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Co-President's Message

Maureen and Stephen Buchner

Ready for Oktoberfest? We certainly welcome a cool-down, breezy weather and maybe some rain!

This is our month to prepare for elections. We have a plan to get informed with our Branch Program: Pros & Cons of the upcoming propositions on the ballot in November. Gayle Hardt, our newsletter editor and long-time League of Women Voters member will be our presenter on a Saturday Zoom meeting at 2:00 pm on October 8. **Please note:** If you have moved recently, you will need to re-register to vote by October 10.

Members of Mid-Peninsula Branch will be joining us for this program. As we continue in the year, we will be joining them for a number of their programs as well. Last year we were able to share programs with them which was beneficial for all of us. If you are interested in having a specific program topic or if you know of someone who would be able to speak to us, please let us know, we welcome any suggestions.

Note: If you need help with any Zoom set up, please notify Stephen a few days prior to the program.

Membership

Membership Directory

Our 2022-2023 membership directory is completed. A big "thank you" to Joanne Chee for compiling and formatting for the printer. The directories have been distributed to some Interest Section meetings in September. The remaining will be mailed shortly.

Late addition: May-Blossom Wilkinson,

San Mateo Branch 2022 Calendar

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| Oct 8 | <i>Pros & Cons of November 2022 Ballot Measures</i> , League of Women Voters
Zoom meeting at 2:00 pm. |
| Nov 12 | <i>Homelessness in San Mateo County</i>
Terry Chin of Redwood City will address the issue of homelessness in San Mateo County. Zoom meeting at 2:00 pm. |

Public Policy

The Public Policy group welcomes the President of Notre Dame de Namur University (NDNU), Dr. Lizbeth "Beth" J. Martin, who will speak about NDNU's program to provide temporary housing to Afghan refugees for up to three months. This pilot program was begun in June 2022. The university works with the nonprofits *Every Campus A Refuge* and the *International Rescue Committee* to make the program a success. NDNU has already had five families stay at the university since the program started.

Dr. Martin began her academic administrative career at NDNU as a faculty member and program director for the counseling psychology program. She was named founding Dean of NDNU's School of Sciences and served in that capacity from 2001 to 2006. A strong advocate for technology throughout NDNU, she was one of four faculty to pioneer NDNU's first fully online course, and she strongly supported technology adoption in both academics and operational functions.

Dr. Martin received her AB from Brown University in Psychology. She then received her MA and PhD from Stanford University in Physiological and Developmental Psychology. She is a licensed psychologist in California.

Tech Trek

Tech Trek, Speech Trek, Gov Trek, Oh My!

The 2022 Tech Trek was a hybrid this past summer. Some college campuses hosted camps and some camps were held as online experiences. Since Stanford was no longer hosting these camps, our girls took advantage of the online presentation.

For those of you who are new to AAUW, Tech Trek is a STEM camp for girls entering 8th grade. Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), AAUW Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having nonstop fun. This one-week summer camp is designed to make STEM fields exciting and accessible to girls in middle school—the age when girls' participation in these fields statistically drops.

Speech Trek

Speech Trek is a speaking contest open to all California high school students. It's an AAUW California project that begins on the branch level with a speech tournament for local students and culminates with three top statewide finalists performing their five-to-six minute speeches at the AAUW California convention/annual. There is a required topic and set prizes for the top 3 finalists.

Recently, we have not found any high school students who wished to participate in the speech contest. If you have friends, children or grandchildren who live in our area who might be interested, please contact your board members in the next month or two.

Gov Trek

Now, you may ask, what is "Gov Trek?" It's an innovative program designed to encourage high school girls to consider a career in politics. Gov Trek is a 6-month course in "how politics really works." The program includes presentations by sitting legislators; critical-thinking and problem-solving activities; and workshops on civil discourse and conflict mediation. We will be getting more details in the next months to let you know how we can participate.

In Memoriam

It is with sadness we report the passing of AAUW member, Marilyn Canon, on Sept. 6. Her daughter has invited members of AAUW to a memorial service for Marilyn on Oct. 1, at 11:00 am, at St Ambrose Episcopal Church, 900 Edgewater Blvd. Foster City, CA 94404.

Marilyn was on the AAUW Board and worked on the Tech Trek Committee as a friendly and charming interviewer of the girls who attended the camps.

California 2022 Ballot Propositions

Pros and Cons Presentation

A presentation of the League of Women Voters' Pros & Cons of the November 2022 California State Ballot Measures will be held, by Zoom, on Saturday, October 8, at 2:00 pm. This is a joint meeting with the Mid-Peninsula Branch. The non-partisan Pros & Cons will be presented by Gayle Hardt, former San Mateo Branch president and former board member of North and Central San Mateo County League of Women Voters.

Gayle is a graduate of the University of Iowa and has a law degree from American University in Washington D.C. Before retirement, she was the legal counsel for Workers' Compensation for the Association of Flight Attendants. Gayle has also served on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury. Please plan to join us for this informative meeting. An invitation for the Zoom meeting will be sent closer to the date.

California State Ballot Measure 1

Proposition 1 is probably the most important ballot measure we will see in a long time. It would amend the California Constitution to establish a right to reproductive freedom, which is defined to include a right to an abortion and to choose or refuse contraceptives.

In California abortion is legal up to fetal viability and after viability if the procedure is necessary to protect the life or health of the mother by statute. In 2002, the California State Legislature passed the *Reproductive Privacy Act*, which added language to state statute declaring that women have a *fundamental right to choose to bear a child or to choose and to obtain an abortion*.

Proposition 1 would add Section 1.1 to Article I of the California Constitution. The following text would be added:

SEC. 1.1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.



October 2022 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed. Oct 19, at 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Oct 20, at 10:00 am

The Meeting will be by Zoom

The Night Watchman, Louise Erdich

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs, Oct 27, at 12:30 pm

Host: Sandy Shapiro

Between Two Worlds, Zainadine Salbi

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs, Oct 20, at 1:30 pm

Host: Gretta Csatho

Violetta, Isabel Allende

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon, Oct 17, at 1:00 pm

Host: Marge Denni

Please contact Elissa to confirm location.

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

(No Meeting in October)

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed, Oct 12, at 9:30 am

The meeting will be by Zoom

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs, Oct 13, at 10:30 am

Host: Karlyn Schneider

Lunch Bunch!

Annette Delaney

Fri. Oct 21 at 11:30 am

Par 3 at Poplar Creek, San Mateo

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed, Oct 12, at 1:30 pm

Tues, Oct 25, at 1:30 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Mary Ann McKay

Movie Group

Mary Ann McKay

Watch for email from Mary Ann for information about October movie.

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri, Oct 14, at 1:30 pm

The Meeting will be by Zoom.

Murder in Old Bombay, Nev March

Public Policy/Current Events

Nancy Hobbs

Diane Silven

Tues, Oct 11, at 10:30 am

Host: Diane Silvan

Beth Martin, NDNU President, *Afghan Resettlement Housing at Notre Dame de Namur University*

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

Bobbi Benson

Mon, Oct 10, 10:00 am

Mon, Oct 24, 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.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 AAUW Board Meeting	7	8 Pros & Cons November Ballot Measures
9	10 <i>Federal Holiday</i> Walking	11 Public Policy	12 Drama Reading Mah Jongg	13 Foreign Affairs	14 Mystery Book Group	15
16	17 Bridge	18	19 Boggle	20 Book I Book III	21 Lunch Bunch	22
23	24 Walking	25 Mah Jongg	26	27 Book II	28	29
30	31 <i>Halloween</i>					