

Month at a Glance

April 5, 7:30 p.m.

TTAG Committee Meeting - via ZOOM

- Contact: Rosaura Valle

April 10, 7:00 p.m.

AAUW SF Board Meeting

- Contact: Barbara Spencer

April 16, 12:30 p.m.

Tech Trek Alumnae & Young Women in STEM Panel - via ZOOM

- Contact: Rosaura Valle

April 17, 7:00 p.m.

International Book Group – via ZOOM and IN PERSON

- Book: *The Spanish Daughter* by Lorena Hughes
- Zoom Coordinator/RSVP: Sherry Bridygham
- Where: 1723 42nd Avenue
 - We will meet in person at Nancy's and also by Zoom

April 19, 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Bunch

- Where: Green's Restaurant in Marina
 - Indoor and outdoor dining
- Address: Fort Mason Center
5700 Geary Blvd. (Richmond District)
- RSVP: Mary Suter

April 21, 1:30 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Book Group – via ZOOM and IN PERSON

- Book: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- RSVP: Michelle Mammini
- Where: 2520 Greenwich St.

April 22, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

AAUW-CA Annual Meeting

April 27, 7:30 p.m.

Mystery/Adventure Book Group – via ZOOM

- Book: *Testimony* by Scott Turow
- Reviewer: Sandra Tye
- RSVP: Elaine Butler for link

Co-President Message

Spring is Here?



I'm guessing that you are as tired as I am of the cold, wind, and rain. Even so, daffodils are beginning to bloom in my garden. My friend and I ordered bulbs from Holland last Spring. I'm not the only daffodil lover:

Daffodils by William Wordsworth

"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

Women's History

March was Women's History month. I hope some of you saw the March 5 zoom program on 17 Women Who Shook the World that was sponsored by our Interbranch Council (IBC). A former AAUW Fellow, Preethi Fernando, gave a presentation about significant women, such as Marie Curie and Wilma Rudolph, and some of the hardships they overcame.

Angie Durso

Long-time branch member Angie Durso died on March 20, 2023, at the age of 101. She was president of our branch in 1978-80 and participated in many branch activities, including giving a HerStory presentation for Women’s History Month.

Tech Trek

We had our own March Madness in a whirl of activity for Tech Trek. We had to get nominations of potential campers from teachers, get the girls and their parents to complete online forms, figure out a schedule, and interview around 19 girls and their families. Selecting the campers is a difficult process because our spots are limited. Many thanks to Elaine Butler, Leslie Yuan, Anne Leung, Joy Durighello and Kelly Joseph for being interviewers. Kudos also to our Tech Trek Alumnae who assisted with the interviews. Our camper selections will be announced soon.

Dues

As you probably know, our AAUW year runs from July 1 through June 30. We hope that most of you will be able to renew your membership online at www.aauw.org. AAUW national has raised its dues by \$5, which means that we must raise the total amount of our dues to \$93. Our branch will still get only \$1.00 from those dues. California AAUW will present a webinar on May 3 to help us navigate membership renewal on the national website. You may want to wait until after this webinar to renew online.

Branch Annual Meeting

We are excited to finally have an in-person meeting on Saturday, June 10. Instead of lunch, it will be an in-person brunch at 10:30 am at the Mission Rock Resort, 817 Terry A Francois Blvd. on the bay. Please save the date!

Best regards,

Barbara Spencer, AAUW-SF Co-President

Board Slate & Call for Treasurer for 2023-2024

Our Branch fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. As we prepare for the 2023-2024 year with new mission-related events, here is the Branch Slate of Officers.

AAUW-SF is seeking a new Treasurer. A description of Branch Treasurer's duties can be found in the AAUW-CA website at:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/09/treasurer-responsibilities-for-california.pdf/>

The Board finance officer position is a great way to contribute to our branch, as the workload is not onerous yet impactful. Moreover, Board meeting attendance will enable you to keep abreast of branch activities. Training will be provided. Contact Barbara Spencer or Kelly Joseph to volunteer.

AAUW-San Francisco Branch Slate of Officers 2023-2024

Co-Presidents	Barbara Spencer & Roli Wendorf
Treasurer	Corrine Sacks*
Secretary & TTAG Coordinator	Rosaura Valle
Membership VP	Mary Renner
Avanti Editors	Caitlin Dainas and Rosaura Valle
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Coordinator	Kelly Joseph
Silver Jubilee Fund Chair	Mary Suter
Tech Trek Coordinator	Elaine Butler & Leslie Yuan
Voter Information	Sheila Bost
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*Although planning to step down, Corrine Sacks will continue until a new Treasurer is found.

Rosaura Valle, Secretary

March Tech Trek Donors

This article is a big thank you to all the people who made interviewing and choosing our 2023 campers possible. I just hope I don't forget anyone.

Let's start with location. Thank you to Michelle Tom for getting us connected to the SF Junior League Offices. They provided us with beautiful interview rooms. There were 8 Junior League Volunteers over the two days to let us in and register families. We love their space and appreciate their help.

Interviewers: we were fortunate to have adult AAUW members Leslie Yuan, Joy Durighello, Kelly Joseph, Elaine Butler, Barbara Spencer, and Anne Leung. Our Tech Trek Alumnae were Carmen, Gina (both days, Azalea, Callisto, Ada, and Julie. They helped put our prospective campers at ease during interviews.

The AAUW adult interviewers met Friday, March 24 to choose the 2023 campers. Now, the families and teachers will be notified. Thank you everyone who helped during this part of the process. More to come next month.

Elaine Butler and Leslie Yuan

Remember

Members of AAUW-SF will remember Angie Durso as past president, the person answering the first internet inquiry from UCLA to Hawaii. Angie was a medical librarian and nurse who received a call to be trained in UCLA's work on the Arpanet, the first experimental version of the internet. Six librarians were chosen for special training, including Angie, who was chosen as the librarian and flew to Hawaii to answer the inquiry. The system worked as planned. She used a teletype machine. It was early in our technology age. She was the smartest woman I have ever met. She was able to visit the Tech Trek Camp at Stanford. She was one of the first supporters of our Tech Trek program. She attended AAUW conventions, IFUW gatherings, and was a world traveler. I remember her as helping me start Mystery/Adventure in 1987. She lived a fascinating life for 101 years.

Elaine Butler

Celebrating Diversity Month

Please join the national Inclusion & Equity Committee's virtual webinar on Thursday, April 6, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET. The webinar is designed to aid local branches and states as they prepare to celebrate Diversity Month in April and the World Day for Cultural Diversity on May 21. The webinar is designed to be interactive, with ample opportunities for participants to make suggestions and ask questions. Please join us on April 6!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Workshop: Diversity and Intersectionality

The national Inclusion and Equity Committee invites all AAUW members to participate in a virtual workshop on Wednesday, May 10, from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm ET in preparation for World Day for Cultural Diversity (observed on Sunday, May 21). This workshop provides a hands-on learning opportunity for AAUW members to explore aspects of diversity and intersectionality. Please join us on May 10!

[REGISTER ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE](#)

A Revolutionary Woman



More than seventy percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water. Most of us sail or fly above our oceans without giving much thought as to what lies way down deep below. Marie

Tharp's amazing discoveries and revolutionary theory put an end (not all, of course) to the mysteries that lie on the ocean floor. The theory of continental drift was not new, but it was about to be reborn. Marie did all of her calculations and map work without even being allowed on an ocean research vessel. It would be about seventeen more years before women were actually allowed to go to sea to do fieldwork. In 1957, she and her long-time collaborator Bruce Heezen published the first complete world map of the ocean floors. Marie was not [mentioned.in](#) the original credits . However, their work helped to definitely prove the theory of plate tectonics, meaning the idea that earth's continents move over time. Working from dry land while Bruce & other men got to be on the research vessels, Marie, who had obtained a masters degree in geology, used what was called a physiographic mapping technique, using light and textures for her diagrams. She also integrated research data from other sources, such as the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and also data from seismographs of underwater earthquakes. She literally drew using pens, ink, and rulers, using data collected by the research vessels to draw the underwater details longitude and latitude degree by degree. In 1957, the first complete world map of the ocean floors was published. Although not seriously considered initially, the theory of plate tectonics took a few years to be universally accepted in the scientific community. It took some years before Marie was given any recognition by her peers for her part in plotting the configurations of the ocean floor showing the rift valleys and their alignment with earthquake centers. (Because of the Cold War, the U.S government had earlier forbidden seafloor maps to be published for fear that the Soviet submarines could use them). National Geographic published the entire map of the entire ocean floor in 1977.

Marie Tharp was recognized by Neil deGrasse Tyson in one of his episodes of "Cosmos", as not only an influential scientist who happened to be a woman but also as one who should be recognized as a scientist who overcame sexism to contribute to her field.

Her discovery of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and the publication of the first complete world oceanic floor map was remarkable to say the least. Her complete map collection and notes have been donated to the Library of Congress. In 2001, Marie Tharp was

awarded the first annual Lamont-Doherty Heritage Award for her life's work as a pioneer of oceanography. In 1997 Marie Tharp was recognized by the Library of Congress as one of the four greatest cartographers of the 20th century. There are also several books about her achievements that can be used in classrooms.

www.gislounge.com

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April Birthdays



Joanne Mandel

April 6

Roberta Guise

April 28

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Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.



Mary Anne Radmacher

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The American Association of University Women (AAUW), founded in 1881, is the nation’s leading organization advocating equality for women and girls. It has a national membership of 150,000. People of every race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, and level of physical ability are invited to join.

AAUW California was launched in San Francisco in 1886 and began lobbying immediately. Check out our website <https://sanfrancisco-ca.aauw.net>



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

Marie Curie & AAUW

The year was 1919. Europe had been ravaged by World War I and radium was far too expensive for a scientist of modest means to afford for experiments. This was true even for one as famous as Madame Marie Curie. As a result, her groundbreaking research had reached a virtual standstill.

Then the AAUW came to the rescue. Members from Maine to California helped raise an astonishing \$156,413, enabling Madame Curie to purchase one gram of radium and continue her experiments that helped her create the field of nuclear chemistry and forever change the course of science. Madame Curie received the Nobel Prize for her work, but was not admitted to the French *Academie des Sciences* until she won an incredible second Nobel Prize...all because she was a woman. More than 75 years later, there are still only three women members.

Pay Equity

AAUW has been on the front lines fighting for Pay Equity for over a hundred years.

AAUW was there in the Oval Office in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act into law.

AAUW was there in 2009 when President Barack Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law.

AAUW continues the fight for the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act to ensure women have further equal pay protections. The pay gap is real.

AAUW will continue the fight to achieve pay equity; the economic security of American families depends on it.

Legal Advocacy Fund

Founded in 1981, the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to achieve equity for women in higher education by recognizing indicative efforts to improve the climate for women on campus; by offering assistance to women faculty, staff, and students who have grievances against colleges and universities; and by supporting sex discrimination lawsuits.

The LAF Board only approves support of cases which are currently involved in litigation, and that have the potential to set legal precedent.

The Legal Advocacy Fund’s annual Progress in Equity Award recognizes indicative and replicable college and university programs.