

2020 - 2021 Year in Review

Our mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

In the year of Covid, we were **Zooming....**



2020-21 Board Members and Officers

- Dottie Burk President
- Sue Torres Secretary
- Dianne Sheridan Treasurer
- Dale Satake AAUW Fund Chair
- Olivia Ruel Interest Group Chair
- Barbara Thomas Membership Chair
- Cherie Sorokin Program Chair
- Angela Nuckles Scholarship Chair
- Nancy Lubamersky Scholarship Fund President

- Nancy Chiu Public Policy Chair
- Amy Anderson Tech Trek Coordinator
- Dianne Sheridan Newsletter Editor
- Heidi Scott Website Manager
- Nancy Lubamersky College/University Liaison



Membership - Barbara Thomas, Chair

- 163 members (90%+ retention)
- 11 50-year members, 4 dual members, 6 life paid members
- Regular roster updates and new member orientation
- 2 "New Member" Zoom meetings in the fall
- Welcome 6 new members this year!



Sharon Siefert



Cynthia Adam



Leslie Zimring



Shala Chehrazzi



Charlotte Kissling



Becky Bingea

In Memoriam



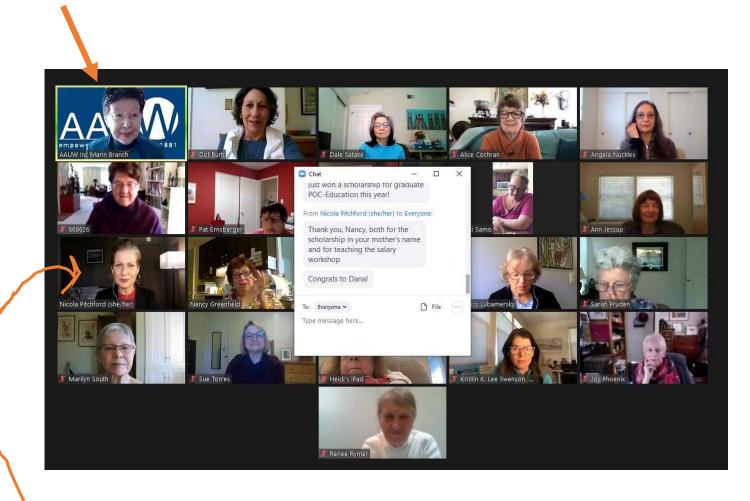
Libby Ginsberg



Heidi Scott

Programs - Cherie Sorokin, Chair

- Committee Members
 - Alice Cochran
 - Sarah Pruden
 - Katherine Brinnier
- Regular and bonus meetings all on Zoom
- Award winning series on racial justice



Nicola Pitchford, Incoming President of Dominican University of California

Branch Meetings Every Month

- Virtual Summer Fling (July)
- Sip and Toast with Bartender Deborah Wiegmann (August)
- Fall Kick Off with our 2020 Tech Trek Girls (September)
- Confronting Racism: What It's Like Not to be You (October)
- A conversation with Elaine Petrocelli, owner of Book Passage (November)
- Virtual Holiday Lunch and Wacky Fashion Show (December)
- Reimagining Policing, the Nashville TN Approach with Dia Cirillo (January)
- Tri-Branch Meeting, Dr. Cynthia Boaz "The Future of Reproductive Rights" Petaluma Hosted (March)
- A Conversation with Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW (April)
- Celebrating AAUW Marin (May)



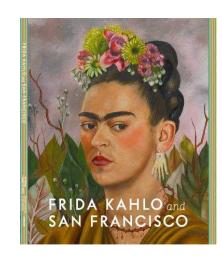
Elaine Petrocelli, Book Passage

Dr. Cynthia Boaz, Sonoma State Univ.

Bonus Meetings

- Staying Sane in the Pandemic with Family Therapist Sue Steele (July)
- On the Front Lines with COVID with Dr. Becky O'Neill (September)
- Frida Kahlo, Appearances Can Be Deceiving, Docent talk (October)
- Conversation and Mini Concert with Tod Brody, Marin Symphony (December)
- Virtual New Year's Brunch (January)
- Conversation with Covid Survivor Frank Cuttita (February)
- Town Hall on Proposed Membership Bylaw Change, March 2nd
- The Courage to Lead: Narratives of Women in Leadership, co-sponsored with WLPC (March)
- Not a Drop to Drink, MMWD (May)







AAUW CA Branch Activity of the Year Award

- Three programs on racial justice
- Other meetings had speakers from organizations in Marin addressing racism and economic inequity
 - Bloom
 - Lawyers for One America
 - Gaines-Jones Scholarship Foundation
 - Marin Shakespeare
 - Marin Chambers of Commerce Diversity Taskforce
- Racism Resources posted on the branch website



Confronting Racism:

11am Oct 17 2020

WHAT IT'S LIKE NOT TO BE YOU

Come join us for a fascinating discussion featuring six young Black, Latinx, and Native American men and women raised in Marin who each will share their views and experiences with racism right here at home.

The program will be moderated by Marin resident Teveia Barnes, Executive Director, Lawyers For One America. You won't want to miss this program on how even in Marin, a county which prides itself on being welcoming, smart, and action oriented, we are often oblivious to our own racism and many structural societal issues which perpetuate bias, racism, and ultimately significant social injustice.

Registration for this free event closes: Friday, October 15

Bertha Cazares

College of Mann Junior

Yoel Iskindir Film Director & Photographer



Ayana Morgan-Woodard Tuskegee University Alumna





Parker Canby

Kimberly González Nicacio San Rafael High School Senior



Lawrence Bancroft Branson High School Senior



College of Marin Sophomore













This is a co-production of AAUW Marin, Marin Shakespeare, Lawyers For One America, The Gaines-Jones Education Foundation, and WLPC at Dominican University. Many thanks to the leadership of each of these organizations for their inspiration and work to make this program a reality.



Saturday Soapbox

Racism hits home for young Marin residents.

Youthful residents are farlog the challenge of raction in Marin Becouty, on young perpir disclosed that painful experighess in the online video comference titled. Confronting Barour in Marie, What it's Like Not to he for." This event was sponscred by community organizatome that believe in the power. of staryacting to boild conjective and understanding.

Many students of color reperiod being burt by income and shire - often from indiwidonly whem they thought of as their close friends.

An indigenous teenager reported her surprise when sometime appulated she lived in a suspen and another person. autimed she was a hippy when ofter tween breakds to biomor here Dine (Nevajo) Bryttage. Choic Lastings observed as

AREA AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY. by his White friend's assumption that his mother could not attend a school concert because his family was an pone

his mother had to work. Another Latine student from San Rafael's Canal neighborhood (where Latinos predominate) was burt when, on a visit to a private school, she saw only a few people of color. When people stared at her, she felt unwelcome.

At a different private school, a Black student was devastated when his white friend called him the "N" word and others repeated this racial shor, Such distillusioning experiences protivated this student to become active and to push for equality. These stors sparked a schoolwide discussion.

To learn more about racum. and what we can do to help end it, resources are posted on websites for the Marin American Association of Universtry Women and Marin Shakespeare Company. The planning committee also included Dominican University's Women Leadership and Philanthropy Council, Gaines-Jones Education Foundation and Lawyers For One America,

We need to hear from young people how systemic racinm and personal bias affects them. They are our future. We hope other organizations will consider similar programs to explore subitions.

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Letter to Editor of the Marin IJ by Kat Braeman

Top Meeting Attendees

- Barbara Otto
- Chris O'Neill
- Dale Satake
- Pat Ernsberger
- Nancy Greenfield
- Vicki Samo
- Sarah Pruden
- Ann Thomas
- Dianne Sheridan
- Elaine Marevich
- Georgia Schall
- Nancy Lubamersky
- Sue Torres



Holiday Party and Wacky "Fashion Show"



New Year's Day Brunch



Top 10 Resolutions, Covid Style

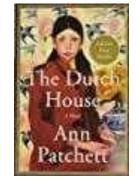
- 1. Buy stock in Zoom
- 2. Join a better wine club
- 3. Only buy pants with no buttons or zippers
- 4. Figure out what day it is
- 5. Get dressed by 10 a.m.
- 6. Paste all zoom links on my calendar so I don't lose/forget them
- 7. Eat better chocolate
- 8. Read more Jane Austen
- 9. Convince myself I look great with long, grey hair
- 10. Get vaccinated

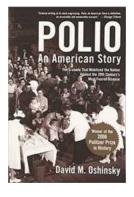
Interest Groups Olivia Ruel, Chair Interest Groups & Leaders

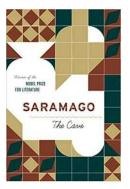
- Handcraft Circle Amy Anderson, Mary Mossteller
- Meet Me at the Movies Susan Gilardi, Mary Mossteller
- Behind the Headlines Cherie Sorokin
- Book Lovers Carol Hoffman and Barbara Armington
- Day Books Judy Cooper and Susan Reynolds
- Litwits Ann Thomas
- Nonfiction Book Group- Olivia Ruel and Phyllis Kuehn
- Reading Arts PM Ann Jessup
- New Yorker Group Phyllis Kuehn and Olivia Ruel
- Homeward Bound Celebrity Chef Dinners Dianne Sheridan
- Happy Hour Dottie Burk
- Mah Jongg Chris O'Neill
- **Golf** Joyce Erlenbach

















Administration/Governance

- Dianne Sheridan, Treasurer
 - Budgeting, Monthly Financial reports
 - Membership dues processing
- Sue Torres, Secretary
 - Minutes
 - Created Google Drive folders to archive branch documents

Policies and Procedures updated





Miscellaneous

- Two members entered the AAUW Art Contest
- IT'S AAUW'S ART CONTEST TIME!
- Several members attended the October 2020 AAUW Fund luncheons
- Board members attended multiple National and State Webinars.
- Members participated in AAUW CA's GoTV social media campaign

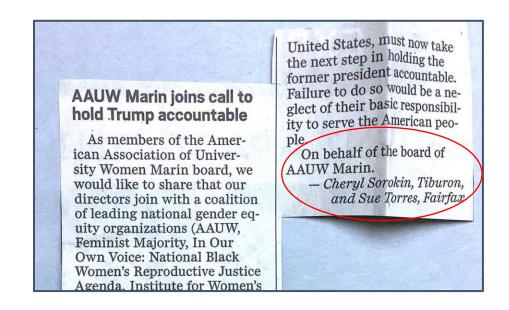


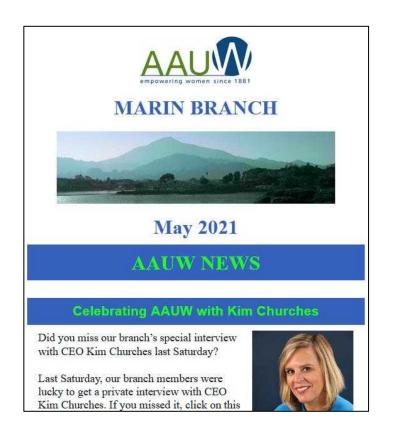
AAUW fellows and grant recipients spoke at the October virtual "luncheons."



Communications

- Newsletters Dianne Sheridan, editor
- Website Heidi Scott, web editor
- Mid Month President's Messages
- Program Announcements
- Letter in the Marin IJ published 1/23/21



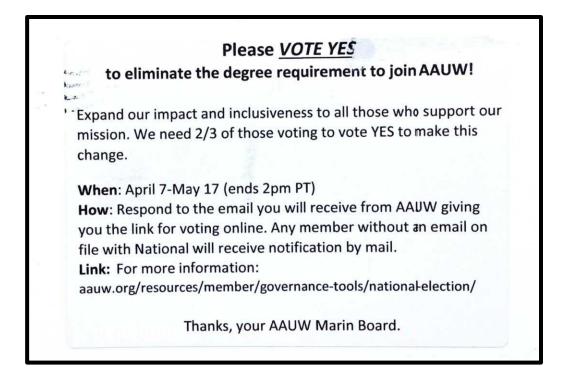




Proposed AAUW National Bylaw Change to Eliminate the Degree Requirement for Membership

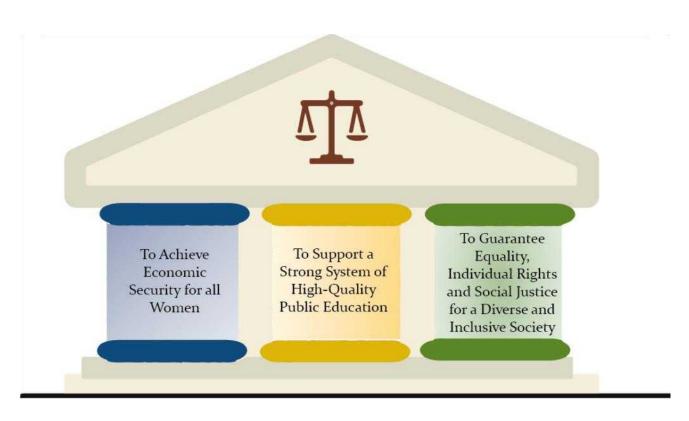
- AAUW Marin Board votes to endorse the change
- Town Hall on "Open Membership", March 2, 2021 (Dale and Cherie)
- GOTV Campaign
- Postcards sent by Sue and Dianne





Public Policy, Nancy Chiu, Chair

Newsletter articles every month





Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act!

AAUW California Lobby Day, March 24, 2021

- Branch participants Dianne Sheridan, Sue Torres, Sherene Chen, Nancy Lubamersky, Dottie Burk
- Speakers and visits with legislators



Christina Garcia, Women's Caucus Leader



Eloise Gomez-Reyes, Majority Assembly Leader



Marc Levine, 10th District Assembly Member



Mike McGuire, 2nd
District State Senator

AAUW Fund – Dale Satake, Chair

2020 Campaign

- 60+ individual donors
- RBG campaign [branch matching funds of \$1,000]
- Branch donated \$10,000 from reserves

The Spring 2021 Campaign for the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund is on now!

- Kickoff with Kim Churches highlighted AAUW's great work.
- Branch angels will match up to \$5,000
- Please DONATE!





Celebrating AAUW – A Conversation with Kim Churches, April 24, 2021





Dale Satake interviewing Kim Churches, AAUW CEO

This Year's Named Gift Honorees









Cherie Sorokin

Amy Anderson

Angela Nuckles and Melanie Chancellor

\$12,000 in College Scholarships Awarded in 2020

Dominican University

 \$3,000 each to two non-traditional female students

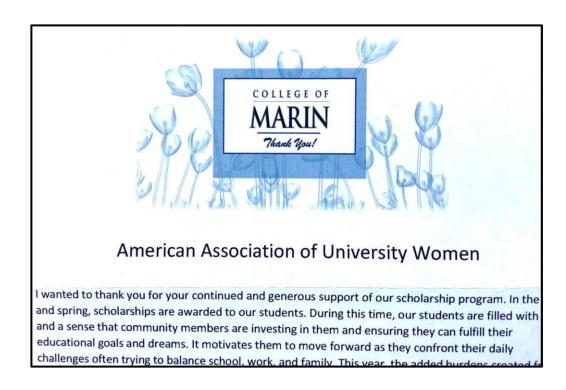
College of Marin

• Six \$1,000 scholarships to students in the transfer program

2 College Scholarship Endowments

AAUW Marin Scholarship Fund Board Members

- Nancy Lubamersky President
- Angela Nuckles Secretary
- Elaine Marevich Treasurer
- Dottie Burk Director
- Cherie Sorokin Director



"From the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you! This scholarship means that I will have the ability to continue my education and be part of the change that women make every day in our world."

Fundraising for 2021 College Scholarships and Tech Trek - Angela Nuckles, Scholarship Chair

- Appeal letter raised \$12,000
- Special thanks to corporate donors:
 Bon Air Center and Bank of Marin
- Virtual Silent Auction raised \$3,000
- Thank you to all donors to the auction, especially merchants
- Auction Committee
 - Amy Anderson
 - Nancy Lubamersky
 - Elaine Marevich
 - Ann Thomas
 - Cherie Sorokin
 - Dottie Burk







College/University Relations Nancy Lubamersky, Liaison



Dominican University

- Presented a virtual Start Smart workshop to 30 students
- Coach for an AAUW project in Business Leadership class





College of Marin

- Meetings with COM AAUW representatives
- Sought input from numerous campus sources as to how we could help female students
- Work Smart online introduction presented to COM staff



AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, May 25-26, 2021



Jennifer Borromeo



Autumn Jordan



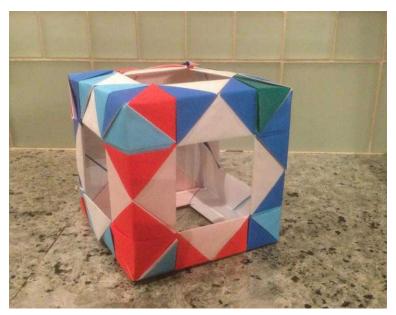
Jaqueline Torres

We provided scholarships for 3 Dominican women to attend the 2021 Virtual NCCWSL

Tech Trek – Amy Anderson, Coordinator

- Committee Members
 - Melanie Chancellor
 - Erica Kienzle-Barnes
 - Angela Nuckles
 - Jane Winter
- July 2020 Virtual Tech Trek for our 8 girls conceived and run by Angela and Melanie
- 2021 CA Virtual Tech Trek Committee reviewed/selected 20 girls.
 - Melanie served on the State workshop selection committee
 - Amy selected as workshop leader and logistics coord.
 - Some branch members are volunteer "coaches"





Branch members packed 1000 origami kits for Amy's 2021 workshop!

AAUW Marin Virtual Tech Trek, July 6-10, 2020 Coordinated by Melanie Chancellor and Angela Nuckles



"Inspiring Leaders" -- Women Participating in the 2020 AAUW Marin Virtual Tech Trek



Thanks to all for a great AAUW Marin year!

