

President's Message

AAUW was well represented at the US Department of Labor Women's Bureau Regional Forum on Working Families on May 27th in San Francisco. Forums are being held around the nation in advance of the White House Summit on June 23rd. Speakers included Mayor Ed Lee, Leader Nancy Pelosi and business leaders from the Bay Area. As US DOL Secretary Thomas H. Perez said "working families shouldn't have to choose between the family that they love and the job that they need". Calling for an increase in the minimum wage and affordable health care, Leader Nancy Pelosi is taking to the road aboard the *When Women Succeed, America Succeeds* bus tour, to hold events across the country to support an economic agenda that will strengthen working families
<http://www.womensucceed2014.com> AAUW's own Lisa Maatz will be on board!



Kathleen Cha, Cathy Corcoran and Roberta Guise, AAUW San Francisco, attend the Working Families Regional Forum

Our Annual Meeting and Installation Luncheon is an opportunity to reflect on the activities of our branch over the last year and elect and install the Board of Directors for 2014-2015. Our Silver Jubilee Scholarship Recipients will be in attendance. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Cathy Corcoran
President

AAUWSF Presents *Crossing the Line* Research at Conference



Cathy Corcoran, Lucretia Axtell and Mary Suter, AAUW San Francisco, attend the Alliance for Girls Annual Conference

Cathy Corcoran, President AAUW San Francisco, participated on the panel *Advocating for Girls Health and Safety* at the Alliance for Girls Annual Conference on May 28th. During the panel, Cathy presented the 2011 AAUW research *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*. Cathy noted how girls' ability to learn is especially impacted by sexual harassment that occurs both in person and online. Attendees received copies of the Executive Summary of the report, as well as the AAUW Title IX fact sheet. The panel included Elizabeth Kristen, Legal-Aid Society Employment Law Center, Kiki Williams, Equal Rights Advocates and Esther Lucero, California Consortium of Urban Indian Health. A lively Q&A session followed and volunteers were encouraged to assess their local high schools for compliance with Title IX, utilizing a helpful checklist created by the California Title IX Coalition. AAUWSF member Lina Malova plans to do just that and you can too – the checklist is available online: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/Assets/resources/Title-IX-Check-List-FINAL.pdf>

AAUWSF Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting on June 14 will replace this month's board meeting.

Afternoons With Books

Friday, June 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Book/Author: The Seal Wife, by Kathryn Harrison

Hostess: Paula Campbell, 338 Ewing Terrace

Please RSVP to Paula at 567-1330 or email at

campbellp@usfca.edu

International Book Group

Monday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Book/Author: Behind the Beautiful Forevers, by Katherine Boo

Hostess: Paula Campbell, 338 Ewing Terrace

Please RSVP to Paula at 567-1330 or email at

campbellp@usfca.edu

Mystery/Adventure

Thursday, June 26 at 7:30

Book/Author: The Bethlehem Road Murder, by Batya Gur

Hostess: Harriet Sollod, 186 Stonecrest Dr.

Reviewer: Joanne Mandel

RSVP: Harriet at 585-6869 or email at

hjnsollosd@gmail.com

Travel Group

There will be no meeting of the Travel Group in June. Stay tuned for notice of our future adventures.

Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

Join us on **Saturday, June 14th at 12:30pm**, at **Mescolanza Restaurant**, for the AAUW-SF Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers.

Kathleen Cha, past AAUW-SF and State President, will be on hand to install the Board of Directors for 2014-2015. Our speaker will be **Jennifer Berger, Executive Director, About-Face**, recipient of the inaugural AAUW-SF Sarah Dix Hamlin Leadership Award, which she received at our 130th Celebration in March.

Checks can be mailed to AAUWSF PO BOX 31405 San Francisco, CA 94131 or purchased online with PayPal at www.aauwsf.org

Members Wanted

Keep your mind sharp! Learn new things!

A group has started to learn and play Mah Jong and will welcome anyone interested in joining.

Contact Andrea at 864-6789.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee members are Barbara Spencer, Kelly Joseph, Andrea Laudate, Elaine Butler, and Nancy Shapiro. After meeting and consulting with a number of members, the committee proposes the following slate of officers for the San Francisco Branch for 2014-2015:

President - Cathy Corcoran

Treasurer - Barbara Spencer

Secretary - Lisa Davis

Program - Noelle Haynes

Membership - Nancy Shapiro

AAUW Funds/Legal Advocacy - Kelly Joseph

Public Policy - Roberta Guise and Sheila Bost

Avanti - Corrine Sacks

Tech Trek - Elaine Butler, Michelle Mammini

Website - Nancy Shapiro

Silver Jubilee - Mary Suter

College/University Liaison: Adrienne Kristine

Hospitality - Marilyn Leal

Barbara Spencer, Acting Chair

Public Policy Notes

Alliance for Girls 2nd Annual Conference

I attended this idea-laden gathering of leaders from 60 girl-serving organizations (AAUW San Francisco is a member); branch President Cathy Corcoran was a featured speaker and panelist on health and safety for girls.

Cathy presenting key findings of *Crossing the Line*, AAUW's landmark study on sexual harassment in schools. She deftly answered a question from the audience about why male students experience "gay" slurs, by noting that when a boy is called gay, it's bullying designed to emasculate him.

Branch member Renee Golanty-Koel Commended at SF COSW



L-R: Jane Bernard-Powers, AAUW-SF member Lu Axtell, Emily Murase, DOSW Director
Roberta Guise, Co-chair Public Policy, Kathryn Johnson

Although she couldn't be at the May meeting in person, Renee Golanty-Koel, long-time branch member, co-lead of the branch's Sister to Sister program and contributor to Tech Trek, received a commendation from the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women for her distinguished service and advocacy on behalf of women, families and children.

Also at the Commission meeting: SF Department of Children, Youth and their Families reported that more than \$2m in grant funding is being allocated to girl-specific programs. Prior to this the Department did not distinguish between programs for girls and boys.

White House Regional Summit on Working Families

A key theme resonating throughout this half-day event: "When women succeed, America succeeds!" San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, Leader Nancy Pelosi and Representative Jackie Speier were among the key speakers.

My favorite quotes: Lee — "Equal pay is a San Francisco value." Pelosi — "Leadership means giving voice to the voiceless." ..and.. "You shouldn't have to win the lottery to be a good parent." Speier — "We're not going to live in a *Mad Men* episode." Other speakers noted that only three states have paid family leave (California, New Jersey, Rhode Island), forcing workers in all other states to choose between financial security for their family and their health, or caring for a loved one.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Wednesday, June 25, 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).

Roberta Guise, Co-chair, Public Policy

Tech Trek

May Donors for Tech Trek:

Patti Amanda, Birge Spivey
Airbnb for providing the room, snacks, and audiovisuals for the May Send off.

Many Thanks to all!

Tech Trek Branch Visit

Camp Grace Hopper will be having a day for Branch and Donor visitation on July 16th (Wednesday). This program will be held at Stanford University. There will be one of the two options for visitors. If anyone would like to attend this event to see our girls in action, please contact Elaine Butler @ elainebutler124@comcast.net or 415-826-3172.

For either option below – walking long distances is a given – we **cannot** accommodate wheelchairs, walkers or physical disabilities.

For the silver lining – walking is a wonderful way to get the full flavor of the campus. There are pro's and con's to either option depending on your traffic patterns and distances to drive. We will have to limit the number of visitors depending on the options and locations. Please give us your choice by June 1st as well as a ballpark guess as to how many members or guests might be interested in attending – it would help us greatly in trying to wrangle the facility.

Option 1 – staff meeting and core class visitation:

- 9:15am – meet our staff at our morning staff meeting and share in a general discussion (location and parking TBD)
- 10:30-11:45am – walk to one or two core classes – may be able to choose which ones, but cannot see all 4 due to distances between classrooms
- 11:45am – return to cars or choose to eat lunch somewhere on campus

Option 2 – directors meeting and attend two types of afternoon presentations:

- 12:45 – meet with directors only to share a general discussion
- 1:30 – 3:00 – Attend the Pixar presentation, the always popular rockstar of Tech Trek.
- 3:00 – 3:30 – Attend either spaghetti bridge building or veterinary science activities (TBD depending on classroom location)

Michelle Mammini, Elaine Butler, Nora Lee
Tech Trek Co-coordinators

Tech Trek Donations

Our branch has sent 15 girls again for the summer of 2014!

We will need help from every member and friend of the Program to continue to provide this opportunity for girls in San Francisco. Remember, it takes \$900 to send one girl to camp!

Please continue your generous support by donating in either of the following ways:

Through our website : <http://www.aauwsf.org/> and click on the yellow PAYPAL tab on the left side of the screen, then choose your payment option!

By check: payable to AAUW-CA SPF, with Tech Trek SF in the memo line.

Mail your donation to:

Elaine Butler & Michelle Mammini 124 Amber Dr.,

Before Helen, There Was Grace **Pat Camarena**

Helen Thomas, a Detroit native who passed on in the summer of 2013, had the distinction of being the first female member of the White House Press Corps and the first female officer of the National Press Club. She was also became the president of the White House Correspondents Association. However, before Helen sat front row center at White House press conferences for so many years, countless women, often unrecognized, had contributed to the growth of American journalism as the momentous events of our national history unfolded.

One of these women was Sara Jane Clarke. Born in New York State in 1823, the daughter of a physician, Sara Jane was one of the first women to gain access into the Congressional press galleries. With this access, she used her questions to advocate for social reform and women's rights. A long time writer of poetry and children stories, she was published frequently in widely read current magazines. Sara Jane Clarke, otherwise known by her pen name of Grace Greenwood, was the first woman reporter on the New York Times payroll. She wrote travel pieces initially from the West and

Europe. A staunch abolitionist, whom Lincoln called his "Little Patriot", Sara rubbed shoulders with other prominent members of the literary society of New York such as Julia Ward Howe and Mary Mapes Dodge. Sara also wrote and lectured on women's rights issues such as equal pay for equal work. In the 1880s she lived in Europe for half a decade, with her daughter, working for the London Journal while writing a biography of Queen Victoria.

As journalism became a profession, women were restricted by custom and by law from access to journalistic professions. They were faced with significant discrimination within their job category. In spite of these handicaps, women such as Sara (Grace Greenwood, operated as journalists before the start of the 1900s.

www.goodreads.com
www.womensenews.org
www.biography.com

Playing Now Paula Campbell

Theresa Rebeck's Seminar, now at the SFPlayhouse, could easily have been titled "Masochism." We meet four young hopefuls signed up for a seminar in writing, conducted by a much lauded author (though he hasn't produced much recently.) Much like in Terrence McNally's Master Class, (students signed up for a class with Maria Callas), the teacher eviscerates the students. Callas asks a student to sing, then stops her after one note – our Famous Author asks a student to read her new work, then stops her before she gets through the first sentence. But the students keep coming back for more. "Please sir," (to paraphrase the famous line from the musical Oliver), "more abuse." At \$5000 a pop, and with the seminar taught in the apartment of one of the students, our FA seems to be raking it in. And since he's male, there is the added bonus of seducing female students. We learn our FA has been involved in professional misbehavior, and is not really as confident as he seems, much as Callas, in Master

Class, soon starts to mourn her failed relationship with Onassis, and her clearly diminishing powers. Can we all say "derivative"?

Nonetheless, Seminar is well worth seeing. The writing is crisp, clear, and funny as hell. The characters are well fleshed out, and hold our interest. Lauren English, Natalie Mitchell, Patrick Russell, and James Wagner, our four students, make the most of their juicy roles. Each of the four is outstanding, creating real people we believe in, sympathize with, and in the case of this reviewer, want to protect. All this is dependent on the actor who plays the FA. The play revolves around him; the other characters' reactions to him are what move the plot forward. That's a heavy load for an actor. On Broadway the role was filled by twice Tony Award winner, Alan Rickman. Charles Shaw Robinson plays him in this production, and is more than up to the task. It's a difficult role – the FA is predatory, nasty, and often cruel, yet the actor must also project his vulnerability and make his appeal to his female students something the audience can accept. Robinson does it in spades. His FA is nuanced, layered, multifaceted. It's a beautiful performance.

Seminar is directed by Amy Glazer, recipient of many awards, both stage and film. She's directed many productions at SFPlayhouse, and other Bay Area theatres.

The detailed set is by Bill English, who, as always, provides us with a feast for the eyes, and with a big surprise in the last part of the play. As this reviewer has reminded you before – the man is a genius!

Seminar moves quickly, involves the audience completely, and is certainly something not to be missed.

Seminar, through June 14. SFPlayhouse 450 Post Street (2nd Floor of Kensington Park Hotel) between Mason and Powell. Tickets: Box Office 415-677-9596 Fax: 415-677-9597
 Online: <https://sfplayhouse.org/sfph/bauer/>
 Tues-Wed-Thurs 7pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, Sat 3pm, (some) Sun 2pm.

Silver Jubilee Scholarship Winners

We have four Silver Jubilee Scholarship winners this year. Thanks for the help of four of our past presidents for reading and evaluating the applications with me. Mary Suter, Andrea Laudate, Barbara Spencer, and Elaine Butler who comprised the committee.

The four women chosen to receive our scholarships are the following:

Heidi Moseson from UCSF who will be receiving her PhD in Epidemiology and Translational Science,

Danielle Joseph from the University of West Los Angeles who will receive her JD degree,

Brianna Weaver from the Academy of Art University receiving her MFA in game design, and

Caroline Thompson, who will receive her MFA in Fine Art photography from the Academy of Art University next December.

Please plan to attend our June 14th luncheon to meet these wonderful women.

Pat Camarena, Silver Jubilee Committee Chair for 2014.

New Members

Julia Gluesing
Noelle Hynes
Heidi Moseson Lidow - SJR
Lina Malvoa
Brianna Weaver - SJR
Caroline Thompson - SJR

(SJR = Silver Jubilee Recipient)

June Birthdays

Kim Turner	June 8
Mary Graves	June 10
Lucretia Axtell	June 12
Mary Suter	June 21
Lois Tow	June 26
Camile Anacabe	June 27
Sandra Tye	June 28

Birthday Not Announced?

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

AAUW Web Pages

News Page & Media Alerts:

<http://www.aauw.org/press/>

Actions to take: <http://bit.ly/1wQ0GbL>

Mission in Action: www.aauwaction.org/

US Congressional Voting Record:

<http://bit.ly/1jKYsjJ>

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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June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Installation Luncheon 12:20 PM
15	16 Intern'l Books 7PM	17	18	19	20 Aft w/Books 1:30 PM	21
22	23	24	25	26 Myst/Adv 7:30 PM	27	28
29	30					

You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.

Maya Angelou



Avanti Editor

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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. 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.