

Climate Reality speakers ask three questions at Mid-Pen talk

By Yvonne Bergero and Micki Carter

Mary and Walter Englert of Portland, Ore., trained by Al Gore's Climate Reality Project, spoke to Mid-Peninsula Branch via Zoom about the world-wide climate warming challenge and the myriad ways our planet is being affected by human dependence on fossil fuels.

The Englerts built their compelling presentation around three questions:

- Must we change?
- Can we change?
- Will we change?

Walter led off with a discussion of the first question that reached the only possible answer: We must.

"Our atmosphere is a tiny shell around us about 60 miles thick," he said, "and we're treating it like an open sewer."

Trapped carbon dioxide, produced mainly by our penchant for creating energy by burning fossil fuels, is overheating that tiny shell, he said, and radiating it back onto us "like a parked, closed car."

Mary added that "the Jet Stream has become wobbly, enabling warm air to enter the Arctic regions and Arctic air to dip south, "creating extreme weather phenomena."

"The water cycle continues but each stage is more intense," she said. "Precipitation events lead to more downpours, mudslides and flooding" which affects people of color and poorer populations more dramatically.

So can we change?

Of course, we have many alternative energy options such as wind and solar. "The

Honoring April as Earth Month

Judi Kerfoot and Carole Farina honored April as Earth Month by picking up trash in just four blocks in Redwood City. Just the two of them gathered 12 pounds of garbage which they tucked into earth-friendly paper bags. Members of the Hiking Section will clean up on Bair Island to pick up trash and visit Gamble Gardens to find native plants for their gardens. Take pics for The Triad if your group is cleaning up as well.



cheapest is becoming the most effective," Walter said, noting that solar production now costs less than coal production with no governmental subsidy. "Enough solar energy reaches the earth every hour to fill earth's need for a year."

Mary touched on carbon sequestration which removes carbon already in the atmosphere which would allow us to "turn off the faucet but speed up the drain." She noted the **See Climate, Page 7**

General Meeting
1 p.m. April 24
via Zoom!

Note the time change, please.
You won't want to miss the presentation by filmmaker Yvonne Zhang

From the president

What are the things that bind you to AAUW and Mid-Pen?

AAUW has something for everyone! We support women and girls in so many ways.

We have ways to:

- Develop, strengthen and retain friendships (general meetings and interest groups, from Books to Food, Art to Climate Change)
- Volunteer in many activities supportive of women and girls (e.g. Tech Trek)



Cathy Chowenhill

- Financially support women scholars (Meet one of them at our annual meeting this April 24.)
- Get involved in the life of our nation (Public Policy and Climate Change groups are examples; voter registration efforts)
- Influence our state legislators (see

information on Lobby Day in Sacramento)

- Be involved in our communities (Equal Pay Day proclamations in our cities; get-out-the-vote activities)
- Coordinate with other branches and with other entities within our communities (Villages, Hope House, Grateful Garment, to name a few)
- Hike, chat, learn, read, research, take action

What's one of the things that binds you most to AAUW? Let us know in the BackTalk section next month! Send to mickicartr@gmail.com.

One recent example is Lobby Day.

Lobby Day in Sacramento for AAUW happened on March 24 this year although this time it was, of course, virtual! We got together with legislators in the state and made a pitch for three bills that AAUW-CA is supporting. From our branch, Amy Armstrong, Yvonne Bergero, Angie Mogin, former member Wendy Levine, and I participated. See more on Page 4.

BackTalk

Email your thoughts to the editor at mickicartr@gmail.com with BackTalk in the subject line.

Facebook — I had no idea!

I had refused to get involved in Facebook and only reluctantly became somewhat active after Micki Carter took over the Mid-Pen Facebook page, as well as the Triad.

She said that by "liking" posts or commenting on them, the articles would get wider audience.

With no inkling of how that could work since I do not post anything. I just have my name on my profile page with no picture or other identifying information, and a very small circle of "friends" (whatever they are).

I just sort of blindly followed Micki's suggestion and liked and commented on her articles. It was pleasant since I read them anyway and invariably learned something new and interesting. This made it more

interactive.

Imagine my surprise when my sister-in-law in Missouri said she really appreciated them because it gave her a view into areas and ideas with which she was unfamiliar and had no previous access!

What would be the impact if the rest of the Mid-Pen branch, even the reluctant Facebook people like me, liked or commented on the Mid-Pen Facebook posts?

We could educate a whole bunch of our friends and hence their friends. Can you imagine living in an idea desert? And what it could mean to get ready access to interesting articles about and for women?

Kudos to Micki Carter for the great job she is doing with our Facebook page as well as the Triad.

— Wilma Hoffmann

Who? What? When?

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

Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, at 11 a.m. via Zoom.

Triad Deadline for June will be May 15. Please send articles in Word format and photos (separately, not embedded in Word) as large-format JPEGs to Micki Carter (mickicartr@gmail.com).

Nominating committee submits 2021-'22 slate

Here are the nominations for the board of Mid-Peninsula Branch for July 2021-June 2022:

Co-presidents: Carole Farina and Susanne Burrill

Co-VP Program: Kathy Mountain and Gerhild Klein

VP Membership: Wilma Hoffman

VP Membership Treasurer: Mary Spring

VP AAUW Funds: Carolyn Chambers

Treasurer: Cathy Chowenhill

Admin/Financial Secretary: Mary Spring

Recording Secretary: Margot Diltz

Directors-at-Large: Carolyn Miller and Ellen Van Creveld

The members will vote at the April 24 branch general meeting.

Former Tech Trekkers gather for their virtual Zoom reunion

By Sherry Booth

Even though our branch is not participating in the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek, there is still a lot going on.

Currently the Board of Directors of AAUW California is conducting a study to determine ways to keep Tech Trek vital and innovative. Their charge is “to chart a course to make Tech Trek the premier STEM camp in California.” They will issue their final report sometime in June.

Locally, a former Tech Trek camper contacted us and, with her help, we set up a Zoom reunion meeting for those former Tech Trekkers who could make it.

In talking with the girls, who are all now first-year high school students, they reinforced what we know about TT: it was a bit scary for some at first but they loved it!

They liked the core classes, really learned from the speakers, adored the astronomy program, and felt like they grew up a lot from living on campus, with a roommate, and with 80 other girls at Camp Marie Curie.

Three of the girls are applying to work with the virtual Tech Trek this summer, and I think they will be excellent candidates for counselors when we (hopefully) return to an in-person, on-campus experience in summer 2022.

‘Old Bags’ carry old bags

Call us what you like but we are not old in thought or spirit.

- The Hiking Section is taking gloves and trash bags to Bair Island on Thursday, April 22, Earth Day, to clean as they walk.

- Neighborhood 2 is cleaning a portion of the open water easement land that runs between homes.

- What will you, your neighborhood or your section do to help the planet? See this [website](#) for ideas.

Take a bag and gloves on your own walks or, if your back/hips resist, choose to use fewer plastic grocery bags or containers, plant some native flowers or bushes, banish harmful pesticides from your yard, do laundry at off peak times?

Let us know what you have chosen to do and email Carole Farina if you want others

to join you. Send photos to Micki Carter for the Triad.

Secondary Contact List

Who can we contact when phone, email and door knocks go unanswered by you? Are you ill, on vacation, moved?

Calling 911 is the proper response for an emergency but if you are only “missing,” we would like to know that all is well.

The Secondary Contact List will not be published; it is strictly voluntary and will be held by only the Neighborhood Coordinator and the Membership VP.

If you want to remove or change the contact you have designated, please inform Sally Mellinger, Neighborhood Coordinator.

Hoping to see wildflowers?

Stephanie Katz was asked for hikes that are particularly good for viewing wildflowers, and she referred us to this [website](#), courtesy of Peninsula Open Space Trust.

“From my experience, Edgewood Park and Bair Island, both in Redwood City, and the ridge areas off Skyline Boulevard are good for flower viewing in spring,” Stephanie added.

Living sustainable lives

By Victoria Cosley Kline

I am presently signed up for a 9-week course titled Master of Sustainability offered by an informed team on Climate Control from the offices of San Mateo County.

These classes have attracted numerous individuals, like myself, who are encouraged to share the information presented. One of the two-hour classes I am taking focuses on Waste Management Technique and Concepts; Special Waste and Household Hazardous Waste; Local Superfund Sites; and CCAP Group Conversations.

This particular class left my head spinning with the difficult question we are all faced with today, as to what to do with the waste products that are found to be not recyclable, yet were useful, innovative products that allowed us to live our lives more efficiently and cost effectively.

Time to renew your membership at all three levels

By Mary Spring

It’s time to renew your AAUW membership. You will be paying all your dues (branch, state and national) all at once. It’s easy and efficient!

The online process is National AAUW’s preferred process, which uses your Visa or MasterCard. It gives you immediate documentation of payment, eliminating process delays and the possibility of a lost check. Dues deadline is June 30.

Watch for email dues reminders about the 15th of April, May and June. Those members who prefer to pay by check, or do not have an email, may mail a check to the Membership Treasurer, Mary Spring.

If an expected email reminder doesn’t arrive, please provide updated contact information (email, landline phone number and home address) when you mail your membership check to: Mary Spring, Membership Treasurer, 2707 Monserat Ave., Belmont CA 94002; 650-740-1357; sprinfab@comcast.net.

Why change need for degree?

AAUW-New Jersey hosted a town hall on March 10. After a brief introduction from the New Jersey president, Malinda Gaul, vice-chair of the AAUW national board, gave an overview of the reasons the board is unanimously supporting this change to the bylaws this year.

If you only have eight minutes to inform yourself before you vote, this is the [video](#) with which to start.

When can we meet in person?

National AAUW has not yet sanctioned meetings held in person. California State AAUW advises that we follow county guidelines. The regulations vary according to the color tier of the county.

Overall the advice is to remain cautious, continue with socially distanced small group sizes, wear masks, limit gatherings to those vaccinated, be outdoors or assign seating.

Ever wonder where the Hikers actually hike?

Hiking

The group continues to meet on Thursday mornings. There's renewed interest in spending time together! Members of the group suggest walks, hikes, routes and the time and place to meet, and then someone leads and does the emails for that week. Stephanie Katz is the contact (stk4@lehigh.edu).

The Triad asked the Hiking Section where they've been in the past year or so and here's their reply:

Belmont

- Hidden Canyon Park

Burlingame

- Park at Kincaid's Restaurant (60 Bay View Place) to walk the Bay Trail

Foster City

- Kathy Mountain's neighborhood (two walks) from 1480 Halibut St. Seal Slough for wildlife and succulent gardens
- Bay Trail

Mountain View:

- Shoreline Park

Princeton by the Sea

Redwood Shores

- Walk from 207 Electronic Arts Drive.
- Lagoons
- Nob Hill Supermarket pond and levee walk

San Mateo:

- 2405 Dolores near Beresford Park and Community Garden
- Neighborhood walk near Hillsdale
- Sawyer Camp Trail
- College of San Mateo
- Laurelwood Park
- Neighborhood walk from Bay Tree
- Park on the corner of West 5th Avenue and Maple Street
- Central Park

San Carlos

- Devonshire Canyon
- Edgewood Park

South San Francisco:

- Oyster Point

Woodside

- Huddart Park

Climate Change

We meet the second Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom — so the next meeting is May 10. At this meeting we will be discussing Bill Gates's new book, *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have Now and the Breakthroughs We Need*. We plan to do several chapters at meetings over the next few months. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Booth at boothsherry1@gmail.com.

Book Bunch

We meet by Zoom on the fourth Friday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Contact Cheri Sullivan to join (cheryl.sullivan@gmail.com or 217-840-6627). Our book for April 23 is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Our book for May is *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro. Everyone is welcome!

French Conversation

We will plan to meet on Tuesday, May 11, at 2 p.m. We plan to continue reading *Le retour du Jeune Prince* (pages 55-70). Questions? Contact Laverne Rabinowitz

at lrainbow24@yahoo.com .

Spanish Conversation

From November through April, Spanish Conversation will meet by Zoom on the first Monday of the month from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Leonor Urbain will send the link. After April the group will decide if this meet-up plan will change. If you are interested in further information, contact Leonor at Lurbain@comcast.net.

Public Policy

The Zoom meeting date for Public Policy will be Tuesday, May 25, from 3-5 p.m. The topic for the meeting will be an open discussion on lobbying our legislators and the best way to accomplish this. Members, before the meeting please send Yvonne any bill you would like highlighted for us to discuss and support. Look for the Zoom invitation for the meeting from ybergero@mac.com on the morning of May 25. Please contact Yvonne Bergero (ybergero@mac.com) or phone 650- 595-3648 with any comments or to be added to our section. Please join in on the conversation.

Public Policy members represent Mid-Pen at Lobby Day on March 24

By Yvonne Bergero

Mid-Peninsula members Amy Armstrong, Cathy Chowenhill, Yvonne Bergero and Sunnyvale/Cupertino Branch member Judith Pogue attended a virtual Lobby Day March 24 which brought 111 AAUW members (63 branches) and their legislators together to campaign for those bills that AAUW CA sponsors or supports.

AAUW CA Public Policy co-chairs visited with the governor's staff while 59 legislative districts participated with their legislators as well as staff who were educated about AAUW, AAUW CA and its branches' long history of advocating for women and girls. Representatives were informed about the reasons AAUW was supporting our top priority CA bills AB 92, SB 62 and SB 373.

After an inspirational presentation from Assembly Members Eloise Reyes, Assembly Majority Leader, and Cristina Garcia, chair of the Women's Caucus, each of our "Team

15" members visited with Meegan Murray, a staff member of Assembly Member Kevin Mullin (San Mateo District 22) to advocate for each of the three pending bills.

Meegan was very engaged and even informed us of bill processes while we, at the same time, lobbied her. We appreciated her attention to what we were saying; she was affirming of our lobbying statements.

More information about AAUW CA's top three priority bills can be found on the AAUW CA's website [Bill Tracking](#). They are:

- AB92 which legislates child care fees,
- SB62 which protects garment workers, and
- SB373 which treats debts incurred through economic abuse

Those members who wish to advocate for these and any other bills can send a handwritten note to their State Senator or State Assembly member.

Climate Change

Climate catastrophes force millions to move

This is taken from a New York Times article by Abrahm Lustgarten

By Marilyn Zack

Climate refugees or climate migrants are a subset of environmental migrants who were forced to flee due to at least one of the impacts of climate change: sea level rise, extreme weather events and drought and water scarcity.

Under a relentless confluence of drought, flood, bankruptcy and starvation, many face uncertainty about where their next meal is coming from. Half the children are chronically hungry and many are short for their age with weak bones and bloated bellies.

From a Brookings Institution report By John Podesta

On March 14, 2019, tropical cyclone Idai struck Mozambique. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees reported 1.85 million people needed assistance:

- 146,000 people were internally displaced
- Cyclone and subsequent flooding damaged 100,000 homes, destroyed 1 million acres of crops and demolished \$1 billion worth of infrastructure

This was one historic storm in one place over the course of one day.

Families are facing the excruciating decision about leaving their homes.

The odd weather phenomena are expected to become more frequent as the planet warms. Scientists have learned to project such changes around the world with surprising precision but until recently, little has been known about the human consequences of these changes.

As their land fails them, hundreds of millions of people from Central America to Sudan to the Mekong Delta will be forced to choose between flight or death. The result will almost certainly be the greatest wave of global migration the world has ever seen.

According to a study in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the planet will see a greater temperature increase in the next 50 years than it did in the last 6000 years combined. Potentially, 1 of every 3 people alive will be outside the climate niche where humans have thrived for thousands of years.

People are already beginning to flee from Southeast Asia and Africa. Should the flight away from hot climates reach the scale that current research suggests is likely, it will be a vast remapping of the world's populations.

Migration can bring great opportunity to migrants but also to the places they go. As the United States and other parts of the global north face a demographic decline, an injection of new people into an aging work force could benefit everyone.

Securing these benefits requires a choice: northern nations can relieve pressures on the fastest warming countries or they can seal themselves off, trapping millions of people in places that are increasingly unlivable. Without good will and careful management of political forces, without preparation and planning, the sweeping scale of change could be wildly destabilizing.

The United Nations and others warn that in the worst case, the governments of nations most affected by climate change could topple as whole regions devolve into war.

Migrants move for many reasons. A study shows that environmental migrants make up 5% of the total. If governments do not take action to reduce climate emissions, that number will jump astronomically.

Climate Change Resource list

Climate Reality Project — climaterealityproject.org: Climate organization founded by former Vice President

Al Gore in 2006, its mission is to educate people about climate change and what we can do about it.

It trains volunteers to engage in one-on-one and group discussions to encourage people to act on climate change.

Climate Reality Project Bay Area Chapter — climaterealitybayarea.org/

Citizens' Climate Lobby — citizensclimatelobby.org: A national bipartisan movement whose primary focus is passing the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763).

350.org — 350.org: Founded in the U.S. in 2008, 350.org is an international activist organization that focuses on finding ways to limit CO2 emissions and reduce the effects of global climate change.

Factory Farming Awareness Coalition — ffcoalition.org: A national organization focusing on the unsustainability of factory farming and the power in daily food choices.

Center for Biological Diversity — biologicaldiversity.org: An organization that works to secure a future for all species, great and small, hovering on the brink of extinction. They do so through science, law and creative media, with a focus on protecting the lands, waters and climate that species need to survive and are working to preserve the Endangered Species Act.

Sierra Club — sierraclub.org: Founded in 1892, the Sierra Club is an international environmental organization and does important work on the environment and climate change.

Sunrise Movement — sunrisemovement.org: Sunrise Movement is an American youth-led political movement that advocates political action on climate change.

Fridays for Future — fridaysforfuture.org: Student-led organization founded by Swedish Climate activist Greta Thunberg in 2018. Sponsors world-wide school strikes for climate to draw attention to climate change.

Drawdown — drawdown.org: An organization focusing on climate solutions with a heavy focus on carbon sequestering.

Little Daily Actions	Broader and Bolder Steps	A Way of Life
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Lifestyle

<p>1. Break the consumption habit by avoiding ads & impulse buying. <i>Evaluate potential purchases based on the item's total life cost to you, your family and future generations.</i></p>	<p>6. Rethink gift giving. <i>Give the gift of service to others or give to a recipient's favorite charity or environmental cause in their name.</i></p>	<p>11. Divest your savings and retirement accounts from fossil fuel stocks & mutual funds. <i>Develop an investment portfolio that supports sustainable businesses.</i></p>
<p>2. Read and stay informed via reliable news sources. <i>CitizensClimateLobby.org; 350.org; ClimateReality.org; Union Of ConcernedScientists.org; InsideClimateNews.org (to name a few)</i></p>	<p>7. Eat what is in season. Buy locally grown and produced products. <i>Food is healthier and less expensive to the environment when it doesn't travel thousands of miles.</i></p>	<p>12. Develop an awareness of the impact of climate change on a global scale. <i>We can best understand the urgency of the Climate Crisis through the lived experiences of others across the globe.</i></p>
<p>3. Go "only veggie" one or more days a week. <i>Beef production emits 20X greenhouse gas per gram of edible protein compared to bean production</i></p>	<p>8. Reduce and perhaps remove red meat from your diet. <i>Expand your culinary routine to a more plant-based diet.</i></p>	<p>13. Adopt a Sabbath-type practice. <i>Resist buying anything and/or abstain from using electronics for one 24 hr period each week.</i></p>
<p>4. Walk or bike to nearby destinations. <i>This benefits both you and the environment.</i></p>	<p>9. Use your social media platforms and contacts to share what you are changing and why. <i>Start conversations about the climate crisis.</i></p>	<p>14. Accept the difficult truth that endless economic growth on our one planet is not possible. <i>Explore the alternative of living sustainably.</i></p>
<p>5. Give up the disposable plastic water bottle habit and then move on to eliminate other disposable products. <i>Carry reusable produce and shopping bags and reusable water/coffee mug.</i></p>	<p>10. Consider whether to repair an item rather than replacing it with something new. <i>Shift away from our disposable consumer society.</i></p>	<p>15. Refuse, Reduce, Reuse & Recycle becomes a daily practice in your life. <i>Emphasis on the "reduce" part which often gets skipped.</i></p>

Transportation

<p>1. Adjust your driving habits to improve mileage. <i>Easy on the gas pedal, combine trips, Ride share. Explore hybrid or electric alternatives.</i></p>	<p>3. If car shopping, aim for a car that gets 45+ mpg, a hybrid, or an electric vehicle. <i>Write to car manufacturers encouraging their expansion into more of these kinds of vehicles.</i></p>	<p>5. Technology is rapidly improving so seriously consider an electric vehicle for your next vehicle purchase. <i>Tax credits and rebates offset the initial higher sticker price.</i></p>
<p>2. Use Public Transportation when possible. <i>Pressure your local government to work toward carbon free transit options.</i></p>	<p>4. If you must travel by air then offset the pollution through tree planting. <i>Contact nonprofits to purchase.</i></p>	<p>6. Actively work to reduce your family's carbon footprint. <i>Use carbon tracking tools available on-line.</i></p>

Energy

<p>1. Lower the temperature setting on your hot water tank. Wash laundry in cold water. Use a clothes drying rack or clothesline when you can.</p>	<p>4. Change all home lighting to LED lamps. Install timers on energy using devices.</p>	<p>7. Phase in high efficiency appliances, hot water, furnace, and air conditioning systems.</p>
<p>2. Switch your electrical utility supplier to one that is sourced from wind or solar power.</p>	<p>5. Change yard equipment, BBQ grills, fireplaces, etc. to efficient electric supplied from renewable energy.</p>	<p>8. Install a source of renewable energy on your house or in your neighborhood. <i>Be an example. Start conversations.</i></p>
<p>3. Change your thermostat by 3 degrees. <i>3 up in summer 3 down in winter.</i></p>	<p>6. Conduct an energy audit of your home and correct deficiencies. Seal those window and door leaks.</p>	<p>9. Time to consider downsizing your home? <i>Do you really need all that space and the energy it requires?</i></p>

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power of trees to remove carbon dioxide, avoid storm runoff and absorb air pollutants.

So will we change?

The jury's still out on that one but Walter offered a list of positive actions that indicate we may be starting, adding that "conventional energy stocks are the worst investments people can make. International markets are taking cleaner energy seriously."

The Englerts offered a long list of actions we can take as individuals (see Pages 6 and 7) to alleviate the crisis and urged the members of Mid-Pen to find something each of us can get behind.

"Fight like your world depends on it because your world depends on it," Mary said.



Walter and Mary Englert

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Community

1. Share your concerns: <i>Tell Family, friends & neighbors why the Climate Crisis is an issue of real concern to you.</i>	4. Challenge your faith community to become a Center for Climate Justice/Earth Stewardship. <i>Host a discussion series on an on-going basis.</i>	7. Support a community renewable energy project such as a solar or wind farm.
2. Start a Neighborhood/Community Vegetable Garden. Organize a school garden at the neighborhood school.	5. Change your personal economics to support locally based business such as local credit unions and stores.	8. Supremacy of the individual is a strong value of our society. <i>Become a voice for the needs of the community.</i>
3. Support one of the groups that are advocates for a sustainable world. <i>There is power in numbers.</i>	6. Begin a sharing cooperative with neighbors, club and/or family members. <i>Electric lawn mowers, clippers, power tools, etc.</i>	9. Live your life in such a way as if your kid's & grandkid's future depends on it because it does. <i>Be an example of living more sustainably.</i>

Sharing the message of Climate Hope

1. Start conversations in your social networks. <i>Suggest a book on Climate Change for your book group and discuss.</i>	4. Write Congress frequently on the urgent need for Federal regulations to reduce the emissions of CO2.	7. Engage people you know with a message on the need to act now.
2. Advocate with your local government to install renewable systems such as public car charging stations.	5. Share news stories directly with friends/neighbors that speak to the amazing progress being achieved in renewable technology. <i>Spread hope!</i>	8. Be a visible sign! Participate in Non-Violent demonstrations emphasizing the need to act together and to act now.
3. Encourage your church, temple, or mosque to become a visible sign of earth stewardship by installing electric car chargers and/or solar panels on church property.	6. This is an issue of climate justice as the poor experience the first & worst of the affects. <i>Volunteer or contribute to organizations that promote climate justice.</i>	9. Take the Carbon Neutral pledge: To reduce your personal carbon footprint to 50% within 5 years and to become Carbon Neutral by 2030. <i>Now spread the word to encourage others to do the same.</i>

Mid-Peninsula loses two long-time members

Mid-Peninsula Branch lost two long-time members this month.

Claire Cullen Earley

Claire Cullen Earley passed away peacefully on March 28, Palm Sunday, in the presence of her loved ones and her care team at the San Carlos Elms. She was a member of Mid-Peninsula branch of AAUW for more than 40 years.

She leaves a large and lasting legacy in the town of San Carlos, in the many lives she touched through her four sons and their families and in a seemingly endless circle of friends. She was the hub of a myriad of familial, social, professional and philanthropic relationships.

Claire was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Vincent Earley of Floral Park NY, in 1987. Claire is survived by her four sons: Kevin (Catherine) of Minneapolis, Brian (Amy) of San Carlos, Tim (Jen) of San Francisco and Pat (Helene) of San Carlos. Her special legacy includes her 11 beloved grandchildren: Brennan, Shane, Graham (Emma), Mara, Liam, Shannon, Grace, Jack, Linnea, Finn and Nessa. She is also survived by her sister Carole Keating ('Schatzi') of Darien CT and her family.

Claire and Marty moved to San Carlos in 1971 which she would call home until her passing. She was widowed at a young age and left with four sons, ranging in age from 15 to 22, yet managed through force of will to see them all through high school, college and on to adulthood, marriage and beyond.

Mrs. Earley was raised in Manhattan and Larchmont, NY. After earning her college degree in Mathematics from Rosemont College in Pennsylvania, she returned to New York to begin her professional career as a computer programmer at Union Carbide in Manhattan, where she would later meet her husband Marty.

After spending a period of time as a homemaker, her professional ambitions returned in a career as a Real Estate professional. Her involvement with the Realtor community included serving as President of the San Mateo County Association of Realtors, as director of the California Association of Realtors and as Federal Political Coordinator for Congresswoman Anna Eshoo.



Jeanie Fazio



Claire Earley

The most important thing in life to her was family. She was passionate about family gatherings, holidays, vacations and reunions. In her mind, participation in these events was mandatory.

Claire loved events such as 49er games, the San Carlos Chicken's Ball, Concerts at the Park, and St Charles Fall Festivals.

The family plans a Catholic Funeral service on May 8 at St. Charles church in San Carlos. Information will be available through Crippen & Flynn Carlmont Chapel (www.crippenandflynnchapels.com). Claire will be laid to rest with her husband Marty at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests Memorial Donations in her honor be made to Rosemont College (www.rosemont.edu/give/) or San Carlos Rotary (www.sancarlosrotary.org)

Her parting wish would be to encourage anyone and everyone to create or participate in any opportunity to make a memory for someone important in your life.

Jean Veronica Fazio

Jean Veronica Fazio, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, peacefully passed away in Belmont, CA with her adoring husband, Ray, and other family members at her side on April 11, 2021.

Jean was born in 1933 in Sacramento. She graduated from Immaculate Conception Grammar School in 1947 and St. Francis High School in 1951. She attended Sacramento Junior College for one year, where she was a member of the Sigma Iota Chi Sorority. She then moved to San Francisco and earned a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from St. Mary's College of Nursing and

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of San Francisco in 1956.

Jean got an early start on her career as a Registered Nurse working at Anne Arundel Hospital, Annapolis, MD while her fiancé, Ray, completed his Senior Year at the U. S. Naval Academy. After Ray's graduation from the Academy in 1957, they were married at a Nuptial Mass in Sacramento.

Upon completion of "their" commitment to the Navy, Jean and Ray moved back to San Francisco and added three sons to the Fazio family.

While residing in San Francisco, Jean was an active volunteer for the Little Children's Aid Foundation. She was also an active member of the American Association of University Women, Mid-Peninsula Branch, serving as president in 1995 to 1997.

In 1973 they moved down the peninsula to Belmont and added one more son to the Fazio household. Jean still worked at St. Mary's Hospital but eventually transitioned to Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City where she continued to work as an RN for eight more years.

As a devout Catholic, Jean attended Mass regularly, chairing both the Bridge Club and the Flower Committee at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Belmont.

Jean loved flowers. She belonged to the Belmont Garden Club and earned a Flower arranging certificate from Filoli Gardens in Woodside.

Jean is survived by her loving husband, Ray, of 63 years, Daughters: Jean Marie & Linda; Sons: Mike, Joe, Paul and Tony; Sons-in-law: Bob and Steve, daughters-in-law: Linda, Christine, Corinne and Sparrow; Grandchildren: Stephen, Sophie, Ryan and his wife Angie, Katie, Eric, Andrew, Samantha and her husband Spencer, Elliott, Dominic, Josh, Hanna, Sophia and Kenneth; and Great Grandchildren: Bryson, Brady, Jack, Oliver and Amelia.

Arrangements for Jeanie include a visitation from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 27 at Crippen & Flynn Mortuary, Carlmont Chapel, 1111 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. April 28 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, with burial at 1:15 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma.