



President's Message

It was great to hear **Marilyn Fowler**, the founder and President of the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), our guest speaker at our holiday luncheon last month. Marilyn highlighted the important issues that our organizations care about including ending violence against women, ensuring reproductive health rights and access to education.

We will participate in a rally on the stairs of City Hall on **Wednesday, January 15th at 10am**. The rally is to announce the resolution declaring January **Women's Health Month** in San Francisco. At the rally we will encourage women to sign up for insurance as well as promote a positive message about women's control over our bodies and the fact that San Francisco is proudly a pro-choice City. Supervisor David Campos will introduce the resolution at the Board meeting on the same day. I look forward to seeing you there.

We have a great year ahead with our 130th anniversary celebration in March and our branch continues to make an impact through mission based programming and collaborations with other advocacy groups and service providers to advance opportunities for women and girls.

Cathy Corcoran
President

Board Meeting

This month's board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 8th, 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.

Brunch with Lisa Maatz

Sunday, January 26 at 12:30. **Do Not Miss This.**
See announcement on Page 3 of this issue!

AAUW-SF Member News



Kim Turner, John and Terry Levin Fellow, Fair Play for Girls in Sports, a project of the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center. Through litigation, education, and policy work, Kim advocates for equality in athletic opportunities for female youth—particularly in low-income communities—based on Title IX and AB 2404. Since graduating from Cardozo Law School in New York City in 2008, Kim has practiced a mixture of employment and housing law, including with Weil, Gotshal & Manges and Bay Area Legal Aid. She received her B.A. from Brown University in 2002, double concentrating in Public Policy and Sociology. At Brown, Kim played for the varsity women's volleyball team and the junior varsity soccer team. Kim is a regular contributor to the Huffington Post and other news outlets and offers trainings and talks on Title IX and AB 2404 to a wide range of audiences.

Fair Play for Girls in Sports promotes health, education, and future employment opportunities for low-income girls in grades K–12 by ensuring that sports programs provided by public schools and park departments in low-income neighborhoods afford girls equal athletic opportunities as required by Title IX and AB 2404. Fair Play employs a multi-pronged approach to tackle inequality issues in schools, parks, and communities by conducting: education and outreach; a Fair Play Help Line to address

community questions and concerns: ([877-593-0074](tel:877-593-0074); fairplay@las-elc.org); data collection and synthesis regarding Title IX and AB 2404 compliance efforts; technical assistance to aid in enforcing and improving existing laws; and pre-litigation/litigation solutions when other strategies prove ineffective so as to advance opportunities for girls. Cases recently handled by Fair Play include *Ollier v. Sweetwater* and *Cruz v. Alhambra*.

Afternoons With Books

Friday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Book/Author: Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

Hostess: Joanne Mandel, 12 Marne Avenue
Please RSVP to Joanne at 665-7329 or email at jmandel6@yahoo.com

International Book Group

Monday, January 20 at 7 PM.

Book/Author: The Round House, by Louise Erdrich

Hostess: Janice Gonsalves,
41 Teresita Blvd.
Please RSVP to Janice at 759-9760 or email at janicemarie@pacbell.net

Mystery/Adventure

Thursday, January 23 at 7:30

Book/Author: Started Early Took My Dog by Kate Atkinson

Hostess: Joanne Mandel
Reviewer: Harriet Sollod
RSVP: Joanne at 665-7329 or email at jmandel6@yahoo.com

Public Policy Notes

San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women (SF DOSW)

I attended the Commission's November meeting, which took the form of a planning retreat. Because there were too few commissioners present to vote

on action items, the meeting focused on successes and challenges in 2013.

Highlights:

- Executive Director Dr. Emily Murase noted that with a staff of only 5 people (the biggest in the country) they manage a budget of \$5m. Murase reminded attendees that in 1998, San Francisco was the first municipality in the U.S. to adopt CEDAW (Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women). For San Francisco's CEDAW ordinance: <http://bit.ly/1i13V5h>
- Aimee Allison, Director of Media and Community Outreach for SF DOSW, discussed how San Francisco is being positioned internationally as a city that's leading on CEDAW issues. The goal is to get broad community support for CEDAW.
- Ann Lehman, Policy Director, SF DOSW, focuses on women in the workplace through the Department's Gender Equality Principles initiative (GEP). She noted that San Francisco is the only city that monitors sexual harassment in all city departments, is aiming for GEP to work with city vendors, and is reaching out to the small business community, especially women-owned small businesses. GEP worked with Supervisor David Chiu on the recently passed family friendly legislation. More on GEP here: <http://bit.ly/1h22isT>
- Minouche Kandel, Director of Women's Policy, SF DOSW, said that the district attorney is looking into why so few cases of violence against women are being prosecuted, and announced that in the past 42 months there have been no homicides from domestic violence.

SF Commission on the Status of Women October meeting summary

AAUW-SF Board member Barbara Spencer attended. She reported that the Commission approved a grant of \$75,000 for 6 months for a

human trafficking program through Asian Women's Shelter, in collaboration with Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) and Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO)

Upcoming Meetings

Rally for Women's Health Month

Tuesday, January 14, 10am

Steps of San Francisco City Hall

Special brunch event with Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP, Government Relations

Peggy Kavounas's home

Saturday, January 26, 12:30pm

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

Wednesday, January 22

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).

Roberta Guise, Co-chair, Public Policy

Tech Trek

Thank you to **December Donors**

Connie Armitage

Corrine & Mitch Sacks

Susan Kwock in honor of her son, Isaac Kwock, a beautiful soul.

Elaine Butler, to honor Stephen Butler, who loved this program

We appreciate any and all donations. Pledges can be made now and redeemed March 1, 2014.

Michelle and Elaine attended a meeting of the Branch Coordinators for Camp Hopper to be held at Stanford. We feel it is probably the first meeting called by camp directors so the coordinators can

meet and compare procedures for choosing girls, who will get the most out of the camp experience. Each branch handles the decision differently. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other.

The Camp Directors expressed a need for branches to help provide sustainability to the camps. They need people in training to become camp directors, Facility Managers, Camper management, Curriculum, Finance, Fund Development and Grant Writing. JC/SC Coordinators, and Dorm Moms/Nurse Coordinator, Michelle and Elaine have job descriptions and the current contacts in each position.

These are needs for the week of camp:

1. Management of all camp/staff activities
2. 2-3 trucks or vans and bodies to move all camp materials into storage
3. 3-4 drivers for Marine Bio Marsh Field Trip-various branches, also need a coordinator - 3 Hours
4. Branch visitation coordinators — contact branches, collect RSVP's, send maps, directions, snacks
5. Costco Run for Camp Photos and the cakes for Birthday Celebrations on Friday.
6. Staff meals at dorms for orientation
7. Shopping for weeks snacks; coffee; drinks; classroom supplies

As you can read, it takes a lot of people to give our selected girls a wonderful experience. If you are available to help out, or know someone who would like to be a part of this experience, please contact Elaine at 826-3172 or elainebutler124@comcast.net or Michelle 346-9114 or mmammini@pacbell.net. Thank you,

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

Brunch with Lisa Maatz

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Brunch with AAUW VP of Government Relations Lisa Maatz, our heavy hitting advocate in DC will be addressing our chapter. She is an

incredible speaker and inspiration on all things AAUW.

At the home of :
Peggy Kavounas **565 Marina Blvd**
on **Sunday, January 26th at 12:30PM.** Please
RSVP - pkavounas@aol.com.

Passionate about Corn Pat Camarena

In many ways 1902 was a momentous year in women's history. China's powerful and charismatic empress Tsu-hsi changed women's lives by forbidding the binding of feet. Marie Curie, along with her husband Pierre, isolated the radioactive element called radium chloride. In Tasmania, women were given the right to vote. A split skirt was first worn by a woman equestrian. But also, however no less momentous, 1902 marked the birth of Barbara McClintock. Barbara was a Cornell educated American scientist.....one of the world's most distinguished cytogeneticists who is well known today for her groundbreaking work researching the genetic structure of maize plants which led to the discovery of telomeres... telomeres being a region of repetitive DNA at the ends of chromosomes. For many years she ceased to publish her research results when her mostly male scientific colleagues did not support her conclusions. Some years later, her findings were verified by European geneticists. In spite of this early scientific skepticism, Barbara continued her work undaunted. In her own words: "If you know you are on the right track, if you have this inner knowledge, then nobody can turn you off...no matter what they say." In 1983, she became a Nobel Laureate for her discovery of genetic transportation, becoming one of the world's most distinguished cytogeneticists. A small pilot study at UCSF published this past year seems to be showing for the first time that changes in diet, exercise, stress management, and social support can result in longer telomeres which may have an impact on slowing the aging process. Said Barbara: "I never thought of stopping and I just hated sleeping. I can't imagine having a better life." She lived to be ninety! She would certainly be

surprised at the path her initial work has taken in the field of genetic science.

www.ucsf.edu.
www.profiles.nlm.nih.gov
www.nature.com.
www.brainyquote.com

Playing Now Paula Campbell

John Patrick Shanley, (**Moonstruck**, Academy Award Best Original Screenplay, **Doubt: A Parable**, four Tony Awards including Best Play, **Drama Desk Award**, **Pulitzer Prize** for Drama; as a film three **Academy Awards**, including screenplay, and **Writers Guild of America Award for Best Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen**) has another big hit in **Storefront Church**, now at the San Francisco Playhouse.

Brilliantly directed by Joy Carlin, **Storefront Church** is a perfect play for the holidays, dealing as it does with loss of faith, family loss and love, and avaricious Scrooge-like bankers, set not in London, but the Bronx.

Jesse (Gloria Weinstock) has co-signed a loan which is about to result in her home being foreclosed. Her husband Ethan (Ray Reinhardt) goes to plead their case with bank representative Reed, (Rod Gnapp.) He's unsuccessful and has a heart attack. Donaldo, (Gabriel Marin) the Bronx Borough President, is persuaded to help the couple, motivated mostly when he learns his mother is the other co-signer. He makes a deal with the corrupt senior banker (Derek Fischer) to save the property, but it's a dirty deal.

The problem is that Jesse has rented her first floor to Chester, (Carl Lumbly) a Preacher to use as a store front church, but he hasn't paid any rent because he's suffered a crisis of faith and never opened the church. Finally, he agrees to hold a service, through various arm twistings everyone shows up, and after a shaky beginning

the church rocks with song (in which on the night I attended the audience joined), faith fills the air, the good get their just deserts, the bad go without dessert, and all ends happily.

The set, designed by the brilliant Bill English, rotates, allowing changes to several different locations to appear very quickly, quietly, and without the use of elaborate stage machinery. The meticulous attention to detail in each location, the reality of each setting, is amazing. Abra Berman (costumes) and David K. H. Elliott (lighting) enhance this.

All the actors are wonderful, but special note must be made of Ray Reinhardt, one of the grand old masters of Bay Area theatre. His Ethan is a funny, touching, annoying, and absolutely authentic New York elderly Jewish man. Growing up in New York as I did, I know this man!

Rod Gnapp gives an amazing performance as a bitter, angry man, with a very particular handicap. He's been shot in the face by his ex-wife and one side of his face is paralyzed. In his first scene, as he talked out of one side of his mouth with the other side not moving, with one eyelid that drooped, I wondered if the actor had had a stroke. When it became clear that this was part of the character I was breathless. I don't know how Gnapp did it. Skin glue on one side of his mouth, and his eyelid maybe? I'll try to find out next time I'm at the Playhouse.

Carl Lumbly never fails to come through with a great performance. His broken preacher is true to himself, even if it means disappointing others. His slow but sure redemption warms the audiences' hearts. Eventually, as I said, the audience sings along with him and his congregation.

All in all this is a fascinating play, filled with fascinating characters. I strongly recommend it. And did I mention the gingerbread house, meant for his child, but pulled apart and greedily

devoured by the evil banker. Bah humbug personified.

Great plot, wonderful acting, amazing set – and leave the theatre singing. What more could we ask for!

Storefront Church, through Jan 11. Tues-Wed-Thurs 7pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, Sat 3pm, Sun 2pm.
450 Post Street (2nd Floor of Kensington Park Hotel)
between Mason and Powell, Box Office 415-677-9596 Fax: 415-677-9597
Online: <https://sfplayhouse.vbotickets.com/events>

New Members

November:

Helynna Brooke
Stephanie Dale
Mary Ann Ellison

December:

Yvonne Eckhoff
Marilyn Fowler

Membership Updates

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

January Birthdays

Susan Kwock	January 5
Helen Pellegin	January 10
Pat Morin	January 15
Marion Colton	January 19
Ramona Muniz	January 24
Terese Terry	January 27
Aysha Handley	January 31

Birthday Not Announced?

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

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 2014. 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

The Deadline for 2014 Scholarships is April 30, 2014!

All applications must be mailed to:
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 P.O. Box 31405
 San Francisco, CA 94131-0405

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US Congressional Voting Record
aauwaction.org/VoterEd/CVR.htm

Online AAUW Branch

There is an online AAUW California Branch: 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.

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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 Donation Form

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!

2013-14 Tech Trek Donation Form

I'm interested in sponsoring girls to go to Tech Trek 2014! 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: _____

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January 2014

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A year from now you will wish you had started today.

Karen Lamb



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



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.