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Co-Presidents' Message

Maureen and Stephen Buchner

Thanks to everyone who returned the Membership Response included in the Special Edition Bay Leaves mailed in January. The results have been collated from the 40 members who returned them. Several gave very thoughtful answers regarding the future of the branch.

A majority want the branch to continue college scholarship through the Ethel Gayman bequest, Tech Trek and Interest Sections. In addition, several expressed the opinion that the AAUW model no longer appeals to today's younger women.

Your Board of Directors wants to keep the branch going. In the absence of members volunteering for officer positions, the board will take on a "caretaker" roll next year. Other branches are having the same challenges attracting new leadership. The board will discuss merger with the other branches to determine if this is a possibility (workable solution) in the future.

If you have any other comments or suggestions, or wish to volunteer, please contact any board member.

The Nominating Committee submits the following Slate of Officers for election:

President: Maureen Buchner

Vice President, Membership: Mary Ann McKay

Financial Officer: Judy Steele

Recording Secretary: Sherrean Rundberg

Vice President, Programs: Open

We will be voting on this slate at the Annual Meeting on April 26 at 2:00 pm. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

San Mateo Branch 2023 Calendar

- Mar 5 The San Mateo County/San Francisco Interbranch Council is sponsoring AAUW Fellow, Preethi Fernando, to speak about her book, *17 Women Who Shook the World*, in honor of International Women's Day. The Zoom meeting is at 4:00 pm
- Mar 11 San Mateo County Sheriff Christina Corpus will speak on:
Women in Blue/Hispanics in Blue.
Redwood Shores Public Library
399 Marine Pwky, RWC, at 2:00 pm
- April 26 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
792 Widgeon St, Foster City, at 2:00 pm
- May 13 Judge LaDoris Cordell, Author of *Her Honor: My Life on the Bench..What Works, What's Broken, and How to Change It*.
Redwood Shores Public Library
399 Marine Pwky, RWC, at 2:00 pm

Tech Trek

Our branch has been assigned 8 spots at residential camps for summer 2023. Half will attend Fresno Camp in late June, and the other half will attend Sonoma in late July. In addition, we will sponsor up to 8 girls at the on-line camp from home.

The nominees are being contacted, and we expect to have applications completed by mid-March. The committee working on this project includes Maureen Buchner, Anne Horgan, Ramona Raybin and our computer guru, Joanne Chee.

Thanks to our members' past donations, the funds for this year's campers have been carried over from the AAUW-CA Special Projects Fund.

In addition, thanks are in order for Nancy Hobbs, Jeannie LaKamp and Diana McDonough who expressed interest in being dorm moms. However, all of those positions have already been filled for Sonoma July camp.

March General Meeting

Women in Blue/Hispanics in Blue

Join us on Saturday, March 11, at 2:00 pm at the Redwood Shores Public Library, 399 Marine Pwky, Redwood City, for a presentation by the new San Mateo County Sheriff, Christina Corpus.

Sheriff Corpus began with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office as a Correctional Officer in 2002 and worked her way up to Captain/Chief of Police before being sworn in as the 26th Sheriff of San Mateo County in January 2023.

Throughout her career, she has served in the Corrections Division, Professional Standards, and Operations Division. Sheriff Corpus has developed the first *Women in Law Enforcement Boot Camp and Symposium* to increase workforce diversity to mentor and train women seeking a career in law enforcement.

Her professional accomplishments include a BS in criminal justice and a MS in law enforcement and public safety leadership. Sheriff Corpus is the first female sheriff in San Mateo County since the founding of the San Mateo County sheriff's office in 1856. She is also one of the first Latina sheriffs in California. Please join us for this interesting presentation.

AAUW Fellow, Preethi Fernando, to Speak at IBC Meeting

San Mateo/San Francisco Inter Branch Council (IBC) of AAUW will feature Preethi Fernando as their Keynote speaker on Sunday, March 5th, at 4:00 pm, to celebrate International Women's Day. This meeting is by Zoom.

Join us for a wonderful presentation by AAUW Fellow, Preethi Fernando, about her book, *17 Women Who Shook the World*. Learn more about Shirley Chisom, Harriet Tubman, Esther Morris, Meryl Streep, and many more. Discover some the behavior and thinking patterns that attract success and happiness.

Preethi inspires women, men, and children to achieve their dreams, find success, and lead meaningful lives. She was the winner of Stephen King's *Haven Foundation Award*, given to an author each year and the *Carnegie Fund for Authors*.

Originally from Sri Lanka, Preethi now calls Colorado her home. In addition to her writing, Preethi does humanitarian work in Sri Lanka to improve the lives of underprivileged women and children. The Zoom link will be sent to you closer to the event. Since this meeting is open to the public, please feel free to share the Zoom link with your friends.

March is Women's History Month

Women's History Month generally honors women of the past for their contributions to society and their fights for equality. However, there are strong women who are currently achieving amazing feats while breaking through tough barriers. One of these amazing women is Monica Bertagnolli. Her strengths in the sciences and her struggles to achieve recognition and equality in the field of medicine are truly remarkable.

Monica was born, raised and educated in Rock Springs, WY, population 23,000. She excelled in academics and became a Presidential Scholar. Monica was admitted to Princeton University at a time when very few women were involved in the sciences. She received a BS in engineering from Princeton. Relentless in her studies, she chose medicine and graduated from the University of Utah Medical School. Monica continued to excel in her studies and chose to pursue her oncological surgery residency at Harvard University Medical School.

Dr. Bertagnolli was hired to work as a teaching professor in Harvard's Medical School at a time when Dr. Lawrence H. Summers was the president of the University. He was dismissed from Harvard when he stated that "women might lack an intrinsic aptitude for math and science." At that time, Monica was the only woman in her department and the only one who had not been promoted. In spite of Dr. Summers statement, she persisted. Many things changed once Dr. Summers was dismissed from Harvard for his erroneous comments.

Dr. Bertagnolli is now a Professor of Surgery at Harvard University Medical School, and an Associate Surgeon at Dan Faber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Most recently, she was appointed as the 16th director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) on October 3, 2022

Dr. Monica Bertagnolli has proven that women DO have the intrinsic aptitude for the math and sciences. This is a special story for us because Monica is the niece of Cathy Foxhoven, a former member of our branch and the AAUW CA Co-President Elect!

AAUW-SF Silver Jubilee Scholarship

The AAUW-SF *Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund* will offer scholarships of \$3,000 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 is on their website: <https://sanfrancisco-ca.aauw.net/scholarships/>

March 2023 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed. Mar 15, at 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Mar 16, at 10:00 am

Host: Anne Horgan

The Last Thing He Told Me, Lauren Dave

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs. Mar 23, at noon

Host: Ramona Raybin

Violeta, Isabel Allende

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs. Mar 16, at 1:30 pm

Host: June Hendrickson

The Nature of Fragile Things, Susan Meissner

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon. Mar 20, at 1:00 pm

Host: Marge Denni

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

Tues. Mar 21 at 11:30 am (Date and Time Change)

Queen Wilhelmina's Garden in Golden Gate Park

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Mar 8, at 9:00 am

The Regent, 1 Baldwin Ave, SM

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs. Mar 9, at 10:30 am

Host: Diana McDonough

China and America: Back to the Future?

Lunch Bunch!

Annette Delaney

Fri. Mar 17, at 11:30

Pacific Catch, 243 S B St, SM

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed. Mar 8, at 1:00 pm

Tues. Mar 28, at 1:00 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Mary Ann McKay

Movie Group

Mary Ann McKay

Mon. Mar 6 or Tues. 21, time TBD

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

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri. Mar 10, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

Pickard County Atlas, Chris Harding Thornton

Public Policy/Current Events

Nancy Hobbs

Diane Silven

Tues. Mar 14 at 10:30 am

Topic to be announced.

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

Bobbi Benson

Mon. Mar 13, at 10:00 am

Mon. Mar 27, at 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.

March 2023

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