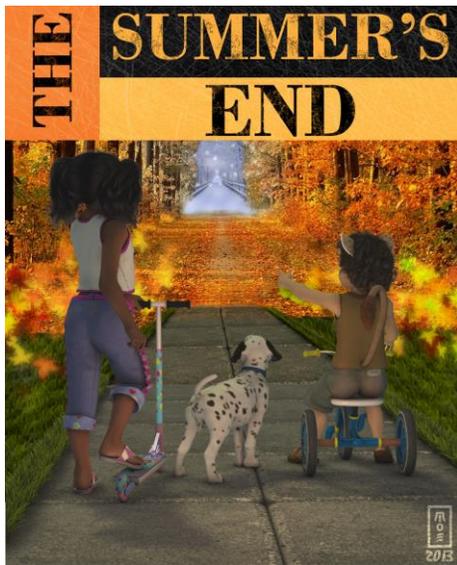


President's Message



Summer is drawing to a close, but we hope our “real” San Francisco summer will begin soon. Our branch activities have been rather quiet in August, and I have been sidelined by hip replacement surgery for most of the month.

We are, however, springing back to action in September with our Welcome Back Meeting on Saturday, September 9 from 2-3:30 pm at the Sports Basement. We hope to see many branch members there as well as our Tech Trek campers and their families. It is a great opportunity to hear from the girls and to get together with fellow branch members.

Women's Equality Day on August 26 was marked with meetings and rallies, but was sadly overshadowed by fears and concerns about protest rallies that day.

Our branch is a member of the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women. Congratulations to our branch member Linda Calhoun who has just become president that organization!

September dates to keep in mind are: September 9 branch meeting, book group meetings, and the Lunch Bunch on the second Wednesday this month, the 13th. **Please note the change of day.** I hope to see many of you this month!

Barbara Spencer, President

AAUWSF Board Meeting

The next board meeting is on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017**, at Corrine Sacks' condo, 1835 Franklin St. #401 (between Sacramento and Clay). Call Corrine at 415-292-4130 if you have any questions.

The potluck will begin at 6:30 pm., and the meeting will start at 7 pm. Please let Barbara know if you are unable to attend.

Afternoons With Books

Date: Friday, September 15, 2017

Hostess: Corrine Sacks, 1835 Franklin St. #401
Please RSVP to Corrine at 415-292-4130 or cpsacks@yahoo.com

We will be choosing which books to read for the year. Bring all your suggestions. Be sure that the books are available either through the SFPL or on line.

International Book Group

Date: Monday, September 18 at 7:00 PM
Book/Author: Homegoing, by Yaa Gyasi
Hostess: Barbara Spencer, 736 Third Ave
 Please RSVP to Barbara at 415-221-6690 or
barbaracspencer@gmail.com

Mystery/Adventure Book Group

Annual Planning Meeting:

Date: September 28 at 7:00 PM **Note time Change!**

Hostess: Susan Peliks, 109/111 Sutro Hgts Ave.

RSVP: Susan at 415-668-2961

Everyone bring 2 or 3 recommendations for the coming year. We vote for 11 selections. Also be ready to volunteer as a hostess or reviewer.

Lunch Bunch

NOTE NEW DAY

Date: Wednesday, September 13, at 12 noon.

Where: Sushi Hana

800 Van Ness (cross streets Turk and Eddy)

Japanese, with wide selections for lunch.

RSVP to Mary Suter at marsuter@yahoo.com

Here is a group of us enjoying lunch and conversation last month. Come and join us!



Tech Trek

SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH WELCOME BACK MEETING

FOR BRANCH MEMBERS AND TECH TREK
CAMPERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2:00-3:30 PM

Sports Basement, 1590 Bryant Street, San
Francisco

This is a general meeting for all of our AAUW San Francisco branch members as well as an opportunity to hear from the girls that we sent to Tech Trek camp this summer. There will be light refreshments and a terrific opportunity to renew friendships and hear what is in store for the branch and interest groups. **Please come!**

There is an underground garage that can be accessed off Florida Street between 16th and Division Streets. For questions contact Elaine Butler at 415-826-3172 or Barbara Spencer 415-221-6690.

Elaine Butler, Tech Trek Coordinator

**Get Involved
SF Branch of NOW**

**Let's talk about reproductive
justice**

This administration values only themselves.

How do we fight this?

Join us for these upcoming events to discuss cutting-edge, innovative ways to ensure our civil rights live well beyond this administration's term.

When: Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:30 PM

Where: Nurx HeadQuarters

81 Langton Street, San Francisco, CA



Want to learn how about women's health access in the age of Trump - specifically abortion? Want to meet like-minded people in technology and social change?

Protecting people access to reproductive health care is more important than ever. Despite a political climate that claims otherwise, choice is the American way. We are in the heart of tech and progressive culture - the perfect environment for creating innovative solutions for reproductive justice.

Join us for an evening of lively discussions from the co-founders and participants of the Abortion Access Hackathon. Mingle with passionate allies, with free drinks and snacks. RSVP required.

Agenda

- Panel Discussion with Somer, Kate and Tessa: The gaps in the democratic party - where we are in the fight for reproductive rights and access? Where are the areas of opportunity?
- Abortion Access Hackathon: What is it? What projects are moving forward? What did we learn from this type of collaboration?
- Q&A

Mix and Mingle - free refreshments and drinks provided

About the Panelists:

Kate Bertash is a reproductive right security professional who spent most of her career in tech scaling logistics startups after working in the

nonprofit sector. A self-professed tech regulatory nerd, she keeps herself busy organizing with local women's professional, civic tech, and futurist groups in SF, and spends her free time hacking and fundraising for abortion access with the Abortion Access Hackathon.

*A designer for apps and games, **Somer Loen** volunteers her time with civil rights groups. Building bridges between tech and activism, she co-organizes the Abortion Access Hackathon. Managing grassroots mobilization at the National Organization for Women - San Francisco chapter, Somer helped to pass landmark legislation regulating crisis pregnancy centers in SF.*

***Tessa Alexanian** is a professional robot-whisperer, former bay area pun-off champion, ex-sailor of tall ships, occasional event staff, and chronically overenthused. Since the SF Abortion Access hackathon, she has been working to make Guttmacher's abortion policy data available via API.*

***Wilson Restrepo** is your run-of-the-mill SF code monkey. Since the election, he's served as a henchman for progressive tech initiatives: he was part of a team formed at SF Debug Politics that built helloGov, a calling campaign platform, and he helped organize engineers around a culture of service and inclusiveness at the SF Abortion Access Hackathon.*

The Shark Lady Pat Camarena



When she was being interviewed prior to enrolling in a master's program at Columbia, Eugenie was told by a staff scientist that he thought that even if she was accepted, she would be wasting her time and would probably just get married and never accomplish anything in science after the school had invested their time and money on her. Undaunted she instead enrolled at NYU, earning her master's degree in zoology in 1946 and

her PH.D in 1950. Eugenie was to prove that scientist wrong.

Eugenie had developed an early fascination with the ocean that would last throughout her long life, leading to a distinguished and celebrated career in oceanography. Growing up in New York, she had spent a great deal of time on weekends in the Battery Park Aquarium while her Japanese mother worked nearby. In her imagination she saw herself swimming in the ocean surrounded by mysterious and beautiful creatures. That was what she set out to do. Not only was she **fascinated with the ocean at a time when science was still heavily dominated by men, but she faced cultural prejudice. Rather than be disheartened by her earlier unpleasant experiences, Eugenie** later credited them for making her an "agressive and spunky" person. After graduation she began conducting research in various parts of the world learning to free-dive in the South Pacific. While working at Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla she learned to dive, survived a near drowning incident in which a faulty hose prevented air from reaching her diving helmet. While working there she encountered yet more gender discrimination. At the time, women researchers were not allowed to attend overnight research trips or trips on the high seas

Despite setbacks, Eugenie managed to marry four times, raise four children, and continue to expand her scientific career, publishing research papers and books that were well received and brought her into the public eye. A chance to be part of a new marine laboratory in Florida brought her closer to the study of sharks for which Dr. Clark is best known. Her career was greatly impacted by the Jaws movie. With her study of shark behavior, she challenged the negative image of sharks garnered from the many sensational popular books and movies. Her natural enthusiasm made her a greatly sought-after lecturer and college professor. Even in her later years, she continued to dive and conduct research projects expanding our

knowledge of undersea animals. Eugenie Clark's contributions to marine science also led her to become involved in environmental preservation.

Many awards and honors came her way including sailing with Jacques Cousteau on the Calypso and lecturing around the world. Dr. Clark challenged the stereotypes surrounding women in the scientific community, proving to researchers, and the public as well, that even small, diminutive women could greatly impact the world's scientific community.

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Playing Now Paula Campbell

Something Rotten, now at the Orpheum Theatre, is just what its title states – rotten. Save your money, save your time – avoid it!

Set in 1595, it tells story of a worse than mediocre playwright who longs to be as good as Shakespeare. OK – brace yourself for more Middle Ages jokes than you might think possible, (and take about as long as the Middle Ages, – or so it feels, to sit through.) Add to that_much supposedly insider info on Shakespeare, all as jokes, that you may begin to question your sanity. The only real question I had about my own sanity was why I didn't leave at Intermission, subjecting myself instead to another hour of sophomoric, poorly executed, poorly elocuted (impossible to understand the sung lyrics due to poor diction), and worst of all, just plain dumb material.

I'll give one example of the adolescent humor this show relies on – our failing playwright visits a seer

to find out what Shakespeare is going to write next, hoping he can beat him to the punch. After much sturm und drang the seer cries “Omelet, his next play is called Omelet.” The rest of the show is filled with the crafting of the play “Omelet” – writing it, casting it, making stage jokes, most of them about eggs. Actors actually appear costumed as eggs. When it turns out what Shakespeare’s actually writing is Hamlet, the seer sighs, “Well I was only off by one syllable.”

Sadly, **Something Rotten** is off by a great deal more than one syllable.

(On the plus side, the young cast is energetic, enthusiastic, and seem to love their work. That’s not enough.)

Something Rotten, through Sept 10. Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market Street,
 Tickets: Online box office www.shnsf.com Phone 888-746-1799
 Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat at 8pm, Wed, Sat, Sun at 2pm

September Birthdays

Barbara Spenser	September 11
Robin Brasso	September 13
Nora Lee	September 18
Mary Worth	September 18
Pat Metzger	September 21
Kathleen Kennedy	September 23
Dawn Wilkes	September 23
Janice Gonsalves	September 24
Kathy Traynor	September 24
Mardi Kildebeck	September 25
Jane Hanson	September 30

Birthday Not Announced?

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

MAKE A LIFETIME GIFT TO AAUW

Have you considered making a legacy gift to AAUW? Your gift will help ensure that the work of AAUW continues long into the future. By providing for AAUW in your estate plans, 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 may not have been possible during their lifetime

You can also name AAUW as the beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock account, or retirement plan. In addition to bequests in your will or living trust, charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with tax savings and income during your lifetime.

For more information, call Toni Johnson at the AAUW Planned Giving Office at 202-785-7706 or email her at johnson@aauw.org.

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17	18 Internat'l Books 7 pm	19	20	21	22	23
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Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.

John F. Kennedy



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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.