

THE AAUW KEY

Palo Alto CA Branch

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Palo Alto Branch Annual Meeting and Women's History Month Celebration

**Saturday, March 12th, 11:30 a.m.
Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church,
505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto**

Enjoy lunch (provided by the board) with your AAUW friends.
After lunch, the Palo Alto Branch Drama Reading Section will
recreate Eleanor Roosevelt's historic radio program broadcast
to the nation on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day.*



****We need a count to tell us how much food to order.
Please leave a message at 650-856-0618 by March 10th.***

Our speaker explained the history of reproductive rights on the U.S. / Mexico border.

On Thursday, February 11th our chapter was privileged to hear AAUW American Fellowship recipient Lina-Maria Murillo speak. Lina was accompanied to the meeting by her gracious mother, Maria Cristina Murillo and her husband Guillermo Morales. Lina and her family currently reside in San Jose with her two daughters aged four and six. Lina is working on her dissertation for a Ph.D. in History from the University of Texas in El Paso.

Lina spoke to us specifically about the history of women's reproductive health and rights along the U.S. and Mexican border, especially concentrating on El Paso and her sister Mexican cities just across the border. In the 1960's women in Texas, Arizona and California, who could not receive an abortion legally in the U.S., traveled to El Paso and across the border to Juarez to obtain a relatively safe abortion in Juarez. Lina told us of Bay Area local, Patricia Maginnis, who organized the Society for Humane Abortions network to assist women in this endeavor.

So many young women in the U.S. today take for granted all phases of family planning being available and legal. However, restrictive legislation is becoming the norm in many states, especially Texas. The Supreme Court of the U.S. will soon be hearing the case of Whole Woman's Health v. Cole, No. 15-274. The case is a challenge to a Texas law that would leave the state with about 10 abortion clinics, down from more than 40. Such a change, the abortion providers who are plaintiffs in the case told the justices, would have a vast practical impact. Lina's talk provoked a lively discussion among the members who attended the meeting. We all agreed that we need to speak more often about family planning access and abortion rights to those younger women we know either in our families or otherwise. Stay tuned for the court debates coming soon.

-- Tempe Javitz



Lina-Marie, mother, Marie-Cristina Murillo, husband Guillermo Morales
Tempe Javitz, Education Funds Chair, rear

March 2016 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Writers 1:30 p.m.	2 Evening Bridge	3	4 Board Meeting 1 – 3:00 p.m	5 Supper Club 7:00 p.m.
6	7 Mah Jong, 7:30 p.m.	8 Meditation 9:45 a.m Mystery Books 1:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Walkers 9:30 a.m.	12 Membership Lunch and History Month program 11:30 Film Buffs 7:00 p.m.
13	14 Drama Reading 7:30 p.m.	15 Writers 1:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20 Wine Tasting 5 – 7p.m	21 Fam. History 11:45 p.m. Mah Jong, Evening Books, both 7:30 p.m.	22 Meditation 9:45 a.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28 Gadabouts 2:00 p.m.	29				

Board Meeting will be Friday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. All branch members are welcome to attend, please email president@aauw-paloalto.org for meeting details. Note change of meeting day to FRIDAY!

With the exception of the Supper Club, you do not need to be a member of the section to attend a meeting, but call the hostess or section chair to see if there is space for you.

Please refer to your directory for section contact information or email sections@aauw-paloalto.org

Monday Evening Books: Meets Monday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Elsie Kent, in Palo Alto. The book for discussion is “*The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*” by Gabrielle Zevin. Please let Elsie know if you are coming because access is restricted. Valet parking is provided.

Mystery Books: Meets Tuesday, March 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Marcia Baugh in Palo Alto. Please let Marcia know if you are coming or not.

Drama Reading: We meet on the second Monday at 7:30 p.m. October through May. Call Mildred Saxman for further details.

Evening Bridge: Meets the first Wednesday of the month. More players needed. Call Wilma Milligan for further information.

Family History: The next meeting will be at CIBO, 3398 El Camino at 11:45 on March 21 for a no-host lunch. We will learn about “Favorite Outfits”. Members share stories from their families or general historic topics of interest. Please contact Betsy Colby for information at.

Film Buffs: Meets Saturday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Palo Alto. Did you agree with the Oscar selections? Come and discuss them. Our hostess is Elsie Kent. Spouses are welcome. Call Marian Gex for information.

Gad-Abouts: Gad-Abouts meet year round on the fourth Monday of the month at 2 p.m to plan outings and adventures of all kinds. The next meeting will be March 28, 2:00 p.m. at Misao Sakamoto’s home.

Please call Scotty Martinson for more information.

Mah Jong: Beginners and advanced players are invited to play Mah Jong, a Chinese tile game. Meets on the first and third Mondays at 7:30 pm. Please call Marcia Baugh for location and other details

Meditation: Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays, 10 a.m., at the home of Marcia Baugh, RSVP to Marcia Baugh Call Charlotte Jackson (for further information.

Supper Club: Meets on the first Saturday at 7 p.m. Call Sylvia Witcher or Mary Morrison for information.

Walkers: Please call Mary Ashley for information or join the email list at

Wine Tasting: Wine Tasting meets on the 4th Sunday of the month, from 5 to 7 p.m. **There is no meeting in December.** Call Carol Hansen, or Barbara Bowden for more information.

Writers: Meets Tuesday, March 1. at 1:30 p.m. and again Tuesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. Call Marcia Baugh for location and to RSVP.

March 12 General Meeting

One of the business items to be transacted at the March 12 meeting will be approval of the budget for 2016-17.

KEY	1200
Directory	0
General Meetings	1100
Membership & Mailings	160
Social Activities	0
Conventions & Meetings	700
Awards	200
Publicity	200
Administration	1200
Miscellaneous	50
Community Connections	100
Total Expenses	\$4910*

*Income from Dues \$2640
(\$24 x 110 paid members)
\$2270 from reserves

Presented by Winnie Lew, Budget chair



Mark your calendar!

Wednesday, March 2

The Peninsula Chapter of the World Affairs Council presents "International Humanitarian Law: Refugee Children" with Sergio Medina, CEO and Founder, Refugee and Immigrant Services (RISE).

Time: 7:00 refreshments, 7:30-9:00 program

Location: Los Altos Youth Center,
1 North San Antonio Rd., Los Altos.

For information, call Carol Stevens .

Saturday, March 12

Membership lunch for election of officers and approval of the branch budget.

The program will feature the Drama Reading Group with speeches of Eleanor Roosevelt.

Fireside Room of Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 East Charleston, P.A.

Time from 11:30 to 2:00 Lunch will be provided free of charge to individual members. Please feel free to bring friends who might be interested in joining AAUW.

For this event, Please respond to Barbara Evans program@aauw-paloalto.org

Coming In April

Saturday, April 9. Save this date for the Tech Trek benefit **Authors' Lunch**. This is our branch fund-raiser for Tech Trek and always a favorite event. Reservation forms will be on the website starting on March 15.

Mystery writer M.P. Cooley and NoViolet Bulawayo were highlighted in January and February issues of the KEY. This month we want to introduce writer Elizabeth Rosner who wrote "*Blue Nude*" and the award-winning "*The Speed of Light*".

Elizabeth appeared at an earlier authors' lunch and we have asked her back to talk about her latest book, "Electric City". To quote BBC critic Jane Ciabattari, "Rosner's lyrical new novel chronicles the rise and fall of this company town (Schenectady, NY). Following several generations of immigrants and the Native American people who watched them come...Rosner etches images of family, community and the electric power of love".



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