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Co-Presidents' Message

Ramona Raybin and Jane Bradley

Farewell 2018 and Welcome 2019

As we close out the calendar year, it seems like a good time to reflect on what AAUW has accomplished this year:

- We are on the way to ensuring equal pay for equal work by 2030. This year AAUW trained over 10 million women in effective salary negotiation. While 2030 may seem a long way off, the “pay gap” is now more widely acknowledged, making progress toward closing it possible.
- Supporting AAUW’s drive to achieve pay equality, the free online **Work Smart** course www.salary.aauw.org allows women and girls to sharpen their salary negotiation skills before they step in front of a recruiter or hiring manager.
- AAUW also brought **800 young women leaders** from colleges around the U.S. to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). San Mateo branch has enthusiastically supported this annual conference sending up to three students to it each year. We could not do this without your financial support.
- Then there is Tech Trek. It costs about \$1,000 to send a middle-school student to this life changing event. Each year we raise sufficient funds to send several. We can’t do it without your support.

Please consider both AAUW National’s achievements and the needs of our Branch when you consider holiday giving. Let’s not lose the incredible momentum AAUW National and our own Branch gained this year as we enter 2019.

San Mateo Branch 2018-2019 Calendar

Please Save the Dates!

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| Jan 12 | Sheryl Rinkol, <i>Titanic Today</i>
<i>Women’s Role in the Titanic era</i> , 1:00 pm
SMCCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr, SM |
| Feb 2 | Interbranch Council (IBC) Regional Event
Burlingame Parks & Recreation
850 Burlingame Ave, B’game, 11:30 am
Kathleen Cha, Past AAUW President
<i>Worldwide Gender Equity</i> |
| April 26 | Annual Meeting and Fundraiser
Speaker Mary Jo Ignoffo,
author of <i>Captive of the Labyrinth:
a Biography of Sarah Winchester</i>
College Heights Church,
1150 W Hillsdale Blvd, SM, 11:30 am |

Featured AAUW Interest Sections

California Fact & Legend

California Fact & Legend meets monthly September through May on the 1st Tuesday at 10:30 am in members’ homes for brunch when we have guest speakers for 4 of the months and for one annual In-house Presentations Day during the season. For the other 4 meeting times we enjoy outings to places of historical interest, one of which in 2018 was the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. All members are welcome to join us at a meeting or for an outing. Please contact California Fact & Legend Leader Bobbi Benson, for more information or Jan Lundquist, Bobbie’s assistant.



California Fact and Legend Members Tour San Francisco St. Francis Hotel Private Residence

Membership

Welcome our new Member

Frances Cummings

Frances is a graduate of SF State University majoring in Elementary Education. She is a retired teacher of grades 1-6 in San Mateo & Hawaii. Frances loves travel & hiking. She is interested in ethnic lunch, the Scholarship Committee & book group.

2019 Is a Call to Action for Women

Appointing Women to Commissions & Boards

AAUW California collaborates with California Women Lead (CWL) in many public policy areas. They have launched a project to encourage women to apply for appointments to public boards and commissions. The project's goal is to ensure appointed boards and commissions reflect the rich diversity of California. The end-goal is to present to the next governor and their transition team the names and resumes of women interested in serving within the new administration in order to provide a significant pool of qualified women to serve as appointees.

CWL is encouraging women to fill out an application for the project on their website. This site also has information to answer questions about the process. You can contact California Women Lead at admin@cawomen.lead.org. Take advantage of this opportunity. You could be one of the women who is stepping up; play a part in our governance.

Tech Trek

Thanks to all who donated in 2018. As you know, we are planning to send 7 girls to camp at Stanford for the summer of 2019. If you haven't had a chance to respond to the pink postcard, we still need to pre-pay the camp fees at the end of March! Please make checks to AAUW CA SPF. This is a 501(c) charity. Send checks to Maureen Buchner, 792 Widgeon St., Foster City, CA 94404. Donations over \$249.00 are acknowledged by AAUW National or AAUW CA. Otherwise you will get a thank you from your San Mateo branch committee this month.

We Are a Generous Group!

Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier, *California December Board to Board*

One million dollars! That is what our branches raise each year for Tech Trek. We also raise thousands of dollars for our local scholarships and for NCCWSL attendees. Then consider the thousands that we send each year to the AAUW Fund. If you add all of that to the Tech Trek money, I am sure that our donations pass the two million dollar mark if you consider everything that we give each year.

And to top it off, our state board recently put out an SOS call to help the 42 members of the Paradise Branch that lost their homes in the recent fire. We are still totaling the amount in gift cards that AAUW members have sent in, but I can tell you that I received gift cards from Oregon, and as individuals, my own branch (La Mesa-El Cajon) gave over \$1000!

At a recent San Diego Branch meeting, I told the members and guests about what had happened in Paradise. One of the guests was a Tech Trek girl from 2017. After the meeting, she gave me a \$25 gift card that her grandmother had given her. All of this generosity means so much to our Paradise members. On behalf of them, Cathy and I thank you.

Titanic Yesterday and Today

Just a reminder of our January 12th meeting at the SMCCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr, San Mateo at 1:00 pm. 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.

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.

Public Policy/Current Events

Our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group is fortunate to have as our January speaker, Marty Jordan, who was recently trained by Al Gore as a climate reality project leader. She will use her skill as a knowledgeable speaker to engage us in a provocative discussion on "An Overview of Climate Change and What Actions We Can Take to Overcome it". The meeting which is open to all AAUW members and guests on Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 10:30 AM at Lyn Haithcox' home.

Jan 2019 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed, Jan 16th, 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs, Jan 17th, at 10:00 am

Host: Carol Rose

The Lilac Girls, Martha Hall Kelly

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Ramona Raybin

Thurs, Jan 24th, at noon

Host: Nancy Copeland

The Underground Railroad, Colson Whitehead

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Thurs, Jan 17th at 1:30 pm

Host: Pat Fuetsch

Pachinko, Min Jin Lee

Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier

Fri, Jan 25th, at 10:00 am

Host: Elissa James

The Chilbury Ladies' Choir, Jennifer Ryan

Bridge

Elissa James, 579-2901, elissajames@comcast.net

Mon, Jan 21st, at 1:00 pm

Host: Tina Kapkin

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson, 455-1563,

bobbi_benson@comcast.net

No Meeting in January

Dining Out

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

No Meeting in January

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Fri, Jan 4th, at 9:00 am

Host: Cathy Foxhoven

Ethnic Dining

Sue Rosenberg

Contact Sue Rosenberg for Ethnic Dining in Jan.

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, Jan 23rd, at 11:30 am

Sapore Italiano Ristorante, 1447 Burlingame Ave, BG

RSVP to Annette by Jan 21st

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs, Jan 10th, at 10:30 am

Host: Betty Bernstein

Global Migration

Hiking Always 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Jan 14th, Diamond Hts. Stairway Walk, SF

Mon, Jan 28th, Windy Hill Open Space Preserve

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, Jan 9th, at 1:30 pm

Tues, Jan 22nd, at 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

Mon, Jan 7th, Time TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Jan 11th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

The Long Way Home, Louise Penny

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Jan 8th, 10:30 am

Host: Lyn Haithcox

Marty Jordan, Climate Reality Project Leader

Climate Change and How We can Overcome It

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.

January 2019

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