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ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH—BRING A FRIEND!

Hello Members,

This is our best potluck for introducing friends to AAUW and encouraging prospective members. Our Tech Trek campers will talk about their week at Stanford, which is always a great way to see how we support the next generation of women in STEAM. Catch up with friends, learn about this year's exciting programs, and enjoy a delicious brunch!



- ◆ **RSVP by Sept. 13** to ensure we have enough tables and chairs for everyone!
- ◆ **Date:** SUNDAY, Sept. 16, 2018
- ◆ **Time:** 11 AM to 2 PM
- ◆ **Where:** Morgan Hill Cellars, 1645 San Pedro Ave., MH

Sign up [HERE](#) or contact [Jenny](#) to bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert, or help with set-up or clean-up.

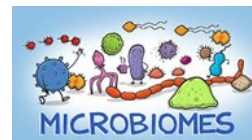
MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Thurs., Sept. 27 (Morgan Hill City Council Chambers). **2018 Local Election Candidates' Forum**
Presented by AAUW, Morgan Hill; Morgan Hill Life, & Morgan Hill Times. Meet candidates 6:00 PM in chamber lobby; Forum, 6:30 pm. See [Flyer](#) for details and AAUW weekly E-mail blast.

Tues., Oct. 23, [Dr. Embriette Hyde](#), Science Writer & Lecturer, will



explain what the human microbiome is and why it is important to health. Focused research on this topic has increased over the past 15 years with much reporting, analysis and opinion in the media on how the microbiome relates to gut bacteria and may influence our brain, immune system and vice versa. Dr. Hyde's presentation will clarify some of the



issues and also discuss the influence of diet on our microbiome. For more information see the [Human Biome Project](#)



Tues., Nov. 27, [Barbara Murray](#) will make a presentation on her work as Resident Costume Designer in the Department of Theater and Dance at Santa Clara University where she designs or supervises student designers for Department productions.



The 29th Annual Taste of Morgan Hill

Saturday, Sept. 29 10 am—7 pm

Street Dance 7:pm—9:30 pm

Sunday, Sept. 30 10 am—6 pm

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MORGAN HILL

Monterey between Dunne & Main

SEE PAGE 4 for details

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[AAUW Calendar](#)

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Board Retreat, Maggie Leininger

Our annual Board Retreat was held on July 21st. We had a great turnout which allowed us to have some meaningful and essential discussions. Here is a summary of what was discussed:



- **AAUW National & AAUW California** updates: we discussed our new national CEO, Kimberly Churches, and her vision for AAUW National. We also talked about AAUW-CA's status as a "mutual benefit corporation" vs "public benefit corporation". This is still not resolved, but updates will be shared with the branch as information is received.
- The **CFO Report** was given, and a new budget was presented at the August 9 board meeting.
- **Allocations**: the focus of this discussion was about staying current and allocating our assets wisely. There was a talk concerning scholarship amounts, and whether we should be increasing them. Also discussed were guidelines for transgender & home-schooled scholarship applicants.
- **Branch Brand**: everyone is encouraged to read sections XX, XXI, and XXII of our Policies and Procedures to educate themselves on AAUW-MH's policies on supporting political candidates, campaigns, and issues. You can find a copy of the Policies and Procedures online on our website, or by clicking [here](#).
- **Membership**: as of the Retreat our membership stands at 174. There was a discussion about how to keep prospective members interested via a modified weekly email blast.
- **Programs & Events**: upcoming programs will include the Candidates' Forum, and a talk by Stephen Pifer, former US Ambassador to Ukraine.
- **GEMS**: this program is currently going through a much-needed makeover to update the programs and make it more manageable.

Summer BBQ Pictures



Above Left: Co-presidents Maggie Leininger & Peggy Martin address BBQ attendees

Left & Above Right: Members and guests enjoying the Summer BBQ.



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PHILANTHROPY HONOREE NOMINATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 5

Peggy Martin

On November 9, at their Annual Philanthropy Dinner, the Morgan Hill Community Foundation will publicly recognize one of our branch members who has made significant philanthropic or volunteer contributions to AAUW. To nominate a branch member for this honor, please send the name and a supporting statement to Peggy Martin by September 5.

Selection guidelines include volunteer hours given to AAUW, financial support, or leadership in mission-based programs. In addition, the nominee may have performed non-AAUW community service consistent with AAUW's mission. A committee composed of previous AAUW MH honorees will make the selection.

Past honorees should not be nominated: 2017, Mary Cox; 2016, Janet McElroy; 2015, Peggy Martin; 2014, Susan Oldham-Fritts; 2013, Margaret McCann; 2012, Elizabeth Mandel; 2011, Katie and Brian Howard; 2010, Carol O'Hare; 2009, Judy Kinker; 2008, Joan Ensign; 2007, Barbara Palmer; 2006, Bob Blaine.

Tickets and details about the event will be available later in September.

TASTE OF MORGAN HILL 2018: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE AAUW BOOTH

Maggie Leininger

“WE NEED YOU!”

AAUW-MH will host a booth again at this year's **Taste of Morgan Hill** on Sept 29 and 30. We need 16 volunteers to help staff our booth. It really is easy and fun! Sign up for one of the 2-hour shifts between 10 am and 6 pm each day. We will need 2 people per shift. The Taste provides an opportunity to let the community know about AAUW and the Wildflower Run. Information and brochures will be provided, as well as snacks and water. Wear one of your Wildflower Run (WFR) t-shirts!

To sign up please click [here](#) or contact Maggie & Peggy



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BUDGET

August 2018 Board Meeting Summary

OPERATING ACCOUNT BUDGET 2018–2019

Peggy Martin, Co-President, for Katie Scanlon, CFO, presented the annual budget of **\$7,070**, which was accepted. For details go [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP

Jenny Redfern, Membership VP

New Members

Please welcome these new members who joined AAUW this summer:



- Cecilia Ponzini, founder of the Edward “Boss” Prado Foundation, which sponsors Cecelia’s Closet and Food Pantry, and “No Child Goes Unfed”, among other terrific local programs. Cecilia supports advocacy for women and girls, and hopes to get to know like-minded members. She was awarded an honorary AA from Gavilan College.
- Christina Turner, City Manager of Morgan Hill, is a Santa Clara County native. Christina earned her BS at Santa Clara Univ. and is a CPA.
- Tracy Valentine wants to get involved again with women’s advocacy programs and is ready to volunteer. She is Controller at Syngenta, and has a MBA from Meredith College.

Renew Your AAUW Membership for 2018–2019!

Of our 177 members, 141 have already renewed through June 2019. Please join that crowd!

Join or Renew
your membership

- Look for an old email from memberinfo@aauw.org in your inbox or junk mail folder, then just click and renew online

OR

- Print the [Member Renewal Form](#) and mail it with a personal check for \$104, payable to AAUW Morgan Hill, to: Jenny Redfern, AAUW MH Membership VP, 14721 Excaliber Drive, MH 95037.



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AAUW FUND: BLAINE/CATE ENDOWMENT RECIPIENT FOR 2018-19

Janet Wright AAUW Fund VP

The Morgan Hill Branch Blaine/Cate Endowment is supporting **Louise Ly**, for 2018-2019. She has received an **American Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship**. This fellowship is designed to assist scholars in obtaining tenure and other promotions by enabling them to spend a year pursuing independent research. In this case, Louise Ly is working on her dissertation for her Ph.D. in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. She is studying processes of assimilation and racialization for heterosexual Asian Americans. While intermarriage has been used as the key indicator of incorporation for southern and eastern European immigrants at the turn of the last century, it may not be a valid predictor of loosening social boundaries between Asian immigrants, their offspring, and other Americans.



Despite high rates of intermarriage between Asian Americans and White Americans, scholars consistently ignore substantial gender asymmetries. These marriages are far greater in number between Asian women and White men compared to those among White women and Asian men.

Through interviewing intermarried Asian Americans and White Americans, Louise Ly seeks to examine the racialized natures of gender and sexuality within such marriages.

SAVE THE DATE!

AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon

Saturday, October 6, at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco or

Sunday, October 7, at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville

Register [here](#)

AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Janet Wright, Legal Advocacy Fund Chair

AAUW is signing onto several amicus briefs in support of issues crucial to women's rights. Two of the cases are as follows.

The U.S. Supreme Court reached its decision in *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) v. Becerra*, ruling 5-4 in favor of NIFLA and reversing the judgments of the lower courts. The decision means that centers posing as health care facilities while in fact seeking to prevent abortions—referred to by anti-choice groups as crisis pregnancy centers—are not required to disclose the availability of low-cost or free family planning services, prenatal care, and abortion services. The NIFLA challenged the law as a violation of free speech.



In April of this year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed a decision from a smaller panel last year in *Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education*, and held that prior salary alone or in combination with other factors cannot justify a pay differential. This decision is a huge victory for employees within the jurisdiction of the Ninth Circuit. Federal legislation like the *Paycheck Fairness Act*, currently pending in Congress, would ban the use of salary history nationwide.

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FRIENDSHIP

Donna Dicker

Several of our members have unintentionally started a new shoe fashion trend. Nancy Altman and Jenny Redfern have introduced the "big" boot look for Fall. We hope your foot injuries heal quickly, ladies.

The photos below depict members enjoying time together and with friends. At left, The **Friday Writers** group enjoyed lunch under **Beth Wyman's** 100 year-old oak tree on August 10. Center, **Suman Ganapathy** celebrated a mini high school reunion in Seattle with classmates from her class of 1984, Timpany School, Visakhapatnam, India on July 14-15, 2018. At right, **Nancy Foster's** husband, Bob, was awarded the Leadership Morgan Hill excellence award on July 21, 2018 at an evening outdoor celebration and fundraiser at Guglielmo Winery.



Jenny Davis is moving away from our community to her new home in Antioch. Recently, a group of us had lunch with Jenny at Betto's Bistro to celebrate her volunteerism with our branch through her efforts with GEMS and other activities. Jenny's volunteering went beyond our Branch with her membership in Friends of the Morgan Hill Library and the South Valley Quilt Association. She assisted these groups doing what was needed to "get it done."

Jenny – We will miss you and best wishes in your new home.

Congratulations to Jack Howard, **son of Katie and Bryan Howard** on his outstanding performance at the recent Santa Clara County Fair. Jack, a junior at Sobrato high school, was named Supreme Grand Champion Market Chickens, Reserve Grand Champion Turkeys, and he also received the Future Farmers of America award for Advanced Showmanship. Way to go Jack!

Our sincere condolences to:



Carol O'Hare on the death of her daughter, Molly Edgar, on July 16th.



Also to: Margaret McCann on the passing of her sister, Mary Anne Schneider, on July 3rd in Spring, Texas.

Yvonne Randolph, whose brother was recently killed in a car accident.

Katie Scanlon on the passing of her mother on July 9th.

GEMS—GIRLS ENGAGED IN MATH & SCIENCE

Susan Oldham-Fritts, GEMS Co-Ordinator

For the 2018-2019 school year, there will be **three significant changes** in the GEMS program:

- ◆ Instead of a year-end survey, we will institute an application process at the start of this year to obtain this information from new and existing GEMS members. The purpose of this change is to maintain best practices and increase the rate of participation in the survey.
- ◆ 7th-10th graders will constitute the core membership, with 11th-12th graders being accepted in junior counselor capacities. This will allow us to narrow the focus of the program and give the older girls more responsibility.
- ◆ Reduce the number of events to 6-7, while maintaining our volunteer effort at the Wildflower Run. The goal is to simplify planning and make branch volunteer participation more attractive.

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



TECH TREKKERS ENJOY FAST-PACED CAMP CURIE

Chair: Joy Safakish

This year, eight Tech Trek campers stayed in Stanford University dorms, from July 8-13, while attending STEM classes, workshops, and field trips.

- ◆ The **marine biology** class went to Baylands Marsh, and later dissected a malodorous squid during lab.
- ◆ The **forensic science** class pondered a murder mystery complete with a crime scene.
- ◆ In **aerospace engineering**, campers designed and tested a lunar rover model and used a soldering iron on a circuit board to create mini flashlights.
- ◆ Binary code was used in **computer coding** to make personalized bracelets.
- ◆ **Cyber security** covered personal internet safety and how to spot scams.
- ◆ **Professional women's night** featured talented women describing their careers and generously sharing stories in small groups.
- ◆ **'Mad City Money'** was a berserk financial game with campers given a career, salary, spouse, bank checks, and debts as they scrambled to balance their budget.
- ◆ The favorite workshops were on **artificial intelligence** and **Pixar animation**.
- ◆ The week culminated in **Build-it Night** with unusual and wonderful creations like 'Rapunzel's Castle', all made from rolled paper.

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Thank you to our members who helped raise funds for Tech Trek. Join the Tech Trekkers at the Fall Brunch on September 16th and hear their presentations. Read their thank you letters with remarks like: "In a mere week I've seen and learned so much from wonderful, empowering women." [Here](#).



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City of Morgan Hill

- **Sept. 8-16** Annual **Second Chance Week**, including city-wide garage sale **Sept. 8-9**

Friends of Morgan Hill Library

- **Tues. Sept. 11** Encore performance by Mariachi Academy's Los Toritos for Hispanic Heritage Month, 7 pm, MH Library
- **Sat. Oct. 6** Book Sale, 10 am – 3 pm, members only 9 am – 10 am

Morgan Hill Historical Society

- **Sat. Sept. 8** Downtown Historic Walking Tour, 10 am – noon, 3rd St. Plaza off Monterey Rd
- **Sat. Sept. 8** 49th Annual Founders Dinner, 5 pm, Community and Cultural Center, \$65.

South County Lifelong Learning, MH Community and Cultural Center. [Debbie Vasquez](#), 408-310-4254. Register online or at the CCC or CRC.

- **Thurs. Sept. 6 - Oct. 25** SHAKE X-PERIENCE workshop, 9:30 – 11:30 am with John McCluggage, formerly of the SJ Repertory Theater. Free, pre-registration required.

South Valley Civic Theater

- **Sept. 21 - Oct. 20** 50th Anniversary Season, "Aladdin JR" children's musical

South Valley Symphony

- **Sat, Oct. 13** "A Night at the Oscars and More!" 7:30 pm, Gavilan College Theater, \$25

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