

AAUW Marin Branch

July 2025-June 2026
A Year in Review

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

Our Local Branch Aligns with AAUW National Priorities

#WomensEqualPayDay AAUW

WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY DAY

March 26, 2026

Women earn **81%** of men's wages in full-time work — and just **76%** when part-time and seasonal work are included.

A photograph of three women sitting around a table, looking at a document. One woman is pointing at the document while the others look on attentively.

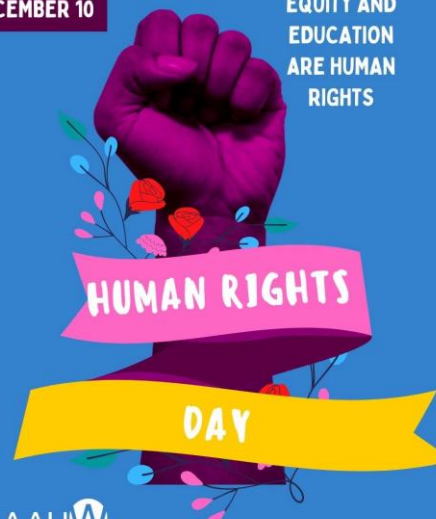
AAUW of Michigan

A photograph of Christine Brennan, a female athlete, smiling and holding a gold medal. She is wearing a blue and white medal ribbon and a gold medal around her neck. An American flag is visible in the background.

For the third consecutive Winter Olympics, the U.S. women brought home more gold medals and more medals overall than the men. Christine Brennan says women are reaping the benefits of Title IX that requires gender equality in access to sports at the youth, high school, and college level.

DECEMBER 10

EQUITY AND EDUCATION ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

A graphic featuring a raised fist holding a banner that says "HUMAN RIGHTS DAY". The fist is purple and surrounded by colorful flowers. Below the fist is a yellow banner with the words "HUMAN RIGHTS" and a yellow banner with the word "DAY".

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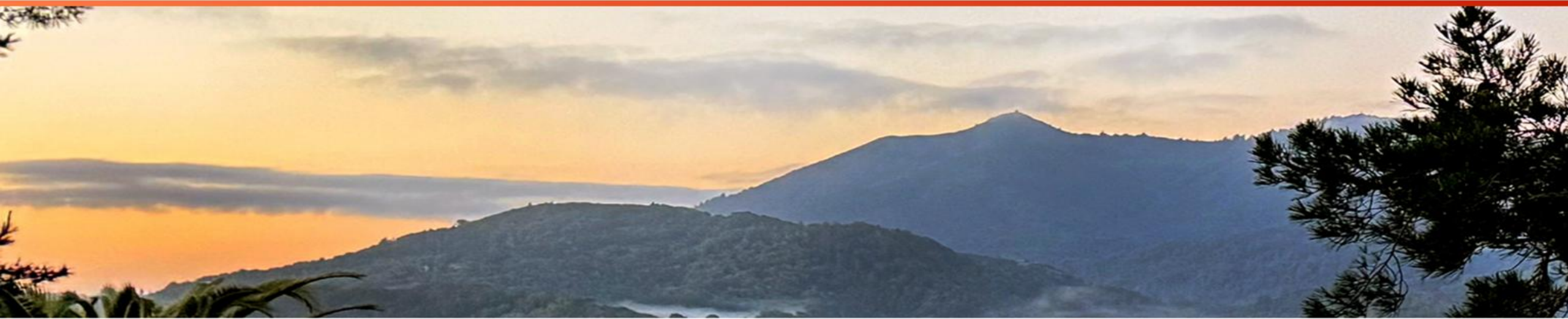
Protect Our Right to Vote

The Senate is moving on the **SAVE Act** this week.

Tell your senators: **Vote NO**

Even if you've contacted your senators before, we need your voice right now.

A photograph of a woman holding a sign that says "VOTING RIGHTS ARE CIVIL RIGHTS". The sign also features the AAUW logo and the text "It's Early Work".



A Vibrant Year with Innovative Programs



Programs: Fall 2025 - Tech Trek and COM



COLLEGE OF
MARIN

MESA
Math · Engineering · Science
Achievement

MESA is here to support
STEM students with:

- ▶ Dedicated study space
- ▶ Counseling
- ▶ Tutoring
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Internship and conference opportunities
- ...and more!

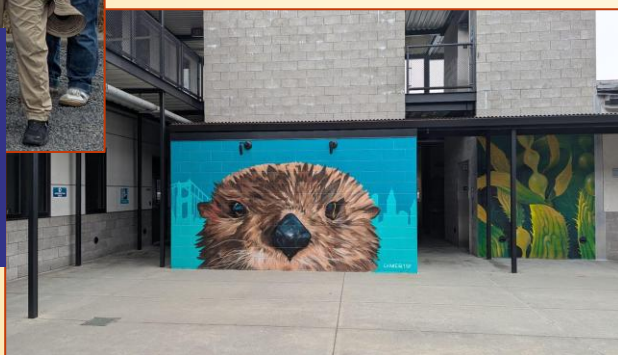
Apply now at:



TTAG-TechTrek Alum Group



**Marine Mammal
Center Career Tour
with Petaluma TTAG**



**Building Community
& Giving Back**



**Passing on Knowledge -
Designed & Delivered by
Marin TTAG**

APPLICATION WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY MARIN AAUW TECH TREK ALUMNAE

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March

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Get valuable information to make you a
successful candidate.
Essay tips + interview practice

VIA ZOOM

- Tips to stand out for summer applications essays
- Gain insider interview hacks from a professional who has hired many interns
- Interactive mock interview scenarios



CAREER: PATHOLOGIST



Education: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of Medicine, or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Average California salary: \$120,000/year

Collaborates with: Veterinarians, Lab technicians

Description:

- Pathologists are veterinarians that study death and diseases that affect animals.
- Skills: strong analytical skills, attention to detail, comfortable with blood and death

CAREER: PATHOLOGIST

Description Continued:

- Pathologists perform necropsies (animal autopsies) on deceased animals so that we have the opportunity to learn from them, gain insight into ocean health, and improve care and treatment for our patients.
- During the necropsy, pathologists document findings from each body system and collect samples and specimens for research and education.



Programs: December 2025



Please help us fund the education of local students by shopping online with our Annual Holiday Silent Auction! We support students through:

Local Scholarships and Awards

Each year, the AAUW Marin Scholarship Fund gives scholarships and awards to students attending Dominican University and College of Marin.

We also annually sponsor one or two women to the National Conference for College Women Students (NCCWLS), where hundreds of college women from around the country gather for three days of leadership training, inspiration and networking.

Tech Trek Sponsorships

For over twenty-five years the AAUW Marin Scholarship Fund has sponsored local middle-school girls to attend Tech Trek, a weeklong camp designed to increase interest and excitement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The camp features hands-on learning and focuses on current hot topics for career exploration.

100% of all proceeds will be awarded to local students!

For more information, please visit our website: marin-ca.aauw.net



Scholarship Fund

In **2025**, We Funded:



\$6,000 Scholarships to 2 Non-Traditional Students at Dominican University



\$6,000 to College of Marin for 2 STEM-Related Awards



10 Scholarships to TechTrek Camp (1 week for rising 8th grade girls)



2 Scholarships to attend NCCWSL - National Conference for College Women Student Leaders



AAUW Marin Scholarship Fund

In **2026**, We're Granting:



\$7,000 Scholarships for Non-Traditional Students at Dominican University



\$6,000 to College of Marin for STEM-Related Awards



14 Scholarships to TechTrek Camp (1 week for rising 8th grade girls)



2 Scholarships to attend NCCWSL - National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

2026 Fundraising Goal:
\$26,000

Amount Raised:
\$45,000

NEW THIS YEAR: \$25,000 to start an AAUW Marin Endowment at College of Marin, fully matched by the Pritzker Foundation.

Scholarship Fund

AAUW Marin Scholarship Fund Thanks our Generous Sponsors!

Fenwick Foundation

Serving children through the arts, education and human services



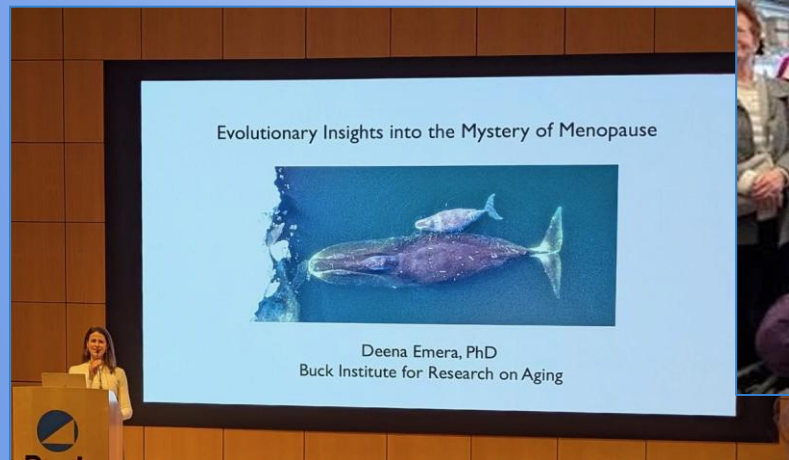
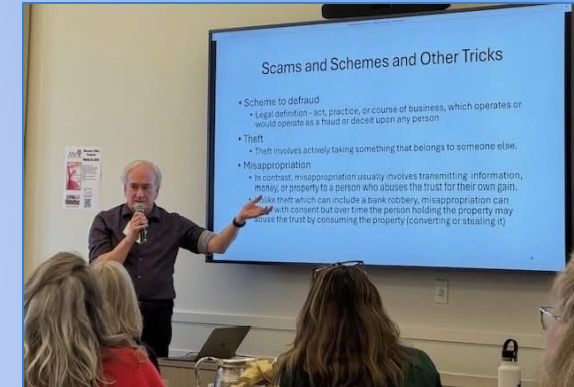
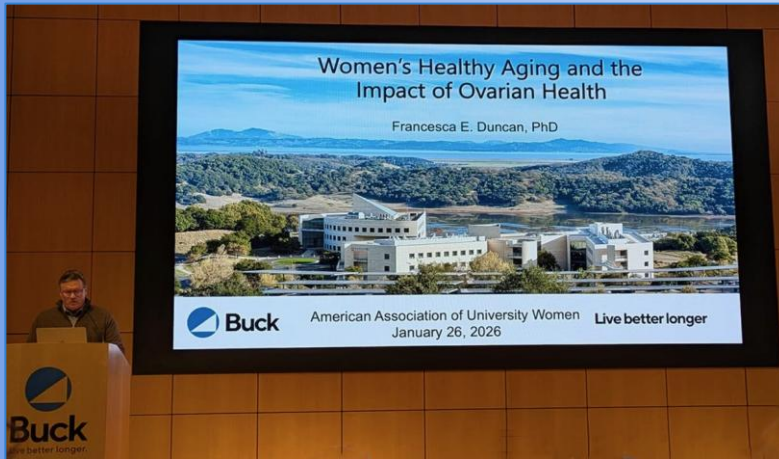
BON AIR

GREENBRAE

EST. 1952



Programs: January-February 2026



Programs: March-April 2026



Who Would Make a Good Civil Grand Juror?

You would, if you:

- Are interested in how local government works and how it can operate more effectively.
- Are willing to cooperate with others as a team to plan and conduct thorough and unbiased investigations.
- Are willing to apply the skills of active listening, thoughtful questioning, online research, writing and editing, and are comfortable using computers.
- Can serve 10-20 hours each week for one year, starting on July 1.
- Can exercise strict confidentiality during and after your term as a civil grand juror.



Interested?

If you are interested in making an important contribution to your community and want the privilege of serving, please apply to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury.

Applications may be obtained from the Marin County Civil Grand Jury website at:

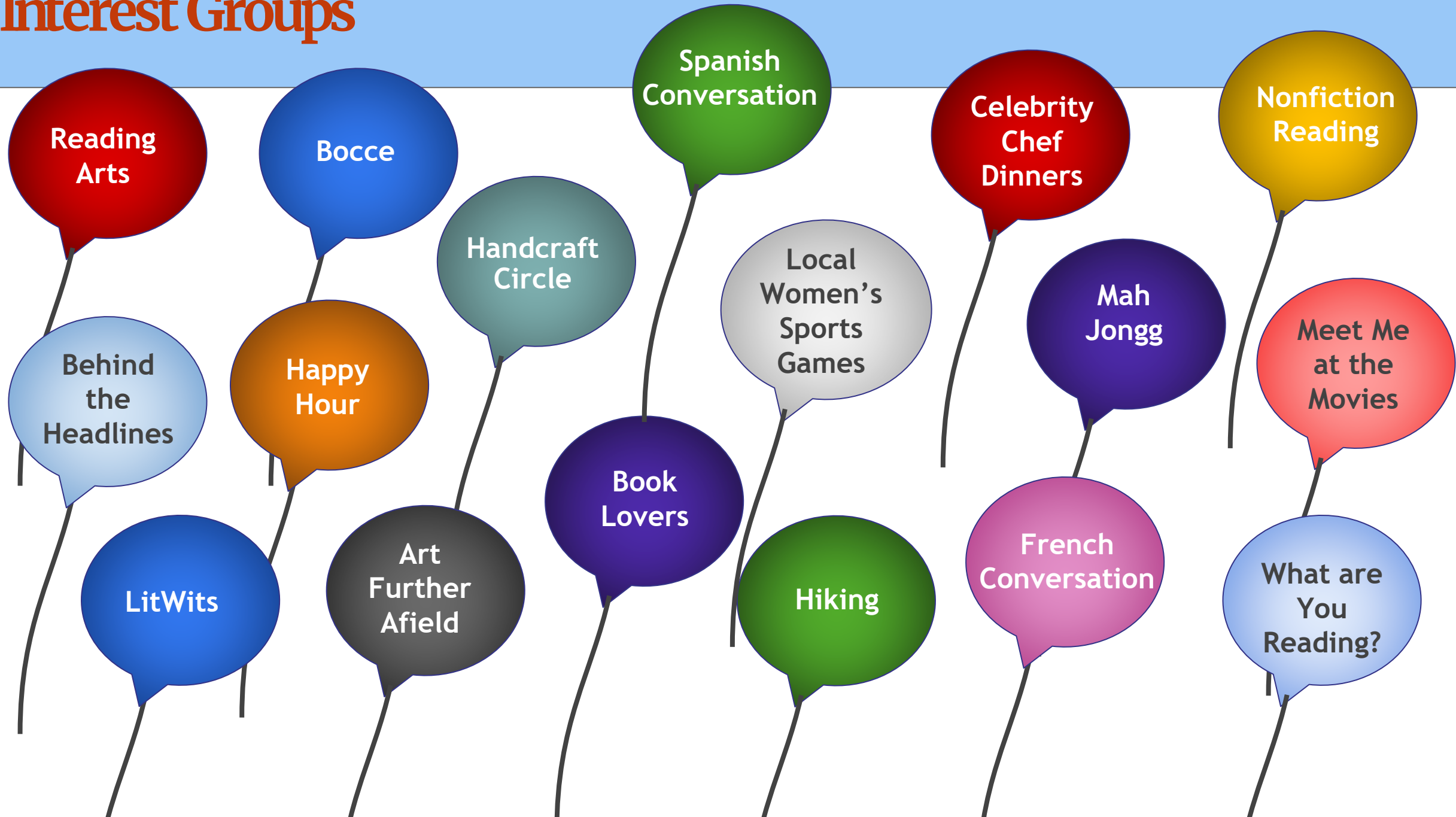
<https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/grand-jury/apply-serve-civil-grand-jury>



You Can Make
A Difference In Your
Community



Interest Groups



Interest Groups

Art Farther Afield



Spanish Conversation



Reading, Reading
& more Reading!



Hiking



Bocce



Meet Me at the
Movies' Oscar Party



Mah Jongg & Its Tea Party



AAUW Marin Out in the Community



Senior Fair



Tutoring



Marin Community Foundation Event



ABOUT THE MARIN WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Established in 1987, the Marin Women's Hall of Fame recognizes Marin women of distinction, preserves their stories, educates the public on women's contributions, and inspires future generations of women and girls. The Marin Women's Hall of Fame was cofounded by YWCA, AAUW, and the Marin Women's Commission. Before the start of Marin Women's Hall of Fame, virtually no records of women's achievements had been recorded in Marin County.



Center for Domestic Peace

AAUW Marin Lobby Days & Politically Active



AAUW | IT'S MY VOTE!

WOMEN LEADING DEMOCRACY FORWARD

AAUW joins the **League of Women Voters' Unite and Rise 8.5 campaign** — uniting women-led organizations nationwide to expand civic participation, strengthen **equity**, and empower communities to take action for a stronger **democracy**.

AAUW

 **NO KINGS**

**Defend Equity.
Demand Inclusion.
Show Up**



2025-2026 Board Members

- ▶ President – **Kathleen Clark**
- ▶ Secretary – **Sarah Pruden**
- ▶ Treasurer – **Jessie Powell**
- ▶ Membership Chair – **Mardi Diamond**
- ▶ Program Chair – **Katherine Brinnier**
- ▶ Public Policy Chair- **Cherie Sorokin**
- ▶ AAUW Fund Chair - **Nancy Finston**
- ▶ Interest Groups Chair– **Amy Anderson**
- ▶ Scholarship Chair – **Laura O'Malley**
- ▶ Scholarship Fund President (ex officio*) – **Nancy Lubamersky**

Other “Engineers” Who Power This Branch

- ★ College Liaisons - Joy Phoenix, Nancy Lubamersky
- ★ Newsletter - Dottie Burk, Cherie Sorokin, Ann Vercoutere
- ★ Social Media - Nancy Finston, Judy Kramer
- ★ Tech Trek Coordinator - Angela Nuckles
- ★ TTAG Leader - Judy Kramer
- ★ Web Editor - Dottie Burk
- ★ Auction Leads - Leslie Zimring, Dottie Burk
- ★ Technology - Jessica Zittere
- ★ Nominating Committee - Leslie Zimring, Mary Mossteller, Cherie Sorokin

AAUW Marin Membership

We are **163** members strong (and growing!)

We welcomed these new members this year:

❖ Carol Adams

❖ Gretchen Leavitt

❖ Maureen Broderick

❖ Wendy St. John

❖ Gillian Emblad

❖ Stacy Sias

❖ Barbara Granicher

❖ Eileen Simard

❖ Linda Groah

❖ Heather Steil

► In Memoriam – **Patricia Beigel**

Nominees for 2026–2027 Elected Office

- ▶ President – **Kathleen Clark**
- ▶ President-Elect – **Judy Kramer**
- ▶ Secretary – **Sarah Pruden**
- ▶ Treasurer – **Jessie Powell**
- ▶ Public Policy - **Cherie Sorokin**
- ▶ Interest Group Chair – **Amy Anderson**
- ▶ Membership Chair – **Mardi Diamond**
- ▶ Program Chairs – **Gail Anderson, Paula Nichols**
- ▶ Scholarship Chair – **Erika Johnston**
- ▶ Scholarship Fund President (ex officio*) – **Nancy Lubamersky**

2 years in a row!



Only 19 Five-Star Branches
in ALL of California





**Advancing Equity for Women and Girls
Since 1881**

2025-26 Recipients of Career Development Grants from AAUW Marin Endowed Research and Project Grants



Rebecca Kellis
Western Governors University
Accounting Program



Morgan Flood
Temple University
Masters in Public Policy



Lejla Bejgoric
Wayne State University
History/Racial Justice
Certificate



Johanna Willingham
Kansas State University
Master of Business
Administration



Your Donations Help Make Our Work Possible

Congratulations

to our 50-Year Member

**ROBIN
SPARKS**





JUNE 27TH - 11:30 AM-2:00 PM

SUMMER FLING



DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU SOON.