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Presidents' Message

Jane Bradley and Judy Steele

As the Board begins a new year refreshed from the summer break, we look forward to working towards carrying out AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. We're also excited about events planned for our members and looking forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. This month our Community College scholarship recipients will be headed to 4-year colleges and universities. Our scholarship committee of ten reviewed 74 applications and interviewed ten finalists to arrive at the final six students to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

We awarded three scholarships to Skyline graduates: Abiodun Foresythe, a biology major, attending Oral Roberts University; Cara Loo, a psychology major, attending UCLA; and Kristen Gray who will achieve her dream of majoring in dietetics at San Francisco State University. We also awarded one scholarship to a CSM student, Antoneil Carter, attending UCLA with a social sciences major; and two to Cañada students, Jenna Arlie and Dalila Gonzalez Mejia. Jenna will attend Northern Arizona University majoring in mathematics and Dalila will study biomedical engineering at UC San Diego on her way to obtain an MD. Several committee members attended the colleges' awards night including Gerhild Klein and Judy Bloom at the Cañada ceremony.

In her thank-you note to the Branch, Kristen Gray of Skyline noted, "I am aware of some of the things you do for our community, particularly in support of education." Kristen hopes that "someday I will be able to donate to students in need like myself."

Thank you to committee leaders Denise Strehl and Judy Bloom and to the rest of the committee for your hard work. The scholarships are made possible by bequests from former members Ethel Gayman and Kathleen Smith.

In the Fall, regional branches will be celebrating AAUW Fund recipients. Thank you to all of you who have donated to the Funds and be sure to attend our area's Fund's event on October 3 to meet Fund recipients.

San Mateo Branch 2019-2020 Calendar

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| Sept 18 | Tour of Cypress Lawn Fundraiser
Cypress Lawn Memorial, 12:00 (noon)
1370 El Camino Real, Colma 94014 |
| Oct 5 | AAUW Funds Luncheon
Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave SSF, 11:30 |
| Oct 19 | Tech Trek Brunch
College Heights Church
1150 W Hillsdale Blvd, SM, 11:30 |
| Nov 2 | Tour of Cypress Lawn Fundraiser
(See above for more information) |
| Nov 9 | Asian Art Museum
Silk Room Docent Presentation
SMCCD Board Room
3401 CSM Dr, SM, 1:00 pm |
| April 16-19 | AAUW CA State Convention
SF Airport Westin
1 Old Bayshore Hwy, Millbrae |
| April 24 | San Mateo AAUW Annual Meeting
and Spring Fundraiser
College Heights Church
1150 W Hillsdale Blvd, SM, 11:30 |

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Many young women are unprepared for motherhood. Luckily for low-income young mothers there is an organization, the *Nurse-Family Partnership*, designed to help them get through this difficult period. AAUW member, Diana McDonough, discovered this widely-honored program, through *Global Grandmothers*. Diana will moderate our meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 10:30, at Lyn Haithcox's, home.

Our speaker, Toni Panetta, of the Nurse-Family Partnerships, will tell how her organization provides invaluable advice on a weekly or bi-weekly basis from early pregnancy to the child's second birthday. Our meeting is open to all AAUW members and guests.

Tech Trek

Maureen Buchner

Tech Trek was, once again, a huge success for both the campers and our program. Our San Mateo branch supported eight Tech Trek campers this summer. We even had a counselor from Hillsdale High School, Eva Montgomery. 2019 marked the return of robotics with the purchase of new equipment through the generosity of Silicon Valley Foundation. We especially want to thank the San Mateo AAUW committee, Anne Horgan, Marilyn Canon, Judy Steele and Maureen Buchner, who assisted with check-in on opening day and provided breakfast for the Sunday morning staff meeting.

Our campers were excited to get to camp. Here are some excerpts from their thank -you letters:

Ananya Goliva (Bowditch Middle School) "had a load of fun." She liked the core forensics class and the chemistry lab best. She is thinking about a career as a forensic anthropologist or something in the medical field. Either way, she thought Mad City Money gave her insight into her financial future.

For **Emma Samayoa** (Borel Middle School) learning to solder a flashlight and practicing perseverance were two most important new skills. She made many new friends and was "beyond excited" to attend this camp."Thank you for letting me have this great opportunity."

Arianna Ventura (Abbott Middle School) loved the forensics field trip because she heard about numerous jobs in the field. Another highlight was learning about spending and saving with Mad City Money. "I am so glad for meeting amazing, young, smart, fun girls. I can't thank you enough for choosing me."

Makayla Gier (Bayside Middle School) has many new friends with whom she went on "this amazingly hectic journey. The first couple of days we did so much: flashlight construction, Design Thinking, animation... Thank you, the counselors, dorm moms, teachers who made this possible."

For **Analysa Ossio**, Women's Professional Night was a standout. "Now I have a better understanding of the jobs of women in STEM. I am so happy I got this amazing opportunity..."

Hearing Danielle Feinberg of Pixar speak of her success in a male-dominated field made a big impression on **Rachel Fekete** (Abbott). "Though animation is not my dream career, I definitely want to strive toward her leadership skills and determination."

Sydney Shell (Abbott) wrote: "Thank you for the opportunity to come to Tech Trek. The presenters were very cool and I think the structures workshop helped with our build-it night creations. I made lots of friends and the food was pretty good..."

Come meet these wonderful young ladies on Saturday, October 19, at our annual Tech Trek Brunch!

New Members

Welcome to New Branch Members

Jeanette Lakamp (Jeannie)

Jeannie Lakamp received her BA from Albany State and her MA from NYU. She is a former New Yorker, who has lived in many places, including Spain. She had an English and Spanish major, which was a wonderful boost to her teaching. Jeannie joined AAUW in June and has been participating in Book Group 4.

Jacqueline James

Jacqueline James received her BA from Stanford and her Secondary Credential from SF State. She is a former member of AAUW, rejoining after a 30-year career as a history teacher as well as a counselor/curriculum developer. Jackie is interested in Public Policy, Hiking, CA Fact and Legend, Bridge, Book Groups, and Foreign Affairs. She enjoys gardening, tennis and hiking.

Eve Visconti

Eve Visconti received her BA from Cornell College, Iowa and her MA from CSU East Bay. She has worked in teaching, writing, grief counseling, and tutoring. Now she is interested in community chorus, movies, reading, writing, and politics. Eve joined AAUW in July. She was able to attend Ethnic Lunch and Book Group 4, and she looks forward to learning more about other sections.

50-Year Member

Congratulations to our newest 50-year member
Patricia Frates!

In Memoriam

This Summer we lost two of our beloved friends who have been members of AAUW for decades. We shall miss them greatly.

Paula Gleason

Paula Gleason passed away on June 12, 2019. She was an active member of AAUW for 50 years. She graduated from UC Berkeley after which she worked in Washington, D.C. with the CIA. Paula returned to California and received her teaching credential and MA in Education from UCLA where she met her husband, Bob.

Paula was President of the San Mateo Branch from 1978-1979 and active in many Interest Sections. Her sense of style was impeccable, with an Old-World graciousness. We remember her lovely teas for the 50-year members of AAUW at her beautiful home.

Jeanne Swapp

Jeanne Swapp passed away in early July 2019. Jeanne graduated with a BA from the University of Colorado where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. In 1985, she received her MA in Education from Notre Dame de Namur.

Jeanne served on the San Mateo AAUW Board as Membership Vice President from 2008-2014. She enjoyed meeting new members to welcome them to our Branch. Jeanne was an active participant in Book Group I where her intelligent insight and wit helped make the books come alive.

Transportation Options as We Age

Mary Ann McKay

Do you ever miss out on an AAUW activity or meeting because you don't want to or can't drive? One solution is to find another AAUW member who is attending the same event but that might not work out. Here are a few solutions for those trips and other transportation needs.

- With a smartphone, you can download the apps for *Lyft and Uber* which have several low cost options for seniors.

- Last year San Mateo piloted a Senior Rides program called *Get Around*. San Mateo residents, 60 years plus, are eligible for \$5 one-way rides. For more information, call 522-7490 or register at www.sanmateorec.org.

- Another resource for seniors is *Go Go Grandparent*, they can be reached at 1-855-464-6872 or www.gogograndparent.com. Fees are based on distance and time.

- For transportation to medical appointments and shopping in San Mateo County, Stanford Hospital and the VA, *Get Up & Go*, is a free service for older adults. This service, of the Peninsula Jewish Community Center, is available weekdays, except Wednesday. For information call 650-378-2750 or www.pjcc.org/learn/older/getupandgo.html.

- Another resource for seniors who need help shopping is *SASH: Shopping Assistance for Seniors*. Located at the San Mateo Senior Center, call 650- 522-7494 for more information.

- The *Villages of San Mateo County* is another option for help with shopping, and other services for seniors. The Villages is a nonprofit grassroots "virtual village" fueled by volunteers who help older adults continue to live in their homes by providing community linkages and volunteer services.

Rides are included in the annual membership dues at no additional charge and are provided by trained and background-checked volunteers using their own cars. Rides can be to anywhere on the mid-peninsula up to 10 times per month, including one trip to the airport. To schedule these, you need to call one week in advance.

Mid-Peninsula Village and Sequoia Village also have regular social events which build relationships among our members and volunteers, including offering monthly speakers and field trips. Other services provided with membership include a safety check of the member's home, including installation of grab bars and smoke detectors, minor home repairs, help with simple home and yard chores, technology assistance with computers and cell phones, etc. The cost is \$600/year, and subsidized memberships are available based on income need.

The Villages of San Mateo County recently elevated the Associate membership to Social Membership. For \$300/year, a social member can participate in all the events and excursions that the Village offers.

If a social member has a significant accident, that member can access full membership benefits for 60 days. Upon verification of this accident, the social member is eligible for the same home safety evaluation with related safety modifications, free rides, etc. as full members enjoy.

For more information on the Villages, please call 650-260-4569 or go to www.villagesofsmc.org, or you might speak to one of the San Mateo AAUW members who volunteer for the Villages: Marcia Leonhardt, Anne Horgan or Mary Ann McKay.

ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

FOR CURRENT and PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS and GUESTS

Make a reservation now for the Tech Trek Brunch!

Saturday, October 19, 11:30 am - 1 pm

College Heights Church
1150 W. Hillsdale Ave. San Mateo

**Invite Your Friends as well as any Prospective Members.
There is no Charge for Guests!**

Come and meet our 2019 Tech Trek students as they regale us with tales of their week at AAUW Science & Math Camp at Stanford University.



Meet our National Conference for College Women Student Leader (NCCWSL) scholarship recipient and follow her trip to Washington, D.C.

- The luncheon cost is \$17 per member.
- Checks must be received no later than October 14, 2019.
- There is ample parking in the lot around the building.
- Let us know if you need to carpool.

We thank you for your generous support in enabling us to send these students to the Tech Trek program and NCCWSL!

Please mail your check to: Maureen Buchner

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2019 Champagne Brunch Reservation

Name _____ Phone _____

Guest(s) _____ Total # of people in your party _____

Guests & Prospective members are Free!

**Please mail your check for \$17 payable to "AAUW San Mateo" to:
Maureen Buchner. Checks must be received by Oct. 14.**

AAUW/San Mateo Branch
As of 6/30/19

Previous
Budget 2018-19

Actuals as of
30-Jun-19

APPROVED Budget 2019-20

INCOME

Branch Membership Dues	\$ 3,465.00	\$ 3,060.00	\$ 3,150.00
NCCWSL Income	-		-
Tech Trek Income	-	637.43	-
Other Inc (Bayleaves mailing fees)	450.00	312.00	360.00
Interest Income	5.00	13.32	10.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 3,920.00	\$ 6,822.33	\$ 3,520.00
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EXPENSES

COMMITTEE EXPENSES

Membership Recruiting Exp.	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
NCCWSL Sponsorships	250.00	2,537.99	250.00
Spring Fundraiser			
Spring Fundraiser Expenses	150.00	728.42	150.00
Spring Fundraiser Receipts	-	-	-
		(728.42)	
Spring Fundraiser (Net (Inc)/Exp)	150.00	-	150.00
Hospitality Committee	100.00	-	100.00
Tech Trek Brunch			
Tech Trek Expenses	125.00	370.57	125.00
Tech Trek Income	-	-	-
		(370.57)	
Tech Trek Brunch (Net (Inc)/Exp)	125.00	-	125.00
Tech Trek - Local Camp Exp	150.00	66.44	100.00
Membership Treasurer	75.00	137.89	150.00
Programs			
Other meetings	225.00	325.00	300.00
Total Programs	225.00	325.00	300.00
Public Policy	-	22.00	-
Scholarship	100.00	-	100.00

Total Committee Expenses

\$ 1,275.00	\$ 3,089.32	\$ 1,325.00
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CONVENTION EXPENSES

1,000.00	-	500.00
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OTHER EXPENSES

EF Assessment	85.00	65.00	85.00
Internet Website	120.00	119.88	120.00
Liability Insurance	600.00	535.00	550.00
Memorials	75.00	75.00	75.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	78.00	100.00
Office Expenses	200.00	156.00	150.00
Vocabulary Class at MSCC	500.00	-	500.00

Total Other Expenses

1,680.00	1,028.88	1,580.00
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PUBLICATION EXPENSES

Newsletter	260.00	207.36	200.00
Postage	225.00	268.93	250.00
Yearbook	300.00	285.53	300.00

Total Publication Expenses

785.00	761.82	750.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES

4,740.00	\$ 4,880.02	4,155.00
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NET INCOME/(LOSS)

\$ (820.00)	\$ 1,942.31	\$ (635.00)
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2019: \$28,366.17

APPROX. ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCES AS OF MAY 31, 2019: \$321,554

Trolley Tour of Cypress Lawn

To celebrate the beginning of our next season of exciting programs we start out with a trolley tour through Cypress Lawn in Colma. Cypress Lawn will donate \$20.00 per person to AAUW to take this docent-led excursion to their magnificent grounds, historic mausoleums, stained glass and statuary. The trolley seats 24 persons and has heat and/or air conditioning! Refreshments will be served and one lucky participant will win the raffle prize. We encourage you to bring a friend.

This tour is on Wed. Sept. 18, at noon. If interested, please contact Gerhild Klein, by Aug. 25. Due to popular demand, we will offer another tour on Sat. Nov 2, at 11am. Deadline for registration is Oct. 15.

Scholarship

This year the San Mateo Branch of AAUW awarded \$5,000.00 scholarships to 6 deserving recipients from the College of San Mateo, Cañada and Skyline Colleges. The Scholarship Committee put in many hours to find the best candidates for these scholarships. We would like to thank all of them: Jane Bradley, Judy Bloom, Patricia Fuetsch, Gerhild Klein, Judy Laird, Sandra Shapiro, Denise Strehl, Kathy Wiblin, Judy Winkelstein, and Cathy Yeung. This is a very rewarding committee to serve on, and we encourage all our members to join them.



Scholarship recipient Dalila Gonzalez Mejia with AAUW members Gerhild Klein and Judy Bloom at Cañada's Reception

Twelve AAUW Members Go to Jail

Betty Bernstein

In May, twelve of our Public Policy Group members had a unique experience when they went to jail, in fact, two jails, the San Mateo County's Women's and Men's Correctional Facilities in Redwood City, to see and hear about the Choices programs. Choices is the program for 24 women and more than 90 men that emphasize life changes rather than punishment.

The tour was led by Adrian Maldonado, the director of both Choices programs. He explained how he and the counselors had all been incarcerated earlier in their lives so were familiar with the issues prisoners have to face on their road to rehabilitation.

Both jails have extensive medical facilities that include medical and psychiatric doctors and nurses to service jail inmates. The California jails and prisons have become replacements, to a large extent, for psychiatric facilities that were closed.

Some in the group were surprised to find the women inmates are articulate, with a wide range of ages in the group. Most of the women were high school graduates, and the majority have children. If necessary, the women were working on their GED through the help of Project Read and other volunteers, including the AAUW members who go to jail every week to teach a vocabulary class. A few of the other classes are parenting, how to avoid abuse, yoga, AA & NA, and resume writing.

One highlight of the visit of the men's Choices unit was an opportunity to meet a charming, elderly, gentleman who taught poetry. He spoke of the great talent he found in the men and how he compiles collections of their work to take with them when they leave. Another surprise was that the men in Choices live together without regard to race or gang affiliation, contrary to the general population.

Everyone agreed that the jail tour was a memorable, eye-opening experience and were happy to have had the opportunity to participate in it.

AAUW Funds Celebration

The AAUW California Fund Committee invites you to celebrate and honor our 2019-2020 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients. The Northern California celebration is on Saturday, October 5, at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco, 94080, at 11:30 am. The price is \$45.00. .

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AAUW Fund Luncheon Reservation

1. Register online through Eventbrite - OR-
2. Mail this form & \$45.00 check payable to AAUW CA or credit card information to 1331 Garden Highway, #100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Name; _____

Branch: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Credit Card No _____

Expiration Date _____ Code on back _____

Meal choice Chicken with Mushrooms

Vegetarian Pasta

For questions call AAUW CA office at 916-448-7795.

September 2019 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay,

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed, Sept 18th, 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

No Meeting in September

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs, Sept 26th, at noon

Host: Judy Podesta

Code Girls, Liza Mundy

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs, Sept 19th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

Becoming, Michelle Obama

Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier

Fri, Sept 27th, at 10:00 am

Host: Jan Lamphier 421 Alder Lane, SM.

Code Girls, Liza Mundy

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Sept 16th, at 12:30 pm

Host: Elissa James

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tue, Sept 3rd, at 10:30

Michael Svanevik, subject TBA

Host: Diane Silven

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Wed, Sept 18th, at 6:00 pm

Saltyard Restaurant, 322 Lorton Ave B'game 94010

Hostess: Jane Bradley

RSVP to Jane by Sept 13th

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

No Meeting in September

Ethnic Dining

Sue Rosenberg

Contact Sue Rosenberg for Ethnic Dining in Sept.

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, Sept 25th, at 11:30 am

Kabul Afghan Restaurant, 135 El Camino San Carlos

RSVP to Annette by Sept 23rd

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

No Meeting in September

Hiking Always 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Sept 9th, Milagra Ridge, led by Maggie Kobe

Mon, Sept 23rd, Cypress Lawn East Side, by Cathy Foxhoven

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, Sept 11th, at 1:30 pm

Tues, Sept 24th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

No Meeting in September

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Sept 13th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

Terra-Cotta Dog, Andrea Camilleri

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Sept 10th, 10:30 am

Host: Lynn Haithcox

Toni Panetta, Government Affairs Manager,

Nurse-Family Partnership in San Mateo County

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

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 California Fact and Legend	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7
8	9 Hiking	10 Public Policy	11 Mah Jongg	12	13 Mystery Book Group	14
15	16 Bridge	17	18 <i>Cypress Lawn Tour Boggle Dining Out</i>	19 Book III	20	21
22	23 Hiking	24 Mah Jongg	25 Ethnic Lunch	26 Book II	27 Book IV	28
29 <i>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</i>	30	Oct 1 <i>Rosh Hashanah ends at sundown</i>				