



President's Message

Our first Tech Trek girls have gone to camp and the others will follow shortly. We are so grateful for our generous members who fund these campers. The girls will be with us again in August or September for our San Francisco Branch Welcome Back meeting.



Our Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting at Mescolanza was a great success.



The food is always delicious, and it is wonderful to be able to visit with so many members. Our special guest was Emma Mayerson who received our branch's Sarah Dix Hamlin Leadership Award for her inspired founding and leadership of Alliance for Girls, the nation's largest regional alliance of girls' organizations.



Our branch has been a member of the Alliance from its inception.



Emma Mayerson receiving award from Barbara Spencer

I attended the Equal Rights Advocates annual gala fundraising luncheon in June. It is an amazing feeling to be in a ballroom filled with supporters of equal rights for women. AAUW often partners with Equal Rights Advocates to support gender rights litigation, as we did with Aileen Rizo's case about the propriety of basing one's salary on past salary history.

Cathy Corcoran, our past president who now lives in Dublin, Ireland, was in town and had lunch with a few of us. Cathy is happily ensconced in Dublin, surrounded by many friends and relatives. She is still a branch member and keeps abreast with our activities via the internet.

We will not have a board meeting in July, but we will have a planning meeting at my house on August 4 at 10 am to discuss programs for the coming year. We welcome any interested members to join us. Please let me know if you would like to come.

Our lunch bunch group will meet again on Tuesday, July 10. It would be great to see some new faces. See the notice listing for details.

Best wishes to all who are on holidays and to those having a staycation.

Barbara Spencer, President

Afternoons With Books

Date: Friday, July 20, 2018 at 1:30 PM

Book/Author: The Nightingale, by Kristen Hannah

Hostess: Corrine Sacks, 1835 Franklin St #401

Please RSVP to Corrine at 415-292-4130 or

cpsacks@yahoo.com

International Book Group

Date: Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Book/Author: Eyrie, by Tim Winton

Hostess: Barbara Spencer, 736 Third Avenue

Please RSVP to Barbara at 415-2231-6690 or

barbaracspencer@gmail.com

Mystery/Adventure Book Group

Date/Time: July 26, 2018 at 7:30 PM:

Book/Author: Spider Woman's Daughter, by Anne Hillerman

Hostess: Jane Hansen, 601 Van Ness Ave #326

Reviewer: Sandra Tye

RSVP: Jane at 415-225-6985

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at noon

Restaurant: Dragon Beaux

Dim Sum, Tea and Hot Pot

5700 Geary Boulevard

(Between 21st and 22nd Avenues)

RSVP for reservations to Mary Suter,

marsuter@yahoo.com

Tech Trek

Tech Trek Donors for May 2018

Thank you so much for continuing to support the Tech Trek Program

Mary Graves
Joanne Mandel
Carol Robinson
Connie Armitage

We appreciate all of you.

Tech Trek Committee

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 Donner Dormitory and other areas on campus. 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're helping them gain knowledge and confidence.

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 30.

Joy Safakish, Visitation Day Coordinator

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

Catching Up



Cathy Corcoran, AAUW Past President with Barbara Spence, Current President

June 23 found Nancy Shapiro, Sheila Bost, Barbara Spencer and Elaine Butler having lunch with Cathy Corcoran from Dublin, Ireland in West Portal. We had a wonderful time catching up with Cathy. Now we all intend to visit her in Ireland.



Andrea, Cathy, Marcella and John DeCastro
Andrea Laudate visited Cathy in Ireland. Cathy's sister, Marcella invited her, and her husband John, to observe the historic vote by Irish Parliament on Abortion.

Silver Jubilee

The three recipients of the Silver Jubilee award were presented at the Annual Meeting of AAUWSF



Daniela Zarich



Lily Ling Nguyen



Arpita Gopal

An Immigrant's Passion for Humanity

Pat Camarena



The New England Hospital for Women and Children in Roxbury, Mass. is Marie's legacy contributed to her newly adopted country. Way back before the Civil War, Marie immigrated to the United States from Germany, where she had trained as a midwife. Like most other immigrant women at that time, she found her status reduced in her new homeland due to language and cultural barriers. However, within a year after her arrival, Marie met Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell who helped her gain admission to a medical college. After her two year program, she returned to the east coast and joined the Blackwell sisters in building the New York hospital and medical school that they envisioned. Despite her newness to America, Marie proved to be an adept fund-raiser, even traveling to other cities seeking financial contributions.

Moving on to the New England Female Medical College in Boston, Marie taught midwifery there. Hoping to improve the quality of medical education, she and her board of lady managers founded a new teaching hospital called The New England Hospital for Women and Children. Opening in 1862, it grew so rapidly that a new building was constructed just ten years later. This building named for Marie (see above) still exists on the property today.

None of this challenging work was accomplished without daily battles against the prejudice

surrounding women in medicine. Marie was so accomplished in overcoming prejudice, however, that she was able to graduate the first trained black nurse, Mary Elizabeth Mahoney, and offered an internship to Dr. Caroline Still, a pioneer black physician. This medical college for women came to be considered by many as offering a program superior to what was being provided for male medical students.

Always supportive of liberal causes as well, Marie continued to serve as a consulting physician and maintained a private practice until she was seventy. The New England Women's Club was one of the first two clubs organized in America to offer study groups and lecture opportunities to women for educational growth. They were proud to list Dr. Marie as a founding member, and frequent contributor. Many men attended the meetings and /or became members including Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The full name of this female dynamo was Dr. Marie Elizabeth Zakrzewska. Marie fully invested her time and energies to her new homeland with amazing success.



www.britannica.com

www.womenhistoryblog.com

www.aahn.org

Playing Now Paula Campbell

Two plays to review today. I'll start with **Straight White Men**, at the Marin Theatre Company. There's no center aisle in this theatre so I was trapped in my central seat till the play ended. Had I been seated on an aisle I would have left much much sooner. I've only walked out of a show once – in 1956. The show, **Little Glass Clock**, was a vehicle for Zsa Zsa Gabor. It opened on Broadway March 26, and closed on March 29, which pretty much sums it up. Suffice to say, I generally have infinite patience that what I'm seeing will improve if I hang in there, and sometimes it does. In the case of the Gabor show, I knew instinctively it wouldn't. I felt that early on with **Straight White Men** but was forced to endure the full ninety minutes the play lasted. If anyone wants details, please see me – it's just too painful to write about it.

Next – on a happier note -- ACT has a winner in Pamela Gray's

A Walk on the Moon. The heart warming musical is based on the 1999 movie of the same title, from Pamela Gray's book of guess what title? The show is set in 1969 – a notable year in the second half of the 20th century. 1969 saw Woodstock, men walking on the moon, and Stonewall, the bar where the riot took place that started the gay revolution. Of these, Stonewall has certainly had the most important effect on our culture – the space program has been allowed to wither, Woodstock is a memory, but all our lives have changed, whether we realize it or not, because of Stonewall. Social, emotional and most important, legislative change have remade our culture thanks to Stonewall.

OK – off my soapbox, let's talk about the show. **A Walk on the Moon** is a romance, a family story, a

poignant look at what the world, or at least a part of it, was like in 1969. Set in a Jewish bungalow colony in the Catskills, we find ourselves in a family; a husband whose frustrating job leaves him angry, a wife who longs for romance, a teenage girl filled with emotions as she enters womanhood that she doesn't quite understand, and a wonderful cast of supporting characters – itinerant peddlers, the family's young son and his friends, the live-in mother-in-law, the neighbors in the colony, and the close friends of the family.

The most outstanding thing to me was how wonderfully the show evoked the period and the mood. The excitement leading up to the moon walk (I bought a new, larger TV set just to be able to see the moonwalk better), the way children were treated, what things men and women could or could not tell each other, the furniture, the hairstyles, and the clothes. Oh those clothes – does everyone remember shirtwaist dresses – I loved mine, wore them till they practically fell apart. The set and lighting did miracles with creating mood. The big trees, with their overhanging branches (you could almost hear the insects humming in the leaves and the grass), the changing light and sky from day to dark, (the sky was important – after all, we were all going to be sky watchers at the moonwalk). It was so real – absolutely beautifully done!

The show is a musical so I must say something about the music. The music did its job perfectly – created mood, feeling, moved the plot along, and was 1969 in every note. Yet, somehow the music didn't sound dated in any way. It just sounded great.

A Walk on the Moon is delightful. It's light-hearted, filled with nostalgia, and is a wonderful, very real, look at a time in our history that was important in many ways. It's charming, well acted

and directed, and the music is a treat. See it – you'll like it!

A Walk On the Moon, through July 1? Waiting for extended date.

ACT, 415 Geary St.

Ticket: Box Office 749-2228 online <http://www.act-sf.org>

Tues – Sat 8pm, Wed, Sat, Sun 2pm, and some Sun nites

July Birthdays

Anna Stern	July 1
Sheila Bost	July 14
Elaine Butler	July 19

Birthday Not Announced?

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

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July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Lunch Bunch 12 Noon	11	12 Camp Visit	13	14
15	16 Intern'l Book Group 7 pm	17	18	19	20 Aft w/Books 1:30pm	21
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All progress takes place outside the comfort zone.

Michael John Bobak



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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



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.