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Co-President's Message

Maureen and Stephen Buchner

As we near the middle of our 91st year as a Branch of AAUW, we note that there have been many accomplishments. For the first 40 years, members fund-raised to establish 2 named endowments for graduate students which are still helping women. They held teas and luncheons to fund local scholarships for undergraduates. They formed a babysitting co-op which brought in many new members and freedom from being housebound.

Fast forward to the '70s and we see that Title IX was a major motivator for women to reach for equality. Legal advocacy is still of major importance. Equal pay protection was a central objective for our lobbying.

The '90s brought a California program called *Tech Trek* (STEM camps) to college campuses and proved so successful for rising 8th graders, that it became a nationwide opportunity. Following in *Tech Trek*'s footsteps, *Speech Trek* was implemented. Soon, there will be new *Trek* called *Gov Trek*, for high school juniors and seniors to promote public service careers and more women running for office.

Other national programs became available including the *National Conference for College Women Student Leadership* (NCCWSL), a student leadership meeting for college women, and *Start Smart* for financial literacy.

At our branch, we implemented the *Ethel Gayman Scholarship* for junior college students enrolling in a 4-year college or university because of an endowment from our member, Ethel Gayman. Ethel was a dedicated member of our branch for many years. Her generous donation to our branch will allow us to give out scholarships for years to come.

Now the question is, will you volunteer a few hours to join the scholarship, NCCWSL and *Tech Trek* committees? Without more help, we may not be able to continue to choose recipients for these great programs.

LET'S DO IT!

Let's continue the legacy. Email or call Steve or Maureen Buchner, if you would like to volunteer for any AAUW program.

San Mateo Branch 2023 Calendar

- Jan 14 *The Immigrant Experience in San Mateo County*, presented by Carmen Blair of the San Mateo Historical Association. The meeting will be by Zoom at 2:00 pm
- Feb 11 Our speaker is Dr. Laura Jones, Stanford University Directory of Heritage Services and University Archaeologist. *Topic to be announced.* The meeting will be by Zoom at 2:00 pm
- Mar 11 *Women in Blue/Hispanics in Blue*
Our speaker is Christina Corpus, Sheriff-Elect for San Mateo County Redwood Shores Public Library, 399 Marine Pwky, RWC, at 2:00 pm

AAUW California Quits Twitter

Sandi Gabe, AAUW CA President

On November 9, 2022, the AAUW California Board of Directors voted to terminate its account with Twitter effective immediately. This proposal was brought forth by the Public Policy Committee and approved following thoughtful and careful discussion.

The decision was based on a number of actions taken by Elon Musk both before and since his takeover of this social media platform. Primarily, we are concerned that the incidences of hate speech; disinformation, discriminatory and misogynistic rhetoric; and the spread of dangerous and divisive theories will continue to rise under his stewardship.

AAUW California can no longer be associated with this platform. We believe this action affirms AAUW California's commitment to advancing fair and equitable treatment for everybody in our diverse society and its opposition to hate, violence, and harassment against members of any demographic group.

November General Meeting

Our first in-person general meeting since COVID was very successful. It featured a presentation by Terri Chin, Redwood City Homeless Coordinator, about how our county combines efforts with private organizations such as Samaritan House, Life Moves and San Mateo County Mental Health Department to reduce homelessness.

The plan to reduce unhoused people is working well. Such ideas as safe parking, temporary shelters, and permanent housing options are all part of the efforts. A team of workers on the streets adds to the success of the project by employing some of the formerly unhoused. More housing units are being built now to open in 2023, with others in the pipeline.

Our Public Policy group has met with the leaders and representatives of Samaritan House and Life Moves and it was gratifying to see that everyone is working together to make a difference in people's lives.

General meetings are jointly planned with the Mid-Peninsula AAUW. The next meeting will be held on ZOOM in January and will feature a speaker from the San Mateo County Historical Society on the topic of immigration in San Mateo County.

Gov Trek

Gov Trek is a new AAUW California program to encourage girls to seek public service careers and to run for public office. Participants will take part in five 2-hour webinars on Saturdays in the spring. Girls will be admitted on a first come, first served basis.

Do you know any young California women in their junior or senior year of high school? They might be your grandchildren, neighbors, or acquaintances who are all eligible to participate. Since branches do not have to sponsor these students, they may apply on their own. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor advocated for this type of education years ago! There will be more information coming soon.

NCCWSL

Next May (2023), the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held IN PERSON at the University of Maryland. Our branch is prepared to send one or two college students to the Conference just outside of Washington D.C. This sponsorship includes airfare, conference fees and a meal stipend. They can tour Washington on the day prior to the convention, sign up for workshops catering to their interests, and meet many volunteer mentors.

Tech Trek

Last year we sent 9 former Tech Trekkers to the virtual program. From their responses, Zoom programming was not as worthwhile as actually physically attending. Past recipients have valued meeting mentors and other students in person as a large part of the experience. Since Stanford University is no longer allowing Tech Trek camps on their campus, we are in the process of deciding where we can send our girls.

Membership

Welcome to 3 new members of our Branch!

Rose Flahavan

Rose Flahavan graduated from Notre Dame de Namur University with a BA in Spanish. She taught elementary education in the South San Francisco School District. Rose is interested in the following groups: walks (thanks to Bobbi for bringing her in), lunch bunch and movies. She also plays tennis and pickle ball.

Gail W. McSweeney

Gail McSweeney got her degrees in Pharmacy: a BS from University of New Mexico, Albuquerque and her Doctorate from University of Tennessee. She is retired from being a hospital pharmacist and Asst. Professor, at UCSF. She is interested in Tech Trek and in the following interest groups: boggle, books, lunch bunch, mah jongg, movies and the walking group. Gail attended the Jackie Speier talk on Election Day, where she met several members.

Gwen Swan

Gwen Swan graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in Math. She currently lives in Foster City. Gwen is interested in the Education Foundation, and scholarships, reproductive choice and Title IX sports equity. She is willing to give rides to someone to a meeting or an interest group. Gwen is interested in Boggle, book group, California Fact and Legend, Drama reading, and Public Policy.

Please make all of our new members feel welcome.

National Day of Giving

The 2022 National Day of Giving is Tuesday, November 29. After frantic shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, we encourage you to relax and give generously to those in need and to AAUW to help complete our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. Happy Holidays!

December 2022 Interest Sections
Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)
Judy Steele
Wed. Dec 21, at 1:30 pm
Location to be determined

Book Discussion I
Elissa James
Thurs. Dec 15, at 11:00 am
Host: Elissa James
Holiday Pot Luck

Book Discussion II (wait list)
Karlyn Schneider
Thurs, Dec 1, at noon (Date Change)
Host: Julia Pitcher
The Painter Of Battles, Andrés Faulques

Book Discussion III (wait list)
Mary Ann McKay
Pat Fuetsch
No Meeting in December

Bridge
Elissa James
Mon, Dec 19, at 1:00 pm
Host: Marge Denni

California Fact & Legend
Helen Hatchett
No Meeting in December

Drama Reading
Marjorie Kobe
No Meeting in December

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions
Margo King
Thurs, Dec 8, at 10:30 am
Host: Margo King
Changing Demographics in the World

Lunch Bunch!
Annette Delaney
Fri. Dec 16 at noon (Time Change)
Tamari Georgian Cuisine, 1151 San Carlos Ave, SC

Mah Jongg
Helen Hatchett
Wed, Dec 14, at 1:00 pm
Tues, Dec 27, at 1:00 pm
Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective
Mary Ann McKay

Movie Group
Mary Ann McKay
Tues, Dec 20, time TBD
Watch for email from Mary Ann for information about December movie. Email Mary Ann to be added to email list.

Mystery Book Group
Mikki Coffino
Fri, Dec 9, at 1:30 pm
Host: Barb Schotzko
The Darkest Evening, Ann Cleeves

Public Policy/Current Events
Nancy Hobbs
Diane Silven
No Meeting in December

Walking 2nd and 4th Mondays 10:00 am year round
Bobbi Benson
Mon, Dec 12, 10:00 am (No walk on Dec 26)
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.

December 2022

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| 25 | 26 | 27 Mah Jongg | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |