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Co-Presidents' Message

Ramona Raybin and Jane Bradley

The election is finally over with a record number of women winning local and national elections. Many of you were involved in efforts to get out the vote and our branch was one of 18 branches recognized by State for an election-related program. Thank you to Gayle Hardt and her fellow League of Women Voters for inviting us to co-sponsor their ballot measure presentation.

As we near the end of 2018, AAUW California will be asking members to review, comment on, and vote for public policy action priorities for the next two years (2019-2021). The current priorities (2017-2019) are to achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, to support a strong system of high quality public education and to guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. AAUW California will be inviting branches to critique the current priorities and in the new year to vote on action priorities for the next two years. Further detail regarding current priorities is available on the State website under AAUW CA Public Policy Action Priorities.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, we suggest you take AAUW's Work Smart Online program. It's a fun, informative exercise in how to negotiate a higher salary with confidence whether applying for a new job or trying to move up with a current employer. AAUW's goal is to close the gender pay gap by 2030 and the Work Smart program enables women to help make that happen.

November 27th is Giving Tuesday

Thanksgiving is a day for giving thanks; Black Friday is a day for getting deals. *Giving Tuesday*, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, has been designated as a day to celebrate generosity and the spirit of giving during the holiday season.

Your gifts to AAUW change lives, covering everything from sending a girl to Tech Trek to fellowships to pay for child care while a mother is in graduate school. Please consider giving to the various AAUW programs this *Giving Tuesday*.

San Mateo Branch 2018-2019 Calendar

Please Save the Dates!

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| Nov 27 | <i>Giving Tuesday</i> |
| Jan 12 | Sheryl Rinkol, author of <i>Titanic Today Women's role in the Titanic era</i> , 1:00 pm SMCCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr, SM |
| April 26 | Annual Meeting and Fundraiser Speaker Mary Jo Ignoffo, author of <i>Captive of the Labyrinth</i> , a biography of Sarah Winchester College Heights Church, 1150 W Hillsdale Blvd, SM, 11:30 am |

New Mission Statement

AAUW National has announced a new Strategic Plan. The Strategic plan contains the new Mission Statement: *To advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.* Although it is very similar to the previous mission statement, the new statement emphasizes gender equality as part of the mission.

Featured AAUW Interest Sections

BRIDGE (3rd Monday, 1 to 4 pm at members' homes)

We have two tables of four, and play party bridge. Everyone tries to do their best, but we are there to have fun and hopefully learn more about the game. For more information, please contact Elissa James.

MAH JONGG (2nd Wednesday & 4th Tuesday, 1:30 pm, at members' homes)

This section plays a simplified form of Chinese Mah Jongg. We invite new members and would be happy to give instructions on how to play. Please contact leader Helen Hatchett for more information.

Membership

Welcome our new Member

Henrietta Williams

Henrietta has attended Book Group 4 as a guest before she joined our Branch. She is also interested in dining out, ethnic lunch, college partners, public policy, foreign affairs and movies.

Two of our fabulous 50-year members are back. Please add them to your yearbook.

Thelma Kromhout
Bridgewater College BA 1940

May-Blossom Wilkinson
UOP, BA 1949, MA SF State, 1971

Tech Trek

PLEASE DONATE

Tech Trek science camp will be holding its 21st camp at Stanford this summer, 2019. We are hoping to send 8 local girls to Camp Grace Hopper; each scholarship costs \$1,000. Please send your check, made payable to **AAUW CA SPF** to: Maureen Buchner, 792 Widgeon St, Foster City, CA 94404.

It is still possible to donate online, although it is not obvious. Use this url: <http://tinyurl.com/yczszagl>. Go to the drop-down menu under *Fund Name* to choose: *Tech Trek California-Stanford (Hopper)*. Please call or email Maureen Buchner (widgeonmab@yahoo.com or 650-573-1604) to inform her of online donation for our Branch to get credit.

THANKS! Our rising 8th graders will be so grateful for this life-changing opportunity.

AAUW Congressional Voting Record (CVR)

How Do Your Senators and Representatives Vote?

Now that the Mid-term Elections are over we need to make sure our elected officials are voting for the issues we support. The AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record (CVR) provides information about elected federal legislators' voting record on issues critical to the Action Fund's mission.

Each legislator is scored based on their record on AAUW priorities, which were decided on the basis of the AAUW Public Policy Program, adopted by AAUW members. These priorities include equal pay, education, campus sexual assault, campaign finance, human trafficking, and reproductive rights.

Using the Congressional Voting Record

AAUW members and supporters have a long history of holding legislators accountable for how they vote. Use the CVR to advocate for AAUW's priority issues by:

- Referring to information in the voting record during community issue forums, candidate debates, or at town hall meetings your legislators are attending.
- Writing letters to the editor (LTE), blog posts, or op-eds about a legislator's position on AAUW's priority issues. Our LTE resource guide provides sample talking points for an effective letter.
- Sharing the guide with coalition partners, friends, family, and prospective AAUW members. Don't forget to tag your posts on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media forums using #ItsMyVote

Titanic Yesterday and Today

Come learn about all things Titanic! Since 1912, fascination with Titanic's size, luxury, and extreme tragedy continues to captivate international audiences. This presentation will focus on the R.M.S. Titanic legend from its technological inception to lavish on-board fittings, while highlighting the Edwardian era's treatment of women. We will overview what life on-board was like, events of that fateful night, and the impact of this accident on society, with an emphasis on the life of a White Star Line stewardess. Titanic collectibles will be on display. The meeting is on Sat. Jan. 12, at 1:00 pm, at the SMCCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr, San Mateo.

A book signing will follow the presentation. Sheryl's 2018 book, *Titanic Today*, contains over 450 modern color photographs of Titanic's port cities. The cost of the book is \$40.00, cash only.

Our Speaker: Sheryl Rinkol has studied the Titanic for over 37 years. As a teacher, Sheryl developed 12 different Titanic classes, including the world's first semester-long university Titanic course, taught at Nebraska Wesleyan University. She has traveled the world researching, lecturing, and perpetuating the Titanic legend. In August 2018, her first book, *Titanic Today*, was launched, providing a photographic modern view of Titanic's port cities. Check out her website: www.titanicallyspeaking.com.

Dec 2018 Interest Sections

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

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed, Dec 19th, 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs, Dec 20th, at 10:00 am (Holiday Potluck)

Host: Elissa James

The Killers of the Flower Moon, David Gran

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Ramona Raybin

No Meeting in December

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

No Meeting in December

Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier

Elissa James

Fri, Dec 28th, at 10:00 am

Host: Fran Gillen

My Name is Lucy Barton, Elizabeth Strout

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Dec 17th, at Noon (Holiday Potluck)

Elissa James

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tue, Dec 4th, Time TBD

Westin St. Francis Hotel Historic Tour,
lunch at Oak Room

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

No Meeting in December

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed, Dec 5th, at 9:00 am

Host: Kiki Arnaudo

Ethnic Dining

Sue Rosenberg

Contact Sue Rosenberg for Ethnic Dining in Dec.

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

No Meeting in December

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs, Dec 13th, at 10:30 am

Host: Margo King

Global Discussion Questions #1 & #6

Hiking Always 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Dec 10th, Annual Hike & Picnic, Huddart Park

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett, 571-6129, helenhat@att.net

Wed, Dec 12th, at 1:30 pm

Helen Hatchett, 954 Shoreline Dr. San Mateo

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Monday Movie

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

No Movie scheduled in December

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Dec 14th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

Missing, Presumed, Susie Steiner

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

No Meeting in December

American Association of University Women
P.O. Box 1465
San Mateo, CA 94401-0816

AAUW mission: *To advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy*
By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

December 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 <i>Hanukkah begins sundown</i> | 3 | 4 California Fact and Legend | 5 Drama Reading | 6 AAUW Board Meeting | 7 | 8 |
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| 23 | 24 | 25 <i>Christmas</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 Book IV | 29 |
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