



### President's Message

March is here, and with it come a multitude of Women's History Month offerings! First off, plan to join us in the Marina on March 31st from 11-2 for HERSTORY with live readings from the many fascinating characters Pat Camarena has written about over the years. For a modern perspective, you can catch a performance of Cathy Foxhoven's *A Mutual Onus* inspired by the experience of reading *Half the Sky* (March 10th in Burlingame). I will represent our branch at the International Women's Day Summit on March 9th where our very own Kathleen Cha will moderate the panel on Women on Education and Training, and encourage all of you to consider attending at least the luncheon on March 8th with Rose Aguilar of KALW as MC.

I was delighted by February's program and so glad I had the opportunity to hear both the formal program and the wonderful anecdotes shared by Mary Suter and Peggy Kavounas that day. Thank you, Peggy, for opening your home to us yet again.

Please spread the word about the Silver Jubilee Scholarship - the deadline has been extended and one of your acquaintances could be eligible! Last but not least, "Dorm Moms" are still sought for Tech Trek at Stanford this summer. This is the best volunteer-oriented vacation I could ever plan - hope you'll consider it! Looking forward to seeing you at a program.

Deirdre Araujo, Co-President

### HERSTORY

**Multimedia show, Peggy Kavounas' home, 565 Marina Blvd. Parking available across the street. Saturday, March 31, 2012, 11am-1:30pm**

We have quite the show for you all. We took 8 landmarks from around the Bay Area, combined them with the wonderful articles of Pat Camarena and put together a program to mark Women's History Month. The basis for each presentation is a woman in History; background, film clips, old movie stars, music - Peggy and Andrea have done it all.

### Program:

- Mitch & Corrine Saks -- Alcatraz
- Sandra Tye -- Angel Island
- Elaine Butler -- Filoli Garden
- Audrey Cole -- Coit Tower
- Cathy Corcoran -- Julia Morgan
- Peggy Kavounas -- Legion of Honor  
-- Place of Fine Arts
- Audrey Cole -- Sally Stanford

Refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy. Let us know what you think – if you enjoy the program we will make it an annual event.

Andrea Laudate & Peggy Kavounas  
Program Committee

### Tech Trek Report

We are getting to the business of making choices. The applications are coming at a fast rate. I expect them all to be in and accounted for by the time you receive this AVANTI. The Family Coordinator is busily scheduling the interviewers and the girls. Note we are increasing the number of former campers to help with the interviewing process. It is an exciting time. It is never too late to sign-up to interview or donate.

### THANK YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY DONORS

- The Mary Wohlford Foundation
- Joanne Mandel in memory of Stephen Butler and Jane Williams
- Susan & John Kwock in memory of Isaac Kwock
- Barbara Spencer
- Mardi Kildebeck
- Pat Camarena
- Outside Donations to Stephen Butler Charities

Thank you to every volunteer, Camper family, AAUW member and the Mary Wohlford Foundation. It is through the efforts of all of you that allow us to continue to participate in this AAUW (CA) project.

Elaine Butler & Michelle Mammini  
Tech Trek Co-Coordinators.

### **A Mutual Onus**

An original social justice play by Cathy Foxhoven, Laura Schuhriemen and Jane Roberts.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 1PM**  
**Burlingame Library - Lane Room**  
**480 Primrose Road, Burlingame, CA**

### **Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., for potluck with meeting starting at 7 p.m.**, at Peggy Kavounas' home, 565 Marina Boulevard. All members are invited. RSVP Peggy at 397-7209.

### **Afternoon with Books**

**Friday, March 16 at 1:30 PM. Book/Author: MY NAME IS MARY SUTTER by Robin Oliverra**  
 Hostess: Terese Terry, 1100 Sacramento Street, #504. She lives where parking is a challenge but the cable car and transit goes right by her door.  
 RSVP: Terese 415-800-7081.

### **International Book Group**

**The International Book Group will meet on March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Sherry Bridygham's house, 1723 42nd Avenue.** We will be reading THE TIGER'S WIFE by award winning Serbian writer Tea Obrecht. Please RSVP to Sherry at (415) 665-7761 or [bridy@earthlink.net](mailto:bridy@earthlink.net).

### **Mystery/Adventure**

**Mystery/Adventure will meet Thursday, March 22, 7:30 PM Author Visit.** Book/Author: CITY OF DRAGONS (Macavity Award Winner 2012) by Kelli Stanley. Hostess: Elaine Butler, 124 Amber Dr. SF  
 Reviewer: Pat Camarena. RSVP: Elaine 826-3172, [elainebutler124@comcast.net](mailto:elainebutler124@comcast.net)

Note: Kelli is a San Francisco author. She and her mom ran a comic and more store in the 1980s and 90s called Funny Papers. Many of you or your children spent time there. We plan to have Kelli as our guest.

### **Arts and Culture Group**

We are forming an arts and culture group by compiling a list of people who are interested in being contacted by email about attending occasional events. This will be an informal group that will have no set meetings. If you are interested in being contacted about attending concerts, lectures, plays, museums and the like, please sign up by emailing Melly Metcalf at [mellymetcalf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mellymetcalf@sbcglobal.net)

### **International Dinner at Culinary Academy**



Thirty AAUWSF members and guests enjoyed great company and great food at the Culinary Academy on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Sheila and Nancy for organizing a very enjoyable evening.



### **Travel Group**

No one has come forward to help get this group chugging along again. We don't need to go far and can use public transit most times. Here's a two place one topic venue to see before April 15th. The Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park has a display in honor of Playland at the Beach with trains and memories of a not so recent fun place. Once you visit the Golden Gate Park Exhibit by April 15th, get more adventuresome and visit: Playland-Not-At-The-Beach - Pinball, Magic, Carnival Games, and [www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org) It is located in El Cerrito and open Saturdays and Sundays. The pinball games are many, varied and free. You can learn about entertainments from all over the Bay Area that are long gone. It is a hike from the El Cerrito BART Station and the ground is flat. Street parking is plentiful. The Travel Group visited before but it would be fun to see both exhibits. Go to the website above for more information.

### Get the *Avanti* Faster

If you'd like to receive the *Avanti* via email notice rather than US mail, please tell the Membership VP, and then a printed copy will not be sent to you. If you prefer, we will continue to print and mail the *Avanti* to you.

### Avanti Articles

Please remember to submit *Avanti* articles to Cathy Corcoran by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month via email to: [corcoranf@gmail.com](mailto:corcoranf@gmail.com)

### Hungry for the Work Pat Camarena

Throughout her long life Barbara never flinched when life presented her with challenges. Early in her teaching and nursing career in upstate New York, her administrative talents were recognized. Frequent change in appointments polished her different capacities and kept her flexible. She was being prepared for a mission that she could not have imagined. Her greatest wish as a young woman was to become a nun. Financial responsibilities delayed her entry into the convent until she was twenty-four. After spending some years in leadership roles in New York, she was chosen to lead a small group of nuns and begin a mission in the Hawaiian Islands. After a few years ministering to those afflicted with leprosy (Hansen's Disease) on Oahu, she volunteered to go to an isolated peninsula on the island of Molokai where the Hawaiian government, fearful of the spread of what they saw as a very infectious disease, were sending more and more patients suffering from this bacterial sickness. Barbara, now called Sister Marianne, went eagerly and remained there for the rest of her life ... thirty years. She cared for the sick and managed the two homes for the orphaned children. She came to Molokai in 1887, one year prior to the death of Fr. Damien de Veuster. Sr. Marianne and her two fellow sisters carried on his work. Her seemingly endless energy and never-failing optimism carried her forward in her efforts. She and the other workers made life livable for the

residents giving them the will to survive. Unlike Fr. Damien who succumbed to Hansen's Disease, Sr. Marianne and the other nuns never became ill. Today this bacterial disease is all but wiped out in countries with effective health systems. Few people seem to be susceptible. Now after only a week or so of treatment a patient is no longer infectious. In 2009, Fr. Damien was recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. It is amazing that for this small isolated Hawaiian community there is to be another recognized saint later in 2012. This person will be Mother Marianne Cope of the Order of St. Francis...a true hero of Kalaupapa. This former home of Mother Marianne and the leprosy patients is now a national historical park established to preserve the natural and cultural aspects of the little peninsula which is surrounded by spectacular sea cliffs, the tallest in the world. It is a place of beauty and serenity where a few invited visitors can come for quiet contemplation and spiritual renewal.

[www.blessedmariannecope.org](http://www.blessedmariannecope.org)

[www.alohaisles.com](http://www.alohaisles.com)

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[www.apwa.org](http://www.apwa.org)

### Quick LAF clicks

**Sexual Assault on Campus:** [www.aauw.org/laf/library/assault.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/laf/library/assault.cfm)

**Chief Justice John Roberts' effect on Title IX?** [www.aauw.org/newsroom/news/05LADailyNews\\_RobertsOPED.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/newsroom/news/05LADailyNews_RobertsOPED.cfm)

### AAUW CA Annual Convention

The 2012 Annual AAUWCA Convention will be held April 13 – 15, at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel. In 2012 for the first time in, every member of AAUW CA will have the opportunity to vote for directors, officers and resolutions. We are ready to go with electronic voting and we will not vote at convention this year! Candidates have already submitted their election materials and you can read their statements on the website, in the Elections & Nominations section on the Candidates Page: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/>

## AAUW CA Presents

A Discussion of AAUW's Newest Research Crossing the Line – Sexual Harassment at School. Holly Kearl, co-author of Crossing the Line will be in California to lead Workshops and Discussions:

### Napa – Saturday, March 10, 2012

From 11:00 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.

@ The Napa General Store

540 Main Street Napa

Charge: \$28.00 Brunch

### San Jose – Sunday, March 11, 2012

From Noon – 2 p.m. at the

@ AAUW - San Jose Headquarters

1165 Minnesota Ave. San Jose

Charge: Free

### Berkeley – Sunday March 11, 2012

From 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the

AAUW – Berkeley Office

@Northbrae Community Church

941 The Alameda Berkeley

Charge: Free

“Based on a nationally representative survey of 1,965 students in grades 7–12 conducted in May and June 2011, Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School provides fresh evidence that about half of the students have some experience with sexual harassment, including being harassed, harassing someone else, or witnessing.”

Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School – Executive Summary (downloaded from [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org))

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## AAUW Web Pages

**News Page & Media Alerts:** (use links on page to subscribe) [www.aauw.org/](http://www.aauw.org/)

[About/newsroom/news/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/About/newsroom/news/index.cfm)

**Actions to take:** [www.aauw.org/](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm)

[issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/index.cfm) **Mission in**

**Action:** [www.aauw.org/](http://www.aauw.org/publications/mission/index.cfm)

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**Two Minute Activities:** [capwiz.com/aauw/home](http://capwiz.com/aauw/home).

**US Congressional Voting Record**

[aauwaction.org/VoterEd/CVR.htm](http://aauwaction.org/VoterEd/CVR.htm).

## Member News Corner

**Member Pat Morin has a new book coming out.**

**Title: Crime Montage**

Publisher: Top Publications, Ltd., Dallas, TX

Release Date: March 2012

Publication Format: Trade Paperback

ISBN#: 978-1929976-93-5

Price: \$14.95

Available: Independent Bookstores and on-line at

[www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) & [www.Barnesandnoble.com](http://www.Barnesandnoble.com)

Pat's second short-story collection, *Crime Montage*

is a collection of crime short stories that include:

cozy, humorous, chick-lit, young-adult fantasy, paranormal, and a historical novella. From a

Newport, Rhode Island, fishing vessel to a German

cruise in 1939, crimes are committed. From the San

Juan Islands to New York City, murders are solved.

The stories are as unique and different as human

personalities and motives. For more information visit:

[www.patriciamorin.com](http://www.patriciamorin.com)

**Member Holly Millar invites everyone to attend**

**"The Blessings Our Animals Bring Us" Saturday,**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Fort Mason's Italo-American**

**Museum, Bldg C, from 6 - 8:30 p.m.**

Bring a story or photo of a special animal, or just

your memory and loving thoughts. The Friends of

Roman Cats, a all-volunteer federal 501c3 will give

all proceeds to homeless cats. For Dog Lovers, there

will be doggie items available.

A lavish vegetarian/vegan feast, fine wine and live

music, silent auction, is all yours for only a \$30

donation, \$5 off if you RSVP to:

[FriendsOfRomanCats@yahoo.com](mailto:FriendsOfRomanCats@yahoo.com) All credit cards

accepted.

## Online AAUW Branch

There is an online AAUW California Branch at

[www.AAUWCaOnline.org](http://www.AAUWCaOnline.org). Their dues are \$10 if

you're already a member.

## State Directory

AAUW CA Directory is posted in searchable PDF

format. Both documents can be found in the Forms &

Documents section, under Branch Administration,

[HERE](#). Hard copies of the directory are available for

purchase. Send your request, with a \$10 check to

AAUW CA Office, PO Box 160067, Sacramento,

CA 95816-0067.

## Playing Now

Paula Campbell

SF Playhouse scores another hit with **Becky Shaw**, a Pulitzer prize finalist for author Gina Gionfriddo. Gionfriddo's honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship, an Obie Award, an Outer Circle Critics Award, The Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, a Helen Merrill Award, and an American Theatre Critics Association citation. She's written many TV dramas and is currently a Supervising Producer for HBO's stunning success, Boardwalk Empire.

**Becky Shaw** is a cleverly written drama, filled with humor and tense situations. The opening scene sets the mood, as half siblings Max (Brian Robert Burns) and Suzanna (Liz Sklar), argue over how to respond to their mother Susan's (Suzanne Grodner, filling in for Lori Holt at the performance I attended) current problems with her young lover. It becomes apparent that their love/hate relationship started in childhood, and is a reflection both of their personality differences and of how they see the world. Act Two finds Suzanna married to Andrew (Lee Dolson.) At Andrew's suggestion she sets Max up for a date with Becky Shaw (Lauren English), a girl he works with. Becky, ostensibly a naïve young woman, an apparent victim of a predatory world, is in fact a clever and manipulative person. If the name Becky Shaw sounds a lot like Becky Sharp, that's because the character is clearly a modern day version of the heroine of Thackeray's Vanity Fair -- a woman ready to do what it takes to get what she wants. Becky almost meets her match in the calculating and somewhat vicious Max, nearly destroying Suzanna's marriage at the same time. But the play is after all a comedy, and all seems to end well – or does it? The last scene is, at best, ambiguous. Each audience member can decide for themselves what it foretells.

Amy Glazer's impeccable direction elicits the humor inherent in otherwise serious situations, and her sense of timing makes each scene both individually stunning, as well as an enhancement of the play as a whole.

The five actors make the most of every line, every situation. They play off one another as if they were born to it. Special kudos to Lauren English in the especially hard to play role of Becky Shaw.

SF Playhouse's co-founder Bill English's set is another marvel. The play moves from New England, to New York to Key West, and back again, from hotel rooms both luxury and economy, to Susan's sumptuous home. Using the back wall as a movable framework, English creates rooms entirely different from each other, and evocative of social status.

The play is a delight through and through. I suggest you don't see it alone – you'll want someone with whom to talk about it later.

**Becky Shaw**, through March 10. The SF Playhouse, 533 Sutter St.

Box Office 415-67-9596. Online: [tickets@sfplayhouse.org](mailto:tickets@sfplayhouse.org)  
Tues, Wed, Thurs 7pm, Fri, Saturday 8pm, and Sat. 3pm.

### Any 50-year Members?

If you've been an AAUW member for 50 years, contact the Membership VP to have AAUW national and state give you an honorary life membership.

### Membership Updates

If you change your address, kindly notify the Membership Chair.

### Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund Deadline Extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The San Francisco branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will offer scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study in an accredited college or university for the school year 2012-2013. Candidates must live or be attending a university or college within a 100-mile distance of San Francisco and be on track to complete their course of study by June 2013. **Completed applications are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

If you are interested, or have friends or relatives who may benefit from the scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee Fund information on the AAUW San Francisco website at [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org)

**March Birthdays**

Pat	Camarena	March 1
Margaret	Kavounas	March 8
Paula	Campbell	March 16
Dolores	Santos	March 23
Margaret	Walsh Bogan	March 28

**Birthday Not Announced?**

If your birthday is not there and you'd like to have it included (or corrected), contact the Membership VP.

**Pay Equity and Title IX Program**



Peggy Kavounas presents on Title IX.



Mary Suter makes a pay inequity point with a cookie.

Peggy Kavounas and Mary Suter presented an informative and timely program on Pay Equity and Title IX as part of the LAF Program held at Peggy's home on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Thank you to Peggy for hosting the event and to everyone for attending.

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**March 2012**

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4	5	6	7	8	9	<b>10 A Mutual Onus, 1:00pm</b>
11	12	13	<b>14 Board Meeting 7:00pm</b>	15	<b>16 Afternoon with Books 1:30pm</b>	17
18	<b>19 International Book Group 7:00pm</b>	20	21	<b>22 Mystery/Adventure 7:30pm</b>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	<b>31 Women's History Program 11:00am</b>

*We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.*

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**



### **Avanti Editor**

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Address Correction Requested

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), founded in 1881, is the nation's leading organization advocating equity for women and girls. Its national membership of 100,000 seeks to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. People of every race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, and level of physical ability are invited to join.

AAUW California was launched in San Francisco in 1886 and began lobbying immediately. It remains the state's most active and diverse organization for women with 14,000 members in more than 150 branches, plus 6,000 members-at-large.



# AAUW

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

### **Marie Curie & AAUW**

The year was 1919. Europe had been ravaged by World War I and radium was far too expensive for a scientist of modest means to afford for experiments. This was true even for one as famous as Madame Marie Curie. As a result, her groundbreaking research had reached a virtual standstill. Then the AAUW came to the rescue. Members from Maine to California helped raise an astonishing \$156,413, enabling Madame Curie to purchase one gram of radium and continue her experiments that helped her create the field of nuclear chemistry and forever change the course of science. Madame Curie received the Nobel Prize for her work, but was not admitted to the French *Academie des Sciences* until she won an incredible second Nobel Prize...all because she was a woman. More than 75 years later, there are still only three women members.

### **Educational Foundation**

In 1873, a prominent Boston physician, Dr. E.H. Clarke, wrote a book arguing that too much study would give women brain fever and render their children sickly, if they were to have them at all.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae (AAUW's chief predecessor) fought this contention in 1885 and won, by gathering data from its members to show that they had suffered no ill health from their college and postgraduate education. In 1888, the Western Association of Collegiate Alumnae (founded here in San Francisco) made educational history by establishing the first graduate fellowship for women (given to Vassar graduate Ida Street).

California is still the largest contributor, enabling the Educational Foundation to award nearly \$3 million in grants to women at the dissertation or doctoral level, and to those pursuing career-related or community-based projects.

### **Legal Advocacy Fund**

Founded in 1981, the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to achieve equity for women in higher education by recognizing indicative efforts to improve the climate for women on campus; by offering assistance to women faculty, staff, and students who have grievances against colleges and universities; and by supporting sex discrimination lawsuits.

The LAF Board only approves support of cases which are currently involved in litigation, and that have the potential to set legal precedent.

The Legal Advocacy Fund's annual Progress in Equity Award recognizes indicative and replicable college and university programs.