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Discovering Fitzgerald Marine Reserve & San Mateo Coast State Parks



When: Monday, January 17, 2014
Where: Community United Methodist Church,
 777 Miramontes, Half Moon Bay
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Have you often wondered what treasures hide beneath the surf and along our coast? With the threatened closure of some State Parks last year, have you wondered what that would have meant for our local State Parks and whether you have taken advantage of all they have to offer? Have you ever gone tiding at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve?

Please join us for our February program about the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and the beautiful State Parks found along the San Mateo coast. We have two guest speakers for this program. **Tom Ciotti**, president of the Friends of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, has been volunteering at the Reserve for ten years. He will tell us about the precious natural treasures the Reserve protects and about the oldest artifact ever discovered in San Mateo County. He will also describe the rewarding work of serving as a Reserve Volunteer.

Our second speaker is **State Parks ranger, Nelle Lyons**. She will tell us about the magnificent State Parks found on our coastsides and how to best enjoy them. We will learn ways volunteers can protect these natural resources and provide educational experiences to children and adults.

We hope to see you there.

Ellen Donnelly and Allene Zanger, Program Vice Presidents



Membership Matters:

We are going strong with 138 members. I really enjoyed meeting the new members at our New Member Welcome held on February 1. I am always amazed at what a diverse, interesting group we are. I hope to meet more new members at the Neighborhood Gatherings to be held in February.

Mary Sheridan





LET'S TALK ABOUT AAUW FUNDS

The Public Policy Fund #4337 and What It Means For Our Membership

Since AAUW's Founding, our members and supporters have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. Without their voices, invaluable legislation would have never been passed. In recent years, such legislation included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to advance our work to empower women and girls. With the member-endorsed Public Policy Program as our guide, AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women. Lisa Maatz, AAUW's legislative advocate in Washington, DC, recently spoke to members of the AAUW San Francisco/San Mateo County Inter-branch Council (IBC), about these issues.

For all that has been accomplished, we have further to go in the areas of equal pay, protecting women's reproductive rights, and supporting quality education, to name but a few.

We can thank our branch's Public Policy co-chairs, Carlos and Mary Vargas, for keeping us educated about public policy issues.

Next month: Community Action Grants and how they have helped provide education and equality for girls and women

CABRILLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUTORING



Happy New Year, Everyone! What better way to begin the New Year than by volunteering in one of our local elementary schools? If you took a leave, maybe you'd like to return. If you've wanted to be a part of something special, please consider joining our band of dedicated tutors. It's never too late to volunteer; several months remain in the school year.

Here are testimonials from a couple of our seasoned volunteers: Joan Kidd, longtime volunteer at Hatch, says this is the nicest group of first-graders she's worked with since she became a volunteer. Sue Hatfield says she has had the good fortune to be able to work with the same students as they progress through the grades from second to fourth, and she is delighted to see their reading skills as well as their personal skills maturing.

Don't be shy; call me today!

June Baxter

Did You Know??

What do YoYo Ma, Clint Eastwood and Candice Bergman have in common?

YoYo Ma's cello string, a Clint Eastwood signed "Byrd" recording and a script of "Murphy Brown": all purchased at the strange and successful **The 101 Family "My Junk is Your Treasure" Garage Sale Extravaganza** held in the theatre parking lot on May 22, 1993.

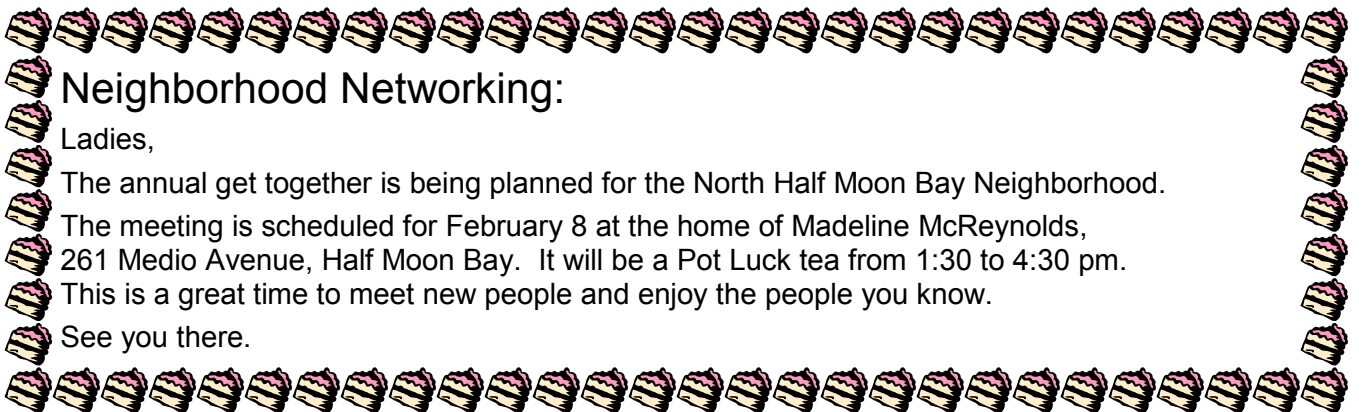
To benefit the Edna Cox Endowment Fund* that was still in the making many, many famous people were written to asking for something of theirs of no value to be sold to benefit the Endowment Fund. A *Certificate of Authentication* accompanied all the famous offerings just so no one could accuse organizer, Katie Murdock, of rummaging about in thrift stores.

After much work gathering, labeling, sorting and storing a deluge of more local items Katie was a no-show and Delores Crabb and a large crew of dedicated members stepped in and ran a brilliant sale. Who has these treasures now? Here are a few: Mary Sheridan snagged YoYo Ma's cello string while Delores Crabb has the record album of "Byrd" signed by Clint Eastwood and the TV script of "Murphy Brown" starring Candice Bergman.

With many peoples cooperation the paperwork was submitted to Association to bring the endowment fund into being as everyone was committed to have the initial \$5,000 completed within a year of which the garage sale was one of many fund raisers. To maximize the return on money an event had to be something where the up front costs were minimal. So with only expenditures for the bare necessities and advertising the Branch was able to realize \$1,002.84, one-fifth of the needed five thousand to get the fund going.

We would love to know who the purchasers of the other items are, especially THE RUBBER CHICKEN.

*Endowment Fund: This is an Association fund that now endows Research & Project Grants in the name of Edna Cox. Later AAUW-HMB funded one for Ruth Rafello. \$5,000 was the initial amount needed to start an R&P Grant fund.



Neighborhood Networking:
 Ladies,
 The annual get together is being planned for the North Half Moon Bay Neighborhood.
 The meeting is scheduled for February 8 at the home of Madeline McReynolds,
 261 Medio Avenue, Half Moon Bay. It will be a Pot Luck tea from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.
 This is a great time to meet new people and enjoy the people you know.
 See you there.

Tidings Deadline for March Issue:

Saturday, February 15, 2014

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

Please send articles as attachments, preferably in WORD.



HALF MOON BAY AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship process has begun. Half Moon Bay High School and Pescadero High School have provided the address information of 247 female graduates from the 2011 and 2012 graduating classes.

The application form and invitational letter have been updated and printed. On Jan. 22, the scholarship committee volunteers prepared the envelopes for mailing. Our HMB Chamber of Commerce membership allows us to use the chamber's bulk mailing rate...a real cost saver. Applications must be mailed no later than March 15.

Next, the five Local Scholarship Committee readers will evaluate the applications in preparation for the April 16 selection meeting. We usually have 17-18 applicants. Each reader reviews every application. At the selection meeting a consensus is reached selecting the 3 recipients. The chair then notifies the recipients by a phone call and the other applicants by mail. Sadly, we can't honor each applicant because each is so amazingly talented. However, a respectful and encouraging letter thanks each for the time that was taken to prepare the application. Finally, on May 17, at the Scholarship Brunch, the recipients will be honored and introduced to the membership.

The process isn't quite finished. Each recipient must confirm registration before the check is sent. This part of the process usually occurs late in July. It is an amazing feeling to send each of the recipients a check for \$2000 to support the continuing education of these talented women. The committee is proud to do this on the member's behalf. Thank you all for making these scholarships possible.

Sue Hatfield, HMB Local Scholarship 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.

Save it for the White Elephant Sale :



As you begin this new year and decide to “declutter”, please save "de clutter for us". Our branch again will be holding a White Elephant Sale in the Spring. We were extremely fortunate to book the Train Depot at a reduced rate. **The Train Depot is located at 110 Higgins Canyon Road, a neighbor to the Johnston House. The sale date is Saturday, May 24th, 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.** We also have use of the Train Depot all day Friday, May 23rd, for set-up.

Please put aside good, usable, interesting items that we could sell to help with our ongoing fund raising. Just use your good judgment and start a pile for our upcoming sale.

Rule of Thumb: If it weighs more than 40 pounds, we probably would suggest that you keep it. We will need to take a pass on large furniture and certain types of electronic equipment.

Rule of Green Thumb: May we have your plant clippings? We have a variety of pots so if you have any interesting plants that you could clip, please let us know. Plants in a nice container could sell for \$10 to \$25, so it would be an easy way to earn money.

Chamber of Commerce Education Committee:

At the January meeting, the committee met the new principal of Hatch Elementary, Mr. Jim Ward. We learned that the Heal Project will benefit from a Specialty Crop Block Grant from the Cal. Dept. of Agricultural Education. Dr. Tekakwitha M. Pernambuco-Wise, principal of Sea Crest, was pleased to announce that there would soon be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the school's new building. Our library representative, Anne Malley, stated that Friends of the Library is working to raise the other half of the money needed to build the new, up-to-date library for Half Moon Bay. So many people work so hard to offer educational opportunities on the coast. It is an honor to represent AAUW as part of the educational community.

Sue Hatfield, Representative

2013 Tech Trekkers Win Science Fair Awards

by Julie Gerth

Our five 2013 Tech Trekkers recently participated in the eighth-grade science fair at Cunha Intermediate School tackling a wide range of topics from Physical Science to Behavioral Science. Two of the girls are among the 25 students who have been selected to progress to the San Mateo County Science Fair after winning ribbons at the annual school competition.

Amy Nguyen won a second-place ribbon in the Earth Science category for her project "It's the Acid." Her experiment with mussel shells tested how ocean acidification affects marine life. She said the shells immersed in water of higher acidity showed measurable weight loss. Katherine Dioli studied "The Mpemba Effect," and used 10 different starting temperatures to yield lots of good data to try to determine "if hot water freezes faster than similar amounts of cold water under the same conditions."



While Carly Bunuan experimented with plants in "Is WiFi Harmful To You?" and was awarded a second-place ribbon, Kailey Cline wanted to see if teens and adults could pass the fifth-grade STAR test. "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth-grader?" was her query. And Selina Hermann was interested in whether boys and girls have the same fears and whether their fears change as they grow older. Her project "Boo! What Scares You?" was rewarded with a third-place ribbon for her survey of 135 elementary students. It didn't surprise her that, in our part of the world, fears of natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis top the list.

Our application process is about to commence for Tech Trek 2014. Seventh-grade math and science teachers will be asked to nominate girls who will receive an application to apply to the 17th annual AAUW-CA Math and Science Camp. The applications will be due back to our branch committee in March. We will select five girls to attend Tech Trek at the Stanford site in July.

Tech Trek Donation Form—2014

Yes, I want to continue to support Coastside girls at Tech Trek, the annual AAUW summer math and science camp, now in its 16th year!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

My gift is in memory of: _____

Make checks payable to: AAUW-CA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND and mail to: Julie Gerth, AAUW-Half Moon Bay Branch Tech Trek Chair, 2094 Touraine Lane, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

Public Policy:

THE GANG OF TWENTY

Did you know that there are 20 women in the US Senate, both Democrats and Republicans?

Do you know that unlike their male counterparts, they work together to bring about change in a bipartisan, cooperative atmosphere? These twenty women in the Senate are cutting deals, passing bills and sometimes looking like the only "adults" left in Washington !! Recently Senators Murkowski (R), Ayotte (D) and Collins (R), broke the logjam to open the government and avert default. Most of the women senators had gathered the previous night for pizza, salad and wine. Their discussions yielded a plan that would lead to genuine talks between Senate leaders Harry Reid and Mitch McConnell to end the shutdown . There is a deep sense that more unites them personally than divides them politically. One of the things they do better is listen. It is about getting people in a room with different life experiences who will look at things a little differently maybe because they are moms, or daughters who've been taking care of senior parents, because they have a different life experience than a lot of the guys in the room.

Carlos and Mary Vargas, Co-Chair, Public Policy

President's Corner:

1. Congratulations to everyone, we now have 138 members in our HMB Branch.
2. We are having White Elephant Sale in May watch for information.
3. STEM Workshop Committee is planning a 3 day program this summer hoping to enroll 16 to 20 girls. Would you like to help??
4. Equal Pay Day on April 8th. Any suggestions on how to celebrate? Talk to Maura Jones if you would like to help. (See article on Page 8)
5. Monies raised for Tech Trek that is over scholarship requirements will be earmarked for Camp General Fund to help with additional activities this summer.
6. Recommendations for Nominations for next year's Board will be announced in March Tidings and voted on at March General Meeting.

Harriett Beck, HMB AAUW Branch President



Pay Equality Day is April 8, 2014 – Let's make a difference and provide more community awareness.

I hope you were able to see NBC's coverage of the gender wage gap on January 14th.

The AAUW Action Fund is preparing for one of the most un-wonderful times of the year, [Equal Pay Day 2014](#) on Tuesday, April 8. Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings catch up to men's earnings from the previous year.

Equal Pay Day 2014 has added significance in that it falls between two big legislative anniversaries: the fifth anniversary of the [Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act](#) on January 29 and the 50th anniversary of the [Civil Rights Act](#) on July 2.

I am hoping that each member will be able to remember to wear **RED** on this day, as well as stickers (ask Maura and there will be stickers at our monthly events). Check out our branch web site for further details (both the public and member's only areas).

We are asking for volunteers who would like to:

- Bake red velvet cupcakes or cookies

- Buy some strawberries

- Pass treats (above) out on the Coastside along with a one page fact sheet.

In 2014, we plan to broaden our scope from schools (in 2013) to coastside businesses as well as some at central sites, like the library, Chamber of Commerce and City Hall. What do you think? Would you like to volunteer and be part of this effort? If so, please contact Maura Jones (cell [650.834.7200](tel:650.834.7200)/maurajones@yahoo.com). Your spirit and effort will be very much appreciated!

In California, there is still a pay equity gap in which women earn about 87% compared to men. Further reading on this public policy issue that is one of AAUW's main focus for this year:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/pay-equity-resource-kit>

Let work on bringing community awareness on an issue that affects all people!

Interest Group Information:

Our one Interest Group GREAT DECISIONS (evenings) led by Barbara Von Glahn starts in February, so you will have another interest choice this month. Hope you have found at least one group that tweaks your interest. Any suggestions for starting another group, please contact me.

Carol Forster 726-4984,
carolforster@sbcglobal.net, Interest
 Group Coordinator

Hands on

We could call our group HAND MADE OR HAND CRAFTS since we do so many different things as individuals. Come join us to learn and share. We meet the second Wednesday of every month from 4 to 6 in the afternoon. Next meeting will be at the home of **Betty Zographos** on **Wednesday, Feb. 5th**. Please let me know if you are coming or if you have a question.

Ruth Rafello, 728-3013 or rrafello@coastside.net.



Evening Book Group

Tuesday, February 25, June Baxter will lead a discussion of **GONE GIRL** by Gillian Flynn at the Evening Book Group. We meet at 7pm at **Made-line Mc Reynold's home** in Miramar unless otherwise noted. After socializing and refreshments, the discussion begins at 7:30. For more information, contact Marianne Harrison at mimih108@sbcglobal.net or (650) 726-4553.



Out to Breakfast

Out to Breakfast will meet **Friday, February 14** at 8:30 am at **Half Moon Bay Joe's**, 2380 S. Cabrillo Hwy. Come and join us for good food and good conversation. Everybody is welcome! For information contact: Joan Kidd

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 as-needed basis, please contact **Harriett Beck** at **728-9218**. We appreciate all volunteers!

Out and About

We have a varied group of outings set for the next few months:

February 7: trip to **Ano Nuevo**: Those who have already made reservations meet at 9:45 am in the New leaf parking lot (south side, behind the bus stop).

March 7: trip to **Sausalito**: I keep finding members who have never been on San Francisco Bay. Here's your chance. On Friday, March 7, our intrepid group will be boarding BART in Daly City for the Embarcadero stop. There we will board the ferry to Sausalito for a trip across the bay. Whatever the weather, it is a beautiful trip. After docking in Sausalito, we will have lunch in one of Sausalito's excellent restaurants, explore the town a little before boarding the ferry for our return to SF.

Contact Penny O'Neal at cgpenny@gmail.com if you want to join us on this trip. Also, please indicate if you are willing to drive a carload to the DC Bart.

Current Events Interest Group

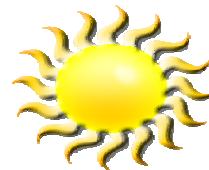
There will be no meeting of the Current Events Interest Group during the months of January and February, as we will be traveling (and bringing back many interesting things to discuss). Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 11** at 2 pm in our home at **14 Lighthouse Rd**, (in Canada Cove)

Carlos Vargas, Group Chair

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 csbunnell@earthlink.net for more information or to reserve a spot.



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 February Janus Luncheon will be on **February 26** at the home of **Delores Crabb**. 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

Writer's Group



The Writer's Group will meet at 9:30 am on the **first and third Thursdays** of each month at Suite 5 of the **Zaballa House** in HMB. We alternate reading from our work and doing spontaneous writing in response to a prompt. On February 6th we will be reading from our work and on February 13th we will do spontaneous writing. All writers are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Janet Orumchian a jhorumchian@yahoo.com or phone her at: 650-560-0362

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

GOURMET DINING GROUP

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 February. Our next event is in March.

If you would like to expand your cooking skills by joining the Gourmet Dining Group, please contact Carol Mickelsen, affordabletravel@coastside.net.

Home Theatre



This is a change for Home Theatre from our usual meeting in February. The group will meet on **Sunday, March 2**, for the Academy Awards.

We will gather as early as 4:00 pm for the Red Carpet fashion show which is prior to the awarding of the Oscars. The hostess for the event is **Betty Lee-Kendall**.

Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Betty Lee-Kendall, Chair

Great Books



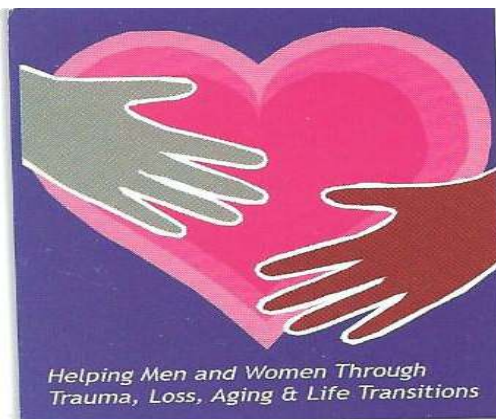
We will meet the second **Thursday, February 13** at 2:00 pm, at the home of **Joan Kidd**. The book to be discussed is Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough. As always, please let our hostess know if you plan to attend.

Mariam Champion, Chair

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2	3 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>Board Mtg.</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	4	5 Hands On 4:00 pm	6 Writer's Group 9:30 am	7 Out & About 9:45 am	8
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Check the updated web site halfmoonbay-ca.aauw.net 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? Type in our branch password for this section: **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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