

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



Learn About Plants That Thrive on the Coastsides

When: Monday, January 20, 2014
Where: Community United Methodist Church,
 777 Miramontes, Half Moon Bay
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



Are you a current or aspiring gardener? Please join us for our January program on plants that thrive on the coastsides and which would be great additions to your garden. We have two guest speakers for this program, both of whom are Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners complete an intensive 14-week training program in plant science and horticulture. Susan Miller is a Master Gardener who lives in Pacifica. Our second speaker is Wendy Santiago, principal of W.E.S. Landscape Architecture and a member of the Beautification Advisory Committee for the City of Pacifica.

Susan and Wendy will present a slide show on plants that do well in our coastsides environment and will answer your questions about plants and your own gardens. We hope to see you there.

Ellen Donnelly and Allene Zanger, Program Vice Presidents



Adopt a Family

The "Christmas Bureau Adopt a Family" program wishes to thank all who generously contributed this year. A huge thanks to Irene Baume who singlehandedly shopped for AAUW for four families totaling 16 individuals -even bravely shopping on Black Friday. Thanks to all those who volunteered to do some shopping for the program, those who wrapped and otherwise helped. All your time and efforts keep this successful program alive and well and serving the working poor in our community. Christmas could be celebrated in the homes of more than 300 families and seniors.

LET'S TALK ABOUT AAUW FUNDS



What does LAF stand for and why should we care?

What does LAF stand for? The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) #3999, now included in AAUW Funds, works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. It is managed by our national organization in Washington, D.C.

Why should we care? Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

What are some examples? Women workers denied promotions at Wal-Mart, military veteran survivors of sexual assault, and college/university staff who are experiencing unfair pay are some of the plaintiffs AAUW assists through our case support program.

We can be very proud of AAUW's contribution to fair treatment for our nation's women and girls.

Next Month: The Public Policy Fund #4337 and what it means for our membership.

June Baxter, AAUW Funds VP

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR NAMED GIFT HONOREES

Each year our Half Moon Bay Branch honors those members of projects that have made a difference to our branch. Named Gift Honorees are chosen with regard to their service to the branch or to AAUW as a whole.

A candidate for this honor is someone who:

1. Is a current member of our branch
2. Has served on the board of directors at some time
3. Has been a Half Moon Bay Branch member for the past five consecutive years

In addition, these options may also be considered:

1. Give the honor posthumously to a deserving member who met the above criteria
2. Reconsider a Named Gift Honoree after 10 years if she has made an outstanding contribution
3. Honor only one person
4. Name the Half Moon Bay Branch as honoree
5. Honor a branch project

A special pin will be given to the recipient. Perhaps you have seen some of our members wearing their pins; a pewter half-moon with a colored stone, engraved with AAUW.

Please send me (email preferred) the name of a member or branch project that you would like to see honored and your reasons, by January 22, 2014. The AAUW Funds Committee will make their selections based upon the information received, with a special announcement at the May Scholarship Luncheon. Thank you.

June Baxter, AAUW Funds VP



Membership Matters

We are ringing in 2014 with a total of 137 members. Please see page 7 for the names and contact information for our six newest members. Be sure and welcome them if you see them at a general meeting, interest group activity or neighborhood gathering. You can spot the new members by the red dot on their name badges.

Thanks to everyone who recruited new members. As of December 16, one of our new members, Christa Bigue, is leading the contest for recruiting the most new members with two members recruited. The following members are also in contention for the free national dues prize by recruiting one new member each - Diane Bobko, Amy Broome, Sheila Cresson, Elizabeth Thompson and Allene Zanger.

We will be holding a **New Member Welcome on Saturday, February 1**. An invitation was sent to all new members with the details. If you joined the branch since 2012 and did not attend one of the earlier New Member Welcomes, please let me know so I can send you an invitation. Any new member attending this event is welcome to bring a friend who you think would be interested in learning more about our branch. Just be sure to email me and let me know the name of your guest so I can have a name badge ready.

Mary Sheridan, Membership VP

In Memory of a Branch Member:

Joan Ross passed away last month. Few people in our branch knew her well but that was because she was so busy that she could seldom attend our functions. Those who did, knew her as a tireless worker and good friend who gave unsparingly of her time. Despite suffering from cancer and severe arthritis she continued not only to work but enjoy herself with her friends. She continued to attend to her private practice clients, go to a monthly stint as a mental health resource with the National Guard in San Francisco, volunteer her services as a nurse for the Red Cross, and be one of the most valuable members of the Canada Cove emergency team.

With all that --which included many miles of driving --she still managed to indulge in her love of cooking and entertaining friends. I have many happy memories of dinners at her house where we dined well and shared laughter. She will be sorely missed.

Jean Slanger

Tidings Deadline for February Issue: Wednesday, January 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.

CABRILLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUTORING



Our Elementary School Tutoring group is off to a great start this school year!

One of our newest branch members, Kathleen Stewart, is already volunteering in a second grade classroom at El Granada School where she is having a wonderful time tutoring children in reading and writing.

Our first mother/daughter duo, Laura Alster-Martin, a longtime AAUW member, and her daughter, Diana Martin, are helping in a second grade classroom at Hatch School. They are assisting children in reading and writing.

Congratulations and many thanks to our new volunteers. But it's not too late to be one yourself! It's simple—just give me a call or send an email and soon you too will be part of our team!

June Baxter, Chair

AAUW-HMB Local Scholarship

By mid-January, letters will have been prepared to mail to potential applicants for our Local Scholarships. Remember that the applicant must be a female graduate of HMBHS or PHS who is preparing to be entering the junior or senior year at university level.

I am happy to report that because of your generous donations and hard work at the Pumpkin Bread Booth and other fund raisers we have met our goal for 2014. This is a huge relief for the committee. Of course, fund raising never ends, so we ask your continuing support for this worthy cause so we can start building our funds for 2015. Donations may be sent to Sue Hatfield, 450 Cypress Ave., HMB 94019. Your donations are tax deductible because they are made out to the AAUW-CA Special Projects Fund, our 501 (c) 3 part of the organization. Please, remember to write AAUW-HMB Local Scholarship on the memo line.

On behalf of our scholarship recipients, I wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for your support.

Sue Hatfield, Chair

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Donations for 2014 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP for Coastsides 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 Coastsides 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.

2013-14 Directories

The new 'rocket red' AAUW-HMB Directories are printed and ready to distribute. If you still have not received yours please contact your neighborhood coordinator to arrange for pick-up as she is not responsible for delivery. If you are a new member and have not received yours please contact your coordinator.

South Half Moon Bay: Marilyn Ledoux, 408-621-0528; marilyn_ledoux@yahoo.com
(south of Redondo Beach Road)

West Half Moon Bay: Irene Baume, 726-2893; irenebaume@gmail.com
(west of Highway One between Redondo Beach Road and Terrace Ave./Grand Blvd.)

East Half Moon Bay: Peg Nordensten, 712-0360; coastalpeg@gmail.com
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North Half Moon Bay: Jean Burch, 712-1225; seagardens5219@yahoo.com
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Delores Crabb, Directory Editor—coastcrabb@comcast.net

Chamber of Commerce Education Committee:

The members of the C of C Education Committee reported on the many activities that were occurring in our coastal community in support of education:

Joy Dardanelle, principal of Farallone View reminded the committee that Gael Erickson's husband, Erik continues to support Tech education at FV. Coastside Education Foundation has provided funding in support of several programs.

Dr. Roehrick, Cabrillo superintendent, explained that the Strategic Plan Committee has done more outreach to the Hispanic community. He also told the committee that the state now requires Common Core testing for all grades 3-8 and 11th to be done in language and math on computers this spring 2014. All children in these grades will need to be prepared to take this test on computers.

At the HMBHS, Mary Vradelis reported that CEF is sponsoring a field trip to Google for the Avid class.

Ms. Silvestri, HMBHS principal, told us that the Career Technical Education Program is applying for a Kent Award.

The Educators/Business Leaders Network@night is scheduled for February 27, 2014. Tell your teacher friends.

So much is happening on our Coastside devoted to education. I am proud that AAUW is part of this Chamber Committee as we also contribute through our tutoring, mentoring, and scholarships.

Sue Hatfield, Representative

TECH TREK CAMP DIRECTORS SEEK TO INVOLVE MORE MEMBERS

by Julie Gerth

Stanford Tech Trek Directors Melinda Moir (Santa Rosa) and Maureen Buchner (San Mateo) hosted a meeting on Dec. 9 in Foster City for branch Tech Trek coordinators around the Peninsula to discuss the status of the budget for the camp and assess needs for 2014. Their overarching goal is to involve many more AAUW members who can help in a variety of ways. They expressed a desire to create a "community" of supporters and to get more hands-on assistance from area branches in order to sustain this project, now in its 17th year.

There is still a lot of enthusiasm among our sister branches to continue to run Tech Trek math and science camps, but more help is needed. Duties range from being a dorm mom during camp to writing grants to preparing rosters, arranging field trips or shopping for snacks/drinks/classroom supplies.

Also, if you work for a company that provides a way to apply for grants, these larger donations are needed to fund field trips and general camp expenses. You may also designate your own individual donations to Tech Trek for "General Camp Support" to fill the gap between the scholarship contributions and the total dollars required to run every aspect of Tech Trek, especially at the Stanford site, where expenses are slightly higher than other campuses.

If you are interested in joining our Tech Trek community of supporters in any of the myriad ways listed above, please call or email as soon as possible to get involved in this rewarding project.



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.

New Members in November and December 2013 :

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Cell: 650-245-7197
E-mail: tabirge@aol.com

Katja Rimmi(Alvaro Jaramillo)
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Christa Bigue (Dominic)
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Cell: 650-291-1414
E-mail: christa.bigue@patch.com

Regan Daniels (John Qagundah)
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Members: Please remember to welcome our new members at our activities.
Invite them to interest groups, volunteer to car pool
so they feel welcome in our branch.

President's Corner:

1. Congratulations to everyone, we now have 137 members in our HMB Branch.
2. We are having a New Member Orientation on February 1 at my home. More info to follow.
3. Net Profit for Pumpkin Festival this year was \$2993.39.
4. Great time at the Holiday Luncheon at the HMB Yacht Club. Food was great and we had over 50 people in attendance. We even had 3 men.
5. Thank you again to Ellen and Allene and Barbara Kelly for all their hard work in carrying it off in such great style.
6. Local Scholarship Funding is complete for this year but we still need more.
7. June Baxter reported that the AAUW Funds committee have the allocation of our funds for this year:
 - A. \$2000.00 to the Sunnyvale– Cupertino 50th Anniversary Research
 - B. \$500.00 to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund
 - C. Remainder the \$157.24 will be carried over to next year.

Harriett Beck, HMB AAUW Branch President

Public Policy:

WHY IS THE SUPREME COURT OF THE US IMPORTANT TO AAUW?

A new term of the Supreme Court of the US has recently started. AAUW is watching closely because the entire judicial branch can have enormous impacts on our lives. Many of our fundamental rights and liberties have been established and are protected by the decisions of the Federal Courts and the Supreme Court.

AAUW supports the appointment of judges who will uphold our Constitutional values and closely watches the decisions they make.

Several of the cases the court may hear this term are related to AAUW's public policy priorities. Some of these cases are:

1. **McCullen v. Coakley**—anti-choice activists in Massachusetts challenged a law designed to protect patients from harassment at reproductive healthcare clinics. The First Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Massachusetts law.
2. **Schuette v. Coalition to defend Affirmative Action**—Anti-affirmative action advocates in Michigan proposed a ballot initiative that would ban affirmative action in the state. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals declared the ban unconstitutional.
3. **Contraceptive coverage**—A number of for-profit business owners filed lawsuits challenging the Affordable Care Act's requirement that employee health insurance plans cover reproductive healthcare, including contraception. The Supreme Court is currently considering several appeals to this requirement.

For more information visit <http://www.supremecourt.gov/>. To follow cases that are related to our public policy priorities, go to <http://www.aauw.org/2013/11/01/scouts-preview/> or contact Mollie Lam, the AAUW LAF Program Manager (lam@aauw.org).

Carlos and Mary Vargas, Public Policy Co-Chairs

You are invited to hear:

A Woman's Voice in Washington
AAUW Legislative Advocate in Washington, DC
Lisa Maatz

Saturday, January 25,

San Carlos Public Library—610 Elm Street, San Carlos

1:30 pm—Snacks and Chat - - - 2:00 pm Presentation

Lisa Maatz is the AAUW Vice President of Government Relations. As AAUW's top policy adviser, Maatz works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in coalition with other organizations. Maatz has developed a reputation for her strategic approach to legislation and advocacy. Maatz also provides leadership to several coalitions working to advance opportunities for women and girls, including the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education and the Pay-check Fairness Act Coalition.

Come one, Come all. We need to listen to and support these ideas.

Interest Group Information:

We have 14 Interest Groups this year. There is a large variation, so that you should find something of interest to each of you. If you have any suggestion for another group, you might like to see started, please contact me, and we'll try to get something organized. Carol Forster, Interest Group Coordinator
carolforster@sbcglobal.net - 650-726-4984

HANDS ON!

Wednesday, January 8th, we're starting the new year meeting from 4 to 6 pm at the home of Delores Crabb.

Bring any projects you're working on or need help starting. We knit, crochet, paper craft, stitch and moiré. Become part of our email list.

For more info, call Ruth Rafello, 728-3013



Evening Book Group

The AAUW Evening Book Group will meet Tuesday evening, **January 28**, at Madeline Mc Reynold's home in Miramar. Dianne Bobko will lead a discussion of 'The Lady and the Peacock' The Life of Anung San Suu Kyi by Peter Popham. The meeting starts at 7 pm with refreshments with discussion at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Marianne Harrison at 726-4553 or mimih108@sbcglobal.net.



Out to Breakfast

Out to Breakfast will meet on **Friday, Jan.10**, at 8:30 am at 3-Zero Café at the Half Moon Bay Airport. Come and join us for good food and good conversation. Everybody is welcome! For information contact: Joan Kidd

Out and About

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

February 7 trip to Ano Nuevo, organized by June Baxter: Unfortunately, our reservations have been made and we don't expect to be able to add anyone else to our list, since tour space is limited. However, if you want to be placed on a waiting list, email me (cgpennyo@gmail.com) and I will notify you if anyone drops out.

March 7 trip to Sausalito, organized by Ruth Rafello: We'll go by car, BART, and ferry and see some of Ruth's favorite spots in that attractive little town. More details in the next *Tidings*.

April 4 trip to Angel Island, organized by Mary Alice Pearce: Details as date approaches.

Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Let me know if you have a suggestion for a May trip!

Penny O'Neal

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)

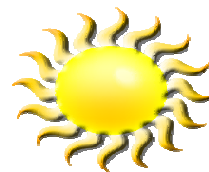
Carlos Vargas, Group Chair

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.



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!

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 January Janus Luncheon will be on **January 22** at the home of Carol Forster. 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



Home Theatre

The January meeting of Home Theatre will be on **Saturday, Jan. 25th** at the home of Carol Forster. We meet at 6:00 pm for snacks which attendees will bring. At 6:30 pm, *'Pursuit of Happiness'* will be shown. If you are interested in joining us to see the video, please contact Carol Forster or Betty Lee-Kendall. If you are interested in being a member of the group in order to receive group e-mails, please contact Betty Lee-Kedall. Hope to see many of you.

Betty Lee-Kendall, Chair.

Writing Group



The Writing Group will meet at 9:30 am on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 2nd** at Suite 5 of the Zaballa House at 300 Main Street in HMB. At this meeting we will be reading from our work. At the following meeting on **Thursday, January 16**, we will meet at the same location. At this meeting we will do spontaneous writing in response to prompts.

All writers are welcome as are all genres of writing. We take turns providing snacks and bring our coffee or tea. If you have any questions please contact Janet Orumchian at 650-560-0362 or jhorumchian@yahoo.com.

Gourmet Dining Group

The Gourmet 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.

Sarah and Peter Dekker will be hosting "**An Evening in Indonesia**" on **Saturday, January 18th** from 5 to 8 pm in their lovely home in Montara. It will be an exotic tasting menu. With small plates, guests will serve themselves "tapas style" from a bountiful buffet while they mingle and enjoy the food they've prepared.

Guests for "An Evening in Indonesia" will be limited to **22 persons**. If more members want to come than can be accommodated, names will be "drawn from the hat". The "can't come" names drawn then will have a confirmed reservation for the next event they would like to attend. **There is an \$8.00 /person** charge to cover hosting expenses and cookbook

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

Afternoon Book Group

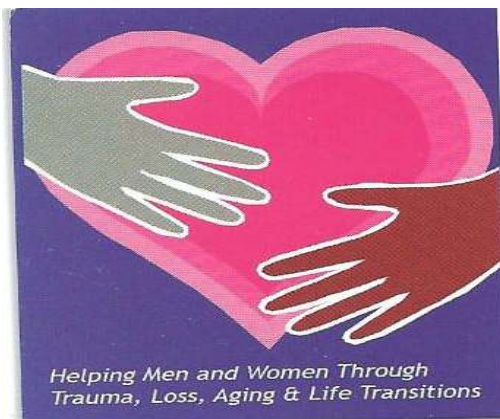
The group meets the second Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm. On **January 9th** we will meet at the home of Dianne Bobko. The book to be discussed is Hamlet. Please let Dianne know if you plan to attend.

Miriam Champion, Chair: 726-5601

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2 Writer's Group 9:30 am	3	4
5	6 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>Board Mtg.</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	7 Out & About	8 Hands On 4:00 pm	9 Afternoon Book Group 2:00 pm	10 Breakfast Club 8:30 am	
12	13 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	14	15 <u>Tidings Deadline</u>	16 Writers' Group 9:30 am	17 Daytime Bridge 10:30 am	18 Gourmet Dining 5:00 pm
19	20 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>General Meeting</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	21	22 JANUS 12:00 pm	23	24	25 Home Theatre 6:00 pm <u>Lisa Maatz</u> <u>Presentation</u>
26	27 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	28 Evening Book Group 7:00 pm	29	30	31	

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What's new with our web site?

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: **HMBTidings**

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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