



MORGAN HILL
(CA) BRANCH

The Wildflower

January-February-March 2017

Volume XXXV, Issue 3

BRANCH PROGRAMS

4th Tuesday of the month at the Morgan Hill Library

6:30 pm Branch Update, 7:00 pm Program

4th Annual Speech Trek Contest

Tuesday, January 24

High school students express their views on "Is it time to pass the Equal Rights Amendment?".

Details on page 5.

Contact: [Joanne Rooney](#)

"A Life of Simplicity"

Tuesday, February 28

Come hear from Venerable Tenzin Chogyi, Tibetan Buddhist Nun.

Details on page 5.

Contact: [Carol O'Hare](#)

Women in Law

Tuesday, March 28

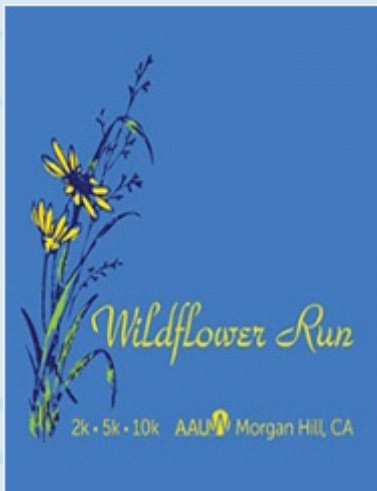
Laura Perry, Attorney and Gavilan College Trustee.

Details on page 5.

Contact: [Janet McElroy](#)

WILDFLOWER RUN

Save the Date: March 26, 2017



34th Wildflower Run
Fundraiser for local
scholarships, Tech
Trek, and national
AAUW programs.

Details on page 4.

Contact: [Pat Toombs, Director](#)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Wildflower Run Info	4
Monthly Branch Programs.....	5
AAUW honoree nominations, IG spotlight, Membership.....	6
Public Policy, Women's March, LAF	7
AAUW Fund, IBC, Kathy Sullivan	8
Friendship, In Memory	9
AAUW History	10
GEMS, Tech Trek	11
Community Events	12

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mary Cox, President

Happy New Year! Many of us love this time of the year, a time of new beginnings, resolutions, and commitments. That is the way I feel right now—newly committed to actions that ensure our women's rights for equality, pay parity, and education go forward in 2017. AAUW National is watching this closely. I urge all of our members to sign up for AAUW's **Two-Minute Activist** email messages that will keep you up to date on non-partisan public policy for education, economic security, and civil rights.

On the branch level, I want to compliment everyone who helped with our Holiday Party and 35th AAUW-Morgan Hill Anniversary Celebration on December 11. **Carol O'Hare**, anniversary committee chair, provided a fascinating historical display; **Margo Hinnencamp**, **Karen McDonald**, and **Elaine Reimer** coordinated a beautifully catered lunch; and the **Ukuladies** offered fun holiday entertainment.

For Holiday Party photos, click [HERE](#)

Forty-one women started our branch on December 7, 1981. Eight of these charter members have maintained their membership for 35 years and all were present at the celebration, adding to the festivities.



35-year Charter Members L to R: Linda Tarvin, Judy Garrett, Patti Trantow, Jeanne Gregg, Nancy Foster, Marianne Thornton, Marilyn Gadway, Barbara Cate

Back then, the newly formed Morgan Hill Branch lent its voice to promoting AAUW's issues - equity and education for women and girls and support for the social needs of women - and our branch continues to advocate for these same issues today. Thank you, Charter Members!

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECTS

Thanks to the generosity of branch members, especially one particularly generous donor, a record \$1535 in gift cards was contributed for the immigrant women and children at the **Learning and Loving Education Center**.

AAUW was one of the co-sponsors of BookSmart's **Gift of Reading** program that collected new books for underserved children. Thanks to **Margaret McCann**, **Monica McClintock**, **Karen MacDonald**, **Carol O'Hare**, and **Joan Sullivan**, who sorted and boxed 670 books.

This issue of the Wildflower covers January, February, and March.
The January Calendar of Events is available [HERE](#).
The current list of events is always available on our website [HERE](#).

BOARD MEETING SUMMARIES

Sandy Stoob, Secretary

In **October**, the Allocations Committee reported to the board how the \$48,875 raised from the Wildflower Run and member donations would be distributed among scholarships, grants, GEMS, Tech Trek, Leadership MH, NCCWSL, Speech Trek, and AAUW Fund (both MH Wildflower Run Research & Projects Grants Endowment and other AAUW programs).



Happy New Year

In **November**, the board decided to initiate a plan to welcome new members and encourage them to engage in the branch. Each month, a board member will casually meet with newly joined members. The weekly news email committee also reported on a format and deadline for submissions.

In **December**, the board approved a non-voting, advisory branch position for past presidents (up to three years) to assist the board. Janet Wright was appointed as interim AAUW Fund VP, replacing Mary Ludwick. The board is looking for someone to help Janet Wright with the weekly email and take over as lead next year. Our branch currently has 157 members.

SLATE OF OFFICES 2017-2018

Carol O'Hare, Nominating Committee Chair

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2017-2018:

President
President Elect
Membership VP
Program VPs

Peggy Martin
Maggie Leininger
Jenny Redfern
Margaret McCann
Buffie Colloton
Janet Wright
Katie Scanlon
Sandy Stoob



AAUW Fund VP
Treasurer
Secretary

Our Bylaws require that members have the opportunity to make additional nominations before the slate is voted on in April. Please send any nominations to **Carol O'Hare** by March 1.

My thanks to **Patricia Kindred** and **Janet Wright** for serving with me on the nominating committee.



SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

Donna Dicker, Scholarship Coordinator

There have been several changes recently in our Scholarships team.

Marissa Campi, who did a great job chairing Keeping in Touch grants, has moved to the San Diego area. But we are excited that **Katie Howard**, longtime member and Jamba Juice contributor to the Wildflower Run, has taken over this program that helps past scholarship winners continue their education.

Kathy Sullivan, chair of the Lauren Jenkins scholarship committee, will be returning to Philadelphia to be with family. **Joan Stempel**, a former hospice nurse, has agreed to take over for Kathy. **John Jenkins** is also joining the committee.



Marji McMillan is now in charge of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) scholarship. She will be assisted by new members **Nancy Fishman** and **Danielle Davenport**. **Lori Mains** joined the Scholarship team as technical support. She created posters for the Re-entry and Lauren Jenkins scholarships to make the public aware of these awards.

Our Local Scholarships program is always looking for members to join us in helping women and girls pursue their educational goals. **For more information, contact Donna Dicker.**

WILDFLOWER RUN: MARCH 26, 2017

Pat Toombs, Wildflower Run Director



Please join us in making the 34th Annual Wildflower Run an overwhelming success! As it is our branch's only fundraiser, we ask full participation from our membership each year. During the run, AAUW and community volunteers gather to cheer on runners of all ages, give out t-shirts and goodie bags, answer questions, and support our sponsors at the Finish Fest area. Proceeds from the

Wildflower Run help support all our mission-based activities, including community grants, Tech Trek, GEMS, local scholarships for women and girls, as well as national AAUW programs.

If you don't have a job, please contact volunteer coordinator **Janet McElroy**, and she can set you up with something you'll enjoy.

We also need your help to publicize the Run. Encourage your friends and family to go to our Wildflower Run website to register. Group registrations are also extremely effective, so share information with your class or club. Groups of 10+ receive a \$5 per person discount. Email **Wendy Bell** for a group discount code. Online registration is now available through [Racemine.com](#) or [Active.com](#), or runners can download and mail in a [Registration Form](#) available on the Run website.

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Elizabeth Mandel, Chair

Community Action Grants, new in 2016, are awarded to local non-profit organizations for specific programming consistent with AAUW's mission.

Read about the successful **Community Solutions** program for at-risk youth [HERE](#) and the report from **Discovery Counseling Center's** mentoring program [HERE](#). Both were funded through AAUW-MH's Wildflower Fund in 2016. The grant committee has not yet finalized recipients for the 2017 year.



WFR BUSINESS SPONSORS UPDATE

Barbara Palmer, Chair

The 2017 business sponsor team is working hard to make this a banner year. Thanks to team members: **Marianne Thornton, Margaret McCann, Joan Ensign, Darla Andresen, Gretchen Merrick, Mary Dunn, Jenny Redfern, Kathy Stanton, Suman Ganapathy, and Danielle Davenport.** Special recognition to Marianne, Margaret, and Joan who have been enthusiastically contacting sponsors for many years. Adjunct team members include: **Pat Toombs, Mary Cox, Carol O'Hare, and Janet Wright.**

We are now concentrating on reaching out to \$1,000 and \$2,500 sponsors, as their logos need to be obtained for printing of t-shirts, post cards and other print material. I look forward to announcing some new sponsors at these higher levels. We are on our way to achieving our goal of \$30,000.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION: 1881 TO 1991 TO NOW. SUPPORT THE WILDFLOWER FUND

Tammy Parker, Wildflower Fund Member Donations



In the tradition of our 1881 AAUW founding mothers, we continue to band together to advance the opportunities for women in our country. Your contribution

to the Wildflower Fund aids in this cause and is an awesome way to celebrate our Morgan Hill branch's 35th anniversary! We hope that all of our members will join this celebration by making a donation today; any amount is welcome and needed.

Please make checks payable to ISPF-AAUW (Interbranch Special Projects Foundation of AAUW, Santa Clara County) and sent to AAUW-MH, Attn: Tammy Parker, PO Box 1528, MH 95038.

You may also donate online through PayPal on the Wildflower Run website [HERE](#).

The Wildflower Fund supports all our branch's projects and charitable giving: local scholarships and grants, Tech Trek, leadership activities, national AAUW programs, and more. For details of how last year's income – from member donations, Wildflower Run business sponsorships, and Run proceeds – was allocated, go to **ALLOCATIONS**.

BRANCH PROGRAMS

4th Tuesday of the Month at the Morgan Hill Library, 7 pm

SPEECH TREK 2017

Joanne Rooney, Speech Trek Coordinator



High school students will compete in this annual speech contest at the Morgan Hill Library on Tuesday, **January 24, 7 pm**. Contestants will be judged on content, delivery, and organization. The top three will receive cash prizes of \$100, \$200, and \$300. Refreshments will be served.

A video of the Morgan Hill first place student will be sent to AAUW CA Speech Trek for judging, and the top three in the state

will be invited to compete at the AAUW CA annual meeting in April. The winner of that contest will receive \$1500. We still need several judges. If you are interested in helping, contact [Joanne Rooney](#).

Speech Trek has been sponsored by AAUW CA since 2007. Our local contest, now in its fourth year, is funded by the Wildflower Fund with member donations and Wildflower Run proceeds. Read more [HERE](#).

WOMEN IN LAW: LAURA PERRY

Margaret McCann, Program Co-VP

Laura is a lawyer, mother, grandmother, and, by most people's measure, an outdoor adventurer extraordinaire. Join us **Tuesday, March 28, 7 pm** to hear Laura speak of her life as a woman leader who is not afraid to live life to the fullest.

Laura has practiced family law in Morgan Hill for 25 years. She is also the president of the Board of Trustees of Gavilan College, where she has served for 24 years. She is an active Rotarian and was on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for seven years, one year as president.

Laura's hobbies include snowboarding, water skiing, bike riding, scuba diving and hiking. She has a private pilot's license and has skydived (hopefully with someone else in the driver's seat). She has journeyed to the top of Kilimanjaro and Aconcagua, dived in the icy waters of Antarctica, and run marathons and triathlons. Her latest adventure was to Guadalupe Island in Mexico where she entered a shark cage to see the great white sharks.

WOMEN IN RELIGION: A LIFE OF SIMPLICITY

Carol O'Hare

Venerable Tenzin Chogyi will share the story of her life as a Buddhist nun when she speaks at the Morgan Hill Library on **Tuesday, February 28, 7 pm**. She currently resides at Vajrapani Institute, a Tibetan Buddhist retreat center near Boulder Creek in the Santa Cruz Mountains. A popular Buddhist retreat leader and teacher, she is also an activist concerned with prison reform, equal rights for all, and ending human trafficking.

Venerable Tenzin first became interested in meditation in the early 1970s. She describes her spiritual path over the next 20 years as "meandering and haphazard" until she went to India and became a student of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. After she returned to the United States, she worked at various positions within the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition. She served as director of Vajrapani Institute and completed several long retreats.

Her spiritual path then led her to the monastic life, and she ordained as a novice nun in 2004 under the Dalai Lama. In her teachings, she connects the worlds of Buddhist thought, current affairs, and the field of positive psychology. She has been resident teacher at Vajrapani since 2015.



Check out websites for [Venerable Tenzin](#) and [Vajrapani Institute](#).

SPOTLIGHT: INTEREST GROUP EVENING BOOKS

Elizabeth Mandel, Evening Books Coordinator



In 1989, five branch members kicked off AAUW-MH's most popular interest group with two guidelines: (1) monthly book discussions alternating between fiction and non-fiction and (2) female authors only.



A record 30 members attended the Evening Books holiday book exchange and potluck

27 years later, now with 55 members, we have expanded to two discussions a month. Members choose which meetings to attend (typical attendance is 12-15). Many now use e-readers, wine and snacks enhance the camaraderie, and we rotate among members' homes. However, the selection guidelines remain unchanged, and we still eagerly look forward to diverse book selections with thought-provoking discussions.

Founding Evening Books member **Joanne Rife** reflects, "What keeps me coming back ...is not only the books, but the women and the wide ranging discussions that keep me thinking long after..." **Carol Holzgrafe**, another founding member, adds, "Long may we read!"

All branch members are welcome. Contact **Elizabeth Mandel** or go to **Evening Books** for more information.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 AAUW HONOREE

Janet Wright, AAUW Fund VP

The **AAUW Honoree program** annually recognizes members who have made outstanding contributions to the mission of AAUW, their branch or community. A committee of last year's recipients (**Margo Hinnenkamp** (chair), **Patricia Kindred**, and **Karen MacDonald**) will select honorees from nominations submitted by the membership, and announce their names at the May 2017 brunch. Please send your nominations to **Margo Hinnenkamp** no later than January 30, along with your reasons for making the recommendation.

Criteria to consider include promoting AAUW's mission, length of time in the branch, service as a board member, variety of the branch positions held, performing multiple jobs, behind the scenes worker, and community service that increases the visibility of AAUW. You may nominate more than one member. However, honorees of the past five years are not eligible.

2016 Margo Hinnenkamp, Patricia Kindred, Karen MacDonald
2015 Marti Jurick, Margaret McCann, Elaine Reimer, Joanne Rife
2014 Kathy Hansell, Carol O'Hare, Faith Protsman
2013 Patty Crone, Janet McElroy, Barbara Palmer
2012 Peggy Martin, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Kathy Sullivan

MEMBERSHIP

Maggie Leininger and Jenny Redfern, Membership Co-VPs

7 new members have joined our branch recently. This is in a large part due to you. Our members are our best ambassadors. Keep up the good work! Please welcome:

1. **(Anna) Liza Van Dine** is a licensed acupuncturist & herbalist. She is new to Morgan Hill, and her office is just off Main St. (info@lizavandine.com)
2. **Ann Clearkin** is a neighbor of Mary Cox, who introduced Ann to our branch. She is director of HR at Intuit. (annclearkin@yahoo.com)
3. **Angela Ettinger** works at Good Samaritan Hospital and has a degree in nursing. (angelaettinger@sbcglobal.net).
4. **Barbara Douglass-Scherer** is a realtor with Pacific Oak Real Estate in Morgan Hill. She lives in Hollister. (Barbara@barbaradouglass.com)
5. **Sue Villanueva** had a career in Social Work and still consults. She also is involved with South Valley Fleurs Garden Club. (villamhconsulting@gmail.com)
6. **Janet Heller** was introduced to our branch by Maryclaire Sampognaro. (jheller242@gmail.com).
7. **Carrie Lim** found us at the Taste of Morgan Hill. She is already participating in the Evening Books group. (carrie.burt@gmail.com)



Award recipients prior to 2013 ARE eligible for recognition. For a list of these earlier recipients, click [HERE](#).

Janet Wright, Public Policy Chair

- **“Women’s Rights Are Human Rights”** AAUW will have an official delegation to the Women’s March on Washington on January 21 in Washington, DC. Other marches will be held around the country, including San Jose.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan **Women, Peace and Security Act (WPS Act)**, which would ensure that women’s voices are heard when decisions about conflict prevention are made. Research has shown that women’s involvement in peace processes leads to a substantial probability of an agreement lasting longer. Yet women currently make up only 10% of negotiators in peace agreements. Contact your senator now to urge them to pass this bill.
- Recently the Washington, D.C. Council heard testimony on a bill that would bar employers from using prior salary of applicants during the interview process. Kate Nielson, AAUW’s state policy analyst, testified in support of this bill. AAUW suggested strengthening the bill by adding a provision requiring job postings to include a salary range.
- The bipartisan Congressional Commission on the American Museum of Women’s History presented a **proposal for a new Smithsonian museum dedicated to women’s history.**



MARCH FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS: JANUARY 21, 2017

Carol Holzgrafe

The Women’s March on Washington, taking place the day after the inauguration, has spawned sister marches around California and the country. AAUW’s Lisa Maatz writes about the Washington, D.C. march “As trusted nonpartisan voices in their communities, AAUW members have been on the frontlines of social change throughout our history. AAUW will have an official delegation to the Women’s March.” It is estimated that 200,000 people will participate.

We in Morgan Hill need not travel far to show our commitment to human rights, civil liberties, and social justice for all. San Jose will offer its own Women’s March on January 21st. (Men are welcome too). It will begin at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall and end at Cesar Chavez Plaza. The local organizers released this statement: “We gather in community to find healing and strength through tolerance, civility, and compassion. We welcome all people to join us as we unite locally and nationally.”



We intend to carpool to the Santa Teresa Light Rail station for the quick ride downtown. It would be good to wear AAUW shirts and walk in a group to proclaim that “We Are AAUW!” Signs would be good too. Watch weekly emails for details.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: GOSSET v. LASCH

Janet Wright, Public Policy Chair

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin and religion. Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination. Nathalie Gosset, an AAUW member & active Tech Trek supporter, was hired, in 2003 by the Alfred E. Mann Institute at University of Southern California as a senior engineering manager. She was promoted to senior director of marketing and technology evaluation, a position directly below the executive director, Jonathan Lasch. Gosset claimed she was subjected to ongoing sexual harassment by her boss. “He would talk about what happened between the bed sheets the night before. You know, sexual positions, and how he performed or didn’t perform.” Gosset reported the harassment, but claims that her complaints were disregarded. She states that her duties were reassigned and reprimands were issued. In 2015, she was terminated, as was the full four-year scholarship that had been awarded her daughter. Gosset has since filed an arbitration demand. Since the matter is in arbitration and not a federal case, AAUW cannot offer financial support at this time. However, because sexual harassment is a core issue, AAUW dedicates their moral support.



AAUW FUND: WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

Joanne Rife

The stunning women at AAUW Funds Fall Luncheon:

Every October, at the AAUW Fund luncheons, we have the opportunity to meet and listen to grant recipients of our money-raising efforts. For 2016-17, National AAUW provided more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to 230 extraordinary women doing post doctoral work, in under-represented professions, or in community programs. 34 recipients study or direct projects in California.

The Northern California luncheon, held in Danville,

showcased five fellowship and grant recipients this year. They represent a remarkable diversity of fields: Middle Eastern and Islamic art and politics, comparative literature dealing with race and gender, race, gender and violence in high schools, social work and public policy dealing with issues of sex and labor trafficking, and large scale 3D printing and its application in the under-

developed world. The recipients study at UC Berkeley, Stanford, Mills College, UC Davis, and NYU.

To learn more about the women and their work, click [HERE](#).

To view a video of the luncheon speakers, click [HERE](#).



Branch attendees L to R: Peggy Martin, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Joanne Rife, Carol O'Hare, Judy Kinker, Janet McElroy, Joan Ensign, and Carol Holzgrafe.

WOMEN CHANGING OUR WORLD

Jenny Redfern, AAUW Interbranch Council President

Take yourself and your friends to San Jose City College Theater, 2100 Moorpark Ave., San Jose, on Sunday, January 29, 2 - 4 pm, to hear "**Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership**," with five outstanding leaders in business, law, government, STEM, and sports. Danielle Feinberg (Pixar), Marlene Bjornsrud (Alliance of Women Coaches), Caryn Beck-Dudley (SCU Leavey School of Business), Superior Court Judge Julianne Sylva, and U.S. Representative Zoe Lofgren will describe the paths to their current life's work and how women can create their own paths to leadership.

Our AAUW Santa Clara County Interbranch Council encourages us to continue to learn from these women cracking their glass ceilings. Bring along students and young women looking for role models. This event is free, open to the public, and will include Q&A following the panel discussion led by Cathy Foxhoven of AAUW CA.

Watch our weekly email news for carpooling suggestions. See [FLYER](#) for complete details.

KATHY SULLIVAN: VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **Kathy Sullivan**, who has been selected Volunteer of the Year by the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce. She will be honored at the 2017 Celebrate Morgan Hill Awards Dinner on Saturday, February 25, at the Community and Cultural Center. The event costs \$105 and will include a formal dinner, silent auction and dance.

Celebrate Morgan Hill Awards Dinner tickets are available [HERE](#).



Kathy is a Chamber Ambassador and is on the board of the Downtown Association. She has been active in AAUW, serving on the scholarship and Wildflower Run sponsor committees, and coordinating the Wildflower Run Senior 2K. She has also been on the Membership team and participated in 2016 Leadership Morgan Hill.

FRIENDSHIP CORNER

Donna Dicker, Chair



We wish **Marissa Campi** and **Kathy Sullivan** our best as they head to new homes in San Diego and Philadelphia respectively. Both women have done a great job as heads of scholarship committees. **Marian Tankersley** has moved to Shingle Springs to be near grandchildren. However, she will return to Morgan Hill for her real estate business and AAUW events.

Congratulations to **Patty Crone**, who celebrated a milestone birthday with friends in October, and to **Suman Ganapathy**, who has a half century birthday in January.



Three members were honored at the Philanthropy Dinner in November: **Janet McElroy** by AAUW, **Susan Brazelton** by El Toro Culture and Arts, and **Charlene Tsai Lai** by the Teachers Aid Coalition. Charlene is also serving on the board of the Chamber of Commerce.

Nancy Casey has bounced back from her recent surgery and is making plans to become more active with AAUW. **Jenny Redfern** thanks members for their calls, cards, and casseroles after her surgery in December.



Pat Egan also expresses thanks for meals provided after her heart surgery last fall. After months of surgeries and rehab, **Kathy Goelkel** is grateful to be back home. She isn't able to get out much and appreciates visitors.

Jeanne and Dan Gregg welcomed a new grandson in October.



Our condolences go to **Giselle Steffe** at the passing of her husband Will. She says, "Many thanks to my AAUW friends for the cards and kind thoughts. They are all meaningful and much appreciated." Our sympathies also go to **Susan Persing** on the loss of her mother

Send items for Friendship & Travel to **Donna Dicker**



Gretchen Merrick, Realtor
 Intero President's Circle
 408.892.9015
 Sold@GretchenMerrick.com
 www.GretchenMerrick.com

Serving Your Real Estate Needs Since 2001



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

BRE Lic# 01317490

IN MEMORY OF ELENA MORENO

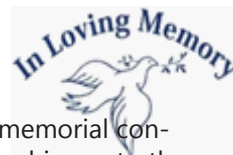
January 7, 1922 – November 26, 2016



A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at 1:00 pm in the El Toro Room, MH Community and Cultural Center.

Elena Moreno was a lifelong resident of Morgan Hill and an Honorary Life Member of AAUW. She served on the first Wildflower Run planning committee in 1984 and is credited with giving the run its name. Despite her fading memory in recent years, she always remembered AAUW and the Wildflower Run. "Women who give their efforts to AAUW are the best." (April 14, 2016)

Read about Elena's life [HERE](#).



The Moreno family has requested that memorial contributions go either to AAUW for scholarships or to the Morgan Hill Historical Society Building Fund. To donate to AAUW, make your check payable to ISPF AAUW; write "In memory of Elena Moreno" on the memo line; and mail to AAUW-MH, PO Box 1528, MH 95038. You may also donate through the [branch website](#).

MEMBER PROFILE: DONNA WEISBLATT

Debbie Vasquez, Older Adults Supervisor, City of MH

Branch member **Donna Weisblatt** has been working to extend the joy of learning to Morgan Hill residents in the 50+ age group since 2008. As the driving force behind the restart of **South County Lifelong Learning (SCLL)**, she spent this year arranging classes, beginning January at the Community and Cultural Center. (Click [HERE](#) to see the class schedule.)



Donna began as a volunteer at the Senior Center desk, served as a Senior Peer Advocate, co-organized a 50+ women's basketball group, started South County Lifelong Learning, and was instrumental in Morgan Hill's efforts to receive the Age-Friendly City designation from the World Health Organization. She currently serves on the Senior Advisory Committee. She states, "I am passionate about the importance of ongoing learning and social participation throughout life, especially when we are 50 and better. SCLL satisfies both."

"My focus now is on identifying individuals who want to give back to our community by sharing information on topics that they are passionate about. Residents in our community have extraordinary and varied talents."

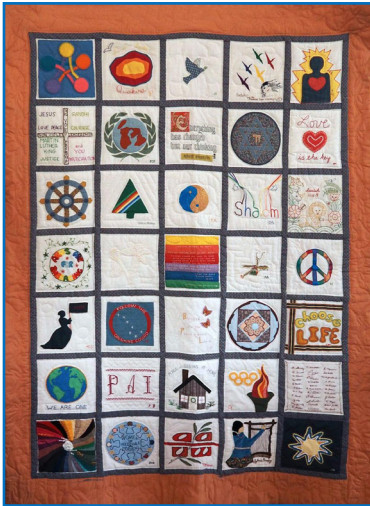
To share your experiences, contact **Debbie Vasquez**.

35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY HISTORY QUILT DISPLAYS

Carol O'Hare, Branch Archivist

Two items were prominent among the branch's 35th anniversary displays at the holiday party, the 1984 Peace Quilt and 1989 Morgan Hill History Quilt. Thanks to the **BrownKorbels** for loan of the Peace Quilt and to the **Morgan Hill Historical Society** for the loan of the History Quilt. For a description of all the 35th anniversary display items, go [HERE](#). [HERE](#).

PEACE QUILT



Peace as a Women's Issue was an AAUW study topic in 1983-84 when the idea of a quilt was first proposed. 35 members and friends each created a design of what peace meant to them.

The quilt was displayed at several prominent locations, including the AAUW CA state convention in Oakland

and the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. The quilt was raffled off to raise money for the AAUW Educational Foundation. The drawing was held in March 1985 at a luncheon at the Flying Lady restaurant in San Martin. Bob BrownKorbel, husband of charter member Michael Sue BrownKorbel, was the winner.

HISTORY QUILT



In 1989 the branch took on another quilt project, this time with the theme of Morgan Hill history. Each participant chose a topic that represented various aspects of our town's history. An album was

also created that included photos of each member with her quilt block.

On December 10, 1989, the quilt was presented to the Morgan Hill Historical Museum, which at that time was located near Main and DeWitt. Today the quilt is displayed in the museum, now located at Villa Mira Monte.

AAUW 135th ANNIVERSARY

Carol O'Hare

While the Morgan Hill Branch celebrated its 35th anniversary on December 7, 2016, national AAUW is commemorating its 135th.



On November 28, 1881, Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards met in Boston with 15 alumnae representing eight colleges to discuss the needs of college-educated women. In addition to broadening opportunities and assisting other women in higher education, they discussed the formation of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

On January 14, 1882, 65 alumnae of eight colleges joined together to formally establish the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the predecessor to the American Association of University Women. At this meeting, attendees drafted the Articles of Incorporation, which outlined its purpose: "For practical education work, for collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in general, for the maintenance of high standards of education."

ACA published its first research study in 1885, "Health Statistics of Women College Graduates," which surveyed the health and physical education of its 1,290 members. The study was published by the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor and established that, contrary to prior statements made by a prominent Boston physician, higher education does not adversely affect the health of women college graduates.

Susan Oldham-Fritts, GEMS Coordinator



On January 16, the GEMS will visit **NVIDIA**, a world leader in visual computing technology, to observe the microscopic world of computer chips through atom force and scanning electron microscopy in the failure analysis

lab, hear career talks at a Women in Technology panel, and interact with cutting edge graphical interfaces in the demo and e-gaming rooms. Field trips to NVIDIA and other high technology companies (like **Intuitive Surgical** and **Anaerobe Systems**) have been cited by GEMS alumnae as highly motivating them to take AP classes and pursue a STEM major in college.

However, unlike our museum field trips, visits to most high tech companies involve long term planning . This is also the area where the GEMS program has the most need of member assistance. Do you have connections to a Silicon Valley tech company? Does it have a field trip program in place or would it do a custom one for GEMS? Could you pass on the information to us, or even help GEMS plan a visit? For every high tech GEMS field trip, we've had a least one girl decide she just found her career. What a return on investment for a few hours of company time!

If you would like to support GEMS, but do not have the time/energy/desire to chaperone teenaged girls, please use your Silicon Valley connections to help arrange high tech company field trips.

To learn more about GEMS, including this year's calendar, visit our [GEMS webpage](#).



GEMS assembling ROVs (remotely operated vehicles) at Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

Joy Safakish, Coordinator

Tech Trek Camp Curie at Stanford University takes place this year **July 9-15, 2017**; the day for AAUW members to visit and learn about the camp experience is July 13.



Watch an inspiring video of the 2016 Camp Curie girls doing their "Tech thing."

Camp fees for 2017 have increased due to less revenue from three corporate donors that have reduced and/or opted out of their contributions. Costs at Stanford have also gone up. These increases will not be passed on to camper's families but must be absorbed by branches.

As the 2017 candidate selection process goes forth. I will be posting ways our members can help. There's also a need for volunteers the week of camp, both on campus and behind the scenes.

Read Branch Volunteer Support and contact me if you can help.

Our Morgan Hill Branch has a strong reputation for supporting Camp Curie with funds and volunteers, and I look forward to your contributions.

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

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





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

Visit us on [Facebook](#) or
at www.aauwmh.org.

The Wildflower, Volume XXXV, Issue 3

The Wildflower is published digitally, quarterly,
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

UPCOMING AAUW EVENTS

Jan 29 IBC: Women Changing Our World

Feb 25 *Silicon Valley Reads* focuses on "... and justice for all" with Adam Benforado, author of *Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Justice*, MH Library (3 pm)

Feb 28 Women in Religion: Venerable Tenzin Chogyi

Mar 26 Wildflower Run

Mar 29 Women in Law: Laura Perry

Apr 25 Women in Technology

May 13 Meditation Workshop

May 21 Spring Brunch

May 23 Women in the Arts

COMMUNITY EVENTS WINTER 2017 (January/February/March)

1. Friends of the Library, MH Library

Jan 28: Pre-Sale Sale (1-4 pm), CDs, DVDs, and small paperbacks

Feb 18: Winter Book Sale (10 am–3 pm)

Feb 27: SC County Poet Laureate Arlene Biala, (7 pm)

2. Morgan Hill Library

Feb 1 – May 17: Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group, (6:30 pm). Contact [Foreign Policy Association](#) or [Joanne Rife](#).

3. South County Lifelong Learning, Community & Cultural Center (CCC), (10 am–12 noon), \$20 each

Jan 18 & 25: Great Musical Moments in Movie History
Feb 15 & 22: Volcanoes and Other Geologic Enigmas in Morgan Hill

4. Teachers Aid Coalition, CCC

Feb 11: Chocolate and Wine for Valentine, (2-5 pm), \$25

5. South Valley Civic Theatre, Morgan Hill Community Playhouse

Feb 24 – March 18: "Footloose" teen musical, \$16 - \$25

6. Chamber of Commerce, CCC, Feb 25: Celebrate Morgan Hill Awards Dinner, (6-10 pm), \$105

7. South Valley Symphony, Gavilan College Theater

Mar 11: Next Generation young artists, \$25

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.

**For monthly
calendars go to
EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES
on the branch
website and click on
the calendar current
calendar entry on
the page.**

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