



Presidents Report

Happy July

My apologies for the lateness of this Avanti edition. I have been traveling in New York and attended the first week of events at the Chautauqua Institution. The focus of the week was on China and involved political, spiritual, and musical presentations. It was a busy and most interesting week.

I hope everyone is enjoying our more “open” summer. It’s been a long time since it was acceptable to walk around without a mask. Fingers crossed that our Covid “recovery” continues!

July is the beginning of the new fiscal year for AAUW. You have all received dues renewal notices. As mentioned before, our dues have been raised to \$83 to reflect the \$3.00 increase in national dues. If anyone needs financial assistance regarding dues, please contact me or any other board member. We don’t want money to keep us apart!

Our June 5th annual branch meeting via Zoom was small but mighty. We were able to hear from two speakers. Marta Mendoza, a Tech Trek alumna, told us about her experience in attending virtually the National College Conference of Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), and Angelica Lee recounted her journey from being a Tech Trek camper to graduating Magna Cum Laude from UC Berkeley and heading from law school at UC Hastings this fall. It was a pleasure to hear from them and to visit with our members.

Your board will be convening on Saturday, August 7, to review last year’s events and to plan the program for this year. Feel free to contact me or any board member if you would like to attend or if you have ideas you would like considered.

Happy 4th,

Barbara Spencer, Co-President

Happy July!!

Take time to safely enjoy family and friends during the Fourth of July weekend. It's great and sometimes strange, to be outside again. We look forward to holding in-person events starting this fall.

I apologize for the cancellation of our final "Four Hundred Souls" book group meeting. We will meet on July 28th at 7 pm. I'll share the link the week of the meeting. I am calling on you to lead future book discussion on current issues. You may email me at Kelly.wysinger@sbcglobal.net

We continue to fight for equality. We can do our part by encouraging Congress to pass the Equality <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/equality-act/>

In health and happiness,
Kelly

Board Meeting

There will be no board meeting in July.

Afternoons With Books

When: Friday, July 16, at 1:30 pm

Where: On Zoom

Book/Author: *The Dutch House*, by Ann Patchett

Presenter: Joanne Mandel

To join the discussion, please contact Michelle at mmammini@pacbel.net for an invitation.

International Book Group

Date: Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Book/Author: *The Huntress*, by Kate Quinn

Hostess/Zoom Coordinator: Barbara Spencer

Please RSVP to Barbara at barbaracspencer@gmail.com

Mystery/Adventure

Everyone, I am giving you July and August meetings. We hope these will be our last two ZOOM meetings. Roli has been setting up ZOOM meetings so we could continue meeting. Right now we are hoping to meet in person at Susan Peliks home on September 21. This is our planning and book choice meeting for 2021-2022. Start looking for books to recommend.

Thanks for hanging in there.

Elaine Butler

Date: July 22, 7:30 pm

Still on Zoom, but hopefully in person again soon

Book/ Author: *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens

Discussion leader: Susan Peliks

Request the Zoom link from Elaine Butler any 415-305-2220 or elainebutler124@comcast.net

Lunch Bunch

WE'RE BACK!!!

Where:

The Magic Flute

3673 Sacramento St

4125-922-1225

When: Wednesday July 21 at Noon

Please tell me early if you are coming, so I can reserve the patio.

RSVP marsuter@yahoo.com

One Book, One Branch

Please join us in our continuing conversation of the book, *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019* by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain. Our next meeting is

Wednesday, July 28, Parts 6 and 7 at 7:30

RSVP Kelly at Kelly.wysinger@sbcglobal.net to get Zoom link

Pat Camarena



TENACITY IN A PURPLE JUMPSUIT

"If a woman wants to fly, first of all she must, of course, abandon skirts and don a knickerbocker uniform." Harriet's new uniform was to be purple satin.

Harriet Quimby struck out early in life determined to widen her horizons. After working for a while as a journalist in San Francisco for two of the City's most distinguished newspapers, the *Call* and the *Chronicle*, she was ready for a new adventure. She was hired by *Leslie's Review* in

New York as a full time writer and photographer. This position gave her greater opportunities to travel. She soon became fascinated with flying. By 1911, she had convinced Leslie's to pay for her flying lessons. Just five years after the Wright Brothers patented their "flying machine", Harriet was issued a pilot's license by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale. She passed her examination which required her to land within one hundred feet of the point of takeoff. After completing a total of thirty-three more lessons at a Long Island aviation school, Quimby joined the elite group of thirty-five men and one woman (a French baroness) who were licensed to fly. Amelia Earhart would learn to fly about ten years later and soloed for the first time in 1921.

Soon Harriet was entering meets that drew thousands of spectators, most of whom were seeing a plane for the first time. Shortly after winning six hundred dollars in a cross-country race., she sailed for Europe. After careful preparations in Dover, on April 16, 1912, Harriet became the first woman to pilot a plane across the English Channel. Wearing her signature purple satin jumpsuit, Harriet began to successfully market herself and the future of aviation to a very enthusiastic public. Unfortunately her career was to be short.

While preparing for an aviation meet that same summer, she made a practice flight over Dorchester Bay with a large man as a passenger.. Her aircraft, like those of the early Wright Brothers, was little more than a box kite capable of holding two people. The passenger had been warned not to shift his weight and upset the balance of the plane, but while coming in for a landing, he apparently did just that. Both Harriet and her passenger were thrown out of the plane and into the water. Both were killed, while the plane itself landed with little damage. Harriet Quimby, a passionate trailblazer, was not yet thirty

years old. The details of Amelia Earhart's death, decades later, is much better known.

"I was annoyed from the start by the attitude of doubt by the spectators that I would never make the flight. This attitude made me more determined than ever to succeed." Harriet Quimby was a trailblazer for other aspiring pilots.

www.azquotes.com

www.faa.gov

www.nationalaviation.org

*****PS- There are some interesting YouTube videos available that tell more of Harriet's story

July Birthdays

Sheila Bost	July 14
Elaine Butler	July 19

Birthday Not Announced?

If your birthday is not here and you'd like to have it included (or corrected), contact the Membership VP.

Inventory of Mobility Aids

We are looking for additional resources such as handy persons, electricians, light moving help, as well as names of care givers. We all are in need of a variety of assistance these days, and often don't know who to go to for information.

Point Person

Marlene Forde has offered to compile these lists and to answer inquiries when information is needed.

Please email her with your list of mobility aids and referrals.

marleneforde@yahoo.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Afternoon With Books 2PM	17
18	19 Int'l Books 7:00 PM	20	21 Lunch Bunch 12Noon	22 Mystery/Adv 7:30PM	23	24
25	26	27	28 One Branch, One Book 7:30 PM	29	30	31

Knowing too much is very apt to make us troublesome to other people.

Mary Wortley Montagu



Avanti Editor

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The American Association of University Women (AAUW), founded in 1881, is the nation’s leading organization advocating equity 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 www.aauwsf.org



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.