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## Presidents Report

### **Annual Meeting on Zoom**

Our annual meeting will take place via Zoom on June 5 at 11:00 am. I hope you will join us and catch up with other members. We can celebrate the advent of summer and have a virtual brunch. Let's wear something bright and break out our colorful earrings. Our Tech Trek alumna Angelica Lee will attend and describe her journey from Tech Trek to graduating Magna Cum Laude this year from UC Berkeley and being accepted at UC Hastings Law School.

There will be no election because all current officers have agreed to continue their positions. We would be thrilled to have more participation on the board, so please speak up if you are interested.

### **Silver Jubilee Scholarship Program**

Please check the Silver Jubilee tab on our website ([aauwsf.org](http://aauwsf.org)) to see the full description of the changes we have made. The amount of the scholarship has been increased to \$3,000 and the eligibility has been expanded to women who will be entering their last two years of undergraduate study. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2021.

### **Election Results**

*National* - Julia T. Brown was re-elected to serve as board chair of AAUW for three more years. The public policy priorities were approved, but the proposed by-law change to remove the college-

degree requirement did not receive the requisite two-thirds vote.

### *State*

Sandi Gabe, the person who taught us how to use Zoom, was elected President-Elect. Our own Roli Wendorf was re-elected as Chief Financial Officer, and Carol Holzgrafe was elected as a Director.

### **One Branch, One Book**

Our next discussion of *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019* will be held via Zoom on June 2 at 7:30 pm. We will focus on Parts 6 and 7. A Zoom invitation will be sent to all branch members. Kelly Joseph will lead the discussion.

### **Barbara Spencer, Co-President**

## Welcome to Summer!

I was reflecting on the wonderful work AAUW-SF did this past year. My hope is we continue to provide powerful resources for women and girls to make a difference in our world.

I found a program that is interesting and I recommend. It should be shared with your family and friends. The Kamla Show on PBS, Season 5, Episode 4, featured Dr. Arghavan Salles, Scholar-in-Residence at the School of Medicine, Stanford University. Two things stood out to me. Dr. Salles stated that there is research supporting that if a woman is asked her gender before taking a test, she performs lower. How many times have we

filled out those forms before taking an exam? Also, her discussion on work/life balance was powerful.

Mental health issues are impacting more young people. Tennis professional, Naomi Osaka, declined to do media interviews at the French Open for her mental health. She was fined \$15,000 for putting herself first. If you or someone you know needs emotional and preventive care support please call 800.950.6264 or 855.845.7415. Take care of yourself.

Positive strides have been made in California for preventing COVID-19. We look forward to safely seeing each other during the upcoming year. For now, take measures to be safe.

In health and happiness,

Kelly

### Board Meeting

There will be no board meeting in June. We will be holding our annual meeting on Jul 5 at 11 AM on Zoom. All members should contact Barbara at to obtain the Zoom link.

### Afternoons With Books

**When:** Friday, June 18, at 1:30 pm

**Where:** On Zoom

**Book/Author:** *The Pandemic 1918*, Catherine Arnold

**Presenter:** Corrine Sacks

To join the discussion, please contact Michelle for an invitation.

### International Book Group

**Date:** Monday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**Book/Author:** *Zen Attitude*, by Sujata Massey

**Hostess/Zoom Coordinator:** Barbara Spencer

Please RSVP to

### Mystery/Adventure

**Date:** June 24, 7:30 pm

**Still on Zoom**, but hopefully in person again soon

**Book/ Author:** *Darktown*, by Thomas Mullen

**Discussion leader:** Pat Camarena

ZOOM link

### Lunch Bunch

There will be no zoom meeting for Lunch Bunch this month.

Lunch Bunch will take a hiatus until we all can meet in groups for lunch at a restaurant.

Questions? please contact Mary at

### One Book, One Branch

Please join us in our continuing conversation of the book, *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019* by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain. Our next meeting is

**Wednesday, June 2, Parts 6 and 7 at 7:30**

We look forward to seeing you via Zoom. .

Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Kelly at to be sent the Zoom link.

### Save the Date

**June 5 at 11AM**

The San Francisco Branch of AAUW will hold our annual meeting Via Zoom

Please mark your calendars and join us as we prepare for the new year (which starts July1) for AAUW.

Please make every attempt to be there and provide your good ideas for what we could/should be doing going forward.

We hope we can soon start meeting in person. It has been a long time coming!

### Silver Jubilee

#### SCHOLARSHIPS OPENED UNTIL JUNE 23, 2021

Our branch has had Silver Jubilee Scholarships since 2001.

We just changed our Standing Rules for this year.

First, the scholarships will be \$3000.

Second, a sophomore or junior for this past year may apply .

In other words, the applicants will be Juniors and Seniors for Fall and Spring of 2021-22.

Find all the information

at <http://www.aauwsf.org>. Tell your friends and relatives about this opportunity.

**Mary Suter** Chair of Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund

### June Webinars from AAUW California

Two webinars worth checking out this month:

#### **The Care and Feeding of Volunteers: Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 PM**

Members are burned out? No one wants to be president? Getting and keeping volunteers and leaders is both an art and a science. This webinar will explore ways to recruit, empower, thank, and more importantly, KEEP the modern volunteer.

To register: [Link](#)

#### **How to be a Branch Treasurer: Monday, June 7, 7:00 PM**

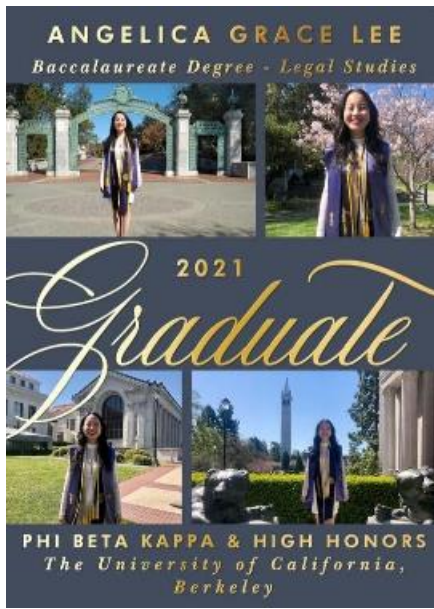
This webinar is aimed especially at incoming branch treasurers. Seasoned treasurers/finance officers, presidents, membership chairs, Funds chairs, project leaders, and other board members will also benefit from the discussion. Finance touches everything, and the entire board shares responsibility for branch finances. From the branch, Barbara Spencer and Roli Wendorf are both presenters.

To register: [Link](#)

*Roli Wendorf*

### Tech Trek

Stories from our alumni



Sincerely,  
Angelica Lee



Dear Ms. Butler,

I hope you are doing well! I know we haven't spoken in a while, so to refresh your memory, we met when I was a student ambassador in the Tech Trek Program. You made a huge impression on me, and without your mentorship and kindness, I would not be who I am today!

I am excited to share that I will be graduating from UC Berkeley with magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa honors in a few weeks! Additionally, I will be matriculating at UC Hastings College of the Law as a Dean's, Legal Education Opportunity Program, and Blum Foundation Scholarship recipient this fall. These scholarships will allow me to graduate from UC Hastings and pursue my dream career as an attorney with minimal student loan debt.

Thank you again for your support! Once the pandemic is over, perhaps we can re-connect in person. :)

Keep in touch (my contact information is attached)!

"This one is for my mom. After emigrating from Hong Kong to the US she lived an extremely sheltered childhood and young adult life where she was told college wasn't an option. Years later in retaliation she made sure to repeatedly tell me college was my only option to become independent and get further in life. Took longer than I anticipated, but here I am the first grad in her family. I love you so much."

Izabel Jusino

**Pat Camarena**



### QUEEN OF THE SOAPS

For many years soap operas have remained popular weekly radio and television programs. Usually the plots revolved around day to day life situations of ordinary people. They usually featured ensemble casts and melodramatic story lines that spanned several episodes. Each program ended with "cliffhangers" to encourage followers to tune in on a regular basis. These dramas began in the thirties first on the radio and later moved to television. Originally soap manufacturers such as Proctor and Gamble sponsored these programs as a way of putting their cleaning products before the listening public, women being the larger targeted viewing group. Because the scripts reminded many of the often unhappy or emotional drama of operas, the term "soap operas" gained use to describe these well liked shows. Many aired for way over twenty years.

Irna Phillips was a prime mover in the development of this genre of programming. Cliffhangers were just one of her innovative ideas

that began to define the soaps. From the 1930s through the 1970s, Irna Phillips was known by many media publications as the "Queen of the Soaps." She is credited with creating a daytime serial format with inclusive programming that changed as the social culture and women's roles evolved. A hard taskmaster, many of the best known and long lasting soaps such as *Guiding Light*, *As the World Turns*, and *Another World* came to be. Irna was a talented scriptwriter, screenwriter, casting agent, and actress all rolled into one.

Some of her story lines echoed her own not always happy life. Irna's father had died when she was 8 leaving her mother alone to raise 10 children. As a child she played by herself a lot making up long and involved stories for her dolls to play out. Drama and journalism were her chosen subjects for her two master's degrees. After a short career as an actress and a drama teacher, she took a job as a staff writer on a daytime talk show. Irna created the serial Painted Dreams which aired daily on a local Chicago radio station. From then on the serial soap operas became her specialty. Fiercely independent, she often argued with the sponsors, censors, and even the actors. On occasion she took her superiors to court to get proper credit for her role in creating or co-creating nearly several dozen programs over her 40 plus years in the business. She herself was hired and fired by different television stations. She learned in her career never create a show that she did not at least partially own.

[www.harvardmagazine.com](http://www.harvardmagazine.com)

[www.britanica.com](http://www.britanica.com)

[www.time.com](http://www.time.com) (March 5, 2020, 100 Women of the Year)

### June Birthdays

Anni Puckett Stroh	June 10
Mary Graves	June 10

Lucretia Axtell	June 12
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.

**Inventory of Mobility Aids**

We are looking for additional resources such as handy persons, electricians, light moving help, as well as names of care givers. We all are in need of a variety of assistance these days, and often don't know who to go to for information.

**Point Person**

Marlene Forde has offered to compile these lists and to answer inquiries when information is needed.

Please email her with your list of mobility aids and referrals.

**AAUWSF Board**

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**June 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 One Branch, One Book 7:30 PM	3	4	5 Annual Meeting 11 AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Afternoon With Books 2PM	19
20	21 Int'l Books 7:00 PM	22	23	24 Mystery/Adv 7:30PM	25	26
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*Young Girls need to see role models in whatever careers they may choose, just so they can picture themselves doing those jobs someday. You can't be what you can't see.*

**Sally Ride**





**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](http://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.