

Founder of local Black History museum to speak on Feb. 8

Carolyn Hoskins, founder of the new Domini Hoskins Black History Museum and Learning Center in Belmont, will talk about her efforts to educate today's youth about Black History at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in the Community Room of the Redwood Shores Library.

Hoskins, who lives in Belmont, says she decided to create a museum when her grandson, Domini, told her he knew everything there was to know about Martin Luther King Jr. Domini's school project for Black History Month became an exploration

of the overlooked historical contributions of African Americans.

Last year she was recognized by the NAACP San Mateo Branch at the 93rd annual celebration of Herby Dawkins Freedom Fund Banquet for her community service. She is involved in a number of charitable enterprises in our area.

The museum was featured at the 2019 San Mateo County Fair.

Her presentation will be open to the public. The library is located at Redwood Shores and Bridge parkways in Redwood Shores.



Are you a passionate painter? A skillful sketch artist? Do you have a great eye for photography? If so, AAUW is offering the perfect opportunity for you to show off your artistic talents — by submitting to our 11th annual art contest!

The contest is open now. The rules are simple: Submit your photography or a digital image of your painting or sketch through the AAUW website by Jan. 28. All entries are accepted, but we encourage you to consider works that speak to AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity.

AAUW members can then vote for the

artwork they would like to see featured on a collection of notecards we will mail this spring. The back of the cards will include the winning artist's biography, branch affiliation (if applicable) and an interesting fact about AAUW.

Visit us online for more information or to view last year's gallery of submissions.

We hope to receive submissions from all AAUW artists this year, so please spread the word. Feel free to forward this email through your branch and state communications.

We look forward to seeing your work!

Mid-Pen gift-wrapping crews at Kepler's set a new record

Our book-wrapping fundraiser at Kepler's last month was our most successful ever.

We raised \$1,581, and we thank the following 38 members for their participation: Clara Padilla, Sue Schmid, Leonor Urbain, Doris Brown, Cathy Chowenhill, Judi Kerfoot, Joan Peceimer, Carole Farina, Anne Palu, Julie Hitchcock, Micki Carter, Jean Dehner, Elvira Monroe, Theoni Pappas, Mirna Hirsch, Sherry Booth Vicci Mueller, Margot Diltz, Kathy Rafael, Judy Hartnett,

Diane Beu, Mary Ann Miotto, Helene Haughney, Ann Fleischman, Chris Panero, Barbara Haas, Ruthie Wilkins and Kathleen Morrow.

A DOUBLE THANK YOU to those who worked two shifts: Teddy Heinrich, Nancy Oliver, Susanne Burrill, Phyllis Hesik and Carolyn Miller.

A SPECIAL TRIPLE THANK YOU to those who worked three shifts: Nancy Crampton, Wilma Hoffmann and Ellen Van Creveld.

SM County Conference on Women's Leadership will take place on March 7 at Skyline College

Join the County of San Mateo Commission on the Status of Women for a full-day conference offering a unique perspective on women's leadership.

The Women's Leadership Conference is a day-long event where people share their perspectives on women's leadership in our county. These people are invested in creating change in the workplace, government, start-

ups, community groups and other sectors of society to empower and develop more female leaders in San Mateo County.

The conference will be Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Skyline College in San Bruno. The cost is \$69.

Visit <http://smcwomenlead.org> for more information about the event!

Who? What? When?

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Sunshine Lady: Marge Haruff is our Sunshine Lady. Please contact Marge at mharuff@aol.com or 592-9900 if you know anyone who would appreciate a card from Mid-Pen Branch.

Know of a prospective member? Please contact Vicci Mueller (viccim@aol.com).

Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 5 of the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City.

Triad Deadline for March will be Feb. 10. Please send articles in Word format to Micki Carter (mickicartr@gmail.com).

The Triad needs photographers!

We love to have lots of photos of AAUW Mid-Pen events to share in The Triad.

Please email Micki Carter (mickicartr@gmail.com) if you'd be willing to be the designated photographer for specific events each month.

She has suggestions for making those photos lively and promises you credit for your work!

Order now! Sales close Jan. 26.



Support Mid-Peninsula Funds and show who we are! To order, click [here](#).

Eye-catching Caribbean Blue women's shirts are imprinted with an easy-to-read white AAUW logo, a perfect way to make a statement.

Sale price of \$15 includes tax. Profit benefits Tech Trek and Mid-Peninsula Branch outreach projects. Delivery by mid- February.

Women's scooped neck makes it easy to wear over a turtleneck. Sizes do run small. These soft shirts are 100 percent cotton and will shrink.

Do you consider yourself to be a feminist?

Are you a feminist?

Take a look at this [website](#) for national views on feminism. Scroll down to "What best describes your views on feminism?"

How do these views align with yours and the goals of AAUW?

The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, is the nation's leading organization advocating equity for women and girls.

Its national membership of 80,000 seeks to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

People of every race, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin and level of physical ability are invited to join.

Do you have something to share on this topic? If so, send it to Carole Farina.

Save the date!

Our Annual meeting and Funds lunch will be on Saturday, April 4, at 11:30 a.m. at Donato's Restaurant in Redwood City.

Details and reservation information will be in the next Triad.

Legal Advocacy Fund

The Legal Advocacy Fund works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

LAF is currently supporting Freyd v. University of Oregon. Professor Jennifer J. Freyd, a respected senior faculty member in the University of Oregon's psychology department, is paid significantly less than many of her male colleagues of equal rank as a result of "retention raises," or salary increases given in response to a competing offer.

In this case, Professor Freyd has taken

action against the university, contending that its practice of granting such raises, without equalizing salaries of other faculty of comparable merit, has a disparate impact on women and violates the Equal Pay Act and Oregon's sex discrimination law.

Female hygiene kits

A hygiene kit for girls and women in refugee camps and remote or depressed areas of the world is a project adopted by the Citrus Heights Branch, which will be presented at the state convention.

The aim is to teach girls proper hygiene and keep them in school or at work during their menses.

This hands-on project requires specific materials and items that our branch will be asked to contribute. Kits also can be made as a local project.

For more information contact A. Lee Battershell (LBattersshellcpa@aol.com).

Sections gather to play, hike, eat, think, talk

Book Bunch: Note that meetings are now on the third Friday of each month. Join us Friday, Feb. 21, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Pat Armstrong, 1374 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Carlos. We will discuss *Island of the Sea Women*, a novel by Lisa See. Looking ahead, on Friday, March 20, we will read *The Soul of the Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery. Then Friday, April 17, we will read *The Overstory*, a novel by Richard Powers. Contact June Hennig at 650-593-6541 or pjhennig1@gmail.com for questions or directions.

Great Decisions Foreign Affairs

Group: This discussion group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month to discuss current foreign policy topics. The discussions are based on articles from the booklet *Great Decisions*, which is published annually by the Foreign Policy Association. This month's article is No. 2 – India and Pakistan. Join us Wednesday, Feb. 26, for the discussion from 1-3 p.m. at Linda Townsend's home, 1824 Bayview Ave., Belmont. Email Linda at townsend2@comcast.net or call 650 867-7127 with any questions.

Hiking: Feb. 6, South San Francisco: Oyster Pt. Bay Trail (flat) and lunch at Lux & Foundry; Feb. 13, Sawyer Camp Trail (north from Crystal Springs Road); Feb. 20, Mountain View: Bay Trail (flat), park at 2638 Terminal Blvd. off San Antonio Road North; optional lunch at Michael's Restaurant, 2600 N. Shoreline Blvd.; Feb. 27 Foster City Bay Trail, park at 1473 Beach Park Blvd., optional lunch at Sweet Basil Restaurant

French Conversation: This group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 1:30 p.m. at Mirna Hirschl's in Belmont, 9 Kittie Lane. Be sure to let her know if you'll be there or not: 650-595-1418 or MirnaHirschl@gmail.com.

Public Policy: The February meeting will be held earlier in the month on Feb. 18 in order to send out Get Out the Vote notices. Dates to note: March 8 is International Women's Day, and March 31 is Equal Pay Day, earlier than in the past.

Spanish Conversation: Marilyn Zack will host meetings at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 and 17 at her home.

Gamesters: We will meet on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. at the home of Barbara Barth, 2211 Thurm Ave., Belmont. We will be playing Hand and Foot, a Canasta-like card game. We are still learning the game so beginners are especially welcome. Please call Barbara at 591-5097 to ask questions or say that you will attend.

Out to Lunch: We will make our annual trip to Creola, 344 El Camino Real, San Carlos, on Wednesday, Feb. 12. Their Cajun/Creole cuisine is a favorite of our group. As usual, we meet at 1 p.m. Please make your reservation by emailing Barbara Barth at 591-5097. All members are welcome.

Bocce Ball: We are looking to resume in the spring. Watch for details. Questions? Contact Lois Monroe at 593-1950 or loiswmonroe@gmail.com).

Bridge: Interested in playing Bridge? Please call Helene Haughney at 592-2517.

Out to Supper: If you missed the opportunity to toast the Chinese New Year, join us at King Chuan Restaurant, 1188 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, to celebrate. The restaurant is recognized for outstanding Chinese cuisine and excellent service. We will meet there at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, for casual conversation, a delicious dinner and a toast! Please RSVP to Lois Monroe at 593-1950 or loiswmonroe@gmail.com by Feb. 17.

Historic Preservation: Join us on Friday, Feb. 7, as we visit the Oakland Museum of California to see "No Spectators: the Art of Burning Man," an exhibition that illuminates the values of Burning Man (the desert event with 70,000 visitors) through its guiding Ten Principles. This immersive and multi-sensory experience includes jewelry, costumes, sculptures, paintings and large-scale installations, extending beyond the gallery walls into the museum's public spaces. (Admission: \$16 seniors; \$21 reg.) Lunch will be at the museum. We'll carpool at 10:15 a.m. in the parking lot of CVS Pharmacy on El Camino, San Carlos (middle area). Call Nancy Oliver at 592-5822 by Feb. 5 if you're coming.

Women in Literature: To celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote, we are reading *Not for Ourselves Alone: the Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony* by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns. We'll meet on Monday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. at the home of Mirna Hirschl. Call Nancy Oliver at 592-5822 if you're coming. (The book for March 2 will be *Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait?* by Tina Cassidy.)

Public Policy: Feb. 18 (third Tuesday) a Get Out the Vote (GOTV) information and action session. Our section will be meeting earlier in February because of the newly scheduled March 3 California Primary. We meet from 3-5 p.m. at Yvonne Bergero's home, 136 Mesa Verde Way, San Carlos, 595-3648, ybergero@mac.com. Please come for information on how to GOTV and help with action items during the meeting. Voter participation, registration and education will be discussed as well as ways we can help GOTV in this crucial electoral year. Gear up for November's election!



Neighborhood groups toast the new year!

Neighborhood 8 (above) enjoyed a potluck lunch at the Stratford in San Mateo on Jan. 4. It was a chance to renew acquaintances with our neighbors. Sandra Neff reports that Neighborhood 5 enjoyed a potluck lunch at Marilyn Zack's lovely home on the same day. There were nine around the table having interesting conversations while we ate from a variety of shared goodies. We decided that in the future we would meet at restaurants for our neighborhood gatherings. As always, everyone had a nice time. Neighborhood 7 will meet at the home of Jean Fazzio for a light lunch get together on Sunday, Jan. 26, at noon. Please RSVP to Carole Last at 591-9719.



Neighborhood 2 met Friday, Jan. 10, at Cynthia Ford's home. She and Margo Keeley are co-chairs for the neighborhood. Carole Farina reports that they had a delicious potluck in Cynthia's beautiful home with a nice sunny view of Redwood City and the bay. The quiet space gave us a chance to talk leisurely. Pictured from left are Cathy Chowenhill, Carolyn Miller, Judi Kerfoot, Margo Keeley and Cynthia Ford.

Expanding Your Horizons needs to find a new leader. Is it you?

Would you consider being a leader for Expanding Your Horizons?

As you know, two years ago Mid-Peninsula AAUW decided to provide a Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) experience for the girls who were nominated by their schools for Tech Trek but who weren't chosen to participate.

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH), a national program for girls that promotes the STEM disciplines, was selected.

Each year, the girls who attend EYH spend a Saturday in March at Skyline College taking workshops taught by women in various

STEM fields.

The leader's role involves contacting the girls and their parents to sign them up and complete permission forms, to register them and help them choose their workshops, and finally to drive them to EYH. The current EYH leader has thoroughly documented the process and written all needed documents, so the responsibilities aren't time-consuming. If you're interested in helping local girls increase their STEM backgrounds and would like more details, contact Cynthia Ford (see directory).



Introduce yourselves to new members, Cheri and Gerhild

Please welcome two of our newest members!

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Whittier College, Stanford and
University of Illinois

Cheri is an Army brat who grew up around the U.S. and overseas, but both her parents claimed California as home. She completed her undergraduate work at Whittier College, her graduate work at Stanford, and later attended the University of Illinois to study nutrition.

After teaching and doing freelance work, she took a job at the National Soybean Research Lab until she retired. Cheri and her husband lived in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., for 34 years, moved to the Bay Area three

years ago to be near their two daughters, and settled in Redwood City in 2019.

She is eager to become involved in AAUW's book and hiking groups and looks forward to meeting others who share her interests.

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Memphis State, 1972

After 15-plus years in the software industry Gerhild enjoys her retirement in two AAUW branches, San Mateo and Mid-Peninsula. She enjoys hiking and foreign languages and is busy planning programs and events for the San Mateo Branch.

Born in Germany, she obtained a Masters Degree in Foreign Languages and English at Memphis State University in Memphis, Tenn.

Public Policy Update Register, educate voters this year

A letter from Sue Miller, co-chair California Public Policy:

2020 is upon us, and it is going to be an eventful year... we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote, as well as perhaps the most important election in our lifetime where issues that matter the most to many of us are at risk. Primary elections are coming up March 3. Now's the time to begin planning at the branch level how to address these activities in our communities. Women who vote can influence the outcome of an election!

What opportunities should be considered?

Voter registration

AAUW California is well-positioned to undertake voter registration, especially with our college/university relationships. Millennial women are an important target group. Research shows that a lack of information on the candidates and a lack of policy debates on issues of importance are the main reasons some millennial women don't participate in the election process, and may not even register to vote.

Get involved by organizing a voter registration drive in your community or on your local college campus.

Voter education

AAUW aims to increase women's political influence and educate voters on issues that are important to women and girls. These targeted efforts help increase the number of women voting.

Consider sponsoring nonpartisan issue forums, perhaps collaborating with another organization such as the League of Women Voters. Perhaps you have a vacancy to be filled in the primary election, so consider a meet-the-candidate event or debate, and invite all candidates to give their positions on AAUW's key issues:

- Equal Pay for Equal Work.
- Investing in Education.
- Reducing Student Debt.
- Strengthening Social Security.
- Implementing Paid Leave.

President's Message How about a New Year's resolution to try out new section?

By Cathy Chowenhill
Co-president

Happy New Year!

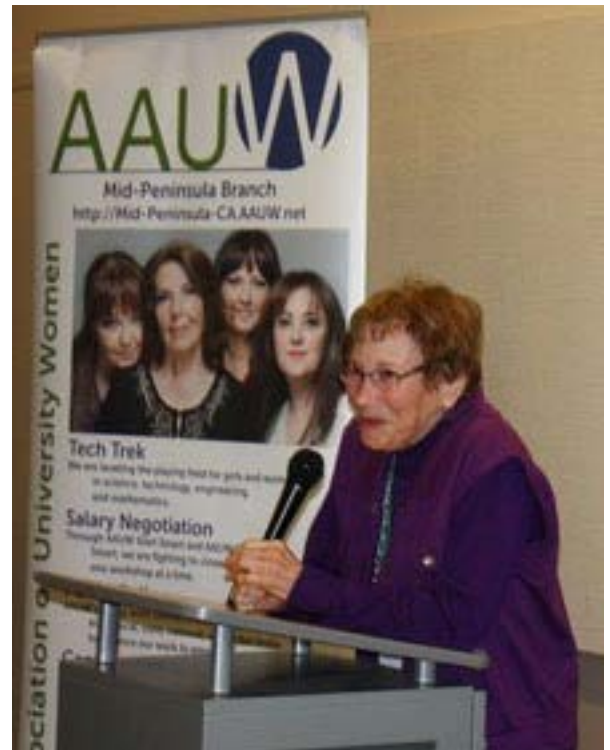
We've already had a fabulous program in January where we learned about a new approach to mental health and also what to do if you suspect human trafficking.

Thanks to Teddy Heinrich and Stephanie Katz for arranging for our speakers: Juliana Fuerbringer, board president of the California Clubhouse in San Carlos, and Pam Estes, Human Trafficking coordinator in San Mateo County.



Not only did we learn a lot, but we learned how to step up and be a part of the solution.

If you haven't settled on a New Year's resolution, here's a simple one that will yield great results: Try one new section this month! Browse through the list of the many active sections in this Triad and pick one to try. It's good for expanding your experiences and getting



From the January meeting, Juliana Fuerbringer (upper left), president of the California Clubhouse in San Carlos, a new approach to mental health care; Vicci Mueller and Judy Hartnett; and (above) Marilyn Zack, who reported on the Kepler's fundraiser.

to know more AAUW Mid-Pen members.

Another great way to step up your AAUW game is to say, "YES!" when the nominating committee calls. If you don't want to take on a year-long job, ask if there's somewhere you can work on a committee to be a helper.

And, of course, you can always donate to Tech Trek! Checks should be made payable to AAUW CASPF. On the memo line, write Tech Trek Curie, Mid-Pen Branch. Mail it to Kathy Rafael, 162 Westgate, Redwood City CA 94062.

Hope to see you all soon!

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February 2020 at a glance

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In principle 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.