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## AAUW Marin Newsletter

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### Fall Open House



More than 40 branch members and guests turned out Saturday, September 12 for the open house, the traditional kickoff of the year's activities. AAUW-California Bylaws Director Jo Harber-son and three of this year's Tech Trekkers were guest speakers, interest group leaders manned their displays and everyone enjoyed socializing. Thank you to Jean Cox-Treverton for organizing with helpers Nancy Greenfield and Ann Ochel-tree, and Katherine Brinnier for making name tags.

*At left, Robin Sparks and Eleanor Kellogg-Smith enjoyed coffee and a snack during the open house. As usual branch members brought a generous array of morning snacks.*



*Reading group leaders Ann Jessup and Dorothy Kilian have the year's books with them. Marin Branch has six reading groups with varied reading lists for the year. Members are invited to call interest group leaders for more information about any of the branch groups.*



*Tech Trek Coordinator Joyce Erlenbach introduced three of this year's recipients of scholarships to the math/science summer camp. Eighth graders Samantha Androw, Katie Olrich and Mariaelena Gutierrez told about their July week at the AAUW sponsored camp at Stanford University. Marin Branch hopes to sponsor five Marin middle school girls at the 2010 camp.*

### Branch Events Coming up!

**Thursday, October 15, 2009:** Field trip for members & guests to Mt Tam's Gravity Car Museum. Flyer inside.

**Sunday, November 15, 2009:** Theatre Buffs, a new interest group, takes first outing to Ross Valley Players production of *The Miracle Worker*. Details inside.

**Saturday, December 5, 2009:** Marin Branch holiday party, luncheon and silent auction, at the Club Restaurant at McInnis Park in San Rafael. Look for a flyer in next month's newsletter.

**Saturday, February 20, 2010:** Tri-branch brunch.

## Branch Calendar/Interest Group Meetings: October 2009

- Oct 1 Thurs GOLF.** 9:00 AM (approx) McInnis Park. Leader Joyce Erlenbach, 491-1542.  
**HIKING ADVENTURES.** 9:00 AM. Bring lunch. Section Leader Dee Skore, 472-1072, to confirm.
- Oct 5 Mon READING ARTS AM.** 10 AM. Read *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin. Leader is Joan Hersko, 100 Thorndale Drive, Apt. 305, San Rafael, 492-2656.
- Oct 6 Tues BRIDGE AM.** Leader Bonnie Casassa, 457-6501.
- Oct 7 Wed GOLF.** 9:00 AM (approx) McInnis Park. Group Leader Joyce Erlenbach, 491-1542.
- Oct 8 Thurs GOLF.** 9:00 AM (approx) McInnis Park. Call Group Leader Joyce Erlenbach, 491-1542.  
**HIKING ADVENTURES.** 9:00 AM. Bring lunch. Call Leader Dee Skore, 472-1072, to confirm..
- Oct 9 Fri PLAY READING.** 9:30 AM. Please call Chair Florence Garvie at 388-6825 if you would like to be a substitute for one of the ten members.  
**FRIDAY FRIENDS.** 7:30 PM. Pot luck dinner at members' homes. Leader is Pat Williams, 472-0665.
- Oct 12 Mon BRIDGE PM.** Ladies Duplicate. Leader is Pat Zentner, 453-5769.
- Oct 13 Tues CRAFTS.** Members work on personal craft projects including knitting, quilting, needlepoint, scrap booking, card-making, crocheting. Meets 1 to 4 PM. Group Leaders: Judy Ryan, 883-1028, and Mary Mossteller, 924-3096.
- Oct 14 Wed GOLF.** 9:00 AM (approx) McInnis Park. Call Section Leader Joyce Erlenbach, 491-1542.  
**LUNCH BUNCH.** Meets for lunch at a different restaurant each month (members chose the restaurants). Leaders are Diana Brown, 453-3569, and Libby Byers, 453-2148.  
**AAUW: BEHIND THE HEADLINES.** Call Jean Cox-Treverton, 492-8035, for details.
- Oct 15 Thurs GOLF.** 9:00 AM (approx) McInnis Park. Call Group Leader Joyce Erlenbach, 491-1542.  
**HIKING ADVENTURES.** 9:00 AM. Bring lunch. Call Section Leader Dee Skore, 472-1072, to confirm.  
**BRIDGE AM.** Leader Betty Jennings, 472-0359.  
**GRAVITY CAR BARN AND MUSEUM FIELD TRIP.** Meet at 10 AM in parking lot at former Albertson's on E. Blithedale, Mill Valley, to carpool to museum on East Peak. Inf: Dottie Burk, 246-9645.
- Oct 16 Fri BOARD GAMES.** 7:00 PM, home of Ann Ocheltree, 17 Mt Burney Court, San Rafael, 479-3876. Leader is Ann Thomas, 924-9559.
- Oct 20 Tues DAY BOOKS.** 10 AM. Meet at Fran Hall's, 200 Round Hill Rd, Tiburon, 435-6989. Fran is reviewer. Leader is Natalie Whittlesey, 383-8638.
- Oct 21 Wed GOLF.** 9:00 AM (approx) McInnis Park. Call Section Leader Joyce Erlenbach, 491-1542.  
**JOAN B SINNA GROUP.** 9:30 AM at home of Ann Thomas, 42 Parkview Circle, Corte Madera, 924-9559. Reach *The Slave* by Isaac Singer. Leader is Dorothy Kilian, 924-2648.  
**FUTURES OF WOMEN.** 7 PM. Home of Nancy Finston, 14 Von Court, Fairfax, 453-9417. Read *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant. Leader is Kathy McCaffrey, 492-1727.
- Oct 22 Thurs GOLF.** 9:00 AM (approx) McInnis Park. Call Section Leader Joyce Erlenbach, 491-1542.  
**HIKING ADVENTURES.** 9:00 AM. Bring lunch. Call Section Leader Dee Skore, 472-1072, to confirm.  
**EVENING BOOKS.** 7:30 PM. Home of Pat Ernsberger, 15 Ryan Road, Mill Valley, 383-3921. Read *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Leader is Sharon Levien, 383-2135 or SLevien@aol.com.
- Oct 23 Fri POKER.** 7:30. Location to be decided. Leader Dee Skore, 472-1072.  
**BRIDGE.** Evening Couples Duplicate. Section Leader Terry Gordon, 897-7692.
- Oct 27 Tues MEET ME AT THE MOVIES.** Movie followed by critique & social time over coffee, wine, dessert or whatever at a nearby location. SLs are Susan Gilardi, 924-1793, and Mary Mossteller, 924-3096.
- Oct 28 Wed GOLF.** 9:00 AM (approx) McInnis Park. Call Section Leader Joyce Erlenbach, 491-1542.  
**READING ARTS PM.** 7 PM. Read *The Desert Queen* by Janet Wallach. Group Leaders are Ann Jessup, 461-6078, and Judy Ryan, 883-1028.

All AAUW members are welcome at sections (a couple are limited). Call the section leader to verify place and time or for information on any group in which you are interested.



### Occasional Sections (call for information on next meeting)

**AAUW: BEHIND THE HEADLINES.** Contact Jean Cox-Treverton at 492-8035 for information. This group will plan its 2009-2010 schedule at a meeting this month.

**COOKING LIGHT.** Informal pot lucks emphasizing light cuisine, meets quarterly. Leader is Jeanne Lese, 492-8424.

**WEEKENDERS.** Saturday or Sunday hiking any weekend. Section Leader is Dee Skore, 472-1072.

**ART INTEREST GROUP.** This group plans visits to museums or art galleries, for example a special exhibit at the de Yong or Legion of Arts. Members carpool and pay for own admission and may have no host lunches at a nearby café. Call Section Leader Gerrie Young, 461-3222, to get on her email list for events.

## Wanted: Silent Auction Donations

by Chris O'Neill, Scholarship Chair

The AAUW Marin Holiday Party and Silent Auction on December 5, 2009, will be here before you know it! We need to start collecting items now for the auction so that it will be a resounding success and we can send even more girls to Tech Trek and increase the amount of our College of Marin and Dominican scholarships.

The interest sections will once again be putting together those ever-popular baskets as well as food baskets to be bid upon and donated to charity. We also need **your** individual contributions of all kinds. Gently used or new items such as jewelry, holiday decor, decorative items, or household goods are always a hit. Look in your closets and see what you can discover. Use of vacation homes, rounds of golf, tickets to such things as sporting events, opera, theater, ballet or symphony are great. How about asking your favorite hair stylist, manicurist, or restaurant for a gift certificate? Be creative – I am sure you can come up with some wonderful items or services. We are asking for the value of the donation to be in excess of \$10. You will receive a receipt for your donation and all donations are tax-deductible.

If you live in Southern Marin, please call Linda Noel (435-6356) to arrange bringing the items/service descriptions to her home in Tiburon. If you live in Central or Northern Marin, please call Chris O'Neill (457-0862) to arrange delivery. We need all donations by **November 20**. If you don't drive or can't deliver, give them a call and they will arrange for pick up. Joyce Erlenbach will be contacting interest section leaders and coordinate the section baskets. We can always use help handling the donations or at the auction. If you would like to help, please call either Chris (457-0862) or Joyce (491-1542).

Remember that in addition to having wonderful food, good company and holiday spirit at the luncheon, 100% of proceeds from the auction will be used to build our Scholarship Fund endowment to grant annual scholarships to college women at Dominican University and College of Marin and to send local middle school girls to math-science Tech Trek summer camp. Be sure the luncheon on December 5 gets on your calendar now and plan on doing your holiday shopping at the silent auction. See you there!

### New Interest Group! Calling All Theatre Buffs

The initial plan for this group is to attend three or four plays a year at local (mostly Marin County) theatres, generally going to matinee performances. For those who wish we can follow the performance with wine, coffee and dessert, or dinner at a nearby restaurant or coffee shop. We will start with a performance of the Ross Valley Players production of the Tony Award-winning play, *The Miracle Worker*, at the Barn Theatre, Marin Art and Garden Center, Ross.

**Time: 2 PM, Sunday, November 15, 2009.** Tickets: \$20 or \$25. If there is sufficient interest, group rates are available.

For information or to sign up to go with a group, call Interest Group Leader Laura Paul, 491-1918, for details. For information about the production check the Ross Valley Players website: [www.rossvalleyplayers.com](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com).

## Marin Branch Notes

### Storage Space Needed

The AAUW Marin Branch Board is looking for storage that is accessible, safe and secure for our archives as well as for hospitality, scholarship/Tech Trek supplies and poster/banners. Please contact Georgia Schall at [gaileen825@comcast.net](mailto:gaileen825@comcast.net) or call 898-2701 if you have storage space available or have ideas for storing our valuables.

### Get Ready to Wrap

Don't look now, but the holiday season is rapidly approaching. And that means another season of gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble at the Town Center in Corte Madera for donations to benefit our scholarship fund.

The good people at B&N have given us five great dates:

**Friday, November 27**  
**Saturday, November 28**  
**Friday, December 18**  
**Saturday, December 19**  
**Sunday, December 20**

As most of you know, this is a very reliable fundraiser for our AAUW Marin Scholarship Fund. We staff the wrapping table with two people on each three hour shift from 11 AM to 8 PM, a schedule that will probably be followed again this year. Last year, in four days, we raised \$1,045 so we could do better this year with the extra day AND better placement of our table.

**We do need a co-chair for this activity.** If you are interested, please call or email the other co-chair, Pat Hager, 388-6872, [hager4@pacbell.net](mailto:hager4@pacbell.net).



**MARIN BRANCH 2009-2010 BUDGET**

<b>Income</b>	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	200.00
Branch Dues	2,560.00
<b>Program Income</b>	
Fall Open House	0.00
Holiday Party	1,980.00
Tri-Branch Brunch	50.00
Spring Scholarship Brunch	100.00
Other Programs/Events	0.00
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<b>2,130.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,890.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Donation	0.00
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
Fall Open House	500.00
Holiday Party	1,980.00
Tri-Branch Brunch	0.00
Spring Scholarship Brunch	550.00
Other Programs/Events	0.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>3,030.00</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
Award Program-Math & Science	50.00
Accounting Fees	0.00
Bank Charges & Supplies	20.00
Bulk Mail Permit Fee	180.00
Conference, Convention, Meeting	1,000.00
Dues-Sponsorships	0.00
Fees	20.00
Insurance - Liability	650.00
Marketing & Advertising	300.00
Other Costs	75.00
Postage/Delivery	300.00
Printing-Newsletter	850.00
Roster Expense	150.00
Storage	180.00
Website Fees & Maintenance	50.00
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>3,825.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,855.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-1,965.00</b>

## Educational Foundation Name Change

Effective July 1, 2009 AAUW Funds is the new name for what AAUW members have known and loved for years as the Educational Foundation or (EF). Contributions to AAUW Funds are a 501(c)(3) and are therefore tax-deductible. AAUW's philanthropic purpose, goals, processes, and activities will remain exactly the same including all the fellowships and grant funds, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund.

The only thing that will change is the terminology AAUW uses to refer to the designations for the various charitable efforts. The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) remains under the "EF" program and both are now under the category called AAUW Funds. Contributions to AAUW Funds are a 501(c)(3) and are therefore tax-deductible.

### Annual Luncheon October 25

Also, There is still time for anyone interested to attend the AAUW Funds luncheon on October 25, from 12 to 3:00 PM at Danville to celebrate the achievements of our outstanding Fellows and Grant Recipients studying in California.

The lunch will be at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Cost is \$30 per person. If you are interested in attending this along with other Marin Branch members, contact AAUW Funds VP Mary Gomes by October 7. Several branch members have attended this event each year and thoroughly enjoyed the presentations by the grant recipients. Email [marygomes@gmail.com](mailto:marygomes@gmail.com) or call 458-2828.

### Futures of Woman Book Group Critique Selections

The Futures of Women discussion group rated the books they read last year with top honors going to *Run*, Ann Patchett's holiday ghost story set in Boston. The books and the points that our seasoned readers gave them were as follows:

*Run*, 4.3; *Rise and Shine* by Anna Quinlan, 4.0; *Three cups of Tea* by Mortenson and Relin, 3.8; *The Amateur Marriage* by Anne Tyler, 3.7; *Unbowed* by Wonari Maathi, 3.5; *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalid Hossein, 3.4; *Ms Alcott's E-mail* by Kit Bakke, 3.4; *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert, 3.3; *Wild Nights* by Joyce Carol Oates, 3.0; *Short Stories—Beethoven was 1/16 Black* by Nadine Gordimer, 3.0.

### Sinna Group Devoting Year to Yiddish Writer

The Joan B Sinna Reading Group (named for the founder, who passed away), will spend this year reading works of Isaac Bashevis Singer, the Polish-born Jewish American Nobel Prize-winning author who has been one of the leading figures in the Yiddish literary movement. Following two early books *Satan in Goray* and *The Slave* (this month's book), the schedule for the year includes *The Estate*, *Enemies: a Love Story*, *Shosha*, *Scum*, *The Certificate*, and *Meshugah*.

The group is in its 28th year and typically devotes the year to the works of one writer.

### Welcome New Member

Marcia Rafinski heard about us from an article in the IJ. She was graduated from the University of Minnesota earning both undergraduate and graduate degrees in English literature. She is a psychotherapist and interested in Reading Arts PM and Evening books as well as Meet Me at the Movies, Friday Friends, Cooking Light and Museum tours. Her contact information is:

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