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MAY BRANCH PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & OFFICER INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Join us in honoring the 2009 AAUW/San Mateo Ethel Gayman's Scholarship Recipients and installing our new 2009-2010 officers!

When: May 9, 2009, 11:30AM-2:00PM

Where: The lovely Penthouse of the Peninsula Regent at 1 Baldwin Ave., San Mateo.



Join us for a delicious buffet lunch

Featured choices: Caesar salad, chef salad, chicken cacciatore, roasted potatoes, salmon Bernaise, fresh asparagus, broccoli, assorted bread and butter.

Dessert: French apple pie/ individual caramel custards, coffee and tea.

The cost including tax and gratuity is \$28.00

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & OFFICER INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Guest: _____

Mail with \$28.00 check (payable to AAUW San Mateo) to Carol Way, 417 Seville Way, San Mateo, CA 94402

Checks must be received by May 1st. Thank You. You may park at the Mills Parking lot on Saturday. There is a circular drive for handicapped drop-off. Elevator is straight ahead from the front door.

Board meeting April 2nd, 10 – 11:30 AM, CSM District Boardroom, 3401 CSM Drive, SM

Letter from the President:

Dear Members,

I recently hosted the Inter Branch Council meeting at my home. We discussed the changes coming to the bylaws and also anticipated attending the State convention in San Diego. Things will be voted upon directly, without the former proxy system.

Since this will be my first convention, I anticipate learning a lot at the seminars and I will enjoy sharing with you.

Many thanks to Elissa James and Helen Hatchett for your dedication to the EF cause. Your time and effort are most appreciated by all of our members who feel so strongly about the education of women in our country and around the world. The luncheon, the raffle and the book sale were a lot of fun!

Maureen Buchner

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Branch Membership as of March 2009 is 207

Carol Way, Membership Treasurer

New Members:

• **Marilene De Guzman**, now retired, earned her BS in Education and her MA in Government at Georgetown University in 1963. She writes "I can share views on a) cultural insights on composers (classical, Baroque, and Romantic), b) paintings and art of different periods, c) political and international issues including the mid-east crisis, and d) faith & politics, especially Catholic views on dogmas and liberal theology. Contact Info: 15 Glenbrook Drive, Hillsborough 94010, P) 343-6085, [see print version](#)



• **Mary Ann Teixeira** has rejoined the branch. Her current contact info: see print version. Mary Ann received her degree from California State University – Fresno in 1978.

Condolences: Marie Maddox passed away on February 25th. Marie joined the San Mateo branch of AAUW in 1980 and was an active member of our Book Discussion Group III.

Send all updates and changes to the Bay Leaves editor! And add new contact information to your directory.

Bay Leaves Needs an Editor!

It's time for a "regime change" at our newsletter. Cindy is ready to take a break, so we need a new editor willing to produce Bay Leaves once a month from September through June (you get the summer off). The job involves knowing how to use Microsoft Word or another word processing program to put articles from branch members into the Bay Leaves template, and sending the file to the printer via email.

Cindy will train the new editor in April and/or May so that you are ready to take over with the September issue.

Please contact Cindy at biogodess@earthlink.net if you are interested in this great branch activity!

Transportation to Programs:

If you need a ride to any of our branch programs, please contact Annette, our Transportation Chair, at 415-235-1155 or AnnetteDelaney@yahoo.com and let her know your contact information and address.

Section News:**Possible Demise of America's Daily Newspapers Will Be Discussed at April Public Policy Meeting**

Participants in the April Public Policy/Current Events discussion group will tackle one of the nation's greatest unrecognized problems, the demise of many of its big city daily newspapers.

"What Can Be Done to Preserve America's Daily Newspapers?" will be the subject for discussion at

Tuesday, April 21st from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the home of June Hendrickson, 4028 Kingridge Drive, San Mateo.

With the recent closing of major newspapers in Philadelphia, Denver and Seattle and the continuing threat of closure of our own San Francisco Chronicle, we are faced with the loss of a significant part of the daily life of most Americans.



The meeting is open to all members who are concerned about the issue and would like to come up with possible solutions to resolve it.

Knitting:

Our AAUW knitting group has finished 8 prayer shawls to deliver to Virginia Schinagl for distribution through Burlingame Presbyterian Church.

We will now begin creating lap blankets for chemo and dialysis patients at Stanford Hospital and Clinics and the Fisher House, serving families of patients at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto.

Come on over and join us! Thanks to Helen Hatchett, Kathy Jensen, Sherrean Rundberg and Maureen Buchner. Come on over and join us. 573-1604

Tech Trek News:

We finished interviewing at the 4 middle schools on March 12th. Many thanks to Carol Way, Kathy Everitt, and Lois Johnson for your dedication and time. It is not an easy task to arrive at our final choices because all of the girls are so engaging and deserving.

Thanks to all of our branch members who make it possible for our local girls to have this fabulous experience at Stanford. Acceptance letters will be mailed by April 1, 2009.

Maureen Buchner

EF NEWS

Campuses Making a Difference by Holly Kearl (Association website)

AAUW is proud to announce the selection of 11 teams for this year's Campus Action Projects (CAP). The 2008-09 CAP grant provides a platform and up to \$5,000 in funding for teams of students and faculty at colleges and universities to address some of the educational barriers faced by low-income and minority girls and young women in their communities.

Tied to the 2008 AAUW research report, *Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education*, the projects address some of the educational barriers that exist for young women who want to attend college.

The selected teams this year focus on college preparation and readiness, promote studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, encourage young women to be leaders in their communities, and address specific barriers faced by girls and young women who are in rural and urban areas, who are from immigrant households, and who are single mothers.

Colleges and universities are implementing mentoring programs that pair college students with middle or high school students, creating symposiums and summits for middle and high school students, producing documentaries, and creating interactive, informative websites. Look for a guest blog entry from each team on their project successes in the spring.

Visit the AAUW website to learn more about CAP and to read about the inspiring CAP teams.

LAF NEWS

LAF Tidbits: • Information about LAF's expanded case support program is available on the AAUW website.

If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact laf@auw.org to receive a Case Recommendation form. Forms are accepted on a

applicants will receive a more thorough application to complete and submit. The LAF review process will determine the case's suitability for support.

- Amicus Brief Victories-In 2008, AAUW signed amicus curiae, or "friend of the court," briefs in support of Vicky Crawford in her sexual harassment case, Crawford v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, and in support of the Fitzgerald family in their Title IX case, Fitzgerald v. Barnstable School Committee.

Both cases were heard before the US. Supreme Court in fall 2008. In January 2009, the court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in both cases.

To learn more read the blog entry "Two Good Rulings from the Court" co-written by LAF and public policy staff. These are major victories in the fight against sex discrimination, and AAUW's involvement shows the respect the organization receives by decision makers.

- LAF Brochure- a new LAF brochure is currently in production and will be available in late March. Brochures will be available at the Connection Corner at Convention.

San Mateo County Women Inmates in Choices Program Donate Handmade Quilts for EF Luncheon Raffle

Our AAUW branch received two handsome handmade quilts and matching pillows created especially for us by inmates in the Choices program of San Mateo County's Women's Jail in Redwood City.

The quilts were donated for inclusion in the EF raffle in thanks for the concern and support our branch has given to the program run by Shirley LaMarr, who has spoken at two of our recent meetings.

The Choices program was created by Shirley 15 years ago, based on the lessons she learned at San Francisco's famed Delancey Street. The program provides a structured positive environment which contributes to the changes in attitude and life skills necessary for successful rehabilitation for the female

Members and guests attending the third in our tours of the jail were nearly moved to tears as many of the women spoke of the impact of the program in helping to turn their lives around.

We will continue to collect clothing, quilting materials and personal care item for the Choices Alumni program which assists the women after they leave jail. Persons wishing to make contributions should call Betty Bernstein at 343-9137.



News From State AAUW:

1. We are launching a younger members initiative and we need your help! Will you please identify those members (yourself included) that are under the age of 50 years old? Please forward their names and e-mail so that we may include them in the creation of this new group. Please send them to Carlynne McDonnell (caralex@verizon.net)

2. Military: We want to honor members who served in the military – membership committee is working on the way we will do it so it is NOT shown in *Perspective*. Volunteers had not yet identified how to make this happen prior to the *Perspective* deadline

Other AAUW-CA leaders are also planning plenty of stuff you may not see listed in *Perspective*, so be sure to sign up to come to convention because it will be the best ever.

Military: Please email membershipdir@aauw-ca.org the name, branch and if you know it, which branch of military in which this member served or is serving.

AAUW National dues for both branch members and members-at-large (MAI.s) for FY 2010 **will remain**

Directors at their October 2008 meeting.

Beginning April 1, 2009, \$46 of the \$49 AAUW national individual member dues is tax deductible, payable to “AAUW,” our 501(c)(3) charitable organization; \$3 goes to support your AAUW Lobby Corps and election-related activities and are not tax deductible.

However, you should still pay the dues in one payment, to “AAUW,” for the full \$49 amount. Student Affiliate dues will continue to be \$17, \$16 of which will be tax-deductible for the same reason.

Lilly is watching the Senate’s next Move

Even if you were closely watching President Obama’s recent address to Congress you may have missed seeing Lilly Ledbetter seated behind First Lady Michelle Obama.

Lilly was there because she, along with AAUW and the Obama administration, knows that the fight for pay equity is a long way from finished.

Urge the Senate to take the next critical step in this fight by quickly passing the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.182)

Lilly said, “Passing the Ledbetter bill without passing the Paycheck Fairness Act is like giving someone a nail but not a hammer. The Ledbetter law preserves the right to seek legal redress and the Paycheck

Fairness Act provides the tools necessary to give new teeth to the law and provide incentives for businesses to follow the law in the first place.”

The Paycheck Fairness Act, a much needed updating of the 45 year old Equal Pay Act, is a comprehensive bill that would create strong incentives for employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and strengthen federal outreach, education and enforcement efforts.

The bill would also deter wage discrimination by strengthening penalties for equal pay violations and by prohibiting retaliation against workers who ask about employers’ wage practices or disclose their own wages.

In short, the bill updates the law to reflect the practices and processes under more recent civil rights laws.

With unemployment rates rising, an unprecedented number of women are now the family breadwinners making fair pay even more critical, not simply to family economic security but also to the nation’s economic recovery.

The Paycheck Fairness Act can help to create a climate where wage discrimination is not tolerated, and gives the administration the enforcement tools it needs to make real progress on pay equity.

Rozanne Child EF/LAF Director



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APRIL 2009 INTEREST SECTIONS

Most sections meet in homes, so space is limited. A star * indicates space is available.

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***Arts & Culture**

Pat Haupt 349-0371 pathaupt@aol.com
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Thurs. April 16th Faberge, Tiffany and Lalique Exhibit
at the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. Time and
carpools to be decided. Contact Pat Haupt or Marge
Denni

***Book Discussion I**

Elissa James 654-8995 billandelissa@comcast.net
Thurs. April 16, 10 AM
Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose
Jeanne Swapp's, 1101 Continentals Way, #109, Belmont

***Book Discussion II**

Marcia Leonhardt 343-5971, Thur. April 23, Noon
Oracle Bones by Peter Hessler
Pauline Shumsky's, 655 Cygnus Lane, Foster City

Book Discussion III

Cecile Segal 347-5276 cpsegal@earthlink.net
Wed. April 15, 10 AM, *Shadow of the Wind* by Zafon
Pat Haupt's, 291 Puffin Court, FC

***Book Discussion V**

Jane Dunbar 342-9273 emjd@sbcglobal.net
Thur. April 9, 7 PM, Contact Jane for information

***Book Review**

Pearl Bloom 573-5737, Barbara Schotzko 345-6294
Mon. April 27, 10 AM, Rosemarie Nickel, Reviewer
At Rosemary Brooks', 1432 Drake Ave., Burl.

***Bridge Groups**

Elissa James 654-8995, 3rd Monday, 1:00 – 4:00

***California Fact & Legend**

Helen Hatchett 571-6129, Tues. April 14, 10 AM
Diane Silven's, 730 Walnut Ave., Burl.
The Sanchez Family by Joan Levy

***Dining Out**

Ann Goode 347-3747, NO MEETING IN APRIL

***Drama Reading**

Marjorie Kobe 579-5650, Wed. April 1, 9 AM
Linda Byers', 259 W. Third Ave., SM
We love the theater and read plays aloud while seated
informally. No experience is necessary.

***Ethnic Dining**

Sue Rosenberg 343-0140, Thur. April 23
rosenberg26@sbcglobal.net Call Sue for information.

***Foreign Affairs – Great Decisions**

Carol Way 345-7014, Thur. April 9, 10 – 11:30 AM
Barbara Snedeker's, 504 Yale Dr., SM
Topic: Egypt: key ally in the Middle East

***French – Intermediate**

Yvette Jonsson 344-1450 yvjonsson@comcast.net
Every Monday, 10 AM. Please call chair for location

***Hiking**

Bobbi Benson 579-7555, Mon. April 6, Memorial Park
Sat. April 18, Rancho San Antonio,
Call Bobbi to reserve a space.

***Knitting**

Maureen Buchner 573-1604 widgeonmab@yahoo.com
Mon. April 20, 7-8:30 PM
Learn to knit, share patterns, charity knitting

***Out to Lunch Bunch**

Contact Marilyn Minto 573-6795 for information
Thur. April 23

***Public Policy/Current Events**

Betty Bernstein 343-9137, Jeanne Duggan 573-6945
Tues. April 21, 10:30 – 12
June Hendrickson's, 4028 Kingridge Dr., SM
What can be done to preserve America's daily
newspapers?

PROJECTS:***AAUW Singers**

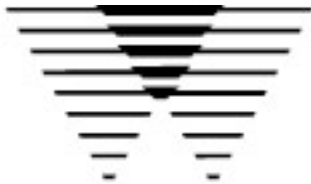
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