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### President's Message

Our Branch was well represented at the recent **Trust Women Silver Ribbon Celebration** on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v Wade. Hundreds of attendees showed their support and were energized by speakers, music and dance.

Leave Act with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader, and Congressman George Miller, Ranking Member, Education and Workforce Committee. The event featured speakers from Equal Rights Advocates, Labor Project for Working Families, MomsRising and the SF Labor Council.



AAUWSF Table at the Trust Women Event. Photo by Ellie Van Houtte Photography



AAUW leaders at the Fair Pay and FMLA Anniversary event.

One of the first bills that President Obama signed was the AAUW-supported Lilly Ledbetter Equal Pay Act.

It was inspiring to hear the speakers acknowledge the advocacy efforts of AAUW and its role in ensuring equity for women and families. Also noted was the fact that much work remains to be done and AAUW will be front and center of those efforts.



Congresswoman Pelosi speak at the Fair Pay and FMLA event.

I am looking forward to seeing you at two great events in February: our screening of *Miss Representation*, and the One Billion Rising gathering. Details can be found later in this issue of Avanti.

Cathy Corcoran  
President

### Board Meeting

On Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, I was delighted to join AAUW State President Alicia Hetman, Kathleen Cha, National AAUW Director and a host of AAUW leaders from the state to mark the anniversaries of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Family Medical

**This month's board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13th, 6:30 p.m., for potluck, with meeting to start at 7 p.m.** at Marilyn's Leal's home, 4325 19th Street. All members are invited. RSVP Marilyn at 626-4110.

## Miss Representation Movie Screening

The Documentary film *Miss Representation* will be screened at **4:00pm on Saturday, February 9th at Academy of Art University, 79 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94105**. TICKETS are \$10 and available online in advance or \$15 at the door. The evening is hosted by AAUW SF. Following the screening, there will be a panel and discussion. Event details can be found here:

<http://www.missrepresentation.org/post-cards/aauw-san-francisco/>

Invite your friends, share with your colleagues. 50% of the ticket sales go to AAUWSF Tech Trek scholarship fund to send middle school girls to Math and Science Camp this summer (50% to Miss Representation.org).

Buy tickets:

<http://aauwsanfrancisco.eventbrite.com>

Watch the movie trailer:

<https://vimeo.com/28122207>

## V-Day One Billion Rising

Join fellow AAUWSF Members and friends on **Tuesday, February 14th at 4pm** on the steps of City Hall as we participate in the **One Billion Rising** event to end all violence against women. For details: <http://www.onebillionrisingsf.org>

## International Book Group

Our next meeting will be at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 18, 2013** at the home of Janice Gonsalves, 41 Teresita Blvd., San Francisco. We will read *On Canaan's Side* by Sebastian Barry.

Please R.S.V.P to Janice at [janicemarie@pacbell.net](mailto:janicemarie@pacbell.net) or (415) 759-9760.

## Afternoon With Books

Date & Time: **Friday February 15th 1:30 PM**  
 Book & Author: **LOST ON THE PLANET CHINA**, by J.Maarten Troost  
 Hostess: Pat Spencer, 505 Ortega St. SF  
 We each read the book and come prepared to discuss it as a group  
 RSVP: Pat at 661-0347

## Mystery/Adventure

Date/Time: **February 28 at 7:30 PM**  
 Book/Author: **THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT**, by Louis Bayard  
 Hostess: Joanne Mandel, 12 Marne Ave.  
 Reviewer: Harriet Sollod  
 RSVP: Joanne at 665-7329

## Travel Group

### Batik: Spectacular Textiles of Java



The Travel Group will be meeting Sunday, **February 3, 11:00 am** at the Asian Art Museum, at 200 Larkin Street. Since this is the first Sunday of the month, admission is free.

If you're taking public transportation, any bus or streetcar traveling on Market Street will take you within a block or two of the museum including the F, J, K, L, M at Civic Center. There are also the 5 Fulton, 6 Parnassus, 19 Polk, 47 Van Ness and 49 Van Ness/Mission among others.

**Remember if you choose to drive that parking will not be free on Sundays after noon.**

If you'd like to dine nearby, Ananda Fuara, a vegetarian restaurant on the corner of Market and Larkin, is nearby.

Please RSVP to Elaine Butler  
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[Adrienne.kristine@gmail.com](mailto:Adrienne.kristine@gmail.com)

## A Personal Challenge

### Pat Camarena

2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln. Although not enforceable in the states still under rebellion, it made the eradication of slavery an explicit war goal. As word of its passage drifted south, its implications cheered both abolitionists and slaves. Many more slaves were escaping or being abandoned by their masters. Some slaves found themselves behind Union lines.

Some joined Union forces to fight. Others, fearing recapture, hid out in isolated places such as the Sea Islands of South Carolina. Little in the way of educational opportunities or medical attention... let alone any means of employment was to be found there.

Into this tense situation came a small group of Northern abolitionists bent on helping the newly-freed people. Among this group was young Charlotte Forten, a well-educated young idealist from a wealthy free black family with deep abolitionist roots. Sailing north from Hilton Head into the Low Country of South Carolina's coast, the group risked capture by Confederate patrols. Their destination was a military base on St. Helena Island recently captured by the Union forces. Thousands of slaves abandoned by their fleeing masters lived in and around the area on the abandoned plantations. Largely illiterate, some spoke only a distinctive Creole-based language called Gullah. Yellow fever was rampant. Charlotte was the only African-American educator to participate in this program which came to be known as the Port Royal Experiment. She viewed this challenge as a personal mission. Because of her upbringing, she initially found more in common with the white abolitionists. The Sea Island culture was not always easy to understand. Teachers such as Charlotte were both praised and criticized. Health issues in the subtropical climate made it necessary for her to return north after eighteen months. It is through her personal diaries that we can gain an insight into this challenging period of her life and the social/political issues of the times. Some of her journal entries were published in *The Atlantic Monthly*. Among many colorful stories, she describes the joy and excitement that greeted the reading of the

Emancipation Proclamation under a live oak tree in Port Royal.

Charlotte went on to live a long life, married a minister from a well-known abolitionist family in Washington D.C., and continued to support equality for African-Americans and women. The Gullah people continue their own personal challenge to preserve their traditional culture. Much effort is put into preserving historical sites on the islands and forestalling uncontrolled development.

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

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

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

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

#### Avanti Articles

Please remember to submit Avanti articles to Corrine Sacks by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month via email to: [cpsacks@yahoo.com](mailto:cpsacks@yahoo.com)

#### 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.

## Playing Now

### Paula Campbell

Everyone on deck now, for the sailing of the SS American. Off we go, across the ocean, on a cruise where **Anything Goes**. Yes, the wonderful Cole Porter musical is docked in San Francisco now, in a glorious revival, filled with song, dance, colorful characters, colorful costumes, and oh that off-color, colorful Cole Porter wit. The original 1934 book (P.G. Wodehouse and Guy Bolton), was updated by Lindsay and Crouse (pere) for the 1962 revival, and then by Crouse (fils) and Weidman in 1987, which is

the book used for further productions. The direction and choreography are by the award winning Kathleen Marshall. This tour is the Roundabout Theatre Company production, which was nominated for nine Tonys and 10 Drama Desk Awards when it opened on Broadway in 2011.

The exuberant, talented cast is led by Rachel York, ably supported by Fred Applegate. Unlike most touring companies of green young performers with little or no major theatre experience, the cast is filled with experienced, seasoned Broadway and London West End performers -- singers, dancers, comics who extract every bit of the wit, humor and general mischief making with which Porter filled the show.

This production of **Anything Goes** is jam packed with memorable Cole Porter hits, including: I Get a Kick Out of You, You're the Top, Easy to Love, Friendship, It's De-Lovely, Blow Gabriel Blow, All Through the Night, The Gypsy in Me, Anything Goes.

What a great evening in theatre – let's face it – with Cole Porter what could go wrong? Nothing at all – this is a rollicking production, Broadway quality, which we're lucky to have here in San Francisco.

**Anything Goes**, through Feb. 3. SHN Golden Gate Theatre 1 Taylor St. (at 6th and Market) B.O. (888) 746-1799, online [www.shnsf.com/online/](http://www.shnsf.com/online/) Tues-Sat 8pm, Wed, Sat, Sun 2pm.

Dan LeFranc's **Troublemaker**, now at Berkeley Rep, is an interesting idea, but fatally flawed. The play, about a troubled and troublesome teenager is like an animated cartoon come to life. The characters, kids and adults alike, are two dimensional, flat, and more like caricatures than characters. The teens speak a made up language, with words used out of context and given different meanings from what we expect. The costumes, colors, lighting and set effects all foster the idea of animation. It's an entertaining concept, but hardly keeps us engaged, or interested in what happens to them. This applies to Acts 1 and 2. It all changes in Act 3, when the characters are humanized, fully fleshed out, become real people. Unfortunately this doesn't work for the audience. Suddenly we seem to be at a different play – but it's the last act – when

it's too late to really work up any sympathy, or even any interest in these people and their problems. The bad boy reforms, one reveal is that his nemesis just wants to be his friend – along with a series of other reveals, but ho hum, who cares. Too little, too late.

**Troublemaker**, thru Feb 3. Berkeley Rep, 2025 Addison St, Berkeley CA B.O 510 647-2949 Tues-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm, Sat-Sun 2pm.

## February Birthdays

Margel Kaufman	February 8
Marilyn Leal	February 10
Corrine Sacks	February 25
Joanne Walton	February 26

### Birthday Not Announced?

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

## Tech Trek Report

Hi everyone we are entering the busy time for Tech Trek and here's what we need:

1. We are still fundraising - we have enough money to fund 11 out of 15 girls. The money doesn't need to be sent until after March 15th. We will accept any funds any time. Please see the form to submit with your check. Be sure to follow the instructions in writing the check.

2. The interviews will be held March 9th & 10th at Support for Families of Children with Disabilities with no charge. The address will be 1663 Mission Street @ 13th St. on 3rd Floor. We have the rooms from 9AM- 4PM both days. Please call Michelle at 346-9114 if you would like to interview on either of those days. We hope to pair you with a former Tech Trekker. Last year we had a lot of fun doing it this way.

3. Donors since last month include The Mary Wohlford Foundation, Mardi Kildebeck, Nora Lee, and Camille Harris. The last two names are new members.

**Thank you to everyone for being so generous to this wonderful program.**

**Michelle Mammini and Elaine Butler, Tech Trek San Francisco Branch Co-coordinators.**

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**2012-13 Tech Trek Donation Form**

I'm interested in sponsoring girls to go to Tech Trek 2012! I pledge the following amount towards sending girls to camp.

\$25    \$50    \$100    \$900 (1 girl)    \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **AAUW-CA SPF**, with Tech Trek SF in the memo line.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your donation addressed to:

Elaine Butler & Michelle Mammini 124 Amber Dr., SF , CA 94131-1626;

[Elainebutler124@comcast.net](mailto:Elainebutler124@comcast.net)

**Public Policy Notes**

**SF Commission on the Status of Women (SF COSW)**

On January 23 the Commission held its regular monthly meeting. AAUW-SF President Cathy Corcoran and TechTrek Co-chair Elaine Butler attended. Cathy's report is on Page 1.

**Women's Policy Summit in Sacramento**

On January 17, I day-treked to this summit with a group of women, including SF Department on the Status of Women (SF DOSW) President Dr. Emily Murase, Commission VP Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez and other Department staff, to hear the

big concerns about women.

Highlights:

- Good quality jobs are hard to come by
- Women are making less money
- Women are still the primary caregivers
- 37% of women don't ask for time off to care for family — even a newborn -- because they fear they'll be fired or experience retaliation
- Human resource departments tend not to let workers know that California has a family leave law, allowing 12 weeks of unpaid time off to care for a family member without penalty
- The Affordable Care Act of 2010 (aka Obamacare) includes a lactation law — now ACA allows for women to pump breast milk during work hours; before ACA employers were not required to accommodate women who needed to pump milk
- One in three households headed by a woman live in poverty; women and children make up the fastest growing group of homeless people

**Upcoming Meetings**

SF Commission on the Status of Women

Wednesday, February 27  
5-7pm  
City Hall, Room 408

**Stay informed!**

To stay abreast of meetings around women's, girls' and families issues, and for reports from the Department on the Status of Women: sign up at <http://bit.ly/YfmkYf> (or San Francisco Department on the Status of Women, [www.sfgov.org/dosw](http://www.sfgov.org/dosw)).

**Roberta Guise**

**Co-chair, AAUW-SF Public Policy Committee**

**Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund**

AAUW-SF has scholarship funds available in the amount of \$2,000 to upper division and graduate women who are entering the final year of a

designated study program in 2013. These scholarships are competitive.

Additional information, qualifying information, and links for applications can be obtained on the AAUWSF website

[http://www.aauwsf.org/silver\\_jubilee.htm](http://www.aauwsf.org/silver_jubilee.htm)

**REMINDER**  
**THE DEADLINE FOR 2013**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS IS**  
**APRIL 30, 2013.**

All applications must be mailed to:

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P.O. Box 31405

San Francisco, CA 94131-0405

**Membership Updates**

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

**Human Trafficking**

The AAUW/San Mateo branch cordially invites you to a special International Women's Day event on **Human Trafficking on March 8 at:**

**Burlingame Parks & Recreation Department**  
**Social Hall**  
**850 Burlingame Avenue**  
**Burlingame**  
**1:00-2:30PM.**

This program is free and open to the public and starts with a short film entitled INDOCTRINATED

- The Grooming of our Children into Prostitution.  
 This film was a collaborative effort between the ACTION Network, Legacy Productions, and the San Diego County Office of Education.

Following the film, Betty Ann Boeving, of the Anti-Trafficking Coalition, will speak about human trafficking in San Mateo County - second highest in the State!

**MAKE A LIFETIME GIFT TO AAUW**

Your gift will help ensure that the work of AAUW continues long into the future. You can become part of the distinguished AAUW Legacy Circle.

The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest, or a gift left to a charity in your will. Bequests often can allow donors to make a sizable gift to a charity that may not have been possible during their lifetime

You can also name AAUW as the beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock account, or retirement plan. In addition to bequests in your will or living trust, charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with tax savings and income during your lifetime.

For more information, call Catherine Heffernan at the AAUW Planned Giving Office at 877.357.5587 or email her at [heffernanc@aauw.org](mailto:heffernanc@aauw.org).

**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, 1331 Garden Hwy, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

**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.

**AAUW Web Pages**

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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)

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*Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm.*  
**Samuel Taylor Coleridge**



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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 advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, philanthropy, 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.