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President's Letter

Marian Sacco, President, (president@aauwmh.org)



It feels like it's been a "stall" for the first half of the year, but, upon reflection, we have accomplished much. I would like to celebrate the creativity, tenacity, commitment, and hard work of our Morgan Hill branch leadership and members. Thank you, Maggie, officers, and board!

June 30 was date of the transition of elected officers. We are all excited to carry on, as we move forward. This next year is guaranteed to be full of both challenges and opportunities. Our creativity was definitely challenged in March with the need for the first ever "virtual" Wildflower Run. Fabulous work by the Run team made it a success.

We received a dose of computer education in March, when we began to dance the AAUW Zoom-ba. For the foreseeable future, all Branch and Interest Group meetings will be held via Zoom.

At the June board meeting we reinforced our branch commitment to equality for all people with our support of Kim Churches' (AAUW CEO) statement: AAUW Stands Against Racism. To read her press release, go to www.aauw.org.

Our branch continues to support the mission of AAUW: The winner of the AAUW MH Speech Trek contest went on to place 5th in the state. To have confidence speaking to a group is a foundational skill for equity in the workplace. AAUW's many scholarship opportunities encourage women and girls to further their education. (Read about the Lauren Jenkins Healthcare Scholarship on page 3.)

The retreat for the new board, both elected and appointed, is set for **August 22** to plan for the next AAUW year of action. We encourage all members to be engaged with the work of the branch. Please send me your ideas and suggestions. I am looking forward to the coming year!

AAUW has been "Empowering Women since 1881."

That means that we are entering our 140th year with still so much to do!

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Upcoming Events

Wine & Whine July 8

Summer BBQ at Morgan Hill Cellars
Tentatively August 22 (Details in the weekly email.)

Wildflower Run 2021 March 28

Wildflower Run Sponsors & Donors



With the 2020 “Virtual” Wildflower Run officially over, we would like to encourage our members to recognize and make a point of thanking the local businesses that supported the 2020 Wildflower Run. Many of them have expressed support for sponsoring again in the future, even though some are now going through challenging times. A list of our sponsors can be found [HERE](#).

Also, the Sponsor Committee collected many gift cards that were intended as prizes for the winners. When the run was converted to a virtual run, we offered an additional incentive to all participants to join us in the virtual run and have an opportunity to win these prizes. By submitting a photo of their “virtual run” to our social media, they were entered into a drawing for these gift cards. Please consider placing an order with these restaurants and businesses (many of whom are now suffering financial hardship because of the pandemic) and thanking them for their support of the Wildflower Run. Prize donors and winners of the drawing can be found [HERE](#).

Wildflower Fund Campaign Ends



The annual Wildflower Fund Campaign appeal has now ended. Our thanks to the 48.8% of members who made a donation toward local scholarships and grants, Tech Trek, and national AAUW priorities. However, **it is never too late to support education and equity for women and girls with your contribution.**

You can 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** with your credit card at www.aauwmh.org. (Scroll down to the bottom and click on the Donate button.)

To **DONATE** please contact **Carol O'Hare** at donations@aauwmh.org.

Membership Wine & Whine



Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Pat Toomb's home

Address: 12401 Merriman Lane, Gilroy

Directions: Merriman Lane is located off Heritage Way, which is off Watsonville Road. Drive past the house and follow the driveway around the green barn. Parking is available to the right of the barn. Follow the signs. Do not park at the house or in the orchard. Use Google Maps or contact Pat at 408-427-6353.

We will gather under the big elm tree, so wear comfortable shoes for walking. Please **RSVP** to **Linnie Lee** at wine@aauw.org.

***We will practice social distancing and wear masks.
Bring your choice of beverage and snacks.***

Lauren Jenkins Healthcare Scholarships

History of Scholarships

Any members who were involved in the beginnings of the High School or Re-entry Scholarships, please contact DONNA DICKER at scholarships@aauwmh.org

She is writing a history of our branch scholarships and would welcome your input.

Donna Dicker, Scholarships (scholarships@aauw.org)

Three highly qualified applicants have been selected as winners of the Lauren Jenkins Healthcare Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year. Each of the women was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship.

The committee, made up of chairperson, Mary Cox, Sharyn Frentner, John Jenkins, Joan Sempel, and Donna Dicker reviewed and scored the applications. Incoming president, Marian Sacco, and Re-entry Scholarship chair, Vicky Reader, observed the selection process.

Abby Pfferlen, a former Tech Trekker and GEMS member, was awarded one scholarship. She will be attending the Veterinary School of Medicine at UC Davis.

Christina Avina will be pursuing certification as an occupational therapist at New York University. **Golnesa Safavi**, a Live Oak High School graduate, will be working toward a Doctor of Osteopathy degree at Midwestern University.

The Lauren Jenkins Healthcare scholarship was begun to honor Lauren Jenkins, a geneticist, who played a major role in establishing Tech Trek for our branch. She also founded the Girls Engaged in Math and Science program, GEMS.

The Allocation Committee designated \$2,000 from the Wildflower Fund for these scholarships and Lauren's parents donated an additional \$1,000 in her memory which allowed the awarding of the three scholarships.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to branch member Cecelia Ponzini, who has been selected as Woman of the Year for California Assembly District 30. She was chosen by Assembly member Robert Rivas, who represents the 30th district. Cecelia is the founder and executive director of the Edward Boss Prado Foundation, an organization that serves area children and families in need, even through the pandemic.

To read more about the award, go to <https://morganhilltimes.com/cecilia-ponzini-is-30th-districts-woman-of-the-year/>



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Women's Right To Vote Centennial

Carol O'Hare

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution awarded women the right to vote, after a 72-year long campaign. This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this momentous event. Test yourself on your knowledge of suffrage history.

Why is Susan B. Anthony's name so closely associated with woman suffrage?

Anthony was a major leader in the woman suffrage movement from 1850 until her death in 1906. She traveled widely in the country to campaign for women's right to vote. Her rallying cry was, "Failure is Impossible!" She voted in an 1872 election, was arrested and convicted but refused to pay the fine. Because of her extensive work for suffrage and women's rights, the 19th Amendment was often called the Susan B. Anthony Amendment.

What did Elizabeth Cady Stanton do in Seneca Falls, NY, in 1848?

In 1848 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, along with Lucretia Mott, organized the first women's rights convention. It was here that she first proposed that women should vote. Stanton was a brilliant women's rights leader and would spend the rest of her life (she died in 1902) fighting for women's rights. She and Susan B. Anthony worked together for suffrage for more than 50 years. She often wrote the speeches that Anthony gave during her many travels.

Who was Carrie Chapman Catt?

As the president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, Catt led a massive campaign to gain voting rights for women, working tirelessly to change suffrage laws state by state. When the 19th amendment was passed by Congress, she organized a 14-month campaign for its ratification; she was considered the most powerful political leader in the U.S. In 1920 she went on to establish the League of Women Voters to educate the newly enfranchised women.


What role did Alice Paul play in the suffrage movement?

Alice Paul with Lucy Burns organized a massive suffrage parade in 1913 in Washington, DC. Her goal was a constitutional amendment to gain voting rights for women. When her tactics became too militant for the more mainstream suffrage organization, Paul formed the National Woman's party. The NWP was the first to ever picket the White House. Many were arrested and jailed. When some went on hunger strikes, they were force-fed. After ratification of the 19th amendment, Paul went on to propose the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and worked for its passage until her death in 1977.

"The rights of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."




Picketing the White House



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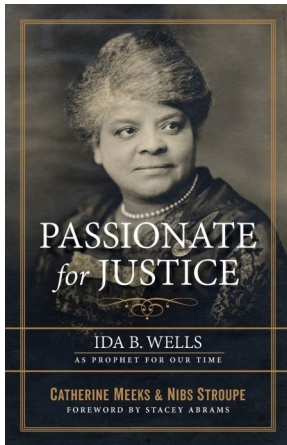
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Women's Right To Vote Centennial (cont.)



"It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. And we formed it, not to give the blessings of liberty, but to secure them; not to the half of ourselves and the half of our posterity, but to the whole people -- women as well as men."

SUSAN B. ANTHONY,
speech after her arrest for
voting in the 1872
presidential election

Why is Ida B. Wells Barnett of special importance to the woman suffrage campaign?

Barnett, whose parents had been slaves, was an investigative journalist, educator, and an early leader in the civil rights movement. She fought for equality for African Americans, especially women. She supported woman suffrage and founded the Alpha Suffrage Club of Chicago at a time when black women were excluded from many white suffrage groups. She became the most famous black woman in America, promoting both racial and gender equality.

What is the story of Inez Milholland, a white horse, and a suffrage parade?

Milholland was a passionate activist for woman suffrage. Riding a white horse, she led the massive 1913 suffrage parade in Washington, DC. After years of constant campaigning, she became ill, but continued with a strenuous tour in the west. She collapsed while speaking in Los Angeles and died a few weeks later at the age of 30. Hailed as a martyr for suffrage, she became the first woman to be given a memorial service in the nation's Capitol.

What role did Frances Willard and the WTCU play in the suffrage movement?

Willard was the leader of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, an organization that supported women's right to vote as a means to protect homes and families from the problems caused by alcohol. Consequently, the liquor industry was firmly against woman suffrage, fearing that if woman had the vote, they would prohibit alcohol. In her time she was one of the most famous figures in national life.

Which states first gave women the right to vote?

Wyoming became the first state to grant women the right to vote when it became a state in 1890. Other states followed: Colorado (1893), Utah (1895), Idaho (1896). California became the sixth state in 1911. Women in these states could vote in all elections—local, state and national.

After the 19th amendment was finally passed by Congress in 1919, which state was the 36th to ratify it?

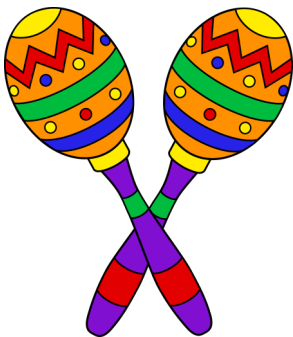
In August 1920 Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th amendment, giving it the necessary $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of state legislatures required to make it part of the U.S. Constitution. It passed by a single vote; Harry Burn, a young legislator from eastern Tennessee, changed his vote to yes after receiving a letter from his mother telling him to be a good boy and vote for suffrage.



Alice Paul toasting the flag with 36 stars.



Covid-19 Song



WORDS AND MUSIC
BY
Jean Pinard

UPS AND DOWNS OF C-19

1. The vir-us has us in its spell, we fear what we can't know. The
 2. Ev-ry day is just a noth-er day - boring day.

rules are strange, the rules they change, we try but e-ven so; Doc
 In our lit-tle hous-es we must stay-er-ry day. But

Fau ci seems to know the most, on him we can re-ly. Our
 Spring is here, the sun is bright and warm, - ev-ry day our

gov, our val-ley and Doc Co-dy keep us fly-ing high.
 yard, our streets are places they all say - we can play.

CHORUS

Woe is us, pit-y us, will this ner-ter end?
 Yes, to-geth-er we'll pre-vail, per-haps the Earth will mend.
 This may-be the wake up call to set a new world trend.

Third Verse

Now masks are on + we must stay at least six feet apart.
 Don't dare to sneeze, it's hard to breathe, from strangers we must dart
 But we can go on hikes you know; many paths to start.
 There are sights to see while walking free; we should all take heart.



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