



Triad

Mid-Peninsula Branch

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

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Join our mini fundraiser...

A Trolley Tour of Cypress Lawn 1370 El Camino Real, Colma, CA

(Traveling north on El Camino Real, it is the stately mansion on the left side, with the trolley parked in front)



**Sign up for one of two tours: Tuesday, May 21 at 11:45 a.m.
or Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m.**

We'll meet at the main building for the tour and box lunch. The tour will take about one hour. Mr. Terry Hamburg, Director of the Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation, is scheduled to lead the tour and point out some of the famous and outstanding women who are memorialized in the facility.

Please call Teddy Heinrich at 650-368-2399 by **May 12** indicating which date you can attend, so she can RSVP the number of people for each (24 max per date) and organize car pools. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Mid-Peninsula Branch to raise funds since the Foundation contributes \$20 per attendee to our Branch. **Guests are welcome!**

Presidents' Message

We are extremely grateful to have such hard working, accomplished members in our branch. Aside from the energy and expertise on our board, we have a number of unsung heroes who step in to help whenever needed. This month we're singing the praises of three in particular: Pat Armstrong happily and cheerfully deals with the reservations for our luncheon events; Sunshine Lady Pam Smithson has faithfully sent out cards for us forever (or for as long as we can remember) and is only now passing the baton to Marge Haruff, who has graciously come forward to take Pam's place, effective immediately.

In addition, competent, reliable women have again stepped up to the plate to be on the nominating committee for the 2020-2021 Board. Can you believe that the cycle is already beginning anew? Think about the talents and skills you can offer when these ladies start calling in early 2020. Mid-Peninsula Branch is made up of intelligent, dedicated women who believe in all aspects of the AAUW mission as well as the value of our sections to provide fun, friendship and community. There is even a bonus! Research shows that friends, community and **commitment** are huge contributors to our mental health and happiness. Enjoy the "All-Neighborhoods Get Together" picnic lunch at Burton Park on **May 15th** (details on Pg 3). It is the friends and community part where you can get to know more women from the branch. Invite a new member, or even a prospective member!

-Carolyn Miller, Wilma Hoffmann and Ellen Van Creveld

KEEPING AN EYE ON MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome one of our newest members!

Jane Bradley – 650-572-9581
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Dominican, BA 1967, History, SF Law School, 1991

Jane is co-president of the San Mateo Branch of AAUW. She joined Mid-Peninsula Branch as a dual member to take advantage of some of our activities such as hiking, and to learn more about our branch. She was impressed with our branch's enthusiasm at the November joint meeting at CSM and our willingness to volunteer. Jane feels the two branches can learn from each other and looks forward to meeting our members!

LEGAL ADVOCACY IN ACTION!

As you may recall, Aileen Rizo's fight for fair pay started here in California, and that fight continues. The Supreme Court recently sent her case back to the appellate court for additional review. This decision was arrived at without reviewing the merits of the equal-pay case, focusing solely on the issue of whether a federal court can count the vote of a judge who dies before the decision is issued. This was relevant because Judge Stephen Reinhardt, who authored the Ninth Circuit decision, died on March 29, 2018, and had voted and issued his opinion in Rizo's favor prior to his death.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help balance the scales of justice.

STATE AND NATIONAL AAUW NEWS

On April 2, our branch recognized **Equal Pay Day** - the day when women's average earnings catch up with men's average earnings from the previous year. Our branch board members baked cookies with a "bite" removed to indicate that women across the country, on average, take home 80% of what men earn, for the same or a similar job. In California, women fare better; it is estimated that they take home 89% of what men earn. Women deserve equal pay for equal work! Our members handed out bags of cookies to commuters in the train stations of Redwood City, Hillsdale, and San Carlos. Each bag had an AAUW informational bookmark attached. Thanks to Micki Carter for creating the colorful bookmark and to the bakers and members who distributed the cookies.

From Board to Board, April 4, 2019

The **Paycheck Fairness Act** (PFA) has passed the House of Representatives; it now goes to the Senate. The Act expands on the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which stipulated that ongoing pay discrimination can be challenged regardless of when it began. The PFA would give employees and employers new tools to close the pay gap:

- by requiring employers to prove that pay disparities between men and women are a business necessity and job related.
- by banning the use of salary history which has been shown to negatively impact women.
- by protecting workers from being penalized for discussing their salaries.
- by helping employers implement fair-pay practices.

From Jackie's DC Dashboard - April 5, 2019

The House of Representatives voted to reauthorize an updated version of the **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**. The NRA opposed the bipartisan bill because it would restrict those convicted of abuse and stalking from owning firearms. Included in VAWA is a stipulation that would make it a crime for a federal law enforcement officer to perform a sexual act with anyone in their custody, or while exercising their authority under color of law, regardless of consent. The bill also includes additional VAWA grant funding to states that adopt similar laws for state and local law enforcement agencies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Installation Luncheon will be at 11:00 am at Piacere on **June 8**. It will cost \$38. The theme will be "Women Spring Forward."
- PICNIC SEASON is here again! Come to the All Neighborhoods Bring-Your-Own Lunch and join past and new friends. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, **May 15**, from 11:30-1 p.m. at Burton Park across from 957 Chestnut St., San Carlos (by the bocce ball lanes and behind the tennis courts).
- We received \$100 from Irene Silverman in memory of **Shirley Dorin**. Donations in a member's name are always welcome.
- Nine students and alternates have been selected for this year's **Tech Trek!** More to come...
- AAUW-CA polls are open. You have until **May 13** to vote for President-Elect, Chief Financial Officer and two Directors. We'll also be voting on upcoming Public Policy Priorities. Check your email for an invitation.

May Section Information

Summer is approaching, and not all sections continue to meet in the coming months. Please contact Lois Monroe (loiswmonroe@gmail.com), who will be chair of each of the current sections for next year so she can update the directory. An email with the correct information is preferred.

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 **May 10** and **May 24**. To join the group, email Ann Palu at Palu650@gmail.com.

Bocce Ball: There has been little response to playing Bocce Ball on the third Wednesday of each month. The weather has definitely been a factor, but with warm, sunny days ahead, there may be new interest. Please contact Lois Monroe (593-1950 or loiswmonroe@gmail.com) before **May 15** if you would like to play.

Book Bunch: Join us on Friday, **May 10**, at 12:30 pm at the home of Pat Armstrong at 1374 Alameda de las Pulgas in San Carlos. We will discuss the novel, "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. 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** (not May 19 as previously printed) at the Iron Gate Restaurant. Checks are due by May 12. Questions to Marilyn Zack or Nancy Crampton.

Film Group: Mark your calendars! The Film Group normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month but that falls on a holiday in May so we will have a rare Tuesday gathering on **May 28**, 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. 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: Leslie Pasahow will be the hostess for our next meeting on Tuesday, **May 14**, 1:30 pm at 1735 Bay Laurel Drive, Menlo Park. Please let her know if you'll be there or not. Call 650-327-9818 or email LAPasahow@sbcglobal.net. Please contact Laverne Rabinowitz if you have questions at Lrainbow24@yahoo.com.

Gamesters: Gamesters will meet on Thursday, **May 16** at the home of Barbara Barth, 2211 Thurm Ave., in Belmont. If you would like more information please call Barbara at 591-5097.

Great Decisions Foreign Affairs Group: This section meets on the fourth 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, **May 22**. We'll discuss Article #5 "Decoding U.S. - China Trade." Please RSVP to Linda Townsend at townsend2@comcast.net.

Hiking Group: The hiking group meets at 9:00 am 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.

May 2: Redwood City - Pulgas Ridge Open Space Preserve (3-mile loop walk from Edmonds Rd. 94061) [hilly]

May 9: San Mateo – Crystal Springs dam [new walk in 2019] / [flat with option of hill]

May 23: Palo Alto – Professorville neighborhood [flat]

May 30: Woodside: Huddart County Park (100 Kings Mountain Rd. 94062)

Historic Preservation: Join us on Friday, **May 3** to visit the de Young Museum to see “Monet: the Late Years” and maybe “Gauguin: A Spiritual Journey.” We’ll carpool at 9:45 am at the Lunardi’s parking lot (south side) and eat at the museum. Call Nancy Oliver (592-5822) by May 1 if you’re coming.

Also, join Nancy at 1 pm, on Saturday, **May 18**, at the San Mateo County Historic Museum in Redwood City, to enjoy “Vintage Wedding Fashions” (free, with museum admission).

Mystery Group: The Mystery Group meets on the second Monday of each month at Belmont Library. On **May 13**, we’ll be discussing “Tamarack County” by William Kent Kruger. Ask for the room at the Information Desk. Newcomers are always welcome.

Out to Lunch: Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, **May 8** at 1:00 pm. Our destination is from our "favorites" list: Creola, located in San Carlos at 144 El Camino Real. Please make your reservation with Barbara Barth by 5:00 on Sunday, May 6. All Branch members are invited to join us for delicious Creole food.

Out to Supper: On Wednesday, **May 15** we will meet for dinner at Sirayvah Organic Thai Restaurant, 366 El Camino Real, San Carlos (just north of Holly Street with convenient parking).

The restaurant is known for its modern interpretation of classic Thai dishes, using only high quality fresh ingredients, and providing excellent service by a friendly staff. To join us for a delicious dinner and good conversation, RSVP to Lois Monroe (loiswmonroe@gmail.com) or call 593-1950 by Monday, May 13.

Public Policy: You don't want to miss our next meeting. Elvira Monroe is talking about sexual harassment as it affects girls and young women. She will also discuss the threats to Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood. We will convene on Tuesday, **May 28** at 3:00 pm at the home of Ann Fleishman, 3 Bluebell Lane, San Carlos. RSVP to Ann at 650 595 3357 or annfleish@yahoo.com.

FYI, Ann lives in a complex that does not allow parking on Bluebell Lane, which is off Crestview Dr. So, the best place to park is on Crestview. All members are invited to join us.

Spanish Conversation: You have two chances this month to practice your Spanish. Join us on the first and/or third Monday at Marilyn Zack’s home, 17 Williams Lane in San Carlos. Our next meetings will be **May 6** and **May 20** at 2:30 pm. The treats are great and the conversation is excellent.

Women in Literature On **May 6** we meet at the home of Eloise Mayo, 601 Laurel St., #202, San Mateo. We’ll discuss “Bless Me, Ultima” by Rudolfo Amaya. (The selection for **June 3** is “My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante.”). Call Nancy Oliver (592-5822) if you’re coming and to arrange carpooling.



During the April meeting at the Museum of San Carlos History we learned about the early history of San Carlos and the woman who was instrumental in its founding – Doña Maria Arguello. This easily accessible museum is open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm (except in December) and will give the visitor ample time to learn even more about the forces that shaped our local our communities.

Sunshine Lady

Beginning this month, Marge Haruff takes over as Sunshine Lady. Please contact Marge at mharuff@aol.com 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 Karen Rende at 592-1857, or email karende@mindspring.com

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 10:00 am. Location is Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave. RWC, Room 5.

Triad Deadline for June

Stay tuned for a new Triad Editor! Articles will still be due by the 10th of the month.

This Month's Recommendations by Carole Farina

Have you tried a Ted Talk podcast? They are on a variety of subjects and just right for a short break or while taking a walk. I recently listened to Ted Talks Daily of Feb. 18, 2019, with Doris Kearns Goodwin on Lessons from Past Presidents on life, work, love and play.

Or take a 5-minute break with U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith's daily podcast, *The Slowdown*. In her calming voice, Smith delivers a different way to see the world – through poetry. Produced in partnership with the Library of Congress and the Poetry Foundation. Available at <https://www.apmpodcasts.org/slowdown/>

Have a recommendation for our members? Share it!

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

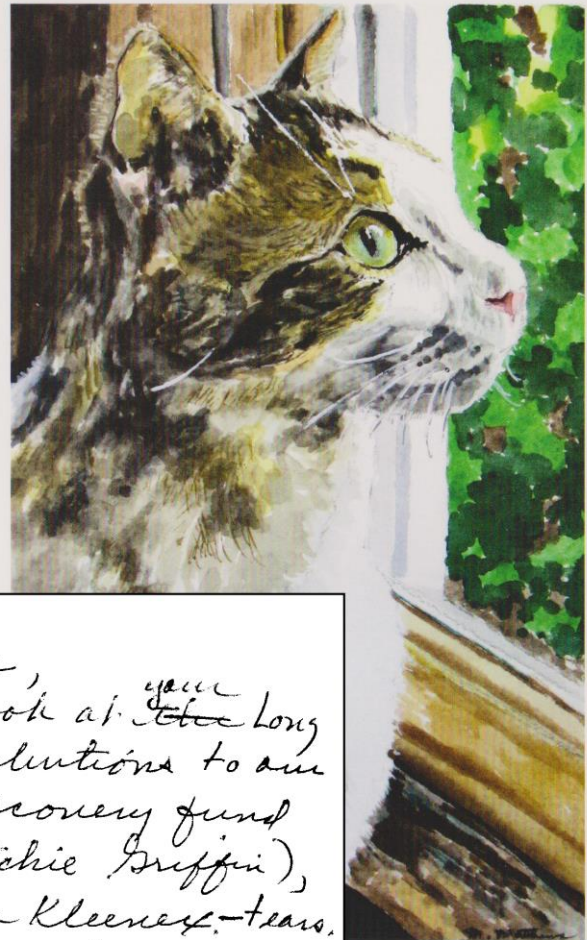
Here is a note of appreciation to Mid-Peninsula branch from the members of the Paradise branch...



Thomas

© Margaret Mathews
AAUW Houston Peach (GA) Branch

An AAUW member for more than 25 years, Margaret says, "I have never been a 'joiner,' and for me, my church and AAUW have been the only organizations that I ever have wanted to be a part of." Inspiration for this painting came from Margaret's love of the green eyes as captured in a professional photograph of Thomas, a fellow artist's cat.



"I find in AAUW the issues I believe in and the people I admire and enjoy working with. Thank you, artists the opportunity to share in the annual art contest—"


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Dear Wilma,
When I look at ^{your} ~~the~~ long list of contributions to our Paradise recovery fund (and to Butchie Griffin), I reach for a Kleenex—tears. You and your branch are so insomously generous I hardly know how to thank you all.

Please know, though, that we ^{are} grateful beyond words, and that includes our Tech Trek families with whom we have shared the bounty.

Many thanks and hugs to you all,
Carol Holzgrefe, AAUW Paradise

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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