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President's Message

Maureen Buchner

When I think of February, I think fondly of having two holidays from school, delivering a pile of valentines, and leap year. Things are a little bit different now.

This month AAUW is planning for Lobby Days, seeking members to run for branch and State offices, and presenting an on-line state DEI program on Mary Terrel, whose lawsuit opened membership to black members.

Every few years AAUW National requires some form of bylaws changes. This year there is a proposed bylaws change that is very important. Please see the article in this month's *Bay Leaves* regarding the proposed change to membership requirements.

Every branch needs to change their bylaws to comply with the National bylaws. This is not difficult or complicated to do. All of our bylaws simply must match the national bylaws. If the bylaws are changed by AAUW, your board of directors will be compliant after studying the changes.

The Inter Branch Council (IBC) is an organization made up of local AAUW branches. The IBC we belong to is also a part of the Golden Gate IBC. I will be attending that meeting on February 3rd. Cooperating and sharing ideas makes us all stronger. If you have topics you think we should discuss, please send me an email or call me with your input.

Lastly, our branch will be holding elections in April, and we need members to step forward to help run our branch. Being on the board means attending a Zoom meeting on the first Thursday morning for about an hour each month. It is not a huge grab of your time, so give some thought to how you could share your ideas and talents with our branch.

San Mateo Branch Calendar 2024

- Jan 22 *Step up for Pro-Choice*
Virtual event marking the 51st anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, 1:30 - 2:45 pm. To receive the Zoom link send your email to Claire Noonan.
- Feb 10 *Climate Change*
Elaine Salinger, Citizens' Climate Change, Veterans Senior Center, 1455 Madison Ave, Redwood City, 1:30-3:00 pm

Step up for Pro-Choice webinar

Join AAUW Silicon Valley and the Santa Clara County Pro-Choice Community for a virtual event marking the 51st anniversary of *Roe v Wade* on January 22.

The speaker will be Dr. Christine Henneberg, a practicing physician and author. She earned her MD/MS in Health Sciences from the UC Berkeley--UCSF Joint Medical Program. Dr. Henneberg will discuss the "side effects" of the *Dobbs* decision and how it has played out politically this year. *What can pro-choice groups advocate for in 2024? What is the best role for those in 'blue' states?* A Zoom link for the virtual event will be sent prior to January 22 to those who provide contact information to Claire Noonan.

Grassroots Climate Change

What can individuals do to fight climate change? Guest speaker Elaine Salinger from Citizens' Climate Lobby promises a presentation full of hope and meaningful action, sharing information about solutions to help reduce carbon pollution and lessen extreme weather.

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy climate change organization focused on empowering supporters to work in keeping with the concerns of their local communities. CCL works towards the adoption of fair, effective, and sustainable climate change solutions. Join us on Feb. 10, at 1:30, at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center in Redwood City.

Tech Trek

Plans are under way for residential camps and virtual camp offerings. Last year we sent eight girls to residential camps and three to the online camp. We have asked for reservations for 8 again.

Our committee will be reaching out to our four district middle schools for names of possible candidates. They will need parental permission to be considered, fill out forms, and take part in an in-person interview.

This year we are trying for slots at Santa Clara University and a possible second Fresno camp. Last year, the girls were very enthusiastic about their experience at Fresno. Thanks to all of you who have donated to Tech Trek through AAUW CA/SPF.

We also need volunteers to be involved at the camp: a co director, a few dorm moms who tend to 10 or 12 campers at the dorm, and other volunteers to help with the credit union budgeting program at the Santa Clara site (week of July 7th).

Current committee members are Anne Horgan, Joanne Chee, Ramona Raybin and Maureen Buchner. To help with Tech Trek, please call or email Maureen Buchner .

AAUW CA Lobby Days 2024

If you haven't received an email regarding the 2024 Lobby Days, you can use the information below to sign up. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024 and Wednesday, April 3, 2024. This will be an opportunity to meet with state legislators and advocate for our priority bills. Meetings will be held via Zoom as well as in person in Sacramento. A training webinar will be held on March 25, 2024 to equip you with everything you need for a successful meeting.

In order to participate, complete the sign-up form and attend the mandatory training. You must register by February 22. Use the link below to register for AAUW CA Lobby Days 2024:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmZp_7Rwpc1lwHv4mF1hpX94i8uSruZfEc8uBsAWRLRsA5LQ/viewform.

The mandatory training webinar will be held via Zoom on March 25, 2024 (7-9 pm). You can sign up for the training webinar with the link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Nk1w5mz_QWCvqJ0LqQUkw#/registration.

We hope that you will join us in this act of advocacy to promote our legislative priorities and advance our values.

AAUW Bylaws Change 2024

We have been notified that many members did not receive an important email from AAUW National regarding a proposed bylaws change to allow open membership.

The National AAUW Board of Directors and Governance Committee recommend approval of the following bylaw amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. This change will align our membership practices with our purpose of advancing equity for women and girls and enable us to include members with the diverse backgrounds and perspectives needed to achieve our purpose in today's world.

AAUW's name, which continues to have significant brand recognition for AAUW as a women's rights organization, will remain the same if the amendment is adopted.

Summary of the Proposed Revision of Article III:

- Replace the Individual Members paragraph of the Membership Qualification provision (currently Article III Section 2 a) with new language indicating the sole requirement for membership is support of AAUW's purpose.
- Delete the provision on Student Associates (currently Section 3) since students would be allowed to join as full members of AAUW thus eliminating the need for a Student Associate provision.

There are other revisions to this amendment that are mainly for clarification. Please consider this bylaw change carefully, it could affect the future of AAUW.

You will find the entire proposed bylaw and other information at the follow cite:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tool/national-election/2024-aauw-proposed-bylaws-changes/>

African American Composer Initiative

Judge Cordell, who spoke to us about her new book, is part of a non-profit that supports the Eastside College Preparatory School in East Palo Alto, CA. Each year local musicians gather to perform a concert of African American composers. Judge Cordell will be performing in the concert as a pianist and vocalist.

This year's concert, *What's Going On*, is on Saturday, Jan. 27 and Sunday, Jan. 28, at 3:00 pm, at the Performing Arts Center, East Side College Prep School, 1041 Myrtle Street, E. Palo Alto. Please let Gayle Hardt know if you will be joining her on Sunday, Jan. 28. You can use this link to buy tickets in advance:

<https://a.purplepass.com/events/272336-what%E2%80%99s-going-on%3A-a-concert-of-music-by-african-ame-jan-27th-2024>.

February 2024 Interest Sections
Mary Ann McKay, 650-349-1330, maedchris@aol.com

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed. Feb 21, at 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Feb 15, at 10:00 am

Host: Gayle Hardt

Foster, Anthony Doerr

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs. Feb 22, at 12:00 pm

Host: Julia Pitcher

Horse, Geraldine Brooks

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Pat Fuetsch

Mary Ann McKay

Thurs. Feb 15, at 1:30 pm

Host: Pat Haupt

Running with Sherman, Christopher McDougal

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon. Feb 19, 12:30 pm

Host: Marge Denni

California Fact & Legend

Helen Hatchett

No Meeting in February

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Feb 14, at 9:30 am

Host: Bobbi Benson

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs. Feb 8, at 10:30 am

Host: Mark & Marilyn Meyerson

The U.S. and the Middle East

Lunch Bunch!

Annette Delaney

Fri. Feb 16, at 11:30 am

Rise Woodfire, 2 N. B St, SM, SM train station

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed. Feb 14, at 1:00 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Tues. Feb 27, at 1:00 pm

Host: Maureen Buchner

Membership: New and Prospective

Mary Ann McKay

Movie Group

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No Meeting in February

Please contact Mary Ann for more information

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri. Feb 9, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

The Lost Apothecary, Sarah Penner

Public Policy/Current Events

Diane Silven

Tues. Feb 13, at 10:30 am

Host: Gayle Hardt

AAUW Bylaw Change, Open Membership

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

Bobbi Benson

Mon. Feb 12, 10:00 am

Mon. Feb 26, 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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 AAUW Board Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Foreign Affairs	9 Mystery Book Group	10 General Meeting
11	12 Walking	13 Public Policy	14 Drama Reading Mah Jongg	15 Book I Book III	16 Lunch Bunch	17
18	19 <i>President's Day</i> Bridge	20	21 Boggle	22 Book II	23	24
25	26 Walking	27 Mah Jongg	28	29 <i>Leap Day</i>		