



BAY LEAVES

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Presidents' Message

Jane Bradley and Judy Steele

Welcome to the New Year, 2020. With the holiday season behind us, we are ready to focus on the goals and/or resolutions we have set for ourselves, whether it be planning a trip or losing a few pounds.

Politics will be even more in the forefront than usual with presidential primaries beginning in February, and California's primary moved up to March. For the members who want to become involved, there will be ample opportunities to volunteer, including voter registration or help with mailings to registered voters.

2020 also marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Our branch will celebrate the occasion with other Bay Area branches at the inter-Branch Council event on January 11, when Cathy Foxhoven will lead us in singing along with the AAUW singers about Suffragists and famous women in history. Our speaker at this program, Sonia Koesterer, daughter of an AAUW member, holds a BFA in industrial design and will discuss the benefits of expanding STEM to include art. STEAM is a word you'll probably be hearing more and more in discussions of a well-rounded education.

The first few months of the year are also the time when we begin thinking of next year's Board. We encourage you to say yes if you're approached for a Board position. If responsibilities for maintaining and growing the Branch are shared, we will have a more viable Branch to enrich our lives for years to come.

AAUW CA State Convention

The AAUW California State Convention will be held at the Westin San Francisco Airport, Millbrae, April 17-19. There will be opportunities for our members to volunteer during the convention to reduce the cost of attending. These activities are quite interesting and fun. More information will be in the next few issues of the *Bay Leaves*.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 11 Adding Art to STEM education: STEAM
Sonia Koesterer, VP Design, Myia Health
Burlingame Rec Center, 12:30 pm
850 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame
- April 17-19 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

Betty Bernstein

Adding a second unit or ADU (accessory dwelling unit) to an existing house has suddenly become a popular option for homeowners as a result of recent legislation making it easier to add such structures to their homes.

Our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group has invited Heather Peters, senior public analyst from the San Mateo County Department of Housing, to tell us all about the legal changes that can support the addition of these structures of affordable housing units to existing homes.

Her presentation will be on Tuesday, January 14th at 10:30 am, at the home of Lyn Haithcox. The meeting is open to all AAUW members and guests. Even if you don't live in a home that could support an ADU, you will want to know more about this form of housing which is now starting to be built in our neighborhoods.

Tech Trek

Thanks to our 22 members who have donated following the receipt of our pink postcard. Since November we have collected \$2,225.00.

Our goal is to fund 8 scholarships (8,000.00) for the summer of 2020. Please send contributions by check made out to AAUW CA SPF. That is our 501(c)3 fund for our camps. Mail to Maureen Buchner. Contact Maureen, about a form for matching funds or if you have made an online donation at National's website.

Women Win the Vote 100 years Ago

Women finally won the right to vote in every state with the passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution in 1920. The Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920, ending almost a century of protest.

The 19th Amendment reads:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Before its passage women were allowed to vote at various times under state laws before the 19th Amendment was passed. The U.S. Constitution didn't give women the right to vote but it didn't prohibit it either. In the late 18th and early 19th century, New Jersey and Kentucky allowed certain classes of women to vote with many restrictions. In 1869, the Wyoming Territory was the first to allow women full voting rights followed by Colorado, Idaho, and Utah. The West continued to be the country's most progressive region on full women's suffrage. After 1910, Washington, California, Arizona, Kansas, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Dakota and the territory of Alaska allowed women to vote. (Even before the passage of the 19th Amendment, Montana elected a woman, Jeannette Rankin, to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1916.)

It was not until 1848 that the movement for women's rights began to organize at the national level. In July of that year, reformers Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, New York. More than 300 people—mostly women, but also some men—attended, including former African-American slave Frederick Douglass.

In addition to their belief that women should be afforded better opportunities for education and employment, most of the delegates at the Seneca Falls Convention agreed that American women were autonomous individuals who deserved their own political identities.

A group of delegates led by Stanton produced a *Declaration of Sentiments* document, modeled after the Declaration of Independence, which stated: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The *Declaration of Sentiments* was mocked in the press continuously. Women who supported women's suffrage but were not "allowed" to voice their views, wore yellow flowers and planted them in their gardens to indicate their support.

In 1900, with Stanton and Anthony advancing in age, Carrie Chapman Catt stepped up to lead the suffrage movement. On the eve of the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson in 1913, protesters thronged against a massive suffrage parade in the nation's capital, and hundreds of women were injured. In 1918, President Wilson switched his stand on women's voting rights from objection to support through the influence of Catt.

On May 21, 1919, U.S. Rep James R. Mann, IL, proposed the House resolution to approve the Susan Anthony Amendment granting women the right to vote. The measure passed the House 304 to 89—42 votes above the required two-thirds majority.

Two weeks later, on June 4, 1919, the U.S. Senate passed the 19th Amendment by two votes over its two-thirds required majority, 56-25. The amendment was then sent to the states for ratification. By March 1920, a total of 35 states had approved the amendment, one state shy of the two-thirds required for ratification. Finally Tennessee approved it by one vote. The last vote was by a 23-year-old Representative, Harry T. Burn, on the advice of his mother. Although Burn opposed the amendment, his mother convinced him to approve it. Mrs. Burn reportedly wrote to her son: "Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt put the 'rat' in ratification."¹

There will be numerous celebrations of this event throughout the year, beginning with our January meeting with Cathy Foxhoven leading the AAUW singers about Suffragists and famous women in history. Please join us.

1. History Channel, 19th Amendment, History.com Editors, History, <https://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/19th-amendment> December 16, 2019.

January 2020 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed, Jan 15th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs, Jan 16th, at 10:00 am

Host: Carol Rose

King of California, Mark Arax

Book Discussion II

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs, Jan 23rd, at noon

Host: Karlyn Schneider

Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane, Lisa See

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs, Jan 16th. At 1:30 pm

Host: Pat Haupt

Just Mercy, Bryan Stephenson

Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier

Fri, Jan 24th, at 10:00 am

Host: Jan Lamphier

Dark Corners, Ruth Rendell

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Jan 20th, at 12:30 pm

Location TBA

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tues, Jan 7th, at 10:30 am

Host: Barb Schotzko

Presentations by Marilyn Canon & Jan Lundquist

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

No Meeting in January

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed, Jan 8th, at 9:00 am (Date Change)

Host: Cathy Foxhoven

Ethnic Dining

Evelyn Marcus

Contact Evelyn Marcus for Ethnic Dining in Jan.

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Wed, Jan 22nd, at 11:30 pm

Fusion Peruvian Grill, 45 N. B St. SM

RSVP to Annette by Jan 20th

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thur. Jan 9th, at 10:30 am

Host: Margo King

Climate Change

Hiking Always 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Jan 13th, Transbay Park, SF

Mon, Jan 27th, Byxbee Park, Palo Alto

To join us anytime, contact Bobbi Benson

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, Jan 8th, at 1:30 pm

Tues, Jan 28th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Mary Ann McKay

Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

Mon. Jan 6th, Movie TBD

Email Mary Ann McKay to get on the email list

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Jan 10th, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

How the Light Gets in, Louise Penny

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Jan 14th, at 10:30 am

Host: Lyn Haithcox

Heather Peters, SM County Housing Department

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) solving SM County's housing crisis

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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.

January 2020

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