



## **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW February 2019 NEWSLETTER**

*Rosemary Harwood, Newsletter Editor*

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### **CLAYTON/CONCORD FUNDS LUNCHEON**

Our annual joint Funds Luncheon with the Concord Branch will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at 11:00 at the Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord.

We have an interesting speaker, Maya Ostrander, a Career Development grant recipient who is studying Architecture and Design at U.C. Berkeley. She spent more than a decade launching and transforming many boutique and Fortune 500 brands. Her goal is to obtain a Certificate/License in Interior Design.

Everyone should have gotten their envelope in the mail by now. Donations envelope can be mailed or put in basket at the luncheon. Named Gift Honoree will be announced at short business meeting after the luncheon. If you do not receive this information in the next two weeks, call Jeanne Boyd at 672-3672.

This year we are responsible for bringing desserts. If you have not already done so, please call or email Jeanne at 672-3490 or [msbooks2@comcast.net](mailto:msbooks2@comcast.net) to let her know if you will be attending. If you have Camellias please bring them as well.

We are looking forward to a successful and fun luncheon.

Jeanne Boyd and Carol Herington

**AAUW CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**  
**Diana Bauer & Joan Chesterman**

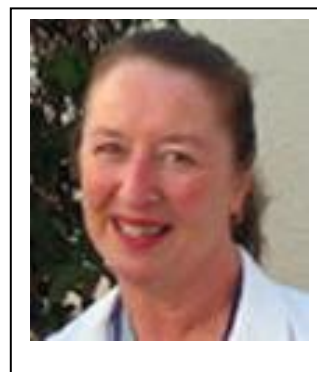
January's General Meeting was very interesting and informative. For those of you who missed it, Beth Goldberg from Youth Homes discussed the plight of youth (older children) in the foster program and the various ways they are supported in our county. The main objective is to help these young people become ready to enter the work force and be well adjusted adults when they age out of the foster programs.

This month our General Meeting is on Saturday February 23rd at the Concord United Methodist Church for the annual Funds Luncheon. This is always a fun event. Feel free to invite friends. But make sure you let Jeanne Boyd or Carol Herington know so there will be enough seats for everyone. Bring your dessert and Camellias and be ready to be amazed by the Fellowship recipient.

At the Funds Luncheon we will be voting for next year's officers. The nominating committee has a slate of officers to present. Feel free to nominate anyone else for the positions from the floor. We hope to see everyone there.

Co-Presidents

Diana Bauer and Joan Chesterman



## Attention All Members

We are trying to complete the Clayton Branch list of members who have been honored as a Named Gift Honoree. Please send me an email ([msbooks2@comcast.net](mailto:msbooks2@comcast.net)) or phone me at 672-3472 with your name and the year you were honored.

For each \$750 our branch donates to Funds, we can name a member as the Named Gift Honoree.

Even if you cannot remember the exact year you were honored, please make an educated guess.

Thanks for your help.

Jeanne Boyd

## 2019/2020 Clayton AAUW Officer Nominations

President: Joan Chesterman and Diana Bauer

President Elect:

Co-Vice Presidents Program: Dee Billeter and Marsha Hart

Vice President Membership: Carol Gurrad

Co-Vice Presidents Funds: Jeanne Boyd and Carol Herrington

Secretary: Lola Rohrs

Treasurer: Carol Wolfe

The Nominating committee of Lola Rohrs, Carol Gurrad, Macia Hart, Dee Billeter, and Linda Pinder has presented a slate of officers for the 2019/2020 year.

The branch will be voting for the officers at the Funds Luncheon on February 23rd.

Other nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the vote. Anyone interested please feel free to submit your name.

## Public Policy Priorities 2019-2021

Nancy Mahr, Chair

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Kathi Harper, Ginny Hatfield, Alicia Hetman, Karen Jackel, Archana Maniar, Melissa Maceyko, Sue Miller, Claire Noonan, Shannon Smith-Crowley, Advocate

Public Policy Priorities guide all AAUW California actions that relate to public policy issues, including action on legislation. Our priorities are reviewed and revised every two years. In 2018, we began the review and revision for 2019-2021.

In November, we sent out an every-member electronic survey. This survey listed the priorities and asked members to agree with the current statements or to offer suggestions for changes. 482 members completed the survey. The majority of the participants indicated agreement with the current priorities. A number of members provided comments and made suggestions for specific changes.

The Public Policy Committee reviewed the survey results and discussed suggested changes. Based on the total survey response, the Committee made revisions to the current priorities as reflected in the accompanying document.

Please review the proposed Public Policy Priorities for 2019-2021. You will have the opportunity to vote to accept the full document in April 2019. If approved, the priorities go into effect July 2019. We will continue to use our current priorities through June 2019. The Public Policy Committee thanks members who participated in the survey and commends the many thoughtful suggestions that members offered.

## **Proposed AAUW California Public Policy Action Priorities**

**2019 - 2021**

**The AAUW California Public Policy program supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research, and complements the national Public Policy program. AAUW California's priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and member support. No order of importance is implied in the listing of the priorities.**

**To achieve economic security for all women, AAUW California advocates:**

- Pay equity, fairness in compensation and benefits, and economic justice.**
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, through vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes, including age discrimination.**
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including public pension viability, and protecting Social Security from privatization or reduction in benefits.**
- Programs that provide all women with education, including financial literacy, training, and support for success in the work force.**
  - Strengthening programs that encourage career development and earning potential, including career and technical education, access to postsecondary education, job training for welfare recipients and training for incarcerated women.**
- Policies that support work-life balance, including medical leave, family leave, quality and affordable child and dependent care.**

**To support a strong system of high quality public education, AAUW California advocates:**

- Vigorous enforcement of federal Title IX (Education)**

## Afternoon Book Group Selections

**The Book Group will meet at 2:30 pm at Priscilla's on:**

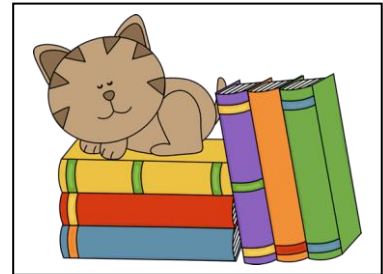
February 27<sup>th</sup>: *Fly Girls* by Keith O'Brien.

March 27<sup>th</sup>: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

April 24<sup>th</sup>: *Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou

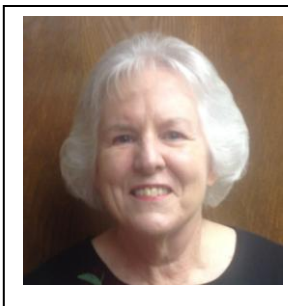
May 22<sup>nd</sup>: *The Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain.

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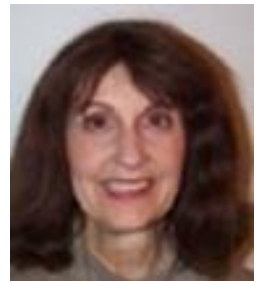
Ladies Evening Bridge meets at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Contact Mary Ann Hayes at 672-4391 for more details.



Saturday Night Bridge meets on the fourth Saturday at 7:00 pm.

For more information, contact Carol Wolfe at 672-13103.



Adela Oldford

PLEASE contact me at  
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NOT THE Comcast Address

Thanks  
Adela

## FIELD TRIPS

Call or email contact persons listed with the trip for more information.

- March 8: CALIFORNIA MAGIC CLUB  
Downtown Martinez  
Dinner Magic Show 7:15  
Cost \$69
- March 22: TULIP BLOOM TOUR of MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY  
Lunch OYO  
Contact person is Margaret Bradford  
(925) 451-8558
- May 30: ALADDIN the MUSICAL  
Show Tickets \$74 Lunch OYO  
Amtrak Train Ticket to Sacramento to follow

**If interested in any of these trips, please contact Adela Oldford immediately for more details.**

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