2026 - 2027

2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 National AAUW 5 Star Branch

2023 MH Non-Profit of the Year

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Helpful AAUW Morgan Hill Information

Branch Address: AAUW Morgan Hill, P.O. Box No.1528, Morgan Hill, CA 95038

Branch Website: www.aauwmh.org

Ways to Stay Connected

Attend whenever you can!

We want you to always feel welcome and connected with your AAUW family. Join us to make new friends or reconnect with old ones. Use our branch membership directory at www.aauwmh. org/membership-directory/ to stay in touch.

Branch Members are welcome to join us at board meetings, to understand how our branch works.



Board Meetings

1st Thursdays
Centennial
Recreational
Center, 6:30 PM



Branch members
welcome.
RSVP
president@aauwmh.org

Save the Dates

October 1, 2026, 6:30 PM

November 5, 2026, 6:30 PM

December 3, 2026, 6:30 PM

January 7, 2027, 6:30 PM

February 4, 2027, 6:30 PM

March 4, 2027, 6:30 PM

April 1, 2027, 6:30 PM

May 6, 2027, 6:30 PM

June 3, 2027, 6:00 PM



Branch Calendar July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027



Here's a rough glimpse into upcoming events and programs beyond our Weekly Member Connections. Please read the Sunday Email Blast for details on future programs. Also check the Calendar on our Website .

October 2026	
Thu, Oct 15	CAG Application Deadline
Sat, Oct 31	(New) Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2027 Scholarship deadline
November 2026	
Tue, Nov 17	'Historic Women of Morgan Hill' – Program at the Morgan Hill Library
December 2026	
Date Dec 13	Holiday Party, venue La Hacienda, Morgan Hill
January 2027	
Tue, Jan 28, 7 PM – 8:30 PM	Program by the Climate Education Action Committee
February 2027	
Tues, Feb 25, 7 – 8:30 PM	Program TBD
March 2027	
Sat, Mar 20	Young Women Leaders (YWL) Youth Conference (venue TBD)
April 2027	
-	No AAUW-MH Elections this year
Sun, Apr 11	**!!WILDFLOWER RUN!!**
Date TBD	All Member MeetUp (Special New Member Wine & Whine)(venue TBD)
Sat, Apr 24?	5th AAUW Community Earth Day (CCC)
May 2027	
Early May Date TBD	'Red Dress Day' at the Morgan Hill Library
Date TBD (May or Early June)	Spring Lunch, Branch Honorees & Officer Installation
June 2027	
Date TBD	Annual Board Retreat & Planning
July 2027	
Thu, Jul 4	4th of July Parade
August 2027	
Date TBD	4th Annual All Member Meet-Up

AAUW MH Interest Groups, Action Groups & Connections

Join a group to get to know other members who share your interests, and make friends while participating in informative, educational, and fun activities. Read descriptions online at **www.aauwmh.org/interest-groups/**

Important note: Some interest groups are full due to logistics of space and length of meeting time. However, you are welcome to start a second group with the same interest. You are also welcome to start an interest group if you don't see one that matches your interest. Just contact President Harpreet Vittal, with your proposal at preselect@aauwmh.org.

Afternoon Books	Mary Cox & Carol Ferri abooks@aauwmh.org
Arts Outings	Sheila Dunwoodie; arts@aauwmh.org
Evening Books	Elizabeth Mandel ebooks@aauwmh.org
Friday Writers	Jenny Redfern; writers@aauwmh.org
Hike Brunch Bunch	New Chair Opening; hikers@aauwmh.org
Hole in the Heart	Carol O'Hare heart@aauwmh.org
Mahjong Mates	New chair opening. Contact Harpreet if you're interested.
Mamas in the Kitchen	New chair opening. Contact Harpreet if you're interested.
Morning Mingle	Julie Page mingle@aauwmh.org
Out To Lunch Bunch	Patti Trantow lunch@aauwmh.org
Pilgrim's Process	Jane Devine pilgrims@aauwmh.org
Read the World	Marcia Fishman wbooks@aauwmh.org
Rowdy Outers	New chair opening. Contact Harpreet if you're interested.
Scrabblers	New chair opening. Contact Harpreet if you're interested.
Seekers	Joan Stempel seekers@aauwmh.org

Smart eGals	Joan Ensign apple@aauwmh.org
Sunday Gardeners	Chris Hopwood; gardening@aauwmh.org
Travel Tips	New chair opening. Contact Harpreet if you're interested.
Ukuladies	Joanne Rife ukuladies@aauwmh.org
Wine and Whine	Denise Weyl wine@aauwmh.org
Wednesday Writer's Workshop	Susan Rife writersworkshop@aauwmh.org

Guests may attend a meeting group or interest group a maximum of three times before they are required to join the branch. Interest groups are for the benefit of AAUW members.

P.S. This is a great way to get your friends to 'try us out' to tempt them to join. Invite friends & family to an event/interest group/action group/social group meeting.



AAUW MH Interest Groups



Tips for Learning What's Happening & for Connecting with Members

Every Sunday: Sunday Email Blast: Published around 8 AM on Sundays. It contains the latest information on upcoming events, interest group dates, topical branch information, and local community events. The deadline to get your information in for the upcoming Sunday email is Thursdays at noon.)

Also included: information on (i) how to submit entries for the blast (ii) links to the AAUWMH website Calendar of Events (& whom to contact to add to or edit items for the calendar.) (iii) Link to 'The Wildflower' newsletter (iv) how to order a member name badge

Every other month: 'The Wildflower' Newsletter: *The Wildflower*, published every July 1, Sept 1, Nov 1, January 1, March 1, May 1 is emailed to you every time a new issue is published. It is formatted as an e-newsmagazine with information about branch events and activities (upcoming, & reports of recent events, links and pictures, shared information about members' terrific travels & life events), Interest Group showcase, county (IBC), California/National news; articles and write-ups etc. It documents branch history. See old issues on our website (For older issues, go to: www.aauwmh.org/newsletter/) or (older issues) at the MH Historical Society museum.

The newsletter also includes information on (i) how to submit entries and news – email the current editor newsletter@aauwmh.org for business news, personal news you want to share (travels, milestone birthdays & births, in memoriam etc.) (ii) links to the AAUWMH website (iii) Calendar of events (iii) past newsletters

Online Membership directory with pictures to put a face to the names. Go to www.aauwmh.org '**For Members**' (It is password protected; please contact membership@aauwmh.org for the password.) '**Membership Directory'**. Constantly updated. Enjoy.

Branch Leadership Info: On the home page of our website www.aauwmh.org, go to '**For Members**' '**Branch Leadership'** '**Board' & 'Operating Committees**'.

Wildflower Run: Launched in 1984, the Wildflower Run is our signature annual fundraiser, supporting all our mission-based activities. A beloved Morgan Hill tradition, it brings the community together while raising vital funds. ALL members are encouraged to contribute through volunteer hours and donations—every bit helps! Learn more at www.wildflowerrun.org



When you join AAUW, you'll notice that we love our acronyms. You'll hear them at meetings, read them in newsletters, and see them sprinkled across emails. But don't worry—you'll be "fluent" in no time! Here's a quick guide to some of the most common—and most delightful—acronyms you'll come across in your AAUW world:

AAUW: 'American Association of University Women', our national organization founded in 1881. Mission: Gender Equity & Economic Security. (www.aauw.org). Referred to as 'National'.

AAUW Fund: Not an acronym, but it's important to know that some branch funds are allocated to our mother organization, National, for fellowships & scholarships, legal advocacy & other mission-related activities.

AAUW MH: 'AAUW Morgan Hill Branch' (us). Our website (www.aauwmh.org) includes information about events, interest groups, governance, membership directory, links to newsletters and much more.

AAUW CA: 'AAUW California', the state branch of our national organization. The website is informational and helpful. Consider volunteering for AAUW CA. (www.aauw-ca.org)

CEAC: 'Climate Education and Action Committee'. It promotes information about climate change that includes an annual Earth Day Festival in collaboration with the City of MH, and programs open to the public. It has recently collaborated with the Farmers' Market in a bid to stop the use of plastic bags at the market.

DEI: 'Diversity, Equity, Inclusion'. AAUW seeks to promote inclusion and awareness for all members to create an equitable, sustainable and inclusive membership reflective of today's world. It hosts thoughtful discussions open to the public. Additionally, the annual Red Dress day exhibit at the Morgan Hill library is powerful and educational.

IBC: 'Interbranch Council', representatives from six branches in Santa Clara County share information about activities and programs. Includes Gilroy, Los Gatos-Saratoga, Morgan Hill, San Jose, Silicon Valley (Los Altos-Mountain View-Palo Alto), and Sunnyvale-Cupertino.

ISPF: 'Interbranch Special Projects Foundation' AAUW of Santa Clara County, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization we are a part of, that allows tax-deductibility of donations to our Wildflower Fund.

KIT: 'Keeping in Touch' grants awarded to previous branch scholarship recipients to support student working toward college graduation.

LAF: 'Legal Advocacy Fund', is a legal fund that helps women fight gender combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace through the legal system.

LDT: 'Leadership Development Team' encourages members to become more involved and helps find andtrain potential branch leaders.

PP: 'Public Policy', AAUW's efforts (political but non-partisan) on local, state and national levels.

P&Ps: 'Policies and Procedures', part of governance documents, along with Bylaws, that define how the branch operates.

STEM: 'Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics'. AAUW support for giving women equal opportunities to pursue these careers. (**STEAM** adds the Arts component, necessary for innovation and not just consumers & assemblers of technology – an important 21st century skill.)

TT: 'Tech Trek', AAUW CA-sponsored math and science week-long camps for middle girls. AAUW MH sends eight to ten girls.

WFF: 'Wildflower Fund', includes all monies raised from WFR registrations, corporate sponsorships and member donations. Funds branch activities and programs that support our mission of education and equity for women and girls.

WFR: 'Wildflower Run' is the annual 2K-5K-10K fundraiser event since 1984, and is entirely run by branch and community volunteers. (www.wildflowerrun.org)

YWL: 'Young Women Leaders', a group of middle and high school girls that focuses on developing leadership skills. Branch members serve as advisors. (www.youngwomenleaders.org/)

Soon you'll be tossing these around like a pro—and perhaps even delighting in how many ways AAUW is making a difference!

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