

San Jose Branch

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AAUW San Jose Takes to the Streets at the Bay Area Women’s March

More than 50 members of AAUW San Jose marched to support women and girls, along with families, friends and members of several South Bay AAUW branches, and at least 25,000 other allies! At the AAUW table in "Action Alley," we passed out hundreds of bright green AAUW San Jose wristbands, flyers for our Human Trafficking Awareness and Make Your Voice Heard workshops, information about AAUW’s scholarships and answered many inquiries about our local programs and interest groups. There were 27 attendees at our February 3 Prospective Members Open House, many from the march, and 14 new members joined that day! Public Policy members have maintained and cultivated contacts from last year, leading to increased awareness of AAUW’s mission and the San Jose branch. Thanks to the volunteers who shared the work -- you are our heroes: Elaine Petersen (logistics), Anne Wustrow (sign-ups, communication), Jean Reed (sign-making party), Anna Fox and Barbara Gilbert (membership materials), Wendy Foote and Nancy Moreno (banner volunteers), Nancy Moreno (AAUW Mission signs), Monica Hojda (table staffing), and our table volunteers: Alyce Athanasiou, Ann Holmes, Jan Bartolotta, Anna Fox, Barbara Gilbert and Sharon Bouska. Interested in Public Policy? Join us on the first Tuesday of the month; there’s food, bevies and (usually) a bottle of wine or two! Questions? Contact [Peg Carlson-Bowen](#).



Above. Sign makers (left to right): Nancy Moreno, Jean Reed, Sari Fitzwater, Peg Carlson-Bowen and Wendy Foot



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research



Marvelous March Matinees
Bobbie Baker, Co-President

Come celebrate Women's History Month by viewing films with strong female characters:

March 7 – Suffragette (2015) – A film portraying the early feminist movement in Britain

March 14 – Hidden Figures (2016) – Three black female mathematicians play a key role in launching astronaut John Glenn into space

March 28 – The Iron Lady (2011) – Meryl Streep provides a subtle and nuanced portrait of Margaret Thatcher, the first Prime Minister of Britain

Show times will be 1 pm at Headquarters, and popcorn and soft drinks will be provided!
Questions? Contact Bobbie Baker.

Presidents' Corner

March 2018

Co-Presidents

Sharon Bouska & Bobbie Baker

February Board Matters
Bobbie Baker, Co-President

To recognize Woman's Heart Health Month, the Board was treated to a heart-healthy supper provided by Kathy Myers and Linda Goldberg. Most members wore red, and heart-healthy facts and tips were distributed. It was a good, healthy start for the 2018 half of the year for the Board!

Business included a motion to approve a special committee to plan AAUW San Jose's participation in the 100th anniversary of woman's suffrage, and another to rearrange budget items. Elizabeth Guimarin reviewed the Branch's new online membership application, and Alyce Athanasiou gave an enthusiastic report of the College/University Committee's recent activities. Make sure to check the minutes that will soon be posted at Headquarters for the complete listing of all reports.

AAUW National Membership Dues Update

Sharon Bouska, Co-President

The National AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59. This increase will be seen in the 2018-2019 dues renewal.

Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more. For more information about AAUW, please see the National website.

Third Wednesday Program*

Wednesday March 21 - Headquarters

Film

"Rape on the Night Shift" - 5:30 pm

Presentation

"Sexual Harassment of
Low Wage Workers" - 7 pm



As the #MeToo movement sweeps across Hollywood, Washington and the world of media, it's easy to ignore the sexual abuse of women in low-profile jobs. "Rape on the Night Shift" is a sequential investigation by PBS following "Rape in the Fields" in 2015. Following the showing of "Rape on the Night Shift," Ruth Silver Taube will speak on the issue and present actions that we can take to increase awareness and advance legislation to protect women. Ms. Taube received the Unsung Hero Award from the Santa Clara County Victim Support Network in 2013 for her workers' rights and human trafficking work. She is the Supervising Attorney of the Worker's Rights Clinic at the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center at Santa Clara University School of Law, Special Counsel to Legal Aid at Work, and an Adjunct Professor at Santa Clara University School of Law. We are honored to have her as our guest.

Sexual harassment is prevalent in all industries that employ low wage workers. The presentation will cover legal issues related to sexual harassment of these workers, with emphasis on the restaurant, agricultural and janitorial industries. The ¡Ya Basta! Coalition and the AB 1978 campaign (the property services sexual harassment bill), obstacles to reporting, and proposed legislation to strengthen legal protections for victims of sexual harassment will also be covered. An [Eventbrite](#) has been created for non-AAUW members to order (free) tickets.

If you are unable to come early to watch the film, you can view it on YouTube at: <https://www.revealnews.org/nightshift/>

* The program on Title IX that was announced for the March Third Wednesday will be rescheduled.

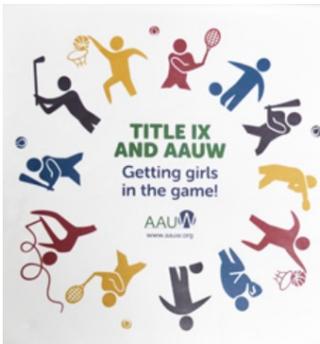
Prospective Member Open House Friday March 16 - 6 pm

Do you know someone who wants to join AAUW San Jose? Invite her to our next Open House! This is a great opportunity to learn more about what the Branch does and how a newcomer can get involved. Light refreshments will be served during a get-acquainted time. Leaders from our Community Action Projects as well as our Interest Groups chairs will be on hand to talk briefly about what they do. Plenty of time will be allocated for questions and answers. RSVP to membership@aauwsanjose.org.

Lawsuit Challenges Rollback of Guidance on Campus Sexual Violence

Jean Reed, Title IX/Sports Equity Group

Advocates for sexual assault victims filed a lawsuit in January seeking to overturn the Trump administration's rollback of Obama-era guidelines for responding to campus sexual violence. The suit, filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, alleges that the Education Department actions in September, which rescinded policy statements from 2011 and 2014 and gave colleges new instructions on how to deal with sexual violence, discriminate against students who report sexual assault. The suit accuses department leaders of being motivated in part "by their discriminatory — and baseless — gender stereotype that many women and girls lack credibility with regard to sexual harassment."



One of the plaintiffs is Equal Rights Advocates in San Francisco, which arranged the AAUW San Jose Branch Title IX workshop last year. You can read the full announcement here:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.washingtonpost.com/amphtml/news/grade-point/wp/2018/01/25/lawsuit-challenges-trumps-rollback-of-guidance-on-campus-sexual-violence/>

The Title IX/Sports Equity Group forwarded the announcement to each of the Title IX Coordinators in Santa Clara County. We thanked them for their work and included the following statement from the AAUW website: "Title IX is still the law of the land. Schools have a responsibility to protect all students from discrimination, including instances of sexual assault and harassment. Specifically, the 2015 Dear Colleague Letter and resource guide that address the role of Title IX coordinators remain in effect and continue to serve Title IX coordinators in their roles to prevent and address unlawful sex discrimination in schools."



Heart-Warming Thank You from Agencies and Teens for Gift Bags

Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens

Gifts for Teens has been meeting the needs of low income and homeless teens at Christmas time for over 20 years. But it is the individual feedback from agencies and the teens they serve that continue to make this Community Action Project so worthwhile. One agency responded, "It means so much to our clients to receive the bags. They come to us through the probation or foster care system and often arrive on our doorsteps with nothing. Thank you so much for thinking of these teens who are often invisible and fall through the cracks of the system." A homeless youth commented, "Although the wrapped gift inside the bag was simple, knowing that someone wrapped it just for me in holiday paper was way cool!"

In 2017, due to generous donors, each bag contained a warm sweatshirt, USB drive, two t-shirts, gift cards (\$20 to \$25 value) and more quality items. Unfortunately, the need continues, as Sacred Heart Community Services reported they serve over 3,000 teens as their clients, an increase from 1,000 teens just a few years ago. The Gifts for Teens committee is already hard at work and with your continued help and support, we will continue in our mission. Thank you!

Next Door Solutions Needs Your Help Judy Burt, Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors wants to help Next Door Solutions for Domestic Violence fill their pantry with full-sized shampoo and conditioner and full-sized toothpaste, as at this time the shelter is low on these items. There will be a plastic bin by the front door of Headquarters for collection. Thank you for your support!



35th
Wildflower Run

Sunday March 25, 2018

USATF Certified 10K Run
5K Run|Stroller|Walk ❖ Kids' 2K Run ❖ Senior 2K
www.WildflowerRun.org

Live Oak High School, Morgan Hill
Chip timing ❖ Group and Family rates
Medals for age group winners and all Kids' 2K runners
T-shirts and Jamba Juice smoothies for all participants!
Bonus Baby-tees for stroller riders!

AAUW Morgan Hill

The Wildflower Run is the annual fundraiser for the AAUW Morgan Hill branch. All proceeds fund scholarships and programs supporting equity and education for women and girls. The Run starts at Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill at 9 am. Contact [Jean Reed](#) to carpool with San Jose Branch's Weekend Walkers. Note that all AAUW members can receive a discount; log onto the Wildflower Run website and enter "gofaraauw" when registering.

Start Smart, NCCWSL and More!

Diane Trombetta, College/University Relations Committee

The College/University (C/U) Relations Committee is busy connecting AAUW and our San Jose branch to young women in Santa Clara County. The workshops, scholarships, and conferences we have helped to organize or promote at San Jose City College, San Jose State University, Evergreen Valley College and Santa Clara University have made AAUW San Jose more visible in the community, and they advance our Mission and Vision -- two Goals specified in the Branch Strategic Plan. In January, March and April, students at SJCC, SJSU and SCU will attend Start Smart, the AAUW workshop which teaches women how to negotiate salaries and benefits (see Calendar for details). At every workshop we share information about AAUW's mission of gender equity, and we promote upcoming Branch programs and AAUW events such as NCCWSL — the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders. Branch members are welcome to attend any of the 2018 Start Smart workshops. Come and meet young women eager to learn more about AAUW's mission and to develop the skills to achieve gender equity.

Local Scholarship Applications Available

Cheryl Markman, Local Scholarship Committee

AAUW Local Scholarship awards are granted to women whose permanent home address is in Campbell, Milpitas, San Jose or Santa Clara: who have completed two full years at an accredited college or university; who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; and who are enrolled in a four-year institution as an undergraduate in the fall of 2018. Applications for 2018 Local Scholarship awards are currently available on our Branch website, www.aauwsanjose.org, or at www.Fastweb.com. Applications are accepted via the website beginning at 12:01 am on March 1 and ending at 11:59 pm on April 15, 2018.

Grants are based on significance of educational goals, scholastic achievements, merits of the application and an interview with members of the Local Scholarship Committee. The number and dollar amounts of the scholarships awarded each year depend on the funds available. In 2017 we awarded \$50,000 in scholarships! Please encourage friends and family members who meet the eligibility requirements to apply. Please direct any questions to [Virginia Beck](#).

New Member Profiles
Claire Campodonico

MARLENA ASHTON SMITH looks forward to graduating in 2018 from Cal State University-East Bay. Her major is Political Science. She is busy being a Public Policy Associate. Marlena is the granddaughter of member Sue Ann Eichenbaum.

MARY JO GORNEY-MORENO earned her PhD from the University of Michigan. Before retiring, she was the Assistant Vice President of Academic Technology at SJSU. A resident of Campbell, she was referred to our branch by a close friend.

Friendly Reminder from the Building & Properties Committee

We have had several reports of the dead bolt (the top lock) not being locked on the back door. Please remember to check that both that lock, as well as the lock on the doorknob, are both locked. If for some reason you find yourself the last one at Headquarters and don't have a key, please call Linda Goldberg, Chair of the B&P Committee, or any member of the B&P Committee, to let us know. Remember also to check that the front door is locked and that the lights and heat are turned off (note that the lamp in the living room is on a timer and should not be changed or turned off). Thank you!

Nominees for 2018-2019

Edna Robison, Nominating Committee Chair

Thank you to the following Branch members who have accepted the nominations for 2018-2019 positions:

President: Virginia Beck

President-Elect: Peg Carlson-Bowen

Program Co-Vice Presidents: Laura Manthey* and Sally Bailey*

Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Barbara Gilbert*, Jan Bartolotta*, Anna Fox*, Nancy Moreno (incoming)

AAUW Fund Vice President: Thea Jacobs

AAUW Fund/Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Vice President: Sari Fitzwater

Finance Officer: Suzanne Doty

Treasurer: Barbara Purdy

Secretary: Kathy Myers

Building and Properties Committee: Risë Berry*, Linda Goldberg*, Judy Burt*, Shirley Karabian*,
Mary Ann Carnevale*, Pam Dougherty*, Linda Guyer -

[Need one \(1\) more nominee – any volunteers from General Membership?](#)

Thank you to Nominating Committee members Alyce Athanasiou, Mary Francis, Elaine McMahon, Nancy Moreno, Barbara Purdy and Sonia Wright for working hard to find new leaders for the coming year! Thank you also to Linda Snashall for providing us the parliamentary guidelines and explaining the Bylaws!

*Denotes continuing member

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MARCH 2018 CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at Headquarters and are shown in **BLUE**. Events in **RED** meet elsewhere. To schedule a meeting, check the [Branch Calendar](#), then contact [Bernice Redfern](#). RSVP means the group needs to know who will attend.

Weekend Walkers meets most Saturdays and Sundays at 8am for an hour-long walk. To receive weekly emails about walks, contact [Jean Reed](#).

- Thu Mar 1 1pm - 3pm **Knitting Know How** (RSVP [Margaret McCartney](#))
- Mon Mar 5 9:30am - 12:30pm **Bridge** (RSVP [Pat Mikolic](#))
6:30pm - 8pm.....**Neighbors Helping Neighbors** ([Karelle Cornwell](#))
- Tue Mar 6 10am - 12pm**German Conversation** ([Barbara Snyder](#))
6:30pm - 8pm..... **Public Policy** ([Peg Carlson-Bowen](#))
- Wed Mar 7 1:00pm..... **Suffragette** – 2015 movie ([Bobbie Baker](#))
6:30pm - 8:30pm **Board Meeting** - Social time from 6:30, meeting from 7 pm ([Sharon Bouska/Bobbie Baker](#))
- Thu Mar 8 9:30am - 11:30am **Great Decisions** ([Maureen Curulla](#))
7:15pm - 10pm.....**Bridge** (RSVP [Bobbie Eckerman](#))
- Fri Mar 9 10am - 2pm**Duplicate Bridge** (RSVP [Lida Kluzek](#))
- Sat Mar 10 6:30pm - 9:30pm **Couples Gourmet** (RSVP [Margaret Bard](#))
- Sun Mar 11 **Film Fans** (RSVP [Linda Snashall](#))
- Mon Mar 12 10am - 1pm**Bridge** (RSVP [Rosemary Busch](#))
1:30pm - 2:30pm...**Financially Fit for Life** ([Leslie Larson](#))
6pm - 9pm**Light Gourmet** (RSVP [Cheryl Markman](#))
- Tue Mar 13 10am - 11:30am**AM Book Discussion** ([Terry McBride](#))
10am - 11:30am..... **Conversacion Espanol** (RSVP [Barbara Snyder](#))
- Wed Mar 14 1:00pm..... **Hidden Figures** – 2016 movie ([Bobbie Baker](#))
10am - 2pm **Art Appreciation** - Monterey Museum - Dali/Historic Monterey ([Jan Bartolotta](#))
6pm - 7pm**Title IX Sports Equity** ([Laura Manthey](#))
7pm - 8:30pm.....**Evening Book Discussion** *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi ([Laura Manthey](#))
- Thu Mar 15 10am - 12pm..... **Family History** ([Susan Brundage](#))
7pm - 8:30pm **Mystery Lovers In Farleigh Field** by Rhys Bowen ([Sharon Shephard](#))
- Fri Mar 16 10am - 1pm..... **Bridge** (RSVP [Lida Kluzek](#))
6pm – 8pm **Prospective Member Open House** ([Anne Andrews](#))
- Mon Mar 19 9:30am - 11am **Exploring World Literature** *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling ([Diana Taylor](#))
6pm - 9pm **International Gourmet** - France (RSVP [Bobbie Gilcris](#))
- Tue Mar 20 10am - 11:45am ... **French Conversation** ([Barbara Snyder](#))
1pm - 3pm **Knitting Know How** (RSVP [Margaret McCartney](#))
- Wed Mar 21 5:30pm - 7pm **Film - Rape on the Night Shift** see article ([Jean Reed](#))
7pm - 8:30pm **3rd Wed - Sexual Harassment of Low Wage Earners** see article ([Jean Reed](#))
- Thu Mar 22 9:30am - 11:30am **Great Decisions** ([Maureen Curulla](#))
7pm - 9pm**Game Night** (RSVP by Monday [Connie Wolff](#))
- Fri Mar 23 1pm - 3pm **Local Scholarship** ([Virginia Beck](#))
- Sun Mar 25 **Wildflower Run** - Benefits Morgan Hill AAUW Local Scholarship and more. Registration and information at [WildflowerRun.org](#)
- Mon Mar 26 9:30am - 11am **Building and Properties Committee** ([Linda Goldberg](#))
6:30pm - 7:30pm.... **Gourmet Vegetarian** ([Jean Wyatt](#))
- Tue Mar 27 7pm - 8:30pm **Great Decisions** ([Karelle Cornwell](#))
11:30am – 2pm **Lunch Bunch** CrepeVine, Lincoln Avenue (RSVP [Bernice Redfern](#))
7:15pm - 10pm **Bridge** (RSVP [Bobbie Eckerman](#))
- Wed Mar 28 1:00 **The Iron Lady** – 2011 movie ([Bobbie Baker](#))

SAVE THE DATE

- April 21 **San Jose Branch Annual Meeting**
April 28 **Strong Women Conference**

[Sunday, March 25: Wildflower Run](#) The Wildflower Run is the annual fundraiser for the Morgan Hill branch of AAUW. All proceeds fund scholarships and programs supporting equity and education for women and girls. Contact [Jean Reed](#) to carpool with Weekend Walkers. Run starts at Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill at 9am. For details and registration, go to the [Wildflower Run website](#).

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AAUW San Jose Branch
Annual Luncheon
Saturday, April 21
11:30 am – 2 pm
San Jose Country Club,
15571 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose

Come join us for the election and installation of the 2018-19 officers. Our guest speaker will be Lisa Blanchard, Executive Director and founder of the Grateful Garment Project. It is her vision that no victim of sexual assault ever experience additional suffering due to lack of resources.

The menu choices are Mushroom Marsala Chicken Breast, Roast Salmon, or Vegetarian Pasta with Marinara. Please send your check for \$40 to Rise Berry, 460 Golfview Drive, San Jose, CA 95127, no later than April 14. Please make out the check to AAUW-SJ and indicate your menu choice in the memo line. Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible.



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San Jose Branch Website at www.aauwsanjose.org for more information.