

# The TIDINGS

HALF MOON BAY BRANCH

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## Join Us on June 10 for the Annual Scholarship Potluck Luncheon

**When:** Saturday, June 10, 2017  
**Where:** Ocean Colony Club, Half Moon Bay  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please join us at our final event of the 2015/2016 AAUW-HMB year: our **Annual Scholarship Potluck Luncheon**. The agenda includes the announcement of the Tech Trek and local scholarship winners and the named gift honorees. If you plan to attend, please note the following:

- Please arrive no later than 11:15. The program will start promptly at 11:30.
- Please bring an hors d'oeuvre, salad or dessert that will serve 8-12 people. Main dishes will be provided by the branch officers. We will begin eating lunch at noon.
- **Carpooling is encouraged** as parking is quite limited at the Colony Club.

We hope to see you there!

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## AAUW-HMB Board 2017-2018

Greetings! It took some doing, but we finally have a slate of officers for the coming 2017-2018 year. Thank you to all who made this happen. We will vote them in at the start of the Scholarship Luncheon on June 10 and proceed to install them.

President: **Sheila Cresson**

First Vice Presidents (Program): **Jan Grierson & Nancy Evans**

Second Vice President (Membership): **Suzanne Mau & Barbara Steinberg**

Third Vice President (AAUW Funds): **Diana Kalos**

Treasurer: **Vivian Costello**  
Recording Secretary: **Carolyn Seaton**

## **Golden Anniversary Celebration Recap**

On Saturday May 6, we transformed the Adcock Center for a Celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Branch. We achieved creativity – in food, presentations, and dramatic flair. A total of 107 members and guests enjoyed a festive evening.

In January, the Party Committee asked ourselves the question: What type of event do we want? The answer: “Let’s highlight history, create a gala celebration, with limited formal presentations that is different from our regular events. Let’s make it eye-popping with a sense of jubilation.” To my mind, we exceeded beyond expectations. In thanking our members who worked long and hard, I am fearful of missing someone, but here goes:

**Mary Sheridan** – multiple jobs and my right-hand woman

**Jan Grierson** – multiple jobs and my partner in crime

**Carol Mickelsen** – appetizers

**Vivian Costello** - desserts

**Nina Nelson** – decorations, tableware, drinks, transforming the Adcock

**Peggy Rozhon** – dramaturge and AV guru

**Julie Gerth** – dramaturge and acquiring special assistants

**Jean Slanger** – performing as historian in the skit

**Carol Forster** – managing all the food

**Betty Lee-Kendall** – food and decorations

**Delores Crabb, Sue Hatfield, Mardee Schweikert** – posters

**Erika Pardo, Mary Sheridan, Mary Alice Pearce** – presentations

**Maura Jones** – slideshow

And appreciation to Ruth Raffello for the original idea to have a party!

**Pat McNutt**, Chair, Golden Anniversary Celebration

*In order to have a great spread in our History Book, please email your photos from the big night to Mary Alice Pearce at [maalice\\_hmb@comcast.net](mailto:maalice_hmb@comcast.net).*

## **AAUW-HMB Past Presidents**



*Past AAUW-HMB Presidents attending the Golden Anniversary Celebration (from left): June Baxter, Cornelia Gould, Mary Vargas, Maura Jones, Mary Alice Pearce (current President), Nancy Evans, Susan Murphy, Jean Slanger, Pat McNutt, Ruth Rafello, Elsie Gaura.*

## **It's AAUW Membership Renewal Time!**

If you've sent your renewal check, thank you! Otherwise, please follow these simple instructions by June 23rd:

1. Make your check of \$100 payable to AAUW-HMB. Note on the memo line **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**.
2. Mail to AAUW-HMB, P.O. Box 1414, El Granada, CA 94018-1414, c/o Barbara Von Glahn. Or bring to the June 10th luncheon.
3. Include a separate note if you are changing any pertinent information for the directory, such as new email address, mailing address, etc.

We hope you will also consider donating to three other tax-deductible AAUW programs: **Tech Trek, Local Scholarship and AAUW Funds**. Please note your donation in the memo line of your check.

**Barbara Von Glahn**, Membership Treasurer

## **Membership Matters**

Another great year of growing with new members! Thanks for encouraging your friends to join with us. And don't forget to invite them to this Saturday's Scholarship Luncheon. Let's welcome two new members, **Gwen Halterman** and **Diane Brosin**. Diane will be at the luncheon, so be sure to search her out and give her a welcome. And our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of longtime member, **Tish Williams**, who recently passed away.

**Sheila Cresson and Peggy Rozhon**, Membership VPs

## **Come Meet Our 2017 Tech Trekkers**

We hope you can attend our upcoming scholarship brunch to celebrate our 20th year of sending middle-school girls to AAUW math and science camp, and to meet our five 2017 Tech Trekkers from the Coastside: Natalie Curthoys, Carmen Ramirez, Mara Ritters, Mikaela Sendino, and Celeste Zapata.

Thank you to all of our generous donors. Your support is needed more than ever, as the cost has gone up this year to \$1,000 per girl, which includes room and board for the action-packed week of STEM workshops and fieldtrips.

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### **STEM Camp**

We will be holding our STEM Camp for 7th and 8th grade girls at Half Moon Bay High School from Tuesday July 18 through Friday July 21 from 9 am to 3 pm.

We will need help on Thursday at Frances Beach from 9 to 11:30 am walking around with Ranger Nell and also people who can transport the girls back to the high school at 11:30.

We will be walking the girls to Oddyssey on Main Street probably on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 19, at about 12:30 pm. We need people who can walk with them (they will be dismissed from there at 3 pm).

We need members who have worked (or are working) in a STEM profession to be part of a panel on Friday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

There will be a signup sheet at the June 10th luncheon or contact me at [cvu59@aol.com](mailto:cvu59@aol.com) if you can help.

This is the last year we will be funded through the Edna Cox Funds. We usually spend between \$600 and \$700 for the four days. We hope that when you are making your donations to our AAUW branch, you will consider donating to our STEM Camp.

Thanks!

**Mary Vargas, STEM Camp Coordinator**

## **Local Scholarship**

Be sure to attend the June 10<sup>th</sup> Scholarship luncheon. Four outstanding students will receive the AAUW-HMB Local Scholarships. The committee remains anonymous, but the dedication and collaborative work of the team is amazing. 2017 marks the last of the Edna Cox Scholarships. We thank Edna for her foresight in making it possible for so many fine female graduates of HMB and Pescadero High Schools to be supported as they pursue higher education.

Hopefully our branch fundraising will continue to earn enough in the upcoming year to establish another scholarship in honor of our founding member. Thanks to Carol Joyce's efforts with Coastside Gives and Nina's theatrical extravaganza we are already putting aside funds for 2018. And, let's not forget, our fabulous White Elephant Sale. Thank you, **Peggy** and **Mary**. Hurray, hurray, for all the planners, donors, and volunteers! Oh, yes, and our private donors! You make it possible for our branch to provide scholarships each and every year! Thank you, one and all!

**Sue Hatfield**, Co-Chair Local Scholarship

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## **Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee**

The principals, Jarrett Dooley of Cunha Middle School and John Nazar of HMBHS, reported that AVID, Advancement via Individual Determination program, will be offered 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Many educational opportunities are available on the Coastside. Our library provides a full calendar of offering programs for babes through seniors. Rotary and Chamber continue to provide business and life skill training to our local high schools. Education is a priority on the Coastside. AAUW is proud to participate on this powerful committee.

**Sue Hatfield**, AAUW Representative

## Public Policy

Besides lobbying in Washington DC on issues that affect women and girls, AAUW is also very active on the state level. Some of the recent issues being worked on at the states' level are:

1. Nevada is the first state in 40 years to ratify the ERA!
2. Vouchers take money away from public schools and give it to private and religious schools. AAUW has been working hard on the national and state levels against this issue. Arizona recently passed a law creating a voucher program and Texas has been considering it.
3. Equal pay legislation: Philadelphia, New York City and Puerto Rico have passed Equal Pay Acts; Colorado, Oregon and Nevada are working on it (Gov. Brown signed it into law last year for California).
4. Reproductive rights. Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky Utah and Wyoming have passed restrictions. The American Health Care Act (which recently passed in the House) threatens to affect women's ability to control their own reproduction rights.
5. Sexual assault. April was "Sexual Assault" month. Maryland, Pennsylvania and Georgia have passed "NO MEANS NO" acts.
6. Tuition-free public college programs: New York is the first to pass a law helping middle-class families making less than \$125,000 a year. Women especially struggle to pay back college loans as they typically earn less than men.
7. Elections: It is important that we participate in local and state elections and that we continue to be active in the "Get Out the Vote" as we have been in national elections.
8. Paid leave for health reasons, family members and parental leave (for both new mothers and fathers) has 2/3 of AAUW members responding that this is an important issue for AAUW to address. It has passed in Maryland and Georgia; Columbus, Ohio, and Minnesota are both blocking it.
9. American Health Care Act (which passed in the House and is making its way to the Senate) is opposed by AAUW.

All of the above reports are from AAUW National and/or State. They are not your Public Policy Co-Chairs' private opinions. AAUW is a nonpartisan organization for candidates, but actively lobbies at both the national and state levels on issues they see as important for women and girls.

The latest research report "Deeper in Debt" will be released at the end of May. It deals with the huge debt young women are facing as they graduate from college, and since they usually make less than men in their same positions, it takes them much longer to pay off their college loans.

**Mary & Carlos Vargas** Public Policy Co-Chairs

## Coastside Gives

Our first Coastside Gives fundraiser was a success. We have a preliminary number of \$5,500, which will be adjusted downward to reflect the fees for processing the credit card transactions. The preliminary number includes donations and prizes.

Many thanks to the Board for their support, **Sue Hatfield** for discovering this fundraising opportunity, **Erika Pardo** and her team who helped us win the \$1,000 Power Hour prize, and **Julie Gerth** for reaching out to Tech Trek attendees and their families. I appreciate the support of the members who helped us qualify for prizes every hour and everyone who donated and asked family and friends to donate to support our mission to empower women and girls.

I am looking forward to putting the lessons we learned this year into action next year to raise even more to support our local and national projects.

**Carol Joyce**, Coastside Gives Coordinator