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## President's Message



Tech Trek Scholarship Recipients share their experiences at the AAUW San Francisco Welcome Back Event on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

AAUW Members and Friends braved the torrential morning rain to attend the Welcome Back Event at Sports Basement on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Tech Trek girls were on hand to share their experiences from math and science camp this past summer and answered questions. Their enthusiasm and gratitude for the Tech Trek program is infectious. The event also included a Silent Auction which raised funds for the 2014 Tech Trek Scholarship Fund. Thank you to Andrea Laudate, Nora Lee, Michelle Mammini and Elaine Butler for organizing the successful event and to Manny Catania for providing wonderful entertainment during the silent auction. Check out our Facebook page to see more photos from the Welcome Back Event.

I attended the United Nations Association (UNA) San Francisco Chapter Peace Day Luncheon on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker was Dr. Robert M. Gould, President of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Associate Adjunct Professor at UCSF. UNA San Francisco is seeking to bring together a local Council of Organizations of current national affiliated NGOs and interested bay area partners. It is an opportunity for AAUW San Francisco to connect with organizations with common goals and to spread the word about our mission to achieve equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and

research. AAUW has a long and active history with the United Nations. As a member of the UN Council of Organizations, AAUW collaborates on issues such as ending all violence against women. The UN was founded in San Francisco in 1945. You will find out more about AAUW's affiliation with the UN here: <http://www.aauw.org/tag/united-nations/>.



Attendees at the United Nations Association San Francisco Chapter Peace Day Luncheon on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Our branch is delighted to host the last IBC meeting of 2013. The Inter-Branch Council brings together AAUW branches from San Francisco to San Mateo. It is always a great opportunity to hear from our neighboring branches about their recent and upcoming programs and activities. Thank you to Peggy Kavounas for hosting the event. I will give an account of the meeting in the next issue of Avanti.

It was lovely to see many members at the International Dinner event held at Alice's Restaurant on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Sheila Bost and Nancy Shapiro for bringing us all together over great food and conversation.

**Cathy Corcoran**  
President

## Board Meeting

**This month's board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 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: call Marilyn at 415-626-4110.**

## Travel Group



The AAUW Travel Group will meet at **11 am on Saturday, October 5** at the Conservatory of Flowers, 100 John F. Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors over 65 (San Francisco residents can show proof of residency for reduced admission). There are docent tours at 11 and 12:30 if we wish.

More information can be found here:

<http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org/special-events/butterflies-blooms>.

After our visit, we are planning lunch at the De Young Museum Café a short distance away.

To RSVP, please contact Elaine Butler [elainebutler124@comcast.net](mailto:elainebutler124@comcast.net) 415-826-3172 or Adrienne Kristine at [Adrienne.kristine@gmail.com](mailto:Adrienne.kristine@gmail.com) 415-359-0356.

## Afternoons With Books

**Friday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Book/Author:** The Night Circus, by Erin Morgenstern.

**Hostess:** Paula Campbell, 338 Ewing Terrace  
Please RSVP to Paula at (415) 567-1330 or email at [campbell@usfca.edu](mailto:campbell@usfca.edu)

## International Book Group

**Monday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Book/Author:** "Istanbul Passage," by Joseph Kanon

**Hostess:** Nancy Shapiro, 1683 42nd Avenue  
Please RSVP to Nancy at (415) 731-2654 or email [nancy.shapiro@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.shapiro@comcast.net)

## Mystery/Adventure

**Thursday, October 24, 7:30**

**Book/Author:** Jar City, by Arnaldur Indridason

**Hostess:** Elaine Butler 124 Amber Dr. SF

**Reviewer:** Pat Camarena

RSVP: Elaine at 826-3172,  
[elainebutler124@comcast.net](mailto:elainebutler124@comcast.net)

## Public Policy Notes

### San Francisco Collaborative against Human Trafficking (SFCaHT)

I attended a conference the Department on the Status of Women (DOSW) convened with SFCaHT to examine child sex trafficking and discuss best practice solutions. It may come as a surprise that San Francisco/the Bay Area is a major U.S. hub for child trafficking.

Among the things we learned: approximately 80% of trafficked children are from foster homes, with the youngest 12 years old. Full story at [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org) under Public Policy.

### Women's Equality Day event

Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) convened a Women's Equality Day event. President Cathy Corcoran organized a table for AAUW-SF.

The event was billed as a "Reboot Platform for Action" that aims to influence policy and budgets for such pressing issues as reproductive health, pay equity, violence against women, education, and how

the media portray women. Cathy and former AAUW director Kathleen Cha led a table discussion around priority issues for AAUW-SF, which generally followed the national advocacy agenda. Full story at [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org) under Public Policy.

### **San Francisco Commission on Status of Women August Meeting**

The San Francisco Arts Commission reported on its latest gender analysis. Its leadership is majority women; big public art projects that get the most funding are still created primarily by men.

A report from the Department of Children, Youth and their Families was critiqued for not providing specific girl-serving programs.

Emma Mayerson, Director of Alliance for Girls (AAUW-SF is a member organization), reported that budget cuts to girl-serving organizations were restored, but that budgets for girl-serving organizations are reduced. Full story at [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org) under Public Policy.

### **Tech Trek Publicity**

Tech Trek garnered a front-page article in the August Sunset Beacon!

Tech Trek mavens Elaine Butler and Michelle Mammini helped me choose 2013 camper Angelica Lee, who lives in the Sunset, as the subject to “pitch” to the Beacon. Read the article at [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org)

### **Upcoming Meetings**

*SF Commission on the Status of Women (regular meeting on 4th Wednesdays)*

Wednesday, October 23  
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, Public Policy

## **Ballot Issues Night**

Please join us for an evening with Joel Engardio, journalist, writer and former candidate for supervisor, who will discuss the issues on the November ballot and other topics of interest to San Francisco voters.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 30

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** 19 Wawona Street

**Event:** Joel Engardio will discuss the issues on the November Ballot

**RSVP:** Sheila Bost, (415) 664-4985

or [wawonast@earthlink.net](mailto:wawonast@earthlink.net)

## **Tech Trek**

Tech Trek and Member Welcome Back was held on September 21st 1-3. It was our first rainy day in a long time. We were disappointed by the low turnout of girls, but the ones who came were great! We have photos and video of the event. We learned what it is like to be a camper and what it is like to take the next step to become a junior counselor. Andrea was in charge of organizing the food and it was tasty. Manny Catania, volunteered to sing for us. He sang during our silent auction fundraiser for Tech Trek. Nora Lee suggested the fundraiser and showed us how to set up a silent auction. She was ably assisted by her husband, Shannon (a former camper) and her son. Next month I will report on the amount of money brought in by the silent auction. We had a great time. Check out Facebook for photos of the event.

Until next month,

**Elaine Butler and Michelle Maminni** - Tech Trek Co-Coordinators.

## **Compassion in Action Pat Camarena**

Preventative care and a commitment to wellness are critical components of success in veterinary medicine. Today there are many different aspects of animal care that vets can specialize in. There

have been veterinary schools around for many years. Given their economic significance, cows and horses were the primary animals treated in the early days. Most veterinarians were men. Women students were frowned upon. One of the early women veterinary school graduates was Elinor McGrath. Wisconsin-born Elinor faced much discrimination meant to discourage her from applying for the Chicago Veterinary College. Following graduation in 1910, she set up a small animal practice on Chicago's South Side. Besides being a compassionate animal doctor, she gave comfort and support to many people for whom their family cats and dogs had become important parts of their personal lives. Another early woman vet was Florence Kimball who graduated from Cornell in the early 1900s. She spent only a short time working in the field before embarking on a nursing career. However, Elinor McGrath spent her entire working life as a veterinarian. She married a fellow vet. Their wedding featured an animal parade which included a dog cart pulling her new husband. She was appointed assistant Illinois state veterinarian in the 1930s. Throughout her long career, she worked to build a wider public understanding of the importance veterinary science.

Since Elinor's time, there has been a significant increase in the number of women entering the field of veterinary medicine. Close to 80% of veterinary students today are women, parity having been reached in the 1990s. However, relatively few American universities have animal medicine programs so there is much competition for spots in those twenty-eight schools according to the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

[www.dmcgraths.com](http://www.dmcgraths.com)  
[www.Vet.cornell.edu](http://www.Vet.cornell.edu)

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)

## Playing Now

### Paula Campbell

Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize winning **Buried Child**, is a shocker in its revival at the Magic Theatre, (a theatre in which he was named Playwright-in-Residence in 1975.) Originally produced in 1978, this production, under Loretta Greco's able direction, provides some changes which make the play more accessible to today's audience, without losing any of the horror the play is intended to invoke.

The play is about a farm family haunted by secrets, beaten down by life, existing primarily just to preserve itself, at the cost of failing to preserve any shred of dignity or self respect.

Dodge, the father, in a stunning performance by Ron Gnapp (who should win every Bay Area award for this), is old, ill, angry, foul mouthed, and desperately trying to control his wayward family. His wife Halie ([Denise Balthrop Cassidy](#)) tries to hold on to prim and proper family values, while at the same time seducing the local minister. Their sons, the apparently dimwitted Tilden (James Wagner), and the violent, one legged Bradley (Patrick Kelly Jones), vie with their parents and each other for dominance, and for their father's whiskey. The alcohol sodden atmosphere is charged with references to something buried, some secret dead thing. The farm, fallow for years, has suddenly bloomed – corn, carrots, other vegetables fill the fields – an apparent miracle. n.b. Bear in mind the play was written in 1978, when Theatre of the Absurd flourished, and mixing reality and fantasy was common on the stage. Into the mix comes Vince (Patrick Alparone), Tilden's son who has been gone for six years, with his girlfriend Shelly ([Elaina Garrity](#)). Vince has come home to find his place in the family, but they refuse to acknowledge him, claiming not to know him. So is the scene set for the wild ride that follows, in which secrets are bared and lives are upended.

**Buried Child** is an enigma, a play about secrets in general and one specific terrible secret. It's clearly a product of its time, and may seem a bit forced to audiences of today. Nonetheless, it's an amazing

play and this is a superior production. It's the play that made Sam Shepard a household name (at least in theatre loving households) and established him as a major force in American theatre. In addition to the Pulitzer, Shepard has won seven Obies, and varied Drama Desk, New York Drama Critics, and Outer Circle Playwrights Awards. He's also an actor and was nominated for an Oscar for his role in the film, **The Right Stuff**. And Shepard is also a musician, who once said what he really wanted was to be a rock star. The Magic Theatre production of **Buried Child** is a tribute to the abilities of this amazing Renaissance man.

**Buried Child**, through Oct. 13. The Magic Theatre, Fort Mason, Building D, third floor.

Tickets: Box Office 441- 8822, online <http://magictheatre.org>  
Tues 7pm, Wed--Sat 8pm, Wed--Sun 2:30pm.

### You are Invited

Movie Screening

**The Trust Women/Silver Ribbon Campaign will moderate the post-movie discussion of "After Tiller" at the Roxie Theater in San Francisco on Oct. 19, 2013, after the 3 pm show.** The movie director, Martha Shane, will be present, and the 20-minute discussion will be a Q&A with Martha. Tickets will be \$11 each. (\$1 from all SF sales will go the clinic in Albuquerque that offers late-term abortions; it is under attack by Operation Rescue.) Details about the movie can be found online:

<http://rhrealitycheck.org/article/2013/09/19/six-reasons-to-see-after-tiller-as-soon-as-possible/>

### Silver Jubilee Scholarship Update

During this past summer, one of our 2013 Silver Jubilee scholarship recipients immediately put her award money to good use. Katerina Catania, a senior at San Francisco State University and archaeology minor, had a wonderful experience in July as an intern participating in an archaeological dig in Pompeii. The goal of the Via Consolare Project was to dig down to the pre 79 AD eruption layer in an attempt to discover more about what the city was like prior to the catastrophic disaster.

Katerina worked diligently five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

All sorts of artifacts were unearthed. She reports that she learned a great deal about the work of archaeologists and the process of working out in the field that she could not have experienced in the classroom. Her involvement in this project will be ongoing during this fall school semester as she will be continuing to work for her professor processing data from the summer dig. She is now more seriously considering a career in this field rather than in psychology in which she has been majoring. An exciting summer adventure happened for Katerina thanks to SFAAUW.

**Pat Camarena:** Silver Jubilee Chair

### Membership Updates

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

### October Birthdays

Carol Robinson	October 1
Cathy Corcoran	October 3
Joyce Bowe	October 4
Dierdre Araujo	October 6
Julie Freeman	October 7
Harriet Solled	October 10
Michelle Mammini	October 13
Krisann Chasarik	October 16
Marie Bartee	October 20
Esther Wong	October 23
Patricia Spencer	October 27

### Birthday Not Announced?

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

### Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

AAUW branch members can introduce friends, family, colleagues, and acquaintances to AAUW and receive recognition for their recruitment efforts through the AAUW Keys to the Future: A Member-

Get-a-Member Campaign. **Connect** with someone and tell her about AAUW and what makes you so passionate about it. Tell him about the mission, the research, the advocacy, the philanthropy, and why you are a member. **Ask** that person to become a part of this organization that means so much to you. Invite her or him to join as a branch member or as a national member. **Give the gift of membership.** What better way to show your passion about

AAUW than to share membership in the organization with someone you care about.

### 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)

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

**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)

### Online AAUW Branch

There is an online AAUW California Branch: [www.AAUWCaOnline.org](http://www.AAUWCaOnline.org). Their dues are \$10 for dual members.

### 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.

### 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.

## Tech Trek Donations

Michelle and I have signed up to send 15 girls again for the summer of 2014. We will need help from every member and friend of the Program to achieve this milestone again. Please continue your generous support!

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### 2013-14 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:

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**October 2013**

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*It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.*

**Eleanor 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. It has a national membership of 150,000. 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. Check out our website [www.aauwsf.org](http://www.aauwsf.org)



San Francisco Inc. (CA) Branch

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

**Pay Equity**

AAUW has been on the front lines fighting for Pay Equity for over a hundred years.

AAUW was there in the Oval Office in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act into law.

AAUW was there in 2009 when President Barack Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law.

AAUW continues the fight for the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act to ensure women have further equal pay protections. The pay gap is real.

AAUW will continue the fight to achieve pay equity; the economic security of American families depends on it.

**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.