



THE VIEW

FROM SAN RAMON

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“Now and Then”

**A Presentation by Kathy Moore
Local Author, Educator, and Mentor**



**Thursday, January 20
7:00–8:30 PM
Via Zoom**

See Page 4 for Details

AAUW MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS

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JANUARY

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Snippets

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

February 17; 7:00 PM: “We Can Work It Out” Program

April 16 Fund Virtual Event

CORRECTION: The Tech Trek Fundraiser at Gianni’s (erroneously listed as 2/20/22 in the December newsletter) will be February 28—so please correct your calendars! See page 7 for details.

Co-Presidents' Pen



Anyone who thinks that gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year. For gardening begins in January, begins with the dream.

Josephine Nuese, *The Country Garden*

I love the concept that January is the time for dreams. The stark winter landscape is a quietly beautiful world, and the branches bared of foliage reveal a clear view blocked the rest of the year. Whether you are making formal New Year's resolutions or not, after the rush of the holidays, January always seems like a fresh start.

One thing we will see more clearly is each other! The December holiday party gave us a chance to meet in person for the first time in a long while. Some of us realized that after months of working together on Zoom, this was our first live meeting. Our COVID protocols worked well, and we had a great time. Our branch plans to host a couple of other in-person events with similar protocols in the spring (assuming we have acceptable public health conditions). I hope to meet more of you at these events.

We can also see our path forward for 2022.

Provided our members come through as we have in years past, the AAUW SR branch expects to meet our mission goals. At the December board meeting, our Local Scholarship, Tech Trek, and Fund committees provided a financial update. We should meet all our goals with the planned fundraising activities and expected donations.

January may be a time when you start something new

- *Is more exercise on your agenda?* Thanks to Lois Kamoroff and Andree Chagnon, we have a new interest group: the Local Walking Group. Hope you will join! Look for more information in this newsletter.
- *Interested in being more creative or learning more about social media?* The San Ramon branch is looking for someone to help Isabel Lau with our online presence. If you are interested but not sure if you are expert enough, that's okay—we'll help you learn! AAUW CA is also looking for some help in these areas (see Page 8).
- *Want to make more of a difference in the world?* AAUW CA has eight (8) openings on the board. Here is more information and how to [submit your application for nomination](#).

What's Coming Up?

- *Saturday, January 8*—First meeting/walk of the new Local Walking interest group
- *Tuesday, January 11*—Finders-Keepers: Finding and Retaining New Members (AAUW CA Webinar at 7:00 PM)
- *Wednesday, January 12*—Don't cook tonight! Order from Fresh Millions and raise funds for our Local Scholarships.
- *Wednesday, January 19*—Marketing: From Gen Z to Boomers (AAUW CA Webinar at 7:00 PM)
- *Thursday, January 20*—"Now and Then" AAUW SR online program with local poet Kathy Moore (7:00 PM)

May you be safe and protected, healthy and strong, and may all your dreams be realized in this New Year!

Kathleen Schaub
Co-President with Janice Colby

Program

Welcome to 2022! We celebrated the holidays in December with a festive group of members and guests who enjoyed food, drinks, and a game. Many thanks to those who attended and helped with set up and clean up. We appreciate the generosity of Steve and Chris Burchik, who offered a lovely box of their chocolates as a raffle prize. Congratulations to Karen Rice, who took home those delicious treats. It was great to be “All Together Now”!

January 20

7:00–8:30 PM

Via Zoom

“Now and Then”

A Presentation by Kathy Moore

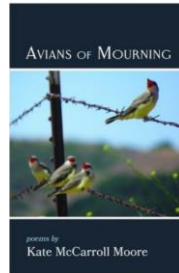


Our **January program** will be a presentation by **Kathy Moore**, who is a local author, educator, mentor, and poet. Kathy will share how she became interested in poetry and writing and how that has developed into more than just an interest!

A little background: Kathy Moore (Kathy McCarroll Moore) is a collector of stories, discarded objects, and memories. She is a mentor teacher, book coach, and staff developer who served three terms as Poet Laureate for the City of San Ramon. Kathy holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership for Social Justice, and she uses her passion for poetry to promote kindness, empathy, and connection. Kathy retired from the San Ramon Unified School District as Director of Instruction in 2019.

She currently serves as a family literacy book coach for Kristi Yamaguchi’s Always Dream, a non-profit organization that connects low-income families with access to high-quality books.

She is the author of the chapbook *Avians of Mourning* and the forthcoming collection *Alphapoetica: A Poetry Primer for the Everyday Poet*. Her novels for children include *Elinormal* and *New Girl: The Further Adventures of Elinormal*.



She and her husband, Bob, have been active members of the community for more than 30 years, serving on numerous boards and raising four beautiful daughters. She is grateful for her East Coast roots and loves living in Northern California where the sky is always blue, the birds are always singing, the garden is always beckoning, and her children and grandchildren are always close by.



Please check your e-mail for the Evite. We will send the Zoom link out a few days before the meeting. The program is open to the public. Please let us know if you invite others so we can send them the Zoom meeting details.

Save The Date
February 17; 7:00 PM
“We Can Work It Out”

We will hear from Hong Nguyen, EdD and Director of Educational Equity for the San Ramon Valley School District and Krista Glaser, current board member of PFLAG and local resident volunteer. They will speak on the topic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Look for details in the February newsletter and on our social media pages.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

Cindy Alpert,
Co-Vice President, Program with Lynda Gann

Happy January Birthdays

Arlene Chang
Stella Hadjimarkos

Membership



Membership Matters

Happy New Year from your Membership team!

We look forward to sharing the good works of our branch with you in 2022. We are pleased that so many members are able to participate, either virtually or in person. A total of 27 members and guests participated in our November 17 virtual program by member Karen Rice, and 26 members and guests shared holiday cheer in person on December 12!

New Member

We are pleased to welcome back **Carolyn Fishel**. She will be joining us virtually from Ashland, Oregon. You'll find her contact information in the directory.

Member Directory

The 2021–2022 branch directory was sent to your e-mail on December 6, 2021. Please let Margo James know of any additions, errors, or changes.

Prospective Member Guests & Shape The Future Discount

We hope to see you at the virtual event on January 20. You will find the details under Program (page 4). Please remember to RSVP to the invitation via Evite. Once you RSVP, a Zoom link will be sent to you shortly before the event. Guests are welcome! If you know someone who is interested in learning about and potentially joining our branch, please share their contact information with the membership team. We will invite them to the next event(s). During this time of year and into the spring, we are able to extend the Shape The Future discount to new members who join at or soon after public events. The discount is 50% off the national dues for one year—a \$31 savings.

50-year Honorees

If you have been a member of AAUW without hiatus since 1972 or before, please contact us. We would like to celebrate this 50-year milestone with you.

Your Membership Team
Harvalee Grimm,
Co-Vice President, Membership with
Betsy Hoffmann and Margo James

Local Scholarship



Fresh Millions Fundraiser Reminder January 12, 11:30 AM–8:00 PM

Please join us at the Fresh Millions Fundraiser to benefit Local Scholarship. Our branch will receive **50 percent** of the proceeds generated for the day. Fresh Millions serves delicious fresh paninis, salads, and hot bowls. You may dine in, do take out, or order food online. If you order your food online, please use this link

<http://bit.ly/FMSanRamonOrderFood> and then

- ✓ Be sure to select the San Ramon location.
- ✓ When you select a menu item, remember to scroll down past the base/sauce/mix-in options to find the “Special Instructions” box and insert our group name “AAUW.”
- ✓ If you order several items, you only need to insert the "AAUW" on one item for the entire order to be counted toward the promotion. (Save your receipt if you're not sure the total was credited to AAUW and let us know.)

You can help us raise funds by telling your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to join us at Fresh Millions. Or forward the flyer in this newsletter to friends, family, and neighbors. Don't forget to show the flyer when you order and tell the cashier it's for the San Ramon AAUW fundraiser. January 12 is a good day to not have to cook lunch or dinner!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Julie Gin,
Co-Vice President, Local Scholarship with
Susan Walker-Christensen and Loranne Weir

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11:30 AM–8:00 PM

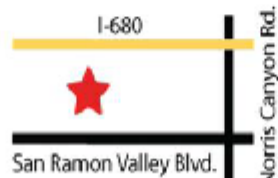
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Tech Trek



Annually, the San Ramon Branch of AAUW sends young women from the four San Ramon middle schools to Tech Trek—a weeklong Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (“STEM”) summer camp. This year we want to send six seventh-grade girls to Tech Trek camp, to be held in-person at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California.

The dates of the camp are expected to be announced in early January. The option of attending a virtual/hybrid camp is also going to be available.

We have a Tech Trek team at our branch that has been preparing for this. The team consists of some returning members and some new ones. We welcome Arila Barnes, Vicki Turbeville, Nancy Vandell, and Rebecca Said to our happy bunch!

The exact cost per camper has not been determined yet. The AAUW California Tech Trek will recommend sponsorships of either \$1,000 or \$1,100 per camper to the AAUW California Board in January, as they are the group that sets this cost. This amount represents a 10% increase over our last in-person camp year (2019)—much better than the original 50% estimate.

We need monetary support to accomplish our goal of sending six girls to the camp. We thank the members who made generous contributions already. We are still accepting donations!

Our biggest fundraiser is coming up. You and your family and friends can enjoy an evening of delectable Italian food at Gianni’s Italian Bistro, the finest restaurant in San Ramon, on Monday, February 28. The owners, Gianni and Melanie, will host a “Tips for Change” event to support our organization by generously donating 10% of the evening’s proceeds along with the tips of the night. The tips are earned by some fine volunteers from our branch!

Save The Date



Tech Trek Fundraiser

Monday, February 28, 2022

Gianni's Italian Bistro

2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon

If you would like to help us earn some tips by being a server that night, please contact either Stella or Cordelia. Serving experience is desirable but not necessary. We have some seasoned returning volunteers who can assist you. This will be a 4-hour commitment and at the end of the evening, all servers will enjoy a delicious free meal.

Please, all of you, mark your calendars for **February 28** and tell your friends also. It has been said that this is the most fun evening our members enjoy every year! Don't miss out!

Cordelia Hwang,
Co-Chair, Tech Trek with Stella Hadjimarkos



Fund



Save The Date Fund Event April 16

We are excited to announce we will resume our AAUW Fund Event this spring 2022. We anticipate it will be an enjoyable event for all, and the Fund Committee is busy planning it. We will have a wonderful speaker scheduled: Alison Espinosa-Setchkan, who is a current 2021 AAUW Fellow. She is an Oakland native and currently working on an M.S.W. in Clinical Social Work through Smith College. Alison is dedicated creating healing in the lives of survivors and perpetrators of severe harm. We are excited to have her as our speaker as she impressed many at the Fall Fund Event hosted by the AAUW of California.

Please save the date so you can attend.

Respectfully,

Elaine Graves
Pam Bugbee
Co-VP's AAUW Fund

NEW LOCAL WALKING GROUP

AAUW San Ramon is happy to announce a new interest group led by Lois Kamoroff and Andree Chagnon. The group will meet at 9:00 AM the second Saturday of each month (weather permitting) to take a 2-3 mile San Ramon walk. The first walk will take place on Saturday, January 8 and start out from the San Ramon Target parking lot (Bishop Drive). If you would like to be a part of this interest group, please contact Lois.

AAUW CA NEEDS YOUR HELP! HELP WANTED

The CA AAUW Communications team has two exciting opportunities available!

Their team needs a volunteer with WEB DESIGN and solid WEBSITE MAINTENANCE experience. This person will have the opportunity to design new web page(s) as well as maintain existing ones.

The team is also looking for a GRAPHIC ARTIST to design brochures, logos, signs, advertisements, and social media materials.

All work and meetings are remote. If you're interested in joining the team, please submit an application [here](#).

*Submitted by Isabel Lau
Communications Chair*

Happy 2022 Year of the Tiger



Public Policy



This article is excerpted from the AAUW CA website.
Catherine Lewis
Public Policy Chair

Women’s Reproductive Rights— Where Are We Now?

By Claire Noonan, AAUW California Public Policy

By January 22, 2022, the 49th anniversary of the *Roe vs Wade* decision, SCOTUS (the Supreme Court of the United States) will have heard arguments on Texas SB 8 legislation banning pregnancy termination after six (6) weeks and Mississippi’s legislation (*Dobbs vs Jackson Women’s Health Organization*) to ban abortion after fifteen (15) weeks.

What are the issues? For Texas, it isn’t about the constitutionality of the legislation, i.e. the fundamental right decided by *Roe vs Wade*. Instead, a decision will be made on the tactics used by the Texas legislature—delegating their enforcement duties to citizens—to preclude lawsuits against the State.

The decision on the Mississippi legislation will be straightforward. One, SCOTUS could overturn *Roe vs Wade*. Two, the court could limit legal standing to challenges on state law, e.g., doctors wouldn’t be able to challenge on behalf of patients. Three, new legal standards for the evaluation of abortion regulations may be created so states aren’t required to show that the benefits of an abortion ban outweigh the undue burden to patients—reversing *Planned Parenthood vs Casey*. (*Women’s Health Policy*, 11/21/2021)

One hundred six (106) state laws have been passed to restrict abortion in 2021. Activists, like AAUW, are bringing lawsuits before the Supreme Court. AAUW has submitted an amicus brief for *Whole Women’s Health vs Dobbs* as to the constitutionality of the Mississippi law.

In addition, the ACLU and others have brought lawsuits against other Mississippi abortion-related legislation like regulations for informed consent, a waiting period before the procedure, and a ban on telemedicine visits.

Surveys show that 60–70% of Americans approve of abortion in all or most circumstances. Only 20% think abortion should be illegal in all circumstances. (*New York Times*, “Upshot,” 5/19/2021). AAUW and AAUW California stand with the majority, and the time to act is now. We must pressure the Senate to pass the **Women’s Health Protection Act**. The legislation must become law in this session. Unfair changes in representation have occurred with redistricting. Votes in the 2022 mid-term elections that would elect representatives who would vote for this bill could be suppressed.

Detailed information on the current position for women’s reproductive health is available from the **Guttmacher Institute**.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 17



An optimist stays up until midnight to see the
New Year. A pessimist stays up to make sure
the old year leaves.

—William E. Vaughan,
writing as Burton Hillis

Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesday

Tuesday, January 4; 12:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Until we can resume meeting in person, this will be another virtual Lunch Bunch meeting. Margo James (336-6699, mljames5@gmail.com) has kindly agreed to set the meeting up, so watch for her e-mail with the Zoom link in it. If Margo is unable to set the Zoom meeting up, Lucy Weed will do the honors. To join the e-mail reminder list, contact:
Marsha Froines



LOCAL WALKING GROUP NEW!

Saturday, January 8; 9:00 AM (weather permitting)

We'll start out from the San Ramon Target parking lot (Bishop Drive) for a 2-3 mile walk. If you would like to be a part of this interest group, please text or e-mail
Lois Kamoroff



GAME NIGHT

First Saturday

Saturday, January 8; 7:30 PM ****Special Date****

Via Zoom videoconference

Information about the Zoom call will be sent prior to December 4.
Questions? Contact Lucy Weed





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Interest Groups

DAYTIME READERS

Second Monday

Monday, January 10; 1:00-3:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

We'll discuss *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Karen Rice will lead the discussion. If you have questions or wish to be put on the e-mail list to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact
Margo James



THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Monday, January 17; 7:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Alice Miller will review *When the Apricots Bloom*, by Gina Wilkinson.
Questions? Contact Cheri Ng



TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Tuesday, January 18; 7:00-9:00 PM or so

Hostess: Chris White

RSVP: chriswhite925@gmail.com or 925-829-2809

Our AAUW Bridge meetings will continue to be via Zoom and BridgeBase. If you would like to be included in this group, please RSVP: **Contact Chris White as soon as possible to let her know if you are playing or not.**
Questions? Contact Chris White



FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Friday, January 28; 7:30 PM

Chris White will be our Organizer. She will let us know her movie choice sometime during January.

Please volunteer! We need Organizers for 2022!

Please contact
Chris White

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