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Co-Presidents' Message

Maureen and Stephen Buchner

February is when we start concentrating on expanding our branch leadership. Our annual elections are set again for April. Every organization benefits from new board members who have fresh ideas and different perspectives.

If you have never served on a board before, we have friendly and willing mentors. Here are the duties of our branch officers:

The **Co-Presidents** read emails from state, national and the Inter-Branch Council; write an article for the *Bay Leaves* and prepare an agenda and lead a one-hour Zoom board meeting. The **Membership VP** communicates with prospective members by email and phone and interfaces with the Interest Section leaders. The **Co-Secretaries** take the minutes and distribute them via email each month. The **Co-Program VPs** work with the Mid-Peninsula branch to develop and share monthly programs. The **Treasurer** keeps track of our finances, prepares a yearly budget and makes a monthly report.

All of these positions are quite manageable. If you have any questions about any board positions, please call Maureen Buchner.

Can we continue our goal of awarding National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships this year? This leadership meeting will be in person in Washington, DC at the end of May. We need volunteers to interview Community College student leaders for this enriching opportunity.

We also extend a big "thank you" to Cynthia Robbins-Roth for stepping forward to chair the Scholarship Committee. Since our member, Ethel Gayman, bequeathed funds we have awarded 150 scholarships to Community College students going on to earn 4-year degrees. We also want to thank the committee members who read the applications, interview candidates and award the recipients. The committee members agree that meeting these young people is an uplifting and interesting experience.

The girls and women of our area deserve our continuing support. A couple of hours of your time per month would go a long way to help us reach our goals.

San Mateo Branch 2023 Calendar

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| Feb 11 | Our speaker is Dr. Laura Jones, Stanford University Directory of Heritage Services and University Archaeologist. The meeting will be by Zoom at 2:00 pm |
| Mar 4 | The San Mateo County Interbranch Council is sponsoring AAUW Fellow Preethi Fernando to speak about her book, <i>17 Women Who Shook the World</i> , in honor of International Women's Day. The meeting will be by Zoom at 4:00 pm |
| May 13 | Judge LaDoris Cordell, Author of <i>Her Honor: My Life on the Bench...What Works, What's Broken, and How to Change It</i> . This is a joint meeting with Mid-Peninsula. |

Tech Trek

This summer we will send 7th grade girls to an on-campus Tech Trek STEM camp. We select our campers from girls who are nominated by their teachers from the four middle schools in the San Mateo-Foster City school district for their interest in STEM subjects.

At this point, we don't know how many slots we will be given. We should be given our camp assignments by February 1. We have also applied for spots at the virtual (online) camp. Several of the students who attended last summer not only enjoyed the online camp but excelled at the work they did.

The number each branch can send is reduced because of the closure of the two camps at Stanford University. If co-directors, teachers, dorm moms and a nurse can be found, the Stanford camps could resume in 2024. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Maureen Buchner.

February General Meeting

What's In a Name? The Heritage Controversies at Stanford University and In Palo Alto, CA

Join us on Saturday, Feb 11 at 2:00 pm on ZOOM to learn more about recent heritage controversies at Stanford University and in Palo Alto that are resulting in the renaming of streets and buildings, the removal of statues, and more. You'll hear about the issues and community concerns; conflicts with Stanford's identity; new approaches to interpreting local history and how new names are chosen.

Most of us have heard about name changes and statue removal in the national news. City and state government buildings and properties are being looked at under a magnifying lens of representation, truth and tolerance. The stories that are emerging from these journeys to *look behind the curtain* are changing the literal landscape of thousands of buildings, parks, and facilities. These stories are filled with a wide range of emotions, from anger and sadness to frustration and concern.

Our presenter for the day will be Dr. Laura Jones, University Archeologist and Executive Director for Stanford University. Dr. Jones is responsible for stewardship of the university's nearly 200 archaeological sites and advises the university on preservation of historic buildings and landscapes. Please join us for this interesting, and sometimes controversial, presentation.

AAUW California Presents a Webinar: *The Kindness of Color*

Two families: one Japanese American and one Mexican American. Two true stories of their separate battles with racism, incarceration, and school segregation in the World War II era. Unexpectedly, their lives intersect, paving the way for a landmark court decision in California. Join author and descendant Janice Munemitsu for the intimate story of her grandfather's arrest and her family's experiences during the interment of the Japanese in World War II. She explains how the kindness of friends and strangers provided hope and strength to persevere against unjust treatment. Although it was an unfair and harrowing experience, Ms Munemitsu shares a very positive outcome thanks to the kindness of others.

This video is available on the CA AAUW website at: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/the-kindness-of-color-webinar/>.

Public Policy

AAUW California Celebrates *Black Women in History* for Black History Month

Many Black women have made significant contributions to history, society, innovation, science, government, civil rights, women's rights, and much more. For Black History month we celebrate the achievements of but a few:

Toni Morrison (1931-2019) released her novel *Beloved* in 1987, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, based on the true story of an African American enslaved woman. In 1993, Morrison became the first Black woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. For more information go to:

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/toni-morrison>

Mae Jemison became the first Black woman to fly to space on the space shuttle *Endeavour*. She was also the first Black woman admitted to the astronaut training program, in 1987. Born in Alabama and raised in Chicago, Jemison graduated from Stanford University with degrees in chemical engineering as well as African and African-American studies. She then earned her medical degree from Cornell University. For more information go to: <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mae-jemison>

AAUW-SF Silver Jubilee Scholarship

The AAUW-SF Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund will offer scholarships of \$3000 to help women in their final two years of undergraduate school or graduate program at an accredited college or university for the 2023-24 fall and spring semesters. Scholarship candidates may have a San Francisco address **and/or** attend a school within 100 miles of San Francisco. There are no restrictions on the use of the funds. The Silver Jubilee Scholarship application is due by **March 15, 2023**. The application may be found on their website: <https://sanfrancisco-ca.aauw.net/scholarships/>

In Memoriam

May-Blossom Chang Wilkinson, 1922-2022

One of our most beloved members, May-Blossom, died on December 12, 2022. May-Blossom was a school teacher, Poet Laureate, newspaper columnist and activist. She was awarded honors by many institutions including the San Mateo Board of Supervisors. We will miss her greatly.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2:00 pm at the Crosby-N. Gray & Co. Funeral Home, 2 Park Rd., Burlingame, and live streamed. For more information go to <https://clcafamly.com/share-memories/mayBlossom-wilkinson-obituary/CS-20221214-282958>

February 2023 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed. Feb 15, at 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Feb 16, at 10:00 am

Host: Gayle Hardt

Samuri's Garden, Gail Tsukiyama

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs. Feb 23, at noon

Host: Mary-Lynn Baker

The Henna Artist, Alka Joshi

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs. Feb 16, at 1:30 pm

Host: Pat Haupt

The Last Thing You Surrender, Leonard Pitts

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon. Feb 20, at 1:00 pm

Host: Marge Denni

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

No Meeting in February

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Feb 8, at 9:00 am

The Regent, 1 Baldwin Ave, San Mateo

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs. Feb 9, at 10:30 am

Host: Maureen Buchner

War Crimes: What are they? How can they be prosecuted?

Lunch Bunch!

Annette Delaney

Fri. Feb 17, at 11:30

Pacific Catch, 243 S B St, San Mateo

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed. Feb 8, at 1:00 pm

Tues. Feb 28, at 1:00 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Mary Ann McKay

Movie Group

Mary Ann McKay

Mon. Feb 6 or Tues. 21, time TBD

Watch for email from Mary Ann for information about February movie and date. Email Mary Ann to be added to the email list.

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri. Feb 10, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

Faithful Place, Tana French

Public Policy/Current Events

Nancy Hobbs

Diane Silven

No Meeting in February

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

Bobbi Benson

Mon. Feb 13, 10:00 am

Mon. Feb 27, 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.

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 AAUW Board Meeting	3	4
5	6 Movie Group	7	8 Drama Reading Mah Jongg	9 Foreign Affairs	10 Mystery Book Group	11 General Meeting
12	13 Walking	14	15 Boggle	16 Book I Book III	17 Lunch Bunch	18
19	20 Presidents' Day Bridge	21 Movie Group	22	23 Book II	24	25
26	27 Walking	28 Mah Jongg				