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## Co-Presidents' Message

Ramona Raybin and Jane Bradley

### AAUW San Mateo Branch Lecture Series -Don't Miss the Next One!

For those of you who attended the January 12 lecture about the *Titanic*, I am confident you will confirm that it was a most interesting and stimulating program. Our speaker was Sheryl Rinkol, author of *Titanic Today*. Sheryl has been studying all things *Titanic* for more than 37 years. Her enthusiasm and knowledge was apparent from start to finish. She was a marvelous speaker and kept some of us on the edge of our seat throughout.

We learned details well beyond what was presented in the movie, *Titanic*, which she acknowledged did a credible job of portraying the events as they unfolded. One point she made that touched me was learning about the little villages close to the port that provided the ship's crew and later how one in three of the village families lost a loved one to the tragedy. We learned how the ship's preparations should the need come to abandon ship were, in fact, up to date, which led to a complete revamping of maritime safety laws that are still in use today. It is sad to realize that it took a tragedy of this magnitude to wake up the ship building and management industry to the need for change. As requested, and because she was speaking to a women's organization, she spent considerable time telling us about women's roles in that era. She brought some clothing representative of what some of the first class women passengers may have worn giving us a glimpse into Edwardian glamour.

I encourage you to attend the next lecture scheduled for **March 30** at 1:00 pm at the College of San Mateo. Our speaker is Legion of Honor Docent, Julia Geist. Her subject is "Monet: The Late Years". The exhibition is from Feb 16-May 27, 2019. Join us to learn more about it before you see it.

### March is National Women's History Month

During this month, we are all encouraged to honor the women who came before us and fought for equality among all races and genders.

## San Mateo Branch 2018-2019 Calendar

Please Save the Dates!

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| Mar 30   | Legion of Honor Docent, Julia Geist<br><i>Monet: The Late Years</i> , 1:00 pm<br>SMCCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr, SM  |
| April 26 | Annual Meeting and Fundraiser<br>Speaker Mary Jo Ignoffo,<br>author of <i>The Captive of the Labyrinth</i><br>a biography of Sarah Winchester<br>College Heights Church,<br>1150 W Hillsdale Blvd, SM, 11:30 am<br>(Please see the flyer for reservations) |

### -Featured AAUW Interest Sections-

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS - GREAT DECISIONS:** The Foreign Affairs-Great Decisions group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, September-June at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the group is to read and discuss the series of readings in the Great Decisions text which is produced by the Foreign Policy Association.

Every calendar year there is a new text, called a briefing book, containing essays dealing with the issues considered of the greatest foreign affairs significance for that year. The essays are written by different scholars specializing in the topics. Each essay ends with a number of suggested questions for discussion. Members buy their own texts (around \$30 plus shipping) and we meet in the homes of our members.

It is an interesting, enjoyable and often lively way of staying up to date on world affairs. For additional information, please contact Margo King.

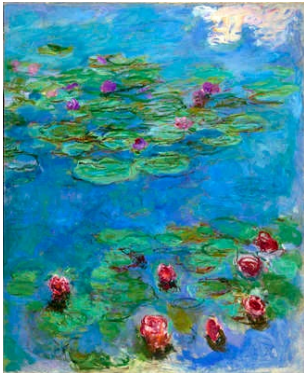
**PUBLIC POLICY/CURRENT EVENTS:** The Public Policy discussion group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to hear from speakers on subjects of current interest to our participants. Over the years we have had representatives from our county's non-profit organizations to discuss the services they provide for members of our community. Occasionally we go out to the agencies themselves to see for ourselves how they operate, and other times we view a film of interest to our members. Contact Betty Bernstein for more information.

## Monet: The Late Years

Legion of Honor, Feb 16- May 27, 2019

Our subject for our March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting will be *Monet-The Late Years* presented by docent Julia Geist. The Legion of Honor exhibition will feature fifty paintings by Claude Monet dating mainly from 1913 to 1926, the final phase of the artist's long career. During his late years, the well-traveled Monet stayed close to home, inspired by the variety of elements making up his own garden at Giverny, a village located about 45 miles from Paris. With its evolving scenery of flower beds, footpaths, willows, wisteria, and nymphaea, the garden became a personal laboratory for the artist's concentrated study of natural phenomena.

The exhibition will focus on the series that Monet invented, and just as important, re-invented, in this setting. In the process, it will reconsider the conventional notion that many of the late works painted on a large scale were preparatory for the *Grandes Décorations*, rather than finished paintings in their own right. The *Grandes Décorations*, a suite of four extremely large paintings of lilies, were bequeathed by Monet to France and are installed in the Musée de l'Orangerie in Paris. Boldly balancing representation and abstraction, Monet's radical late works redefined the master of Impressionism as a forebear of modernism. Please join us to hear about this beautiful exhibition on March 30 at 1:00 pm at the SMCCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr, San Mateo.



*Water Lilies, Monet*

### Social Media Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers with social media skills to set up and maintain a presence for the Branch on Face Book, Instagram or other relevant social media sites. If you don't have the necessary skills, perhaps a child or grandchild will agree to help. Many of you have Face Book pages of your own and will find it's relatively easy to set up a page for an organization. Any kind of technical help you can give to move the Branch into the 21<sup>st</sup> century will help. Please contact a Board member if you are interested.

## Membership

Correction to 2018-2019 San Mateo Branch AAUW  
Kate Parnes' email address is incorrect.

## Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

The Public Policy/Current Events discussion group is always looking for speakers who are taking leadership roles in our community. One of the most remarkable leaders in San Mateo County is Rose Jacob Gibson who served with great success on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. Since her term ended Rose has been involved in a variety of efforts to encourage young women to participate in an emerging leaders program. Her latest project called the *Hagar Services Coalition* will give us insight into how she is able to support young women in taking leadership roles in our community and eventually running for political offices.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at the home of Lyn Haithcox. It is open to all AAUW members and their guests.

## Annual Meeting-Spring Fundraiser

Breaking News!

We are thrilled to have our own Norma Tarrow provide musical background at our forthcoming Annual Meeting Fundraising lunch on April 26, 2019.

Besides teaching music to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at North Shoreview Montessori School, Norma participates in annual piano concerts at Woodlake and the San Mateo Library. Norma is a retired professor from Cal State Long Beach and has taught in the United States as well as in Israel and Spain. Please join us for this important, entertaining meeting.

## Paycheck Fairness Act

*Men and Women: Same Job, Same Pay*

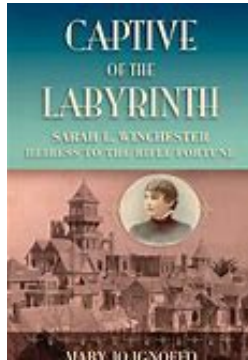
On January 30, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate introduced the Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA). The team at AAUW was instrumental in prioritizing the bill by sending letters to Congress and engaging grassroots advocates, garnering 260 organizations in support.

The PFA would update the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and complement the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which ensures pay discrimination can be challenged regardless of when it began. The PFA is now designated as H.R. 7, signaling it is a top 10 priority of the House. Contact your representative to show your support of this import legislation.

The American Association of University Women  
San Mateo Branch  
cordially invites you to attend the  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Spring Fundraiser Luncheon**

**We will be conducting Branch business prior to the Luncheon, including electing our new Board of Directors.**

Our Speaker for the Luncheon will be Mary Jo Ignoffo, author and historian, who finally sets the record straight about one of the most fascinating and misunderstood women in California history: *The Captive of the Labyrinth: Sarah L. Winchester, heiress of the Winchester rifle fortune.*



Ms. Ignoffo is shedding light on the bizarre happenings at the Winchester house in San Jose and transports us into the exciting life of Sarah Winchester. Prepare to be amazed!

**Date:** Friday, April 26, 2019  
**Time:** Doors open at 11:30 am  
**Location:** College Heights Church  
1150 W. Hillsdale Blvd.  
San Mateo, CA 94403

There is ample parking in the Church parking lot.

**Cost: \$45 for the 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<sup>th</sup> to Gerhild Klein.**

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



Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

I cannot attend but would like to send a Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bring your dues envelope to the Luncheon and save postage!

## March 2019 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

### Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed, Mar 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

### Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 am

Host: Margo King

*Cat's Eye*, Margaret Atwood

### Book Discussion II (wait list)

Ramona Raybin

Thurs, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, at noon

Host: Vreni Fleischer

*Elephant Whisperer*, Mary Lynn Baker

### Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 pm

Host: Bonnie Sevrens

*After Anna*, Lisa Scottoline

### Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier

Fri, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 am

Host: Jan Lamphier

*Ordinary Grace*, William Kent Kreuger

### Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm

Host: Marge Denni

### California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tue, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30

Chinese History Museum SF

### Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed, Mar 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm

Please contact Jane Bradley for March Dining Out information

### Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed, Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am

Host: Maggie Kobe

### Ethnic Dining

Sue Rosenberg, 343-0130, rosenberg26@sbcglobal.net  
Contact Sue Rosenberg for Ethnic Dining in March.

### Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney, 415-235-1155

annettedelaney@yahoo.com

Wed, Mar 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am

Vedas Indian Cuisine, 514 Peninsula Ave, SM 94401

RSVP to Annette by Mar 25<sup>th</sup>

### Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King, 458-3073, margoking3@yahoo.com

Thurs, Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am

Kate Parnes, 823 California Wy, RWC, 400-2288

*Nuclear Negotiations: back to the future*

### Hiking Always 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson, 455-1563, bobbi\_benson@comcast.net

Mon, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, Baylands Nature Preserve, Palo Alto

Mon, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>, Sam MacDonald Park,

(Led by Lyn Haithcox, 350-1616)

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### Mah Jongg

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

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

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

Helen Hatchett, 954 Shoreline Dr. San Mateo

### Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

### Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

Mon, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, Time TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

### Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

*Down Among the Dead Men*, Peter Lovesey

### Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Mar 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

Host: Lyn Haithcox

Speaker: Rose Jacob Gibson, *Hagar Services*

*Coalition*; encouraging women to take leadership positions.

American Association of University Women  
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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.

March 2019

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