



# BAY LEAVES

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## Co-President's Message

Maureen and Stephen Buchner

Let's begin the 2022-23 branch year by thanking outgoing President, Judy Steele, for leading us for the past 3 years. It was a trying time with COVID and no opportunities to gather together. But life carried on with Zoom interest group meetings, Interbranch Council leadership meetings and virtual lives. Thanks for your countless hours of work to keep us going.

This fall, we will continue to have interest groups operating on our Zoom account, as they choose what works best for their members. Sharing programs with Mid-Peninsula Branch will also continue. When COVID recedes, in-person full branch meetings will resume. As part of a mini-vacation we visited The Broad Museum in LA. There we saw a striking work by Barbara Kroger from 1989 called "Your Body is a Battleground." If you don't recognize it, look it up!

Legislation in some states is placing women and girls in grave danger. Reproductive healthcare has been limited to the dying (should you have complications if pregnant). In medical history less than 100 years ago, women died frequently from complications of pregnancy, difficult childbirth and bleeding after birth. Facing criminal charges for treating patients who are high risk, OB-GYNS will not practice in these states. There will be a real lack of care in reproductive health, seriously endangering lives.

Here are three ways to advocate for these rights:

- 1) Join AAUW Two Minute Activists
- 2) Ask Congresspersons and Senators for federal legislation to protect women and girls and restore adequate reproductive healthcare.
- 3) Read the CA AAUW Public Policy article in this newsletter and register to vote if you haven't already done so.

## San Mateo Branch 2022 Calendar

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| Sept 18 | Tech Trek <i>Ice Cream Social</i><br>Foster City, CA<br>2:00-4:00 pm   |
| Oct 8   | <i>Pros &amp; Cons of November 2022 Ballot Measures</i> , League of Women Voters<br>Location TBA at 2:00 pm. |
| Nov 12  | Branch Meeting Subject: TBA  |

## California AAUW Public Policy

When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!

Since 1881, AAUW has been a leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and gain a better understanding of the impact legislative action can have on our lives.

The recent US Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision on abortion has stimulated action in many states across the nation, including California. Our legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed AB1666 which will enable a woman coming into California to receive an abortion to be protected from lawsuits originating in her home state. This bill was co-sponsored by AAUW CA! A further step protecting a woman's right to make personal medical decisions is a Constitutional Amendment, Proposition 1, which will be on the November 8 ballot. It would amend the California Constitution to prohibit the state from denying or interfering with an individual's reproductive freedom in her most intimate decisions, which includes the fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and the right to choose or refuse contraceptives. AAUW CA supports this Constitutional Amendment.

Register to vote, if you haven't already! And if you have recently moved, you need to update your information with your County Registrar of Voters. Voting is a powerful tool to bring about change!

## Membership

The *Membership 2022-2023 Directories* have been printed and will be distributed in September.

## Welcome to New Branch Member

Elisabeth Jamieson

Elisabeth Jamieson graduated from Prospect High School and San Jose State where she was affiliated with Pi Omega. She received a BS in Nursing. Now retired from Mills Peninsula surgical nursing, she is learning French, gardening and continuing needlework and cross-stitch hobbies.

She and her husband have 2 adult children. In AAUW she is interested in book group, CA Fact & Legend, Public Policy, Foreign Affairs and Scholarship Committee. Welcome!

## In Memoriam

Jan Lamphier passed away in July. Jan was a long time San Mateo resident. When her kids went to school, she returned to work as secretary at Abbott Middle School and enjoyed working with children and their families. She and her husband supported the San Mateo Fire Department as hospitality volunteers for Peninsula Fire Buff's Club. She loved reading and was a chair for Book Group IV.

There will be a memorial service for Jan on Saturday, September 10, at 1:30 pm at College Heights Church, 1150 W Hillsdale Blvd. San Mateo.

Jane Jackson passed away on March 23, 2022, in Santa Rosa, CA. She moved there to be close to her family after living in the Bay Area for many years. Jane graduated from UC, Berkeley in 1952, with a BA in psychology. She worked as a High School Guidance Counselor after graduation. She and her husband, Jess Jackson, founded the Kendall-Jackson Winery. Because she worked with organizations dedicated to helping children with special needs, Jane's membership in AAUW was important to her because of it's mission to support women and girls.

## Walking Group

We walk at 10 am the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month. Our walks are rather flat and no more than about 2 miles; all are in San Mateo County and we either picnic after or go to lunch outside close by. We walk in lovely neighborhoods or along the Bay, on the Ridge of the Peninsula or by the Ocean. To join us contact Leader Bobbi Benson.

## California Fact & Legend

(Meets every other month on 1st Tuesday, 10:30 AM)

California Fact & Legend will meet September, November, January, March and May on the first Tuesdays except in March. Meetings usually start at 10:30 am.

Some meetings will be in members' homes and others will be outside excursions. Light breakfast items are provided at in-house meetings. Any member is welcome to join us at any time. Please contact Helen Hatchett for more information.

The September meeting will be a visit to *San Jose's History Park* on September 6. There are picnic tables there so we can bring lunches. We will meet at the parking lot at 11:00 am (note change of time). There is a parking fee.

Diane Silven will take RSVP's and supervise car-pools. Please inform her if you're planning to come, if you are willing to drive, and if you will bring food to share such as chips or cookies.

## Tech Trek

This summer our branch sponsored nine girls to attend California virtual online Tech Trek STEM camp. This was the second year for online camp. There were adult and high school "coaches." The girls loved interacting with the high school mentors and making new friends from far away (in California).

Campers received a box of materials for experiments at home, Tech Trek shirts, and invitations to virtual "campfires" prior to the week. There was anxiety about passcodes and this really upset a couple of them while trying to get online. Overall it was a positive experience and they enjoyed it. One mom complained that her daughter was too exhausted to sign in for evening meetings. If she only knew what the residential camp was like!

Meet our middle school campers at an *Ice Cream Social*, September 18, from 2-4:00 pm.

## Programs, We Want Programs!

San Mateo AAUW wants to present programs that interest our members as well as following our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. If you have an idea for a program, please contact our Co-Presidents, Maureen and Stephen Buchner with your ideas.

## September 2022 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

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

Judy Steele

No meeting in September.

### **Book Discussion I**

Elissa James

Thurs. Sept 15, at 10:00 am

The Meeting will be by Zoom

*Writers and Lovers*, Lily King

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

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs, Sept 22, at 12:30 pm

Host: Judy Podesta

*The Code Breakers*, Walter Issacson

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

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs, Sept 15, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

*My Beloved World*, Sonia Sotomayor

### **Bridge**

Elissa James

Mon, Sept 19, 1:00 pm

The Meeting will be by Zoom.

### **California Fact & Legend**

Helen Hatchett

Tues, Sept. 6 at 11:00 am (Time Change)

San Jose History Park

1650 Senter Rd, San Jose, 95112

### **Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe

No Meeting in September

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

Margo King

Thurs, Sept. 8, at 10:30 am

Host: Sandy Shapiro

*No End in Sight, A Century of Drug Wars*

### **Lunch Bunch!**

Annette Delaney

Fri. Sept 16 at 11:30 am

*Sole Ristorante Italiano*, 69 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SM

### **Mah Jongg**

Helen Hatchett

Wed, Sept 14, at 1:30 pm

Tues, Sept 27, at 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

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

Mary Ann McKay

### **Movie Group**

Mary Ann McKay

No Meeting in September

### **Mystery Book Group**

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Sept 9, at 1:30 pm

The Meeting will be by Zoom.

*The Cellist*, Daniel Silva

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

Nancy Hobbs

Diane Silven

No Meeting in September

### **Walking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 10:00 am year round**

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Sept 12, 10:00 am

Mon, Sept 26, 10:00 am

Contact Bobbi Benson for more information.

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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 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AAUW Board Meeting	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 California Fact & Legend	7	8 Foreign Affairs	9 Mystery Book Group	10
11	12 Walking	13	14 Mah Jongg	15 Book I Book III	16 Lunch Bunch	17
18 Tech Trek Ice Cream Social	19 Bridge	20	21	22 Book II	23	24
25	26 Walking	27 Mah Jongg	28	29	30	