Changing the World, One Woman at a Time

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



Community Organizations Supporting Coastside Youth

When: Monday, April 21, 2014

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Community United Methodist Church, 777 Miramontes, HMB

Time:

What are local youth programs doing to help ensure our community remains a healthy and safe place for children and adults to live and thrive? How do these activities relate to AAUW's mission and the concerns of our members?

Please join us for our April program to learn about the work of two organizations that are helping Coastside youth develop into productive, responsible citizens and leaders. The program also includes readings by several high school students, whose poems were inspired by a guest teacher funded by an AAUW Edna Cox grant awarded to high school teacher Rosabelle Lynes.

We have several guest speakers for the program representing the Boys and Girls Club and the Police Activities League. Judith Guerrero is the new executive director of the Coastside Boys and Girls Club. She will talk about the life-enhancing programs and character development experiences the Boys and Girls Club provides in our community. She will describe the Boys and Girls Club's plans for growth as well as rewarding volunteer service opportunities for our members. Judith will also explain how members of our branch helped her achieve her educational and career goals.

We hope to see you there.

Ellen Donnelly and Allene Zanger, Program Vice Presidents

Slate of Officers for 2014-2015

Voting for our Slate of Officers took place at the General Meeting on March 17, 2014. The following Officers were elected for the coming year:

President - Harriett Beck

First Vice Presidents (Program) - Ellen Donnelly and Allene Zanger

Second Vice President (Membership) - Mary Sheridan

Third Vice President (AAUW Funds) - June Baxter

Treasurer - Barbara Von Glahn

Secretary - Kathleen Stewart

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LET'S TALK ABOUT AAUW FUNDS

First of all, many thanks to everyone who came out on St. Patrick's Day to welcome our speaker, Donna Knowlton, development director for Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, located in San Jose. I think all of us were impressed with Donna's personal story as well as the achievements of Santa Clara County's most comprehensive domestic violence service agency. We can all be proud of AAUW Funds, which provided a Community Action Grant to aid their cause.

Leadership Programs Fund #4339 and how we can help women become leaders in their schools,

communities and country

2505—<u>National Conference for College Women Student Leaders</u>. Attendees develop their leadership skills, networks, and ambition at this acclaimed, intensive three-day conference held annually in Washington, D.C.

2515—<u>Campus Action Projects</u>. AAUW awards grants to campus leaders to deliver programs guided by findings and recommendations of AAUW research to address a gender-based issue in their community.

2522—<u>Elect Her.</u> Teaches leaders the skills they need to run for student government. This program successfully increases the number of women who are involved in making decisions that affects all student on campus. They are also introduced to a national network of women who are running for and holding public offices. One day these students leaders may do the same.

On a personal note: I was too shy to run for a school office when I was in high school, but how well I remember the first time I got up my courage to hang signs all over campus when I ran for student body office my junior year at San Jose State. I didn't expect to win, but was thrilled when I did (barely). Let's help girls stretch their wings!

Next month: Recap of a marvelous year for AAUW Funds!

June Baxter, AAUW Funds VP

Save it for the White Elephant Sale



How's the pile coming? Remember to keep saving and sorting for the White Elephant Sale, May 24th, at the Train Depot. Sorting, you might ask? If you would please, group your items into categories, such as, books, linens, jewelry, shoes, children's clothing. This type of presorting will greatly help when we have to set up the sale.

Grab stuff while you can. Have you ever driven by a pile of usable castoffs, beckoning with a sign that states, "FREE"? Do you troll the Craigslist and Freecycle postings, where all things fabulous are free? Please be proactive and aggressive about collecting items for this sale. We aim to fill the Train Depot with lots of cool stuff, no matter what their provenance.



TAKE ACTION ON APRIL 8th- Wear Red, AAUW Sticker, and walk the Coastside, informing our businesses of the Equal Pay Day and the existing pay gender issue still existing today...

Equal Pay Day is April 8th. Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings finally catch up to men's earnings from the previous year. Thanks to the gender pay gap, it takes women an extra three months of wages to make up that 23-percent difference nation-wide. Equal Pay Day 2014 will fall on Tuesday, April 8. Read more about Equal Pay Day and how members in other areas have taken up the cause: <u>http://</u>www.aauw.org/article/get-readyegual-pay-day/.

Maura Jones requests that all AAUW members wear red on April 8th! Also to wear one of the AAUW stickers passed out during the March evening event of 3/17 or contact her for your sticker!

Maura Jones has sign ups, stickers, fact sheets, AAUW Public Policy handouts that she is requesting members to distribute to the various businesses within our community, along with some kind of treat if you so desire. Please contact Maura at c 650.834.7200 or mauraijones@yahoo.com

If someone wants to sell cookies or cupcakes, there have been branches who have sold to men \$1.00 while women are being sold \$0.87 to symbolize this cost difference in California, or to have a cookie with a small bite (the difference between the men and women pay gap) to show the difference in the earnings. These ideas can bring about discussion on the fair pay and the gender differences still abound.

Encouraging AAUW members to Vote in AAUW CA Elections! Support the \$4 dues increase for 2015-16!

All members will be asked to vote on a proposed \$4 dues increase for California AAUW for 2015-16. Please check the CA AAUW website for a discussion of the proposed increase. (www.aauwca.org/Assets/resources/ winter_2014_perspective_web.pdf)

AAUW CA election cycle begins again on Saturday, April 12! Alicia Hetman, our AAUW CA President's personal goal is to double our members in participating to vote! On April 12, you will receive an email with your directions to vote online. A postcard with this information and instructions for requesting a paper ballot is available. Please vote.

Note that the database utilized for this outreach is what the AAUW National database has on your contact info (your email, address, etc.)

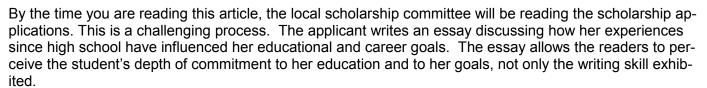
Maura Jones, CA Branch Support

HMB Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

Have you seen the new AAUW-HMB sign that is part of the <u>Welcome to HMB</u> sign on 92? It is kind of hidden behind the picket fence at the bottom, but we are proud that it is there. If you have wondered why AAUW-HMB has joined the Chamber of Commerce, it is because we are one of many proud non-profit and for profit organizations that support education on the Coastside. For the first time, I was able to attend the Network@night event when 67 teachers received \$100 donations from the members of the chamber. The generosity of the chamber members and the appreciation of the teachers was amazing to behold. Our community really cares about education!!

Sue Hatfield, HMB Chamber of Commerce Ed Comm. Representative

HALF MOON BAY AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Financial need, GPA, extracurricular activities, college honors, work experience during college, and community service are all evaluated. The readers arrive at tangible scores, but before the selections are finalized, the readers also consider the intangibles, those personal drives that pop out as the essays are read. Anyone who has participated in an interview process will understand how these intangible qualities are crucial when making selections. Since we never meet the candidate, the essay is very important.

I thank the committee members for their dedication to this complex process of selection. I, also, thank our generous members who continue to support our local scholarship fund. Every donation matters!

Sue Hatfield, AAUW-HMB Local Chair

Donations for 2014 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-CA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND with Local Scholarship noted on the memo line. MAIL TO: SUE HATFIELD, 450 Cypress Ave., Half Moon Bay 94019.





MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Our numbers continue to grow - we are at 140 members and I have heard from several people who are planning on joining this month. Keep the recruitment efforts going. Dare we aim for 150 members by the end of May! I believe that would be the highest membership number in the branch history.

As I continue as Membership VP for next year, I would like to recruit two-three members to be part of a membership committee. The members would assist me at the general meeting by handing out name badges and asking everyone to sign-in. This would leave me free to chat with guests and potential members at the meetings. I would also like the committee to help me develop new ideas for spreading the word about our branch and recruiting new members. So, if you are interested and could help out at two-three meetings during the year, please let me know. I think this job would be perfect for newer or long-time members.

Mary Sheridan VP Membership

CABRILLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUTORING

It's already April, which means school will soon come to a close. Our wonderful, dedicated group of school volunteers will also take their summer break.

Just to show the personal involvement of our volunteers, read the following message from members Mary and Carlos Vargas before they left on their two-month trip to Bolivia earlier this year: "We will miss our little 'rug rats' and look forward to seeing them in March. We are planning to send them emails, which the teachers will show on the 'Smart Board.' (A Smart Board is an interactive whiteboard; I had to look it up!) Yes, no matter if our members are near or far, the children they tutor are never far from their thoughts.

Perhaps you, too, are looking for a new way to connect with our community; what better way than to share your expertise with children from kindergarten through fifth grade. All you need is an open heart and the desire to sit with a child reading a book, or writing a story, working with numbers. Let the fall be the beginning of

something new for you, too!

June Baxter, Chair



Tidings Deadline for May Issue: Tuesday, April 15, 2014

When emailing articles, <u>please put Interest Group name, etc. in the subject line of the email</u>. It makes it easier for me to keep track of submissions. Thank you.

Please send articles as attachments, preferably in WORD.

Send to: hmbeck1@comcast.net

2014 TECH TREK APPLICATIONS POUR IN

by Julie Gerth



Our Tech Trek camper selection process is well underway. Applications from the 50 seventh-grade nominees, who were identified by their math and science teachers, were due to be postmarked by March 8. The committee (including Pauline Shue, Nancy Struck, Mardee Schweikert and brand-new member Caryl Battles) is currently reading the applications to narrow the group down to 10 to 12 students who must then participate in an interview on April 9-10. From those semifinalists, five girls will be selected to receive full \$900 scholarships to Tech Trek at Stanford University, Week 2, July 13 - 19.

All California AAUW branches sponsoring girls at any of the 10 Tech Trek camps in the state must follow the same selection process that includes an application with an essay and a follow-up interview. Tech Trek committee instructions remind us: "... Tech Trek is basically a 'camp of geeks' (We Love Geeks!), so girls you choose should feel comfortable in that environment. The most important thing is that your candidates WANT to come to Tech Trek. ... Girls are expected to attend classes Monday-Friday, be attentive, and participate fully in all activities. Hands-on science is fun for interested students but a disappointment for those not well prepared ..." The interview requirement was added to better gauge students' genuine enthusiasm for STEM subjects. Our committee has found it helpful, if heart-wrenching, as we meet more truly qualified, intelligent girls than we can send.

PAST TECH TREKKERS: Some of our Tech Trek alums who are now in high school have entered the highly competitive application process to return to Tech Trek as Junior or Senior Counselors. Only a handful of high-schoolers are chosen for each campus, and it is a great honor to be selected. Past Tech Trekkers from our branch who have served in this coveted role at Stanford Tech Trek include Sabina Perlsweig (UC) and Adi Padilla (SFSU, B.S. 2012, Business Admin/Marketing).

TECH TREK NEEDS YOU FOR STANFORD, CAMP HOPPER (WEEK 2, JULY 13 - 19)

There are various, short-term ways to get involved with Tech Trek. If you'd like to get a glimpse of camp in action, check this list and contact Tech Trek Branch Chair Julie Gerth as soon as possible.

- Field trip drivers on Thursday, July 17, 1 - 3:30 p.m. We need 3 or 4 drivers to go a very short distance from Stanford campus on Embarcadero Road to the Bay, to the Lucy Evans Baylands Preserve. We just need a copy of your proof of insurance.

- Would any branches be willing to prepare or purchase and drop off at the dorms a staff breakfast and/or lunch for our training time on Sunday, July 13? It would be for about 18 people (dorm moms, teachers and counselors). Bagels, fruit, juice, yogurt and coffee. At lunch it's nice to have a large salad (taco, chicken or other). We are open to any other ideas.

- We need a Costco run on Friday, July 18, to pick up 2 sheet birthday cakes and our camp pictures for the camp finale. We can reimburse for this cost.

- On Saturday, July 19, we need two trucks or vans to help us pack up camp supplies to the storage unit on East Bayshore Road near Willow.

LILLY LEDBETTER'S INSPITATIONAL TALK AT SJSU

On March 8, I had the pleasure of accompanying my granddaughter Kelsey, a junior business (MIS) major at San Jose State University, to hear Lilly Ledbetter's keynote address at the university's Women's Conference. I've heard about Lilly's struggle for years, but my granddaughter was new to the discussion. Both of us were blown away! I truly had tears in my eyes when we asked Lilly to sign our newly purchased copy of her book, **Grace and Grit**: *My fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond*.

I felt so grateful for AAUW Funds, which supported Lilly's case through the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). The first bill signed by President Obama was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009, and AAUW was there! AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman and Lisa Maatz, AAUW's VP of Government Relations, sat in the front row. Brava, Ladies!

June Baxter

HMB Branch AAUW Bylaw change:

The bylaw change was presented and voted on at our March general meeting. The change was approved

Article VI.d. of the bylaws will now read:

"No elected officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and the President and Program Vice President shall be eligible to serve no more that two consecutive terms in the same elected office. Other officers may serve three consecutive terms in the same elected office."

This change will take effect in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

President's Corner:

- 1. New slate of officers was accepted by acclamation.
- 2. HMB AAUW Branch bylaws amendment was passed.
- 3. Remember: White Elephant Sale on May 24—Save your articles to sell.
- 4. We now have 140 members to date.
- 5. Maura still needs help with Equal Pay Day activities.
- Please vote in the AAUW Elections in April. If you need help, let us know and we can help you. Last year we didn't have a good showing. 23 out of 120 members voted.
- 7. Our speaker Donna Knowlton was wonderful—read June's article.
- 8. \$3000.00 to AAUW Funds this year. Great work!!

Harriett Beck, HMB AAUW Branch President

ARE YOU "BOSSY?

When you were growing up were you ever accused of being "bossy"? Why is it that when boys assert themselves the same way, they are showing "executive leadership skills", but a girl is "bossy"? Probably many of us in AAUW were considered "bossy" when we were growing up !!

There is a new movement afoot to empower young girls, to channel this "bossiness" into taking on leadership roles. Three of the most influential women in America, **Sheryl Sandberg**, Face book COO and author of the best selling book "LEAN IN", **Condoleezza Rice**, former Sec. of State and Stanford University professor and **Anna Maria Chavez**, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA, have joined together to launch a public service campaign to ban the word "bossy", a negative label they say is too often applied to young girls, and is one of the many ways we discourage them from speaking up.

The road to leadership starts in school. Research shows that by middle school, more boys than girls are interested in leading (similar to girls in this age group's reluctance to participate in STEM activities). What can be done to discourage these stereotypes? The "BAN BOSSY" campaign aims to help parents and educators to empower girls to stand up and speak out. Parents can help their daughters commit small acts of assertiveness, educators need to observe dynamics in group work assuring that girls take credit for their participation in the project and girls need to learn how to introduce opinions without apologies or making statements sound like questions.

We need to empower our young girls and women in STEM activities, but also to feel comfortable taking on leadership roles. Every year AAUW sponsors a Leadership Conference for university women in July, close to Washington DC. Maura is selling AAUW car license plates at the AAUW CA Convention this year to try to raise money to send one of our local girls to this conference. You can help by purchasing a license plate for your car from her.

Carlos and Mary Vargas



Sunshine Committee

Do you know about the Sunshine Committee? We assist local branch members when support is needed and wanted. Our volunteers offer support by providing transportation to appointments, visiting the patient, and delivering meals for the AAUW member and their family. If you would like to volunteer on an asneeded basis, please contact **Harriett Beck at 728-9218**. We appreciate all volunteers!

Interest Group Information:

Penny O'Neil would like to find a replacement for the chairman of the interest group Out and About. If you are willing to help out,

please contact Penny - cgpenny@gmail.com.

Penny has done a great job in starting this new group. It has been enjoyed by many. In addition we need to find a new chairman for the Gourmet Group. It also has been a popular group. If you would be willing to help out, contact Carol Mickelsen - affordabletravel@coastside.net

Thanks for your continued interest and support in these groups.

Carol Forster, coordinator of Interest Groups

HANDS ON

Our group will be meeting at the home of Betty Lee-Kendall on Wednesday, April 9 from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Bring your project(s), paper crafts, knitting crocheting, quilting or whatever. We love to share and be inspired.

Contact Ruth Rafello, <u>rrafello@coastside.net</u> for more info.

Evening Book Group



The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday evening April 29 at Madeline Mc Reynold's home at 7 pm. The book is GOD'S HOTEL by Victoria Sweet. Facilitator will be Linda Lowens. Discussion begins at 7:30. For more information contact Marianne Harrison at



Bridge Group

The bridge group meets the third Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact Kit Bunnell at 726-0547 or by email at <u>csbunnell@earthlink.net</u> for more information or to reserve a spot.

Out and About

Angel Island Adventure, April 4

We'll carpool to Tiburon, and then catch the ferry to the largest island in San Francisco Bay. The views from there are spectacular, and Angel Island history is significant. From 1910-1940, the U.S. immigration Station processed hundreds of thousands of immigrants, the majority from China. During World War II, Japanese and German POWs were detained here before being sent to inland facilities. Our own troops were often processed through Angel Island. Lots more information is available on their website.

Mary Alice Pearce is heading up this month's outing and here are the essential details:

> Take a tram tour, or just hike the trails. Tram tour: 11:45 am Adults \$15.00, Seniors (62+) \$13.50 Enjoy scenic views of the bay while enjoying lunch at the Angel Island Cafe. Leave (old) Flavor parking lot by 9:30; carpool to Tiburon for the 11:00 am ferry (\$13.50 round trip). Chip in \$3.00 for your carpool driver's gas.

Please RSVP to Penny at <u>cgpennyo@gmail.com</u> by April 1 if you would like to go and *also please indicate if you could drive to Tiburon*. We have such a good time, regardless of where we go!

Current Events Interest Group

The current events group will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 2 PM at the home of Mary & Carlos Vargas, 14 Lighthouse Rd. (in Canada Cove) HMB. There is a lot in the news to discus, the Russian situation, what is happening in South America, to say nothing of our own HMB Main Street Bridge. Please let us know if you can come at 712-8699 or <u>cvu59@aol.com</u>. (there will be treats!!)

Janus

Janus meets on the fourth

Wednesday of each month to enjoy good food and stimulating conversation. We meet promptly at 12:00 pm and eat at 12:30 pm. The April Janus Luncheon will be on **April 23** at the home of Angie Hnatt. Check your directory for her address. For any new members, the luncheons are pot luck. It can be an hors d'oeuvre, salad, main dish, or dessert. Bring your choice and two dollars for the hostess as she buys wine and etc. Hope to see you there. For info contact

Dorothy Maurer at: 728-3415

WALK AND TALK



Join the Walk and Talk group **every Monday** morning at 10 am for 2 hours of walking and visiting somewhere on the coast. If you are interested, send your email to me and I will include you in the message I send out every week indicating where we will start our walk the following Monday.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Marilyn Garrison, Chair

marilyngarr@hotmail.com

Writer's Group

The Writer's Group will meet on Thursday, April 3, at 9:30 am at Moonside Café, located at 604 Main Street in HMB. We will read from our work at this meeting. We will also meet at 9:30 am on Thursday, April 17 at Moonside Café. At this meeting we will do spontaneous writing in response to prompts. If you have any questions, please email me: jhorumchian@yahoo.com or call me at 560-0362. Welcome Writers.

Great Books



The Thursday afternoon group will have read Galileo's Daughter by Dava Sobel. Discussion will be at the home of Beverly Landess, 2:00 pm on Thursday April 10th. Our hostess will be Evelyn Tuturow. Be sure to let one of them know if you plan to attend.

Play Reading

Hi Thespians,

We will be reading a delightful play on Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 pm at Jean Slanger's home called IT HAP-PENED in HARRODS, a comedy written by John Chapman. Helen Lady de Langley is at her wits end. She has given her husband only daughters and he wants a son to carry on the family name. Come to the Play Reading session and see how she solves her problem.

For further information contact Luanne King.



Gourmet Dining

The Gourmet Dining Group provides an opportunity for members to refine their cooking skills. A challenging menu is developed and then each member is assigned one dish to prepare. Our events are held every other month. We will not be meeting in April. Our next event is in May. If you would like to expand your cooking skills by joining the Gourmet Dining Group, please contact Carol Mickelsen. The Gourmet Group will need a chairman or co/chairmen for the 2014-15 September-May year. Please contact Carol Forster if you are interested.

Email: carolforster@sbcglobal.net.



Home Theatre

At our last meeting, our group watched the Academy Awards in place of our Home Theatre movie. Fun was had by all with Maura Jones and others tying for the most correct answers on the balloting. In April we return to our regular programming. We will gather on April 26 at the home of Gail Harvey. She has planned a double feature with the famous actor Archie Leach in the lead role in both films. Snacking begins at 6 pm (remember to bring your offering) with the first movie starting at 6:30 pm. Be sure to let either Gail or Betty Lee-Kendall know if you plan to attend.

Betty Lee-Kendall, Chair.

April 2014								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		1	2	3 Writer's Group 9:30 am	4 Out & About 9:30 am	5		
6	7 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>Board Mtg.</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	8 Current Events 2 pm	9 Hands On 4:00 pm	10 Great Books 2:00 pm	11	12		
13 Playreading 1 pm	14 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	15 Tidings Deadline	16	17 Writer's Group 9:30 am	18 Daytime Bridge 10:30 am	19		
20	21 _{Walk&Talk} 10:00 am <u>General Meeting</u> 7:00 pm	22	23 JANUS 12:00 pm	24	25	26 Home Theatre 10:00 am		
27	28 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	29 Evening Book Group 7 pm	30					

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Check the updated web site <u>halfmoonbay-ca.aauw.net</u> for news about our branch activities and AAUW.

We will be having a MEMBERS only section which will be protected. How do you get into the MEMBERS only section? <u>Type in our branch password for this section</u>: **HMB Tidings** This MEMBERS only section should have our bylaws, meeting minutes from the board, board agenda, board member contact information,

Special Interest Groups contacts, there will be a section in our public section to internet users to learn about the various Special Interest Groups of AAUW HMB branch, and our Tidings. Let me know your feedback on the web site and any modifications, suggestions. Thanks!

Maura Jones, Web Master

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