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Co-Presidents' Message

Maureen and Stephen Buchner

The San Mateo Branch will hold its Annual Meeting on April 26, where we will elect officers for 2023-2024. This will be the first *in person* Annual Meeting since 2020. We look forward to gathering at the Buchners' home, for a dessert extravaganza at 1:00 pm. We hope to be wearing sunhats and enjoying a sunny afternoon lagoon-side, but if the weather is bad, we will meet by Zoom.

Following branch elections, our speaker will be Kirthana Warrior. She is a former Virtual Tech Trek camper sponsored by the San Mateo Branch. Kirthana will speak about her experiences as a Tech Trek Virtual Camper.

Kirthana is an 8th grader at Bowditch Middle School, and is a member of the Award-Winning San Francisco Bay Area-based *FIRST* Tech Challenge Team (FTC). Aside from robotics, her hobbies include dancing, reading, and drawing. Some of Kirthana's art will be exhibited on the first floor of the Buchners' home. She is the first youth chosen to exhibit her works at the Foster City Recreation Center for a 3-week show.

The Nominating Committee submits the following Slate of Officers for election for 2023-2024:

President: Maureen Buchner
Vice President, Membership: Mary Ann McKay
Financial Officer: Judy Steele
Recording Secretary: Sherrean Rundberg
Vice President, Programs: *Open*

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

San Mateo Branch 2023 Calendar

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| April 22 | AAUW California Annual Meeting
Zoom meeting from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm |
| April 26 | Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
at 1:00 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>
Redwood Shores Public Library
399 Marine Pwky, RWC, at 2:00 pm |

AAUW California

AAUW California will have its Annual Meeting on Zoom on April 22, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will be hearing from Gloria Blackwell, CEO of AAUW. She previously served as AAUW's Executive Vice President and Chief Program Officer. Gloria is also AAUW's main representative to the United Nations and brings more than 30 years of nonprofit, international and government experiences to her new position.

Among Gloria's many accomplishments is her 17-year management of AAUW's highly esteemed fellowships and grants program—awarding more than \$70 million in funding to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and overseas.

Also speaking will be Eileen M. Velez Vega who is Puerto Rico's Secretary of Transportation and Public Works. She is an engineer who is fierce advocate for girls in STEM.

You can register for this event at AAUW California, <https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/leadership-team-annual-meeting/>. Please put this important event on your calendar.

Tech Trek

We intend to spend the donations that we saved during COVID-19 restrictions for this year. The committee will be ready to announce our “selected” campers’ names on April 15. There is a significant learning curve for everyone due to the on-line registration. Post-COVID education recovery and different socialization experiences for our middle school students compounds our task. Because they couldn’t experience outdoor education in school, this group had less chance to be away from family. We do see some parents struggling with letting the girls go to stay on a college campus for a week.

That’s how virtual camp comes in handy. Virtual camp is very different, but it is a good learning experience for those who are not quite ready to venture out on a college campus with our STEM camp. They receive a large box of materials to use to follow along with hands-on experiments.

We will collect Tech Trek donations with membership renewal. Make checks out to AAUW CA SPF to support our campers. SPF is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible entity.

Pay Equity

Pay equity will remain an AAUW priority until the pay gap is fully eliminated. We’ve long known that on average, pervasive pay inequities mean that women in the workforce take home less than men—and that women of color are often paid far less. Throughout the year, AAUW will highlight how the gender pay gap impacts women of color and mothers differently in the workforce.

Last week, Congress took the first step and introduced the bipartisan Paycheck Fairness Act. When passed, the Paycheck Fairness Act will ensure all women have the tools they need to challenge discrimination in the workplace and all employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law. To make equality a reality, AAUW has a *Pay Equity Toolkit* to help you do the following at: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/pfa-toolkit/>

- Contact your members of Congress
- Write a Letter to the Editor
- Engage your communities on social media

Why are we still talking about the gender pay gap? Because it has barely changed in decades, and these historic inequities were further exacerbated when the COVID-19 crisis hit. Women over the past three years, especially women of color and mothers, were pushed into part-time or seasonal work, or out of the workforce all together. As elected officials continue

efforts to rebuild our nation in the wake of the dual public health and economic crises, they must do better. We cannot build back an economy that works for everyone without ensuring that all women can work with equality, safety, and dignity—starting with pay equity.

New Members

Welcome to 3 New Branch Members

Sandy Northen

Sandy Northen graduated from Cal State Hayward (now Cal State East Bay) and received her teaching credential from College of Notre Dame. Sandy recently retired from the Redwood City School District. She is interested in virtually all of the interest groups: boggle, books (regular & mystery), California Fact & legend, Lunch Bunch, Foreign Affairs, Movies, Public Policy and Walking! Sandy said she is willing to give a ride to someone to a meeting or interest group.

Phyllis Highman

Phyllis Highman received her BS in Nursing from Syracuse University and her MS in Rehabilitation Nursing from Boston University. Phyllis is recently retired and is rejoining our branch, having been a member in the past. She is interested in the following interest groups: Books, bridge, and public policy. Phyllis said she is willing to give Rides to meetings or interest groups.

Frank Barham

Frank Barham attended the University of Chicago for his BS and for Medical School. Frank is interested in book discussion groups, Foreign Affairs/Great Decisions and the movie group. He also is willing to help by giving rides, and can assist with mailing and phoning.

Our 3 new members were brought in to our Branch by fellow members: Phyllis Highman was introduced by Nancy Hobbs, Sandy Northen was introduced by Mary Ann McKay, and Francis (Frank) Barham was introduced by Karlyn Schneider. We have found that most people join AAUW because they’ve been invited by friends. If you have friends who you think might want to join, please invite them to a meeting or interest group to show them how much there is to do at AAUW.

April 2023 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed. Apr 19, at 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Apr 20, at 10:00 am

Host: Maureen Buchner

Daughters of Yalta, Katherine Katz

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs. Apr 27, at noon

Host: Sandy Shapiro

West With Giraffes, Lynda Rutledge

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay

Pat Fuetsch

Thurs. Apr 20, at 1:30 pm

Host: Sherrean Rundberg

The Lost Apothecary, Sarah Penner

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon. Apr 17, at 1:00 pm

Host: Marge Denni

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

(No Meeting in April)

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Apr 12, at 9:00 am

The Regent, 1 Baldwin Ave, SM

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs. Apr 13, at 10:30 am

Host: Karlyn Schneider

Economic Warfare and U.S. Policy

Lunch Bunch!

Annette Delaney

Fri. Apr 21, at 11:30 am

Pacific Catch, 243 S B St, SM

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed. Apr 12, at 1:00 pm

Tues. Apr 25, at 1:00 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Membership: New and Prospective

Mary Ann McKay

Movie Group

Mary Ann McKay

Mon. Apr 3, time TBD

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

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri. Apr 14, at 1:30 pm

Host: Jan Lundquist

The Bullet that Missed, Richard Osman

Public Policy/Current Events

Nancy Hobbs, Diane Silven

Tues. Apr 11 at 10:30 am

Topic to be announced.

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

Bobbi Benson

Mon. Apr 10, at 10:00 am

Mon. Apr 24, 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.

April 2023

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