

President's Message



On Tuesday, May 12th, I had the pleasure of speaking about AAUW to a group of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls in the Girls in Government, Leadership, and Service class from **Julia Morgan School for Girls**. The girls were accompanied by Sandra Luna, Head of School, on a "road trip" to ask for support in passing the **Equal Rights Amendment** legislation proposed by Congresswoman Speier. The girls also heard from Noreen Farrell and Cynthia Foster, in the offices of Equal Rights Advocates. The girls then went to speak with various groups of students at three high schools and a middle school in San Francisco. The girls have **started a petition on Change.org** because they believe that the only way to assure equal pay for equal work is through passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. I was struck by their determination and knowledge of the issues that affect women and girls today. You can show your support by signing the petition here: <https://www.change.org/p/women-men-get-women-equal-pay-for-equal-work>

Our **Tech Trek team** delivered again this year and it was very exciting to welcome the girls and their families to the send-off event at Sports Basement. A big Thank You! goes out to Elaine Butler, Nora Lee, Pat Camarena and everyone on the Tech Trek committee for making our program such a big success for our branch. Last but not least, I want to acknowledge the generosity and support of our donors without whom we could not send the girls to camp every year. It is truly a team effort and the excitement of the girls at the send-off event makes all the hard work worthwhile.



Nora Lee, Tech Trek Coordinator, with the 2015 Tech Trek girls

With this, my last message, I am signing off as President after three years leading our very special organization. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the board with great leaders over the past few years and I look forward to installing our new board of directors at our annual meeting on June 6th.

Cathy Corcoran
President

Annual Meeting and Installation Luncheon

Join us at the **Gold Mirror on Saturday, June 6th, 12:30pm, for our Annual Meeting and Installation Luncheon**. Menu options and RSVP details are

available online at www.aauwsf.org Let's celebrate our accomplishments from the past year and look forward to 2015-2016 for our branch of AAUW.

AAUWSF Board Meeting

A board meeting will not be held in June. The AAUW San Francisco Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers Luncheon will be held on June 6th.

Afternoons With Books

Date: Friday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Book/Author: Waiting for Snow in Havana, by Carlos Eire

Hostess: Joanne Mandel, 12 Marne St.
Please RSVP to Joanne at 415-665-7329, or jmandel6@yahoo.com

International Book Group

Date: Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Book/Author: On Sal Mal Lane, by Ru Freeman

Hostess: Nancy Shapiro, 1683 42nd Ave.
Please RSVP to Nancy at 415-731-2654 or nancy.shapiro@comcast.net

Mystery/Adventure

Date: Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Book/Author: Critical Mass by, Sara Paretsky

Hostess: Joanne Mandel, 12 Marne St.
Please RSVP to Joanne at 415-665-7329, or jmandel6@yahoo.com

Reviewer: Group Review

Tech Trek

The Tech Trek Send-Off was a resounding success thanks to the 14 girls and their families, Tech Trek Alumni, the Tech Trek Committee, Cathy Corcoran, donors, branch members and Sports Basement.

One of the girls was absent due to a family emergency. Special thanks go to Pat Camarena for purchasing and putting together goodie bags of 9 camp useful items for each girl. Another "shout-out goes to Nora Lee and her family for contacting everyone, setting up the agenda and running the icebreaker. Fourteen girls have now met all the other girls scheduled for camp this year.

The first five girls will be leaving for Sonoma State the week of: June 21 - June 27. We all wish them a wonderful week of math/science and meeting other girls with similar interests.

Appreciation for our May Donors

Elizabeth Ray, our member from Reno
Dr. Peg Jackson
Kathe Traynor
Margel Kaufman
Connie Armitage

Elaine Butler and Nora Lee, Tech Trek Coordinators

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee members are Barbara Spencer, Kelly Joseph, Andrea Laudate, Mary Suter, Nancy Shapiro, and Lisa Davis. After meeting and consulting with a number of members, the committee proposes the following slate of officers for the San Francisco Branch for 2015-2016:

ELECTED OFFICERS

Co-Presidents - Andrea Laudate and Barbara Spencer

Treasurer - Barbara Spencer

Secretary - Efren Cruz

Program Vice President - Pat Morin

Membership Vice President - Nancy Shapiro with committee of Sheila Bost and Jane Hansen

AAUW Funds/Legal Advocacy Vice President -
Kelly Joseph

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Avanti - Corrine Sacks

Tech Trek - Elaine Butler

Website - Nancy Shapiro

College/University Liaison - Cathy Corcoran

Silver Jubilee - Mary Suter

Hospitality - Marilyn Leal

Public Policy

Voter Education - Sheila Bost

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Spencer, Acting Chair

May 27, 2015

Public Policy Notes

Legislation regulating massage establishments in San Francisco

San Francisco District 4 Supervisor, Katy Tang, successfully saw legislation regulating massage establishments pass at a May meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

A San Francisco Chronicle article announces, "A state law intended to legitimize massage therapists has instead led to the proliferation of sex trafficking shops fronting as massage facilities." Tang authored the legislation to make it harder for these sham shops to operate. As supervisor for the Outer Sunset where many massage establishments (also known as massage parlors) are set up, Tang says, "This is designed to be able to give our city department the tools to enforce against human trafficking."

At an earlier May Land Use Committee hearing, I spoke on behalf of AAUW SF in support of the legislation. I also pointed out that there were no trafficked victims present at the meeting, indicating they have no voice. Many certified

massage therapists attended to oppose the legislation.

San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women (COSW)

Notes from the May meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (COSW):

There was a presentation on affordability in San Francisco — a key topic that's received a lot of much-needed attention in recent weeks. Some highlights:

- The overall population of San Francisco has increased, while the child population has decreased
- The city has a relatively small low income population, but those who are low income can't afford to live in the city
- Wages are the primary cause of income inequity

San Francisco's job market can be seen through two sets of activities:

- Creative knowledge and technology; finance, professional are above \$17.50/hour
- Tourism/hospitality/experience are the lowest paying, below \$17.50/hour

Other issues:

- The average one bedroom apartment in San Francisco rents for \$3,400 (April 2015)
- Affordability for women is primarily in areas that relatively aren't safe, do not have efficient transportation, and where there is a homeowners association affordability can be wiped out with HOA fees

Upcoming Meetings

Mayor's Roundtable on Advancing Women and Achieving Healthy Communities

Thursday, June 18, 2-6pm

Mayor Edwin M. Lee will welcome over 450 mayors from across the country to the 83rd Annual Meeting of the US Conference of Mayors here in San Francisco on June 19-22. The Roundtable is designed to provide mayors and other civic leaders the opportunity to focus on policy solutions to address issues of gender inequality.

Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking General Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 1:30-3:30pm

City Hall, Room 305

Commission on the Status of Women

Wednesday, June 24, 4-6pm

City Hall, Room 408

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

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://sfgov.org/dosw/> (or San Francisco Department on the Status of Women, www.sfgov.org/dosw).

Roberta Guise, Co-Chair Public Policy**The Power of the Pen****Pat Camarena**

The Oakland Tribune, one of our local daily newspapers, was founded in 1874. In 1915, after five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Trib. was purchased by Joseph R. Knowland. Over

the years the newspaper won two Pulitzer Prizes for photojournalism. The Tribune would also make many political careers including Earl Warren and Knowland's son William. Another wise move made by the new owner Knowland was to hire an aspiring journalist named Delilah L. Beasley. For nearly for two decades, from 1915 to 1934, Ms. Beasley would write a column for the Oakland Tribune. Delilah was already 48 years old when hired. A Cincinnati native, she had worked at various jobs to help support her siblings after their parents died. She paid the bills by working as a nurse, hairdresser, maid, and massage therapist. In addition, while still in her teens, she began to write social columns for black and white newspapers. In her early 40s she moved to Oakland, Ca. where she involved herself with the local black community and again started writing articles in local newspapers. Through a Tribune column called "Activities Among Negroes", she campaigned for African American dignity and civil rights. She highlighted activities of local churches, women's clubs, and literary societies as well as national politics and the many achievements of black men and women. Her Tribune columns focused on giving a positive picture of local citizens. Deeply interested in the history of black Californians, she trained herself in archival research and collected many oral histories. In 1919 she self-published The Negro Trailblazers of California chronicling the lives of hundreds of black residents from the pioneer period through the early 20th century. Included in her book was a large amount of information on black women's history focusing on the strong roles that women had in their communities and featuring many biographies of black California women leaders. In her later years while still writing her newspaper columns, Ms. Beasley remained active in her community helping to pass the first state anti-lynching law.

After her death in 1934, a memorial service was held. All those attending stood and made the following pledge: "Every life casts its shadow, my

life plus others, makes power to move the world. I therefore pledge my life to that living work of brotherhood and material understanding between the races." Delilah Beasley was the first African-American woman to be regularly published in a major metropolitan newspaper and the first author to present the history of African Americans in early California.

www.nwhp.org

www.aaregistry.org

www.insidebayarea.com

www.blackpast.org

Playing Now Paula Campbell

Richard Dresser's **Trouble Cometh**, now at the SFPlayhouse, is an interesting exercise in good intentions gone wrong, mostly, sad to say, on the part of the playwright. We meet Joe (Kyle Cameron), starting a new job in the creative department of a TV station, alternately bullied and praised by his boss Dennis (Patrick Russell.) The sexy department secretary Kelly (Liz Sklar) seduces both men, and also Joe's fiancée Susan (Marissa Keltie), apparently just for the hell of it.

The men are tasked by their superiors on the all powerful, mysterious eleventh floor with coming up with the idea for a new reality TV series. They come up with a variety of ideas, which are all based on using a family as the reality subjects. They plan to artificially create incidents in the series participants' lives, to manipulate their reactions in order to enhance the drama. Meanwhile, Joe, new to the job and very insecure, has a series of incidents in his own life which seem increasingly difficult to cope with. Eventually the men present their reality show concept to the new boss from the eleventh floor, Vashti (Nandita Shenoy). The idea is rejected, which means their jobs, and as

they see it, their lives are over. Does the audience gasp in horror – no! More likely they yawn and wonder how much more of this they have to sit through.

Director May Adrales works hard at keeping the momentum going, but the play lags, in no small part because characters seem like caricatures – not like real people. Their responses to the preposterous situations in which they find themselves are derivative and phony, which is why the audience remains uninvolved.

To avoid a spoiler, I'll just say that about 75 minutes into this 90 minute play, things change, giving the audience 15 minutes, at most, of engaging material. Nina Ball's set does an amazing about face, and we understand what we've been watching. Is it worth it – do you want to sit through 75 minutes of bad theatre to get a 15 minute dénouement that actually works? I certainly felt cheated as I left the theatre. **Trouble Cometh** is definitely a show to miss.

Trouble Cometh, through June 27. 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.vbotickets.com/selectevent/Trouble_Cometh/4721?

Tues-Wed-Thurs 7pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, Sat 3pm, Suns 2pm.

Lunching Out and Loving It

We have found a lovely little neighborhood pot which serves only breakfast and lunch. During the week, you can easily get a table (inside or out as you prefer), but avoid it on weekends unless you are a fan of very long lines.

MyMy is on California at Larkin, and it's demure façade doesn't prepare you for the quality of the offerings. The menu makes choosing difficult.

They do wonderful pancakes, filled with ricotta soufflé, served with warm maple syrup and fresh fruit, the egg selection includes poached eggs served with chicken breasts and covered in a mornay sauce, a variety of eggs benedict, poached to perfection and coated with a lovely and delicate hollandaise redolent of fresh lemons, and scrambles galore. They offer hash browns which are a thin and crispy delight (or side salad or fruit). Their salad choices always include unusual additions, and the portions are large. They also do sandwiches, which makes choosing a problem. All this with amazing fresh orange juice and a bottomless cup of coffee.

Mymy: 1500 California St.

We were in the neighborhood, and wanted some East Coast Deli, so we went to Millers. Alas, they are afflicted with the west coast dearth of true deli meats. They no longer get theirs from the east, but are serving up Boar's Head (oh my!). They have also discontinued serving tongue (I guess the demographic requires more pizza and less deli). They still do some decent combo sandwiches with brisket, or meatloaf or turkey and cheese, cole slaw and sauces, so you won't lack for something. And if you can deal with it, try their half order of fries which is more than three can consume (never even saw how much came with a full order). They still have Dr. Brown's soda, but some of it is now in cans rather than the familiar bottles.

Miller's East Coast Deli: 1725 Polk St.

June Birthdays

Kim Turner	June 8
Nicola Spence	June 9
Annie Puckett (Stroh)	June 10
Mary Graves	June 10
Lucretia Axtell	June 12
Anmarie Roache	June 13
Mary Suter	June 21
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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Annual Mtg/Lunch
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Intern'l Books 7PM	16	17	18	19 Aft w/Books 1:30 PM	20
21	22	23	24	25 Myst/Adv 7:30 PM	26	27
28	29	30				

All great changes are preceded by chaos.
Deepak Chopra



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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



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.