



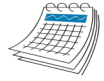
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ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH—BRING A FRIEND!

[Kathy Hansell](#)

Greetings, 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 iSTEAM. Catch up with friends, learn about this year's exciting programs, and enjoy a delicious brunch!

RSVP by Sept. 12 to [Karen Mac Donald](#)

Sign up to bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert.

Questions? Email [Kathy Hansell](#).

Date: Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019

Time: 11 am-2pm

Place: Morgan Hill Cellars,
1645 San Pedro Ave., MH



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

[Maggie Leininger](#)



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

I hope too that you were able to see our 4th of July float this year. Many thanks to Coleen & Mike Colwell and their family for the use of their trailer and pickup truck. We couldn't have done it without them!

I also wanted to thank Mary & Mike Cox for once again opening up their beautiful home and garden to host our annual BBQ. This is the 17th year that Mary and Mike have hosted this special event which is always so popular. It's a great chance for so many of us to get together for purely social reasons and this year More



than 100 branch members, spouses, and guests enjoyed a pleasant evening of casual conversation and delicious food with Mike and his team preparing the salmon and beef. Thanks to all the past presidents who organized and directed – you all make it look so easy!

Save the date for our Membership Brunch on September 15th—note the details about it in the paragraph above. This is the event where we'll get to hear about this year's Tech Trek experiences from our campers.

And finally, Yvonne Randolph has worked hard finding some very original programs for this year. It's a fantastic slate so keep the 4th Tuesday evenings open and come on over to the Library. As always, our programs are free and open to the public, so bring a friend or two.

8/1/2019 BOARD MEETING SUMMARY & ANNUAL BUDGET

[Coleen Colwell](#), Secretary

A short AAUW Morgan Hill board meeting was held on August 1 to review, discuss, and approve the 2019-2020 budget. Other agenda items and discussion were: the nomination of Sherrie Wren as Co-VP of Membership, updates on the status of National AAUW, rewording the branch bylaws to allow for a new and separate re-entry scholarship, decision to not fund, or staff, a booth at Taste of Morgan Hill, and a consensus to publicize and promote the monthly community programs at the library.



Annual Budget 2019-2020

Tessy Albin, branch treasurer presented the 2019- 2020 annual budget of \$7750, which was accepted. For details go [here](#).

37th WILDFLOWER RUN: March 29, 2020

[Deb Buchanan](#), WFR Chair

Planning is on at full speed for another wildly successful Wildflower Run in 2020. The t-shirt design contest is also currently under way.



Proceeds from our 2018 Run contributed to the \$65,000 soon to be distributed locally and nationally to support scholarships, grants, and other AAUW mission-based programs.



Watch this space for volunteering requests in the October/November newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

[Kathy Hansell](#), Membership Chair

Please welcome new members who have joined us over the summer:

Caitlin Jachimowicz

Caitlin grew up in Morgan Hill and is a former member of the Morgan Hill City Council. She attended Santa Clara University School of Law and currently practices with the Jachimowicz Law Group. The mother of two small children, she wishes to connect with and support M.H. women and girls.



Jennifer Tate

Jennifer attended U.C. Davis where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology. She joined AAUW to make friends and have new experiences.

Darcy Foster

Darcy attended U.C. Santa Cruz and the University of Michigan focusing on Spanish and social studies. She recently retired from teaching at Live Oak High School. She seeks continued intellectual interaction.

Renew Membership 2019-2020

It's not too late! As of this date we have eleven members who have not yet renewed. You may renew online by responding to a personalized invoice emailed to you August 1. Have your credit card ready.

OR

Write a check for \$104 payable to AAUW Morgan Hill. Send check to Sherrie Wren, 465 East Central Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95937. Note: Sherrie is now Membership Co V.P.

NAME BADGES

AAUW name badges may be ordered from: Make It Mine, 101 Main Street, Morgan Hill, CA 95037, (408) 776-0556, mim@garlic.com. The price is \$10 plus tax.

PHILANTHROPY HONOREE NOMINATIONS

Peggy Martin

Philanthropy Honoree Nominations Due September 12th

On November 15th, 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 12th.**



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: 2018, Jenny Redfern; 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.

LEADERSHIP MORGAN HILL LEADERSHIP 2020: AAUW Sponsorship Info

Peggy Martin

AAUW-MH believes it is important to develop future leaders in our community. To that end we plan to again sponsor a participant to attend Leadership Morgan Hill (LMH), class of 2020. For details and application procedure for the LMH program, click [HERE](#). There will also be an informational meeting about the program on September 19, 6 pm, at the MH Community and Cultural Center.



The deadline to submit your application for branch sponsorship is **October 1**. Funds for the \$1300 LMH tuition sponsorship come from the 2019 Wildflower Fund. If you are interested, please **contact [Peggy Martin](#)**.

Elizabeth Mandel, member of the 2019 class, describes her experience:

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.

Branch members who have participated in Leadership Morgan Hill include Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Margaret McCann, Suman Ganapathy, Elizabeth Mandel, Susan Persing, Cinda Meister, Charlene Tsao-Lai, and Marisa Otto.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHANGES

Donna Dicker



There will be some changes in the scholarship program as Kathy Hansell, chair of the Re-Entry Scholarship Committee and John Jenkins, Chair of the Lauren Jenkins Medical scholarship are stepping down. Kathy is assuming more duties as co-vice president of membership and John is becoming more involved with the Community Garden.

We are pleased to announce that John's position will be assumed by Mary Cox, who will bring her extensive medical background to the committee and the Re-Entry Chair will be filled by Vicky Reader. Vicky has worked with two non-profits in selecting scholarship candidates and will share this experience with the re-entry group.

Lori Mains will be taking Katie Howard's place as chair of the Keeping In Touch program. Lori will bring her considerable technical and creative skills to the job. We wish Katie well as she moves on to spend more time with business activities and her animals.

AAUW FUND AUGUST 2019

Janet Wright, VP AAUW Fund

The Morgan Hill Branch Blaine/Cate Endowment is supporting Cheyun Lee for 2019 -2020. She has received a **Selected Professions Fellowship**. These Fellowships are awarded to women pursuing a full-time course of study in programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded for the following master's programs:



(1) Architecture (2) Computer/information sciences (3) Engineering (4) Mathematics/statistics

Fellowships in the following degree programs are restricted to women of color, who have been underrepresented in these fields: (1) Master's in business administration: applicants may apply for second year of study only (2) Law: applicants may apply for third year of study only (3) Doctorate in medicine: applicants may apply for third or fourth year of study only

Lee is an MBA student at Santa Clara University. She received a BFA at Ewha Woman's University in South Korea. She founded her own luxury dining decoration product brand there, *Tables and Figures*, in 2016.

She is also dedicated to helping the victims of domestic violence and child abuse victims. She is a public speaker to various community groups in the Bay Area on these issues. She aspires to help victims overcome financial difficulties through technology.

AAUW is proud to assist Cheyun in her work towards her MBA.

Save the Date for the AAUW Fund Luncheon:

Sat, Oct 5 Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco

Sun, Oct 6, Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville.

Register [HERE](#)

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COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT—Thank you AAUW

Cinda Meister, Member & CAG Recipient



With the help of AAUW (through the Community Action Grant), Rotary of Morgan Hill and anonymous community donors BookSmart Community Advantage was able to provide a summer reading book and a personal book light to 333 students from 11 classrooms at San Martin Gwinn and P.A. Walsh. The books were donated to help "stop the summer slump". This program provides a fun book to read over the summer to students that may not have the means to get a book of their own. Thank you AAUW!

www.aauw.org

Community Action Grants: AAUW

Celebrate Books for Summer Reading Program 2019 – PA Walsh Students with BookSmart Community Advantage Members.

Read the [Morgan Hill Life](#) article about Summer Reading Program 2019 [HERE](#)

MEMORABLE TRAVEL

In July **Carol O'Hare** traveled in Oregon with her two sisters. They attended the famous outdoor quilt show in Sisters, OR, visited Mt Hood, and toured the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. In Bend they stayed at the appropriately named Three Sisters Inn.



Jeanne Gregg (left) went to Oxford, UK where she took a course on Medieval castles. Photos are of her trying on a museum outfit which was appropriate since her luggage arrived 2 days before their return flight. The window (bottom left) is their dorm view looking out over part of Merton college. Beautiful gothic windows plus great view.



In July, AAUW members (and spouses) **Janet McElroy, Jean Pinard, Cary Pinard** (Jean's daughter), **Jenny and Bob Redfern, Carol Holzgrafe, Joanne Rife, Nancy Fraser,** and Peter and **Elizabeth Mandel** took a Roads Scholar trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon. (Photo at right) In addition to the three plays included in the trip, they also attended an additional three plays. They also toured a winery and attended several talks by the actors. This is the second year that they have made this trip, and highly recommend it!



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FRIENDSHIP

Joan Stempel, AAUW member and a nurse with thirty years experience, has written a book "**Closing Chapters**" which gives a "unique and personal picture of dying. Sharing her work of caring for dying family members and friends as well as hospice patients, she presents us with a compassionate approach to end-of life issues and helps us find the words we need to address the many issues that arise when someone we love is dying. Not only is this book a wealth of information, it also takes death, which is often viewed as a frightening and sad experience, and shows us the beauty and grace that can be found in the final chapter of our lives." The book is available for purchase on Amazon.



HOW I CAME TO LIVE IN MORGAN HILL

Here is the sixth installment of '**How I Came to Live in Morgan Hill**' featuring **Margo Hinnenkamp's** story. This topic was 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.



"I'm a native Minnesotan from the land of 10,000 lakes. That means I have lake water in my blood, in my DNA, in my bones, and particularly, in my heart. Lakes are my earthly connection to heaven, to things celestial such as laughter, play, freedom, beauty and joy. I am certain that I was born to live near a lake ..."

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

For the first five stories, click on the names [Jean Pinard](#), [Elsa Walton](#), [Peggy Martin](#), [Donna Dicker](#) and [Beth Wyman](#).

TRAVEL TIPS

Jenny Redfern, Chair

All those waiting to board Travel Tips 2019-20, be advised that take-off for this year's program has been delayed from October 2019 to January 25, 2020. Please consult the AAUW MH newsletter and weekly email blast for information on the new estimated time of departure. We promise you a delightful evening of first-hand travel insights in January. Travel safely!"



ANDROID eGALS for non iPhoneers

Carol O'Hare

Since not all of us are devoted to iPhones, we Android users have our own group to share tips and explore the features of our phones. We would welcome members to join us. Android eGals has been meeting monthly on the third Monday at 4pm but are open to any changes in day, time, or location. If you are interested in our group, would you prefer a late afternoon or evening? Would you like to meet at a member's home or at a local restaurant/bar? We want to hear from you.



Whether an experienced Android user or have a new phone, please join us. Contact [Janet McElroy](#).

TECH TREK: A Busy Week at Camp Curie

Joy Safakish, Tech Trek Chair

On July 7-12 eight campers stayed at Donner dormitory on the Stanford University campus while attending STEM classes, workshops and field trips. The girls shared their camp experiences in their letters.

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trek

After visiting the Virtual Human Interaction Lab in her Robotics class, **Rachel Fox** commented, "the virtual reality simulation was so realistic and super cool to experience." **Veronica Orozco** shared that "the best part about camp was getting to meet and interact with the girls." Many campers like **Jaci Bolton** had an opportunity to make a mini flashlight: "it was really fun to use a soldering iron and make a circuit work." Mad City Money was a fast-paced financial dramatization with campers given a career, salary, spouse, checks and debts while trying to keep their expenses under control. "I realized how much pressure adults are under to know how to budget and make sure they don't spend too much", **Roma Shah** commented. Star Night at the Stanford Observatory provoked comments such as "we saw the moon, Jupiter, Saturn and star constellations" from **Stella Gaudy**. **Samantha Pelts** stated about Forensics class: "the things we did were typing blood, extracting DNA, learned how to fingerprint and also designed a murder story for the rest of the camp to solve. Many of the campers, like **Susan Kirchhoff**, commented on making friends, "I'm glad to have met these girls and have become friends with them...I like knowing more girls have similar interests." **Claire Tomasco** spoke of the eight women who visited: "one of the most memorable experiences was definitely Professional Women's

Night. There was a bioengineer, who was also a chemist, and I thought 'Wow!' I want to do something like that!"

The campers all expressed their sincere thanks to AAUW for making their scholarship possible. Read their full letters [here](#). *We hope you come to the September 15th Fall Membership Brunch and hear their presentations.*

Top: L to R: Susan Kirchhoff, Jaci Bolton, Rachel Fox

Bottom: L to R: Claire Tomasco, Samantha Pelts, Roma Shah. Stella Gaudy, Veronica Orozco



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- ◆ Tuesday, September 24: Sue's Story
- ◆ Tuesday, October 22: Unparented Child Immigrants

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