

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



January General Meeting Women and Politics

When: Monday, January 16, 2017

Where: Community United Methodist Church In Half Moon Bay

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Carol Joyce will speak on the under representation of women leaders in politics and how the "Women's Community Leadership Network (WCLN)" is working to prepare women in San Mateo County to seek appointed or elected positions. Carol is a Board member of the Women's Community Leadership Network. The Women's Community Leadership Network is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that educates women on public policy and community issues and equips women with the skills to seek appointed and elected positions.

Carol is also a member of the Half Moon Bay Branch of AAUW. Carol's presentation will include an overview of AAUW's 2016 report *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*. This will include current statistics on the number of women elected officials at local, state and national levels, the reasons women don't run for office and the WCLN trainings and networking opportunities that will prepare women to become political leaders in their community.

We will also have three other women speaking on Leadership Opportunities .

Julia McKeon will also join us for our Jan. 16th meeting. Julia works with Abundant Grace Coastside Workers which sponsored an eight-week community leadership program called Adelante Mujeres which means "women moving forward" in Spanish.

Deputy Sheriff Shawn Chase & Odalys Sonoqui from the SAL program "Empowering Young Women" will be coming.

Odalys Sonoqui, a student at HMB High, was selected last year by the San Mateo County Sheriffs Activities League (SAL) to attend a leadership conference in Washington, D.C., and the Teen Leadership Conference in Anaheim. She said the experience was "life-changing." She was chosen "Youth of the Year" for 2016.



Let's Celebrate AAUW-HMB

In the spirit of celebration of our 50th Anniversary, we are asking our group members to contribute a favorite JANUS recipe which we will compile into a small commemorative booklet for distribution at our festive branch celebration in May. Is there a recipe that others raved about, or one that is so easy but delicious? I can remember some from many years past that I wish I had the recipe for now. One that comes to mind is the decadent brownies made by Olga "Scottie" Scott. Oh my goodness, they were amazing! If you know of something that has been made that you loved, please urge that chef to include her recipe!

Please email me your recipe. We are not sure yet just how we will produce our booklet. We do have until April to complete our task, but sooner is better. We may ask for a dollar or two donation at our springtime lunches to help offset the expense of photocopies. Your input is also welcome. You will hear from us again.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic response!
Delores and Katie

"Lend Me A Tenor" Theatrical Fundraiser

AAUW HMB Offers for your Theatrical Delight an evening of "Lend Me A Tenor". This Tony Award Winning Comedy has everything – opera, mistaken identity, intrigue, sight gags, and true love. What's not to like!

Our event will be held on:

Thursday, February 2nd at Coastal Repertory Theater,

1167 Main Street, Half Moon Bay for the show's final dress rehearsal.

Pre-curtain social hour begins at 7:00 p.m. with the performance starting at 8:00 p.m.

The ticket price of \$25 includes a complimentary glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Please reserve _____ tickets (\$25 each) for the February 2nd performance of "**Lend Me a Tenor**".

Make your check payable to: AAUW HMB – note 2/2 Tenor event
P.O. Box 1414, El Granada, CA 94018-1414

Please include your name, address, and phone number with your order.

Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee by Sue Hatfield

Half Moon Bay High School Principal John Nazar explained block scheduling which will be adopted at the high school. This scheduling is seen to be a positive change allowing students more flexibility and also preparing them for the routines of college or the work world. HMBHS is the first in San Mateo County to adopt this scheduling.

The Rotary group has begun its Big Coyote/Little Coyote mentoring program with Pilarcitos Alternative High School students. Pilarcitos will celebrate its winter graduates on December 21.

The Table of Plenty dinners for the needy on the Coastside are held on Thursday nights at the Senior Center. The Chamber Education network@night will be held at the Mavericks Event Center on February 16, 2017. Attending teachers are honored and provided with funds and materials for their classrooms.

Coastside Gives will be held on May 4, 2017. Non-profit organizations on the coast have been invited to participate in this fund raising activity on the internet. Carol Joyce has agreed to coordinate for AAUW-HMB. Mark your calendars for this fund raising opportunity.

Local Scholarships by Sue Hatfield

Suzanne DuFore my co-chair has mailed the scholarship application invitation letters to female graduates of HMB and Pescadero High Schools. The college students will have time during winter breaks to begin the application process. Applying is a rigorous process. Applications are due by mid-March.

AAUW-HMB membership donations and fund raising efforts provide the funds for the Ivania Portocarerro scholarships. **The good news** is that enough donations and funds have accrued to provide **one** scholarship for \$2000 for 2017. **The bad news** is that our fund raising activities have been struck by rainstorms, **etc, etc!** The branch is **not currently able to provide the 2nd Portocarerro Local Scholarship** that it has provided in past years. We will still be able to provide the Edna Cox and the Dudfield Scholarships because those are based on bequests.

In our 50th Anniversary year, our branch would really like to be able to provide **two scholarships** in memory of Ivania Portocarerro scholarships. So, please, consider making a donation for the 2017 scholarship. Matching gifts by employers are also encouraged. Local Scholarship needs your support this year. Watch for the opportunity to donate on Coastside Gives on May 4, 2017. Carol Joyce has agreed to organize this fundraiser.

Each and every donation matters at this point. So if your budget allows, please, consider supporting our Local Scholarship Fund with your donations. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard on our Fund Raising Activities. New Fund Raising projects are currently in the planning stage. More news to come!

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 Branch** with Local Scholarship noted on the memo line. MAIL TO: SUE HATFIELD, 450 Cypress Ave., Half Moon Bay 94019.



**LOOK FOR TECH TREKKERS AT CUNHA
SCIENCE FAIR THIS MONTH**

by Julie Gerth

The new year means it's Science Fair time at Cunha Intermediate School. Look for our 2016 Tech Trekkers, now eighth-graders, who will be displaying their projects at the Science Fair Open House during the evening of January 18 in the Cunha gym. Awards will be announced in all project categories. Last year one of our Tech Trekkers went all the way to the state competition!

As a reminder, there are many ways to get involved with Tech Trek. Members are needed at the branch level to serve on our local committee as well as at the Stanford camp itself. If you are interested in helping with the selection of campers or helping at the camp with set-up, Opening Day welcome/logistics, or as a dorm mom or nurse for the week, please contact me ASAP. We will have two camps at Stanford, July 9-15 and July 16-22, 2017.

Thank you to all to our members who made year-end donations to our branch Tech Trek scholarship fund. Our goal is to fund five campers this year. In case you are not aware, Tech Trek has grown beyond AAUW-California and is now a national project. Donations are made simply to AAUW and sent to me for local record-keeping. I send them on immediately to the Stanford Camp Treasurer. To target dollars to Coastsides girls, it is important to please note in the Memo section of the check: Stanford - Camp Hopper.

Tech Trek Donation Form—2017

Yes, I want to continue to support Coastsides girls at Tech Trek, the annual AAUW summer math and science camp, now in its 20th 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.

Membership Matters

Sheila Cresson and Peggy Rozhon, Membership Co-VPs

A Wonderful New Year and a Pair of Nearly New Members!

New total: 157 Strong and Vibrant Members!

Please welcome back two former members, Kristine Birge and Liz Palm. And how many more ladies want to join with us to advance equity for women and girls?

The membership contest continues: If you recruit 2 or more new members, you are automatically entered into a drawing to receive free national dues. Contest ends March 31st and the drawing will be held at our April monthly meeting.

April 1st may be geared toward chicanery, but this year the date will be associated with a financial windfall and another drawing. Have your \$100 membership dues check for 2017-2018 postmarked "4/1" and you will be eligible for the Free Dues Raffle! It's a great incentive to get your dues in early. Obviously, we won't cash your check if you are the winner. Remember, postmarked 4/1 – not before!

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The Holiday House Fundraiser

On November 4, 5 and 6, thirteen of our members enjoyed the festive atmosphere at The Holiday House in order to receive 20% of the net profits for our branch. We raised \$341.31. Thank you to the following helpers: Sheila Cresson, Mary Sheridan, Caryl Battles, Julie Gerth, Jennifer Brey, Jean Burch, Terry Kujawa, Peggy Rozhon, Sue Hatfield, Barbara Steinberg, Mary Vargas and Carlos Vargas. And a special thank you to those of you who showed up to shop on that weekend!

Tidings Deadline for February 2017 Issue **Sunday, January 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 hbeck1@comcast.net

PUBLIC POLICY

Each November the AAUW Public Policy team reflects on some milestones achieved by women over the past year.

JANUARY: Iowa elects the first woman, Linda Upmeyer(R-Clear Lake) as speaker of Iowa's House of Representatives.

FEBRUARY: The first Native American woman, Diane Humetewa, -Hopi tribe- was confirmed to the Federal Court in Arizona.

MARCH: Paid sick leave makes progress in the states. Vermont became the fifth state to require employers to provide paid sick days.

APRIL: Historic Sewall-Belmont becomes nation's newest national monument. The new monument is named after suffragist Alma Belmont.

MAY: Women pilots interment rights restored at Arlington National Cemetery.

JUNE: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor (4-3) of a race-conscious admissions program at the University of Texas at Austin.

JULY: The US Department of Justice (DOJ) announced a plan to train over 28,000 department employees on implicit bias. The training will specifically confront subtle views on race, sexual orientation and gender.

AUGUST: New innovative efforts to boost voter registration, for example: California passed a bill to create an online link between class enrollment and voter registration for almost 3 million students in the state's public colleges and universities.

SEPTEMBER; Carla Hayden was sworn in as the new Chief Librarian at the Library of Congress. She is the first woman and first African American to hold this position.

OCTOBER; An important and bipartisan sexual assault bill was signed by President Obama. Survivors have the right to have a rape kit preserved for the entirety of a case's statute of limitations, be informed about forensic exam results, and be notified before the kit is to be destroyed.

NOVEMBER; In 2007, there will be 21 women serving in the US. Senate--the highest number in history. There will be a record number of women of color.

AAUW has the largest lobby in Washington advocating for women and girls. They will be monitoring Trump's US Cabinet nominations to be sure that the Senate fulfills its obligation to thoroughly examine each and every nominee's record and conducts detailed confirmation hearings before taking a vote. There are also three extra weeks in 2016 to work with Congress on AAUW priorities in the New Year including equal pay, safe and equitable schools and other AAUW public policy priorities.

Carlos & Mary Vargas -- Public Policy Co-Chairs

Important Notice—Please note:

It is my responsibility to forward e-mails generated by other members that are approved by the president. Below is the blurb with which I preface all these e-mails.

When you need to respond please look in the body of the e-mail to determine to whom you should direct your reply. It will save us both an unnecessary e-mail.

Thank you,

Betty Lee-Kendall, E-mail Distributor

PLEASE DIRECT ALL YOUR RESPONSES, IF NECESSARY, TO THE MEMBER(S) INDICATED IN THE MESSAGE BELOW. The sender of this e-mail is not responsible for the content and cannot answer any questions you may have.

NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATORS: Please notify members on your list who do not have e-mail.

This message is intended for our branch members and should not be forwarded to other persons and/or groups.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL REPORT DECEMBER 2016

Receipts		
Booth Sales in Cash Box	\$6549.00*	
Scholarship Tip Jar	84.00	
Pre/Post Sales	<u>904.00</u>	
Total	\$7537.00	
Expenses		
Bread costs	\$5375.00	
Entrance Fee	75.00	
Tent Rental	289.00	
10% of booth sales for Beautification Committee	<u>655.00</u>	
Total	\$6394.00	
Profit	\$1143.00	
	Contributions to Restricted Funds	
	Scholarship Jar designated LS	(\$84.00)
	Profit to split	\$1059.00
	AAUW Funds 40%	423.60
	Local Scholarship 30%	317.70
	Tech Trek 30%	317.70

*\$1000 starting change fund not included in this number.

Celebrating 50 Years of Supporting Women and Girls

Those of us who attended the holiday party learned about two very exciting ways we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2017. One way will involve dressy clothes, delicious food, and drinks. The second way will provide us with a source of pride for many years to come.

For several months, the board has sought a special project worthy of a 50 year anniversary. Our first choice was to **establish a new R&P grant honoring our branch's 50 years of service.** The establishment process was quick and fairly painless. \$5,000 from our Fund Account plus a very generous donation of \$10,000 from the Edna Cox Fund allowed us to send a check for \$15,000 along with the grant application. In early December, we received confirmation that the grant application was accepted.

The grant is for \$75,000 and the funding needs to be completed in 10 years. We sent \$15,000, so we still need to contribute \$60,000. Those of you who usually make unrestricted donations to AAUW, can now write R&P #4420 and it will help pay off our grant. I will send contributions during the year from our several fundraisers. Also, other branches often contribute to help each other complete grants. Enabling women to complete research and projects on into the future is a very satisfying way to celebrate this important anniversary. We hope you agree and will donate as generously as you can. Remember to note that you want it to be credited to Grant #4420.

Creating Your Own Path: Women Changing the World

In these thought-provoking times, women look again for leaders who are cracking their glass ceilings.

The Santa Clara County Interbranch Council of AAUW (American Association of University Women) presents five outstanding leaders in the fields of business, law, government, STEM and sports in a panel discussion entitled **“Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership.”**

Please attend at San Jose City College Theater, 2100 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, on Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2-4 p.m. (Halfway between S. Bascom and Leigh on Moorpark.)

Hear from Danielle Feinberg, Director of Photography-Lighting for Pixar Animation Studios; Marlene Bjornsrud, Executive Director of the Alliance of Women Coaches; Caryn Beck-Dudley, Dean of the Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University; Superior Court Judge Julianne Sylva; and Zoe Lofgren, California District 19 of the House of Representatives.

Moderator is Cathy Foxhoven of AAUW California.

Panelists will discuss the special challenges they have faced and overcome as women in male-dominated fields. They will describe what led them to their current life's work, how they have reached their current positions, and how women can create and pursue paths to leadership.

Event is free and open to the public, no registration needed. Q and A will follow the panel discussion.

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 e-mail box 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.

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JANUS



Happy New Year! We will ring in January with our JANUS luncheon on **Wednesday, January 25th** at the home of Barbara Kelly. She lives at 451 Eighth Street in Montara. We meet at noon. Please RSVP (yes or no) to her at kellyinmontara@coastside.net or 728-3750. Remember to bring \$3.00 for the hostess and your potluck dish to share. Barbara could use some help to set up and clean up so, please, if you are unable to host in your own home, volunteer to help Barbara.

Looking ahead to February....are you tired of it yet?? We will celebrate Mardi Gras at the home of Delores Crabb. Once again, Doug will make a big pot of jambalaya so bring along your favorite Southern sides and desserts to go with it.



Great Books

The book selected for Great Books on **Thursday, Jan 12**, is *The Prophet* by Kalil Gibran. The meeting will be hosted by Sheila Cresson and will be at The Zaballa House, 324 Main St., HMB, from 2-4 p.m.

Carolyn Valoria

Evening Book Group:

The AAUW Evening Book Group will meet at Madeline Mc Reynold's home Miramar on **Tuesday, January 31**.

We meet at 7 PM for social time and the discussion begins at 7:30. Helen Paul will lead a discussion of Cynthia Sweeney's book, ***The Nest***. For more information, contact Marianne Harrison at mimih108@sbcglobal.net.



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Out and About

Join us on **Friday, January 13, 2017**, as we visit the San Mateo County History Museum in downtown San Mateo. Admission is \$6; senior admission is \$4. We'll depart New Leaf parking lot (near the south side/ Route 92) at 9:30. After we tour the museum, we'll have lunch at one of the many nearby eateries. Please RSVP to Mary Vargas at cvu59@aol.com and indicate if you can drive. (Out & About usually meets on the first Friday of the month; however, because of the holiday season, we're meeting on the second Friday.)



Out To Breakfast

The Out to Breakfast group will meet at 8:30 a.m. on **Friday, January 13**,

at Café Mezza Luna, 240 Capistrano Road, Princeton-by-the-Sea. All are

welcome to join us for good food and good conversation - no reservation is

necessary. Please join us - it's a great way to start the day.

Peg Nordensten, Chair

HANDS ON:

We're back with a new challenge. What day? Time most favored is 10:00 A.M. to Noon. So all you have to do is send your preferred day. The day with the most votes - wins.

Add the month you would like to host and if you will be offering a hand-on craft "lesson".

Hands On is fun - you get to know people and learn stuff to do -or work on your latest project, whether you knit, crochet, mend, bead or braid.

Please reply to katie murdock, ktgm4@aol.com

Writers' Group:

The writing group meets at 9:30 am on the first and third Thursdays of the month. We will be meeting on the **5th and the 19th of January**

at the Moonside Bakery and Cafe. Normally, we alternate meetings with writing in response to a prompt and reading from our work.

We are presently preparing a collection of our writings in honor of the 50th anniversary of our Half Moon Bay branch of AAUW.

All writers and all genres are welcome.



Home Theatre

Welcome 2017! Get ready to watch a good movie and enjoy some good food: **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**, at the home of Debbie Kratter (24 Fairway Place in Half Moon Bay).

The title of the movie will be announced (likely too be an oldie but a goodie, like The Sting or Butch Cassidy – but that's not finalized as yet.) We can guarantee good food, drink and conversation.

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!

In honor of our branch's 50th Anniversary, the Home Theatre Group will host a special movie night featuring one or more movies from the year of our founding, and others relating to the struggle for women's voting rights, and those that feature important women of the last half century. Date, time and title(s) to be announced.

Debbie Kratter, Chair 650-759-5068



Walk with us!

Come walk with us some **Monday**

morning. We have a great time getting exercise in the fresh air and at the same time catching up on the "news of the coast". If you'd like to be on the list that I email every weekend with the particulars of our Monday walk, just send me your email and I'll add you to the list. Marilyn Garrison
marilyngarr@hotmail.com



Bridge :

We met in November at Ruth & Vince Rafello's home in Montara, and had a great comraderie & bridge playing day! We have grown to three tables, with some new players and the return of some old-timers, who have been away. Welcome to all!

I'm still looking for some "newbies", people who want to learn bridge. Two or three more people would allow another class to start, as we already have 6 ladies who had signed on to learn the game. Winter is a great time to do this, and husbands can take the class, as well. Let me know of anyone interested, please.

On **January 20th, 2017**, we meet at Betty Lee-Kendall's home in Frenchmen's Creek. Her address is: 1 LeHavre Place, HMB, phone: 712-1850. Please contact me regarding your attendance. Thanks.

May we all have terrific cards and good luck in the New year

Sharon Miller, 726-3380, membilia@coastside.net

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <u>Board Meeting</u> 7 pm Walk & Talk 10:00 am	3	4	5 Writer's Group 9:30 am	6	7
8	9 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	10	11	12 Great Books 2 pm	13 Out & About 9:30 am Out to Break- fast 8:30 am	14
15	16 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>General Meeting</u> 7:00 pm	17	18	19 Writer's Group 9:30 am	20 Bridge Group 10:30 am	21
22	23 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	24	25 Janus 12:00 pm	26	27	28 Home Theatre 6:00 pm
29	30 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	31 Evening Book Club 7:00 pm				



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 Jeanette Chapman at 726-5161 or handyjc@juno.com. We appreciate all volunteers!

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