

**SMS Interbranch Council AAUW Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023, at 1 pm Hybrid Meeting**

Welcome and Introductions: 1:05

Present: Suman Ganapathy, Morgan Hill; Marian Sacco, Morgan Hill; Claire Noonan, LA-MV/PA; Nancy Bremeau, Guest speaker; Doreen O'Donovan, Santa Cruz; Sabra Dupree, Gilroy; Peg Carlson-Bowen, San Jose; Sandra Makela, Gilroy

Present online: Helen Christensen, Sunnyvale-Cupertino; Sumi Tanabe, Los Gatos-Saratoga; Fatima Diaz, Monterey; Roli Wendorf; San Francisco and AAUW CA Finance

Nancy Bremeau presentation - Lifetime AAUW member, Founder of the CEDAW Challenge Team - Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), member of SCC Committee on the Status of Women and Girls

- There are 26 Commissions on the Status of Women and Girls in CA
- As founder of CEDAW Challenge Team, with SCC Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, trying to get all cities and counties in CA to adopt the CEDAW principles.
- CEDAW principles are similar to Equal Rights Amendment principles, but part of an international treaty developed by the UN General Assembly
- unique because we don't have to wait for ERA to be ratified
- UN conference in San Francisco passed ordinances for CEDAW
- ordinance about to be adopted in SCC at Board of Supervisors meeting, possibly on April 4
- help needed from AAUW CA to adopt across CA counties
 - Los Angeles County and San Diego County adopted one year ago
 - Alameda County and San Mateo County – aiming to consider a resolution
- At city level Berkeley and San Jose have adopted, Mountain View is considering
- **Skinner AB 549** – CEDAW bill going through CA legislature this year with AAUW CA support
 - AB 549 – require state agencies in consultation with Commission on Status of Women and Girls to conduct self-evaluation to ensure that the state doesn't discriminate against women through implementation of policies, programs, allocation of funds, delivery of services – review every two years starting in January 2025
- To make CA second state to pass CEDAW principles for use by all state agencies
- Kentucky passed; affected laws for pregnant women in the criminal justice system
- Questions:
 - how to collect data?
 - Cities, counties, state must get serious for expertise cost to counties and cities, but state has collected the data to distribute to agencies
- letter of support to supervisors?
 - Nancy to provide a template
- If you have an ineffective Status of Women Commission?
 - educate on best practices

- improve people appointed to the commission
- connect with state commission for help

SMS-IBC Events for the year: March 29

- Leadership training: March 29 - Help Wanted webinar - <https://www.aauw-ca.org/help-wanted-workshop/>
- Many webinars in March: lobby days, Govtrek; April annual event; membership workshop with Angela Cooper - <https://www.aauw-ca.org/category/2022-2023-webinars/>
- Ice Cream Social for TechTrek girls
 - Important for parents to meet in-person with directors and others knowledgeable about Tech Trek
 - divide in 2 groups – San Jose etc and Monterey/Santa Cruz will organize separate events
 - Claire has sent Suman a list of jobs to prepare for event
 - top 3 jobs before June 3 or 4, 2023
 - **Find a place for 100-120 attendees - first job*****
 - **Make ice cream decision (what kind-see notes), calculate cost, and who purchases**
 - **Contact Marie Wolbach (Palo Alto) for check to cover cost: venue rent and ice cream**

Branch events to share:

Money/Start/Work Smart –

- Peggy Martin (Morgan Hill) to talk to high school girls in Morgan Hill
- Cindy Chavez meeting April 29 on salary negotiation
 - West Valley Community College
 - San Jose to help organize
- Mary Morrison (Palo Alto) has done workshops on Start Smart at U of Santa Clara and CSU San Jose

40th Annual AAUW Morgan Hill Wildflower Run – You are all cordially invited to participate (www.wildflowerrun.org/registration/) Please let me know if you are planning to be there. We'll make sure that we announce and thank you at the event and showcase you on social media and the website.

Red Dress Day Exhibit

- Awareness to crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women
- Morgan Hill Library – May 5-6, 2023

Branch Reports

Sunnyvale/Cupertino - Helen

- Thursday, March 23 “The Innocence Project” 2pm at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church.

- Election for branch board is in progress.
- Installation Lunch at Marie Calendar's will be on May 13.
- Membership is holding at 90 including 3 new members.
- We are having a quilt fund raiser. This quilt was made by branch members of the Stitchery group in 1985-86, some who are still members today. The 1986 winner of the quilt-in returned it last summer suggesting the branch could use it to raised funds again. Funds will go to AAUW Funds.

Los Altos-Mountain View/Palo Alto - Claire

- Both branches are separately selecting Tech Trek girls from their school districts
- 2 Foothill Community College women students will attend NCCWSL, funded by both branches
- Ladoris Cordell will speak at on and her book Will be available

Los Gatos-Saratoga - Sumi

- LG-S has disbanded Homeless Committee – money distributed to homeless groups in the county
- Author's luncheon -3 authors –
- problem with scholarships selection – only one candidate this year
- table at Saratoga Blossom festival

Gilroy - Sabra/Sandra

- New officers' luncheon with speaker
- no Tech Trek 2023 – nominees wouldn't travel to Fresno residential camp

Monterey Peninsula - Fatima

- Superintendent met with teachers re STEM; parents don't want students to travel for residential camps.
- IBC planned event with Santa Cruz - Zoe Lofgren spoke re the relationships in Congress
- Eleanor Roosevelt show with local actress – march 25
- new president of CSU Monterey Bay to speak – April 22
- need advice on developing relationships with colleges about campus chapters
- Great Decisions group – speak with author of Daughters of Smoke and Fire about Iran
- Continued problems with membership renewal national procedures

Morgan Hill - Suman/Marian

- Received award for Nonprofit of Year event on March 12
- High School Leaders Conference
- Earth Day event on April 22

San Jose – Peg

- See notices under Branch Events

Santa Cruz County – Doreen O'Donovan

- January new member tea - speaker discussed moving to high tech
- Only sending students to virtual Tech Trek
- Providing scholarships for over 25 who are re-entries to college – must change policies and procedures

Bylaws changes – continued to May 13

- Are you prepping for bylaws changes in your branch?

Communications –continued to May 13 meeting

- Web page for IBC – how do we add items there?
- Starting a SMS-IBC FB & IG page (I'm happy to get it going and give us all editing access.)

Announcements

- MH Chamber of Commerce Quick 5 podcast featuring AAUW is now LIVE: The weekly Quick 5 podcast showcasing Morgan Hill businesses, non-profits, and/or local issues has become quite popular. Don't forget to listen to the podcast [here](#)

ADJOURN: 3:15

Next meeting: May 13, 1 pm, Zoom