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President's Message

Judy Steele

Welcome to our branch's new year! I hope you had a great summer and enjoyed many reunions with loved ones and friends!

Unfortunately, we are still in the throes of the Covid-19 pandemic. The new Delta variant is putting in-person Interest Group meetings in the dilemma of whether to mask or not to mask. As of this writing, the CDC and San Mateo County are mandating masks be worn for all inside public and work gatherings, whether people are vaccinated or not. On the other hand, for groups meeting at a private residence, the County only *recommends* masking indoors. However, for the safety of all of our members, I strongly urge that all groups meeting inside be vaccinated and masked, except when eating/drinking. For outside meetings, although not required, we ask that individuals practice social distancing. Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time.

On to better news - your Board met in early August to do planning for this new year. You will see in the enclosed Financial Reports, that the branch ended last year in good financial shape, in spite of the pandemic. We were able to subsidize seven college women to attend the virtual NCCWSL program for less cost than sending one person to the live event. In addition, our stellar Scholarship Committee gave out ten \$5,000 scholarships from our *Ethel Gayman Endowment Fund*, using Zoom to do the interviews of candidates from the San Mateo County Community College District.

Due to a new collaboration with the Mid-Peninsula Branch, we will be offering new and exciting programs nearly every month this coming year! Please see the attached program list of dates and be sure to mark your calendars. At this time, all proposed programs will be held by Zoom, including next year's State Annual Meeting on April 23, 2022. We will notify you when there is a lifting of the stricter guidelines.

Lastly, a few last notes from the State AAUW: First, there will be three Zoom meetings for our 37 AAUW Fund Award recipients this year; October 23, 30 and November 7, each running from 10 am to noon,

with a different group of award recipients. Second, the State Board is still looking for Committee Members for a variety of committees. If interested, please take a look at: [AAUWCaliforniaCommitteesandKeyAdministrativePositions-AAUWCalifornia\(aauw-ca.org\)](http://AAUWCaliforniaCommitteesandKeyAdministrativePositions-AAUWCalifornia(aauw-ca.org)) to learn more about the positions and a specific committee's responsibilities; and third, the California Public Policy Committee is co-sponsoring or watching 39 bills at the state level, 18 of which are still active. If you are interested, go to: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2021/04/bill-tracking.pdf/>.

Thanks for all your support and here's to another great year with AAUW - San Mateo Branch!

San Mateo Branch 2021-2022 Calendar

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| Sept 18 | Book Discussion, <i>Kamala's Way</i> , by Dan Morain. A biography of Kamala Harris. Zoom meeting at 10:00 am. |
| Oct 13 | <i>How Jobs Will Change in the Future</i> , Georgia Gillan, Research Manager from the Institute for the Future. Zoom meeting at 1:00 pm. |
| Nov 6 | <i>How to Get More Women into Politics</i> , Carol Mayer Marshall, founder of Women Who Identify, Recruit and Elect (WIRE). Zoom meeting at 10:00 am. |
| Jan 19 | <i>Japanese Emigration, Settlement and Internment in California</i> , Rosalyn Tonai, National Japanese-American Historical Society. Zoom meeting at 1:00 pm. |
| Feb 19 | <i>Women of Russia--It's Complicated</i> , Micki Carter, author and editor of the TRIAD, the Mid-Peninsula Newsletter. Zoom meeting at 10:00 am. |
| Mar 16 | <i>The Art of Korea</i> , presentation by Asian Art Museum Docent Mary Mead. Zoom meeting at 1:00 pm. |
| Apr 23 | AAUW State Annual meeting. Zoom meeting |

Public Policy

Public Policy will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 14, via ZOOM at 10:30 am. Our speaker, Sandra Firpo, will speak to us about resources available in our communities to confront natural disasters. Sandra is an emergency services specialist with the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department. Her job focuses, primarily, on public education; managing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); assisting with the development of emergency plans for the cities served by the SMCDF; and providing support for fire crews during larger incidents.

Although this meeting is by Zoom, we hope to return to in-person meetings as soon as it is safe to do so.

Membership

The *Membership 2021-2022 Directories* have been printed and will be distributed at the end of August. Please send any corrections or changes to our financial officer Stephen Buchner.

On behalf of the branch, the Board wishes to give a BIG Thank You to Cynthia Robbins-Roth who has retired after years of managing the membership rolls. Cynthia prepared the annual directories, printed labels for mailings and donated the supplies for printing those labels. The Board sincerely appreciates her time and numerous contributions to our branch.

We also wish to welcome Joanne Chee, who graciously agreed to assume Cynthia's activities and prepared the directory for this year. Joanne quickly learned the directory preparation process and suggested a few formatting changes to improve readability.

Address Change: Leilani Chua,

New Biography of Kamala Harris

Veteran California journalist Dan Morain will discuss his biography of Vice President Kamala Harris on Saturday, Sept 18, at 10 am. *Kamala's Way, An American Life*, details the Vice President's rise as the daughter of two immigrants in the East Bay to the second highest elective office in the land.

In public, Harris comes off as a tough, savvy and smart politician. She is all that; but Morain reveals a more human side of Harris that comes about when the public is not watching. Please join us by Zoom.

Hiking Evolves into Walking

We've done it, we've seen it, we've been challenged, we've been elated and we've been brave! Time to change. After more than 17 years of avoiding poison oak and ticks, climbing elevation gains, avoiding roots and rocks, slipping on mud and loose gravel, our group decided to enjoy walks instead from now on.

Come join us on Montara Beach while the tide is going out so we can walk mostly on firm sand. Join us as we walk along the Bay, on Golden Gate Bridge, in the Presidio, and through lots of interesting residential neighborhoods you'd probably never visit otherwise.

We walk on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, meeting at 10 am. year round. Check out our 2 destinations each month. Contact Bobbi Benson, if you'd like to be added to the roster for specific information about each walk—or just to let her know you'll be coming.

League of Women Voter's Celebration Rescheduled

The 101st anniversary celebration for the Leagues of Women Voters in San Mateo County has been postponed from Aug 29, 2021 to Feb 13, 2022, for the safety of participants. Ticket holders will find information about refunds and re-ticketing from the LWVNCSCM Eventbrite ticketing page.

AAUW Anniversary Lapel Pins, Only \$5!

The Redlands Branch is selling Lapel Pins to commemorate milestone years of service. The San Mateo Branch will order pins for interested branch members and pick up the shipping fee. Below is a picture of the pins. If you would like to order a pin, please email your pin choice to Mary Ann McKay and follow with a check for \$5 by Oct. 15. Proceeds will go towards AAUW's mission of ensuring equity for girls and women.



5 Year



30 Year



10 Year



40 Year



15 Year



Silver Member



20 Year



Gold Member

September 2021 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

No meeting in September.

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Sept 16, at 10:00 am

The Splendid and the Vile, Erik Larson

Contact Elissa James for information on whether the meeting will be live or by Zoom.

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs, Sept 24, at 12:30 pm

Book II will be meeting by Zoom until further notice.

The Overstory, Richard Powers

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs, Sept 16, at 1:30 pm (In Person Meeting)

Host: Mary Ann McKay

The Survivors, Jane Harper

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Sept 20, 1:00 pm

Contact Elissa James for information on whether the meeting will be live or by Zoom.

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson,

No Meeting in September

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

No Meeting in September

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney, 415-235-1155

annettedelaney@yahoo.com

No Meeting in September

Margo King

Sept. 9, at 10:30 am (In Person Meeting)

Host: Ramona Raybin

The World Health Organization's Response to COVID

Walking 2nd and 4th Mondays 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Sept 13, 10:00 am, Presidio, San Francisco

Mon, Sept 27, 10:00 am, Pillar Point Bluff, Moss Beach

Contact Bobbi Benson for more information.

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, Sept 8, at 1:30 pm (In Person Meeting)

Tues, Sept 21, at 1:30 pm (In Person Meeting)

Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner

Mary Ann McKay

Monday Movie

Mary Ann McKay

Monday Movie will not be meeting until further notice

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Sept 10, at 1:30 pm (In Person Meeting)

Barb Schotzko

Skinny Dip, Carl Hiaasen

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein

Diane Silven

Tue, Sept 14, at 10:30 am

Preparing a Community Response to Natural Disaster,
Speaker Sandra Firpo, emergency services specialist,
CERT. Meeting will be conducted via ZOOM.

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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 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 AAUW Board Meeting	3	4
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Rosh Hashana begins Sunset</i>	7 <i>Rosh Hashana ends Sunset</i>	8 Mah Jongg	9 Foreign Affairs	10 Mystery Book Group	11
12	13 Walking	14 Public Policy	15 <i>Yom Kippur begins Sunset</i>	16 <i>Yom Kippur ends Sunset</i> Book I Book III	17	18 Book discussion <i>Kamala's Way</i>
19	20 Bridge	21 Mah Jongg	22	23 Book II	24	25
26	27 Walking	28	29	30		