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## President's Message

March is Women's History Month and how better to celebrate than mark the **130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AAUW San Francisco**. It is a very proud time for our branch, our members and friends as we acknowledge the achievements of the past and look ahead to our future. We are delighted that **Noreen Farrell, Executive Director, Equal Rights Advocates**, will be our keynote speaker.



Noreen Farrell to speak at AAUWSF 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Named one of the 2012 Top Women Leaders in Law by The Recorder and one of the 2013 Top 100 Women Lawyers in California by the Daily Journal, Noreen Farrell's entire legal career has been dedicated to the pursuit of social justice. As the Executive Director and previously the Managing Attorney/Legal Director at ERA, she has led ERA's impact litigation efforts representing clients who have faced sex discrimination and other unfair treatment at school and work in class actions and individual cases. See more at: <http://www.equalrights.org/about-era/staff/noreen-farrell/#sthash.L8jPQ7CV.dpuf>

I look forward to seeing you all there. Details below.

**Cathy Corcoran**  
**President**

## AAUW San Francisco Presents:

### *Living the Legacy:*

### *130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Celebration*

**Presidio Golf Club**

**Saturday, March 22nd, 2014, 12:30pm**

MC: Martina Castro, Managing Editor of KALW News  
Branch History Presentation by Kathleen Cha

Speakers include:

Cathy Corcoran, President, AAUWSF

Alicia Hetman, President, AAUWCA

Jamie Minor, Office of Leader Nancy Pelosi

Tech Trek Alumnae

Keynote Speaker:

Noreen Farrell, Executive Director, Equal Rights  
Advocates

Presentation of Sarah Dix Hamlin Leadership Award

### **Three-Course Lunch with Choice of Entrée**

Roast Pork with Applesauce

Chicken Piccata

Gluten free Pasta Primavera w/ Grilled Vegetables

Tickets now available:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-the-legacy-celebrating-130th-anniversary-of-aauw-san-francisco-tickets-10476099295>

## **Sarah Dix Hamlin Leadership Award**

As part of AAUW-San Francisco's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, we are inaugurating a **leadership award** named for our first **branch President, Sarah Dix Hamlin**. Three nominations were submitted by branch members: **Jennifer Berger**, Executive Director of About Face, **Dr. Nadine Burke Harris**, Center for Youth Wellness and **Leslie Trook**, Principal of AP Giannini School. The board of directors reviewed the nominees and voted to award **Jennifer Berger** for her outstanding leadership.

### AAUWSF Board Meeting

This month's board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 12<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.

### Afternoons With Books

**Friday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Book/Author:** A View from Penthouse B, by Elinore Lipman

**Hostess:** Michelle Mammini, 2520 Greenwich St. Please RSVP to Michelle at 346-9114 or email at [mmammini@pacbell.net](mailto:mmammini@pacbell.net)

### International Book Group

**Monday, March 17 at 7 PM.**

**Book/Author:** The Gift of Rain, by Tan Twan Eng

**Hostess:** Mary Graves, 2901 Broderick St. Please RSVP to Mary at 563-3610 or email at [marywgraves@comcast.net](mailto:marywgraves@comcast.net)

### Mystery/Adventure

**Thursday, March 27 at 7:30**

**Book/Author:** Death Comes to Pemberly, by P.D. James

**Hostess:** Joanne Bellan, 2466 23 Ave

**Reviewer:** Mary Suter

RSVP: Joanne at 664-2366

### Travel Group

The AAUW-SF Travel Club will not meet in March and will be celebrating our 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the other members.

Stay tuned for the April event.

### 130 Anniversary Lunch

**March 22, 2014**

This is a special time for all of us to reflect on what we have accomplished and where we are going. Make your reservation now, mark your calendar, and be there in a joyous celebration of this very special milestone of the San Francisco Branch of AAUW.

For additional information contact Corrine Sacks, 415-292-4130 or email at [cpsacks@Yahoo.com](mailto:cpsacks@Yahoo.com)

### Public Policy Notes

#### One Billion Rising For Justice: San Francisco



On February 14, Valentines Day, I was one of thousands gathered on the steps of City Hall to “dance for justice.” According to Eve Ensler (creator of *The Vagina Monologs* and founder of *One Billion Rising*), “One in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime. That is one billion women.” Ensler’s clarion call was for one billion women to “speak out at the places where they need justice, where they need an end to violence against women and girls.” Mayor Ed Lee and District Attorney George Gascon were among the speakers at the event. Watch the complete video at [OneBillionRising.org](http://OneBillionRising.org).

#### AAUW-SF 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 22

If you’ve not yet registered to attend, now’s the time! We’re expecting some high-profile

\recognitions for AAUW San Francisco, so I hope you won't miss this very special occasion.

**Equal Pay Day is April 8**

We're gearing up to make noise about the stubborn 23¢ gender wage gap in April. We'd love a helping hand or two. Let me know if you can help, [roberta@guisemarketing.com](mailto:roberta@guisemarketing.com)

**San Francisco Commission on Status of Women: Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness**



The big news at the Commission meeting on February 26 was the announcement of a poster that public and private organizations must post, to give the public and victims of human trafficking a telephone hotline to call and where to go when needed.

**International Women's Day is March 8!** See <http://bit.ly/1kj6UfM> for more information.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Women's History Month Awards Ceremony  
 Tuesday, March 4 3:30pm, City Hall, Board of Supervisors Legislative Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Followed by a reception in Room 201

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

Wednesday, March 26  
 4-6pm  
 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**

**Tech Trek**

Thank you to all our February Donors, we cannot send the girls to camp without you.

- Pat Spencer
- Michelle Mammini
- Pat Camarena
- Barbara Spencer
- Joanne Mandel



Information Meeting: Elaine Butler and Cathy Corcoran

**Tech Trek Volunteer Opportunity**

March 8 and 9 Tech Trek Interviews are being held.

We are seeking members who are interested in becoming involved in the Tech Trek Program. We are looking for members to register families at the door, to take the girl's photo, to interview the girls or their parents using a set of questions. There are two shifts each day 10-1 or 1:30, and 1:30 - 4 . Please let us know if you are able to help us. No experience necessary.

Please contact Michelle Maminni at 346-9114, [mmammini@pacbell.net](mailto:mmammini@pacbell.net) , or Elaine Butler at 826-3172, [elainebutler124@comcast.net](mailto:elainebutler124@comcast.net).

**Michelle Mammini , Elaine Butler,  
Tech Trek Co-coordinators.**

### **A Monumental Case Pat Camarena**

The recent film called *The Monuments Men* has led to a heightened interest in the stories behind the recovery of the many works of art stolen, lost, and missing during the stressful and hectic years leading up to World War II. Here is one such story.

Marie Altman was a newly married twenty something living in Vienna as the war began. Her aunt had been Adele Bloch-Bauer, an aristocrat and art lover, who became painter Gustav Klimt's muse and the subject of his iconic gold portrait early in the 20th century. The family owned several of his paintings. When Maria was nine, Adele had died childless. It had been a suggestion to donate the paintings to the Austrian government. Her husband Ferdinand held on to the paintings until 1938 when all his assets were seized when the Nazis invaded Vienna. Marie and her husband fled Austria through Germany and Holland. They eventually settled in California where they remained. In 1945, Marie's uncle died leaving his estate to his various nieces and nephews. The paintings remained in various Austrian museums. In 1995 a journalist and lawyer for Marie uncovered documents in Austria's government archives that indicated that Ferdinand had not donated the Klimt pictures to the museum. It took until 1998, when Marie was in her eighties, for the restitution law in Austria to be changed so that Marie and other heirs like here're able to fight for their family's possessions. After a long and drawn out series of lawsuits leading up to the U.S. Supreme Court, her case went before an Austrian arbitration panel which ruled in Marie's favor. The returned paintings were put on temporary exhibit in the Los Angeles County Museum of Art before being sold. The one painting of Marie's aunt Adele sold in 2006 to a New York gallery for approximately \$135 million which was the most ever paid for a painting at that time. The four other recovered paintings were sold to private collectors for a total of \$192.7 million.

The story of Marie Altman's long quest has been recounted in three documentary films including *The Rape of Europa*. A memoir by Gregor Collins, published in 2012, portrays Marie's long shot quest. Marie died in 2011 at ninety-four years old.

[www.thedailybeast.com](http://www.thedailybeast.com)  
[www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)  
[www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

### **Playing Now Paula Campbell**

Eduardo De Filippo's **Napoli**, now at ACT, is a mixed bag. Though filled with humor, the play is a very serious study of the changes in behavior of ordinary people during wartime. In this production, the first act is broadly played as low comedy, almost slapstick, the second act as dramatic. I saw this play in London in 1991, at the then new National Theatre complex on the South Bank. It's stuck with me all the years – especially Ian McKellan's striking performance as Gennaro, the leading man, the family patriarch, as well as Claire Higgins' performance as his wife Amalia, the increasingly cold hearted black marketeer.

I remember the London production with affection. It was played straight; both acts played with sincerity and feeling. There was humor, but no slapstick. This production turned the acts almost into two separate plays. The huge difference between humor and slapstick seems lost on director Mark Rucker. A perfect illustration is the casting of Mario Barricelli, in the role played by Ian McKellan. McKellan is tall, very thin, cerebral, an opposite physical type to Barricelli, who is large, overweight, and physical. Seana McKenna, while very competent on stage as Amalia, seems unable in Act I to show Amalia's basic humanity, so her cruelty in Act II is not surprising – there's little transition in her character, and this transition is vital to the author's intent.

Part of the problem may lie in Alper and Basso's new translation. It fails to convey the period and the place (1942, Naples.) For example, the black

marketeers talk of “price fixing” a phrase not in either Italian or English at that time.

All this said, **Napoli** is still a fun evening at the theatre. If you’re new to the play there’s no reason you won’t find it entertaining, and engaging – a worthwhile evening at the theatre. I do recommend it.

**Napoli**, through Mar.9. Tues–Sat. 8pm, Wed, Sat, Sun at 2. Box Office: Geary Theatre, 405 Geary Street, San Francisco, phone: 415-749-2228, online: [tickets@act-sf.org](mailto:tickets@act-sf.org)

### 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 contact:

Valerie Lambertson (650) 992-4592,  
[r.lambertson@att.net](mailto:r.lambertson@att.net)

#### Sunday, April 13, 2014

The 31st annual AAUW WILDFLOWER RUN will take place on in Morgan Hill, CA at Live Oak High School, 1505 E. Main Av. Reduced registration rates through April 3!

This is a fundraiser for AAUW Funds, Tech Trek and local scholarships for women and girls.

10K Run, 5K Walk and Run, 2 K Run for kids 10 and under, 5K stroller/baby jogger. Family and group rates.

FREE! Jamba Juice Smoothies, t-shirts, and goody bags for all.

Details and registration at  
[www.WildflowerRun.org](http://www.WildflowerRun.org) Register online at  
[www.racemine.com](http://www.racemine.com) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

**COME RUN WITH US!**

### Membership Updates

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

### March Birthdays

Pat Camerena	March 1
Helynna Brooke	March 2
Margaret Kavounas	March 8
Stephanie Dale	March 12
Paula Campbell	March 16
Nancy Pellosi	March 26
Martina Castro	March 29

### 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](http://www.aauwsf.org/silver_jubilee.htm)

### The Deadline for 2014 Scholarships is April 30, 2014!

All applications must be mailed to:

AAUW: San Francisco Chapter  
P.O. Box 31405  
San Francisco, CA 94131-0405

### AAUW Web Pages

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

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

may not have been possible during their 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)

**US Congressional Voting Record**  
[aauwaction.org/VoterEd/CVR.htm](http://aauwaction.org/VoterEd/CVR.htm)

### Tech Trek Donation Form

### Online AAUW Branch

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

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!

### 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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### 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:

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

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

### 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.

### 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

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**March 2014**

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*Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.*

**Ryunoske Satoro**

**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.