

## Presidents' Message

Jane Bradley and Judy Steele

Several of our members attended the Fund fall luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center honoring five 2019-2020 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients. Cathy Foxhoven, State Co-President; Diane Owens, Chairperson of the AAUW Funds Committee and State President-Elect; and Heather Miller, Advancement Director, welcomed the guests and summarized AAUW's vision for the future including the five-star program and the state convention on April 17-19 at the Westin San Francisco Airport in Millbrae.

The program moved along quickly with each recipient being introduced by a hostess, an AAUW member who learned about the recipient's background and facilitated table conversation with the recipient during lunch. Our own Betty Bernstein introduced American Fellow Christina Azahar Folger, a daughter of El Salvador immigrants, on her path to obtain a Ph.D in Ethnomusicology at UC Berkeley. This year AAUW is awarding \$4 million dollars in fellowships and grants to 259 women and community projects serving women and girls with 36 recipients studying in California colleges and universities or doing projects in our communities.

Aisula Aitbekova, an international fellowship recipient from Kazakhstan now studying for a Ph.D in Chemical Engineering at Stanford, said the fellowship gave her stability and freedom. She also noted that the AAUW members at her table seemed close and observed how fortunate our membership is to have a camaraderie as well as a purpose. It is important to remember AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls as we enjoy our Branch's interest groups. We can support that mission by donating to greatest needs or strategic plan focus areas, participating and attending mission related programs, volunteering to serve on the Board or providing much needed social media assistance. Please contact Jane Bradley or Judy Steele for ways you can volunteer your time to help our Branch.

## Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendars

- Nov 2 Meeting with Mid-Peninsula AAUW  
Author Michael Arend  
*Life Afterwards: The Holocaust as Seen Through the Eyes of a Survivor's Son*  
Redwood Shores Library, 2:00 pm  
399 Marine Parkway, RWC 94065
- Nov 9 Asian Art Museum  
*Silk Room* Docent Presentation  
SMCCD Board Room  
3401 CSM Dr, SM, 1:00 pm
- Nov 16 Tour of Cypress Lawn Fundraiser  
Cypress Lawn Memorial, 12:00 (noon)  
1370 El Camino Real, Colma 94014
- Dec 7 Holiday Party, 1:00-5:00 pm  
Host: Judy Steele, 798 Widgeon, FC  
Please bring an appetizer to share
- Jan 11 Adding Art to STEM education: STEAM  
Sonia Koesterer, VP Design, Myia Health  
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



2019 AAUW Funds Grantees

## Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Every so often we see a newspaper article telling us about a recently built *Habitat for Humanity* project in San Mateo County. Most of us think that the organization builds a single housing project for one family at a time but the truth is that now they are creating sizable housing projects. In addition, they don't just build them in the U.S. There are Habitat for Humanity projects all over the world.

Lee Hightower, our speaker for November, will tell us about the variety of housing projects that *Habitat for Humanity* is building and how we can participate in their construction. The meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 10:30, at Diane Silven's. It is open to all AAUW members and guests.

## Trolley Tour of Cypress Lawn

The trolley tour of Cypress Lawn was so successful we have booked a 2<sup>nd</sup> one. 21 AAUW members spent 2 intriguing hours enjoying their magnificent grounds and historic mausoleums. Cypress Lawn will **donate \$20.00 per person to AAUW** to take this docent-led excursion. The trolley has heat or air conditioning! Lunch will be served and one participant will win a raffle prize. We encourage you to bring a friend and a cushion to sit upon!

This tour is on Sat. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, at noon. If interested, please contact Gerhild Klein, by November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Adding an "A" to Stem

Join us for a fascinating program on how adding the "A" can enhance the STEM education - STEAM on January 11, 2020, 1:00 pm, at the CSM Board Room. Our guest speaker will be Sonia Koesterer, VP of Design at Myia Health in San Francisco.

Sonia holds a master's degree in Human Computer Interaction and a BFA in Industrial Design from Carnegie Mellon University. Her education led her to Myia Health where she is a designer, strategist, researcher and wrangler of complex, knotty problems. Here, she designs services which strengthen the connections between patients and their care teams, and empower patients with a deeper understanding of their care.

After you meet Sonia and hear of her incredible work in STEAM, join us in celebrating women's progress over the past 100 years by singing along with the AAUW Singers about the Suffragists and famous women in history.

## Tech Trek *Pink Card* Appeal

Maureen Buchner

It is hard to believe that it's time for our pink postcard appeal!

Soon, you will get a pink postcard reminder to donate to Tech Trek for next summer's campers. We really need everyone to participate in supporting our efforts to send 7 or 8 local girls to Stanford this coming summer. As always, checks are made out to AAUW CA SPF, a 501(c)3 non-profit. If you wish to donate from your retirement distribution, you may need to get a special set of checks from your retirement fund. This can lower your income and thus lower your taxes.

Should you have any questions about this, call the Buchners at. We recommend donating in November so it clears before the end of the year. For online donations on the National website, you must click on *CA Camp Grace Hopper at Stanford*.

## Asian Art Museum: *Silk Room*

On November 9, at 1:00 pm, we will have the pleasure to hear from a Docent of the Asian Art Museum about the contents of their *Silk Room* at the SMCCD Board Room, 3401 CSM Dr, San Mateo.

Travel the ancient routes that provided goods, technologies, and ideas to countries and cultures from the Mediterranean to the Pacific. Discover the transformations that resulted from the complex exchanges between East and West.

Monks and pilgrims spent months, even years, traveling over perilous land routes to carry luxury goods and new ideas thousands of miles. Commodities such as silk, porcelain, paper, tea, jade, gunpowder and spices were carried across land and sea routes known as the *Silk Road*. Religions and ideas, technologies and innovations also spread along these trade routes.

## In Memoriam

We are sad to say that a dear member, Pearl Bloom, passed away on September 9, 2019, just days after her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Pearl was an active member of California Fact & Legend and was instrumental in introducing Michael Svanevik to our Branch. He spoke every year to our group because of his friendship with Pearl. She was an elementary school teacher for many years so a Celebration of her Life will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at noon, at the Daniel Webster Elementary School, 425 El Dorado, Daly City, 94015. All are invited to attend.

## October 2019 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay,

### **Boggle (All Members Welcome)**

Judy Steele, 574-8089, Judy-Steele@comcast.net

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

Host: Judy Steele

### **Book Discussion I**

Elissa James

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

Host: Maureen Buchner

*The Moment of Lift*, Melinda Gates

### **Book Discussion II**

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, at noon(Date Change)

Host: Julia Pitcher

*Road to Character*, David Brooks

### **Book Discussion III (wait list)**

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

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

Host: Pat Fuetsch

*Educated*, Tara Westover

### **Book Discussion IV**

Jan Lamphier

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

Host: Jan Lamphier

*Last 4 Days of Paddy Buckley*, Jeremy Massey

### **Bridge**

Elissa James

Mon, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm

Host: TBD

### **California Fact & Legend**

Bobbi Benson

Tues, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am

Tour of Elizabeth Gamble Gardens, Palo Alto

### **Dining Out**

Jane Bradley

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

Par 3 at Coyote Point Restaurant and Bar  
1700 Coyote Point Dr SM, 94401, 522-2575

Host: Jane Bradley, RSVP by Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe

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

Host: Nancy Jalonen

### **Ethnic Dining**

Evelyn Marcus

Contact Evelyn Marcus for Ethnic Dining in Nov.

### **Ethnic Lunch**

Annette Delaney

**No Meeting in November**

### **Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions**

Margo King

Thur. Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am

Host: Sandra Shapiro

*State of the State Department and Diplomacy*

### **Hiking** Always 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Pacifica Coast

Mon, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, Crystal Springs Dam

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

### **Mah Jongg**

Helen Hatchett

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

Tue. Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

### **Membership: New and Prospective**

Maureen Buchner

Mary Ann McKay

### **Monday Movie**

Mary Ann McKay

Mon. Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Movie TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

### **Mystery Book Group**

Mikki Coffino

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

Host: Barb Schotzko

*Dark in Death*, J. D. Robb

### **Public Policy/Current Events**

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

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

Diane Silven

Lee Hightower, *Habitat for Humanity*

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.*

**November 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Meeting w/ Mid-Peninsula
3	4 Monday Movie	5 CA Fact & Legend	6 Drama Reading	7 AAUW Board Meeting	8 Mystery Book Group	9 Asian Art Museum Docent
10	11 Hiking	12 Public Policy	13 Mah Jongg	14 Foreign Affairs	15	16 Cypress Lawn Tour
17	18 Bridge	19	20 Boggle Dining Out	21 Book I Book III	22 Book IV	23
24	25 Hiking	26 Mah Jongg	27	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29	30