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President's Message

Maureen Buchner

April will bring us an opportunity to vote for our branch leaders, for our AAUW state and national leaders, and for a national by-laws change. Keep in mind that these are three separate elections. State and national elections are online, but we can assist members who wish to get an email address, even if it will not be used for any other purpose.

Members without an email address on file will receive a paper ballot by mail. Online voting opens on April 3, 2024, and remains open until 9:00 am PST on May 15. Please look for your ballot and vote on this important issue.

Everything moves into high gear as we head into scholarship time. The Scholarship Committee, headed by Cynthia Robbins-Roth and Christine Elgin, will be reviewing many scholarship applications in order to award 7 scholarships to San Mateo County Community College District students who are transferring to 4-year colleges in the fall.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships will be awarded to community college students for the annual NCCWSL meeting at the University of Maryland. These scholarships include transportation, along with their registration fees and a meal allowance. This year we are, again, partnering with the Women's Leadership and Mentoring Academy (WMLA) at Skyline College. We are hoping to fund 4 students for this program.

In mid-April, the Tech Trek Committee will finalize the details for eight 7th grade students to attend Camp Grace Hopper at Santa Clara University in July. This STEM camp was founded 26 years ago by Palo Alto member, Marie Wolbach (who was awarded a Jefferson Medal). This will be the rebirth of a local camp since the pandemic disrupted our lives. When we started sponsoring girls, the fee was 500.00. This year the fee is 1,200.00. (and worth so much more!)

Dues envelopes will be mailed to the majority of our members. Others, who have joined more recently, have annual renewals based on the month they joined.

Branch elections will be held at our Annual Meeting on April 30, which will be part of an ice cream social at Maureen Buchner's home. We look forward to seeing you at this important and fun event.

San Mateo Branch Calendar 2024

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| April 30 | Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
Maureen Buchner, Ice Cream Social, 1:30 pm |
| May 30 | Potluck picnic at the home of Judy Steele
at noon |

April General Meeting

The Nominating Committee submits the following Slate of Officers for election for 2024-2025:

President: Maureen Buchner

Vice President, Membership: Mary Ann McKay

Financial Officer: Joanne Chee

Co-Recording Secretary: Sherrean Rundberg

Vice President, Programs: Marcia Leonhart

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Ice cream will be served!

San Mateo Branch Annual Meeting

You are all invited to attend our annual meeting on April 30, 2024. It will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the home of Maureen Buchner. You can build your own sundae, whether it is a banana split, a brownie sundae, strawberry shortcake, or whatever appeals to you. This is our traditional spring meeting where we vote for a slate of officers. The festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. Last year the weather was fantastic. Hopefully, that sets a trend for this year!

WLMA and NCCWSL

March General Meeting

Our March general meeting was a stirring presentation about the Women's Leadership and Mentoring Academy (WLMA) at Skyline College. Professor Danielle Powell related the many ways that this group is helping women come together and form bonds, connect with professional women, find success in college, prepare for interviews and jobs, apply for scholarships, and so much more.

This group has formed a partnership with our branch and fits our mission as an organization to perfection. AAUW is constantly aware of promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in our organization; all are welcome at the WLMA. Their leadership development goal fits right in with our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) program at the University of Maryland.

Unfortunately, we are very far from the Washington area and going there is quite expensive. Your board voted to fund the flights and the conference fees many years ago because it was obvious that the cost was prohibitive for San Mateo Community College students.

In our dealings with the Inter-Branch Council (IBC), it does not appear that any other branch in the area has offered this kind of support. Thank you so much for your contributions, and please consider donating to our branch for NCCWSL when your dues letters arrive.

Three women, who participated in the WLMA program at Skyline, attended NCCWSL last year and shared their experiences with us.

Atara Ruderman: Leaving NCCWSL, I carried valuable tools gathered from experts in fields such as investing, gender inequality, consulting, leadership development, and international relations, among many others. I still keep in contact with many of the young women I met during my time at NCCWSL. Not only was this experience fun to explore with my WMLA sisters, but it was a taste of the professional world in which I had never yet experienced. Truthfully, I had never even dressed in business professional attire that many days in a row or attended so many meetings.

As a current Interdisciplinary Studies major at UC Berkeley, I have found that many of the competitive clubs such as TAMID were very impressed by the skills and abilities I learned during NCCWSL as a leader in training.

Erica Cornejo: As a first generation college student traveling from a community college, I have never

witnessed a University of that magnitude. Arriving at the University of Maryland was mind blowing; to see historical buildings and the abundance of nature surrounding the well-kept campus.

As a student mother, I was exposed to what it may be like for my son to follow a traditional path to college. My favorite workshop was "Maintaining Creativity While Battling Burnout"

Priscilla Tso: Making connections with other students and professionals during the conference helped me understand the possibilities in life. I was really grateful to have met students from other colleges, engaging in meaningful conversations, and learning about academic journeys over meals (the food provided was amazing). We shared our goals, discussed challenges in supporting peers, and learned how to navigate college as women leaders.

New Member

Please welcome our new member:

Joanne McGlothlin

A fourth generation San Franciscan, Joanne earned her BA, teaching credential, and MA from San Francisco State University. She taught at the Jefferson Adult School in Daly City and City College. Joanne has lived in San Bruno the past 45 years where she and her husband raised their two children. She is interested in drama, walking, movies, and Tech Trek.

Gender Bias in Schools

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields will account for some of the fastest growing—and highest paying—jobs of the future. Yet girls and women are still not on par with boys and men in preparing for or entering into these fields.

Gender bias in school remains a significant barrier to girls' progress in STEM. Starting in early childhood, teachers and parents provide explicit and implicit messages that boys and men are "better" at math and science although there is no evidence for that.

Black girls and women and Latinas are even more likely to be dissuaded from pursuing math and science because they face discrimination and have less access to critical resources, opportunities and role models. Giving women equal opportunities to pursue—and thrive in—STEM careers helps narrow the gender pay gap and enhance women's economic security.

This is why it is so important for us to support Tech Trek. Please consider donating or volunteering to help at one of our Tech Trek camps.

April 2024 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed. Apr 17, at 1:30 pm

Host: Judy Steele

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. Apr 18, at 10:00 am

Host: Elissa James

Braiding Sweet Grass, Robin Kimmerer and Monique Gray Smith

Book Discussion II

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs. Apr 25, at 12:00 pm

Host: Mary Lynn Baker

Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus

Book Discussion III

Pat Fuetsch

Mary Ann McKay

Thurs. Apr 18, at 1:30 pm

Host: Ginny Brooks

Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon. Apr 15, at 12:30 pm

Host: Marge Denni

California Fact & Legend

No Meeting in April

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. Apr 10, at 9:30 am

Host: Joan Grant

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs. Apr 11, at 10:30 am

Host: Maureen Buchner

Risky Science Across Borders

Lunch Bunch!

Annette Delaney

Fri. Apr 19, at 11:30 am

Mykonos, 226 Lorton Ave, Burlingame

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed. Apr 10, at 1:00 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Tues. Apr 23, at 1:00 pm

Host: Maureen Buchner

Membership: New and Prospective

Mary Ann McKay

Movie Group

Mary Ann McKay

Mon. Apr 1. Time TBD

Please contact Mary Ann for more information

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri. Apr 12, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

All that is Mine I Carry with Me, William Landay

Public Policy/Current Events

Leader Needed

No Meeting in April

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

Bobbi Benson

Mon. Apr 8, at 10:00 am

Mon. Apr 22, 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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Movie Group	2	3	4 AAUW Board Meeting	5	6
7	8 Walking	9	10 Drama Reading Mah Jongg	11 Foreign Affairs	12 Mystery Book Group	13
14	15 Bridge	16	17 Boggle	18 Book I Book III	19 Lunch Bunch	20
21	22 Walking	23 Mah Jongg	24	25 Book II	26	27
28	29	30 General Meeting				