

President's Message

We had a very successful send-off party for the 14 girls who are going to Tech Trek camp this summer. Many family members were also present to find out about what to expect.



2018 Tech Trek Campers

Kelly Joseph, our excellent emcee, was assisted by Tech Trek alums Mia Aronson and Marta Mendoza. Huge thanks to Elaine Butler, our devoted Tech Trek coordinator, who arranged the party and oversaw everything. Thanks also to our devoted members for their generous donations that enable us to send so many girls to camp. There may be opportunities to visit camp for those who are interested — stay tuned!

Sheila Bost hosted another successful voter information meeting led by Joel Engardio, a columnist for the San Francisco Examiner and political observer. The discussion covered both local and state ballot measures as well as the candidates. And once again, we discussed the mechanics of ranked-choice voting, which many of us (including me) have a hard time following. Many thanks to Sheila.



Ballot issue discussion

There is still time to vote online regarding the three bylaw amendments proposed by national AAUW. The most controversial is the proposal to remove the degree requirement for membership. Please refer to the May President's Message in the Avanti for a full discussion of the proposed amendments. The deadline for online voting is June 9.

Also on **June 9** is our **Annual Membership Luncheon at Mescolanza**. All members should have received an invitation in the mail. Please email me by June 5 if you would like to attend and provide your entree choice. The cost \$35. We will be presenting Emma Mayerson with the Sarah Dix Hamlin Leadership Award for her stellar work with Alliance for Girls. We will also hear from Samantha Fischer about her participation in the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland, an AAUW-sponsored program.

I hope to see many of you on June 9.

Barbara Spencer, President

AAUWSF Board Meeting

There will be no board meeting in June.

Afternoons With Books

Date: Friday, June 15, 2018 at 1:30 PM

Book/Author: Sapiens, by Yuval Noah Harari

Hostess: Mary Suter, 1770 18th Ave.

Please RSVP to Mary at 415-314-6893 or

marsuter@yahoo.com

International Book Group

Date: Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Book/Author: Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Hostess: Jane Hansen, 601 Van Ness Ave., Apt.#326

Please RSVP to Jane at 415-225-6985 or

jane.california@gmail.com

Mystery/Adventure Book Group

Date/Time: June 28, 2018 at 7:30 PM:

Book/Author: The Wrong Side of Goodbye, by Michael Connelly

Hostess: Joanne Mandel, 12 Marne Ave

Reviewer: Joanne Bellan

RSVP: Joanne at 415-665-7329 or

jamandel6@yahoo.com

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at noon

Restaurant: 11 Glenwood Ave

(near Westlake Shopping Center)

Daly City, CA

RSVP for reservations to to Mary Suter,

marsuter@yahoo.com

Tech Trek

The Tech Trek Send-Off was held May 20th at Sports Basement and was attended by 13 of the 14 campers.

It was an inspiring day of sharing and anticipation and of course just plain fun.



Barbara listening with the parents

Kelly Joseph did a masterful job as MC.

Among the speakers was:

David Aaronson provided the group with the parents' perspective of the camper's experience
Angelica Lee, alumna, giving a personal account of her experience



Presenters: Barbara, Kelly, and Marta

Marta was responsible for a getting to know you session for the new campers



Getting to know one another

Pat Camarena purchased our Tech Trek gifts.

Backpacks with school supplies were donated by Sidney Paige, Inc. and Tracy Feldman, AAUW Partnerships.



We owe much to the following people and I hope I don't forget anyone.

Thank you Sports Basement for hosting us and giving us a store discount of 20%

AAUW Members: Nancy Shapiro, Corrine Sacks, Connie Armitage, Esther Wong, Kelly Joseph, Barbara Spencer, Elaine Butler, Leslie Yuan
Alums and Fathers

Danny Lee, Photographer
David Aaronson, Father's viewpoint of Tech Trek
Angelica Lee, Key Speaker and Tech Trek Alum
Alums - Kimia, Mia, Marta, Michelle
Gifts (Tech Trek bears, water bottles and key chains) AAUW Member Pat Camarena

Elaine Butler and Leslie Yuan

You're Invited...

Branch Members' Visit Day

COME VISIT AAUW TECH TREK at STANFORD - CAMP MARIE CURIE

THURSDAY JULY 12, 9:30-11:00AM

Visit Camp Curie and see what a Tech Trek Camper's day is like. You will meet the Camp Director, Pat Ivester, and her staff and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about Tech Trek and Camp Curie.

You will also visit the campers in their core classes and see the dorm and other areas on campus used in the program. And along the way, you will enjoy the lovely Stanford campus. This is a great opportunity to see how the money you earned for camperships is used, to see these young women in action and to know that you are helping them gain knowledge and confidence in STEM.

If you wish to attend, please send me your name, branch, phone # and e-mail address. The number of visitors is limited to a TOTAL of 20 to limit the impact on the camp activities. Maps and parking directions will be e-mailed at the end of June. Please RSVP to Joy by June 24.

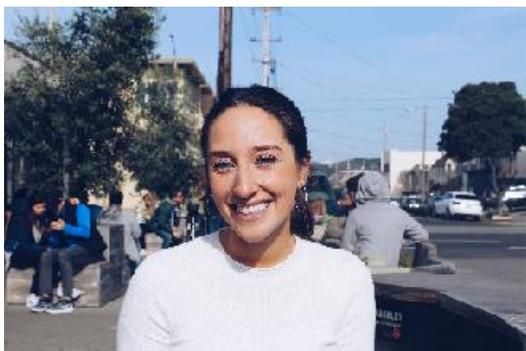
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Tech Trek Stanford – Camp Curie

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PLEASE NOTE: THE TOUR WILL INVOLVE WALKING UP & DOWN STAIRS

Silver Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee Scholarship Committee, Barbara Spencer, Nancy Shapiro, and Elaine Butler, and Mary Sutter, chose three excellent recipients.



Daniela Zarich is a student at Sonoma State getting her degree in biochemistry and math.

Lily Ling Nguyen is getting her masters in computer sciences at San Francisco State University.



Arpita Gopal is getting her doctorate in physical therapy at UCSF.

They will be at the luncheon this Saturday to meet our SF AAUW members. Please come and congratulate our worthy students.

The Perfect Job For A Woman

Pat Camarena



In the early 1880s Emma Mills Nutt became the world's first female telephone operator when she was became employed by a Boston telephone dispatch company. Initially, women had not even been recruited to be operators. However, management soon discovered that callers found the negative attitude and behavior of their young male operators to be unacceptable (i.e. lack of patience, pranks, and cursing). Emma's soothing cultured voice and patience was so overwhelmingly positive that boys and young men operators were soon replaced by women. 18 year old Emma was hired by Alexander Graham Bell himself. She remained on the job for more than 33 years. Working a 54 hour a week shift, her original "huge" salary was \$10 a month. To be considered for a position, women had to be single, prim and proper, under the age of twenty-six, and have arms long enough to reach the top level of the tall switchboard. Like so many early businesses, applicants from certain ethnic groups and races were not considered.

Within ten years, telephone service had been extended to major American cities. The first Congressional telephone line was soon installed in

Washington, D.C.'s Capitol Building. The volume of incoming calls grew rapidly. Congressional representatives found that they could expect to hear from their constituents much more often. The plethora of calls from reporters, the White House, the Library of Congress, and other government agencies necessitated a switchboard system and full time employees to handle the growing call volume.

At this time Virginia-born Harriott Daley (pictured above) became the first switchboard operator for the Capitol Building. She served as the head switchboard operator for 47 years. Initially working out the building's basement, she supervised fifteen operators, both men and women. Twenty-four hour service was provided. Women were considered able to operate this modern communication tool with efficiency and for a "reasonable" wage. The job was considered "respectable female employment".

By the time of Harriott's retirement in 1945, she was supervising fifty "hello girls" as they had become known. The operators were no longer working out of a basement room but had upgraded to much larger quarters upstairs. They attended to the needs of more than 530 members of Congress with a switchboard sixty times the size of the first one used by Harriott.

www.nytimes.com

www.loc.gov (pictures)

www.history.house.gov

Playing Now Paula Campbell

San Francisco Playhouse current World Premier production of **An Entomologist's Love Story** is a amusing, lighthearted, thought provoking,

romantic romp. Author Melissa Ross received a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to write a play about scientists. She promptly got an internship at the Museum of Natural History and set to work there researching her subject. The resulting play, **AELS** was an Edgerton Foundation New Play Award recipient.

The four character play focuses on two entomologists, Betty (Lori Prince) and Jeff (Lucas Verbrugge) as they study the patterns of insects, with particular interest on mating rituals. As they muse about the violence of some rituals, we become more and more aware of their own personal situations. Betty in particular is hung up by her fear that her own brilliance will drive away any possible partners, and her refusal to play dumb means she'll always be alone.

Director Giovanni Sardelli skillfully leads us to compare the researchers to the subjects they study. Sooner each meets a possible partner; Betty meets Andy (Will Springhorn, Jr.) and Jeff meets Lindsay (Jessica Lynn Carroll.) The resulting relationships are more complex than they should be, because each is analyzed by the other scientist, leading to some nasty discussions of each others' standards, morals and overall susceptibility to the opposite sex. To what extent does jealousy rear it's ugly head – do Betty and Jeff really want what's best for each other? How much do societal norms affect what they do and feel? Can they escape the stereotypes they feel pushed to adhere to? **AELS** studies these questions in detail and comes up with answers that may not be satisfactory.

AELS is far from a standard romcom. It's light and entertaining, but has a quite serious underlayment, of which the author keeps us constantly aware. It's a fun yet thoughtful evening, and worth seeing.

An Entomologist's Love Story, through June 23.
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://www.sfplayhouse.org/sfph/get-tickets/>

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

An important note:

Tony Kushner's **Angels in America**, parts 1, **Millennium Approaches**, and 2, **Perestroika**, is now playing at Berkeley Rep. I saw one part last week.

Angels is, in MNSHO, the most important American play of the twentieth, and so far the twenty-first, century. I've previously seen it in two different productions in New York, two different productions here in SF, on TV, and now at Berkeley Rep. The Rep production is magnificent in every way. It's played in two parts – you can see a marathon each Saturday with both parts, or attend the two parts on two different days. Each part runs four hours. FYI **Angels** is on Broadway right now, with Andrew Garfield and Nathan Lane in leading roles.

Without going in to details I urge everyone to see this masterpiece. If you can't find the time or energy to see both parts, see Part 1, which is the most hospitable to **Angels** neophytes.

The play hasn't been produced for more than 10 years – there may not be another production in our lifetimes.

DO NOT MISS THIS PRODUCTION!!!

June Birthdays

Anni Puckett (Stroh)	June 10
Mary Graves	June 10
Lucretia Axtel	June 12
Sarah Bolmer	June 17
Mary Suter	June 21
Sandra Tye	June 28

Birthday Not Announced?

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

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

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June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Annual Mtg and Lunch 12N
10	11	12 Lunch Bunch 12 Noon	13	1	15 Aft w/Books 1:30pm	16
17	18 Intern'l Book Group 7 pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Myst/Adv Bk 7:30pm		

In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision

Dalai Lama



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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.