

- HAVE FUN— take a field trip
- VOLUNTEER—to be a tutor or mentor
- MEET— new members



Women in Maritime History

When: Monday, April 18, 2016

Where: Community United Methodist Church, HMB

Time: 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Our speaker for April will be JoAnn Simones, an author and historian. JoAnn will speak on "Women in Maritime History."

JoAnn will focus on women living and working on the coast in great detail and with photos. She will include examples of:

- women as wives & daughters of sea captains
- women as wives of shore whalers
- women as lighthouse keepers
- women as passengers on ships that sank
- women as tug boat captains
- women in the shipyards of WWI & WWII
- women's heroic actions

JoAnn writes, "Women have always been an integral part of maritime history. While much of their work has gone unheralded, we are beginning to learn more about their roles and accomplishments and I'd love to share what I know."

JoAnn manages a company and website called Gull Cottage Books. You can find more information about JoAnn and her books at <http://www.gullcottagebooks.com/Exhibits.php>

Contact Gael Erickson if you have any questions.

White Elephant Sale – Please List and Bunch

Now we get serious about the **AAUW White Elephant Sale, Saturday, May 21st at the Train Depot.** Here is what to do with your pile of incredible saved items to JUMP START the organization of the sale.

CLOTHING, please put on coat hangers – BUT don't waste a hanger for a tee shirt.

LINENS and BEDDING, please tie together with ribbon or yarn and attached a note with the size.

TINY ITEMS, GREETING CARDS, AND THE LIKE, please group items together in a Ziploc bag, i.e., 10 napkin rings, 2 dozen commemorative key chains, etc. We make more money and make more sales when we BUNCH ITEMS.

FURNITURE, please remember we have limited space. Chairs sell well as do small tables. RULE: Not too big, not too heavy

Please send us a LIST of Out-of-the Ordinary items you are going to donate. We need this info to prepare our WE Sale posters. Also, give us a clue as the original value of the item. Don't want to sell a Vermeer for a mere tuppence.

We passed around the volunteer WE list at the March meeting and send "MANY THANKS" to those who signed up. Helpers are still much needed and appreciated.

QUESTIONS? Call us or seek us out at the April meeting.

Peggy Rozhon and Mary Sheridan, WE Co-Chairs

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Public Policy

As we travel around other countries, it is interesting to see women's issues in the local papers. In the London Financial Times there was an article by an English commentator in the March 10, 2016 issue. The article stated that two countries have women majorities in the legislature of their countries: Rwanda and Bolivia !! I have never been to Rwanda, but Bolivia is a VERY "3rd. world country". With this issue of equal participation, comes certain required responsibilities such as military training.

REMINDER: April 12 is Equal Pay Day. It is the day when women's pay catches up with men's. Some progress has been made on this issue: Pres. Obama signed into law equal pay for Federal employees and Gov. Brown recently signed into law equal pay for women doing the same job with the same training and experience as their men counterparts. Some AAUW branches do special projects on this day to inform the public of this wage discrepancies and even though our branch is not doing anything to observe this day, we can still inform people with whom we come into contact of the unfair wage discrepancies for women

Our IBC will be planning a special project for GET OUT THE VOTE for the November elections. We will be discussing this at our June IBC meeting and we will be getting back to our branch with plans to participate in this project.

Mary and Carlos Vargas Public Policy Co-Chairs

Vigo, Galicia, Spain

AAUW-HMB Local Scholarship:

Four Local Scholarship applications have arrived. The final postmark date is 3/19. The committee of readers will receive copies of the applications to evaluate. None of the applications will have names attached this year. Only the chairperson will have the list of applicants' names. The readers will meet together on Wed. April 20, to make selections of recipients. The scholarship recipients will be introduced at the May Scholarship Brunch.

Please, remember that member donations as well as fundraising help support our scholarship fund. When you are able consider making donations to help build our fund for 2017. Without your support, this wonderful AAUW-HMB program in support of education for women will not be able to continue. Donations are always welcome and applied directly to scholarships.

Sue Hatfield, chairperson

Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee:

Julie Gerth attended the March HMB Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting. She brought the committee up to date on our AAUW-HMB TechTrek scholarship program. Thank you, Julie for sharing this important information with the Education Committee.

Sue Hatfield, AAUW-HMB Representative

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Donations for 2016 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP for Coastside Women



If you would like to contribute to our AAUW-HMB Local Scholarship Fund, you may use the form below. Our branch Local Scholarship Fund makes awards to outstanding graduates of Half Moon Bay and/or Pescadero High Schools who are entering their junior or senior year of college.

YES, I want to support Coastside women in the final stretch of their college education.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

My gift is in memory of: _____

Make checks payable to: AAUW-HMB LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND with Local Scholarship noted on the memo line. MAIL TO: SUE HATFIELD, 450 Cypress Ave., Half Moon Bay 94019.

Directory Updates

Amy Broome:

delete home phone,
keep cell phone number

New addresses:

Deborah Kratter
24 Fairway Place
Half Moon Bay [SHMB]

Terry Kujawa 650-889-3033
70 Seascape Drive
Half Moon Bay [SHMB]

Please keep me informed of any changes
you would like to have in your directory
entry.

Tidings Deadline for May 2016

Friday, April 15, 2016

When emailing articles please be specific in your Subject Line. **Please name your interest group or other subjects not just the word Tidings.** It makes it easier for me to keep track of submissions.

Thank you.

Please send articles as attachments, preferably in WORD.

Again, Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Harriett Beck, Editor hmbeck1@comcast.net

TECH TREK 2016 UPDATE

by Julie Gerth



The Tech Trek Committee is currently mulling over 23 applications for Tech Trek 2016 at Stanford University, July 3 - 9. As you might have surmised from the camp time frame that, yes, we had a slightly lower response rate this year. About 38 percent of the 61 students nominated by the middle-school math and science teachers replied by our March 7 due date. Our camp week assignment overlaps the July 4 holiday. But AAUW has to work with the Stanford conference office and the dates and dorm space we are given.

Many parents asked about whether they could apply to a different camp, but the answer is, no. Our branch campers are assigned to a specific camp and all 10 California camps are filled by scholarship campers from sister AAUW branches. So, onward and upward.

The committee is excited to read the 23 applications and to interview 10 to 12 semifinalists (a required step in the process) to pick our 6 scholarship campers. The campers will be notified of their selection by April 10. Five of the 23 applicants had dual nominations from BOTH a math and science teacher!

ALUMNAE NEWS:

2013 Tech Trekker Selina H. wrote a note of thanks for our recommendation for her application to a Rotary-sponsored program called the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards development program. RYLA events include presentations, activities, and workshops that cover a variety of topics, including communication skills, problem-solving, leadership and ethics.

2015 Tech Trekker Sonya C. is going on to the California State Science Fair with her insightful project on "Ghost Fishing" (see February Tidings). She recently won a 1st prize at the county STEM fair as well as a special award from the nonprofit Ten Strands.

Tech Trek Donation Form—2016

Yes, I want to continue to support Coastside girls at Tech Trek, the annual AAUW summer math and science camp, now in its 19th year!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

My gift is in honor of/memory of: _____

Make checks payable to: AAUW.
 In memo section, please designate: TECH TREK CAMP HOPPER.
 Mail to: Julie Gerth, AAUW-Half Moon Bay Branch Tech Trek Chair, 2094 Touraine Lane,
 Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

AAUW-HMB

Elected Slate of Officers for FY 2016-2017 (begins June 2016)

Slate of Elected officers:

President: Mary Alice Pearce
Program Vice President: Gael Erickson
Membership Co-Vice President Peggy Rozhon
AAUW Funds VP (Formerly EF) Diana Kalos
Recording Secretary Denali St.Amand

We are still seeking volunteers for the following elected positions:

Program Co-Vice President
 Membership Co-Vice President
 Treasurer

The following people have volunteered to serve again in non-elected positions:

Appointed Officer, Membership Treasurer Barbara Von Glahn
 Support Staff, Hospitality Nina Nelson

Save The Date:

Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Ocean Colony Club.

Please join us at our final event of the 2015/2016 AAUW-HMB year. The Annual Scholarship Luncheon. The agenda includes an announcement of the Tech Trek and Local Scholarship winners and the Named Gift Honorees.

Membership Matters:

We exceeded our goal of 160 members with four members joining the branch at our March 21 meeting so we are at 162 members strong! This is a huge accomplishment for our branch given the small size of our local population compared to other Bay Area cities. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help. Thanks for recruiting new members and spreading the word about the importance of our mission, "advancing equity for women and girls".

New Members:

Please join us in welcoming the following new members. Be sure to add their names and contact information to your directory.

Monica Ackerman (701 Arnold Way, Half Moon Bay, legal4all@aol.com). Monica recently moved to the Coastsides from Hayward where she did belong to AAUW in the early 90's. She works part-time as a freelance paralegal.

Emily Berk (630 Vue de Mar, Moss Beach, Emily@armadillosoft.com). Emily has rejoined the branch after a few years absence. She is a software developer and was first recruited by Luanne King.

Janie Keeler (620 Terrace, Moss Beach, jdtemp@hotmail.com). Janie recently moved to the Coastsides after retiring from the foreign service. She was recruited by Mary Alice Pearce.

Stephanie Lindsey (Montara, Stephanie@stephlindsey.com). Stephanie is a local realtor who learned about our branch from our website.

Peggy Rozhon and Mary Sheridan
Membership Co-VPs

RECEIVING YOUR TIDINGS???

The lifeline for getting information about our AAUW branch activities is the Tidings. It is usually sent sometime between the 25th and the end of the month. I know there are times when individuals do not get theirs. If it's not in your mailbox by the first of the month, please let me know and I will resend it. Also, during the month I send out special notices, etc. If you are not getting those please let me know. Thank you for your cooperation.

Betty Lee-Kendall, email distributor (bleek917@sbcglobal.net)

Talk to young people that you know.
We have the Speech Trek Topic for 2016-2017

IS IT TIME TO PASS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT?

The **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)** was a [proposed amendment](#) to the [United States Constitution](#) designed to guarantee [equal rights for women](#). The ERA was originally written by [Alice Paul](#) and [Crystal Eastman](#). In 1923, it was introduced in the [Congress](#) for the first time.

Several attempts to ratify the amendment were made in 1972, 1978 and then a possible ratification in 1982, but it still has never been put into law.

Actress Patricia Arquette, who made headlines and brought new attention to the gender pay gap with her infamous [2015 Oscar speech](#) has started a petition to assure the passage of ERA NOW!

"People think it's a women-only issue but it's not," Arquette told PEOPLE magazine. "It's an equality issue.

Filmmaker Kamala Lopez's new film, [Equal Means Equal](#), examines the startling effects of gender inequality in the United States, the inadequacy of current laws in place and the dedicated advocates who've been fighting for decades to rectify the situation.

**Is it time to pass the Equal Rights Amendment? If so, how can this be accomplished?
How can organizations such as AAUW help in getting this amendment ratified once
and for all?**



Speech Trek Update:

Sam Reynolds, whom some of you were able to hear at our February General Meeting Speech Contest, won 4th place in the AAUW Statewide Semi-Finals Speech Trek Contest. Only the top three winners will participate at the AAUW Convention Semi-Finals. We think that, thanks to Antoinette's efforts in coaching him, HMB Branch should feel very proud, this being the first time our branch has entered the competition. Sam will receive \$250.00 as runner-up.

Mary Vargas: SPEECH TREK Coordinator

JANUS:



The JANUS luncheon group meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday at noon. The meal is potluck and we always have a great variety of good food. Group policy reminders: please arrive by noon so we can eat at 12:30; bring \$2 per person as a "hostess gift" [not a wine fee]; RSVP to hostess.

Our next lunch is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27th** at the home of Angeline Hnatt, 320 Farallone Avenue, Montara. We request that everyone RSVP, either yes or no, to Angeline at: 728-3020 or achnatt@sbcglobal.net.

Please remember to bring \$2 for the hostess along with your potluck dish. Looking ahead: May luncheon will be at Sheila Cresson's home. If you would like to be added to the email list, please let me know. If you would like to be removed from the list, let me know that, too. Everyone is welcome.

Delores Crabb, Chair

Home Theatre:



We will meet at the home of Debbie Kratter (24 Fairway Place in Half Moon Bay) for our movie of the month on **SATURDAY, APRIL 30**. The title of the movie we will watch will be announced after the group decides on the movie by nomination and ballot. If you are not part of the group but would like to be included please contact Debbie Kratter (dgatzek@kratter.com). Each attendee is asked to bring a hearty appetizer to share (so we don't have to eat dinner beforehand); Debbie will provide beverages (including wine!) and paper goods. A small charge of \$3 per person helps to defray costs for the host. As usual we will meet at 6:00 pm for snacks with film starting about 6:30 pm. Friends and likely members of AAUW are always welcome!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Debbie.

Evening Book Group:

The Evening Book Group will meet **Tuesday, April 26** at Madeline Mc Reynold's home in Miramar. Social time and refreshments begin at 7 and discussion begins at 7:30. Nancy Struck will facilitate a discussion of Jodi Picout's book, **SING YOU HOME**. For more information, contact Marianne Harrison at mimih108@sbcglobal.net or call 726-4553 and leave a message.

Walk with us!



We had a lovely walk this morning on the Coastal Trail between Cowell and Purisima. The mustard and sour grass was in full bloom, the sky was clear, and the ocean was sparkling! We walk somewhere on the coast every Monday morning between 10 and 12. E-mail me if you'd like to join us and I'll send you a message each weekend to tell you where we'll meet. Marilyn Garrison

Great Books

Great Books:



The book selected for **Thursday, April 14**, is *A Town Like Alice* by Nevil Shute. The meeting will be held at the home of Janet Orumchian, 221 Miramontes Ave., HMB, from 2-4:00 p.m.. Phone # 560-0362

Carolyn Valoria

Hands On:

Hands On! is our sewing/knitting/crafting group where each person brings her own project to work on in a lively, friendly environment. We meet once a month in members' homes. Our meeting day is the second Wednesday of the month from 4-6 PM. In April we will meet on **April 13th** at the home of Betty Lee Kendall in Half Moon Bay. Please RSVP to her at 712-1850 or bleek917@sbcglobal.net. Looking ahead: we need a hostess for May 11th and in June we will meet at the home of Betty Zographos.

Delores Crabb, Chair
coastcrabb@comcast.net



Out To Breakfast

The Out to Breakfast group meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

Café Classique, 107 Sevilla Ave. El Gran. is the choice for **Friday, April 8th**.

No need to "reserve" or reply - just join us - it's a great way to start the day.

Peg Nordensten, Chair

Writers' Group:

The Writing Group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month.

We will be meeting at 9:30 am on Thursday, **April 7th** and at the same time on Thursday, **April 21st** at the Moonside Bakery and Cafe. We alternate reading from our work and writing in response to a prompt provided by Jean Slanger. On April 7th we will be doing the spontaneous writing.

All writers and genres are welcome. If you have questions please email Janet Orumchian at jhorumchian@yahoo.com or phone her at 650 560 0362.

Bridge :

The bridge group meets the third Friday, September through May (except in December), from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April's meeting will be on **April 15th** at Kit Bunnell's. Please contact Kit Bunnell at 726-9547 or by email at csbunnell@earthlink.net for more information or to reserve a spot.

Out and About:

On **Friday, April 1** (note change from last month), we will be going to San Francisco to visit the De Young Museum's Oscar de la Renta Retrospective.

Contact Mary Alice Pearce 726-3441

<maalice_hmb@comcast.net>for more information.

On **Friday, May 6** we will visit the Hillier Aviation Museum in San Carlos. Contact Mary Vargas 712-8699 for more information

Please send us your ideas for future outings.

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17	18 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>General Meeting</u> 7:00pm	19	20	21 Writer's Group 9:30 am	22	23
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