



Summer 2017

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Leadership Workshop and Board Retreat

Saturday, June 24, 2017

La Quinta Inn and Suites, 17043 Condit Rd, MH



“Become a Woman of Influence”

Leadership Workshop with Diana Wood,
John Maxwell Certified Trainer, CEO of Wood Motivation.

Open to all AAUW MH members

RSVP to [Janet McElroy](#)

8:30 am – 11:30 am

A light lunch costing \$5 will follow the workshop.

Annual Branch Board Retreat

12 noon – 5:00 pm

The Board retreat will focus on AAUW leadership and community legacy. Members are welcome to attend as observers to gain more insight into Branch operations and activities.

Please RSVP to [Peggy Martin](#).

Summer BBQ

Saturday, August 5, 2017, 5 - 8 pm

Villa del Lago, home of Mary and Mike Cox, 405 Atherton Way, Morgan Hill

Enjoy a fine meal of salmon and beef filet with your AAUW friends. \$20 per person. **Checks only please, made out to AAUW MH (write BBQ on memo line).** Your spouse or guest is invited. Please RSVP [HERE](#), and indicate if you will bring an appetizer, salad, dessert, or wine.**RSVP deadline is Tuesday, August 1.** NO EXCEPTIONS!Checks may be brought to the event or mailed in advance to **Carol O'Hare, 461 Rio Oro Ct, MH 95037.**Coordinated by Mary Cox, assisted by past presidents. Contact [Carol O'Hare](#), 408-782-9029.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Peggy Martin, President



As this year ends, I am looking forward to being your President for 2017-2018. I thank AAUW Morgan Hill members for the opportunity to serve our Branch.

Our **Spring Brunch** was held on Sunday, May 21, at Morgan Hill Cellars. The setting offered a charming venue to recognize our scholarship and grant recipients, and Speech Trek award winners. Seeing these young women acknowledged was a great reminder of how our efforts for the Wildflower Run have such an impact on our community.

The day's ceremonies ended with the installation of our new officers and recognizing Mary Cox as our outgoing President. I personally thank Mary for all she has done for our Branch and for including me in the many activities the president is involved with. I am grateful for her offer of continued support as the new year begins.

I look forward to working with all the incoming officers and other Board Members and am grateful for their dedication to our Branch and the unique talents they bring. I am glad to be working with you.

Coming soon is the **Leadership Workshop** on June 24, and all members are encouraged to participate. Diana Wood will present tools and techniques that can be used by our Branch to enhance our leadership skills. Members are also welcome to attend the **Board Retreat** that follows. (See page one for details.)

Throughout the coming year, I will be focusing on the legacy of our Branch and the benefits we provide to our community through programs, grants and scholarships. To learn more about our philanthropic activities, click [HERE](#).

I am excited to participate in this journey with all the AAUW Morgan Hill members. Wishing you the happiest of summers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE 2017-2018 YEAR



Left-Right: President Peggy Martin, President Elect Maggie Leininger, Program Co-VP Margaret McCann, Treasurer Katie Scanlon, Secretary Joanne Rooney, AAUW Fund VP Janet Wright, Membership VP Jenny Redfern, and Program Co-VP Buffie Colloton (not pictured).



BOARD MEETING REPORT

Sandy Stoob, Secretary

At the **May meeting**, the last of the year, Judy Kinker reported that AAUW National sent mandatory language for seven articles that must be included in our bylaws, as a result of IRS requirements. The board agreed on a Morgan Hill AAUW logo for a polo shirt to wear when representing our branch. Robin Bean, our Facebook account coordinator, authorized a few branch officers to edit and post on Facebook and provided guidelines



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MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Mary Cox



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of AAUW-MH! As I leave office, I can't tell you what a privilege it's been to work with our board members, advisors, and committees to advocate for and promote our multi-level issues. I encourage all of you to take on a role in AAUW-MH, even if it is small, that will stretch your knowledge of what AAUW is all about. Try to attend our monthly branch programs, even if you feel you can't fit it in. You will not be disappointed. There is so much our organization represents: fun and fellowship, fundraising thru the WFR, providing scholarships and grants, supporting the AAUW mission, and much more.

AAUW MORGAN HILL THANKS:

All of our 2016-2017 elected and appointed board members and advisory positions with special acknowledgement to **Pat Toombs**, Wildflower Run Director, and **Barbara Palmer**, WFR Sponsor Chair; **Margaret Mc Cann** and **Janet McElroy**, Program VPs; and **Elizabeth Mandel**, branch website designer.

President: Mary Cox

Membership Co-VPs: Maggie Leining, Jenny Redfern;

Program Co-VPs: Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy

CFO: Peggy Martin

Secretary: Sandy Stooob

AAUW Funds: Janet Wright

Wildflower Run Director: Pat Toombs

WFR Business Sponsors: Barbara Palmer

Scholarships and Grants: Donna Dicker

GEMS: Susan Oldham-Fritts

Tech Trek: Joy Safakish

Newsletter: Carol O'Hare, Suman Ganapathy

Leadership Development: Joan Ensign

Publicity: Gretchen Merrick

Bylaws: Judy Kinker

4th of July Parade: Barbara Palmer

Advertising: Joanne Rooney

Interest Groups: Susan Persing

Social Media: Robin Bean

Email Manager: Jan Conrey, Jenny Redfern

Friendship: Donna Dicker

Speech Trek: Joanne Rooney

Taste of Morgan Hill: Mary Cox

Hospitality: Margo Hinnenkamp, Karen McDonald, Elaine Reimer

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Barbara Palmer

After many years of performing in Morgan Hill's 4th of July parade, our famous AAUW flag drill team is being retired. It will be replaced in this year's parade by two decorated vintage cars carrying Tech Trek and scholarship recipients to show our community who benefits from our AAUW fundraising. Member **Susan Anderson** has volunteered her bright yellow 1935 Ford, and **Edie Atkins**, mother of scholarship recipient Jordyn, is securing an additional vintage car. Edie has graciously volunteered to organize this year's parade event.



We are also looking for members to walk alongside and behind the cars wearing the traditional red tee shirts. If you're interested in participating, please contact **Edie** 408-594-1402.



2017 AAUW HONOREES

Margo Hinnenkamp

Three members of the branch – Sandy Stoob, Donna Dicker, and Jenny Redfern – were acknowledged at the Spring Brunch as 2017 AAUW Honorees in recognition of their commitment to AAUW and the Morgan Hill Branch.



Sandy Stoob has been a branch member for over 27 years and has long been involved with the Wild-flower Run: course chair in the 90s, in charge of 10K tally, and currently coordinator of kids' 2K run. She has also served on the board as public policy chair and most recently as branch secretary. Next year, she will take over as website manager. A founding member of Evening Books, she has kept a record of all books read over the past 25+ years. We're grateful for her dedication to AAUW.



Donna Dicker is passionate about education for women and girls. She has been active with AAUW local scholarships for many years: awards for high school graduates and women returning to college, grants for past recipients, and establishing the Lauren Jenkins Health Care Professions scholarship. She is now the Scholarship Coordinator, overseeing all local awards. She has also been involved with Tech Trek and GEMS. She joined the branch in 2000.



Jenny Redfern has served on the AAUW board in several capacities: public policy chair, newsletter copy editor, co-president (twice), and membership co-VP. This year, she helped establish a membership treasurer position to reduce the workload of the treasurer. She also started and manages the weekly news emails. She recently served as president of the AAUW Santa Clara Co. Interbranch Council that presented a program for all branches in the county. She has been a branch member since 1999.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Janet Wright, LAF Chair

Rizo v Fresno County Board of Education

On April 27, 2017, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals handed down an unfavorable decision in the **Aileen Rizo case**. Rizo had worked as a math consultant for the Fresno County Office of Education. She discovered that a male colleague had recently been hired at a higher wage than she despite the fact that she had more experience and seniority. Fresno based their salary decisions on prior salary history.

The lower court had found that a pay structure based solely on prior salary perpetuates the discriminatory wage differential between men and women. However, this decision conflicted with a prior decision by the appellate court. Therefore, the appellate court held that using prior salary alone to calculate current wages can be permissible under the Equal Pay Act as a "factor other than sex" if the defendant shows that its use of prior salary was reasonable. The case was remanded back to district court to determine if Fresno's claims are considered reasonable.

LAF continues to support this case. This decision illustrates the need for strong state and federal legislation that eliminates practice of basing salary on prior history.

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MEMBERSHIP

Jenny Redfern, Membership VP

Welcome five new members and returning member Kay. Marygrace is a dual member with the branch in Paradise/Chico. Katie, Dianna, and Bilha are “Shape the Future” members who joined at one of our monthly program meetings.

Kay Leach has retired and looks forward to re-engaging with our interest groups.

Katie Khera has a BA in Music, and is looking for work as a project manager.

Kelly King is a realtor, and has an AA in Marketing. Her cousin told her to find a local AAUW and join!

Dianna Yang-Dininno is also a realtor and learned about us from Margaret McCann.

Marygrace Colby recently moved to Morgan Hill. She retired from Santa Clara University as Athletic Director. She has been branch president and Tech Trek coordinator in Chico, and held other local and state positions. Carol Holzgrafe encouraged her to join us.

Bilha Golan is a self-employed artist and illustrator who found us through the Nextdoor website and will explore our interest groups.

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

2017-18 MEMBERSHIP YEAR COMING SOON: RENEW NOW!



Over half of our 172 members have already renewed their memberships for 2017-18! Most renewed online using a credit card and the easy-peasy link in their email invoices. Look in your Inbox for email from “memberinfo@aauw.org”. Can’t find it? Contact [Peggy Martin](#) or [Jenny Redfern](#).

Prefer to pay by check? 2017-18 dues total \$94 for national, state, and branch. Complete the renewal form [HERE](#) and send a check to Jenny Redfern, AAUW MH Membership, 14721 Excaliber Drive, MH 95037

AAUW FUNDS

Janet Wright, AAUW Fund VP

AAUW provides more than \$3.7 million in funding each year to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations. It is one of the world’s largest sources of funding for women, providing fellowships and grants through six highly competitive programs.

Applications are available annually from August 1 through January 15 with varying deadlines. These include:



American Fellowships, Career Development Grants, Community Action Grants, International Fellowships, International Project Grants, Selected Professional Fellowships

Encourage women and community organizations to apply for an AAUW fellowship or grant!

The 2017-2018 award year kicks off July 1 with the release of the updated directory that lists the newest 250 recipients.

American Fellowships have been awarded since 1888, a time when women were discouraged from pursuing an education. They support women scholars who are completing dissertations, conducting research, or preparing research for publication. Past American Fellows include the late Judith Resnik, who used her fellowship to complete a dissertation on chemical engineering and went on to become a Challenger astronaut; and the late Susan Sontag, critical essayist, short story writer and novelist. Ms. Sontag earned a National Book award for her work and was a lifelong human rights activist.

The AAUW Fund is supported by branch donations through our Wildflower Fund.

MEMORABLE TRAVELS



Margo Hinnenkamp, Nancy Fraser, Jean Pinard, and Janet McElroy toured the island of Miyajima, on their trip to

Japan. The partially submerged Grand Torii Gate is behind them.

On a business trip to Bangalore, India, **Ann Clearkin** and her Intuit co-workers visited [Shishu Mandir](#), a school and orphanage in a very poor community that they help sponsor. Most of the students are girls.



Bill and **Monica McClintock** visited Galveston and San Antonio, TX, for the Fiesta San Antonio, a celebration of the history of San Antonio with parades, music, and lots of good food.

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

FRIENDSHIP CORNER



Captain **Joan Ensign** with her 65+ tennis team, the *Red Hots*, from Los Gatos. They finished 13th in the nation in a tournament in Surprise, AZ, in April in tempera-

tures of over 104 degrees. They have also just earned a return visit to the national competition in 2018. Congratulations!

Susan Oldham Fritts and her husband David have moved into a new home. You can find her address in the branch directory.



Joanne Rife has finally been able to move into her own apartment that was added to her remodeled home.

Sue Berghoff has recently been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia ([LBD](#)), which is somewhat similar to Alzheimer's. To help promote awareness of this disease that affects more than a million people, Sue and her husband Chuck are hosting an afternoon of information, entertainment, and barbecue at their home on September 30. More information about this fundraising event will be available soon.



THANK YOU FROM CAROL O'HARE

I was overwhelmed by the love and support provided by my AAUW friends after the death of my husband Bud. I appreciated the many phone calls, emails, notes, and cards of condolences. Thank you to everyone who provided cookies and flowers for the reception and especially to the members who helped with set-up, organized the food, and cleaned up afterward.

I was also touched by the decision of members of the board to make donations to the Morgan Hill Historical Society in Bud's name for a map cabinet for the historical museum.

You have helped make a difficult time easier to bear. Thank you.

With much gratitude,
Carol



2017 TECH TREK CAMPERS

Joy Safakish, Tech Trek Coordinator

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Eight Morgan Hill campers will attend Camp Curie at Stanford in July: from Britton Middle School, Diya Kandhra and Gelasia Tiwana; from Charter School of Morgan Hill, Makayla Phea, Claire Harman and Megan Jones; and from Martin Murphy Middle School, Tejal Oza, Sofia Aliamus and Alison Centers. The alternate campers chosen are Sydney Mudrak (Charter School) and Molly Orman (Martin Murphy).

A big **Thank You** to everyone who generously gave to the goody bags for the campers. A special thanks to **Donna Dicker** for coordinating. The girls received their bags at the Ice Cream Social and Orientation for campers and their families on June 4. They've been invited to join us in the 4th of July parade, and we look forward to hearing about their camp experiences at the Fall Brunch on September 9.

In order to save money on the cost of busing girls to their field trips, Camp Director Pat Ivestor is asking for volunteer drivers for a trip to IDEO in Palo Alto on Tuesday morning, July 11. You would need to be Live Scanned (finger printed), which can be done at a UPS store. You can be reimbursed from camp funds. If you can help, please email [Pat](#).

SPEECH TREK

Joanne Rooney



Congratulations to **Nikhita Gopisetty**, who won the AAUW CA Speech Trek competition. After winning first place in the local Morgan Hill contest, Nikhita went on to capture first place in the state competition on April 22. She was awarded a \$1500 prize. Nikhita is a student at Oakwood School.



AAUW MORGAN HILL UPCOMING PROGRAMS (SAVE THE DATES)



Sat, August 5: Summer Barbecue at the home of Mary and Mike Cox

Tues, August 22: Branch Program "Let Your Voice Be Heard: Effective tools to communicate efficiently with elected officials," 7:00 pm at MH Library.

Contact [Margaret McCann](#).

Sat, September 9: Fall Membership Brunch

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Community Events

[South County Lifelong Learning](#), 10 am – 12noon, MH Community and Cultural Center. [Debbie Vasquez](#), 408-310-4254

- ◆ **Wed, June 28:** Bobcats, Coyotes, Mountain Lions, Oh My! with Rick Hopkins, expert in mammalian carnivores, \$10. Register [online](#) or at CCC or CRC.

[Morgan Hill Historical Society](#)

- ◆ **Sat, June 24:** Speakeasy Prohibition Party fundraiser at MH House at VMM, 7 – 10 pm, \$59. Contact [Nancy](#), 408-888-1260.
- ◆ **Sat, July 8, Aug 12:** Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 10 am – noon, 3rd St Plaza off Monterey Rd
- ◆ **Sun, Aug 6:** Annual Summer Picnic, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Villa Mira Monte

[Friends of the Morgan Hill Library](#)

- ◆ **Sat, July 22:** 10th Anniversary of the new library and ceremonial groundbreaking for library expansion. Activities for adults and children, 1-4 pm. Contact [Dianne Brady](#), 650-228-4998.

[South Valley Civic Theater](#)

- ◆ **June 23 – July 15:** “Willy Wonka” family musical

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