



Triad

Mid-Peninsula Branch

American Association of University Women
(Serving Southern San Mateo County)

Founded in 1954

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research

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Come and enjoy

“Outstanding Women in our Area”

A presentation by docents at the
San Carlos Museum of History
533 Laurel St., San Carlos



Saturday, April 13, 2019
11:00 am

Open to the public - bring a friend!
A tour of the museum will be offered after the presentation.

[See insert for membership renewal instructions!]

Presidents' Message

As I am writing this message, International Women's Day is being celebrated all over the world. It is very exciting to see and read how far we have come but there is still a lot more to do.

This became very clear during the presentation on Title IX from **Alicia Hetman** at our Funds Luncheon. Her presentation about how she had implemented it in schools was truly motivating.

The annual meeting was well attended. A lot of thanks go out to our location organizers - **Nancy Crompton, Marilyn Zack** and **Jeanne Wangsness** - for doing such a beautiful job.

Following a lot of hard work by the nominating committee, a slate of officers for next year was presented, and all were voted in. We look forward to the new lineup and all of their fresh ideas. Thanks to all the committee members for your dedication and persistence.

Another very important aspect of this meeting was the presentation of the Named Gift Honoree. This year's recipient is also one of our Branch Co-Presidents, **Carolyn Miller**, who fully deserves the honor and appreciation, and graciously accepted it.

Women's Month may be at an end but Equal Pay Day is just around the corner on Tuesday, **April 2**, and Mid-Peninsula will be represented. Come join us! It's a great opportunity to participate in promoting pay equity for women and support one of the many causes our Branch stands for.

Ellen Van Creveld (Carolyn Miller and Wilma Hoffmann)

KEEPING AN EYE ON MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome two new members!

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Ph.D, BioMedical Sciences, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, 1979

May worked at UCSF for seven years as a post-doc in the Cardiovascular Research Institute and later as an assistant research associate. Her research was in pulmonary medicine. From 1987 to October 2018, May worked for HP Laboratories later known as Agilent Technologies performing research in a multitude of areas including subcellular proteomics, protein array assay development, detection technologies, Biosensor development, biomolecular interaction technologies, surface chemistry applications, nanopore technology and most recently, development of diagnostic assays for clinical pathology.

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Michelle's 25-year career in education includes six years as a classroom teacher, a middle school assistant principal, and 12 years as a site principal. She then served as Director of Human Resources for the San-Mateo-Foster City School District and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources for Anaheim Elementary School District before becoming Superintendent of Schools for the San Carlos School District. She has shown a real interest in our participation in Tech Trek as well as other student-oriented endeavors.

Congratulations and Welcome to the Newly-Elected Officers for 2019-2020

Co-Presidents: **Carole Farina & Cathy Chowenhill**

Vice-Pres., Program: **Teddie Heinrich & Stephanie Katz**

V-P, Membership: **Vicci Mueller & Christina Avila-Summerville**

V-P, Educ. Opportunities: **Carolyn Miller & Sherry Booth**

V-P, Legal Advocacy Fund: **Ann Fleishman & Phyllis Hesik**

Treasurer: **Margo Diltz**

Admin/Financial Sec.: **Mary Spring**

Recording Sec.: **Judy Hartnett**

Directors-at Large: **Wilma Hoffman & Ellen Van Creveld**

LEGAL ADVOCACY IN ACTION!

The House Education and Labor Subcommittees on Civil Rights and Human Services and Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Advocates testified to the current problem of pay inequity and explained how the Paycheck Fairness Act would help to address the gender pay gap.

AAUW submitted a statement for the hearing record, as well as an AAUW-organized coalition letter signed by 264 groups. We also provided the members with updated statistics of the wage gap in their congressional districts. In addition, on Wednesday, AAUW Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Research Deborah J. Vagins spoke at a rally for women's economic security, where she and other advocates called on Congress to pass both the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Fair Wage Act.

STATE AND NATIONAL AAUW NEWS

[from March 7, 2019 from AAUW.org]

A ruling by a federal district court judge in D.C. said the government acted illegally when it stopped the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from collecting pay data by gender, race and ethnicity from large companies. Judge Tanya S. Chutkan ordered the government to move forward with a requirement that large employers confidentially provide pay data to the EEOC by May 2019.

The court's decision reinstates a [2016 initiative](#) requiring that private employers and federal contractors with more than 100 employees report compensation information to the EEOC by sex, race and ethnicity, in different job categories. The goal of collecting this data is to enable the EEOC to better identify trends in pay discrimination. It would also highlight potential problematic pay practices and implicitly encourage employers to proactively identify and correct disparities.

[AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE March 1, 2019]

-The House Education and Labor Committee approved the **Paycheck Fairness Act**. The Act now advances to the House floor, when the full House will vote on its passage. The Act would help close the gender pay gap - an AAUW priority

-The Senate committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs held a hearing on the District of Columbia private school **voucher** program. AAUW signed on to a letter opposing the reauthorization of the voucher program

-The House passed its first comprehensive gun safety bill in 20 years with the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019

-A group of openly transgender military service members testified before Congress

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April Section Information

NEW! Books and Articles: AAUW is launching a new section called "Operation Equity: Reading for Results." It's an opportunity to read and discuss selected books and articles and then pick a related project that will help advance gender equity. Contact Lois Monroe at 593-1950 or loiswmonroe@gmail.com if you are interested and would like more information.

American Mah Jongg: The American Mah Jongg Group meets the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10:00am-12:30pm. Upcoming dates will be **April 12** and **April 26**. To join the group, email Ann Palu at Palu650@gmail.com.

For those of you interested in learning American Mah Jongg a new class will be starting at the beginning of April. The class will be limited to the first 4 women who respond. Marilyn Zack and Barbara Regello will be teaching for a series of 3 to 5 lessons, after which you will be able to play in a group of your own. If interested call or email Marilyn or Barbara.

Bocce Ball: The next game is scheduled for 10:00 am on Wednesday, **April 17**, at the courts at Burton Park. Hoping for nice spring weather and dry courts by then. Please contact Lois Monroe at 593-1950 or loiswmonroe@gmail.com if you can join us.

Book Bunch: Join us on Friday, **April 12**, at 12:30pm, at the home of Pat Armstrong at 1374 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Carlos. We will discuss the novel, "The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Contact June Hennig at 650-593-6541 or pjhennig1@gmail.com for questions or directions.

Bridge: Interested in Bridge? Please call Helene Haughney (650) 592-2517. The Annual Bridge Luncheon will be held on Friday, **May 17** at the Iron Gate Restaurant. [See pg. 6 for reservation form.]

Film Group: The Film Group meets on the 4th Monday of the month for a movie and dinner afterward. We usually go to the Century Theater in Redwood City but will occasionally go to the Guild Theater in Menlo Park and have dinner in that area. Our next movie day is **April 22**. To be added to this section, please email scaauwfilm@gmail.com or call Susanne Burrill at 759-3352 or Barbara Regello at 595-1630.

French Conversation: Mirna Hirschl will host our meeting on Tuesday, **April 9** at 9 Kittie Lane in Belmont at 1:30 pm. Be sure to RSVP at MirnaHirschl@gmail.com or 650-595-1418. We're nearing the end of our tale with little Marcel — check with Laverne for the pages!!

Gamesters: The Gamesters group will meet at 1:00 on Thursday, **April 19** at the home of Barbara Barth, 2211 Thurm Ave, Belmont. Games are chosen by the members present. Our goal is to have a relaxed, social afternoon and enjoy each other's' company. If you would like to join us please call Barbara at 591-5097.

Great Decisions Foreign Affairs Group: This discussion group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month to discuss foreign policy topics based on articles from the booklet "Great Decisions." Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday **April 24**, and we'll discuss Article #4 The Rise of Populism in Europe. RSVP to Linda Townsend at townsend2@comcast.net.

Hiking Group: The hiking group meets at 9:00am Thursdays. Walks are flat or hilly, last about 2 hours, and may include lunch. If interested, please send your email and cell phone number to Stephanie Katz at stk4@lehigh.edu. Informational emails are sent a few days prior to the hike; destinations may change.

April 4: Redwood City - Bair Island [flat]

April 11: Palo Alto - Stanford Dish [hilly]

April 18: Russian Ridge Open Space - Mindego Hill Trail [hilly]

April 25: San Francisco - Twin Peaks (Stairway walks in San Francisco, 7th Ed.: #17, p. 137-142) [hilly]

Historic Preservation: Join us on Friday, **April 5** to visit the Presidio Officers' Club and view "Exclusion: The Presidio's Role in World War II Japanese-American Incarceration." Lunch will be at the Presidio. We will carpool at 10:45 am in the south parking area near Lunardi's at Carlmont Shopping Center. Call Nancy Oliver (592-5822) by 4/3 if you're coming.

Mystery Group: The Mystery Group meets the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **April 8** at Belmont Library at 12:15pm. Ask the info desk for the room number. The book is "Tamarack County" by William Kent Krueger. Bring your lunch and any treats you want to share. Mysteries often have more than a murder!!!

Get a head start on the next one! "The Dead of Summer" by Mari Jungstedt will be discussed on **May 13**. Join us! Newcomers are welcomed warmly.

Out to Lunch: We will meet at 1:00 on Wednesday, **April 10** for lunch at Emelina's Peruvian Restaurant. This "cozy, unpretentious" spot, located at 1045 Holly St, Ste. D, San Carlos, specializes in seafood, which is a staple in the northern part of the coast of Peru.

It has been enthusiastically recommended by many people on "Belmont Nextdoor", so we will be adventurous and pay it a visit. To make your reservation please email Barbara Barth at bab22@ix.netcom.com or call her at 591-5097 by Sunday evening, April 7.

Out to Supper: Izzy's, at 525 Skyway Road in San Carlos, is a traditional steakhouse specializing in corn-fed beef and fresh seasonal seafood all served with two sides. Generous portions of Izzy's famous potatoes and creamed spinach are popular choices. We will meet there at 5:30 pm (note the earlier time) on Wednesday, **April 17** to enjoy a fine dinner from the Early Bird Menu (a little smaller portion and entree price). Please RSVP to Lois Monroe (593-1950 or loiswmonroe@gmail.com) by Monday, April 15th if you would like to join us.

Public Policy: You can catch our next meeting on Tuesday, **March 26** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the home of Marilyn Zack, 17 Williams Lane, San Carlos. RSVP to Marilyn at 591-2353 or marilynzack10@yahoo.com. Phyllis Hesik will discuss access to health care; she will also talk about the effect of gun violence on the health care system.

On Tuesday, **April 23**, Yvonne Bergero will be our host and presenter. We'll meet at 3:00 pm at 126 Mesa Verde Way, San Carlos. Yvonne will inform us of the history of the Equal Rights Amendment, and its status today. Join us in March and/or April and leave enlightened!

Spanish Conversation: If you want to practice your Spanish, join us on the first and/or third Monday of each month at Marilyn Zack's home, 17 Williams Lane in San Carlos. Our next meetings will be **April 1** and **April 15** at 2:30. We have a great time and enjoy excellent snacks.

Women in Literature: Join us on Monday, **April 1**, to discuss "Passing" by Nella Larsen, at the home of Eloise Mayo, 601 Laurel St., #202, San Mateo.

Get a heard start on May! The selection for **May 6** will be "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Amaya. Call Nancy Oliver at 592-5822 if you're coming and to arrange carpooling.

APPRECIATIONS

A giant and heartfelt Thank you to all of you who helped bring our Luncheon & Annual Meeting to life!! Firstly, a special thank you to **Ellen Van Creveld** for locating and securing our guest speaker, **Alicia Hetman** - a CA State Officer and expert on Title IX. Kudos to **Marilyn Zack** for selecting the restaurant and seeing to the many details of the meal. Thank you to the team for the expert handling of reservations, to those who set up tables decorated with the lovely and generously-donated camellias, to **Nancy Oliver** for the special hand-colored programs, to **Jean Wangsness** for arranging for the exciting raffle, and to many, many more whose kind assistance made our day a success. Finally, congratulations to our Co-President **Carolyn Miller** whose "can do" spirit was contagious, and appropriately on display as she was announced as this year's "Named Gift Honoree." – Sara Jackowitz

Thank you all for the Named Gift Honoree Award. That is a very special award and one that I consider a great honor. It has been my privilege to work with wonderful women of our Mid-Peninsula Branch of AAUW. You all are so inspiring, interesting and ambitious women that I feel you all are a part of the gift. A special thank you to all the women who brought the beautiful camellias to warm up the room and brighten up the tables. All thought they really added to the atmosphere. Most sincerely and gratefully -Carolyn Miller

Know of a prospective member?

If you know of a prospective member, please contact Karen Rende at 592-1857, email karende@mindspring.com

Sunshine Lady

Please contact Pam Smithson at 363-2725 or pamderek@earthlink.net if you know anyone who would appreciate a card from our Branch.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, at 10:00 am. Location is Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave. RWC, Room 5.

Triad Deadline for May

Please send articles by the 10th of the month to the Triad Editor, Wendy Levine at WendyLevine@yahoo.com

WE'RE JOINING FORCES!

The Mid-Peninsula Branch of AAUW and Cañada Community College in Redwood City are in the process of setting up an AAUW College/University Partnership. This is a chance for us to work together to promote community and to advance equity in school and in the workplace. Students can participate in and help plan projects or campus events that explore women's issues, from equal pay to campus sexual assault. In fact, the school is sponsoring a **Sexual Assault Prevention Workshop** on **May 2** from 6:30-7:30pm. Mid-Pen AAUW will be there with information and resources. Let us know if you'd like to participate.

We are just getting started with this partnership, and Wilma Hoffman and Carolyn Miller have volunteered to take it on into the future.

If you'd like to be kept informed of opportunities to be involved as they come up, send an email cathychowenhill@comcast.net.



Political Action on Equal Pay Day

April 2 is Equal Pay Day, and the Mid-Peninsula branch of AAU will be spreading the word.

Branch members will be at the Hillsdale, San Carlos and Redwood City CalTrain stations during the afternoon commute on April 2, handing out cookies with a “bite” out, a reminder that women are being deprived of their fair share.

The board is counting on the membership to help out by baking Toll House chocolate chip cookies (with a “bite” out) and bringing or sending them to the board meeting at 10 a.m. April 2 at Red Morton Park, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, Room 5. The cookies should be small, about 2 inches across, with no nuts. You can be creative on how you create the “bite.”

Board members will put them in snack bags and staple Equal Pay Without Delay bookmarks to them. Then at 4:30 we will gather at the train stations and hand them out to hungry commuters. Members of the San Mateo branch will join us in this Equal Pay Day project.

Please email Micki Carter at mickicartr@gmail.com to let the board know you will be baking cookies and/or handing them out. You will be assigned to one of the three stations.

Most women in the United States had to work all last year and right up to April 2 this year to be paid as much as the typical man took home by Dec. 31 of last year.



Annual Bridge Luncheon at Iron Gate Restaurant

Friday, May 19 at Iron Gate Restaurant, 1360 El Camino Real, Belmont
10:00 am Bridge, 12:00 No host bar 12:30 lunch

Open to all bridge players including friends who are not members.
Prizes for year -long bridge events will be awarded after lunch.

You do not have to have a partner to attend. Players will rotate after each round.
Questions or to arrange a car pool, please call:

Marilyn Zack 591-2353
Nancy Crampton 257-3639

Please cut out the form below, check your lunch choice and mail along with a check for \$40.00 to:
Nancy Crampton
631 True Wind Way #216
Redwood City, CA 94063

Fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check by May 12.

Name: _____

Entrée Choice: ___ Chicken Marsala ___ Tortellini Alfredo ___ Cobb Salad

Includes salad (soup for the Cobb Salad), dessert of a chocolate sundae, bread and butter, coffee/tea

In principal and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, class or disability. AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive social change.

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April 2019 Calendar						
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