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MONTHLY PROGRAMS HELD THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 7 P.M. AT THE MORGAN HILL LIBRARY.



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Speech Trek: “How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?”

Speech contest for high school students
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February 27

Make Your Voice Heard—Part 2

Learn how to build a successful campaign with the candidate of your choice—that could be you!

Contact: [Margaret McCann](#)

March 27

Science Writing for the Public with Lisa M. Krieger, science writer for the San Jose Mercury News and Bay Area News Group.

Lisa reports on medicine, science, environment, and scientific policy and research. Her coverage of the California drought earned her two major awards.



Contact: [Margaret McCann](#)



**Women’s March San Jose
Saturday, January 20, 2018
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35th Wildflower Run

Sunday, March 25

**Fundraiser for local scholarships,
Tech Trek & national AAUW
programs**

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

[Peggy Martin, President](#)



Happy New Year! As we begin 2018, it is a time for reflection and acknowledgement of our major accomplishments:

Our successful 2017 Wildflower Run and fundraising efforts enabled us to allocate \$51,000 for a variety of programs, such as local scholarships, Tech Trek, Community Action Grants, Speech Trek, and GEMS. These dollars provide educational opportunities and assistance to our community.

Through the Wildflower Fund, we continued to support national AAUW priorities that advance equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Our fantastic and well-attended program series, from "Let Your Voice Be Heard" to "My Love Affair with the Brain," received rave reviews. Thanks to Margaret McCann and Margie Snively for their dedication and creativity.

Our Holiday Party at the Eagle Ridge Clubhouse was most festive, allowing us to socialize and enjoy delicious food. The performance by cellist Austin Webb, a Sobrato junior, was a special treat. Thanks to Margo Hinnenkamp, Karen MacDonald and Elaine Reimer for organizing the event.

Interest Groups continued to be an important aspect of our branch.

I look forward to an exciting year. With our dedicated and passionate team effort, we are working toward helping women and girls achieve their highest potential. My thanks to all Board and Branch members.

VOTE "YES" JANUARY 9-11, 2018

The September 2017 all-member vote to return AAUW CA to a public benefit corporation failed because of 26 (1%) "no" votes, including one from Morgan Hill Branch. Although 99% of votes were "Yes", that was not enough because California's regulations **require a UNANIMOUS "Yes" vote** to change the status of a corporation.

If you do not understand the issue, please do not vote "no" because it will have serious and costly consequences. It is critical to the future of AAUW CA that all votes are "Yes."

For more information, see [this AAUW CA page](#), or contact [Sue Cochran](#).

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2018-2019

[Mary Cox, Nominating Committee Chair](#)

The nominating committee proposes the following Slate of Officers for July 2018-June 2019. Those with (*) after her name are returning officers. A member may serve up to three years in an elected position, which provides a good mix of those with experience and some new officers.

Co-Presidents	Peggy Martin (*) and Maggie Leininger
Membership VP	Jenny Redfern (*)
Programs VP	Margie Snively (appointed to fill vacancy in 2017)
AAUW Fund VP	Janet Wright (*)
Treasurer	Katie Scanlon (*)
Secretary	Coleen Colwell

Based on our branch Bylaws, our members have the opportunity to make additional nominations before the slate is voted on in April. Please send any nominations to [Mary Cox](#) by March 1.

Our thanks to Patricia Kindred, Kathy Hansell and Maggie Leininger for serving with me on the Nominating Committee.

If you would like to be more involved with branch leadership activities, but are not yet ready for a board position, please consider joining our Programs or Membership committees. Some members have already stepped forward. Thank you!

WILDFLOWER RUN: MARCH 25, 2018

Pat Toombs, Wildflower Run Director



Please join us in making the 35th Annual Wildflower Run an overwhelming success! Since it's our branch's only fundraiser, we ask full participation from our members. During the run, AAUW and community volunteers gather to cheer on runners, 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 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 quite 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 available through [Racemine.com](#) or [Active.com](#), or runners can download and mail in a [Registration Form](#) available on the Run website.

We're pleased to announce that Deb Buchanan-Plaisance will be taking on an expanded WFR role, shadowing the director in 2018 and becoming co-director the next year.

ANNUAL WILDFLOWER FUND GIVING CAMPAIGN

Each year we ask our members to make a contribution to The Wildflower Fund, which supports all of our branch's philanthropic activities: local scholarships and grants, Tech Trek, and national AAUW programs. The Fund includes donations from members, contributions from Wildflower Run corporate sponsors, and proceeds from the Run.

You may make your gift by:

Check (payable to ISPF-AAUW) and mail to Wildflower Fund, AAUW-MH,
P.O. Box 1528, Morgan Hill, CA 95038 OR

Online through PayPal at www.wildflowerrun.org.

(Your donation may qualify as a tax deduction; check with your tax advisor)



We encourage all members to contribute; no donation is too small. And check with your employer about matching your donation. This could double your gift.

Thank you for helping to support education and equity for women and girls.

If you have questions or want more information, go to [DONATIONS](#).

WILDFLOWER RUN CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE

Barbara Palmer, Sponsor Chair

The 2018 corporate sponsor team is working hard to make this a banner year. 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 material. As of January 1, we have donations totaling **\$11,700**.

We are on our way to achieving our goal of \$29,000!



NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 AAUW HONOREE

Janet Wright, AAUW Fund VP

The AAUW Honoree program was established as a way for branches to recognize members who have made an outstanding contribution to the mission of AAUW, their branch or the community. Honorees are chosen from nominations submitted by the membership. A committee of last year's recipients – Donna Dicker (chair), Jenny Redfern, and Sandy Stooob – will make the selection, and honorees will be announced at the May brunch. Please send your nominations to [Donna](#) no later than January 30, along with your reasons for making the recommendation.

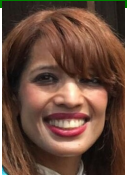
Criteria to consider for nominations include promoting the mission of AAUW, length of time in the branch, service as a board member, variety of the branch positions held, performing multiple jobs, behind the scenes worker, and community service that increases the visibility of AAUW.

You may nominate as many members as you think deserve to be recognized, although those who have received this award in the past five years are not eligible.

2017	Donna Dicker, Jenny Redfern, Sandy Stooob
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

For names of those who have received the award prior to 2013, click [HERE](#).

LEADERSHIP MORGAN HILL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Suman Ganapathy has been selected to receive the AAUW scholarship for Leadership Morgan Hill. She has been accepted to the 2018 class that starts in January. Congratulations, Suman!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Jenny Redfern, Membership VP

Have a friend or neighbor who shares the AAUW mission of advocating for women and girls? Invite them to our next monthly program. Many recent new members have joined AAUW because they agree with our programs and mission.

Welcome these new members:

- **Jenny Kirchhoff** works at IBM and was encouraged to join by Margie Snively.
- **Yvonne Randolph** joined after attending our programs and participating in Leadership MH.
- **Ann Horner** re-joined our branch and looks forward to working together on community projects.
- **Margaret MacNaughton** lives in Jackson Oaks and needs a carpool to help her get to evening meetings. Betsy Ding encouraged her to join.
- **Amy Whelan** is a past president of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation.



What a deal! NEW members who join between January 1 and March 15 receive a 50% discount on National dues. A NEW member pays only \$69.50 for National+State+Branch dues, and then will need to renew at the usual \$94 after June 30, 2018.

Members can order AAUW Morgan Hill name badges for about \$10 from "Make It Mine", 101 W. Main St., MH 408-776-0556.

Membership Team Opportunity: The Membership Team needs help updating our Membership sign-board that is displayed at all our public events. If you like to arrange photos and layout, please contact [Jenny](#).



2018 WOMEN'S MARCH SAN JOSE: HEAR OUR VOTE!



On Saturday, January 20, 2018, Women's March Bay Area will reaffirm our commitment to building a positive and just future for all and will celebrate the spirit of resistance over the past year. This event is designed to engage and empower all people to support women's rights, human rights, and social and environmental justice, and to encourage participation in 2018 midterm elections. The March will take place in downtown San Jose, starting at 11am. It will be the kick-off to related community activities from Jan. 21 to Jan. 31.

AAUW San Jose is coordinating participation in the San Jose March. [Jenny Redfern](#) and [Margie Snively](#) are the Morgan Hill contacts. For more information, go to [MARCH](#). (If you click on "Register", you're not buying a ticket, just indicating that you plan to attend.) More information will follow in weekly emails.

ELENA MORENO MEMORIAL GARDEN

A garden in memory of longtime member Elena Moreno was dedicated at the grand opening of Railroad Park on December 2. After Elena's death in 2016, her family made a generous donation to AAUW in honor of their mother, and the branch decided to use the funds for a garden in her memory.

Railroad Park is designed for children, a fitting place for the garden, as Elena spent many years as a local teacher. The event was attended by members of AAUW and Elena's family. The park is located on Depot Street between 3rd and 4th streets.



AAUW FUND LUNCHEON

[Janet Wright](#), AAUW Fund VP

In October branch members attended the AAUW Fund luncheons that featured some of the 19 fellowship and grant recipients studying in Northern California. These women may be doing post graduate research, changing a career, or working on a community project, all supported by donations to the AAUW Fund.

- A fellow at Stanford is studying society in Baghdad to learn why there was such strife and discord after the removal of Saddam Hussein.
- Another is looking at the effects of the environment on health, such as why there are so many preterm births linked to low income.
- The Girl Scouts of America is offering STEM programs, such a badge in robotics, with the help of a Community Action Grant.
- A PhD neuroscience student at Berkeley is studying stress and the brain to determine why women are more likely to develop anxiety and PTSD after a traumatic experience.
- A Career Development Grant recipient has returned to school to study to viticulture and enology at UC Davis.
- A self-called "energy nerd" is studying how people can be comfortable in buildings while using less energy.
- The recipient of the Morgan Hill Blaine Cate Endowment, Dr. Alani Hicks-Bartlett, is doing post doctorate work at Berkeley that addresses "perceived 'alterity,' gender, and dis/ability studies in the Early Modern period." She speaks nine languages!



L-R: Jenny Redfern, Judy Kinker, Dr. Alani-Hicks-Bartlett, Janet McElroy, and Carol O'Hare

These luncheon events are always inspiring and demonstrate what our donations to the AAUW Fund can do.



KATHY SULLIVAN NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY MHCC

Congratulations to Kathy and Brian Sullivan on being named Woman and Man of the Year by the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Kathy is a longtime member of our branch who has played major, leadership roles with the Wildflower Run. She also has served many years as president of the Morgan Hill Historical Society.

Kathy had one of the more stressful jobs at the Wildflower Run, when she was responsible for the manual tabulation of 700 runners and walkers. When the Run went to chip timing, Kathy was asked to assess and replace signage. Next, she took on organizing the parking lot, and created a “parking lot wrangler” team staffed by many community leaders.

As president of the Historical Society, Kathy was responsible for shepherding Villa Mira Monte site expansion through the City planning process. Under her leadership, MHHS and the City reached a partnership agreement that provides funding for projects at VMM.

Brian has been active in the Chamber and Rotary and regularly volunteers for community events, including, of course, the Wildflower Run.

The Sullivans will be honored at the Celebrate Morgan Hill awards dinner/auction/dance on Saturday, March 3, 6-10 pm. The theme of the event is Back 2 Prom and will be held at the Britton Middle School gym. Tickets are available at the [Chamber](#) website.



GAVILAN COLLEGE VISIT WITH DR. ROSE

[Peggy Martin, AAUW President](#)

This fall, Maggie Leininger, Mary Cox and I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Kathleen Rose, the new president of Gavilan College.

Dr. Rose greeted us graciously and thanked AAUW Morgan Hill for our ongoing support of Gavilan College scholarships.

Some highlights of our walking tour through campus were:

- Library and Computer Lab: taking the next steps in technology.
- The educational department buildings, such as Art, Business, Child Development, Chemistry, Health Occupations, Humanities, and Sciences.
- Fine Arts Gallery, the historic Mayock House, Student Center and Cafeteria.
- Arboretum and outdoor classroom, an inspiring location.
- Department of Cosmetology where students can offer appointments to the public.
- The new Swimming Pool Complex gave a sense of walking into a resort. It will provide services to the Accessible Education Center and the Department of Kinesiology and Athletics.
- Upgrading of the Ottmar Memorial Gym.



L – R: Dr. Rose, Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, and Mary Cox

Dr. Rose later stated: “I hope you left inspired to tell others in the community about the many opportunities available at the college and how ready we are to welcome anyone who is interested in learning at any stage of life.”

For more information see, go to <http://www.gavilan.edu/>.

REMINISCING ABOUT MARIAN DIAMOND

Anne Rosenzweig has known Dr. Marian Diamond, the subject of the film, “My Love Affair with the Brain,” (shown at the November branch meeting) since the early 1960’s because Marian was a colleague of Anne’s dad at UC Berkeley. To read Anne’s reminiscences about Marian, please go [HERE](#).



LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: UPDATE ON CASES

Janet Wright, LAF Chair

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has adopted three new cases this past year and has continued to support its ongoing cases. In *Rizo v Fresno County Office of Education*, AAUW joined an amicus brief that supported Rizo's petition for a rehearing en banc (in front of all the judges of a court rather than a selected panel). The panel had previously held that using prior salary alone to calculate current wages can be permissible under the Equal Pay Act.

In *Burhams v Yale*, the plaintiff favorably settled her case. Burhams claimed that over the course of ten years, she tried repeatedly to notify Yale of potential Title IX violations resulting from the university's sexual assault complaint procedure. She claimed Yale retaliated against her and eventually terminated her position.

This year AAUW has adopted three cases. Two of them – *Portz v St. Cloud State University* and *Robb v Lock Haven* – involve female student athletes filing lawsuits alleging violations of Title IX. Both claim a failure on the part of the universities to provide proportionate opportunities for women and men athletes. They allege that women's teams are being cut and that despite interest from women students, the universities have not added any teams or elevated women's club teams to varsity.

PUBLIC POLICY: PLAYBOOK ON BEST PRACTICES: GENDER EQUITY IN TECH

Janet Wright, Public Policy Chair

AAUW, in partnership with Dell, has just released the "Playbook on Best Practices: Gender Equity in Tech." The report offers specific strategies and actions that have proven successful for recruiting, retaining, and advancing women in engineering and computing fields. These include promoting inclusive talent pipelines, fair recruiting strategies, and an unbiased work culture.

The report gives examples of a number of successes. Carnegie Mellon University achieved gender equity in computer science in 2016 after a 15 year cultural makeover. They found that there was no need to modify the curriculum. Cultural factors were more influential in integrating women so that they receive the same opportunities, visibility and networking as men. In 2015 Salesforce, a cloud computing company, performed a comprehensive analysis of 17,000 employees that led to salary adjustments for 6% of their employees and a 33% increase in the number of women who were promoted.

The [Playbook](#) is available on the AAUW website.



35TH WILDFLOWER RUN LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS



Want to brag about the 35th anniversary of AAUW MH's Wildflower Run?

Order this cozy long sleeve t-shirt! It features the 2018 Run logo printed on forest green Gilden's heavy cotton. The cost is \$15 each (pre-order only). Submit [ORDER FORM](#) with your check.

Orders must be received by Tuesday, January 16.

Questions? Contact [Elizabeth Mandel](#).



HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECTS



AAUW was one of the co-sponsors of BookSmart's Gift of Reading program that collected new books for underserved children. Members of AAUW and Friends of the Library sorted and boxed 688 books at Margaret McCann's and another 215 at BookSmart, for a total of 903 books that will help support literacy among local children.

Thanks to the generosity of branch members, especially one especially generous donor, \$1410 in gift cards was contributed for the immigrant women and children at the Learning and Loving Education Center. The director Christa Hanson writes, "Thank you so much for your generous donation of gift cards. You have been so faithful to the Center for so many years. These will be such wonderful surprise gifts for some of our neediest families, who have no extra money to spend for the holidays. We are so grateful."

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Susan Rife, CAG Chair

Community Action Grants for 2017 have been awarded to seven organizations in Morgan Hill. Total allocations for the year were \$4,000, an increase from \$3,500 in 2016. Community Action Grants are awarded to local non-profit organizations for specific programming consistent with AAUW's mission and are funded through AAUW-MH's Wildflower Fund.

Recipients are:

- Community Closet, St. Catherine Parish of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, for backpacks, lunch bags and reusable water bottles for 75 preschoolers and kindergarteners starting school, \$875.
- Learning and Loving Education Center, Literacy for Immigrant Women writing program, start-up materials, printer materials and writing implements and teacher time, \$800.
- BookSmart Community Advantage Gift of Reading program, 64 books for underserved youth, \$500.
- Discovery Counseling Center, Bold Journey Elementary Program to develop healthy self esteem, communication and conflict resolution skills for kindergarten through sixth grade students, \$600.
- South Valley Science Fair at Oakwood School, monetary awards for winners in grades 6-12, \$300.
- Future Women's Leadership Conference, hosting 100 high school and community college students in April to build leadership skills, \$375.
- Yearbook Club at El Toro Health Science Academy, tablets for photography and yearbook design, \$600.

For more information about AAUW Community Action Grants, click [HERE](#).



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AAUW WRITERS' TOUR OF MT. UMUNHUM

Beth Wyman, Friday Writers Chair

A group of Friday Writers had the opportunity to tour the recently opened Mt. Umunhum Open Space in November. They were met by Basim Jaber, the official Umunhum historian and coordinator of the Air Force Unit that was based there during the Cold War period, 1958 - 1980. As part of the Umunhum Conservancy, Basim also led the successful effort to save the radar tower (also known as the Cube).



L-R Basim Jaber, Umunhum Historian, Bob Redfern, Jean Picard, Beth Wyman, Jean Manahan, Jenny Redfern and Donna Dicker



We were fortunate to have a clear day in the valley and eventually a super-clear day at the top with visibility extending north to Marin County, east to Mt. Hamilton and the Lick Observatory, south past Gilroy and west to the ocean. It was an extraordinary experience!

Gisela Steffe and Carol O'Hare also visited Mt. Umunhum on a much warmer day in September as shown in the photo at left.

FRIENDSHIP

Donna Dicker, Chair

Our heartfelt condolences to Jeanne Gregg, whose husband Dan passed away recently. Dan was a popular local veterinarian for many years. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 11 am, at the community and Cultural Center. Sincere sympathies to the Gregg family.

Susan Brazelton has been hired by the City of Morgan Hill to take an assortment of photographs in and around the city to be used in brochures, flyers and videos to promote our community. The photos will include historic buildings, recreational facilities, local businesses and community events. Susan is the founder of the Morgan Hill Photography Club.



Former member Jane Blissett has moved from Kansas to Florida and would like to hear from her AAUW friends. Her new address is 405 - 73rd St. Holmes Beach FL 34217. Her email and phone number remain the same, janeblissett@gmail.com, 408-656-4960.

In November Barbara Palmer and Carol O'Hare visited Carol Holzgrafe at her home in Magalia (near Chico) and enjoyed exploring the area and meeting members of Carol H's other AAUW branches. They submitted this photo with the caption, "Which one's the turkey?"!

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MEMORABLE TRAVELS

[Donna Dicker](#)

Elizabeth Mandel writes, “My daughter Emily and I spent a fabulous week hiking parks of the Southwest: Canyonlands, Arches, Mesa Verde, Monument Valley, Natural Bridges, and Little Wildhorse Slot Canyon. They were so gorgeous it was impossible to take a bad photo.”



While in Warsaw, Poland, Jenny Redfern visited the Marie Curie Museum in the building where the scientist lived.



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

TRAVEL TIPS: SAFARI TO AFRICA



Let us help you check another trip off your bucket list, vicariously, at our next Travel Tips meeting.

Barbara and Allen Palmer went on safari in Africa, and will share their experiences and photos.

When: Saturday, February 24, 7:30-9:30 pm.

Where: At the home of Marianne and Rob Knight.

How: Bring a safari-themed snack to share.

RSVP no later than Feb. 21 to [Jenny Redfern](#).



SPOTLIGHT ON INTEREST GROUPS: UKULADIES

[Joanne Rife](#), Chair

Strumming, playing music, laughing, and, oh yes, singing—that is what happens each Monday morning when the Ukuladies get together with their ukuleles and settle down for a couple of hours of music.

The group started in January 2013 when Joanne Rife got tired of playing her ukulele alone. Linda Tarvin and Betsy Ding arrived with their ukuleles, soon joined by other fans of the easy-to-play instrument. The group expanded, then contracted, then expanded again to the present ensemble of ten members. At one time the group changed its name to Ukuladies and One Man, when Bud O’Hare sat in, although he thought better of it: All those women!

By the end of 2013 the new music group played Christmas and holiday songs for the Friends of the Library and at the AAUW holiday party. Since then they have performed at the Westmont Senior Center; the Senior Center at the CRC; for the Retired Public Employees Association chapter; for two going-away parties (Yvonne Duckett and Karen Anderson); at the annual Rotary Luncheon; for Piece by Piece Quilters, and for Bud O’Hare’s memorial service at St. Catherine’s Church. Ukulady duos or trios have also played, most recently at the World Play Your Ukulele Day.

If you are interested in joining this fun group, contact [Joanne](#).



L-R: Linda Tarvin, Joanne Rife, Joan Sullivan, Casie Castleberry, Betsy Ding, Karen McDonald, and Susan Anderson. Not pictured: Valerie Chambliss, Florence Kwock, and Kyung Hee Lee.

SPEECH TREK 2018: "HOW CAN WE STAND UP TO SEXISM"

[Joanne Rooney](#), *Speech Trek Coordinator*

High school students will compete in this annual speech contest on Tuesday, January 23 at the Morgan Hill Library. Contestants will be judged on content, delivery, and organization. The top three will receive cash prizes of \$100, \$200, and \$300.

A video of the MH 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 Convention 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 fifth year, is funded by the Wildflower Fund with member donations and Wildflower Run proceeds. To learn more about Speech Trek and to see the video of last year's MH winner who went on to win the state contest, go [HERE](#).



GEMS: GIRLS ENGAGED IN MATH AND SCIENCE

[Susan Oldham-Fritts](#), *GEMS Coordinator*

On January 16, the GEMS will visit Infineon, the leading global designer, manufacturer, and supplier of a broad range of semiconductor products for microelectronics. Field trips to high technology companies (like Infineon, NVIDIA, Intuitive Surgical, TenCate, 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 recent field trips to Elkhorn Slough, the Bay Area Science Festival, and the Tech Museum, visits to most high tech companies involve years of planning. This the area where the GEMS program has the greatest need of member assistance. Do you have connections to a Silicon Valley tech company? Does it have a field trip program in place or is open to doing 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 teenage 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, see our [webpage](#).



TECH TREK

[Joy Safakish](#), *Tech Trek Coordinator*

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trek

The Tech Trek committee has begun the process of choosing eight 7th grade girls to attend Camp Curie next July 8-14 on the Stanford University campus. We're pleased to include applicants from San Martin Gwinn School that has a 7th grade for the first time. Applications will be distributed to science and math teachers at local public schools in the beginning of January.

Each year the cost of running the camp goes up and Camp Director Pat Ivestor is looking for corporate donors. She would also like to hear from branch members who can help arrange field trips to local companies that are representative of STEM fields, such as: Google, Facebook, Genentech, etc. or start-up companies run by women.

Help will also be needed the week of camp and a detailed list of volunteer opportunities is coming. If you think you might be interested, please contact [Joy Safakish](#),

Interested in what the girls do at camp? Watch this short two-minute Camp Curie [video](#), that shows some of the activities and a lot of esprit de corps.



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UPCOMING AAUW EVENTS

- Jan 20 Women's March San Jose
- Jan 23 Program: Speech Trek contest, "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?"
- Feb 27 Program: Playing in the Dirt with Science with Jenny Redfern, Master Gardener
- Mar 25 35th Annual Wildflower Run
- Mar 27 Program: Science Writing for the Public with Lisa Krieger, SJMN
- April 24 Program: Meditation and the Brain with Venerable Tenzin Chogyi
- April 27-29 AAUW CA Convention, Irvine Marriott
- May 5 Meditation Workshop with Ajahn Chandako
- May Spring Brunch

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chamber of Commerce, Community and Cultural Center

- Mar 3, Celebrate Morgan Hill, 6-10 pm, Britton Middle School, \$105

Friends of the Library, MH Library

- Jan 29, Speakers Forum: Don't Be Fooled by Fake News, John McManus, 7 pm.
- Feb 3, Winter Book Sale, 10 am to 3 pm
- Feb 17, Special Book Sale: Old, Rare and "Interesting", 12 to 3 pm
- March 24, Silicon Valley Reads: Rachel Khong, author of "Goodbye, Vitamin," 3 pm

South Valley Civic Theater, MH Community Playhouse

- Feb 2 – March 1, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" teen musical, \$16 - \$25

South Valley Symphony, Gavilan College Theater

- Mar 10, NextGen 2018, 7:30 pm, \$25

Teachers Aid Coalition, Community and Cultural Center

- Feb 10, Chocolate and Wine for Valentine, 2-5 pm, \$25



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