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San Jose Branch BONFIRE MAAUW

"Investing In Girls - Women Leading The Way"



Pros and Cons Ballot Forum

September 29 Saturday 1 - 3 pm Camden Community Center

EF Luncheon

October 20, Saturday 12 - 3 pm Sainte Claire Hotel (See article)

Last Day to Register for November Election October 22



Holiday Boutique

November 10, Saturday 10 am to 3 pm Headquarters (See back page)

Give Wisely, Give Well

Saturday October 13 9:30 - 11:30 am **AAUW San Jose Headquarters** (1165 Minnesota Ave, next to Willow Glen Library)

It can be blessed both to give and to receive. Learn how to do both when you make financial donations to nonprofits. We'll share ten tips for being a wise donor, including:



*how to avoid scams *the best way to give in a major crisis *how to maximize tax deductions *smart ways to fund 529 plans



Light refreshments and time for discussion following the program.

Join us to get on the fast track to giving wisely and well.

Contact: Judy Kristofferson doinel@earthlink.net

Elder Fraud - Don't Be The Next Victim! Third Wednesday Program

October 17, 7 pm - 8:30 Headquarters Jacqui Gustaferro, jacqqus46@hotmail.com

What can you do to protect yourself from identity theft and other scams that target senior adults? Janet Berry, from the Santa Clara County DA's Office will help you understand how to keep from becoming victims of fraud. She will offer valuable advice about safeguards that keep us from falling victim to I.D. theft, telemarketing, email and lottery scams. Information will also be provided concerning mortgages, reverse mortgages, foreclosures and power of attorney documents. We invite you to come and hear Ms. Berry shed some light on an important, but often confusing topic.

Presidential Sparks

Fall Event

Marilyn Jackson

Nearly 130 people attended one of our best ever Fall Event programs on Saturday, September 8th. AAUW San Jose Branch members, Honorary Life members (50+ years), Past Presidents, Tech Trek campers, Scholarship winners, Girl Scouts, AAUW-CA State Board members, our CA Legislative Advocate, prospective members and friends were all on hand for a delicious brunch, to learn about our Community Action Projects, our Interest Groups and to be inspired by our speakers.

As one of our members wrote, "Listening to all the speakers, I was so proud to be a member of AAUW. Bravo to everyone involved." A special thanks to Peggy Maibaum, Sharon Bouska, Elaine McMahon, Anne Wustrow and all who worked tirelessly to make it a great day. I was proud too.



Fall Event Greeters, Cheryl Markman, Louise Persson, Peggy Maibaum and Nan Caldwell.

September Board Notes

- The Board approved the appointment of Sharon Shephard to the position of Membership Co-VP. We are still looking for a fourth Membership Co-VP. Sharon Bouska and Peggy Mailbaum are in their second term.
- The General Fund Operating Budget and the Building Fund Budget were approved for 2012-13.
- \$2600 was raised at Game Day for AAUW Funds.
- Our current membership stands at 307 members. There are new brochures for prospective members at Headquarters. All members of Interest Groups need to be current with AAUW dues.

The locks on the back door have been replaced. The new locks should use our existing keys but some don't work. Please try your key in the locks and contact Judy Ohland if you need a replacement.

BRANCH BUDGET FOR 2012-2013

Virginia Beck, beck virginia@yahoo.com

For the fiscal year 2012-2013, the Branch Operating Budget approved by the Board of Directors on September 5, 2012 is \$15,192.

The sources of Branch income as of August 19, 2012 are dues of \$6,600; undesignated donations of \$2,026 (mostly from the generosity of members rounding up with their dues checks); a designated donation of \$400 for membership recruitment and directory ad sales of \$1,240. To this is added \$1000 reserve for National Convention from 2011-2012; \$2500 reserve for web redesign from 2010-2011; \$426 reserve for membership recruitment from 2011-2012 and projected income from 30 projected memberships of \$750 for a total income of \$15,192.

The operating funds were apportioned as follow:

Membership	\$1,951
Fall Event	\$ 715
Program	\$1,050
Bonfire	\$ 900
Web Site/Internet	\$3,800
Directory	\$1,000
Conventions	\$2,500
Administration	\$1,060
Insurance	\$1,000
Computer	\$ 685
Reserve	\$ 531
TOTAL:	\$15,192

Anyone with questions about the budget, please contact me.

Public Policy



Gloria Leonard, Chair, Public Policy Committee Chair, glorialnrd25@gmail.com

AAUW CA Positions on Ballot Propositions

AAUW CA has taken positions on November 2012 Ballot Initiatives that relate to AAUW CA's Public Policy Priorities. The rationale for the positions can be found on the Public Policy Bulletin Board at Headquarters and a summary is below:

Prop 30 Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. **YES** vote recommended. AAUW CA supports adequate and equitable funding for quality public education as well as safe communities.

Prop 31 State Budget. State and Local Government. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute NO vote recommended. While Prop 31 contains positive elements, it also contains troubling policy changes such as giving the governor authority to reduce spending in fiscal emergencies and makes it difficult to make changes in the future.

Prop 35 <u>Human Trafficking</u> **NO** vote recommended. AAUW CA opposes human trafficking and supports bringing offenders to justice. However, this proposition has major flaws in that some provisions and definitions are vague and too broad.

Prop 38 Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs. Initiative Statute. **NO** vote recommended. AAUW CA favors increased revenues for improving education but this measure raises concerns about the scope of the proposed tax restructuring.

Prop 40 Redistricting. State Senate Districts. Referendum. AAUW CA urges a **YES** vote to keep the boundaries of the State Senate districts as drawn, believing the Citizens Commission is the fairest, most equitable mechanism for revising district boundaries. A NO vote rejects the new State Senate districts drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission. If the new districts are rejected, the State Senate district boundary lines will be adjusted by officials supervised by the California Supreme Court.

"It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" 2012 Campaign

Alice Lopez, enna.lopez@yahoo.com

A major focus of the AAUW get out the vote campaign is to encourage and educate young women on the importance of their vote. Branch members are being asked to join the campaign by asking woman 18-30 years, a family member, neighbor, casual acquaintance, etc., to pledge to vote by November 6. Research shows that multiple contacts are needed to get people out to vote. We have pledge postcards that the young woman fills out and we mail to her prior to the election as a reminder. Postcards and instructions are available at Headquarters, in a basket on the bench below the Public Policy Bulletin Board. The deadline for registering to vote in the November 2012 election is October 22, 2012.

Meet Fellow and Grant/Award Recipients!

Saturday, October 20 11:30 Registration Luncheon noon-3 pm Saint Claire Hotel, 302 South Market Street San Jose, 2nd floor

Join us to celebrate the 2012-13 Funds Fellows and Grant recipients studying in California. Fellows and award recipients conduct research in a wide variety of disciplines. Their intelligence, dedication, imagination and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship and improve the quality of life for all women in the US and around the world.

Register online at www.rsvpbook.com/
aauwfundsluncheonfall2012
aauwca. Or, send a check for \$40 payable to AAUW-CA and mail to AAUW-CA, 1331 Garden Hwy. #100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Bring a guest!

Branch Programs and Updates - October

Gifts For Teens Requests Help

Elaine Benoit, ebenoit@pacbell.net

The Gifts for Teens project asks your help to fill 1350 Holiday gift bags for needy San Jose teens. New, colorful girls' tote bags need your donations of gift items to fill them up. Drop off fun feminine things like cosmetic samples, socks, hair décor, makeup bags, scarves, and other small gifts at Headquarters, clearly marked with Gifts for Teens. Guys would love to have games, Frisbees, knit hats, electronic games, movie passes, etc. to add to their duffel bags. Please don't forget that we are asking to include in the bags our feature gift of sweatshirts, enabling impoverished teens to be warm this winter.

Volunteers enjoy assembling the bags, starting Dec. 5 through 12. To reserve your spot, contact Cheryl@gifts4teens.org for groups of 5 or more, and Kathy@gifts4teens.org for individuals. Any member wishing to be more involved is most welcome to join the committee. Just contact Elaine, above, to help with Gifts for Teens throughout this autumn.

Tech Trek/Tech Excellence On Track

Edna Robison, e29.robison@yahoo.com

Thanks to all Tech Trek/Tech Excellence supporters and volunteers, our program for middle school girls is in high gear! Jane Guinther, former Tech Excellence Chair, continues to be active as the John Muir Middle School liaison, providing a smooth transition of leadership. Mary Ellen Madden, former Tech Trek Chair, provides us with insights into the classroom lab work and keeps us on track with Tech Trek.

Our 13 team members are committed to helping introduce our girls to careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Seven volunteered in our first class on the Scientific Method using "Snails" (yes, those garden, sea and freshwater creatures!), the subject matter of study. Next Class: "Living Wetlands," presented by Don Edwards Wildlife Center in Alviso, October 17, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

At Fall Event, our Tech Trek girls from John Muir, Peter Burnett and Chaboya shared their experiences at the Stanford summer STEM camp. We hope they will pursue these interests into high school and eventually, college! If you are also passionate about supporting our middle school girls, please contact me.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Bobby Baker rcbaker@sbcglobal.net

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) met during the first week of August to plan and budget for our projects for 2012-2013. A crucial part of each project's success is the willingness for one of our members to step forward to be project chairperson. I want to recognize these generous women.

Linda Lloyd once again is running the cleaning kit projects and Sally Bailey, new to her job, is organizing two delicious dinners for the residents of Family Supportive Housing. Linda Rowlett is returning to head up the Project Linus Project, which includes cutting and trimming yards and yards of soft fleece. Another faithful volunteer is Jean Wyatt with the Second Harvest Food Bank project. Karelle Cornwell returns as point person for the backpack project for homeless men and women through Sacred Heart Community Center. Just finished with the school backpack project, but signed up for next summer, is Alice Lopez. Gloria Leonard is again coordinating our project with Next Door to help victims of domestic abuse. A new chairperson this year is Colleen Tresaden who will be planning fun nights of Bingo with lots of useful prizes for the residents of Julian Street Inn.

I want to thank all these wonderful women for their time and dedication. If you would like to help with any of these projects, come to one of our monthly meetings, usually the first Monday of the month.

Education Equity

Alice Lopez enna.lopez@yahoo.com

Education Equity met in September to look at the focus of our Study Group and select outreach projects. We are planning a "Make-it and Take-it" project to create activities for the preschool children at Santa Maria Urban Ministries. We also plan to acquaint AAUW San Jose with the Cornerstone Project that works to fight bullying by developing strong assets in our youth. Please come to our next meeting to hear about these plans and help make them work! Next meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 7 pm at Headquarters.

Branch Programs and Updates - October

Local Scholarship

Get To Know The History Of Local Scholarship Community Action Project

Brenda Ladewig, bladewig@sbcglobal.net

For thirty-two years, AAUW San Jose has been providing scholarships for women. To date, \$96,500 has been awarded to 93 recipients.

During the early years, women graduating from high school received awards of one hundred dollars. Later, partly to offer support to those transferring from the Community Colleges to a four year university, the need for larger scholarships for those who had achieved junior status in college became evident.

In addition to donations from our members, a Holiday Boutique was begun eleven years ago to support the larger scholarships. We currently award \$10,000 per year in amounts from \$500 to \$2,000.

On March 1 each year, in honor of Women's History Month, applications for the AAUW Scholarships are posted on our website. Other publicity is distributed. Applications are paper screened and the best applicants are interviewed by committee members. It is so difficult not to say "yes" to everyone who applies since the need is so great and the applicants such high caliber students. We hope to raise a higher level of funds each year.

As we move toward the Holiday Boutique on November 10, the Scholarship Committee still needs donations of baked goods, handcrafted needlework, holiday decorations, small gifts, and items of décor. For more information, contact Brenda Ladewig at bladewig@sbcglobal.net or 408 733-1953.

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Sports Equity

There is still much work to be done!

Laura Manthey, Ismant@aol.com

The Summer Olympics 2012 was known as the Title IX Olympics and The Year of the Woman, as women from around the world dominated the Games and the headlines. However, as Rep. Louise Slaughter (Congresswoman from New York) writes, "...despite our incredible progress over the years, we still have more work to do. Although our female Olympians broke through new barriers, future generations of American women are facing declining athletic opportunity. As I write, high school girls currently receive 1.3 million fewer opportunities to play sports than high school boys, and this gap is increasing. The problem stems from a lack of transparency and accountability in our high schools."

So what can you do? Volunteer to Make a Difference! Fall Season programs of the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative (aka BAWSI) have begun. BAWSI Girls and BAWSI Rollers programs are up and running at 20 elementary schools throughout the Bay Area, and could use your help as a volunteer on the playground. If you are a positive role model who loves to run, jump rope, and play bocce or steal the bacon, please visit the Shiftboard calendar, where you can sign up to volunteer alongside some amazing female athletes during the dates and times that work for you. Volunteering with BAWSI is a fun and meaningful way to serve your community. To learn how you can play an important role in inspiring children to live healthy and active lives, please visit: http://www.bawsi.org/getinv/ getinv volunteer.html



Consider a generous Holiday donation to Gifts for Teens. We will buy warm sweatshirts for poor San Jose teenagers. Write your check to ISPF-Gifts for Teens and mail to 1165 Minnesota Ave, CA 95125. Thank you!

Branch Programs and Updates - October

American Association University Women



New Membership Directories Are Here

Pat Diamond, pat.diamond@patdiamond.com

If you haven't already received your 2012-2013 Directory, please pick it up before October 15 from the front entry at Headquarters. The remaining directories will need to be mailed, reducing Branch funds.

In addition to a spiffy spiral binding, the new directories include full ten digit telephone numbers. After October 20, you must dial 1 plus the area code plus the seven digit telephone number, even if you are calling someone else who has a 408 area code. Otherwise you will get a recording instructing you to redial the full number to complete the call.

Membership Matters

NEW BRANCH MEMBERS

Claire Campodonico, <u>clairecamp@comcast.net</u>

ANN O'KANE, the stepdaughter of Marilyn Jackson, teaches at Buchser Middle School in the Santa Clara Unified School District. Ann received her BA in English and her Multiple Subject CLAD Teaching Credential from SJSU. Contact: #248-0768, ann_okane@sbcglobal.net

SANDRA BONNET received her BA in English from SJSU. For several years, she taught English at the high school level. After taking a break to raise her family, Sandra returned to work as a Corporate Recruiter for such companies as Syntex, Lockheed and EPRI. She has been an AAUW member in New York and in Palo Alto. Now retired and an avid bridge player, she has already become active in several of our branch's groups. Contact: #622-6324, silbee6@comcast.net

MARTI MORDECAI earned her MS in Organization Development from Pepperdine University and her MS in Education from Notre Dame de Namur University. She is the owner of a business consulting firm. Marti has known about AAUW for years. Now that she lives in Willow Glen, she noticed our Headquarters and decided it was time to join. Contact: #266-2272, Marti@MordecaiConsulting.com

> For Membership information contact Sharon Bouska, sharonbouska@gmail.com

Meetings and Special Events

October 1, 6:30 pm **Project Linus**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)

Business meeting 7:30 pm Bobbie Baker rcbaker@sbcglobal.net

October 9, Wednesday 7 pm **Education Equity Meeting** Alice Lopez enna.lopez@yahoo.com

October 3, Wednesday 7 pm **Board Meeting** Marilyn Jackson Marjack44@sbcglobal.net All members are welcome.

October 11, Thursday 5:30 - 7 pm

Women's Sports At Stanford:

40 Years of Title IX Kissick Auditorium Laura Manthey

LSMant@aol.com

October 13, Saturday 9:30-11:30 am

Give Wisely, Give Well **FFFL Program**

Headquarters (See front page)

October 15, Monday 1:30 pm **Financially Fit For Life**

Meeting Mary Barry

maryjbarry@comcast.net

October 17, Wednesday 7 pm

Elder Fraud

Third Wednesday Program

(See article)

October 20, Saturday 12-3 pm

EF Luncheon Sainte Claire Hotel (See article)

October 22, Monday 9:30 am

Building Committee Pat Diamond

pat.diamond@patdiamond.com

October 29, Monday 6:30 pm

Sports Equity: Conversation with member Marlene Bjornsrud about meeting Michele Obama Laura Manthey

LSMant@aol.com



October Interest Group Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, events are held at Headquarters.

Weekend Walkers meets most Saturdays and Sundays at 8 am for an hour-long walk on the Los Gatos Creek Trail. To receive weekly emails about walks, contact jjkreed@comcast.net

October 1, Monday 10 am **Bridge**Mary Clare Hopkins
maryclarehopkins@sbcglobal.net

Dienstag 2 Oktober um 11 Uhr **German Conversation** bei Barbara Snyder RSVP an 293 0109 SnyderDonB@hotmail.com

October 8, Monday 10 am **Bridge**Rosemary Bush chezburo@juno.com

October 8, Monday 6 pm
Gourmet Light
Location varies
Cheryl Markman
cherylmarkman@hotmail.com
Barbara Bettencourt
twowrldtrvlrs@aol.com

October 9, Tuesday 10 am **Morning Book Discussion** *Boomerang* by Michael Lewis Joyce Baker, 259-8343

October 10, Wednesday 9:15 am
Art Appreciation
Carpool to San Francisco
Legion of Honor
Marty Glanzman
mkglanzman@att.net

October 10, Wednesday 7 pm

Evening Book Discussion

House on Harrigan's Hill

by C.J. Noonan

Led by Pat Diamond

Laura Manthey

LSMant@aol.com

October 11, Thursday 10 am

Family History

Barbara Van Arsdale

barbaravanarsdale@yahoo.com

October 11, Thursday 7:15 pm **Bridge** (at member's home) Bobbie Eckerman eckshome1@aol.com

October 12, Friday 10 am **Bridge**Lida Kluzek
lidakluzek@att.net

October 12, Friday 7 pm

BITS – Be In The Seats

Soccer at SCU v San Diego State
Free tickets through Goldstar.com

October 13, Saturday
Gourmet Couples
Time and Location vary
Margaret Bard
MargaretBard@gmail.com

October 14, Sunday Film Fans For time and location Linda Snashall Isnashall@comcast.net

October 15, Monday 9:30 am Exploring World Literature Stones for Ibarra by Harriet Doerr Led by Sue Eichenbaum Marcia Capella marciacapella@sbcglobal.net

October 15, Monday 7 pm
International Gourmet - Norway
For location and information:
Marty Glanzman
mkglanzman@att.net

mardi 16 octobre à 11 heures French Conversation Chez Renee Fisher reneegfisher@gamil.com October 18, Thursday 7 pm

Mystery Lovers Group

Place of Execution by Val McDermid
Diane Canby
dacanby@comcast.net

October 19, Friday 10 am Bridge Lida Kluzek lidakluzek@att.net

October 19, Friday 6:30 pm **AAUW Singles** Jean Wyatt <u>wjeanwyatt@aol.com</u>

October 22, Monday 6:30 pm Gourmet Vegetarian Jean Wyatt wjeanwyatt@aol.com

October 23, Tuesday 11:30 am **Lunch Bunch**Yuki Sushi Restaurant
1140 Lincoln Avenue #8
RSVP by Oct 19 to Diana Taylor
<u>Dgtaylor40@comcast.net</u>

October 23, Tuesday 7:15 pm **Bridge** (at member's home) Bobbie Eckerman eckshome1@aol.com

October 24, Wednesday 10 am

FRIENDS
Organizational Meeting
Simple Craft Project for November
Scholarship Boutique
Marilyn Jackson
marjack44@sbcglobal.net

BITS means "Be In The Seats". Attending women's sporting events is a visible way to show your support for opportunities for women to succeed through athletics. It's fun, too!

For information about Interest Groups, contact Coordinator Elaine McMahon, <u>ElaineCMcMahon@yahoo.com</u>. Members interested in Bridge should call the contact person to see if a substitute is needed on a specific date.

Next month....



AAUW Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday November 10, 10 am to 3 pm at Headquarters



Join us for an early holiday shopping treat. Members, friends and the public are all enthusiastically welcome. Items for sale include themed baskets, wreaths, needlework, cards, dolls, holiday décor and gifts, baked goods and cookies-in-a-jar. Proceeds benefit the Local Scholarship Community Action Project.

Donations of items are still needed. For more information, contact Brenda Ladewig at bladewig@sbcglobal.net or 408 733-1953.

November Third Wednesday Program

Someone you know is battling an eating disorder. It could be your mother, father, daughter, son, neighbor, friend, colleague. Or you.

Program by Kira Olson of the Eating Disorders Resource Center of Campbell and Dr. Khahan, an expert on eating disorders.

Deadline: Articles and calendar items must be submitted to the Editor for review by the first Wednesday of the month before publication. To submit items, send an email to jjkreed@comcast.net with a Microsoft WORD (.doc or .docx) attachment. Please include "AAUW Bonfire (month/2012)" in the subject line. Send calendar items to doi:not.net.

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