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FEBRUARY DATES

February 2: TTAG Meeting 7:30pm

February 9: AAUW-SF Board Meeting, 7pm

February 16: Lunch Bunch, noon

February 17: Mystery/Adventure Book Group,
7:30 pm

February 18: Afternoon with Books, 1:30pm

February 21: International Book Group, 7pm

February 22: AAUW-CA Webinar, 7pm

February 23: Branch-Wide DEI Book Group,
7:30pm

February 25: HBO film screening of LFG
documentary, 7pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LFG Film

AAUW-SF will present a pre-public release screening of the HBO/CNN documentary, LFG, showcasing the U.S. Women's National Soccer team fight for equal pay. This is a no-holds-barred inside account of their ongoing fight. The

players filed a class-action gender-based discrimination lawsuit against their employer, the U.S. Soccer Federation, three months before the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, which they won. The film follows the players through their historic lawsuit and the ensuing professional, personal, and emotional toll the ordeal takes on the players. They are America's winningest soccer team who are still trying to prove their worth — and ultimately that of millions of women around the world who are paid less than their male peers.

The film will be presented virtually. Stay tuned for your email invitation. Feel free to invite potential members and anyone else who is interested. Each viewer must RSVP to the email invitation.

IBC

Kelly, Roli and I attended the Interbranch Council (IBC) meeting on January 22. The focus of the meeting was a presentation by Elaine Johnson on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in AAUW. This is an ongoing issue of which we all need to be aware.

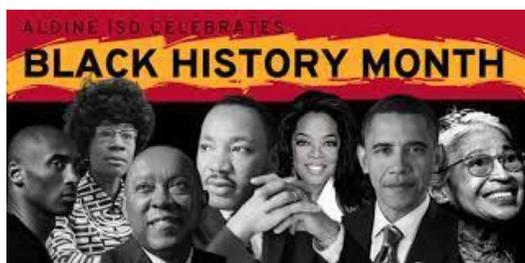
Member News



Andrea Laudate has entered these photos in the national AAUW Art Contest. Voting will be open from February 2 to February 16. Please remember to vote and support Andrea. She was a contest winner last year and has quite an eye.

On a personal note, I’m about to embark on a road trip with my sister to deliver a car to my son in Mississippi. We will take Route 66 part of the way and then diverge from it to New Orleans and Mississippi. “Get Your Kicks on Route 66.” The song keeps plying in my head. I’m excited to see some different sights, but it is always wonderful to return home to beautiful San Francisco.

Stay well,
Barbara Spencer, Co-President



Welcome to Black History Month where we celebrate the contributions and achievements of African-Americans!

As your Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, I am sharing several online events and resources during February. I am a founding member of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture and am sharing some of their interesting online events.

February 7 and 14, 10 a.m. PST

[History Alive! Coming Home: African Americans Returning from World War II](https://nmaahc.si.edu/events/history-alive-coming-home-african-americans-returning-world-war-ii)

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February 9, 4 p.m. PST

[Make Good the Promises at Busboys and Poets – Conversation Featuring Kinshasha Holman Conwill and Paul Gardullo](https://nmaahc.si.edu/events/make-good-promises-busboys-and-poets-conversation-featuring-kinshasha-holman-conwill-and-paul-gardullo)

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February 22, 4 p.m. PST

[Historically Speaking: A Great Moral and Social Force—Conversation with Timothy Todd](https://nmaahc.si.edu/events/historically-speaking-great-moral-and-social-force-conversation-timothy-todd)

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February 26, 4 p.m. PST

[Taking the Stage: Death and the King’s Horseman – A Play Reading](https://nmaahc.si.edu/events/taking-stage-death-and-kings-horseman-play-reading)

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The San Francisco Public Library has events and books of interest, which we may entertain for next our DEI Book Club conversation.

<https://sfpl.org/events/special-programs/more-month-2021>



I wish you a safe and Happy Chinese New Year!

Kelly Joseph, Co-President

Board Meeting

The next board meet in will be on January 12, at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting on Zoom. All members are welcome. Contact Barbara at

Afternoons With Books

When: Friday, January 21, at 1:30 pm

Where: Zoom

What: Never Let Me Go, by Kazuo Ishiguro

Moderator: Paula Campbell

Zoom coordinator: Michelle Mammini

International Book Group

When: Monday February 21, at 7:00 pm

Where: Zoom

Book/Author: Circe, by Madeline Miller

Zoom Coordinator: Barbara

Please

Mystery/Adventure

We are making some changes to our schedule.

Date: February 17, at 7:30 PM.

Location: Zoom

Book & Author: The President's Daughter, by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

Reviewer: Sandra Peliks

to get the Zoom link.

Chapter-wide DEI Book Group Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Date: Wednesday, February 23, at 7:30 PM.

Location: Zoom

Book: The Color of Law. We will be discussing Chapters 11 to epilogue

Contact Kelly for Zoom link.

Lunch Bunch

There will be no Lunch Bunch in January.

Movie Night



**Friday, February 25, 2022
7:00 PM PST**

Virtual Event hosted by AAUW San Francisco Branch

For your free ticket [CLICK HERE](#) to register

LFG is a no-holds-barred, inside account of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team's ongoing fight for equal pay as told by Megan Rapinoe and her team mates. The documentary grants viewers

unprecedented access to these game-changers as they meet the physical demands and pressures of being some of the world's top athletes, while showcasing their courage, unflinching spirit and resiliency in an effort to create long-lasting social change.

As strong advocates of equal pay, this film is right up our alley. Do join us!

Roli Wendorf

Tech Trek

We know branches are eager to begin planning another great Tech Trek program. Because the AAUW California state board only recently made the final decision to have a virtual camp option beginning in 2022, we must carefully review all our documents to make sure the language reflects the virtual camp option and clarifies instructions for opting for residential vs virtual. It is anticipated that the Communications Creative Services team will finish their review so that the packet can be released late next week. You'll be happy to know that the packet has been slimmed down with more paperless procedures as a part of this overhaul. Rather than having a lot of attachments, you will receive a series of emails with the forms embed. Some reference documents such as the national policies and procedures remain on the AAUW California website.

The best news is that we now have heard from all the colleges/universities except Stanford -- CSU-Fresno, Sonoma State, UC-Davis, UC-Santa Barbara and Whittier College have all responded YES, we want you on campus in summer 2022!. UC-San Diego camp staff has made the decision not to have an in-person camp in 2022.

The annual Tech Trek Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is about to be released to branches. As last year, the MOU will be in electronic form.

The MOU again asks branches to indicate how many campers they expect to sponsor for the 2022 camps – both residential and virtual options. Yes, this means some “guesstimates” by the branches for the number of reservations for both types of camps. You will need to base your decision on your budget available (the camp treasurer for the camp you usually send campers to can tell you the total of funds carried forward from 2020 still in your branch account) and your best guess as to the option your student population is more likely to select. With the prepaid camp fees from 2020 and camp reserves, we think we can keep the sponsorship fees at 2019 levels: \$900 for Fresno and Davis; \$950 for Whittier and \$1,000 for Sonoma, UC-Santa Barbara and Stanford (if they invite us on campus). The virtual camp will be \$500 as it is anticipated that core class offerings will be expanded to include more than just the Qualcomm Thinkabit™ curriculum.

Even though the campuses are willing to host us at this time, the final decision on whether to provide the residential camps this summer will be based on the state of the pandemic later this spring. We know that the residential experience is our preferred method of delivering the Tech Trek program – it's what we've been doing for the last 23 years. If the camp you normally send students cannot be held for any reason, any residential reservations can be transferred to a virtual reservation. Maximum capacity for the virtual camp is anticipated to be 1,000 campers, so should any/all residential camps be canceled, all selected campers can go to the virtual camp if they so choose.

We will be using the same paperless online process for the application and selection process that was developed for the virtual camp last year. Once campers are selected, the camp directors will switch over to a new software program that is being implemented in a few weeks.. We will send more details when we get closer to that stage.

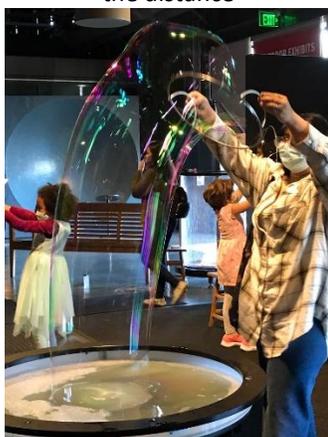
Elaine Butler, Tech Trek Coordinator

**TTAG Event
An Exploratorium Experience**

by **Rosaura Valle**



Group Picture on the Exploratorium terrace, Bay Bridge in the distance



Emily Gepilano experimenting in the Bubbles section



“Rolling through the Bay”: Scott Weaver's 100,000-toothpick giant sculpture of San Francisco

Pat Camarena

THE POWER OF THE PEN



Tucked away in London's Westminster Abbey is an area called the Poet's Corner. Traditionally, this well visited area has been set aside to remember poets, playwrights, and authors.

Chaucer was the first writer to be so honored here in 1400. Over the years a few noted women had made their way in after their deaths. Elizabeth Gaskell, a noted woman writer of the early 19th century is celebrated with a dedication of a panel in a memorial window. The Bronte sisters have memorial tablets as does Elizabeth Barrett Browning. However, there is another much earlier and lesser known playwright, poet, and author from two centuries earlier to whom all the later women I mentioned owe a great debt. It is possible that on several occasions, she was recruited as a spy on behalf of royal wannabes. This woman was Aphra Behn. the first woman who wrote for a living under her own name and was paid. Never hiding the fact that she was a woman, she made a point of it. She paved the way for the successes of later women writers. Aphra's gravestone lies, not in Poet's Corner but in the East Cloister near the steps of the church. Aggressively direct, she challenged the male writers of her time. She is considered a key author in the rise of the novel. She was also a translator of science and French romances. However, some of the fiction attributed to her, she herself never admitted to penning nor took much remuneration. Since she was supporting herself, she had to write what would sell but still pay attention to the conventions of the Restoration era in which she lived. Her poetry was both lyrical and erotic. She used one of her plays to comment on the harmful effects of arranged marriages. She tackled some offended male critics by arguing that potential women playwrights had been held back by their unjust exclusion from educational opportunities, not their lack of ability. By hard work, Aphra earned the right for women writers who followed in her footsteps to be free to speak their minds. However, it would be several centuries for full recognition of the power of their voices.

Though living in the Restoration period of the 1600s, outspoken Aphra had much to say about love, money, and pleasure among other subjects. "One hour of right-down love is worth an age of dully living on."

"Love ceases to be a pleasure when it ceases to be a secret."

"Money speaks sense in the language all nations understand."

"Variety is the soul of pleasure."

The novelist Virginia Wolf wrote of Aphra Behn: "All women together ought to let flowers fall on the tomb of Aphra Behn ...For she it was that earned them the right to speak their minds."

www.britanica.com

www.lithub.com

www.writerisinspire.org

February Birthdays

Corrine Sacks

February 25

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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*Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing.
It was here first.*

Robert J. Burdette



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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.