

# 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 to our Installation Luncheon



# "Spring into Summer: New blossoms on the Branch"

Saturday, June 8, 11 am Piacere Restaurant

727 Laurel St., San Carlos

See Menu information and reservation details inside.

Reservations by Mon., June 3. Checks (\$38) payable to AAUW Mid-Peninsula Branch Mail to Pat Armstrong, 1734 Alameda de Las Pulgas, San Carlos, Ca. 94070

Enjoy the AAUW sections that continue during the summer!

# Presidents' Message

Carolyn, Ellen and Wilma want to thank you all for giving us such great support over the last two years – it made our job so much easier. Seeing the branch grow as you invited friends and neighbors to join us was especially rewarding. Our public image is in the midst of its face lift, thanks to the amazing skills and commitment of Micki Carter, one of our newer members, and others. That leads to growth, of course. If the incoming leadership team gets the same appreciation and support as we did, we will again all have a banner year. Remember to step up as opportunities present themselves.

The focus of Mid-Pen has been working to encourage young women in our area. To that end, you have all done an amazing job. Dorm mothers, volunteers, key leadership positions and money for Tech Trek, supporting the new program taking 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to the Extending Your Horizons day, and now a push into College University Relations via Canada College. Contact Carolyn or Wilma if that piques your interest.

The Installation Lunch at Piacere, on June 8 (details elsewhere) will be the last branch wide activity till September but check to see what sections are continuing through the summer. Try a new one – meet even more amazing women. The first major activity for next year will be the September Event on September 21. That is an excellent meeting to bring friends and neighbors, to show them what we do. We will enjoy seeing you there.

Carolyn Miller, Ellen Van Creveld, Wilma Hoffmann

## **BUDGET PROPOSAL**

The following budget was approved by the board and will be presented to the membership for approval at the Installation Lunch in June:

### **PROPOSED BRANCH BUDGET FOR 2019-2020:**

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Membership dues	\$2280	Administration	\$ 1070
Fund raising	500	Conferences	750
Carryover	2000	Promotion	510
		General meetings	400
TOTAL	\$4780	Expanding Horizons	500
		Publications	1450
		Contingency	100
		TOTAL:	\$4870

# Installation Luncheon: Spring into Summer: New Blossoms on the Branch

Please join us for the installation of our new "Blossoms in the Branch"! We'll celebrate with a luncheon on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at Piacere, in San Carlos. Menu as follows:

# 1st Course Choices:Roasted Beet SaladArugula, romaine, gorgonzola dressing, hazelnutsMixed Greens SaladCucumber, tomatoes, sunflower seeds & shallot vinaigrette2nd Course Choices:Steak SandwichSteak SandwichCiabatta bread, caramelized onions & demi-glaceStrozzapretieggplant, zucchini. spaghetti squash, tomatoes, olive oil, pestoPan Roasted Atlantic SalmonBlack lentils, carrots, sherry vinegar dressing

*Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee included* No Host Bar

Luncheon Cost: \$38 Checks may be sent c/o Pat Armstrong, 1374 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Carlos, CA 94070 by Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Your server will take your order for the luncheon. No need to indicate this with your reservation.

# Watch for a fabulous basket drawing!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our fabulous SEPTEMBER EVENT will again be at the Redwood Shores Library, 399 Marine Parkway at Bridge Street, on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. SEPTEMBER 21, 2019. Mark your calendar now!
- AAUW Mid-Peninsula Programming Committee Meeting: June 14, 2:30 p.m., home of Teddy Heinrich (230 Scenic Drive, Redwood City). Anyone with ideas on programs for 2019-2020 is invited to attend. Please reply to either Teddy (<u>teddyhei@aol.com</u>) or Stephanie Katz (<u>stk4@lehigh.edu</u>).

# • MUIR WOODS OUTING JUNE 25

We will be exploring Muir Woods.... learning about its history, flora and fauna, as well as about the National Parks in today's political climate. Our guide will be a National Park Service Ranger.

Lunch? Of course! You will be kept informed about times, transportation, etc. Questions? Call Elvira Monroe at 593-2839. A GREAT ENDING TO A GREAT YEAR.

# **TECH TREK COMING SOON!**

In just a few weeks, nine girls from our area will be getting ready to spend an exciting week at Tech Trek at Stanford. Our branch members' donations fund the tuitions for these girls so that they can spend the week immersed in hands-on science activities with like-minded girls. We are so proud that Tech Trek was started over twenty years ago by our own Marie Wolbach, and of how our members have continued to make it grow!

The girls who go to camp are invited to come to our September AAUW meeting to tell us about their experiences at camp. Hearing their enthusiasm is delightful and we hope all members will come to meet the campers (Sept. 21).

In the meantime, if you'd like to make a summer donation toward the camp, here's how:

Please make your check out to AAUW CA SPF,

and put "Camp Curie Tech Trek, Mid-Pen Branch" on the memo line. Mail your check to Cathy Chowenhill, 919 Pleasant Hill Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061.

Thank You, from Co-coordinators Margo Keeley and Cathy Chowenhill.

Director of Stanford Camp Curie, Pat Ivester, sends along sincere thanks in the following note:

#### A big shout out to thank:

Robyn Peters for taking the Camp Curie pictures this July

Teddy Heinrich for helping at Registration and when I need a Spanish interpreter. Chris Panero for taking care of all the camp paperwork and being a dorm mom during the week of camp.

Vicci Muller for being a dorm mom all week at camp.

Jan Dresser starting her first year as a camp dorm mom

Janice Robbins who picks up 2 large sheet cakes and all the photographs for the girls

Margo Keeley who is the branch coordinator and all her volunteers

Jean Dehner who has retired from being a dorm mom but still mentors the new dorm moms Barbara Hass who helps drive the girls on field trips

I am sure there are more that I've missed, and I thank you!

Pat Ivester, AAUW Tech Trek Marie Curie - Stanford

# Give a Grad a Gift

Do you have a neighbor, granddaughter, niece, or daughter who is graduating this June with an AA degree or higher? If so, you can give each one the gift of a free one-year AAUW membership for graduation! In fact, anyone who has completed an undergraduate degree in the past two years is eligible to receive a free membership from an AAUW member.

Go to <u>https://ww2.aauw.org/grad-gift/</u> and fill out the forms for them, and Voila! Each one will get a free National AAUW membership from you! Easy!

# **May Section Information**

A reminder to email me the names of your section chairs for the coming year so that the information in the next directory is current and correct. Thanks. Lois Monroe (loiswmonroe@gmail.com)

**American Mah Jongg:** The American Mah Jongg Group meets the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10:00am-12:30pm. For summer dates or to join the group, email Ann Palu at Palu650@gmail.com.

**Bocce Ball:** A fun round of Bocce is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month throughout the summer. We play at 10 am at the courts at Burton Park, and welcome everyone. Four players is ideal, so please RSVP to Lois Monroe (593-1950 or loiswmonroe@gmail.com) to be certain there are enough players.

**Book Bunch:** Join us on Friday, June 14th, at 12:30pm, at the home of Pat Armstrong at 1374 Alameda de las Pulgas in San Carlos. We will discuss the novel "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure. For July 12, we will read "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer. For August 9, we will read "Room" by Emma Donoghue. 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.

**Film Group**: Mark your calendars! The Film Group meets on the 4th Monday of the month 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. To be added to this section, please email <u>scaauwfilm@gmail.com</u> or call Susanne Burrill at 759-3352 or Barbara Regello at 595-1630.

**French Conversation:** Be sure to keep in touch with to see what we'll be doing in June and July -- Laverne Rabinowitz (Lrainbow24@yahoo.com). August will be our month of *congé*.

**Gamesters:** Gamesters will be meeting to play games at various times during the summer (but always on Thursdays at 1:00). If you would like e mail invitations to join us, please contact Barbara Barth at 591-5097. Regular members will be contacted as usual. This is an enjoyable, relaxed way to spend a summer afternoon and perhaps make a few new AAUW friends.

**Great Decisions Foreign Affairs Group:** The group does not meet in June, July and August. The September meeting will be on Wed. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. The article will be #6 "Cyber conflicts and geopolitics".

**Hiking Group:** The hiking group has no planned hikes June through August. Rather, anyone interested is invited to suggest a Thurs. morning hike / walk / excursion to which other members can respond. It's fine if there are two different excursions suggested.

**Historic Preservation:** Many cities in our county have walking tours in the weeks prior to Victorian Days in August at the San Mateo County Historic Museum in Redwood City. (go to <u>https://historysmc.org</u> for dates and times). Nancy Oliver and the San Carlos Heritage Assn. will be leading the historic walk for San Carlos on Sat., July 13, starting at 10:30, at the corner of San Carlos Ave. and Elm St. The tour will end at the Museum of San Carlos History, where docents will serve cake made from old-time recipes.

In August, come join me for a trip to the Cantor Museum at Stanford to enjoy "Painting Nature in the American Gilded Age" which considers how nature was depicted by American artists from the 1880s to 1910. We can also view "Josiah McElheny: Island Universe," a rare opportunity to examine both cutting-edge art and physics. The monumental installation is a visual response to recent theories of the multiverse, an elaboration of the Big Bang theory. Nancy would like to go at the beginning of August, either W, Th, or Fri. The museum opens at 11, and we could have lunch there. Call Nancy (592-5822) by July 30 to let her know if you want to go, and what days would work for you.

**Mystery Group:** Mystery Group meets on June 10th, 1PM at Cafe Bliss Carlmont Shopping Center in Belmont. We'll have a "summer" lunch and just a "free for all" discussing authors and books we love. Newcomers are most welcome. Just call Joan Peceimer 650-593-9514 so we take enough table spaces. Happy Summer reading.

**Out to Lunch:** Please join us for lunch at 1:00 on June 12th. Our destination is "Mistral", located in Redwood Shores at 370 Bridge Parkway, Suite 6. Because June is such a busy month, I have already made a reservation for twelve guests on the patio. I will accept reservations by email starting on June 1st. We will not be meeting again during the summer so watch for us in the September Triad. Barbara Barth 591-5097 or <u>bab22@ix.netcom.com</u>

**Out to Supper:** Quinto Sol, 2201 Broadway Street, Redwood City, is our June dinner spot. Not the usual Mexican restaurant, Quinto Sol offers distinctive cuisine from the state of Puebla in central Mexico. We will meet at this upscale restaurant at 6 pm on Wednesday, June 19th. To join us, please RSVP to Lois Monroe (593-1950 or <u>loiswmonroe@gmail.com</u>) by Monday, June 17th. Out to Supper will not meet during the summer, but resume in September

#### Public Policy: See Announcements – All are welcome!

**Spanish Conversation:** Join us on the first and/or third Monday at 2:30 pm at Marilyn Zack's home, 17 Williams Lane in San Carlos. Check with Marilyn about summer meetings. The treats are great, and the conversation is excellent.

**Women in Literature:** On Mon., June 3 we'll be discussing "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante. We'll meet at the home of Mirna Hirschl, 9 Kittie Lane, Belmont. Call Nancy Oliver (592-5822) for more information. The next book, for Mon., 8/26, will be "The Birth of Venus" by Sarah Dunant.

#### Collecting for "Leggings for Hope"

**The Grateful Garment Project** is requesting leggings for survivors of sexual violence. Why leggings? They are one of the most requested items, but least donated. *New* ones of all sizes and colors can be brought (unwrapped, even in plastic bags with their tag attached) to our next meeting, or I will pick them up, and happily deliver them to TGGP office in San Jose. Thanks to all who have faithfully assisted with this project.

-Sara Jackowitz 650-341-0466

# STATE AND NATIONAL AAUW NEWS

#### from AAUW Washington Update May 3, 2019

A bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives spoke in support of a bill to enhance accountability for colleges and universities' compliance with Title IX. The Accountability of Leaders in Education to Report Title IX Investigations (ALERT) Act would make it a priority to respond to sexual assault committed by employees at colleges and universities. It would involve the highest levels of leadership--the president and boards of the institution. Members of Congress have come together across chambers and across parties to take an important step toward keeping students safe and ensuring survivors' voices be heard. This bill would help to guarantee that women and girls have full access to education free from sexual violence and abuse.

#### from AAUW Washington Update, May 10, 2019

AAUW state affiliates across the country are working to make their state the 38th to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. Louisiana held a lobby day; North Carolina state affiliate adopted a resolution supporting the ERA. In Missouri, an AAAUW member testified in the state legislature about the ERA. AAUW of Arizona sent an Action Network email asking legislators to support ratification of ERA. AAUW advocates in Virginia lobbied and sent a postcard campaign.

#### from Jackie's DC Dashboard May 3, 2019

On May 7, 2019, a congressional hearing on the Equal Rights Amendment was held-the first in 36 years. The House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties convened the hearing. Constitutional law experts discussed the merits of the ERA to protect against discrimination on the basis of sex. The U.S. is among a handful of industrialized nations that have not enshrined women's equality.

#### Sunshine Lady

Beginning this month, Marge Haruff takes over as Sunshine Lady. Please contact Marge at <u>mharuff@aol.com</u> or 592-9900 or if you know anyone who would appreciate a card from our Branch. A big thank you to Pam Smithson for being our Sunshine person for the past 10 years!

#### Know of a prospective member?

If you know of a prospective member, please contact Vicci Mueller, email viccim@aol.com

#### **Board Meeting**

The next board meeting is a joint board meeting, for outgoing and incoming officers, on Tuesday, June 4, at 11:00 am. Location is Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave. RWC, Room 1. There will be a short meeting, then lunch and conversation.

#### **Triad Deadline for June**

The next Triad will be for September so the deadline will be August 10. Please send information to Kathy Rafael (<u>krafael1953@yahoo.com</u>) (Yes, I am back, but just temporarily!)

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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