



*Tis the
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*To
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Saturday, December 1, 11 AM-2 PM

AAUW Annual Holiday Party

Gilroy Old City Hall, 7400 Monterey St., Gilroy
Upstairs banquet room (elevator available)

Spouses and guests welcome



Menu & Entertainment

Tri tip and chicken lunch with all the trimmings
No-host bar
Carols & Seasonal Music by
Christopher High School Choir

Reservations

\$35 per person before November 21; \$40 per person thereafter
Final date to RSVP is November 27
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AAUW NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Margie Snively, Chair

Have you ever wondered about the costumes you see at the theater, ballet or opera?

Find out who designs and makes them at the **next AAUW monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 27, 2018 at the Morgan Hill Library.** **Barbara Murray**, Resident Costume Designer in the Department of Theater and Dance at Santa Clara University, will make a presentation on her work as designer and supervisor of student designers for Department productions.

Branch programs are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Morgan Hill Library.



As space permits, The Wildflower Newsletter will include a synopsis of the previous month (or month's) program:

August 2018—What Does Russia Want?—Look for a synopsis in the January /February 2019 issue.

September 2018—Candidates' Forum, see p.7 of this issue

October 2018—The Microbiome and the Brain—Look for a synopsis in the January /February 2019 issue.

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CO-PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Maggie Leininger, Co-President



Fall is always a busy time for us and this year has been no exception.

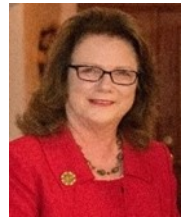
Thanks to all who signed up to work at the Taste of Morgan Hill booth. We couldn't have done it without you. Because of you we had 6 people fill out membership applications – a new record! We were also able to give out save-the-date cards for the Wildflower Run. Mark your calendars – the Run is taking place on **Sunday March 31, 2019**.

Due to the large number of candidates running this year, our branch hosted two Candidates' Forums. The first forum featured candidates running for mayor and city council as well as the candidates for assembly and county sheriff. If you missed the forum you can find information about the candidates on the City of Morgan Hill's

website. Please remember to vote!

Visit [AAUW Morgan Hill's website](#) for information about all our upcoming events.

Peggy Martin, Co-President



The leaves are changing color and there is a briskness in the air; Autumn is my favorite time of year!

So many great events have taken place since our September Newsletter.

Our program series for the 2018-2019 year started off in August with **"What Does Russia Want? How Should We Respond?"** presented by Steven Pifer, former United States ambassador to the Ukraine and nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institute. Thank you, Lesley Miles.

Our membership brunch featured the 2018 Morgan Hill Tech Trek Campers. Our campers did a wonderful job in presenting. It was rewarding to hear about what they liked, what they learned, and what they are passionate about. Hats off to Jenny Redfern, Margo Hinnenkamp, Karen MacDonald, Elaine Reimer and Marygrace Colby for making this a very fun event. And, a big thank you to Maryclaire Sampognaro and Morgan Hill Cellars for providing a beautiful venue.

The Taste of Morgan Hill was beyond compare. Thanks to those that participated.

Our second Candidates' Forum was held at Sobrato High School for the school board trustees running for office in Morgan Hill and in Santa Clara County. A big thanks to Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy and Margo Hinnenkamp for their efforts. I also thank all the students who participated. It was gratifying to watch how well they did. I learned a lot about the candidates. Please do vote; it is critical.

The 2018 calendar year is coming to a close and I look forward to our upcoming events. My thanks to all of our dedicated Board Members and all Members of our Branch.

PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

On November 9, at their Annual Philanthropy Dinner, the Morgan Hill Community Foundation will publicly recognize our Branch Honoree, **Jenny Redfern**, who has made a significant philanthropic/volunteer contribution to the AAUW Morgan Hill Branch.



Jenny has done so much for our Branch including:

- ◆ Past editor for our Newsletter.
 - ◆ Leading the Interbranch Council (IBC) and creating a workshop of Women in Leadership in 2016.
 - ◆ Co-President of our Branch in 2014-2015 with Susan Oldham-Fritts, and 2015-2016, with Mary Cox.
 - ◆ 2016 to present, Vice President of Membership, and automating branch membership renewal process.
- Jenny continues to be an advocate of the AAUW Morgan Hill mission, always thinking of ways to promote equity and equality for girls and women in our community and globally, and engaging women in our community to become members of our branch.

Congratulations to other members of our branch being honored this year at Philanthropy Night. **AAUW Morgan Hill leads the way in Community Involvement.** Honorees are:

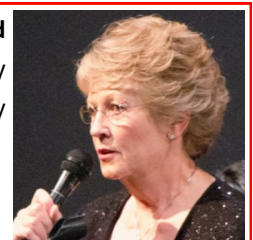


Robin Shepherd
Lewy Body
Dementia
Awareness



Amy Whelan -
Morgan Hill
Sister Cities

Chris Hopwood
South Valley
Symphony



WILDFLOWER RUN, MARCH 31, 2019

[Deb Buchanan & Pat Toombs, 2019 Run Coordinators](#)



We are looking forward to a wonderful Wildflower Run with great weather and a huge turnout in 2019.

Proceeds from our 2018 Run contributed to the \$49,000 that will be distributed locally and nationally to support scholarships, grants, and other AAUW mission-based programs. Please let all your friends know about the run and the AAUW missions that the Run proceeds support. This year all online registrations are going through Active.com. The pricing remains the same as last year with numerous group discounts available. We look forward to great things in 2019!

Our 2019 t-shirt contest is over and the graphic above is the winner, submitted by an artist in Atlanta GA.

Wildflower Run 2019 Leadership Positions – We Need Your Help Now

The 2019 Wild Flower Run, March 31, 2019, is being planned now and we need your help! We still have a few leadership positions available:

- Our sponsorship committee (which is responsible for over half of our WFR revenues) is in need of a few good women to work with our existing sponsors for their 2019 donations. Please contact [Barbara Palmer](#) for additional information.
- Co-Chair the Finish Fest area with [Joan Sullivan](#), and take that over from her in 2020.
- 2K Goodie Bags Chair, please contact [Deb Buchanan](#) for additional information.

The Run is the only function where we ask all members to participate, since it is our sole fundraising event. Contact us to volunteer for a job. Thanks to everyone for your continuing support!

WILDFLOWER FUND ALLOCATIONS

[Elizabeth Mandel, Chair](#)

The branch has approved an allocation of \$49,000 from our Wildflower Fund. This money consists of 2018 run proceeds, corporate sponsorships, and individual donations. Allocations include an impressive array of local scholarships, community action grants in support of local non-profit organizations, Stanford Tech Trek camperships for middle school girls, GEMS, and Speech Trek.

In addition, we will support AAUW nationally by sending money to the AAUW Fund and completing our \$75,000 MH Wildflower Run Research and Project endowment! This year's allocation is similar to last year's, with a continued focus on community grants, women and girls in STEM, and women in leadership. A new high school scholarship for students pursuing a career in public policy or political leadership was also created..

Thank you to meeting participants **Donna Dicker** (Local Scholarships), **Janet McElroy** (Leadership), **Joy Safakish** (Tech Trek), **Joanne Rooney** (Speech Trek), **Donna Dicker** (Local Scholarships), **Pat Toombs** (Wildflower Run), **Peggy Martin** (Co-President & Run Treasurer), **Maggie Leinger** (Co-President), **Margaret McCann** (Future Women Leaders), **Carol O'Hare** (Member Donations & ISPF), **Cinda Meister** (NCCWSL), **Kathy Hansell**, and **Joan Ensign**.

For complete details, go to [ALLOCATIONS](#).



COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

[Susan Rife, Chair](#)

The Community Action Grants committee is seeking applications for its 2018-2019 allocations. A total of \$4,000 has been reserved for these grants, which are designed to give assistance to local non-profit organizations in support of projects that provide broad-based education programs, education programs targeted at underserved segments of the population, and programs targeted specifically to women and girls.

Criteria are posted on the website and in the application forms themselves.

Application deadline is Dec.15, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

Jenny Redfern, VP Membership



Shape The Future Memberships

Did you know that new members who join at one of our public events, like the program coming up on Nov. 27 at the Morgan Hill Library, have first-year membership dues of only \$74.50, a 50% discount on the national membership? Encourage your friends interested in AAUW to bring their checkbook or credit card and get started on enjoying our programs and interest groups.

Please welcome these new members:

Heather Perlitch has a BA and MA from John F. Kennedy University and is interested in GEMS and Wine & Whine.

Marcia Fishman has been involved as a Member At Large with the Friday Writers group, and now is a member of our branch.

Joni Simonson also recently changed her status from Member at Large to Member Of Branch, and we look forward to seeing her at our programs.

Rina Sutaria has a BA and MA from San Jose State, and is employed as a Special Education Program Specialist by the Palo Alto school district. She is Interested in helping with GEMS and local scholarships, and participating with Dining Out and Hikers Unanimous. Rina learned about AAUW from Suman Ganapathy.

Kathy Bates has a BA and Teaching Credentials from San Jose State, and would like to help wherever needed.

Julie Makrai Hutcheson has a BA from Carleton University and a MA from the U. of Virginia. She is employed by the Committee for Green Foothills, and is Interested in Hikers Unanimous.

Patrice Lyn, a new Shape The Future member, has a BS from Bentley University and a M.Ed. From the U. of Phoenix. She is employed by MHUSD and is interested in helping with GEMS, and participating in Hole in the Heart, Smart eGals, Dining Out, and many other interest groups. She heard about AAUW from Donna Dicker.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Searching for Branch Leaders for 2019-2020



The nominating committee will soon begin its search for elected officers for the 2019-2020 year. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being more involved with branch leadership activities, please contact [Janet McElroy](#), chair of the Leadership Development Team.

If you're not sure you want an elected position but might want to serve on the board in an appointed position or on a committee, contact Janet to explore your options.

Branch History Opportunity—[Carol O'Hare](#), Historian, <http://www.aauwmh.org/branch-history/>

We are seeking members who are interested in helping to organize and preserve the history of our branch, which was chartered in December 1981. Our first project is collecting printed copies of all newsletters, including linked articles, for branch archives. Another project is organizing photos, both printed and digital, so we have a pictorial record of branch activities. It is also important that we have minutes from all board and annual branch meetings, as these are legally required to be kept "forever."

Some [branch history](#) is already available on the website: profiles of eight charter members and the 30-year history of the Wildflower Run. Newsletter online archives date back to September 2008.

Please contact me to learn more.

Bylaws Committee Seeks Members, *Judy Kinker & Carol O'Hare, Bylaws co-chairs*

Do you have experience or a fervent interest in reviewing bylaws, developing and writing policies & procedure, job descriptions, and other branch governance documents? The Bylaws Committee is looking for additional members. If that appeals to you, do join us and become a **BB (Bylaws Babe)**. We meet every six weeks in the afternoon. Working, talking, wine and popcorn feature every time. **Contact us.**

The work of the Bylaws Committee includes

- Periodic review of Bylaws and facilitation of proposed amendments
- Routine review of Policies and Procedures, update as needed
- Routine review and update of job descriptions for elected officers, appointed officers, and advisory positions.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

Margaret McCann

AAUW-MH collaborated with Morgan Hill Life, Morgan Hill Times and Rotary's Interact to create two amazing forums. The candidates for State Assembly, Sheriff, Mayor, City Council and School Boards participated. Local issues on this year's ballot were also presented by Maureen Tobin, Communications Director of Morgan Hill and Superintendent Betando from MHUSD.

The first forum was held on Sept. 27th at the City Council Chambers. All of the candidates were present early enough for the community to have plenty of time to interact with them. It was followed by two hours of questions related to issues affecting the community. Margo Hinnenkamp was our moderator and Michael Moore from Morgan Hill Times, and Robert Airoidi from Morgan Hill Life were the panelists.

A separate forum for the school board was held on Oct. 8th.

Young women from AAUW's Future Women Leaders group and Interact students participated in the event. The young women acted as panelists asking the questions, timers keeping the candidates on track and runners collecting questions. Additionally, other students were on hand to register voters, hand out programs and assure that the candidates had everything they needed. Darcy Wong, a student at GECA, did a remarkable job of moderating the program.



Morgan Hill City Chambers



LEADERSHIP MORGAN HILL

Janet McElroy, AAUWMH Leadership Development Team Chair

Announcing the Leadership Morgan Hill – AAUW MH Representative



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Mandel**, who has been accepted as a member of the Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2019! Elizabeth will be an excellent representative of our branch - her tuition will be covered by a branch scholarship from our Wildflower Fund.

Elizabeth has been our Branch President twice, Wildflower Run Director for 5 years, and Membership VP. She is also very active in the South Valley Civic Theatre and other volunteer organizations. We've all heard the line, "it's not what you know, it's who you know". While past members have looked forward to increasing their leadership skills, Elizabeth's goals are more in the area of increasing her network and being able to make things happen more efficiently. Kudos to her, we look forward to great things!



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AAUW FUND FALL LUNCHEON 2018

Janet Wright AAUW Fund VP



On October 7, branch members attended the [AAUW Fund](#) fall luncheon at the Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville, featuring speeches by some of the AAUW Fund fellowship and grant recipients studying in Northern California.

Andrea Morgan is pursuing two masters, in public policy and environmental engineering. Her goal is to work on regulations needed to create environmental justice. She learned that poorer communities suffer worse air pollution than more prosperous communities. Low cost pollution sensors provide information about the location of pollution supporting this conclusion.

Maya Ostrander was born in Mexico to a single mother, she was one of several girls in her family raised in a climate of misogyny. Her escape was education. She told a powerful story of her 15-year struggle to reach her life goals. She is now studying for her graduate degree at UC Berkeley in Architecture and Design.

One woman was able to continue her volunteer work on projects helping young women while she was studying. The last speaker described the project set up with a Community Action Grant. All the women were very grateful for the assistance AAUW had provided in allowing them to pursue their studies.

L-R: Joanne Rife, Judy Kinker, Carol O'Hare, Peggy Martin, Carol Holzgrafe, Janet Wright

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Janet Wright, Chair



AAUW signed on to two [Amicus Briefs](#) in recent months.

1. ***Moussouris v Microsoft***, before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, seeks to clarify procedural rules for class certification weakened over time, limiting women's ability to pursue joint action challenging systemic discrimination.

This case is on behalf of a class of Microsoft employees who claim that under the evaluation process, female employees receive on average, lower rankings despite equal or better performance.

The lower court found that a class could not be established. The brief states that the court misconstrued Title VII and made numerous errors in its interpretation of the class action rules. The amicus brief clarified the legal standards for bringing class actions set out in *Wal-Mart v Dukes*, a previous LAF supported case.

2. In ***Azar v Garza***, the issue before the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia is **whether the government can set and enforce policies that veto an individual's right to an abortion based on age and immigration status.**

It involves several individuals and a class of unaccompanied immigrant minors in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) who are being denied access to abortion. The brief is asking the court to affirm a preliminary injunction issued by the lower court which would allow access to abortion.

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TRAVEL NEWS—VISITING UKRAINE, RUSSIA & CENTRAL ASIA



Former ambassador to the Ukraine, **Steven Pifer** and his wife, **Marilyn**, drew a capacity crowd for the ‘Travel Tips’ gathering on October 13, at the graceful home of Marianne and Rob Knight. Impressively knowledgeable from years of experience in this area of the world, the couple expanded on their talks with stunning slides of local sites, many over a thousand years old. If you travel to learn and grow, visiting these countries is for you.

Steve presented first on Kyiv (Kiev) in Ukraine, and Moscow and St. Petersburg in Russia. He started with a travelogue style presentation focused on history and architectural sites, both recent and ancient (including Chernobyl in Ukraine, Red Square, Kremlin, and the Bolshoi ballet in Moscow, Hermitage and Summer Palace in St. Petersburg). He detailed how the countries had evolved from 1980s Soviet era days to current 21st century changes.

Useful information on the best time to travel, visas, walkability, safety, the English language, cost & availability of hotels, restaurants, ATMs, tours, taxis, Uber, Lyft, credit card vs. cash etc. were also given.

Marilyn’s fascinating slides and talk were presented from a different perspective of art, architecture, culture and unique societal mores. The other Russian cities of Kazan (tolerant & multi-cultural with a Temple of all Religions), Irkutsk, Siberia (near Lake Baikal, deepest freshwater lake in the world) & Vladivostok (“the Russian San Francisco”), and Central Asian countries that used to be part of Soviet Russia. Uzbekistan (featuring Tashkent and ancient Samarkand), Kazakhstan (Almaty & Astana) and Turkmenistan (Ashgabat – stunning architecture & unique culture) were covered by her.

It was a fun and informative evening, with food and wine too, and we were truly privileged to be privy to such first-hand knowledge and experience.

FRIENDSHIP

Donna Dicker, Chair

- **Jeanne Gregg** and her family welcomed a new grandson.
- Healing thoughts go out to **Sherrie Wren** following her hand surgery.
- Our condolences to **Katie Howard** at the loss of her father.
- Many of our branch members are actively engaged in the democratic process and are involved in helping with local election campaigns.
- On September 17, many AAUW board members attended the Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2018 graduation ceremony at Guglielmo Winery to support **Suman Ganapathy**, the AAUW representative. **Elizabeth Mandel** is AAUW’s representative for Leadership Morgan Hill, Class of 2019.



Joan and Merle Ensign celebrated their 48th anniversary at Maurizio’s new restaurant in Monterey called Osteria al Mare. Delizioso!



L-R: Mary Cox, Janet McElroy, Susan Fritts, Elizabeth Mandel, Suman Ganapathy, Judy Kinker, Carol O’Hare, Peggy Martin, Jenny Redfern, Maggie Leininger

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SPOTLIGHT ON INTEREST GROUPS: WINE & WHINE

Linnie Lee – Wine and Whine Chair

A diverse group of ladies meet every third Wednesday each month from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at a local restaurant or venues in the Morgan Hill community. It isn't even necessary for you to drink wine, it's the sharing and great camaraderie that keeps this interest group going month after month. Members may purchase dinner, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, or just come and share great fellowship. It isn't a closed group, and you are welcome to bring a guest. Contact Linnie Lee at 408.710.5198 or lilliebware@gmail.com



Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, November 21, 2018, Noah's Bar & Grill "Eclectic Californian Cuisine", 17500 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA

Wednesday, December 19, 2018, Tessy's Home—Look for details in the weekly email update.

HOW I CAME TO LIVE IN MORGAN HILL

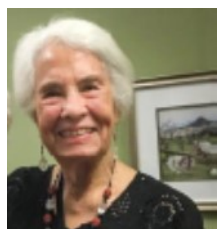


We are excited to bring you a new series '*How I Came to Live in Morgan Hill*'. This was originally a topic worked on by the Friday Writers interest group. The variety of stories were so singular and riveting that we realized very quickly that they needed to be shared beyond our interest group.

The stories are of varying lengths since we had no word limit. Rather than truncating and compressing them into uniform lengths, every issue we will be posting just a teaser in the newsletter, with a link to the entire story. I hope these stories will inspire you to write your own too, which we will be happy to publish in this newsletter. If we are swamped with stories, we will publish more than one in each issue. Imagine how fantastic it will be if every one of us contributes!

We are starting with member **Jean Pinard**, born and bred in Morgan Hill, who at 90 has lived here the longest. So how did she come to live in Morgan Hill, then? This is her charming story in her own unique style!

http://www.aauwmh.org/wp-content/files/newsletters/2018-fall_Pinard.pdf



"My mother grew up on a prune ranch in Madrone, and as a teenager, attended Live Oak High School with her sister. They arrived each morning in a small buggy behind an old mare that kept their attention by producing a small explosion of evil-smelling gas with each trotting step."

(For complete story, click [HERE](#).)

GEMS, GIRLS ENGAGED IN MATH AND SCIENCE

Susan Oldham-Fritts, GEMS Coordinator



The GEMS field trips are off to a good start this year, with our group attending **NoBelles** on October 14. This STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) play, depicting women scientists who did and did not receive the Nobel Prize, was particularly germane considering the 2018 laureates included three women (Dr. Frances Arnold in chemistry, Dr. Donna Strickland in physics, and Nadia Murad for the peace prize).

The post-performance discussion period highlighted the 94% gender disparity between winners (844 men vs. 49 women, with Marie Curie winning it twice, for both chemistry and physics). Our GEMS certainly had food for thought to mull over at the concluding reception and on the way home.

GEMS students have the November 3 Bay Area Science Festival and the December 2 Tech Museum field trips to look forward to, where they will participate in a multitude of STEM activities.

GEMS is an inclusive, 501(c)(3) program, open to all local 7th-12th grade girls interested in one or more of the STEM disciplines. The purpose of this group is to provide enrichment activities in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to middle and high school girls. It is one of the many avenues through which AAUW contributes in its mission to advance equity for women and girls.

To learn more about GEMS, including this year's calendar, see our webpage at <http://www.aauwmh.org/gems/>.

TECH TREK

Joy Safakish, Chair

At our Fall Membership Brunch, seven young ladies shared their Tech Trek adventures. They told us about star gazing in the Stanford Observatory, the marsh field trip and the fascinating PIXAR presentation. We heard that fast-paced Mad City Money gave them a deeper appreciation of how their parents managed finances. Their three colorful posters showed the activities they enjoyed the

tech
trek



most. Their poster photos came from instant cameras donated by our members. All the girls radiated self-confidence and elation from their enriching experience and many spoke of new friendships. We heard about Professional Women's Night where professionals discussed their STEM careers and the lasting impression it left with campers. All the campers expressed their gratitude to AAUW members for making their scholarship possible. Many thanks to Sue and Makala Phea who helped the campers prepare for their presentation.

Would you like to inspire young minds to pursue STEM careers? Become involved by attending our **Tech Trek Kick-Off Meeting on November 11, 1 pm, at Booksmart of Morgan Hill**. Watch the weekly email blast for an invitation to this meeting. There are many ways to help in the coming year, contact Joy at Safakishj@yahoo.com for information.

Tech Trekkers Enjoy Action-Packed Camp Curie

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Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

[BookSmart](#)

- **Now until Dec. 9** Gift of Reading Morgan Hill. Please donate new or “like new” books for children ages 0 – 14, and drop off at BookSmart. 20% discount for books purchased at BookSmart for this book drive.

[Friends of Morgan Hill Library](#)

- **Tues. Dec. 11** Celtic Holiday Concert with Four Shillings Short

[Morgan Hill Historical Society](#), Morgan Hill House, Villa Miramonte

- **Fri.—Sun. Nov 2—4** 24th Annual Holiday Boutique, 10 am—5 pm; Nov. 1 Preview, 6-9 pm
- **Fri., Sat. Nov. 30, Dec. 1** Holiday Tea, 11:30 am, reservations required

[South Bay Singers](#)

- **Sun. Dec. 2** Voices of Christmas Concert, 3pm, Gilroy Presbyterian Church

[South Valley Civic Theater](#)

- **Nov. 16 - Dec. 8** “It’s A Wonderful Life”, \$16—\$25

[South Valley Symphony](#)

- **Sun. Dec. 9** “Holiday Hit Parade” 4:00 pm, Gavilan College Theater, \$25

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