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President's Message

Judy Steele

It is so hard to believe that the incredible summer of 2020 is almost over, and yet we're all still pretty much housebound by the Covid-19 virus pandemic! I sincerely hope this finds all of our members and their families and friends doing well and staying safe!

Welcome to the beginning of a year of the "new normal." Since "AAUW does not sanction in-person meetings at this time, nor for the foreseeable future," many of our Interest Sections continue to be on "temporary" hiatus. Most notable exceptions, however, are the various book groups, which are meeting on-line through Zoom, and the hiking group, which is always held outside. Please check the enclosed Interest Section page for other branch opportunities.

On the other hand, we have all learned how to work, study and/or play at home through our various internet connections - with AAUW CA leading our way. If you haven't already received yours, please be on the lookout for a new publication called "California Connection" which first came out in August. It will be replacing the old "Perspective" which has been discontinued for now, but in a shorter, more convenient format to keep us up to date on AAUW happenings.

Among the state's recent announcements is a new resource called AskUsFirst@aauw-ca.org which allows branches, and individuals, to get help in a more timely manner than trying to get answers from the very busy National office. In addition, the state will be hosting a wide variety of webinars on such topics as "Racial Injustice" and how to "Wage a successful *Get Out the Vote* campaign" in this age of Covid-19. To find out their schedule of upcoming events, click on the link: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/>. And if you miss a particular topic, you can click on the website's workshop title and see the recording and other materials saved on-line.

As for our own branch, we have some interesting on-line opportunities also coming up soon, as listed on the Calendar to the right. I hope to "see" many of you participating in as many of these activities as you

are able to this year. For anyone who is unfamiliar with Zoom, Sandi Gabe presented a webinar on Basic Zooming, which can be found on the AAUW California website by clicking [HERE](#). Or, if you need help from someone closer to home, our tech-savvy Treasurer, Steve Buchner, is happy to help. In the meantime, let's all stay safe by social distancing, frequent hand washing, and please wear those masks when leaving your homes! We will be able to gather together again, one day soon!

San Mateo Branch 2020-2021 Calendar

Sept 9

Asian Art Museum

Docent Mary Mead presents:

The Language of Flowers in Asian Art

Zoom presentation, 2:00 pm

To join the Asian Art Museum Zoom presentation please send an email to sanmateoaauw@gmail.com with the subject line "Asian Art" and request to attend. A Zoom invitation will be emailed back and again one day before the program.

Oct 10

Black History Museum Presentation

Founder Carolyn Hoskins

Teaching Children about Black History

Zoom presentation, 1:00 pm

The Language of Flowers in Asian Art

As this new year begins we have considered what would be of interest to all of you. We felt this presentation would be perfect.

Throughout art history, flowers have been a favorite subject for artists. Aside from the obvious beauty of blossoms and petals, many floral subjects bear additional layers of symbolism and significance.

Join Docent Mary Mead as she explores the fascinating stories behind some of her favorite florals in the Asian Art Museum on September 9, at 2:00 pm. Please refer to the calendar, above, to join the group.

AAUW-CA Strengthens Commitment to Increasing Equity for Black Women and Girls

Melissa Maceyko, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

In 2020, a widespread protest movement has emerged, clearly and loudly demanding greater racial equity through systemic change. This protest movement is in line with the core mission of AAUW: “To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.” How are these two aligned? AAUW’s central mission statement implies a focus on ALL women and girls. To achieve this mission, we must demand greater equity for Black women and girls.

At the national level, AAUW has acknowledged that the organization has historically fallen short of this goal, as it has lacked diversity and inclusion in leadership, membership, and focus. AAUW has taken concrete steps to create organizational change, to better address their mission of serving all women.

Individual AAUW members can also take concrete steps to make sure that the inclusive mission of AAUW is made into a reality here with a specific focus on racial equity for Black women and girls. One way this can be done is through white members learning about and engaging in anti-racism and white allyship.

Anti-racism is the active practice of calling out racism when it is encountered, which may include having uncomfortable conversations about race and racism in everyday life. Non-racism, the internal and often silent opposition to racism, is positive, but it is not enough to create necessary change. Related to anti-racism is white allyship. White allies are people who make the long-term commitments and efforts necessary to recognize their racially based privilege and who continually work in solidarity with oppressed groups engaged in institutional and political struggles for justice.

We hope you will join AAUW CA’s webinar on August 26th to learn what steps you can take to ensure that the inclusive mission of AAUW will someday become a reality. The link is: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/>

The Importance of an Early Vote

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 4th, the San Mateo County Elections Office will begin mailing out Mail-in-Ballots to everyone in the County. If you do not receive yours by Oct. 27th, contact the office at www.smcacre.org. Be sure to vote as early as possible to ensure your ballot is counted on Nov. 3rd, Election Day.

AAUW Embraces Zoom

After shelter-in-place started in March and all group meetings were cancelled, the board authorized a Zoom Pro account. Board Meetings, most Book Groups and Foreign Affairs all have hosted Zoom meetings. This fall Public Policy will start Zoom presentations. Our first branch program will be held on Zoom in September.

To join a Zoom meeting, one must have a computer or tablet connected to the internet. A smart phone can see one person at a time and is acceptable for presentations but less useful for group discussions.

Participants will receive an email with a link to join the Zoom meeting. Initially, you may be placed in a waiting room before entering the meeting. New users will be asked to download Zoom before joining the meeting. Downloading is usually rapid but may require giving permission to make changes to your computer or device. New users may wish to ask a child, grandchild or friend to help them get started.

Members who wish to join a Zoom test session before the September meetings begin, please email Stephen Buchner at sjbuchner@comcast.net. Please put “Test Zoom” in the subject line. The test session will be held Monday August 31, at 1:00 pm. An invitation with a link to join the test will be sent to those who respond by email.

Membership

This year, our branch has 130 members. Even though we can’t gather in person, some sections meet through Zoom so please continue to tell your friends about our mission and interest sections. New members are always welcome!

Returning Member: Julie Hitchcock
606 Ansel Ln, Apt 2, Burlingame, CA 94010
Phone: 760-525-5037, hitchcks@gmail.com,
Julie received her BA from SDSU in 1970, and teaching credential in 1971. Welcome back, Julie.

Tech Trek

2020 was the first time in 21 years we didn’t host a Tech Trek Camp. Covid-19 prevented us from choosing our nominees; however, we did send each candidate a list of different resources for online enrichment.

We hope to have a 2021 camp in July. Stanford’s plans for distancing their students has caused us to look for another location. Tech Trek leadership is searching for another campus to accommodate both Camp Curie and Camp Grace Hopper. Our Branch still plans to send 7 or 8 girls to camp as soon as we receive permission to hold the camp and receive our directions from our state leaders.

AAUW/San Mateo Branch As of 6/30/20	Previous Budget 2019-2020	Actuals as of 30-Jun-20	APPROVED Budget 2020-21
INCOME			
Branch Membership Dues	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 2,731.00	\$ 3,000.00
Interest Income	10.00	14.01	10.00
NCCWSL Income	-	813.47	-
Other Inc (Bay Leaves mailing fees)	360.00	1107.00	360.00
Tech Trek income	-	125.00	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 4,790.48	\$ 3,370.00
EXPENSES			
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Hospitality Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ 16.55	\$ 50.00
Membership Recruiting Exp	50.00	-	50.00
NCCWSL Sponsorship Programs	250.00	-	250.00
	300.00	188.00	50.00
Public Policy		118.51	100.00
Scholarship	100.00	-	50.00
Spring Fundraiser			
Spring Fundraiser Expenses	150.00		200.00
Spring Fundraiser Receipts	-		-
Spring Fundraiser (Net) (Inc) (Exp)	150.00	-	200.00
Tech Trek - Local Camp Exp	150.00	66.44	100.00
Tech Trek Brunch			
Tech Trek Expenses	125.00	555.66	125.00
Tech Trek Income	-	465.00	-
Tech Trek Brunch (net (Inc)/Exp)	125.00	90.66	125.00
Total Committee Expenses	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 731.11	\$ 1,325.00
CONVENTION EXPENSES	500.00	-	500.00
OTHER EXPENSES			
EF Assessment	85.00	65.00	85.00
Internet Website	120.00		135.00
Liability Insurance	550.00	528.00	550.00
Memorials	75.00	25.00	75.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	34.99	100.00
Office Expenses	150.00	150.33	100.00
Vocabulary Class at MSCC	500.00	771.61	100.00
Total Other Expenses	1,580.00	1,692.93	1,270.00
PUBLICATION EXPENSES			
Directory	300.00	217.60	300.00
Newsletter	200.00	265.76	300.00
Postage	250.00	196.15	300.00
Total Publication Expenses	750.00	679.51	900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,005.00	\$ 3,103.55	4,195.00
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ (485.00)	\$ 1,686.93	\$ (825.00)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2020: \$30,059.10
ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCES AS OF October 31, 2019: \$318,921.

September 2020 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay, maedchris@aol.com, 349-1330

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele, 574-8089, Judy-Steele@comcast.net
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Boggle will not be meeting.

Book Discussion I

Elissa James, 579-2901, elissajames@comcast.net
Thurs. Sept 17, at 10:00 am
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Book I will be meeting by Zoom, *The Children Act*, by Ian McEwan

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlynn Schneider, 697-1863, karteamar@yahoo.com
Thurs, Sept 24th, at 12:30 pm
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Book II will be meeting by Zoom.

A Woman of no Importance, Sonia Purnell

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay, 349-1330, maedchris@aol.com
Pat Fuetsch, 349-3402, patriciafuetsch@gmail.com
Thurs, Sept 17th, at 1:30 pm
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Book III will be meeting by Zoom, *Giver of Stars*, Jojo Moyers

Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier, 341-8564, lamphier@myastound.net
Fri, Sept 25th, at 10:00 am
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Book IV will be meeting by Zoom

Bridge

Elissa James, 579-2901, elissajames@comcast.net
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Bridge will not be meeting.

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson, 455-1563,
bobbi_benson@comcast.net
Tue, Sept 1st, at 10:10 am
During the Corona Virus pandemic, California Fact & Legend will be meeting by Zoom
Michael Svanevik, Come on Down - San Mateo County is for Sale (after WWI)

Dining Out

Jane Bradley, 464-3808, janebradley@mac.com
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Dining Out will not be meeting.

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe, 579-5650, maggieshaw@dkobe.com
No Meeting in September

Ethnic Dining

During the Corona Virus pandemic, Ethnic Dining will not be meeting.

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney, 415-235-1155
annettedelaney@yahoo.com
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Ethnic Lunch will not be meeting.

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King, 458-3073, margoking3@yahoo.com
Sept. 10, 10:30 am
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Foreign Affairs will be meeting by Zoom.
Unraveling of America, please, contact Margo for questions about the document.

Hiking 2nd Monday, 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson, 455-1563, bobbi_benson@comcast.net
Mon, Sept 14th, 10:00 am
We take easy, short walks, masks on, in safe areas that we drive to separately. Contact Bobbi Benson to find out the next location.

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett, 571-6129, helenhatch@earthlink.net
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Mah Jongg will not be meeting.

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner, 573-1604,
widgeonmab@yahoo.com
Mary Ann McKay, 349-1330, maedchris@aol.com

Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay, maedchris@aol.com, 445-5206
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Monday Movie will not be meeting.

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino, 341-2428, mikkicof@att.net
Fri, Sept 11th, at 1:30 pm
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Mystery Book will be meeting by Zoom.
The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein, 343-9137, bettybernst@aol.com
Diane Silven, 348-5877, dianesilven@yahoo.com
Tues, Sept 8th, 10:30 am
During the Corona Virus pandemic, Public Policy will be meeting by Zoom.
Peter Field, psychiatric outreach mental health manager (ret).
The Obstacles to Solving Homelessness in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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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.

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 California Fact and Legend	2	3 AAUW Board Meeting	4	5
6	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8 Public Policy	9 Asian Art Museum Docent	10 Foreign Affairs	11 Mystery Book Group	12
13	14 Hiking	15	16	17 Book I Book III	18 <i>Rosh Hashana begins</i>	19
20 <i>Rosh Hashana ends</i>	21	22	23	24 Book II	25 Book IV	26
27 <i>Yom Kippur begins</i>	28 <i>Yom Kippur ends</i>	29	30			