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The Wildflower

AAUW-MH Centennial Celebrations



One hundred years ago on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment guaranteeing a woman’s right to vote was ratified and became part of the U.S. Constitution.

We celebrated this centennial with activities and events to educate, inspire, and engage the Morgan Hill community about the 72-year suffrage movement and the ongoing fight for equal rights. It is as relevant today as it was in 1920. Fully and equitably integrating women into our country’s economic, cultural, and political life continues to remain elusive.

Aug. 25 - AAUW-MH hosted a virtual discussion on women’s suffrage, “*Votes for Women Movement*” from 1920 to today, and the equal rights movement. Panelists were **Nancy Unger**, Prof. of History, Santa Clara University, **Wendy Rouse**, Assoc. Prof. History, San Jose State University, and **Estelle Freedman**, Prof. of U.S. History, Stanford University. If you missed this discussion, you can watch a recording at www.facebook.com/watch/?v=308863657009465&extid=EU7pxNqoJWP4vIn9

Aug. 26—We presented two plaques to the MH Historical Society that will be placed on benches at Villa Miramonte, as a lasting tribute to the 19th Amendment Centennial, and to **Virginia Mae Days**, first woman mayor of Morgan Hill and superior court judge.

Later, we joined the **South County Women’s Equality Group’s** Suffrage Walk downtown, culminating at the Grange Hall for cupcakes and a photograph.

Finally, we kicked off our citywide Centennial Trail social media contest commemorating the individuals and milestones of the fight for women’s suffrage. With 22 informative posters around Morgan Hill, there is much to discover for both adults and children, selfies to tag, and fun prizes to win. The contest will continue until **October 10**, the anniversary of California Women’s Right to Vote, in October 1911. See www.aauwmh.org/centennialtrail/ to learn more.



Suman Ganapathy (L) with Roger Knopf, Pres. MHHS,



Margaret McCann



President's Message



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March 28, 2021
Virtual Wildflower Event

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Marian Sacco, President



Welcome to a new year for AAUW Morgan Hill!

We kicked off the year on August 22 with a Zoom Board Retreat to discuss thoughts and ideas to effectively support the Centennial message of “Educate, Inspire, Engage –Vote”.

As I write this message, I vividly remember Apple’s fabulous “**Think Different**” marketing campaign that ran from 1997-2002 that was designed to “engage and retain loyal customers” during a time of no new products and re-invention of

the company. Our branch is facing a similar dilemma. We must define a year to “engage and retain loyal supporters” without the traditional March Wildflower Run, and face-to-face meetings or programs for the foreseeable future.

At our first Zoom Board Meeting on Sept. 3, we voted to continue the 35-year legacy of the Wildflower Run and host a virtual event on **March 28, 2021**. The Wildflower Committee will be busy working on ideas for a virtual fund raising event to make it appealing to our loyal sponsors and fun for all participants. Stay tuned and feel empowered to help us with your best ideas and talents.

The Board also approved a budget of \$7,250 to support planned activities throughout 2020-2021. For details, go [here](#).

Our monthly Programs will continue on Zoom and Yvonne Randolph has worked hard to bring us some exciting and unusual speakers this year starting on September 22. See page 3, for details and consider hosting a socially distanced watch party with friends.

Be sure to read about six Tech Trek girls on page 9 who undertook some fascinating experiments in microbiology.

Did you visit the Centennial Trail featuring 22 educational and inspiring markers describing the Fight for Women’s Suffrage? Until Oct.10 you can check them out at various locations throughout Morgan Hill, or go to www.aauwmh.org/centennialtrail to read them.

The design of our announcement poster shown on page 1 was created by AAUW-MH member and artist, **Nancy Wulff**. The Centennial Celebration described on page 1, was a fun and successful week of events. It certainly was a “think different” way of “Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote”, and we owe a big thank you to the talented and committed AAUW members who made it happen.

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AAUW-MH Fall Programs

Yvonne Randolph, VP Programs

The following programs will be conducted via Zoom. Please check the weekly announcements for the correct information to join the meeting.

As with the normal programs held at the MH Library, these programs are free to all. Please be sure to invite your friends to join the meeting.



Sept. 22: Lenny Moore, Composing Video Game Soundtracks

Lenny Moore is a respected film, TV, commercials and video game composer. If you or anyone in your family plays video games, like Halo, Lord of the Rings: War of the Ring, and Star Wars: The Old Republic, your playing experience has been influenced by his musical cues. Learn how these scores are created to enhance your play and direct your emotional responses to film and video.



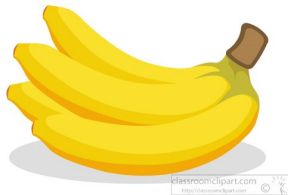
Oct 20th: Candidate Forum

Planning for this is underway. This year I would like to get questions for the candidates from Morgan Hill residents and groups.



November 24: Saskia Wilson-Brown, New Directions in the Creation of Scents

For many years the creation of perfumes has been limited to a small insular group of manufacturers. The rise of independent, self-taught craft perfumers and artists are taking the creation of perfumes to a level of personalization and artistic expression some are calling an olfactory renaissance. Saskia Wilson-Brown will talk about this new direction and the artists and craftspeople leading the way.



December 22: Lenore Newman, Culinary Historian

People love some foods into extinction. During this holiday season, when you're tempted to eat another piece of fudge, take a moment to think about what you would be eating if there was no more chocolate. People have faced similar choices before. Lenore Newman will talk about culinary extinction in this sure to be entertaining talk.

AAUW-CA Webinars

AAUW-CA presents 5 webinars in September and October. To view the upcoming webinars, go to <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/>

Each webinar requires registration, which is free to our members. To see webinars you may have missed, click on the name of the webinar on the above page.

Sept. 14 at 7:00 pm: "Waging a successful Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign in the time of COVID" – Useful strategies for educating members and the public on candidates and ballot measures and for increasing voter participation in our communities. **Kathi Harper, presenter.**

Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm: "Show Me the Money" - How to raise funds differently, especially now. **Sharyn Siebert, presenter.**

Oct. 1 at 7:00 pm: "How to manage your Speech Trek contest on Zoom" – Set up Zoom to support your contest: recording, managing contestants and judges for a successful event. **Sandi Gabe, presenter.**

Oct. 12 at 4:00 pm: "Increasing Gender Diversity on Boards of Nonprofits" **Dianne Owens, presenter**

Oct. 28 at TBD: "Why Public Policy Matters" **Kathi Harper, presenter**

Membership



Kathy Hansell & Sherrie Wren, Membership VPs

Please welcome new member **Susan Braun**, who joined us in spring 2020.

Susan studied at CSU Northridge and earned a masters from Univ. of Southern California. She worked as a head hunter for 29 years after a career in hospital administration.

She has two dogs, two cats, and a very special Gypsy Drum horse named Biggie Boy. She joined AAUW Morgan Hill to give back to her community.

Membership Renewal

There are currently 164 members in AAUW-MH, including 10 who have not renewed their membership. **On September 30th any non-renewed members will be dropped from the AAUW roster.**

Online Member Directory

Contact information, including photos, for our current AAUW Morgan Hill Branch members is on our website <http://www.aauwmh.org/membership-directory/>

Please be sure your information is correct in the website Directory. If there is no photo of you, please email one along with any corrections to your information, to the address below. If you have questions or comments about the directory information or your membership, please contact Sherrie Wren, Co-Membership VP at membership@aauw-mh.org.



Dues Increase to be considered by AAUW National

Association President Julia Brown has advised membership chairs that at its October 16 Board Meeting, the AAUW Directors will be considering a dues increase. Two options have been proposed:

- An increase of an amount **between \$3 and \$10** effective July 1, 2021 (from current \$59 to possible \$69).
- An increase to take effect on the 1st of July each of the next 3 years of **between \$3 and \$10** each year (possible \$69, \$79, \$89 in the next three fiscal years).
- Membership dues cover between 15-20% of national AAUW's annual budget. In recent years, dues have not kept pace with expenses, including infrastructure such as the national website and Member Services Database (how we pay our dues). The Association advises that comments regarding increasing dues should be addressed to connect@aauw.org no later than Friday, September 25th. The staff and Board of Directors will review all comments prior to the Board's vote in October.



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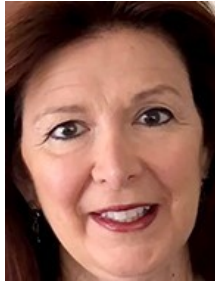


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AAUW Wildflower Run Endowment Recipients

Peggy Martin, AAUW Fund VP



The Morgan Hill Wildflower Run Research and Projects Grants endowment of \$75,000, which was started in 2014 with a branch donation of \$10,000, was completed in 2018. The first recipients were awarded funds, administered by AAUW national, the following year.

The recipient for 2019-2020 was Celine Maurice, who received a Career Development Grant to obtain a paralegal certificate through CA State University Riverside. After earning her undergraduate degree and working as a hair stylist for 20 years, Celine went through a difficult divorce. From that experience, she vowed she would help other women through that complicated process by become a paralegal.



Tesa Tapuriah was awarded a Career Development Grant for 2020-2021. While working at a residential substance abuse treatment facility for women and their infant children in Honolulu, she became aware of the inequities faced by these women when reentering the community. To assist in advocating for change, she is working toward a Master of Science in addiction at Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas.

The branch endowment was completed with donations from the Wildflower Fund, which includes Wildflower Run proceeds, corporate sponsors and member contributions, along with significant help from other branches. Each year AAUW national awards \$3.5 million in funding for more than 200 fellowships and grants. For additional information, go to

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>.

Once the endowment was completed, annual Wildflower Fund donations are directed to AAUW Fund, which supports national activities that work toward gender equity through education and advocacy. These include programs such as Work Smart, Start Smart, Legal Advocacy Fund, and ground breaking research.



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AAUW-MH Local Scholarships—A History

Donna Dicker, Scholarships

This is the first of a series of articles on the history of local Scholarships. Many of the details have been contributed by branch historian, **Carol O'Hare**.

AAUW Morgan Hill has been supporting the advancement of women and girls through education in our community for over thirty years. Allocations from the Wildflower Fund sponsor three types of scholarships and one grant program:



- Re-entry scholarships for women returning to, or starting college after a break.
- High school scholarships for seniors applying to enter college
- Lauren Jenkins Healthcare scholarships for students accepted into a healthcare credential program.
- Keeping In Touch (KIT) provides grants to support former scholarship winners.

AAUW Morgan Hill established its first Re-entry Scholarship for \$500 at Gavilan Community College, Gilroy in 1990. The recipient was **Judy Chandler**, who went on to get a BA in psychology from UC Santa Cruz and a Master's in Social Work from San Jose State. The Gavilan College scholarship committee selected the winner based on the criteria set by the AAUW Morgan Hill branch. In 1996 the amount of the Re-entry Scholarship was increased to \$600.

In 2001 the first high school scholarships were established. A \$500 donation from a branch member-sponsored an award for a female high school senior who intended to pursue a career in science, engineering, math, or computer technology. The winner was chosen by the Live Oak High School common scholarship committee. At the same time AAUW-MH established two \$250 scholarships to go to senior girls at Central HS. They were chosen by the Central HS counselor. Those scholarships were funded through the Wildflower Run proceeds.

In 2004 the branch became more directly involved in the selection of the high school winners and awarded three high school scholarships of \$500 each. Girls were asked to complete a short application and write a brief essay on topics related to challenges facing women in male-dominated professions, in community activities or, athletics. An AAUW-MH committee interviewed finalists who selected the winners. The process was similar in 2005 except for a change to the essay question.

A similar process was used to choose Gavilan scholarship winners. Instead of personal interviews, when necessary the women were contacted by phone or email to obtain additional information. Eligibility to apply required that a woman must live, or have lived, in Morgan Hill, or attended a MHUSD school. She must also have previously attended college and have a financial need. The AAUW-MH Scholarship committee reviewed the applications and selected winners based on a rubric and a formal scoring method.

Until 2020, the majority of applications for Re-entry scholarships came from Gavilan College, which actively worked with AAUW-MH to attract female applicants. In 2020 Gavilan adopted a policy to make scholarships available to all regardless of gender, ethnicity or race. This new policy ended a 20-year relationship with the college to offer scholarships to only women and girls.

AAUW-MH members have worked tirelessly to achieve the Branch's mission. Among them are **Laura Brunton**, chair of local scholarships, **Michael Sue Brown-Korbel**, chair of high school scholarships, **Donna Dicker**, and others.

AAUW Honorees



Judy Kinker

Judy Kinker, a branch member since 2000, has been interest group chair, Educational Foundation chair (now AAUW Fund) and co-president. However, she is being honored in 2020 because in 2002 she took on the often thankless job of chair of the By-laws Committee and then served in that position for 17 years. Judy was organized, thorough, and committed to keeping bylaws records updated. The rest of the Bylaws Buddies/Bylaws Beauties really depended on her to keep track of what needed to be done. (She came up with many different names for us, but now we are simply the BBs.) The committee worked diligently under her leadership (even arguing about commas) and was always rewarded with wine and popcorn at the end of each meeting. Judy well deserves this honor.

Contributed by Carol O'Hare, Bylaws

Linnie Lee



Linnie Lee was presented with her well-deserved honoree award at our July 8, *Wine and Whine* event.

Despite being new to AAUW, Linnie has already contributed considerably and endeared herself to everyone with her graciousness and amiability. As chair of Wine and Whine, her creative efforts at revitalizing the event have been wildly successful. She is also part of the membership and the Wildflower Run sponsor committees, in addition to being a board member at the Morgan Hill Historical Society.

Linnie's utter shock following the announcement she was this year's AAUW honoree was heartwarming to witness. Her spontaneous tears and eloquent acceptance speech conveyed how moved she was, and how much the award had meant to her. She shared how she loved being around us, and how she had overcome her natural shyness over the years, and was proud and happy to be part of the sponsor committee that raised money for AAUW's important mission.

Congratulations Linnie!

Contributed by Suman Ganapathy, President-Elect

Congratulations to Susan Oldham-Fritts



We are all frequently reminded how AAUW helps women and girls educationally and in the continuing battle for equity, but I'd like to share how it has helped me personally.

When my husband David died unexpectedly 2 1/2 years ago, I was embraced and comforted by my AAUW-MH sisters. I was even hounded by Carol O'Hare to join the Hole in the Heart group she started for recent widows, which I finally did after several months. I have never regretted it! With their help, I was able to come to terms with the loss of the love of my life, help others, and start living again. I had just become comfortable with my widowhood when another AAUW-MH friend, Tessy Albin, ambushed me at last September's Chamber Mixer, introducing me to a recent widower- then taking off. Long story short, Phil and I are engaged!

I can't thank all of you enough for helping me through the worst time of my life. That is past and I am as surprised as I am thrilled to find happiness on the other side.

Friendship News

Jill Paveza, Friendship

Coleen Colwell: I was enjoying riding my horse almost daily, but then he pitched me off and I fractured my pelvis. Happy to report the ER at a Good Sam is safe, and that slowly the bone is repairing. We are packing to move (tired of paying rent waiting for the County to issue a permit), hugely downsizing. Let me know if you know of a displaced or family starting that may want furnishings. Miss you all desperately!

Elizabeth Mandel: In between fires, excessive heat, air quality warnings, and evacuation, I have been working on my yard. A high point of the summer was my daughter Emily coming from Philadelphia for a month to get away from crowds and the stress of Covid in an urban environment. I cajoled her into joining my annual backpacking trip (selling it as an opportunity to get even further away from the crowds).



Joanne Rife: Well, trying to get away from it all sometimes backfires. Back in June I managed to score a campground reservation for August 18 in Big Basin Redwoods State Park. I was camping solo in my little RV. As I drove to the park, about two miles away, my mobile phone goes **BLAT BLAT BLAT**. I pulled over to find out what was wrong.

"Mandatory Evacuation of the Loma Mar area." I had no idea where Loma Mar is, so drove on, through smoke and ash. When I checked in with the ranger at the Big Basin headquarters, I asked about the evacuation situation. "No worry," she said, so I set up camp. I went for a little hike, took a little nap, and finally, I started to make a salad for dinner. Up rushes a ranger. "Mandatory evacuation of the campground," he says. It took me about 20 minutes to un-set-up (set down?) the RV. The ranger comes back, "Get out!" Soon I was ready to go and joined 22,000 other evacuees on the two-lane mountain road (Highways 236 and 9). Never saw flames, but oh my, the sky was an angry red with roiling clouds of smoke. Fortunately, I had no trouble getting out. Unfortunately, Big Basin Redwoods Park was decimated. I finished making my salad at midnight at home.

Pat Toombs: We've been keeping busy on property, there is always something to do. Getting the irrigation going for the persimmon trees, pulling Star Thistle, mowing. I put out a bird bath and thistle seed in a sock to attract little songbirds, but so far it's just deer and turkeys in the water, and no birds of any kind for the thistle seed. I refinished several pieces of furniture earlier this year, I think I'm about ready to tackle another book case. I harvested and dried lots of seeds from various kinds of lupine and some other wildflowers, I'll spread those out in November and hopefully we'll have some different flowers in the spring. I've been doing a lot of walking around our neighborhood - if anyone wants to go on a hike, give me a call or text! I'm up for it!



Jenny Redfern: Six months without hugs with the grandkids have challenged my happiness and sanity. How to cope? Gardening with friends, walks and online Scrabble, Zooms with family, tomatoes and sunflowers, swimming, reading, music, writing letters for VoteForward. Nov. 3 is fast approaching.

Maggie Leininger: I've been fortunate to have been able to keep working at the winery during the SIP. I believe wine people are like postmen - neither heat, nor smoke, nor Covid19 will keep them away from the winery. It's been nice to provide a safe place for people to come visit, have a glass of wine and go on their merry way. Family is all safe and healthy. My parents and I are amazed we've made it thru 3 years together. Ha ha. Miss seeing you all - keep safe!

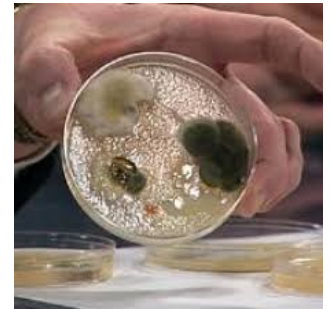
Jill Paveza: We are gardening, cooking, walking, doing puzzles. Our COVID bubble cul-de-sac has a Saturday evening cocktail get together in a big circle in the street. We are going to Portland this month to give my sister a break from caring for my mother, and hopefully see our other children. I miss seeing you all at book club. And let's VOTE!

TECH TREK 2020 Event

tech trek

Joy Safakish, Tech Trek Chair

Because of Covid-19, camp at Sanford Univ. was cancelled. In it's place a virtual program was arranged for our already selected campers on August 31. The week prior to the program these students had received a new 40X-640X optical glass all-metal compound microscope and a bacteria cultivation kit from AAUW-MH. Their assignment was to grow bacteria found in their homes or taken from an animal. They put their samples on sterile agar and cultivated the bacteria in a petri dish. During the program the students spoke about their results and submitted photos. Some students kept detailed records of their experiment.



Jada Gowan



Laurel Spencer



Grace Sakaue

Our participating students were: **Grace Sakaue** (Martin Murphy Middle School), **Alana Yamat** (Britton Middle School), **Laurel Spencer** (Charter School of Morgan Hill), **Elizabeth Richardson** (Britton), **Vickki E. Lynn Chiong** (Jackson Academy of Math and Music) and **Jada Gowan** (Charter School). One of the students, Alana, did explorations with a nanotechnology science kit instead of growing bacteria.

The program also featured two guest speakers. **Dr. Embriette Hyde**, a microbiologist, talked about her motivations to pursue a science career. She also described her post-doc work on the American Gut Project and her current work as a research consultant, STEM presenter and freelance science writer. Our last speaker, board president **Marian Sacco**, a chemistry major, spoke about how her initial work in a laboratory led to a career in science sales and marketing, emphasizing that good communication skills contributed to her success. She offered students a list of careers associated with a bio-tech degree.

Many thanks to the virtual program speakers and contributors; valuable contributions were made by Mary Cox, Heather Poore and science teacher/parent Mary Bacca.

AAUW-CA National News: The design of 2021 Tech Trek camps is currently under consideration. Initiating the camper selection process is planned for January 2021.

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