



# BAY LEAVES

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## Co-Presidents' Message

Ramona Raybin and Jane Bradley

### Work Smart Really Works

My daughter Margaret recently accepted additional responsibilities at her private school administrator position in Ohio. In my phone conversations with her she lamented that she probably would not get a raise to match her new title. While I usually refrain from offering advice to my adult children which experience has shown is rarely followed, this time I had a solution. Take AAUW's online Work Smart program. I'll send you the link. Every time she worried about being adequately compensated, I sent the link - <http://salary.aauw.org>. Finally she followed my advice and is very happy with her 11% raise. In her own words:

*The Work Smart Online Interactive Workbook was tremendously helpful to me as I went about preparing what to say when I asked for a salary increase. The module required me to brainstorm all of my skills, accomplishments, education, and experience. Doing this simple act reminded me of my worth, and gave me the confidence to be unapologetic in asking for more money. Similarly, the next step of having to distill my achievements and expertise into "Value Statements" gave me the language I needed to convey the way that my skills and knowledge were an asset to the organization.*

AAUW is working to achieve pay equity by 2030. The Work Smart program, which teaches woman how to advocate for a fair salary, is one prong of that goal. Another is to promote the Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA) which is a top 10 priority in the House.

On April 2, Equal Pay Day, members of our branch will join members of the Mid-Peninsula Branch in handing out *Equal Pay Without Delay* bookmarks to commuters at a local train station. If you can't join us, send the computer link to the Work Smart program to the working women in your life.

## San Mateo Branch 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 2  | Equal Pay Day  |
| 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) |

## Equal Pay Without Delay

Most women had to work all of 2018 and up to April 2, 2019, to be paid as much as a man is paid by December 31, 2018. On April 2, we will be joining Mid-Peninsula Branch members in handing out bookmarks in the early evening at a local train station to explain Equal Pay Day. If you would like to join us or would like bookmarks to hand out to your friends, contact Jane Bradley.

## New Slate of Officers for 2019-2020

The Nominating Committee has announced the following slate of officers for 2019-2020:

**Co-Presidents:** Jane Bradley and Judy Steele

**Recording Secretary:** Sandra Shapiro

**Financial Officer:** Stephen Buchner

**Co-Vice Presidents Membership:** Maureen Buchner and Mary Ann McKay

**Vice President Programs:** Gerhild Klein

**Corresponding Secretary:** Position Open

A vote by the general membership will take place at the Annual Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. More nominations to the slate may be made at that time, but you must have the nominee's permission.

## -Featured AAUW Interest Sections-

**DRAMA READING GROUP:** The Drama Reading Group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am at each member's location. We begin with breakfast together prepared by the hostess. The leader conducts a brief talk about the playwright. Then we read a play aloud with assigned parts while seated informally. The plays are distributed throughout a network of AAUW California chapters. This season we have two special luncheons in lieu of breakfast. The group currently has an opening for a new member. Please Contact Maggie Kobe for more information.

**MOVIE GROUP:** The Monday Movie group usually meets the afternoon of the first Monday (lowest prices) of the month at the downtown San Mateo theatre (sometimes in Redwood City) and goes for coffee afterwards to discuss the movie. The number of attendees for any one movie has ranged from as few as two to more than a dozen. We've noticed that a lot of our movie choices have been based on true stories! Some movies have been loved by all ("Marshall") and some have been disliked by almost everyone ("Norman"), but that can make for an interesting discussion as well! *If you would like to join us, please send your email address to Mary Ann McKay.* The movie announcement is generally emailed the Thursday before the Monday showing.

### Tech Trek

Maureen Buchner

San Mateo branch will be sending 8 girls to Tech Trek camp in July. We will notify them of acceptance by the end of March. They are nominated by teachers, submit applications, essays, participate with their parents' permission, attend interviews, and are finally chosen by our committee.

A great deal of work is done by AAUW volunteer committee members, directors, dorm moms, nurses and volunteer counselors. There are plans to reinstate robotics, make a project they can take home (circuitry) and take a core class. We introduce them to many aspects of science, computers, and engineering throughout their week. Leadership is another important aspect of their time during the experience at Stanford.

Please send your donations to Maureen Buchner. Remember to make your check out to AAUW CA SPF. That is the 501(C)3 charity through AAUW California. Currently, we pay 950.00 for each camper for the most fabulous week that they can imagine.

## 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 Facebook 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.

## Public Policy/Current Events

Jason Bell, regional director of *Project Rebound*, will discuss the ways a group of colleges and universities in California are working to help former incarcerated men and women access and navigate higher education to achieve a bachelor's degree and eventually embark on successful careers. The collaboration includes colleges and universities from San Francisco State University to San Diego State University. The meeting is on Tues, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Diane Silven's at 10:30 am. It is open to all AAUW members and guests.

## Annual Meeting/ Spring Fundraiser Luncheon

Our speaker, Mary Jo Ignoffo, has authored six books that provide in-depth and original looks at fascinating moments in history. Her biography of the rifle heiress, Sarah Winchester, in the words of Gary Kurutz of the California State Library, "finally sets the record straight on one of the most fascinating and misunderstood women in California history."

Her *Gold Rush Politics* was the California State Senate's commemorative book in honor of California's Sesquicentennial.

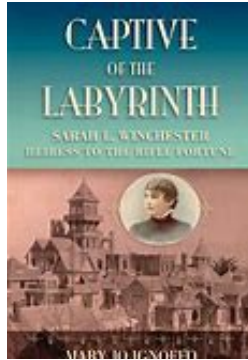
Ignoffo has been interviewed for film documentaries, worked as a preservation consultant, and a historical museum curator. Her articles or book reviews have appeared in the *San Jose Mercury News*, *Santa Clara Magazine*, *The Californian*, and *California History*. She recently retired from teaching history at De Anza College in Cupertino, California.

Please Join us at this interesting and important meeting on Friday, April 26, beginning at 11:30 am at the College Heights Church, 1150 W. Hillsdale Blvd, San Mateo 94403. Send your reservation into Gerhild Klein by April 10. See the flyer in this *Bay Leaves* edition.

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!

## April 2019 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

### Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed, Apr 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

### Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs, Apr 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am (Date Change)

Host: Cathy Stigge

*The Dry*, Jane Harper

### Book Discussion II (wait list)

Ramona Raybin

Thurs, Apr 25<sup>th</sup>, at noon

Host: Mary Lynn Baker

*Little Fires Everywhere*, Jean Attchinson

### Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm (Date Change)

Host: Pat Fuetsch

*Less*, Andrew Sean Greer

### Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier

Fri, Apr 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am

Host: Jan Lamphier

*Little Fires Everywhere*, Jean Attchinson

### Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Apr 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm (Time Change)

Host: Lois Everett

### California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tue, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:30

Host: Gayle Hardt

*Great Estates of the Peninsula*

### Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed, Apr 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm

Mistral, 370 Bridge Parkway, #6, RWC, 94065

RSVP to Lyn Haithcox by April 15<sup>th</sup>

### Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed, Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 am

Host: Linda Byers

SPYC - 500 Sierra Point Pkwy, Brisbane 94005

### Ethnic Dining

Sue Rosenberg

Contact Sue Rosenberg for Ethnic Dining in April.

### Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, Apr 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am

Vivace, 1910 Ralston Ave, Belmont, 94002

Host: Harriet Sinaikin, RSVP to Harriet by April 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am

Host: Margo King

*The Rise of Populism in Europe*

### Hiking Always 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, Edgewood County Park, RWC

Mon, Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>, Pillar Point Bluff, Moss Beach

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, Apr 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm

Tues, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

### Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

### Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

Mon, Apr 1<sup>st</sup>, Time TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

### Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

*The Silence of the Sea*, Yrsa Sigurdardottir

### Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Apr 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

Host: Diane Silven

Speaker: Jason Bell, *Project Rebound*, helping former inmates obtain Bachelor Degrees

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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.*

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monday Movie	2 CA Fact & Legend	3 Drama Reading	4 AAUW Board Meeting	5	6
7	8 Hiking	9 Public Policy	10 Mah Jongg	11 Book III Foreign Affairs	12 Mystery Book Group	13
14	15 Hiking Bridge	16	17 Boggle Dining Out	18	19 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Passover begins</i> <i>Sunset</i>	20
21 <i>Easter</i>	22	23 Mah Jongg	24 Ethnic Lunch	25 Book I Book II	26 Book IV <b>Annual Meeting &amp; Fundraiser</b>	27 <i>Passover ends</i> <i>Sunset</i>
28	29	30		28	29	30