

## *Autumn Gem*



**The Story of Modern China's First Feminist  
Moderated by Filmmakers Rae Chang and Adam Tow**

**Thursday, March 14; 7:00 PM**

**San Ramon Library  
100 Montgomery Street, San Ramon**

**Refreshments Served**

**Bring Your Friends!**

**(See page 4 for details)**

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## Presidents' Pen

Is it March already? Your board is so busy that we hardly noticed how the time has flown by. Here are some of the things we are working on.

Our Policies and Procedures Committee is currently updating the Policies and Procedures Handbook for our branch. This document has not been updated since 2003, so the need to update it and make it current is great.

Our Nominations Committee has been hard at work selecting enthusiastic members who are willing to give their time and effort and sharpen their leadership skills by serving on the board or taking up other leadership positions in our branch. To those of you that said "yes" when asked to serve, we thank you and look forward to working with you.

Our Local Scholarship and our Tech Trek Committees are busy soliciting applications and selecting this year's winners.

Last month you were advised that the AAUW CA dues might be going up by \$4.00. We just found out that the AAUW CA executive committee voted to delay the start of the dues increase until 2014.

We'd like you to take a moment to think about a woman who has been an important influence in your life. When was the last time you let this woman know that she has had an impact on your life? One way to let her know that she is special is to make a contribution to AAUW Funds in her name. If you go to the AAUW website and make your contribution there, you can give that woman's address and National will send a card to let her know of your donation. Better yet, call her and let her know why she is important to you and that you are making a donation in her name.

We look forward to seeing you at our *Autumn Gem* program on March 14. Please read the Program article on page 4 for a description and other details.

Stella Hadjimarkos, Co-President with Betsy Hoffmann

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face; you must do the thing which you think you cannot do.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

BREAKING BARRIERS  
FOR  
WOMEN AND GIRLS



### Proposed Branch Dues Increase

On February 12, the AAUW San Ramon Board of Directors voted in favor of a motion proposed by Membership Co-Vice President Isabel Lau to raise branch dues from \$17 to \$20.

Branch dues have been \$17 for the last 10 years. Our branch dues are used for operating expenses such as room rentals, speakers, programs, materials, and food and refreshments. Over the last 10 years, these expenses have increased significantly.

According to our bylaws, "Changes in branch dues shall be determined at the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice has been given to the members seven days prior to the meeting."

Our annual meeting is in April and you are all duly notified of the proposed increase with this article in our March newsletter.

Submitted by Stella Hadjimarkos, Co-President

### Happy March Birthdays

Kathleen Danehy	3/01
Stephanie Alpert	3/03
Jeanne Benedetti	3/09
Marjorie Dawdy	3/10
Renu Deshpande	3/10
Pat Deys	3/11
Teresa Kalashian	3/13
Stuart Goldware	3/16
Faye Isaacson	3/19
Beverly Kleyn	3/23
Joy Perkins	3/31

## Program

### ***Autumn Gem***

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7:00 PM

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*Autumn Gem* explores the extraordinary life of the Chinese “Joan of Arc” Qiu Jin (1875–1907), a radical women’s rights activist who defied tradition to become the leader of a revolutionary army. Qiu Jin spoke out against foot binding and other oppressive practices and demanded equal opportunities for women. She attempted an armed uprising against the corrupt Qing Dynasty and became the first female martyr for China’s 1911 revolution. Qiu Jin is celebrated as a national heroine today.

Although Qiu Jin is a familiar figure in China, she is largely unknown outside of the country. *Autumn Gem* is the first documentary feature on Qiu Jin released in the United States. Using interviews with scholars, archival materials, and reenactment scenes based on her original writings, *Autumn Gem* brings the story of Qiu Jin to life.

Imperial rule ceased in China 100 years ago, and it is especially crucial to acknowledge the role of women in that country’s transition to a modern nation. *Autumn Gem* sheds light on a seminal figure that continues to serve as an inspiration to Chinese women today.

With all my heart I beseech and beg my two  
hundred million female compatriots to  
assume their responsibility as citizens.  
Arise! Arise! Chinese women, arise!

—Qiu Jin

Renaë Buckser, Vice President, Programs

## Public Policy

### **Paycheck Fairness Act Reintroduced in Congress**

On January 23 of this year, fair pay champions in the House and Senate reintroduced the Paycheck Fairness Act, **one of AAUW's top priorities for the 113th Congress.** You can be a part of the behind-the-scenes work to get this bill passed by urging your members of Congress to vote on the side of pay equity. Once—and for ALL—let’s help to make this bill a law.

#### **About the Proposed Legislation**

The Paycheck Fairness Act would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the existing Equal Pay Act and also bar retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages to coworkers.

#### **Without This Bill**

Employers can penalize and even fire employees for talking about their salaries. This egregious practice leaves workers in the dark, preventing them from learning about pay discrimination in their workplace.

#### **The President Has Articulated His Support**

In his February 12th State of the Union address, President Obama declared, "I ask this Congress to declare that women should earn a living equal to their efforts, and finally pass the Paycheck Fairness Act this year."

#### **We Need Your Voice**

Let's make 2013—the 50th anniversary year of the Equal Pay Act—the year for pay equity by urging Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. BE AN AAUW TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST, [contact your representatives today.](#)

Susan Beyerle, Public Policy Chair



**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

## AAUW Funds



### Legal Advocacy Fund

#### AAUW CA Funds Luncheon

Join AAUW California to hear Jennifer Reisch, Legal Director for Equal Rights Advocates, speak about the *Dukes v. Wal-Mart* case and about representing Betty Dukes and the women of Walmart. Jennifer Reisch has served as an adjunct professor at UC Hastings School of Law since 2009; she has devoted her legal career to fighting for civil and economic rights for workers, students, and consumers. Equal Rights Advocates is a nonprofit legal organization dedicated to protecting and expanding economic and educational access and opportunities for women and girls until equality is secured for all.

When: Saturday, March 16, 2013  
Time: Noon—3:00 PM  
(Registration begins at 11:30 AM)  
Where: Embassy Suites Burlingame  
150 Anza Boulevard, Burlingame 94101  
RSVP due by March 5, 2013  
Tickets: \$40; Register online:  
[www.rsvpbook.com/aauwfundsluncheonspring2013q](http://www.rsvpbook.com/aauwfundsluncheonspring2013q)  
(Use pass code **aauwca**)

#### Pay Discrimination Case Update

Virginia LeBlanc is the former director of the Hudson and Holland Scholars Program at Indiana University, a scholarship program that primarily serves African American students. She filed a complaint—*LeBlanc v. Trustees of Indiana University*—in federal district court claiming gender and pay discrimination after allegedly facing resistance when she tried to resolve the pay disparity internally. AAUW adopted her case in December 2012.

Recently, LeBlanc and her legal team completed their first round of information discovery, and settlement talks are scheduled for March. If necessary, the case will go to trial in April 2014.

### AAUW Stands with Survivors of Military Sexual Abuse

On January 23, the House Armed Services Committee held a hearing on the widespread sexual misconduct at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where all members of the Air Force attend basic training. AAUW Board of Directors member Kathy Braeman and Program Manager Holly Kearl tried to attend the hearing, but most of the seats were reserved for members of the military so they had to watch it on television from an overflow room.

Kearl wrote a blog post (<http://blog-aauw.org/2013/01/24/in-air-force-report-where-were-the-survivors/>) about the hearing that focused on how the Air Force said they did not talk with the survivors who had come forward before they made recommendations for improvement. How can they hope to fix a crime without talking to survivors of that crime? Her post led to an interview and an invitation to write for the Huffington Post ([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/holly-kearl/can-we-break-the-cycle-of\\_b\\_2591015.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/holly-kearl/can-we-break-the-cycle-of_b_2591015.html)) about the military sexual assault survivors who are participating in the LAF-supported lawsuits.

Jeanne Benedetti, Vice President, AAUW Funds



### 5th Annual AAUW Art Contest!

AAUW members can view the gallery and vote for their six favorite entries every seven days through March 8 by visiting [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Each time members vote, they will be automatically entered into a drawing to win one of ten \$25 gift certificates to ShopAAUW.

The six winning entries will be featured on a collection of AAUW note cards that will be mailed to members this spring.

Contributed by Isabel Lau

## Local Scholarship

### Renaissance Scholarship Recipient Wins Prestigious Award

Loan Thi Kim Nguyen, one of the Renaissance Scholars at CSU East Bay who received a scholarship from our branch last September, has been awarded the prestigious Hearst/CSU Trustees' Award. There is only one honoree for each of the 23 CSU campuses. The honorees also receive a \$3,000 financial award.



“Loan Thi Kim Nguyen has overcome major lifelong obstacles in her pursuit of an education. The single mother of a three-year-old daughter, Loan was herself raised by a single mother, except for a period of time when she lived in foster care.

“A resident of San Leandro, Loan earned AA degrees in both liberal arts and social science at Laney College in Oakland. She transferred to California State University, East Bay, in the fall of 2011 to pursue a bachelor's degree in sociology-social services. Supported by CalWORKS, she wants to give back to the community that has helped her in her time of need.



“Despite her full schedule as a mother and student, she volunteers for the Frank Kiang Medical Center in Oakland as a Vietnamese language interpreter. Loan, who has maintained a 3.5 GPA, anticipates receiving her bachelor's degree in June 2013. She plans to earn a master's degree in social work in preparation for a career as a social worker serving foster youth.”

*Editors' Note: The above information can be viewed in its entirety at <http://www.calstate.edu/foundation/hearst/awardees/2012/eb-nguyen.shtml> and was supplied to us by Kevin Bristow at CSU East Bay.*

Susan Walker-Christensen, Local Scholarship Co-Chair with Julie Gin

### ***Girl Rising*** **Special Screening** **April 4; 5:00 PM** **Crow Canyon Stadium** **Cinema 6**

*Girl Rising* tells the stories of nine girls from around the world who face—and overcome—unbelievable obstacles on the path toward getting an education. Each girl's story was written by a separate author and is narrated by a cast of great actresses, including Meryl Streep, Kerry Washington, Anne Hathaway, Salma Hayek, Alicia Keys, and others.

A special screening will be held at the Crow Canyon Stadium 6, 2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon on April 4 at 5:00 PM.

Please go to <http://gathr.us/screening/1317> to purchase tickets in advance.

**A quota of 61 advance purchases need to be made in order for the screening to go forth.**

More information is available at <http://10x10act.org/girl-rising>.

**See you at the movies!**

Contributed by Stella Hadjimarkos

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## Membership

### March Membership Madness!

Did you know that new members pay only \$57.50 for 15 months of membership if they join at our March program? Since our program qualifies as a “Shape the Future” event (open to the public), all members who join on the night of this program will be eligible for the substantial dues discount. To help persuade you to invite your friends into our branch, we have Regal Cinema tickets for our members who bring new members to our San Ramon branch!

Are you wondering what our annual dues provide? Here are some examples of your dues at work:

#### National level

- Lobbies and advocates on causes that affect girls and women;
- Provides Action Alert program for members to advocate to legislative representatives;
- Funds research and gathers information and resources to support our mission; and
- Shares information with members and others through
  - National website ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org))
  - Quarterly periodical (*AAUW Outlook*)
  - Conferences and conventions, and
  - Social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Google+).

#### State level

- Lobbies and advocates for causes that affect girls and women;
- Provides Action Alert CA program for members to advocate to legislative representatives; and
- Shares information with members and others through
  - State AAUW website ([www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)),
  - Quarterly periodical (*California Perspective*),
  - Conferences and conventions, and
  - Social media outlets (Facebook and Twitter).

#### Branch level

- Provides members with relevant programs and educational opportunities throughout the year;
- Offers many special interest groups for networking and socializing; and
- Shares information with members and the community through
  - Branch website ([www.sanramon-ca.aauw.net](http://www.sanramon-ca.aauw.net)),
  - A monthly newsletter (*The View from San Ramon*), and
  - Social media outlet (Facebook page).

#### Personal level

- It just feels good to belong to such a worthy organization with such lofty missions!

### AAUW's Mission

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

#### AAUW San Ramon Mission

The San Ramon Branch of AAUW promotes equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and scholarships. We build relationships among local women and support our purpose through community engagement, events, activities, and educational programs that enrich our lives.

New members bring us strength, inspiration, and energy. We will gladly discuss membership matters with anyone!

Margie Goldware and Isabel Lau,  
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership

### Member Spotlights

#### Starring Judy Bracken



Birthplace and other places I've lived: I was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. I have also lived in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. I have lived in San Ramon for 22 years.

Education: B.A., Economics, Colorado College; M.S., Human Resource Management, University of Utah.

Spouse or Significant Other: My husband, Bryan, and I have been married for 29 years; he is a research geologist at Chevron.

Children: We have three sons. Cameron, 26, lives in Portland, Oregon; Ryland, 24, lives with us in San Ramon; and Stewart, 22, is at UC Santa Cruz.

Significant Mentor or Hero: My husband Bryan—he has been battling stage IV prostate cancer for three years and just keeps moving along with such positive energy and confident strength. Despite his many life challenges, he

continues to look ahead with optimism. He keeps me going!

Current and Previous Employment: Currently, I am the head coach of Briarhill Swim Team (in the summer), and I've had a few other coaching jobs. I worked in accounting at Warmington Homes, did various part-time and self-employed jobs, and was an HR manager at a savings and loan bank for a few years before moving and raising a family.

Current Interests/Pastimes: I swim on a Master's swim team almost every day and occasionally compete; I love hiking, yoga, skiing, traveling, and reading. I also volunteer as a Special Olympics swimming coach, as a docent at Forest Home Farms, and as an usher at the Leshar Center.

Memorable experiences/adventures: Two years ago, I went on a backpacking trip through Kings Canyon. We hiked over four 11,000-foot passes in snow and rain. I was often terrified but still completed the journey. When I started swimming in open water races about 12 years ago, it was completely new to me as I had always swum in a pool. Since then, I've conquered most of my fears, although ocean swimming sometimes still scares me. I'm becoming more cautious with age, but I still love skiing, swimming, travel, and hiking adventures whenever possible!

Accomplishments: I graduated first in my class in the business school at the University of Utah. I raised three boys! I climbed Mt. Whitney! I gained a variety of computer and organizational skills over the years and thus can adapt to many different types of jobs.

Something that might surprise people: I swam through the San Francisco Bay several times—twice from Alcatraz, and twice from Golden Gate Bridge to Crissy Field; also, I swam across Lake Tahoe with a relay team seven times.

### Starring Kandy Marek Fitch



Birthplace and other places I've lived: I was born in LaPorte, Indiana, and have lived in Illinois (Chicago), Massachusetts (Boston), Michigan, New Jersey, Colorado,

New York (Long Island), Puerto Rico, and West Virginia. I moved to California in 2012.

Education: I received a B.S. in Pharmacy from Purdue University and am licensed as a pharmacist in Michigan and West Virginia.

Spouse: Mark W. Fitch. He is Senior VP for global operations at Impax Laboratories.

Children: Elizabeth is a second-year student at WVU School of Dentistry, and Christy is a senior at the University of Colorado, majoring in Molecular Cellular Developmental Biology and Economics. Christy plans to enter law school in the fall.

Significant Mentor or Hero, and Reason: My mother. She worked in an ammunition plant during WWII, and she valued education as the key to success and independence for women. She also believed it was good to be lucky, whether luck found you or you made your own luck.

Current and Previous Employment: I do pharmacy quality systems audits, part-time. I worked in research, product development, process engineering, quality assurance, and sales for several pharmaceutical companies—Upjohn, Bristol Myers Squibb, Warner-Lambert, and Pfizer.

Current Interests/Pastimes: Anything that keeps me outside: skiing, swimming, tennis, hiking, sailing, traveling (domestic and international), and wine tasting!

Memorable experiences/adventures: Bare sail-boating (i.e., without a hired skipper or crew) in the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas over the years with friends and kids (ours and theirs); also, hiking the lava flows in Hawaii at night to watch the molten lava surge into the sea.

Accomplishments: Life is a great adventure (for me, it has been an adventure in moving)—not always easy, but always interesting and fun. Also, I was lucky to be working at Warner-Lambert when a molecule was discovered that would become Lipitor; the rest is history.

Something that might surprise people: Mark and I ditched the pharmaceutical business in 1979 and opened a restaurant in the wilds of northern Michigan, where temperatures of 40 below zero were common and moose outnumbered people. Whoever thought this was a good idea was crazy! We still love to cook, but only for friends and relatives.

There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues of society are created and sustained. —Winston Churchill

## Tech Trek



The Tech Trek selection process for 2013 campers is in full swing! As I write this article, three of our San Ramon middle schools have submitted student nominations. After looking at the teachers' comments for their nominations, I believe that the competition for our Tech Trek camp slots may be very strong again this year!

I am so very grateful for my wonderful new committee! We held an organizational meeting at my home on January 14, where I gave an overview of the entire Tech Trek process so that all committee members could get a sense of the purpose of Tech Trek, the breadth of the entire project, the diversity of assignments, and how each assignment fits into a timeline with the duties and responsibilities of the other members of the committee. The discussion was very interactive, and I was more than happy with the result, as the attendees did not hesitate to jump right in and volunteer for assignments that evening.

So far, the following AAUW San Ramon members have volunteered for specific Tech Trek assignments: Deb Marconi, Kandy Fitch, Stella Hadjimarkos, Lucy Weed, Marsha Froines, Renu Deshpande, Chris Burchik, and Sherri Hedman. My many thanks to each of you!

There were also a number of you who were not able to attend the organizational meeting in January, but who mentioned that you would still be interested in participating in Tech Trek. Please contact me as soon as possible as there are still many duties and activities outside of the direct selection process that are open and need to be filled. Currently, we still need a few essay readers (please contact Marsha Froines or Stella Hadjimarkos if you are interested) and some people to help with writing grants (please contact me). If you can help with writing grants, no experience is necessary. (I meandered through it last year for the first time, and if I can do it, anyone can!)

We will keep you posted on the selection process as it progresses.

Laurie Dennen, Tech Trek Coordinator

## Glossary



### National

**Shop AAUW:** An AAUW store from which may be ordered publications, clothing, mugs, and other AAUW-branded items. It is accessed from the AAUW website.

**Sister-to-Sister Summit:** A program sponsored by an AAUW state or branch which offers a forum for girls to talk freely about issues such as sexual harassment, violence, early sexual activity, substance abuse, and body image.

**Sisters-in-Action:** A program that extends the work of a sister-to-sister summit.

**Fifty Year Honor Member:** A branch member who has paid national dues for 50 years and is thereafter exempt from AAUW dues. The membership years need not be consecutive, but must add to 50. Many branches and states exempt 50 year honor members from branch and state dues also.

### AAUW CA

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**Interest Groups**

**GAME NIGHT**

**First Saturday**  
**Saturday, March 2; 7:30 PM**  
Hostess: Debra Marconi

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed

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**LUNCH BUNCH**

**First Tuesday**  
**Tuesday, March 5; 11:30 AM**  
Fresh Millions 838-3200  
2550 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon  
Fresh Millions offers sandwiches, salads, and rice bowls.  
Join us this time for another delightful lunch! Please  
RSVP to Marsha by Monday, March 4 so she will know  
how many to expect. If you would like to be a part of this  
group but are not yet on the e-mail reminder list, contact  
Marsha Froines

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**CHINESE MAH JONG**

**First Tuesday and Third Thursday**  
**Tuesday, March 5; 7:00 PM**  
Hostess: Faye Isaacson

**Thursday, March 21; 7:00 PM**  
Hostess: Beth Allen

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**Interest Groups**

**DAYTIMERS: TWO EVENTS**

**Thursday, March 7**  
Dutch Paintings from the Mauritshuis  
De Young Museum, San Francisco  
We'll visit the special exhibition at the de Young,  
including Vermeer's incomparable *Girl with the Pearl Earring*. We'll follow this with lunch in the city.  
Hurry and get your timed tickets (for 10:00–10:30 AM)  
online if you'd like to join us! For details, contact  
Event Coordinator Elaine Baldwin

**Also:**

**March 16–17 (Saturday and/or Sunday), 10 AM–4 PM**  
Ikebana Flower Show  
San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park.  
Admission: \$8 in advance (from Chris White—let me  
know if you wish a ticket) or \$10 at the door.  
Many Ikebana artists—including our own Mary Venkat—  
will display their beautiful work. We greatly enjoyed this  
show two years ago. Join us!  
Please e-mail me your preference of day/date, and I will  
arrange carpools.  
Event Coordinator: Chris White

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**WALKING GROUP**

**Saturday, March 16; 9:00 AM**  
Meet at the Bollinger Park and Ride at 9:00 AM to carpool  
to Hayward for an easy 4.5-mile walk along the bay at the  
Hayward Regional Shoreline park. Estimated time of  
return is 12:30 PM.  
Let us know you are coming, and we will wait for you.  
Diane Griffiths  
Lois Kamoroff

## Interest Groups

**READING SOCIETY**

**Third Monday**  
**Monday, March 18; 7:00 PM\***  
 \*Note new start time

Arlene Addison will review *Great Expectations*, by Charles Dickens, at her home:

RSVP to Arlene. If you have questions, contact Cheri Ng

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**TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

**Third Tuesday**  
**Tuesday, March 19; 7:00 PM**

Hostess: Carolyn Fishel  
 RSVP required. Call or e-mail Carolyn as soon as possible to let her know if you are playing or not.

Questions? Contact Chris White

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**FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS**

**Friday, March 22, 2013**  
 Organizer: Sherri Hedman

We meet on the fourth Friday of each month to enjoy a movie chosen by the Monthly Organizer. Contact the Monthly Organizer via e-mail if you are interested in joining us.  
 If you would like to receive these e-mails, please contact Chris White



## Interest Groups

**WANNA GO (BUT NOT BY YOURSELF?)**

E-mail me and I will let the group know you are interested. Group members who are also interested will contact you to schedule your excursion!  
 Marsha Froines

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**TRAVEL GROUP**

Save the date!  
 Please join us for the next Travel Group program.  
**Saturday, April 27; 7:30 PM**

Please join us for a very special evening. April Rovero, a local San Ramon Valley resident, had the opportunity of a lifetime to travel to Rwanda to photograph the endangered mountain gorillas. Working with wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas, April trekked for five days through the jungle photographing many gorilla families. She will share with us a smattering of the amazing photos she took and provide us with a cultural history of the region.  
 Travel Group programs are open to AAUW members, their spouses, friends and significant others. We'd love to see you at our events this year! Because refreshments are served, **please respond positively to our event's hostess if you will be attending.**  
 Renae Buckser  
 Anne Hayden

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**CORK 'N' FORK**

We gather to enjoy great food and excellent company. For more information, contact Janice Colby



**MARCH 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Expanding Your Horizons Conference Marsha Froines  7:30 PM Game Night Debra Marconi
3	4	5 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines  7:00 PM Mah Jong Faye Isaacson	6	7 Daytimers to de Young Elaine Baldwin	8	9
10	11	12 5:00 PM Board Meeting Stella Hadjimarkos	13	14 7:00 PM <i>Autumn Gem</i> Program Renae Buckser	15 Newsletter Deadline  LAF Luncheon tomorrow	16 9:00 AM Walking Group Diane Griffiths  10AM-4PM Ikebana Flower Show Chris White
17 10AM-4PM Ikebana Flower Show Chris White	18 7:00 PM Reading Society Arlene Addison	19 7:00 PM Bridge Carolyn Fishel	20	21 7:00 PM Mah Jong Beth Allen	22 Fourth Friday Flicks Sherri Hedman	23
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**SNIPPETS**

We extend our deepest sympathies to Diane Griffiths, who lost her “special sweetie,” Francis Tucker, on February 21. Tucker, as we knew him, passed peacefully at home—and was ready to go per Diane—which is helping her to cope.

If you have a Snippet item (family events, career changes, etc.) that you would like to share with branch members, please contact Marsha Froines. This column depends on member contributions.

**Save the Dates**

April 4: *Girl Rising* screening at Crow Canyon Stadium Cinema 6; buy advance tickets to ensure this event happens.

April 20: AAUW CA Annual Meeting, Sacramento

April 27: Travel Program on mountain gorillas

April 30: Deadline for San Francisco AAUW Silver Jubilee Scholarship Applications

June 9-12: AAUW National Convention, New Orleans