you to consider signing up. It should be fun and educational. Plus, the knowledge you gain can help you personally as well as the San Mateo Branch. Please send an email to Ramona Raybin and we will forward the AAUW - CA sign up message to you.

## WIRE - Women Who Identify, Recruit, and Elect

Join the Mid-Peninsula Branch of AAUW to hear Carol Mayer Marshall speak to us about her organization *WIRE* which was founded to help women get elected or appointed to offices in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Ms. Marshall formed this group after she saw how devastated some women were by the defeat of Hilary Clinton.

It is a totally bi-partisan effort. They do not endorse candidates or raise money. Rather, their members recruit qualified women and then offer free campaign consulting advice to those who choose to serve their communities in elective or appointive posts. The meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Redwood Shores Library Community Room, 399 Marine Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065. Contact Gerhild Klein if you would like to attend. This is a free event.

## Upcoming Branch Events

Please Save the Date!

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| March 17 | Meeting with Mid-Peninsula Branch<br><i>Women Who Identify, Recruit &amp; Elect</i><br>Redwood Shores Library Community Rm<br>399 Marine Pkwy, RWC, 2:00 pm<br>Speaker Carol M. Marshall, <i>WIRE</i> |
| April 20 | Annual Meeting/Fundraiser Luncheon<br>Congregational Church of Belmont<br>751 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont<br>Speaker: Author Michelle Carter,<br><i>From Under the Russian Snow</i> , 11:30 am     |

## Public Policy/Current Events

Anyone who visits downtown San Mateo has probably stopped at one time or another at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop on B Street across from Trag's Market, but it's unlikely that any of us has noticed a line of men and women of all ages lined up at a small office next door to the shop.

What they are waiting for are items for breakfast or a bag that includes soup, a sandwich, fruit and a beverage for lunch. Others wait to seek personal care items or furniture or clothing that can help them survive their current situation.

The speaker at our March 13<sup>th</sup> Public Policy meeting is Chaplain Marty Schaar of St. Vincent de Paul. He will tell us about the amazing variety of services they offer low income members of our community. Father Marty also counsels men and women in San Mateo's County Jail through the organization's *Restorative Justice Program*. Since they help support these services from proceeds from their thrift shop, we could help them by bringing clothing and other sellable items to the meeting. The meeting will be at 10:30 am at Diane Silven's home. As always the meeting is free and open to all AAUW members and guests.



## AAUW/San Mateo Scholarship Committee

Every spring the Branch Scholarship Committee reviews applications from students from the three San Mateo County community colleges--College of San Mateo, Canada and Skyline--who intend to complete their bachelor's degree at a 4-year school. Once again, the board has approved the awarding of 5 scholarships of \$5,000 each.

Last spring the committee increased the number of members serving on the committee. This worked out extremely well, as each committee member read fewer applications. Nevertheless, the committee always needs new members because some of the members are only available to participate in a part of the process. What is involved is reading approximately 10-12 applications and attending a student interview session, all of which takes place during a 5-week period from April to May.

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile project, please contact Annette Delaney.

### March is Women's History Month

In 1987, after being petitioned by the *National Women's History Project*, Congress passed a Joint Resolution designating March as *Women's History Month*. It was established to honor the celebrated women pioneers and leaders in our history, as well as those unsung women heroes of our daily lives. We honor those outstanding women, whose contributions to our Nation's life, culture, history, economy, and families have shaped us and helped us fulfill America's promise.

The Theme for March 2018 is:

NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED: Honoring Women Who Fight all Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

This is a particularly timely theme after so many brave women were able to come forward to expose harassment and discrimination in all aspects of life. As our mission states we need to empower women and girls and educate men and boys to fight discrimination in any form.

### Membership

Roster Correction

Elissa James new email. Please make note in your 2017-2018 Roster

## AAUW Dues Reminder

AAUW annual dues statements will be sent out by the end of March. Please note that AAUW approved an increase in the National dues from \$49 to \$59, beginning Fiscal Year July 1, 2018. For most members this means your total dues will be \$100, which includes \$20 for State and \$21 for our local branch. Special members (50-year, life, etc.) will generally stay the same. Payments will be due by May 15<sup>th</sup> to allow time for processing before the end of June.

### Tech Trek

The names of the nominees for the Tech Trek Scholarships have been submitted by teachers in the district. Now the committee will begin to read essays, applications, and schedule interviews for our campers to attend Tech Trek--Camp Grace Hopper at Stanford the week of July 15-22. We have applied for 8 spaces at the camp for our branch. Directors have tweaked the curricula and we will be bringing back Mad City Money again this summer!

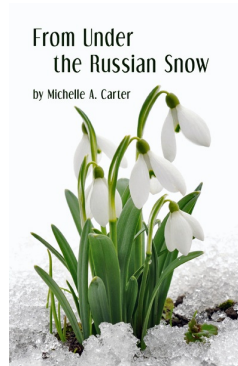
As always, we will pay for the campers at the end of March. If you would like to contribute, make a check out to AAUW CA SPF (a 501(c)3) and send to Maureen Buchner. Anyone wishing to use a direct donation from required distributions, please contact Maureen Buchner. Receipts for 2017 donations were mailed on Feb.10, 2018.

### Spring Fundraiser and Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the San Mateo Branch will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018. Not only is this one of the most fun meetings with a delicious buffet lunch and an interesting speaker, but it's also one of the most important. At this meeting we will be electing the new slate of officers for 2018-2019. Your vote in this matter is very important.

We'll also be raising money for the Branch's *National Conference for College Women Student Leaders* (NCCWSL) scholarship fund. The NCCWSL Conference will be held from May 30-June 2, 2018, on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park. Our Branch will be sending 3 women selected from the College of San Mateo, Skyline, or Cañada. At this conference the women will develop and strengthen a voice, skill set, and mind-set for leadership; gain a better understanding of local, national, and global issues and policies affecting women; build a professional tool kit for postgraduate life; network with other women leaders and more. We encourage you to attend this meeting to support our young leaders-to-be. Please see the enclosed flyer to make your reservations.

The American Association of University Women  
San Mateo Branch  
cordially invites you to attend the  
21<sup>st</sup> Spring Fundraiser Luncheon & 2018 Annual Meeting



We will be meeting at the Congregational Church of Belmont to elect our new officers and to hear from Michelle Carter, author of *From Under the Russian Snow*: a memoir of her time in Russia working with newspaper editors who were struggling to adapt to the new concepts of press freedom and a market economy.

**Date: Friday, April 20, 2018**

**Time: Doors open at 11:30 am**

**Location: Congregational Church of Belmont  
751 Alameda de las Pulgas  
Belmont, CA 94002**

**There is ample parking in the church parking lot.**

**Cost: \$45 to cover the cost of the buffet luncheon and contribution to the Branch's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarship fund.**

**Reservation: Send the tear slip and your check payable to "AAUW San Mateo" by April 10, 2018, to Gerhild Klein.**

If you cannot attend, please consider supporting NCCWSL by sending a contribution.

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

I can not attend but would like to send a contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## March 2018 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

### Boggle (All Members Welcome!)

Judy Steele

Wed, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 pm

Host: Judy Steele

### Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs, Mar 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

Host: Cathy Stigge,

*The Red-Haired Woman*, Orhan Pumak

### Book Discussion II (wait list)

Judy Podesta

Thurs, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 12:00 pm

Host: Elizabeth Haning,

*Hillbilly Elegy*, J.D. Vance

### Book Discussion III (wait list)

Sherrean Rundberg

Thurs, Mar 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Host: Bonnie Sevrens

*The Nest*, Cynthia Sweeney

### Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier,

Fri, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 am

Host: Cathy Jensen

*The Girl with Seven Names*, Hyeonseo Lee

### Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Mar 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

### California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson.

Tue, Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am,

Host: Lyn Haithcox

Author, Frank Dunnigan, *Growing Up in SF*

### Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm (carpool? call Jane)

Location TBD

Contact Jane Bradley for further information

### Drama Reading

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

Wed, Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

Host: Nancy Blachman

### Ethnic Dining

Sue Rosenberg

Contact Sue Rosenberg for Ethnic Dining in March

### Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am

Tannourine Lebanese, 120 W 25th Ave, SM

Rsvp to Annette Delaney by Mar 26<sup>th</sup>

### Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

Host: Diana McDonough

*China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation*

### Hiking Always 10 AM year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Sam McDonald County Park

Mon, Mar 26<sup>th</sup> No Hike

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Tues, Mar 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

### Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

### Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

Mon, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, time TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

### Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Mar 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm

Barb Schotzko

*After the Crash*, Michel Bussi

### Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Mar 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

Host: Diane Silven

Speaker: Chaplain Marty Schaerr, St. Vincent de Paul,  
*A Community Resource That Deserves Our Recognition  
and Support.*

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.*

**March 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AAUW Board Meeting	2	3
4	5 Monday Movie	6 California Fact and Legend	7 Drama Reading	8 Foreign Affairs	9 Mystery Book Group	10
11	12 Hiking	13 Public Policy	14 Mah Jongg	15 Book I Book III	16	17 Meeting with Mid-Peninsula Branch
18	19 Bridge	20	21 Dining Out Boggle	22 Book II	23 Book IV	24
25	26	27 Mah Jongg	28 Ethnic Lunch	29	30	31 Passover Begins