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President's Message



Cathy Corcoran, Lisa Maatz and Alicia Hetman on January 26th

Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP of Government Relations visited the Bay Area over several days in January and the San Francisco Branch was delighted to host Lisa for brunch at the wonderful home of member Peggy Kavounas. Lisa shared insights about AAUW's advocacy achievements and priorities. We are very proud of Lisa's accomplishments for AAUW.

Mark your calendars for **One Billion Rising**, the annual event calling for an end to all violence against women, which will take place at City Hall on **February 14th**, at 4pm. For details visit: <http://www.onebillionrisingsf.org/spreadtheword>

Lastly, the build-up to our **130th Anniversary Celebration**, *Living the Legacy*, has begun! The event will take place at Presidio Golf Club on **Saturday, March 22, 2014, at 12:30pm**. For ticket details please visit our website: www.aauwsf.org

Cathy Corcoran
President

February is Women's Health Month

AAUW San Francisco will join Supervisor Campos' Office, Planned Parenthood, Physicians for Reproductive Health, Women's Community Clinic,

California Family Health Council, San Francisco Clinic Consortium, Silver Ribbon Trust Women Campaign and NARAL Pro-Choice California, to promote women's health. Join us at the launch press event for women's health month on **Tuesday, February 4th at 10:00a.m. in room 201 at City Hall**. There, Supervisor Campos will discuss the resolution creating Women's Health Month; Planned Parenthood will discuss the importance of reproductive health & continued attacks on these rights in SF; a Women's Community Clinic patient will discuss the importance of ACA in her life; California Family Health Council will talk about State and Federal efforts to improve women's health; and a speaker from El/La will discuss issues specific to transgender women's health and the continued importance of Healthy San Francisco for the immigrant population in San Francisco. Simultaneous translation in Spanish will be available at the event.

AAUWSF Board Meeting

This month's board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 12th, 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.

Leadership Award Call for Nominations

As part of AAUW-San Francisco's 130th Anniversary Celebration, we are inaugurating a **leadership award** named for our first **branch President, Sarah Dix Hamlin**. The award will acknowledge the outstanding efforts of a woman leader in San Francisco who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of women and girls. Your nominee can be an advocate or service provider. Please email details about your nominee's background and accomplishments and why she is deserving of the honor, to Cathy Corcoran corcoranfc@gmail.com. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 28th. The AAUWSF Board of Directors will announce the winner in the March issue of *Avanti* and present the award at the 130th Celebration on March 22nd, 12:30pm at Presidio Golf Club.

International Dinner

Our next International Dinner is scheduled for Friday, **February 28**, at 6:00 p.m. at **Helmand Palace**, with cuisine from Afghanistan, located at 2454 Van Ness Avenue. Details and menu will follow by email. Save the date for a Central Asian treat!

For further information contact Nancy Shapiro at (415) 731-2654 or nancy.shapiro@comcast.net, or Sheila Bost at (415) 664-4985 or wawonast@earthlink.net

Afternoons With Books

Friday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Book/Author: The Last Train to Zona Verde by Paul Theroux

Hostess: Mary Suter, 1770 18 Ave.

Please RSVP to Mary at 415-665-1185 or email at marsuter@yahoo.com

International Book Group

Monday, February 17 at 7 PM.

Book/Author: The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker

Hostess: Barbara Spencer, 736 Third Avenue, Please RSVP to Barbara at (415) 221-6690 or email at barbaracspencer@gmail.com

Mystery/Adventure

Thursday, February 27 at 7:30

Book/Author: The Keeper of Lost Causes by Jussi Adler-Olsen

Hostess: Phyllis Hunt, 37 Midway St. #4

Reviewer: Elaine Butler

RSVP: Phyllis at 391-1171 or email at h-2660@sbcglobal.net

Note: Parking is difficult, so please plan to carpool!

Travel Group

The AAUW-SF Travel Club has reservations available for a tour of the **Charles Chocolates** facility, 535 Florida Street, San Francisco, on

Friday, February 14 (yes, Valentine's Day) at **11 am**. Tickets are **\$10 per person**. Please RSVP by February 10, so the number of tour participants can be confirmed.

As always, call or email Elaine Butler at 415-826-3172, elainebutler124@comcast.net or Adrienne Kristine at 415-359-0356
Adrienne.kristine@gmail.com

Save the Date

March 22, 2014

AAUW San Francisco Branch Celebration of 130 years of empowering women and girls.

Gala lunch and an opportunity to remember all we have accomplished! We hope all of you will come to make it a notable event.

Check your mail (email and snail mail) for the flyer, and additional information.

Public Policy Notes

AAUW-SF Brunch with Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP Government Relations

On another rainless Sunday in January, AAUW members convened at Peggy Kavounas's Marina Green home to eat a delicious brunch and get inside the mind of AAUW's Washington chief lobbyist, Lisa Maatz, VP Government Relations for AAUW.

Wait, you say, AAUW has a lobbyist? Yes, and that's what Lisa is. She leads a team of AAUW lobbyists called the Capitol Hill Lobby Corps. According to Lisa, every Thursday for the past 30 years the Corps has ascended the Hill to lobby on behalf of AAUW for bills such as the *Violence Against Women Act*, *Paid Sick Leave* and *Paycheck Fairness*.

"Almost all bills have something for us," Lisa told the rapt listeners. For example, the Immigration bill on the Senate side: working with Microsoft, AAUW suggested that H-1B visas for foreign tech workers cost more for companies such as Microsoft, and the extra money be pooled for education programs to get more women and minorities into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) as future tech workers.

Lisa noted that AAUW Public Policy strategy is approved by members, and the mission-based strategy shifts depending on how AAUW thinks Congress will react.

She also pointed out that when San Francisco passes an ordinance such as the recent *Family Friendly Workplace Ordinance*, the City becomes an exemplar for passing legislation that benefits women, girls and families. (See July 2013 *Avanti* for my 1:1 interview with Lisa.)

AAUW-SF 130th Anniversary

We're planning a couple of high-profile campaigns for our big 130th anniversary and would love your help. Email [roberta\(at\)guisemarketing.com](mailto:roberta(at)guisemarketing.com) if you'd like to get involved.

Equal Pay Day is April 8

We're gearing up to make noise about the stubborn 23¢ gender wage gap in April. Please email me if you have ideas or can help.

Upcoming Meetings

Film screening: "#Stand With Me," new documentary about human trafficking

Ten-year old Vivienne Harr set up a lemonade stand in Marin County to raise money to help end child slavery. The film is about her effort. Also see story in January 28 San Francisco Chronicle.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday/February 4-6 screening dates

www.standwithmemovie.com to buy tickets and for screening locations

2014 Modern Day Abolitionist Award Ceremony & Panel Presentation on Discouraging Human Trafficking Demand

Tuesday, February 11

10:00 am-12:00 pm

San Francisco Public Library, Koret Auditorium

100 Larkin Street

SF Commission on the Status of Women (regular meeting usually on 4th Wednesdays...check online calendar before attending)

Wednesday, February 26

4-6pm (**note new time!)

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

Tech Trek Long Time Donor Ruth Gordon Schnapp: 9/19/1926-1/1/2014

She was the first woman to be licensed as a structural engineer in the State of California. She was a lifelong advocate, mentor to women and girls. She was an AAUW member until she became ill. She loved the Tech Trek Program and visited the Marie Curie Camp at Stanford several years ago.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Golden Gate Yacht Club in San Francisco Saturday, **February 22 from 2-5 PM.**

Donors for the month of **January**

Joan Walton

Mary Suter

Mardi Kildebeck

Thank you so much!

Elaine Butler and Michelle Mammini

Tech Trek Coordinators

Tech Trek Interviews Coming Up

We are seeking members to participate in the weekend of tech trek interviews on March 8th and 9th at 1663 Mission St, 3rd Floor (13th and Mission) We will have adult and Tech Trek Alums assigned to morning or afternoon shifts. Some of you will interview the candidates, others will talk with the families, someone will photograph the girls and get releases from their parent. Another job is being door monitor to let families inside and direct them to the elevator. We also need some cookies or similar food for the families.

Please contact Michelle Maminni at 346-9114, mmaminni@pacbell.net, or Elaine Butler at 826-3172, elainebutler124@comcast.net.
No experience necessary.

A Life of Inky Fingers Pat Camarena

In early American colonial times, many women worked alongside their husbands, fathers, and other relatives in the printing and newspaper publishing trade but received little recognition for their efforts. One such notable woman was Mary Katherine Goddard, whose mother had been a printer. Mary managed her brother's printing business during his Revolutionary War service years and his frequent jailing for printing articles considered to be inflammatory. She was authorized by Congress to print the first official copy of the Declaration of Independence with included all names of the original signers. Her brother's way of thanking her for carrying on his business was to dismiss her when he finished his military time. She lost her printing business despite filing numerous petitions with the new government and five unsuccessful lawsuits.

One way for women printers to get around the restrictions barring women from being legally recognized as publishers was to use a male child's name on the newspaper's masthead.

This tactic resulted in the names of many early women printers and publishers being unrecorded.

Ann Franklin Smith (1696-1763) was one exception. She was in the business with her husband James, a trained printer and the older brother of Benjamin Franklin. Desiring more journalistic freedom, they moved down from Massachusetts to Rhode Island bringing the first printing press to the colony and publishing its first newspaper. Ann learned to set type and operate the presses. After her husband's death, and having five children to provide for, Ann carried on the trade she inherited. Partnering for awhile with her son and assisted by two daughters, Ann published the Mercury in Newport, RI, printed the state's paper currency and all the state's official documents. After her son passed away, she also revived and wrote the yearly almanacs continuing on alone until her death at 69. More than two hundred years later,

Ann Smith Franklin became the first woman inducted into the University of Rhode Island's Journalism Hall of Fame. Other people remember her as the owner of the press on which Ben Franklin learned to set type.

www.womenshistoryblog.com
www.libweb2.princeton.edu
www.designtraveler.wordpress.com

Playing Now Paula Campbell

Don't miss the San Francisco Playhouse production of Jez Butterworth's **Jerusalem**. This tour de force production is right on target for this rowdy, forceful, almost mythic play. **Jerusalem** was nominated for the 2011 Tony Award for best play, and won both an Olivier and a Tony for its leading man. The play started in London, moved across the pond to Off-Broadway, then to Broadway, then back to London, garnering awards as it went.

The Jerusalem of the title refers to the hymn of the same name, sung all over England on St. George's Day, sung at Prince William and Katherine's wedding, and at the opening of the 2012 Olympics. Based on a William Blake poem, it equates Jerusalem with England, and most famously refers to "England's green and pleasant land." It is a paean to the Edenic natural beauty of rural England, as well as a screed against encroaching industrialization..

Jerusalem is set, appropriate to its title, in rural England. But it's a far cry from Eden. Instead, as the lights go up and deafening rock music roars, we find ourselves in the midst of some kind of drunken, drug fueled orgy, in front of a broken down caravan (mobile home) set in a garbage filled lot in the midst of a forest. This incredibly detailed and authentic set is designed by Bill English -- no big surprise there -- the man is a genius. Cut to morning -- it's St. George's Day, the partygoers are waking up, and the host, Johnny Rooster (Brian Dykstra, who should win every local award available for his amazing performance) comes out of the caravan, roaring profanity, not remembering what happened

the night before. He's a large man – big in stature, in voice, in spirit. He tells stories of incredible experiences he's had, swearing they're true. One in particular deals with giants, 90 ft. high men, who he claims he can call to his defense using a drum they gave him. He is clearly a leader – the cock of the walk – he's not called Rooster for nothing.

The partygoers leave and Rooster is visited by law officers, who leave a detailed eviction notice on his door, informing him that armed men will arrive the next morning to forcibly remove him if he doesn't vacate. Rooster vows they'll never move him.

The partygoers slowly wander in, hung over and disorderly. Ginger (Ian Scott McGregor), Rooster's best friend, warns him to take the eviction notice seriously, and reminds him that the underage girls (15 and 16 year olds) he hangs out with and supplies drug to could cause real trouble for him. Soon everyone but Rooster wanders off to the village St. George's Day Faire.

Without giving away the store, suffice to say that **Jerusalem** includes sub plots involving a missing girl, a missing dog, Rooster's ex-wife and 6 year old son, and his fight against being evicted. It becomes clear that Rooster, a truly mythic figure, has passed his prime, and lost his powers. He is the epitome of the tragic hero – a man above others, better and bigger, who because of his own hubris – his overwhelming pride – brings about his own downfall.

All this said, let me add that **Jerusalem** is no tragedy. It's hilariously funny, bawdy, loud, and fascinating. There's even a drunken demonstration of Morris dancing (one of the friends is Morris dancer at the Faire.) The play, like its main character, is bigger than life. It's three hours including two short intermissions, but doesn't feel long – brilliantly directed by Bill English, the play moves quickly and the audience is engrossed at every second.

Jerusalem is a must see. It's totally engaging, infuriating as well, and has a simply superb

performance by Brian Dykstra. I urge everyone to see it.

An end note – St. George is the patron saint of England. He is most famously invoked in Shakespeare's **Henry V**, act iii, when going into battle against France, Henry exhorts his troops "*Cry God for Harry, England, and Saint George!*"

Jerusalem, through March 8, 2014. Tues-Wed-Thurs 7pm, Fri/Sat 8pm, Sat 3pm, select Sundays 2pm. San Francisco Playhouse, 450 Post Street (2nd Floor of Kensington Park Hotel) between Mason and Powell, Box Office 415.677.9596 - - open: Tues-Sat 1:00 pm-6:00p
fax: 415.677.9597 online: sfplayhouse.org (click BUY) also available through Goldstar.com

Branch Events

Saturday, April 5, 10:30 AM

Coffee with Congresswoman Jackie Spier, and an opportunity to discuss AAUW concerns.

The Chetcuti Room

450 Poplar Avenue

Millbrae

For questions call Valerie Lambertson (650) 992-4592, r.lambertson@att.net

Membership Updates

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

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.

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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Two Minute Activities: capwiz.com/aauw/home.

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.

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 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: _____

Mail your donation addressed to:

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If not you, then who? If not now, then when?

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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.