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Co-Presidents' Message

Ramona Raybin and Jane Bradley

Long before the “Me Too” movement, AAUW has been a leader in fighting sexual harassment. Since 1981, AAUW’s Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) has provided financial support to women involved in litigation alleging sexual harassment and other forms of sex discrimination in the work place. In 2003, Susan Duffy, a professor at Cal Poly, spoke to our branch about the sexual harassment and discrimination she endured from male faculty members in her department. AAUW offered financial support to Duffy when it became necessary to file a lawsuit to resolve the problem. Afterward, her case was settled out of court.

While employers are more aware of sexual harassment and discrimination, a recent LAF case shows how sexual harassment is still affecting women’s career advancement. In 2016, AAUW adopted the case of Nathalie Gosset who had worked for 30 years as an engineer and was terminated after she complained to her employer about a male supervisor’s inappropriate language. Details of Ms. Gosset’s case are included in broadcaster Gretchen Carlson’s recent book, *“Be Fierce: Stop Harassment and Take Your Power Back”*. For more information, the *AAUW Outlook Winter* edition has a detailed discussion of AAUW’s work to fight sexual harassment and discrimination.

Thanks to the generosity of members, we will be sending eight middle school girls to Tech Trek and several college students to the college women leadership conference (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland. In addition, the branch will be awarding six \$5000 scholarship to community college graduates to continue their education thanks to the gifts of deceased branch members Ethel Gayman and Kathleen Smith. We can all be proud of the good our branch is doing in the community and national AAUW’s contribution toward the advancement of woman. Pass the word.

Membership

Welcome to our New Members

Nancy Hobbs

Nancy graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a degree in history in 1967. She is interested in book group and wants to explore other interest sections in AAUW

Mayasari (Maya) Lim

Mayasari (Maya) Lim graduated from UC Berkeley, where she earned a degree in chemical engineering in 2000. She was awarded a PhD from Imperial College, London in 2008. Maya is CEO of a company she started 4 years ago called SE3D where they make desktop bioprinters and provide educational solutions to the industry and educational institutions. A self-proclaimed workaholic, Maya also tries to make time for gardening, cooking and wine-tasting. She is interested in Tech Trek and membership.

50-year Members

Helen Fricke and Jeanne Bosschart

Congratulations to our latest 50-year Members Helen Fricke and Jeanne Bosschart. Thank you for your dedication to AAUW’s mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Tech Trek

We have planned another great experience for our tech trek campers this July. We will reprise the budgeting piece called Mad City Money again this summer. If you wish to lunch at the dorm cafeteria and volunteer at a table on July 18th (4 hours), please confirm with Maureen Buchner.

As of now, we have the following new Tech Trek campers: Kiera Aldridge, Evelyne Aguirre, Alexandra Gorman, Leena Wang, Maahita Samudrala, Kaya Kumar, and Grace Isola.

Branch Advocacy Opportunities

Busy Legislative Session
Shannon Smith-Crowley,
LWVC Advocate

The California Legislature is gearing up for a busy session this spring and summer. With over 2000 bills introduced, the AAUW CA Public Policy committee and our advocate, Shannon Smith-Crowley narrowed our focus down to 31 pieces of legislation that fit AAUW's mission. While many worthwhile bills were introduced, as a committee, we try to focus on those areas where AAUW is an expert and often a lead-- Title IX, Pay Equity and STEM. This year, there were several proposals in response to the #MeToo campaign and sexual harassment which we will be watching.

As the session unfolds, it might be helpful to have branches meet with their local legislators to discuss support of these bills. Shannon will determine which bills will be emphasized and which legislator should be contacted and then we will contact the branch in the legislator's area.

Advocacy efforts might include phone calls or emails, or an office visit. There are tools on AAUW's website teaching how to have a successful visit and the LWVC Public Policy Committee is available for coaching and ideas. We will also be following up on the ideas from the Advocacy Plenary Session at the state convention and working to create a database of who we know in public office to help with our collective advocacy efforts. We look forward to working with you and your branch!

AAUW Dues Reminder

AAUW annual dues statements were sent out recently. 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 15th to allow time for processing by June 22nd.

Public Policy/Current Events

Every day we read about fires, floods and other natural disasters that affect Americans throughout our country. We are all familiar with the massive fires that devastated Sonoma and adjoining counties in Northern California and Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties in Southern California last year. What we didn't hear about were the multitude of Red Cross volunteers who were immediately available to assist the residents of these communities in providing for their basic needs.

Our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group has invited Red Cross volunteers, Betty Fleming and Ann Kuchins, to speak to us on Tuesday, May 8th, about the many services provided by the Red Cross to victims of both major and minor emergencies. The meeting will be held at the home of Lyn Haithcox at 10:30 am. The meeting is open to all AAUW members and guests.

Voters Choice Act:

New methods of Voting in San Mateo County

San Mateo County is making changes that will give residents more ways and more days to vote. All registered voters will receive a postage paid, mail-in ballot this May. You can mail it in, take it to a secure Drop-Off Box or visit any Vote Center to drop it off or vote in person. Most neighborhood polling places will no longer be used for voting.

The League of Women Voters North and Central San Mateo County is holding a series of presentations on the new *Voters Choice Act* and the Pros & Cons of the 5 state ballot measures and the 1 regional ballot measure. The presentations are listed below:

- Sat. April 21st at 10:30 am, Belmont Library, 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont 94002
- Wed. May 2nd at 7:00 pm, Foster City Library, 1000 E. Hillsdale Blvd. Foster City 94404
- Mon. May 7th at 7:00 pm, San Mateo Library, 55 W. 3rd Ave, San Mateo 94401
- Thurs. May 10th at 7:00 pm, MLK Community Center, 725 Monte Diablo Ave, SM 94401
- Fri. May 11th at 2:00 pm, SSF Library, Grand Branch, 306 Walnut Ave, SSF 94080
- Mon. May 14th at 7:00 pm, SSF Library, Main Branch, 840 W. Orange SSF 94080
- Mon. May 14th at 7:00 pm, San Carlos Library, 610 Elm St. San Carlos 94070

Please feel free to attend any of these presentations.

Interest Section Summer Sessions

The following Interest Sections will be meeting during some or all of the Summer months:

Boggle, 1:00 pm

Wed, June 20th

Wed, July 18th

Wed, Aug. 15th

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Thurs, June 21st, 10:00 am, Pot Luck

Host: Annette Delaney

A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles

Book Discussion III

Thurs, June 21st, 12:30 pm, Pot Luck, Book Selection

Host: Sherrean Rundberg

The Zookeeper's Wife, Diane Ackerman

Book Discussion IV, 10:00 am

Fri, June 22nd, *Millers' Valley*, Anna Quindlen

Fri, July 27th, *Little Paris Bookshop*, Nina George

Fri, Aug 24th, *The Paris Wife*, Paula McCain

Host: Cathy Jensen

Bridge

Mon, Aug, 20th, 1:00 pm

Host: Pat Haupt,

Ethnic Lunch, 11:30 am

Wed, June 27th

Wed, July 25th

Wed, Aug 22nd

Locations TBD

Email Annette Delaney to be placed on the email list.

Hiking, 10:00 am

Mon, June 11, Miramar Beach

Mon, June 25, Bay Trail & Wind Walk

Mon, July 23, Monte Bello Open Space Preserve

Mon, Aug. 13, College Terrace Tour, Palo Alto

Mon, Aug. 27, TBD

Monday Movie, time TBD

Mon, June 4th

Mon, July 2nd

Mon, Aug, 6th

Mystery Book Group, 1:30 pm

Fri, Jun 8th, *The Late Show*, Michael Connelly

Fri, Jul 13th, *The Woman in Cabin 10*, Ruth Ware

Fri, Aug 10th, *Flower Net*, Lisa See

Host: Barb Schotzko

County Commission on the Status of Women

On March 24, 2018, there was a Leadership for Women meeting held at Canada College aimed at building more female leaders in business, government, and education. Approximately 200 attendees were treated to a talk by Regina Stanback Stroud, President of Skyline College, who was the keynote speaker. Then Supervisor Carol Groom moderated a panel and questions about running for office with Belmont Councilwoman, Davina Hart and San Mateo-Foster City School Board member Shara Watkins. They shared their stories of meeting and listening to constituents while running for office.

Several breakout sessions were offered with Prof. Leah Weiss, Stanford Business School (Mindfulness and Compassion), and Brigid O'Farrell, independent scholar who focuses on women's equality in the workplace, Patty White, COO of ReBoot Accel, training in leadership, and Jaemi Serene who founded SheLeadsHer, another local leadership program.

It was a well run, high quality meeting. Maureen Buchner represented AAUW San Mateo at a table during the breaks. There were a number of students who stopped by the table who were introduced to NCCWSL student leadership conference.

A Thousand Splendid Suns, the play based on the novel by Khaled Hosseini which a group of us from AAUW saw in February 2017, is being produced again in SF by ACT, July 17-29, 2018. For those who missed it, or who want to see it again, please contact ACT directly at 415-749-2228. It is expected to sell out, as the earlier production did. --Mary Ann McKay

AAUW's Success Depends on You

The AAUW San Mateo Branch is made up of volunteers who care about its mission. We encourage you to consider volunteering for the various committees and programs in the upcoming 2018-2019 year. We always need more people to make our branch successful. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the officers as listed in your AAUW San Mateo Branch Yearbook.

Have a Happy Summer!

The *Bay Leaves* will be on a summer hiatus until the September 2018 Issue. We hope you have a happy and healthy summer. If there is any information you would like the branch members to know in the future, please feel free to contact Gayle Hardt, *Bay Leaves* Editor. See you in September!

May 2018 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

No Meeting in May

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs, May 17th, at 10:00 am

Host: Cathy Jensen

The Nightingale, Kristin Hannah

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Judy Podesta

Thurs, May 24th, at 12:00 pm

Host: Donna Pribble

Selection of books 2018-2019, Pot Luck

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Sherrean Rundberg

Thurs, May 17th at 12:30 pm, pot luck, book selection

Host: Sherrean Rundberg

The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier

Fri, May 18th, at 10:00 am (Date Change)

Host: Cathy Jensen

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper, Phaedra Patrick

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, May 21st, at 1:00 pm

Host: June Hendrickson

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tue, May 1st, 10:30 am, Plymire-Schwarz House, SSF
lunch at Grand Palace, 359 Grand, SSF

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed May 16th, at 6:00 pm (carpool? Call Jane)

Location to be determined

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed, May 2nd, at 9:00 am

Host: Ida Braun and Bell Shayer

Ethnic Dining

Sue Rosenberg

Contact Sue Rosenberg for Ethnic Dining in May

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, May 23rd, at 11:30 am

Host: Cuban Kitchen

RSVP to Annette by May 21st

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs, May 10th, at 10:30 am

Host: Betty Bernstein

Turkey: A Partner in Crisis

Hiking Always 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, May 14th, El Corte de Madera

Mon, May 28th, Sawyer Camp Trail Hillcrest Rd.

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, May 9th, at 1:30 pm

Tue, May 22nd, at 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

Mon, May 7th, time TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, May 11th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

Auntie Poldi and the Sicilian Lions, Mario Giordano

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, May 8th, at 10:30 am

Host: Lyn Haithcox

Speakers: Betty Fleming and Ann Kuchins

How the Red Cross Assists out Citizens in Need

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.

May 2018

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