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AAUW SUMMER BBQ

SAT, AUGUST 3, 2019, 5 - 8 PM

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

Enjoy a fine meal of salmon and beef filet with your AAUW friends. \$20 per person, plus a potluck item. Your spouse or a guest is invited. Details, RSVP and payment information will be sent in the weekly email.

Coordinated by [Margo Hinnenkamp](#) and [Mary Cox](#), assisted by past presidents.

AAUW SPEAKER SERIES AT MORGAN HILL LIBRARY

August 27: Our Voices Our Thoughts

Our branch will be hosting a panel of women writers from the Bay Area to talk about their experiences writing and getting published.

This is in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's Women's Equality Week, 2019.



September 24: Sue's Story

The film showcases the journey with AAUW-MH member, Sue Berghoff, whose story of her struggle with Lewy Body Dementia fuels her determination to bring about change so that people with dementia can live with purpose, dignity and hope.

Written and co-directed by Robin Shepherd with L. Mattock Scariot. Filmed and edited by Nils Myers and L. Mattock Scariot. Produced by Robin Shepherd.



October 22: Unparented Child Immigrants with Sonia Nazario, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, best-selling author, immigration expert and social justice commentator.

Her book 'Enrique's Journey' is being used to launch discussions around immigration, and racial discrimination, U.S. foreign policy, and other issues. Her expertise in immigration makes her a popular speaker for legislative, legal and philanthropic audiences.

Co-sponsored by the MH Library.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Maggie Leininger



Hope this finds everyone enjoying their summer! The new board is up and running. The Programs committee has met to talk about the programs for our coming year, and Yvonne Randolph has some fantastic ideas in store for us.

We will also be holding our annual Board Retreat on Saturday July 20th at the CRC. The Retreat allows the board to review what is going on at the National level as well as in our branch. All members are welcome to attend.

We have several other events taking place this summer. Come join us at the 4th of July parade! We have a float this year, thanks to Coleen Colwell and her truck and flatbed trailer. We will have room for people to ride on the float. We will also have our annual BBQ on Saturday August 3rd. Look for details for all our events in our weekly email blasts.

Congratulations AAUW 2019-2020 Officers: (L-R) Kathy Hansell—VP Membership, Tessy Albin—Treasurer, Janet Wright—VP AAUW Funds, Coleen Colwell—Secretary, Maggie Leininger—President) Not pictured: Yvonne Randolph—VP Programs.



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2019 AAUW FUND HONOREES

by [Mary Cox, AAUW Honoree Committee Chair](#)

Every year the state **California AAUW Fund Committee** honors branch members who have done outstanding work in supporting the programs and goals of AAUW and its mission. The following branch members were recipients of this year's awards at our Spring Brunch.



Elizabeth Mandel (far left) is one of our busiest members. She has been our branch president twice, the Wildflower Run Director, Membership VP and Allocations chair and is this year's Leadership Morgan Hill grant recipient. She is currently the publicity chairperson for the Wildflower Run, represents AAUW at the local Chamber of Commerce and organizes the Evening Book Group. The saying goes, "if you want something done, give it to a busy person".

Monica McCintock is another outstanding member. She is involved in many facets of AAUW, including Community Action Grants, Weekly Email blasts, Membership team, the Wildflower Run, as well as many outside volunteer groups, such as the Peace Project. She's the consummate team player, a calming presence, quick to give help, ideas or kind words as needed. She is always working in the background making everything run smoothly and efficiently.

Peggy Martin is one of our steadfast leaders. She has served as branch president for two years, CFO and treasurer six years, serves as WFR treasurer and hosts the Friday Writers Interest Group. She was a past Leadership Morgan Hill grant recipient and now chairs the branch Leadership Development Team. She was instrumental in the January new member orientation. She is treasurer of the MH Community Foundation, increasing the visibility of AAUW in our local community.

Suman Ganapathy (far right) is a relatively new member but has jumped into our branch leadership with both feet. She started as the Wildflower Newsletter layout editor and is now the copy editor. An avid reader, she heads up the Afternoon Book Group and is a member of our branch Bylaws Committee. She was a past recipient of our branch's Leadership Morgan Hill grant, and was recently appointed to the City's Library, Culture and Arts Commission.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

[Janet Wright](#), AAUW Fund VP

One of AAUW's landmark programs, the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) supports plaintiffs who fight gender discrimination and harassment in the workplace and in education. It is managed by our national organization in Washington DC.



The Trump administration issued "Final Exemption Rules", exempting organizations with religious or moral objections from the obligation to provide contraceptives to employees under the Affordable Care Act. These rules were set to take effect January 2019, but several states successfully challenged these rules and were granted preliminary injunctions, preventing the implementation of these rules.

AAUW recently signed onto a brief in *State of California, et. al v. Health and Human Services, et. al*, calling for a motion for summary judgment to permanently invalidate the Final Exemption Rules. The argument is that the irreparable harm will occur as women will face loss of coverage. Access to safe and reliable no-cost contraceptive coverage is fundamental to AAUW's core values of access to education, leadership and economic security.

AAUW has also signed onto an amicus brief in the appeals case of *Jane Doe v. University of Kentucky*. In this case, a woman enrolled in a community college under a partnership with the University, was raped in a university owned dormitory. She brought suit under Title IX, but the court ruled that she did not have standing to sue as she was not a student at the University. She is appealing this decision. AAUW continues to support women by arguing for Title IX protections.

For more info about LAF cases, click [HERE](#).

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

[Jenny R. Redfern](#), *Outgoing Membership VP*



Do you have any graduates going on to college or grad school whom you would like to introduce to AAUW? Perfect timing! Undergraduates and graduate students, part-time and full-time, have this option: If they attend an AAUW-affiliated college or university, they can *join as free e-students*. Just as examples, Gavilan College, San Jose City College, and San Jose State are affiliates. Click [HERE](#).

If they attend a non-affiliated college or university, they can *join for \$18.81* per year - OR - you can give the students the gift of membership at this low fee. Click [HERE](#).

Once your student has joined, please forward that information to our branch Membership VP because we do not automatically receive that information from National.

Please welcome these new members:

Gwen Saucedo is a sales engineer at Synopsis with a BSEE from UCSB and a MBA from Loyola Marymount. She is interested in Evening Books, hiking, and Wine & Whine.

Amina Khemici works for the Gilroy Unified School District with a BS in Special Ed. She is a past school trustee for the Morgan Hill Unified School District. She attended this year's Young Women's Leadership Conference and is very enthusiastic about it, voter education, and GEMS.

Renewal Time!

[Kathy Hansell](#), *2019-2020 Membership VP*

Sixty of our members have yet to renew. There are two ways to remedy this situation.

1. Personal check for \$104: Pay to AAUW Morgan Hill with "Membership" on subject line. Mail to Sherrie Wren, 465 East Central Ave., Morgan Hill, CA. 95037.
2. Renew online: To renew online: you will need your member ID and password. Go to www.aauw.org. Click on "join" and then click on Branch members Join/Renew, and then "renew your branch membership".

Have a terrific summer!



LEADERSHIP MORGAN HILL CLASS OF 2019 PROJECT: RACK N ROLL



[Elizabeth Mandel](#)

Each year, AAUW allocates Wildflower Fund money to sponsor a branch member to participate in Leadership Morgan Hill. I was fortunate to be selected as this year's branch representative. Leadership Morgan Hill is a nine-month program designed to inform participants about our community--state and local government, local non-profit organizations, economic development, law enforcement, etc.-- with an objective of developing more local leaders who will give back to their community.

Another component of the program is selection and implementation of a class project, that will provide a lasting enhancement to the community. Our class project, Rack N Roll, will upgrade and add to existing downtown bike racks with vibrant new, bicycle-themed racks. We expect them to be installed in early August ... look for them then! Go to our website, www.RackNRoll-lmh.org to see the bike rack designs.

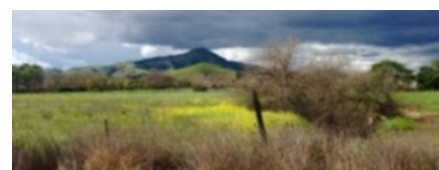
A project of the Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2019

Why participate in Leadership Morgan Hill? Most people in my class are there to learn more about their community. For my part, Leadership has been made worthwhile by the diverse, talented individuals in the class. Working on a project on a short timeline with people you just met is an intense experience; doing it with competent, creative individuals is both rewarding and educational. In September, when AAUW solicits interest in the Leadership Class of 2020, consider what YOU might take away from Leadership and feel free to talk to a past AAUW participant about their experience.

HOW I CAME TO LIVE IN MORGAN HILL

This fourth installment of *'How I Came to Live in Morgan Hill'* features Beth Wyman's story, a topic originally worked on by the Friday Writers Interest Group.

We will be posting a teaser in each issue of the newsletter with a link to the entire story. We hope these stories will inspire you to write your own, which we will be happy to publish.



If you missed our first three stories, click on the names [Jean Pinard](#), [Elsa Walton](#), [Peggy Martin](#), and [Donna Dicker](#).



"We had been in Saratoga for ten years. We moved there from Walnut Creek when my husband was offered a much better job with IBM at their new, prestigious headquarters in San Jose. We had a brand new - 1960 - 3 bedroom, 2-bath house on a third of an acre for which we paid \$20,000. Our relatives were envious. However, in about 1968 or so, we were officially informed that a busy freeway - Highway 85 - would soon be replacing the huge apricot orchard we loved so much just behind our back fence. There had been no disclosure about this at the time of the sale! ..."

For the rest of Beth's story, click [HERE](#).

2018-2019 AAUW MONTHLY PROGRAM SYNOPSSES

[Suman Ganapathy](#)

This year we started a new thread to document the comprehensive, educational and captivating monthly programs presented at the Morgan Hill library each 4th Tuesday of the month. Our presenters are unique and come from a broad spectrum of disciplines. It's your chance to relive the evening if you were in attendance, or see what you missed, if you're curious. Here are the last three presentations made this year (February, March, April 2019):



February 26, 2019: Danielle Thibodeau, museum educator from The Walt Disney Family Museum: Disney Women Animators and the History of Cartooning (For the synopsis of the talk click [HERE](#))



March 26, 2019: Dr. Nancy Fishman, founder of Forgotten Harvest: FOOD RESCUE - Solving the Crises of Hunger and Waste (For the synopsis of the talk click [HERE](#))



April 23, 2019: Gail Basson, project manager Coyote Valley Wildlife Linkage Project: The Coyote Valley Wildlife Corridor (For the synopsis of the talk click [HERE](#))

In case you missed the past synopses, here they are:



[HERE: Aug 29, 2018: 'What does Russia want? How should we respond?'](#) Steve Pifer, former US ambassador to Ukraine – 'by Chris Hopwood



[HERE: Sep 27, 2018: November Elections Candidates' Forum](#) - by Margaret McCann (Page 5)



[HERE: Oct 22, 2018: The role of the Microbiome in health and disease](#), Dr. Embriette Hyde, Scientist, freelance science writer, managing editor at SynBioBeta, and instructor and mentor at Schmahl Science Workshops *Redefining Human* – by Suman Ganapathy



[HERE: Nov 27, 2018: Costume Designing](#), Professor Barbara Murray, Costume Designer, Department of Theatre & Dance, Santa Clara University – by Suman Ganapathy



[HERE: Jan 22, 2019: Speech Trek 2019](#) AAUW California project that begins on the branch level with a speech competition for local high school students and culminates with three top statewide finalists - by Joanne Rooney (Page 8)

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9 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT TITLE IX

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Title IX is a civil right that prohibits sex discrimination in education.

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Title IX applies to all students regardless of gender identity.

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Schools should ensure that no student has to share campus spaces (such as dorms, classes, and workplaces) with their abuser.

5

Schools can issue no-contact directives to prevent accused students from approaching or interacting with you.

3

Schools may not retaliate against someone filing a complaint and must keep complainants safe from other retaliatory harassment.

6

Schools must be proactive in ensuring that your campus is free from sex discrimination.

7

Schools cannot discourage you from continuing your education.

8

All schools receiving federal funding, including public K-12 schools and the majority of colleges, are subject to Title IX.

9

Schools must have an established procedure for handling complaints of sexual discrimination, harassment, and violence.

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Shared by Carol O'Hare

In June 23, 1972, [Title IX](#) was signed into law by President Richard Nixon. Title IX prohibited sex discrimination in any federally funded education activity or program, and applied to all schools, from elementary to universities, both public and private.

In 1969, Bernice Sandler, a part-time lecturer at the University of Maryland was struggling to move up the career ladder. She had a doctorate in counseling psychology, but wasn't even considered when she applied for one of her department's seven tenure-track positions. One of her colleagues told her that even though she was qualified, she might as well not apply because she seemed "too strong for a woman." She was rejected three times in all, one interviewer even told her that she wasn't a real professor, but "just a housewife who went back to school." Sandler didn't back down. Instead, she read everything she could find about workplace discrimination: the Equal Pay Act of 1963, intended to equalize pay for men and women — but there was a broad exemption for anyone in "executive, professional, and administrative positions," including all teachers at any level. Then, she found an executive order by President Johnson as an expansion of the Civil Rights Act, making it illegal for companies doing business with the government to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or nationality, amended to also prohibit discrimination based on sex. As soon as she read that, Sandler realized that she had found her loophole. Since universities took funding from the government, they could technically be said to be "doing business with the government," and should be subject to Johnson's executive order as well.

Sandler ordered a class action charge against all universities and colleges in the country. She backed up her case with a long report of data, including statistics like the high ratio of female PhDs to female faculty members. Hundreds of qualified women who had been denied academic positions wrote testimonials. Worried that a federal order could be easily undone, she wanted sex discrimination to be prohibited by a formal law. Representative Edith Green of Oregon, chair of the House Committee on Education, introduced the bill known as Title IX, requiring gender equity in education, as part of the 1972 Education Act. She encouraged women's groups and supporters to stay silent on the issue, hoping Congress wouldn't think too hard about the significance of Title IX and just vote for it. That is exactly what happened and the bill was passed.

Title IX revolutionized gender equity in education. Since its passage, the percentage of women obtaining degrees in higher education has steadily climbed, and women now outpace men in obtaining both bachelor's and graduate degrees. By far the greatest impact has been felt in sports. Women's teams are now required to have the same resources as men's teams — coaches, training facilities, locker rooms, equipment, etc. Spending on men's and women's sports has to be proportional to the number of athletes participating. In 1972, there were 170,000 men competing in NCAA sports and just 30,000 women — that number has now grown to 216,378. At the high school level, girls' participation in sports has increased by more than 900 percent.

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TRAVEL

Six Friends in Paris

In May, AAUW Members (L-R) **Janet McElroy, Karen MacDonald, Nancy Fraser, Margo Hinnenkamp, Jean Pinard, and Bobbi Graham**, went on a vacation together to Paris. They stayed in a centrally located 3-bedroom apartment. On the first day, the six



friends took the Hop-On-Hop-Off bus to **Sacre Coeur** and **Montmartre**. In the following days, they walked through the **Jardin des Tuileries**, saw Monet's Water Lilies at the **Musée de l'Orangerie**, and the **Musée d'Orsay** for more Impressionist art. After a long wait in line, they were able to see the Mona Lisa and other works in the **Louvre**. At **Shakespeare & Co.**, the English language bookstore on the Left Bank, of course, everyone bought a book.

On an evening boat cruise on the Seine, they were treated to a spectacular light show celebrating the 130th anniversary of the Eiffel Tower. On a day trip to **Giverny**, they saw Claude Monet's home with its beautiful gardens and more of his paintings.

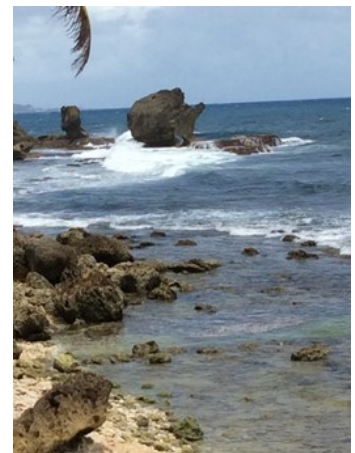


Shopping at **Au Printemps** and **Galleries Lafayette** on the famed Haussman Boulevard yielded fun gifts. The highlight at Galleries Lafayette was the stunning neo-Byzantine glass dome and the glass walkway on the top floor of the building that allows visitors to look down at the shoppers below.

The April 15 fire at **Notre Dame** meant that they could only see the "heart of Paris" from afar, and unfortunately, the magnificent **Sainte-Chapelle** was also closed. The Yellow Vest protesters marched in Paris on May 11, but happily, our travellers did not encounter them. In fact, except for a lost cell phone and a pickpocket, everything went most delightfully. A good time (and good food and wine) was had by all!

Margo Hinnenkamp cruises from Brazil to the Caribbean

Margo and Rich Hinnenkamp went on a 10-day cruise that began in **Manaus, Brazil**, and ended on the easternmost island in the **Caribbean, Barbados**. They stopped at a small village on the Amazon where they were privileged to attend an incredible performance by a local indigenous group of high school students who were professional enough to be in Las Vegas. They visited the site of the one-time prison on **Devil's Island** that was the location for the book and movie "Papillon." They stayed for three additional days in Barbados after the cruise ended and fell in love with the island and its residents.



(L—R) Toured the opera house in Manaus, Brazil, and had a chance to try on some costumes. Monkey on Devil's Island, a former French prison. Waterfall on the Island of St. Lucia. Beach on the gorgeous island of Barbados.

TRAVEL

Margaret McCann goes East

My travels this May had two purposes: attend my grandson's graduation in Washington DC and return my sister's ashes to the home she always loved in Canada. Both were accomplished while enjoying a variety of experiences along the way.

After the graduation I headed for the **National Museum of African American History and Culture**. It was amazing and a must do.



Next, I hopped the train to New York and spent three days in **Brooklyn**. Traveling alone gave me the opportunity to be spontaneous. Brooklyn was a 'do it my way' part of the trip and my time to immerse myself in a culture about which I knew absolutely nothing. My first stop, **Sahadi's Imports**, was a well-known middle eastern deli and close to my Airbnb. As I browsed their shelves, I spotted Michael, an employee, wearing a San Jose Sharks shirt – an instant new friend. After sampling Sahadi's many unique delights, my next adventure was a food tour navigated by one of the many starving actors in the area. Every store on the tour had a story to tell, including the "**Brooklyn Pharmacy & Soda Fountain**" where I had my first "egg cream", and **Shelsky's** of Brooklyn, a Jewish delicatessen that makes the most amazing Reuben sandwich.



Walking home from the tour, I was invited to join a "Wine cocktail" class at the local wine store – I'll make you one the next time you drop by. The next day I found a tour of the **Crown Heights Hasidic community**, and was pleasantly surprised to find the leader, Rabbi Yoni Katz, a young man with a terrific sense of humor, working to bring the Hasidic and non-Hasidic communities a little closer. Yoni started an online group called "Unite the Beards" as many of the newer non-Jewish community members also wear beards.

I was invited to join the family the next day for their Sabbath but unfortunately couldn't accept as Carl and I were off on our cruise up the east coast. First stop **Bar Harbor, Maine**, where I got acquainted with

'Louie' my soon-to-be lobster roll. Lovely chap! The cruise also stopped in **Halifax** and **St. John, New Brunswick**, an area of the country new to me. After Carl returned home, I moved on to meet my niece and her children and travel to **Guelph, Canada**, to say goodbye to my wonderful sister. After our memorial, we headed for **Niagara Falls**, and got to experience the falls lit up to celebrate the start of 'Pride' month. It was a great note on which to end our adventures.



The Travel and Friendship sections of the AAUW Newsletter have a new editor. Please provide stories and pictures of your adventures and milestones to [Jill Paveza](#).

FRIENDSHIP


Former member, **Marti Jurick**, is moving to Thousand Oaks in Southern California to be near her family. Marti is a past branch board secretary. We wish her well in her new home.

Kat Napoli and Kathy Devine have received a grant from South Valley Fleurs, a garden club that funds garden projects in schools in the San Benito, Gilroy and Morgan Hill districts. The grant will be used to create a native plants garden at the Morgan Hill Historical Society's Villa Mira Monte. **John Jenkins**, who is also a member of the California Native Plant Society, is providing help with the garden and a generous donation of plants.

Deb Buchanan graduated from Gavilan with an AS degree in Health Science. She will be transferring to SJSU to pursue a bachelor's degree in Nutrition Science-Dietetics this Fall, with the goal of becoming a Registered Dietitian. Deb has been a certified USA Cycling coach and personal trainer for 12 years, so being an RD is a career that will fit in nicely with her passion for cycling, health and fitness.



Our sympathy goes out to **Marygrace Colby**, whose brother Robert recently passed away.



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Morgan Hill Historical Society

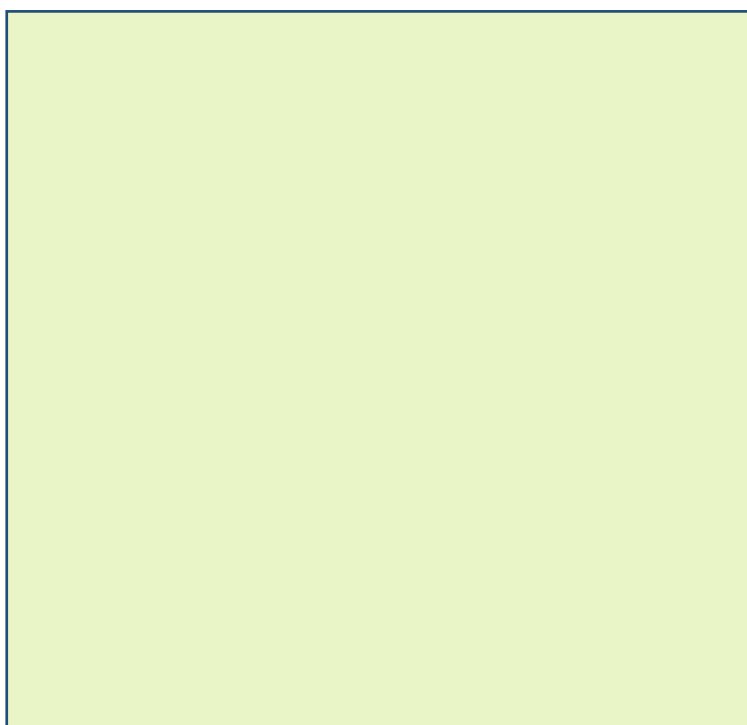
July 20, Community Picnic, 10 am to 2 pm, Villa Mira Monte, free.

South County Lifelong Learning

July, 17, Astronomy: Scaling the Universe, 10 am – 12, with Bill Hudson. MH Community and Cultural Center, \$10. Register at the CCC or call the Senior Center, 408-782-1284,

South Valley Civic Theater

Through July 6, "Gypsy," MH Community Theater, \$16-\$25




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