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President's Message

Maureen Buchner

Happy Spring! This is our busiest time of the year for our Branch committees.

The Tech Trek Committee has interviewed and chosen 8 campers to attend Camp Grace Hoppe at Santa Clara University. This is a new beginning for the Grace Hopper Camp and a new venue. We are so grateful to Cynthia Miller and Molly Mudget for sharing the director's job for a local camp.

The Ethel Gayman endowment is funding scholarships for San Mateo County Community College District students who are transferring to four-year colleges. Students are in the process of interviewing with the committee headed by Cynthia Robbins-Roth and Christine Elgin.

The local National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarships, funded by donations through our branch, are also to be awarded this month. This year we are partnering with the Women's Leadership and Mentoring Academy (WMLA) at Skyline College. Your contributions with your dues are what enables us to partner with local students who then take advantage of our national program.

Please return your dues envelopes and keep in mind the good work that Tech Trek and NCCWSL can do for our local middle school students and community college students. Remember that Tech Trek requires a separate check (501(c)3) made out to AAUW-CA spf.

This year you can go to the AAUW CA annual meeting with no hassles: no travel, no airfare, no hotel rooms, no rubber chicken!! The date is April 27, from 9:00 am to Noon and it's on Zoom. You will learn what your state committees have accomplished this past year; plus, enjoy the talents of the high school Gov Trek and Speech Trek finalists.

To register for the Zoom meeting go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdu6pqDgsGt0NQRHnsPKu7BnhJCb71Yk0#/registration>.

San Mateo Branch Calendar 2024

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| April 30 | Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
Maureen Buchner, 1:30 pm |
| May 30 | Potluck picnic, bring salad or dessert
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

San Mateo Branch Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend our annual meeting on April 30, at 1:30. It will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the home of Maureen Buchner, 792 Widgeon St., Foster City. This is our traditional spring meeting where we vote for a slate of officers and conduct our annual business briefing.

May General Meeting

Our last meeting of the 2023-2024 year will be a potluck picnic at the home of Judy Steele on May 30, at noon. Join your fellow members to meet your new Board of Directors for 2024-2025. Cold cuts and sandwich fixings will be provided. Please bring a salad or desert to share and a beverage of your choice. RSVP to Judy Steele.

The May edition of the *Bay Leaves* will be the last until September. I want to thank Annette Delaney, Anne Horgan and Maureen Buchner and all the section leaders for their invaluable help every month on each edition. I couldn't do it without them. Have a great summer!

Tech Trek

Camp Grace Hopper, originally at Stanford University, will re-emerge at Santa Clara University from July 7-13. Judge La Doris Cordell will be the keynote speaker, just like the good old days! All of the local branches are excited to get back to a Bay Area camp.

Our campers have been chosen, and we are gearing up to meet the families at a get-together in May. We will ask our Tech Trek Alumni to come and share some highlights of last year's camps. The girls are from four middle schools in the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Our attendees are : Gabriela Chencarek and Sharanya Parthasathy from Bowditch Middle School, Charlotte Hanna and Amra Kebede from Abbott Middle School, Rosalie Molina and Torin Brodie from Bayside Middle School, and Melany Mauricio Miranda and Maria Elena Samayoa from Borel Middle School. My Tran is our alternate, in case anyone can't attend.

Your donations to AAUW-Ca SPF for Camp Grace Hopper make it all happen. This is tax deductible, and an absolute game changer for many young girls. Being on a college campus helps them see themselves attending college in 5 years. Their confidence after attending camp goes way up. And they see and interact with other girls who enjoy science, math and computers.

Past campers are now working engineers, astrophysicists, chemistry grad students, math teachers, bio tech researchers, computer scientists, to name a few of the professions the girls have entered.

Tech Trek Camp costs \$1,200.00 for each camper, but that is an absolute bargain compared to other residential camps. AAUW volunteers like our new dorm mom, Ramona Raybin, are part of the reason. Thanks for giving your time! Past Tech Trek campers help the girls adjust to being away from home. Covid did cancel many outdoor education programs when they were in elementary school. This is a priceless opportunity for these girls.

NCCWSL

This year we are partnering with the Skyline College Women's Mentoring and Leadership Academy (WMLA) to identify our scholarship recipients for the yearly National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) program. Those of you who heard Professor Danielle Powell speak at the March meeting have a good idea how well the group meshes with this event. San Mateo branch is funding three students, and Mid Peninsula branch is supporting registration for a fourth member of WMLA.

50-year Members

We are pleased to announce that we have three additional 50-year members of our branch! Congratulations to *Mary Baker*, *Melly Metcalf* and *Julia Pitcher* on their dedication to AAUW. We will commemorate this achievement by each of them at our annual meeting at Maureen Buchner's home on April 30, at 1:30 pm. We hope many of you will join us for this celebration!

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Summer Interest Section Meetings

Boggle, Judy Steele

Boggle, June 19, July 17 and August 21, at 1:30

Host: Judy Steele

Book I, Elissa James

June 20, at 10:00, *Small Mercies*, Dennis Lehane.

Host: Margo King

Book III, Pat Fuetsch

Mary Ann McKay

June 20, at Noon (**Time Change**) Potluck, book selection

Host: Mary Ann McKay

Bridge, Elissa James

June 17, July 15, August 19, at 12:30

Host: Marge Denni

Foreign Affairs, Margo King

June 13, 10:30 am, *NATO's Future*

Host: Harriet Sinaikin

Lunch Bunch, Annette Delaney

June 21, July 19, August 16, at 11:30, locations TBD

Mah Jongg, Helen Hatchett

June 12, June 25, July 10 & Aug 14, at 1:00.

Host: Helen Hatchett

July 23 & Aug 27, at 1:00

Host: Maureen Buchner

Movie Group, Mary Ann McKay

June, July, Aug, **Date TBD**. More info will be emailed later

Mystery Book, Mikki Coffino

June 14, *The Collector*, Daniel Silva

July 12, *The Cloisters*, Katy Hays

Aug 9, *A Line to Kill*, Anthony Horowitz, all at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

Walking, Bobbi Benson

June 10 & 24, July 8 & 29, Aug 12 & 26, all at 10:00

May 2024 Interest Sections

Mary Ann McKay

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele

Wed. May 15, at 1:30 pm

Host: Maureen Buchner

Book Discussion I

Elissa James

Thurs. May 16, at 10:00 am

Host: Margo King

NomadLand, Jessica Bruder

Book Discussion II

Karlyn Schneider

Thurs. May 23, at 12:00 pm

Host: Karlyn Schneider

Selection of Books for 2024-2025

Book Discussion III

Pat Fuetsch

Mary Ann McKay

Thurs. May 16, at 1:30 pm

Host: Nancy Hobbs

Demon Copperhead, Barbara Kingslover

Bridge

Elissa James

Mon. May 20, at 12:30 pm

Host: Marge Denni

California Fact & Legend

No Meeting in May

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe

Wed. May 8, at 9:30 am

Host: Gerhild Klein

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King

Thurs. May 9, at 10:30 am

Host: Sandy Shapiro

Technology Denial and Sino-American Rivalry

Lunch Bunch!

Annette Delaney

Fri. May 17, at 11:30 am

Avenida, 201 E 3rd Ave, SM

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett

Wed. May 8, at 1:00 pm

Host: Helen Hatchett

Tues. May 28, at 1:00 pm

Host: Maureen Buchner,

Membership: New and Prospective

Mary Ann McKay

Movie Group

Mary Ann McKay

Tues. May 7, Time TBD

Please contact Mary Ann for more information

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino

Fri. May 10, at 1:30 pm

Host: Barb Schotzko

The Maid, Nita Prose

Public Policy/Current Events

No Meeting in May

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

Bobbi Benson

Mon. May 13, at 10:00 am

Mon. May 27, at 10:00 am

Contact Bobbi Benson for more information.

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By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 AAUW Board Meeting	3	4
5	6	7 Movie Group	8 Drama Reading Mah Jongg	9 Foreign Affairs	10 Mystery Book Group	11
12	13 Walking	14	15 Boggle	16 Book I Book III	17 Lunch Bunch	18
19	20 Bridge	21	22	23 Book II	24	25
26	27 Walking	28 Mah Jongg	29	30 General Meeting, Potluck	31	