



BAY LEAVES

AAUW/San Mateo

<http://sanmateo-ca.aauw.net>

October 2020, Vol 91, Issue 2

President's Message

Judy Steele

2020 has been an extremely eventful year, especially since it included the Covid 19 Pandemic, celebrating the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote, and, coming up, one of the “most important elections in our lifetime, where issues that matter the most to many of us are at risk.” Remember, the more women who vote can influence the outcome of an election!

If you, or someone you know, is not yet registered, you can go online at registertovote.ca.gov or by calling 800.345.VOTE (800.345.8683) and ask to have a voter registration form sent to your home. But the registration must be done **by October 19th** in order to vote in the General Election on **November 3rd**. If you miss the deadline, in San Mateo County, you may register when you go to a Vote Center to vote.

We are fortunate to live in a [Voter's Choice Act](#) county in which all registered voters will be getting a ballot in the mail, starting around October 5th, 2020. So instead of your neighborhood polling place, you will have 3 ways to vote:

- Mail your ballot
- Drop off your ballot at a secure ballot drop-box starting Tuesday, October 6
- Visit any Vote Center to vote in person or drop off your ballot starting Saturday, October 24, 2020

For more detailed information about the Election, Candidates, Propositions, etc., there is a California-specific website backed by the League of Women Voters, **Voters Edge** at: <https://votersedge.org/ca>.

In addition, there is a link to the **Proposition Pros and Cons**, also from the League at: <https://cavotes.org/sites/default/files/November%202020%20Pros%20%26%20Cons.pdf>. The State AAUW site also had a webinar on “Getting out the Vote” on September 14th. If you missed it, you may go onto AAUW-CA’s website and find a saved copy under Webinars.

According to the California Secretary of State, “free and fair elections are the foundation of American democracy. Throughout our nation’s history, we have

held elections during times of peace and times of war, during good economic times and during recessions, and even prior pandemics.” Please visit vote.ca.gov for more helpful information and tools for this year’s election.

It is essential that we all make a plan now for casting our ballots this fall. Try to vote as early as possible to ensure your vote is counted! “The participation of all our citizens is what makes our democracy so resilient.”

San Mateo Branch 2020-2021 Calendar

- | | |
|--------|--|
| Oct 10 | Black History Museum Presentation
Founder Carolyn Hoskins
<i>Teaching Children about Black History</i>
Zoom presentation, 1:00 pm |
| Oct 13 | November 2020 Ballot Measures <i>Pros & Cons</i> Zoom Presentation, 10:30 am |
| Nov 18 | Laura Parmer-Lohan
San Carlos Vice Mayor
Women in Business and Local Politics
Zoom presentation, 1:00 pm |

Teaching Black History

Carolyn Hoskins, founder of the new Domini Hoskins Black History Museum and Learning Center in Belmont, will talk about her efforts to educate today’s youth about Black History at 2 pm, Saturday, October 10. Hoskins, who lives in Belmont, says she decided to create a museum when her grandson, Domini, told her he knew everything there was to know about Martin Luther King Jr.

Domini’s school project for Black History Month became an exploration of the overlooked historical contributions of African Americans. Last year Hoskins was recognized by the NAACP San Mateo Branch at the 93rd annual celebration of Herby Dawkins Freedom Fund Banquet for her community service.

Scholarship Committee

Jane Bradley

Four members of the Scholarship Committee met over the course of several days in April to interview applicants via Zoom for the Ethel Gayman and Kathleen Smith scholarships. To qualify for the scholarship, students must be graduates of a San Mateo County community college and plan to attend a four year college in the Fall.

This year we are able to give five \$5000 scholarships from the Ethel Gayman Fund and one \$7000 scholarship, the amount remaining in the Kathleen Smith Fund. Based on her qualifications and interview, Karolyn Paz-Rubio, CSM, was the recipient of the larger scholarship. Karolyn, student leader and cognitive science major, plans to attend UCLA and then possibly medical school.

Ethel Gayman scholarship recipient Ariana Davarpanah, CSM, was accepted into four schools ultimately choosing Stanford where she plans to complete her BA in the next three years and then go on to law school. In her thank you letter, Ariana expressed her appreciation for the encouragement from AAUW interviewers and said she hoped to be able to help women in the future as she has been helped.

We had three scholarship recipients from Skyline-- Linda Thao, Marie Kyla Perez and Joyce Kwong. Linda, a computer science major, plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona and is passionate about Skyline's program, WISER (Women in Science and Engineering.) Maria plans to attend San Jose State majoring in computer science and Joyce plans to attend UC Davis majoring in microbiology. Elena Thai, Cañada plans to attend UC Irvine majoring in Business Administration.

After the interviews were completed, our Branch received the amount of \$5000 from the estate of Dorothy Howard (Branch President 1984-85) to be administered with the other community college scholarships. That scholarship will be awarded to our 7th place finisher, Diana Griselda Mendoza, Cañada, who plans to attend UC San Diego majoring in structural engineering.

Thank you to the scholarship committee for all your hard work, Judy Bloom, Denise Strehl, Kathy Wiblin, Judy Winklestein, Pat Fuetsch and Sandy Shapiro.

Public Policy/Current Events

On October 13th our Public Policy/Current Events discussion group will offer a Zoom presentation of the League of Women Voters' *Pros & Cons* of the November ballot measures. There are 12 propositions on the ballot. Gayle Hardt will be available to answer questions about the ballot measures.

Since we will not be able to hand out the printed copy of the *Pros & Cons*, you can download a copy at: <https://cavotes.org/sites/default/files/November%2020%20Pros%20%26%20Cons.pdf>.

This will be the only presentation of the *Pros & Cons* for AAUW members so we invite everyone to join us. Please send an email to with the subject line *Pros & Cons* to receive an invitation.

Membership

Welcome to New Branch Member

Nancy Hawes

Nancy Hawes spent most of her life in Asia and attended high school in Hawaii. She received her BA from Smith College in history and a Masters in Education from Bank Street College. Nancy is now retired and moved to the Bay Area to be closer to her grandchildren. She says her work at the Asian Art Museum as a storyteller and a docent has been a life-saver! In AAUW, she is interested in Bridge, Foreign Affairs and has attended one of our book groups.

CSM Third in Nation

The College of San Mateo ranked third in the nation and first in the state for Best Community Colleges in an analysis done by Wallethub. Wallethub ranked more than 650 community colleges based upon 18 key indicators of cost and quality, including the cost of in-state tuition and fees; student-faculty ratio; graduation rate; and career outcome. The College of San Mateo came in third in the U.S. with an overall score of 69.78. The State Technical College of Missouri earned the top overall score at 74.5.

October 2020 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Boggle will not be meeting.

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Oct 15th, at 10:00 am

Book I will be meeting by Zoom.

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, Gail Honeyman

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs, Oct 22nd, at 12:30 pm

Book II will be meeting by Zoom.

The Last Watchman of Old Cairo, Michael D Lukas

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs, Oct 15th, at 1:30 pm

Book III will be meeting by Zoom.

A Farewell to Arms, Ernest Hemingway

Book Discussion IV

Jan Lamphier

Fri, Oct 23rd, at 10:00 am

Book IV will be meeting by Zoom.

Educated, Tara Westover

Bridge

Elissa James

Bridge will not be meeting.

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson

Tue, Oct 6th, at 10:10 am (Time change)

California Fact & Legend will be meeting by Zoom.

Dining Out

Jane Bradley

Dining Out will not be meeting.

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed, Oct 14th, at 9:45 am (Day & Time Change)

Drama Reading will be meeting by Zoom.

Ethnic Dining

Ethnic Dining will not be meeting.

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney

Ethnic Lunch will not be meeting.

Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs, Oct. 8th, 10:30 am

Foreign Affairs will be meeting by Zoom.

Global Question #7

Hiking 2nd Monday, 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Oct 12th, 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

Mah Jongg will not be meeting.

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Mary Ann McKay

Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

Monday Movie will not be meeting.

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Oct 9th, at 1:30 pm

Mystery Book will be meeting by Zoom.

Downfall, J A Jance

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tues, Oct 13th, 10:30 am

Public Policy will be meeting by Zoom.

League of Women Voters' Pros & Cons of the November Ballot Measures.

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.

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AAUW Board Meeting	2	3
4	5	6 California Fact and Legend	7	8 Foreign Affairs	9 Mystery Book Group	10 Black History Presentation
11	12 Hiking	13 Public Policy	14 Drama Reading	15 Book I Book III	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Book II	23 Book IV	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31