



MORGAN HILL
(CA) BRANCH

The Wildflower



April-May-June 2017

Volume XXXV, Issue 4



34th Annual Wildflower Run



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Events & Programs.....2

Elections..... 3,4

Wildflower Run Info.....5

Membership & New
Member Profile.....7

Travels, Friendship &
Spotlight.....9



For More Wildflower Run Pictures, go [HERE](#)

AAUW Calendar

BRANCH PROGRAMS

4th Tuesday of April and May at the Morgan Hill Library

Women in the Arts

Tuesday, April 25

View a variety of art produced by local artists, while learning what inspires their work.

Contact: [Janet McElroy](#)



Women in Law

Tuesday, May 23

(rescheduled from March)

Laura Perry, Attorney and Gavilan College Trustee (and outdoor adventurer)

For more information, see Winter newsletter, [page 5](#)

Contact: [Janet McElroy](#)



Meditation Workshop

Saturday, May 13, 9 am – 2 pm

Led by Ajahn Chandako, Buddhist monk



@ St John the Divine Episcopal Church
17740 Peak Ave, MH

[See page 6 for details](#)

Contact: [Carol O'Hare](#)



[Spring Brunch](#)

Sunday, May 21, 11 am - 2 pm

Potluck for members and guests
Installation of 2017-2018 officers
Meet local scholarship winners
AAUW Honorees announced

@ Morgan Hill Cellars

1645 San Pedro Avenue, MH

Contact: [Margo Hinnenkamp](#)



Summer Events (Save the Dates)

June 24 Leadership Workshop, Board Retreat

August 5 Summer Barbecue

For more information about upcoming AAUW Events, go [HERE](#).

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mary Cox, President

First things first! Outstanding kudos go to two exemplary leaders of AAUW-Morgan Hill. They are **Pat Toombs**, leading her committees in this year's successful Wildflower Run, and to **Barbara Palmer**, leading her committee in raising funds through business sponsorships. Special thanks go to all **individual member** volunteers and donors. Funds from the run, the sponsors, and your donations all channel into our Wildflower Fund, allowing us to provide the scholarships and grants that help women achieve their educational and leadership goals. That is the best part about our branch—raising funds, providing opportunities, and having fun doing it! (If you haven't yet made your donation to the Wildflower Fund, see [Page 5](#).)

My second message is "Keep pushing and take action." This year has been a new awakening for us women. There is a feeling that our progress towards pay parity, gender representation, women's health, freedom from harassment, and civil rights could slip backwards. The Women's March in January (peaceful and purposeful) united us, from daughters to millennials, to baby boomers and beyond. We recently heard our Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren emphasize how important it is to let Congress know where we stand on issues. By subscribing to AAUW's [Two-Minute Activist](#), you will stay informed and find easy links that let your voice be heard. Please take a minute to see what's on the site to help and inform you.

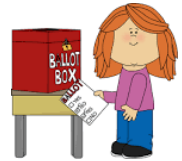
BRANCH ELECTION FOR 2017-2018

Judy Kinker, Bylaws Chair

By **April 15**, please vote by email or phone for our slate of officers. AAUW MH Bylaws require that elections shall be by a majority vote of those voting, and that a quorum of members (15%) cast votes. Current bylaws can be found on our website in the Members section under Branch Governance Documents.

To vote by email: Put AAUW-MH Vote in the subject line. In the email body, state yes or no for the proposed slate of officers, and send to [Judy Kinker](#)

To vote by phone: Call Judy at 408-778-1898.



See Page 4 for the 2017-2018 Slate of Officers and their bios



OUR BRANCH WEBSITE HAS A BRAND NEW LOOK

Thank you **Emily Shem-Tov** for managing our branch website for many years. And thank you **Elizabeth Mandel** for designing and implementing our vibrant new website. Be sure you are accessing our website at its new location, www.aaumh.org. Send suggestions & updates to [Elizabeth](#).

AAUW CALIFORNIA BOARD ELECTION

In 2017 California AAUW members will vote to fill four positions: President Elect, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and two Directors. The California Perspective included the photos and statements of the candidates who filed by the publication's deadline. For information about all candidates, go to aauw-ca.

The voting period begins on April 22 and closes on May 12, 2017. Each member will receive a personal email message that includes a link to the ballot. No password or code is needed. Members who do not have email will be mailed information about requesting a paper ballot. If you attend the AAUW-CA Annual Meeting and Speech Tech Contest on April 22 at the San Mateo Marriott, you will be able to meet and hear from the candidates. Watch for the link to vote, and cast your ballot.

Private Wellness Center
Acupuncture
Medical Nutrition
Pain Relief
Hypertension
Type II Diabetes
Arthritis
Weight Loss
More...

(855)Yin-Yang
9 4 6 9 2 6 4
We Accept:
Major Insurances
Workers Comp
Auto Accidents
Personal Injury



Increase energy • Stop pain
Make your workplace safe,
comfortable and productive.
Pacific Coast Ergonomics

Nancy M. Lowe, MPT, CHT, CAE
Founder / Speaker / Chief Consultant
nmlowe@pacificcoastergo.com • 408.778.0629

2017-2018 SLATE OF OFFICERS



President: Peggy Martin

Peggy is in her third year as CFO and was Branch Treasurer for three years. She is part of the Wildflower Run Committee and participated in Leadership Morgan Hill. She also serves on the AAUW CA State Finance Committee. Peggy has been a member since 2008. She is a partner in the Family Wealth Consulting Group.



President Elect: Maggie Leininger

Maggie is serving her third year as Membership Co-VP. She is also in charge of Wildflower Run T-shirts. She has been Interest Group Coordinator and participated in Leadership Morgan Hill. She is employed as Operations Manager at Dolan Development. Maggie joined AAUW in 2012.



Program Co-Vice President: Margaret McCann

Margaret is currently Program Co-VP, a position she has also held in the past. She has served as President and Co-President. She chairs the High School Scholarship Committee and is part of the Wildflower Run Planning Committee. She has participated in Leadership Morgan Hill. Margaret has been a member since 2003. She is a retired teacher.



Program Co-Vice President: Buffie Colloton

Buffie rejoined AAUW last year. Before retiring in 2016, she worked part-time managing the office of an area realtor. Now she enjoys reading, gardening and being a grandmother to five.



Membership Vice President: Jenny Redfern

Jenny currently is Co-Membership VP. She has served as Co-President for two terms and as Newsletter Copy Editor. She is also responsible for the weekly branch emails. She has been a branch member since 1999. She retired from Oracle in 2011.



AAUW Fund Vice President: Janet Wright

Janet was recently appointed as AAUW Fund VP, while continuing to serve as Chair for Legal Advocacy and Public Policy. She is also in charge of in-kind donations for the Wildflower Run. Janet joined the branch in 2015. Before retiring, she was an attorney for a real estate company.



Treasurer: Katie Scanlon

For many years Katie has been responsible for data entry for the 2K Wildflower Run. She is a longtime member of the Friends of the Library where she is serving as Treasurer. Katie recently left her job as an accountant. She joined AAUW in 2005.



Secretary: Joanne Rooney

Joanne has been a branch member since 2011. For several years she has coordinated newsletter advertising. She organized Speech Trek this year and is responsible for Wildflower Run contracts (the new porta-potty queen!). She retired last year as a special education teacher.

WILDFLOWER RUN MEMBER DONATIONS



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Donate today to the Wildflower Fund so we can continue to:

- ◆ Provide 20 scholarships for local women and girls
- ◆ Send 8 middle school girls to Tech Trek
- ◆ Fund 4 community action grants to local non-profits
- ◆ Support national AAUW programs

Make your check payable to ISPF-AAUW, and mail to AAUW MH, Attn: Tammy Parker, PO Box 1528, MH 95038, or to use your credit card at PayPal, hit GIVE and then click on Donate.

GIVE

WILDFLOWER RUN BUSINESS SPONSORS

Barbara Palmer, Business Sponsor Team Chair

Thanks to our hard working Run Business Sponsor team, our 2017 total is \$27,600. Our sponsors need to know we appreciate them, so please be sure to personally thank as many of them as you can. See list of sponsors, both cash and in-kind donations, [HERE](#).

Although this year's sponsor campaign has ended, I would like you to be aware of new businesses in town and consider joining this team next year to help bring in even more money for the Wildflower Fund!



Faith R. Protsman, MD
Healthcare for Women, Men, and Children
Healing Body, Mind, and Spirit

700 West 6th Street, Suite C
Gilroy, CA 95020

(408) 846-6444
(408) 846-1067
doctorprotsman@aol.com
www.faithprotsmanmd.com

34TH WILDFLOWER RUN

Pat Toombs, Run Director

Despite cold and rainy weather earlier in the season, Sunday, March 26, was a perfect day for running— cool but not cold, no wind, and (most importantly) NO RAIN! 851 runners lined up for our six events, and over 20 sponsors had booths at Finish Fest.



The Senior 2K event had a special cheering squad comprised of 4th grade girl scouts from a nearby school. We even had a couple who traveled to California from New Hampshire just to participate in the Run. Each year Amy and Paul Brasseur from Franklin, NH, select a few runs to do in different parts of the country. They found our Wildflower Run via the website and wanted to support our mission--raising funds for scholarships for women and girls--so they flew here specifically to run the 10K.

Many thanks to our numerous volunteers who make the



event so special, many of whom have been doing their jobs for

many years. Barbara Palmer has been MC for 17 years, in addition to heading up the Sponsor team for past five, and Wendy Bell has been handling registration duties for more years than she would like to remember! We also welcomed seven members who joined the WFR committee as new chairs. The Run has always been a team event, and

Team 2017 delivered an outstanding product.



Gotta Have It!
Gift Shop
at the

16225 Monterey Rd.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(408) 779-5477

10%* off your purchase of Gift Shop items!

*This coupon must be presented to the cashier at time of purchase.

[Sandy Stoob, Secretary](#)

In **January**, the scholarship committee reported that Katie Howard will take over managing the Keeping In Touch grants. The Community Action Grants committee announced the 2016-17 recipients.

In **February**, the board approved Elizabeth Mandel's proposal for redesigning the branch website with new software and a new web manager (Sandy Stoob). The cost will be about \$160 a year, with a one-time fee of \$150.

In **March**, the board approved the bylaws committee's job description for the new advisory position for past Presidents.



MEDITATION WORKSHOP

[Carol O'Hare](#)

A workshop, "Meditation in Everyday Life," will take place on Saturday, May 13, 9 am to 2 pm at St John the Divine Episcopal Church, 17740 Peak Ave, MH. Suitable for both beginners and experienced meditators, it will include teachings and instruction in sitting and walking meditation. The workshop will be led by Ajahn Chandako, an American Buddhist monk, abbot of a monastery in New Zealand. There is no charge; all teachings are offered on a donation basis. This event is sponsored by Pilgrim's Process, the AAUW MH meditation group, and is open to the public.

Complete details are [HERE](#) or contact [Carol O'Hare](#).

[Janet Wright, Public Policy Chair](#)

2016 was a very successful year for AAUW California; three of our key priority bills were signed into law.

AB 1676 prevents employers from using prior salary to determine an employee's compensation.

SB 1063 prohibits employers from paying less than what is being paid to employees of different race or ethnicity.

SB 1375 requires federally funded schools to post specific information about Title IX on the school website.

AAUW California has formed a new subcommittee to focus on lobbying and advocacy. Twenty AAUW members from various branches went to Sacramento to meet the AAUW CA lobbyist and get acquainted with the legislative process. They will be making regular visits to legislators' state and district offices to advocate for AAUW CA issues.

On the national level, AAUW continues to make their presence known on Capitol Hill. When a bill comes up that impacts AAUW policy priorities, they may collect co-sponsors, send formal statements of support or opposition, and sign on to coalition letters with like-minded groups. AAUW publishes [Public Policy documents by issue](#) on its website. It is a very impressive list.

**Equal Pay Day April 4, 2017**

Equal Pay Day **symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.**

Wear RED on Equal Pay Day to demonstrate how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!

LAUREN JENKINS STEM WORKSHOP

[Mary Cox, Anaerobe Systems](#)

What's a microbiome? What's in soil? How do you find out? Are they the same for people and plants?

For the second year, eighteen local high school girls will discover the answers in the all-day Lauren Jenkins STEM Workshop on April 7 sponsored by AAUW-MH and Anaerobe Systems. AAUW members **Kayte East** (microbiologist), **Susie Parrish** (agronomist), and **John Jenkins** (agriculture management) will present talks and hands on labs. It will be a full day identifying anaerobic bacteria, performing tests, and visualizing how ecological communities interact. The day concludes with a career panel with Kayte and Susie, electrical engineer **Katie Scoville**, and software engineer **Raya Voyvododa**.

The workshop is supported by AAUW members' donations made in Lauren Jenkins' memory. Lauren was the Regional Genetics Lab Director for Northern California Kaiser. She started Girls Club, which later became GEMS, to provide educational science activities for middle school girls. Lauren passed away in 2015 of cancer. AAUW-MH is proud to recognize her accomplishments and to honor her memory by providing ongoing science education for girls. We are also grateful that her husband John is adding his expertise to our STEM workshop.



MEMBERSHIP

[Maggie Leininger](#) and [Jenny Redfern](#), Membership Co-VPs

Welcome these six new members to our branch and interest groups. Both Jennifer and Chris joined at our New Member Wine & Whine in February.

- ◆ **Elizabeth O'Sullivan** (bette037@yahoo.com) is a retired information systems manager.
- ◆ **Roberta Vinkhuyzen-Rasmussen** (Roberta@vinkhuyzen.com) teaches ESL at Oakwood High. Patty Crone encouraged her to join.
- ◆ **Sony Lemoff** (sonylemoff@gmail.com) has a PhD in Applied Science. She is a friend of Marji McMillan and has assisted with the NCCWSL grant selection.
- ◆ **Kathy Devine** (kathy.w.devine@gmail.com) is director of the MH Historical Society Museum. She hearded about us from Carol O'Hare and is already helping with branch archives.
- ◆ **Jennifer Hamilton** (jdxfhamilton@gmail.com) is a semi-retired physical therapist who learned about AAUW from Susan Persing. (See Member Profile below for more about Jennifer.)
- ◆ **Chris Hopwood** (chrishopwood17@gmail.com) is an IT specialist. She is on the board of the South Valley Symphony. Jenny Redfern finally convinced her to join.

New and renewing members can order an AAUW Morgan Hill name badge from 'Make It Mine', 101 W. Main St, Morgan Hill, 408-776-0556. Cost is about \$10.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR



Watch your email for a special membership renewal message from National. It will contain a link to your own AAUW national membership account where it will be easier to renew for 2017-2018. The process requires your membership number and a credit card payment.

Membership remains at \$94 for 2017-2018. This includes \$49 National dues (\$46 is tax-deductible), \$20 California state dues, and \$25 branch dues. To renew by mail, mail a check for \$94 made out to Morgan Hill AAUW to: Maggie Leininger, 15385 Arboleda Way, Morgan Hill, CA 95037.

After March 15 NEW members can join AAUW and have their membership valid for the rest of 2016-2017 and all of next year. A real deal! Encourage your friends to join us now.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE: JENNIFER DIXON HAMILTON

When asked for some information about herself, new member Jennifer Hamilton replied:



I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from the University of New Mexico in 1980. I have practiced in many specialties including: neurological rehabilitation, acute hospital and skilled nursing, home health care, pediatrics, hand clinic, and orthopedic and sports medicine outpatient facilities. I am currently semi-retired but am maintaining my license and doing private care and consulting.

I have been a singer my whole life and continue to sing with choirs and serve as soloist and cantor at Advent Lutheran Church, where I also serve as Liturgical Arts Chair and designer. I have been involved in community theater for the last 20 years as an actor/singer, producer, vocal director, and costumer. I'm currently in rehearsal for Cabaret! at Gavilan College. Performances are in May.

I look forward to being a part of AAUW.

Cabaret! plays at the Gavilan College Theater on May 4, 5, 12, 13, 19, 20. Tickets available [HERE](#).



AAUW FUNDS

Janet Wright, AAUW Fund VP

The AAUW Fund advances AAUW’s mission by sustaining all our national programs and activities that advance equity for women and girls. It includes:



- ◆ **Public Policy.** Guided by the member-endorsed Public Policy Program, AAUW’s local, state, national and global lobbying and grassroots efforts help empower women.
- ◆ **Legal Advocacy.** Through this fund, AAUW identifies cases in the workplace and in academia that have the potential to protect all women. AAUW may submit a supporting brief or provide financial and organizational assistance.
- ◆ **Research.** AAUW conducts groundbreaking research on issues related to gender equity in education and the workplace. This work influences the national discussion on topics such as the pay gap, sexual harassment in schools, and the underrepresentation of women in science and engineering and serves as a catalyst for action.
- ◆ **Salary Negotiation.** Start Smart workshops prepare college women to enter the job market with the skills to negotiate salaries. Work Smart workshops teach working women how to evaluate, negotiate and convey their worth confidently in the job market.

Other programs provide grants and fellowships, encourage and train college women to run for office, and promote STEM education for girls and women.

AAUW MH COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS AWARDED

Elizabeth Mandel, CAG Committee Chair

AAUW MH awarded four grants to local non-profits, for a total of \$3,000, from 2016 Wildflower Run proceeds:

Organization	Program	Beneficiaries
Learning & Loving Education Center	Supplies for advanced ESL class	Immigrant women students
Central High School	Chef’s Garden	MHUSD high school students
San Martin Gwinn Home & School Club	Mariachi Music Program	MHUSD elementary school students
Discovery Learning Center	Bold Journey (youth mentoring)	MHUSD elementary school students

Teacher **Denee Lewis**, San Martin Gwinn Elementary, thanked us for their grant with these observations. *"This is my first year at SMG and I'm shocked at the amount of poverty and very challenging living situations many of my students experience. We do our best as educators to create safe, supporting, and stimulating learning environments for our students, but a music teacher can brighten up the spirit of a classroom with just a few notes. It's wonderful to witness."*

Click [HERE](#) to read an additional thank you letter from the Learning and Loving Education Center.

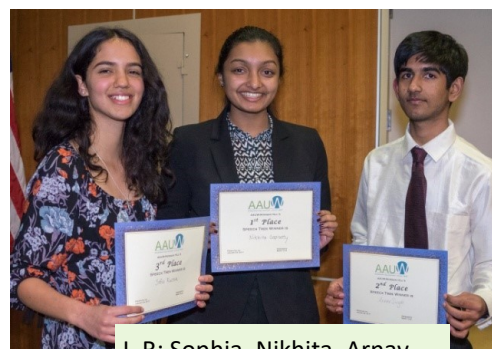
Thank you branch members who helped get the word about grants out to organizations in the community. Special thanks to the committee members: Nancy Altman, Monica McClintock, Cinda Meister, Susan Persing, and Susan Rife.

SPEECH TREK 2017: LOCAL WINNER A STATE FINALIST

Joanne Rooney, Coordinator

Students from Live Oak, Ann Sobrato, and Oakwood high schools participated locally in **Speech Trek, the Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Contest**, sponsored by AAUW CA. This year’s theme was, “Is it time to pass the Equal Rights Amendment?” Students spoke on such issues as the gender pay gap, gender equity, and public policy. Cash prizes, provided by the Wildflower Fund, were given to the following students: **Nikhita Gopisetty**, first place, **Arnav Singh**, second place, and **Sofia Rustor**, third place. All are from Oakwood School.

Our local first place winner, **Nikhita Gopisetty**, has been selected as one of the top three contestants in the state and will compete at the AAUW CA annual meeting, April 22, in San Mateo. Nikhita, a sophomore at Oakwood, is the captain of her varsity tennis team and vice president of her school's Interact Club. As a Type One Diabetic, she will be working this summer in the Dominican Republic to broaden diabetes education. She will also speak to the US Congress in Washington DC, advocating for Type One Diabetes research.



L-R: Sophia, Nikhita, Arnav

MEMORABLE TRAVELS

Betsy and Al Ding spent a week in New Orleans experiencing the great food and historical sights.



Kathy and John Hansell, vacationing along the Rhine, much preferred windmills to cobblestones.



Monica McClintock and Marian Sacco were part of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where they visited many religious sites. Monica said that a highlight was renewing her Baptismal vows at the River Jordan.

FRIENDSHIP CORNER

Congratulations to **Margaret McCann** who won first place in the Toastmasters Area International Speech contest. She will compete in the Regional contest on April 27.

Monica McClintock fulfilled a bucket list wish when she was part of the audience at the Ellen DeGeneres Show in Burbank, California.

Anne Rosenzweig serves on the Board of the Friends of Human Relations, which annually awards Jim McEntee Legacy Scholarships to community college students transferring to four-year schools. A scholarship fundraising event takes place on April 21 at MACLA in San Jose with food, music and art. Information about the benefit can be found [HERE](#) contact [Anne](#).



Send items for Friendship and Travel to [Donna Dicker](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON INTEREST GROUPS: TRAVEL TIPS

Marianne Knight and Jenny Redfern, Co-Chairs

Armchair traveler or seasoned adventurer—all are welcome to join us at **TRAVEL TIPS CLUB** to share members' personal travel stories. Thus far we have walked the Egyptian sands with Elizabeth Mandel, attended a Northern Italian cooking school with Jenny Redfern, played with the penguins in Antarctica with Patricia Kindred, and basked in the sun of Provence while learning some valuable tips about navigating "Home Away" and other home rental sites with Lynn McCaw.



Meetings are held three times a year on a Saturday evening at 7:30 pm at the home of Marianne and Rob Knight.

Members, spouses, and guests are welcome and are asked to bring a savory appetizer or sweet dessert to share. Wine or non-alcoholic beverages are appreciated too. Contact Jenny Redfern if you have a story to share or to RSVP. Marianne assumes hostess duties and Rob facilitates digital and video presentations which last about 45 minutes. Socializing follows, and it's always fun.

Have you been on an African safari, river-cruised the Danube, or visited the Great Wall of China? Come share your adventures with us. Our last meeting of the season is **May 6**. Topic TBA



L-R: David Fritts, Patricia & Gene Kindred, Rob Knight

MEET CAITLIN JACHIMOWICZ, CITY COUNCIL

Meet the newest City Council member, Caitlin Jachimowicz, on Saturday, April 22, 11:00 am at BookSmart. (BookSmart is located next to 88 Keys on East Dunne.) Let's encourage her to join AAUW!

Caitin Robinett Jachimowicz is a longtime Morgan Hill resident who graduated from Live Oak High School in 2002. She attended Seattle University and then Santa Clara University School of Law. Prior to admission to the State Bar, she clerked for the District Attorney's Office and served as an aid to Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren. Currently, Caitlin is an attorney at Jachimowicz and Pointer, with her husband Josh and her father-in-law. She and Josh have a daughter, Penelope.

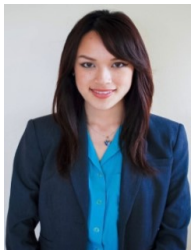


LAUREN JENKINS MEDICAL/HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Joan Stempel and Donna Dicker, Co-Chairs

Scholarships have been awarded to two Live Oak high school graduates who are pursuing their education in the healthcare fields.

Lauren Jenkins was a PhD geneticist who died in 2015. These scholarships in her name are supported by the Wildflower Fund and donations from Lauren's family. The selection committee included Joan Stempel, Donna Dicker, Angela Ettinger, Sharyn Frentner, Judy Garrett, and Lauren's husband, John Jenkins.



Michelle Nguyen is a pre-med student at the University of Alabama where she maintains a 3.98 GPA. "Although I have moved across the country, I still maintain close ties to Morgan Hill, as it is my hometown where I grew up." She is majoring in neuroscience and will pursue a medical degree. She will receive a \$2000 scholarship award.



Tiffany Ziegelman, a second-year student at Gavilan College, is working toward a career as a dental hygienist and will be transferring to a four-year college in the Fall. She works several jobs, takes extra courses each semester, and still is a dedicated family member. She will receive \$1000 scholarship.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Margaret McCann, Chair

Seven high school scholarships totaling \$5000 were awarded this year. Local scholarships are supported by the Wildflower Fund.

- **From Sobrato:** **Raya Kavosh**, a political science major and Women in Advocacy club founder; **Xochitl Santiago**, a biology major and participant in the 2016 Lauren Jenkins STEM Workshop; **Jordan Atkins**, an agricultural business major and 2017 Speech Trek contestant
- **From Live Oak:** **Lindsay Baker**, a nursing major with a focus on pediatrics; **Rachel Sjostedt**, an aerospace engineer major and Tech Trek attendee; **Kaylee Messina**, looking toward a career in nursing
- **From Central:** **Eunice Moreno**, a criminal justice major

Selection Committee L - R: Holly Henry, Joan Sullivan Darla Andresen, Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy



KEEPING IN TOUCH (KIT) GRANTS

Katie Howard, KIT Chair

The Keeping in Touch (KIT) program is a way of staying in contact with our former local scholarship winners through ongoing financial support. A total of \$10,500 in grants will be awarded to the applicants for the 2017-2018 school year. This money comes from the Wildflower Fund, which includes proceeds of the 2016 Wildflower Run, member donations, and a \$2,500 grant from Comerica Bank.

This year's recipients who each will receive \$1000 are: **Heather Sjostedt**, Savannah College of Art and Design, Visual Effects with an Animation minor; **Julia Leal**, Stanford, Earth Systems; **Whitney Waller**, CSU Sacramento, Psychology; **Shelby McDonald**, California Baptist University, Sociology; **Diana Valderrama**, CSU San Jose, Sociology; **Shannon Mortela**, CSU Monterey Bay, Social Work; **Jacquelyn Cook**, Gavilan Community College, Registered Nursing; **Naromy Ramirez**, CSU San Jose, Child and Adolescent Development; and **Lydia Riojas**, CSU San Jose, Business Administration. **Melissa Vasquez** has been awarded \$1500, as she continues her efforts to become a physical therapist despite severe injuries suffered in an automobile accident last year.

The KIT selection committee was composed of Katie Howard, Margaret McCann, Kathy Hansell, and Donna Dicker.

RE-ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Kathy Hansell, Chair

Mia Lugo has been selected to receive a \$1500 re-entry scholarship award. Mia is a second year Gavilan student who plans to transfer to a four-year college with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner. She would also like to get a cosmetology certificate and combine the two fields.

Re-entry scholarships are awarded to women who are returning to school after a break in their education. Awards are supported by the Wildflower Fund. The committee includes Kathy Hansell, Carolyn Wilson, Betsy Ding, Charlotte Garcia, and Judy Kenney. 10

2017 TECH TREK CAMPERS

Joy Safakish, Tech Trek Coordinator

Eight campers and two alternates have been chosen to attend Tech Trek camp at Stanford Camp Marie Curie this July. Members of the selection committee include: Ann Clearkin, Jenny Davis, Donna Dicker, Susie Parish, Donna Pettit, Caroline Rackowski, Jenny Redfern, Elaine Reimer, Marian Sacco, and Joy Safakish.

tech
trek

You can help support our campers by supplying items for “Goodie Bags” that are given to each girl to take to camp. Needed items are: water bottles, sunscreen, lip balm, pens, markers, Kleenex packs, small journals, travel-size hand sanitizer, and disposable cameras (no phones at camp). Also fun stuff: stickers, glow bracelets, anything 13 year-old girls would like! NO FOOD PLEASE. Drop off location is Donna Dicker’s front porch (17100 Rosemary Circle) by May 19 or you may bring items to the Spring Brunch on Sunday, May 21. See the complete list [HERE](#).



Would you like to help at Camp Marie Curie the week of July 9-15? Volunteer jobs are still available; see openings on Sign Up Genius at [AAUW Tech Trek STEM camp](#). Read survey results of the positive impact of Tech Trek STEM Camps at [“Igniting the Spark”](#)

GEMS, GIRLS ENGAGED IN MATH AND SCIENCE

Susan Oldham-Fritts, GEMS Coordinator



Did you know that five of our GEMS have their signatures displayed in the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in Washington, D.C.? **Nia Lyn, Shannon Coakley, Holly Rotternborn, Sydney Beard, and Sarah Jacob**, as part of the cast of the eighteen-episode **EngineerGirl** documentary series, signed the Rosie the Riveter poster now hanging at NAE. This series on women engineers was produced and filmed by Ex’pression College digital arts students, under the guidance of instructor George Retelas. In the documentary, the girls interviewed and shadowed women STEM professionals. They were also filmed giving short biographies of historical women who made valuable engineering contributions. To see the first update of the video campaign, go to [ENGINEERGIRL](#). George thanks “that wonderful program” GEMS for the participation of our “science-minded girls”; we thank member Nancy Lowe for connecting us to George.

So what can you do to support GEMS but do not have the time/energy/desire to chaperone teenaged girls? Please use your Silicon Valley connections to help our new GEMS program committee arrange high tech company field trips. Volunteer positions on this committee are still available.

Hope you saw our plethora of purple-shirted helpers at the Wildflower Run. Those Youth Volunteers, composed of GEMS, Tech Trekkers, Speech Trek, and scholarship winners, provided assistance as one way of thanking AAUW-Morgan Hill for our support. To learn more about [GEMS](#) and its programs, go to our webpage.



NCCWSL GRANT WINNER

Marji McMillan and Cinda Meister, Co-Chairs



Michaela Austin, a sophomore at UC Santa Barbara, has been selected to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Baltimore the end of May. The three-day conference is for young women across the country who show potential to be leaders during their college years and into the future. The grant covers registration and all travel expenses.

Michaela, a Live Oak High School graduate, is majoring in communications with an interest in the field of Environmental Studies. While at Santa Barbara, she has joined the Environmental Affairs Board and the Women’s Commission. She plans to bring her multiracial background to NCCWSL to network with women from other colleges. We look forward to hearing of her experiences when she speaks to the branch next year. Michaela was the unanimous choice of the committee that included: Marji McMillan, Cinda Meister, Sonny Lemoff, and Donna Dicker.



MORGAN HILL
(CA) BRANCH

Morgan Hill AAUW
P.O. Box 1528
Morgan Hill, CA 95038-0451

Visit us on [Facebook](#) or
At <http://www.aauwmh.org/>

The Wildflower, Volume XXXV, Issue 4

The Wildflower is published digitally from September until June by the Morgan Hill branch of AAUW.

President: Mary Cox

VP Membership: Maggie Leininger & Jenny Redfern

Copy Editor: Carol O'Hare

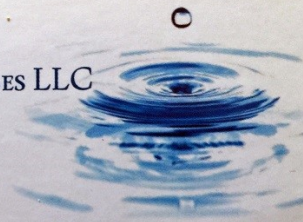
Layout Editor: Suman Ganapathy

Community Events

- ◆ **Morgan Hill Historical Society**, Villa Mira Monte
April 8, May 13 Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 10 am
June 24, Prohibition Party, Villa Mira Monte
- ◆ **Friends of the Library**, MH Library
April 11, "30 Tips [for using the library] in 30 Minutes" with former community librarian Peggy Tomasso, 7 pm
June 3, Novella Carpenter, author of *Farm City*, *The Essential Urban Farmer*, and *Gone Feral*, 3 pm
June 10, Summer Book Sale 10 am – 3 pm
- ◆ **South County Lifelong Learning**, Community and Cultural Center
April 19, 26, May 17, 24, classes, 10 am – 12 noon
- ◆ **South Valley Civic Theater**, MH Community Playhouse
April 21-May 13, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, adult comedy, \$16-\$25
- ◆ **South Valley Symphony**
May 14, Annual Mother's Day Concert, Mission San Juan Bautista, 4 pm, \$40
June 4, Pacific Brass Band Concert fundraiser, Guglielmo Winery, 4 pm, \$15



TRAVELING GODDESSES LLC
Transformational Travel for Women



MARGO HINNENKAMP
travelinggoddesses@gmail.com

408-782-1712
408-394-6771
travelinggoddesses.com

WORLDVIEW TRAVEL

VIRTUOSO MEMBER

"Integrity, Value & Expertise"

PATRICIA KINDRED
Travel Specialist
Affiliate of Worldview Travel



Morgan Hill, CA 95037
pkindred@jps.net

office: 408-778-1025
cell: 408-219-8214
fax: 408-778-1900

Marisa Otto, AAMS®, CFP®
Financial Advisor

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



275 Tennant Ave.
Ste. 206a
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Bus. 408-778-4400
Fax 877-222-8361
marisa.otto@edwardjones.com
www.edwardjones.com
California Insurance License 0C24309



Gretchen Merrick, Realtor
Intero President's Circle

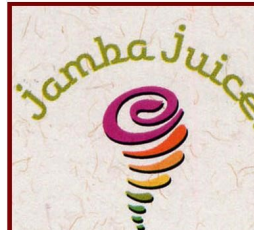
408.892.9015
Sold@GretchenMerrick.com
www.GretchenMerrick.com

*Serving Your Real Estate
Needs Since 2001*



BRE Lic# 01317499

When you or someone you know is thinking
of making a move, call Gretchen!



JAMBA JUICE COMPANY
Vineyard Station on Monterey
Target Center on Cochrane
and Blossom Hill in San Jose

tel 408.465.2145
San Jose tel 408.225.2582
fax 408.225.5788
jamba13@earthlink.net
www.jambajuice.com

Brian and Katie Howard
Owners



Photo Credits: Susan Brazelton, Elizabeth Mandel, Noella Vigeant, Lennie Randall