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## **March General Meeting** **Women's History Month**

**When: Monday, March 20, 2017**

**Where: Community United Methodist Church In Half Moon Bay**

**Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

History, by at large, has been written by men. Still as unbalanced as that is, men do record many memorable, interesting, and adventurous women.

The March General Meeting will introduce you to many women, some world shakers, others who quietly go about their chosen paths. From various countries we will learn about and honor them by speaking of their contributions to the world.

Nor should we forget the numerous women, largely unrecorded: homesteader, clerks, ranchers, farmer and other skills and occupations. In a way, they are the ones to honor even though they never make it into history books - just doing what they needed to do.

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### **IMPORTANT REMINDER: APRIL GENERAL MEETING**

SATURDAY APRIL 1 at the COLONY CLUB

10:30A.M. - 2:30P.M.

Continuous mini-workshops - fun stuff to learn & do.

Join our efforts: paint a 50th Anniversary/Coastside memory square.

Your creation will be part of our project. We hope to present it at the September General Meeting, 2017

**[See Detailed Information on Page 9](#)**

More information, e-mail or call Delores or Katie

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### **President's Message**

Fellow members:

We now have our own 'facebook' page. Check it out at <AAUW-Half Moon Bay, CA Branch>

I am looking for photos for it: the Women's March, scholarship recipients, STEM and Tech Trek activities, etc.

No names or Tags will be used. If you have any that I can use, please e-mail them to me. <[maalice\\_hmb@comcast.net](mailto:maalice_hmb@comcast.net)>. Thank you.

Mary Alice Pearce

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
AAUW-HMB GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

What better way than a party to honor fifty years of AAUW on the Coastsides? Throughout our history, we have been dedicated to empowering women by promoting education and equity for women and girls.

Along the way,  
we have also strived to improve life in our beautiful Coastsides community.

The excitement builds as the details of our celebration become available! You will want to make your plans to attend as soon as the invitations go out.

Mark your calendar for:

**Saturday, May 6, 2017.**

Our venue is the **Ted Adcock Center** in HMB, **5:00-8:00 PM**

With a nod and a wink at our founding year, the cost is \$19.67 per person. Significant others are invited. [Financial aid is available.]

Our gala will feature elegant appetizers, desserts and drinks. Music will enhance the festive atmosphere as we mingle and enjoy each other's company.

A short program will keep us entertained.

This will be the event of the season! We hope to see you there!



## HMB Branch Local Scholarship

Hip, hip, hooray! Three Cheers for AAUW-HMB women who organize and carry out fund raising to support local and national educational support of education for women.

On February 2, Nina Nelson and her fabulously energetic team invited the community and our membership to enjoy wine and appetizers before viewing the dress rehearsal performance of "Lend Me a Tenor". The evening was a grand success...fun and a fantastic fund raiser. We, also, thank Half Moon Bay REP, for providing the venue.

Coming next...Carol Joyce has agreed to organize AAUW-HMB's participation in the May 4, 24 hour Coastside Gives on-line fund raising marathon. Watch for more. Carol's tech skills made it possible for us to be part of this community based opportunity. Mark your calendar.

Besides celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 6, May, also, brings us the BIG WHITE ELEPHANT SALE, on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Mary Sheridan and Peggy Rozhon. Remember, members, this is when your clutter can become someone's treasure and raise \$\$\$ for equity for and education of women.

Thanks to these dedicated fund raisers and their hard-working committees, AAUW-HMB will continue to offer opportunities for Tech Trek, Local Scholarship, and support AAUW Funds.

Sue Hatfield, co-chair Local Scholarship

## HMB Chamber of Commerce Educational Committee:

Educational opportunities and opportunities to volunteer are growing in Half Moon Bay. The HMB Library continues to offer Adult Literacy Programs in addition to the many programs offered for children and young people. It is now possible for an adult to get a diploma online through the San Mateo County Libraries. Email [hsdiploma@smcl.org](mailto:hsdiploma@smcl.org)

Big Lift preschool children have higher literacy scores at the end of kindergarten compared to non-Bib Lift children. In the school year 2015-16 129 children received Big Lift preschool in the Cabrillo District! Hurrah for Big Lift as it helps children attain literacy! Big Lift encourages community involvement.

Shari Deghi introduced the new programs at the La Costa Adult School. Free English classes begin in March, Monday and Wednesday evenings 6-9 pm at the Cabrillo Unified campus, and Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11 at the new hall of the Catholic church. Shari informed us that volunteers are welcome and more instructors are needed to teach ESL. It is not necessary to speak Spanish to teach and assist with ESL.

Last, but not least, our Mary Sheridan explained the opportunities that AAUW offers our members to volunteer in local classrooms at all levels. Contact Mary Sheridan if you wish to be a classroom volunteer. An hour of your time is a valuable gift to our community. No credentials required! Thank you, Mary, for your report.

Sue Hatfield, AAUW Representative

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.

## Applications for Tech Trek 2017 Sent Out

by Julie Gerth



The Cunha seventh-grade math and science teachers submitted 52 nominations of girls who show a strong interest in math, science and technology and would thrive at Tech Trek.

Interested students have a postmark deadline of March 1 to return the applications with parent certification and an essay. The applications are read by a committee of 5-6 members, then we interview 10-12 semifinalists. The interview is a mandatory part of the national AAUW Tech Trek selection process.

This will be the 20th summer of Tech Trek math and science camp at Stanford University.

Statewide, more than 8,000 girls have had the opportunity to attend a camp over the past two decades.

Our week of camp is called Camp Hopper, named for computer scientist Grace Hopper and will take place July 16-22. Members who are interested in serving as dorm moms, registrars/greeters, or as camp nurse should call me immediately so that I can put you in contact with Camp Directors Melinda Moir (Santa Rosa branch) and Maureen Buchner (San Mateo branch).

**Tech Trek Donation Form—2017**

Yes, I want to continue to support Coastside 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.

## **Public Policy:**

With recent events in Washington DC, AAUW National is even more concerned on a great number of issues. The latest Edition of the AAUW magazine OUTLOOK has two very good articles on these main issues.

There is also a good article on school vouchers and what it will do to public schools, especially with the recent appointment of Betsy DeVos as Sec. of Education. Also of great concern are the environment, foreign relations, Planned Parenthood, the right to choose ( especially with our new US Vice Pres ), health care, and Immigration and the "dream act" which allows young people, who came here before they were 15 ( undocumented) to be able to get a Social Security number and a driver's licence. AAUW has it's work cut out for it these next 4 years. We must be vigilant so as to not loose many of the rights we have won over the years

Did you know that Title IX is celebrating 45 years on June 27?. This came out of the Civil Rights movements of the 60's that integrated schools and gave us the right to bilingual education. Title IX was first started at that time to give women equality of opportunities in sports, but it is now much more than that. It covers both sexes and includes sexual harassment and violence, protections for pregnant and parenting students, equality in career and technical education, athletics and transgender students, cyber bullying and much more.. All schools must have a person in charge of Title IX , overseeing it and being sure they are in compliance with the laws. Students and parents must be informed of who this person is and procedures for filing a complaint. In Half Moon High School the person in charge of Title IX is principal John Nassar. In a recent interview he stated that ALL programs are open to ALL students ,yes even football !!

Mary & Carlos Vargas Public Policy Co-Chairs

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:**

Sheila Cresson and Peggy Rozhon, Co-VPs

## **MEMBERSHIP CONTESTS – HOW TO WIN BIG TIME!**

At 161 members, we are a wonderfully diverse group. But how about getting a few more like-minded ladies? Starting in 1967, and having our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, let's think about that amount and shoot for 167 members. And how to do it? With contests!

By March 31<sup>st</sup>, if you bring in two or more new members, you are eligible for a free national membership, savings of \$49.00 for 2017-2018. In the lead at two is June Baxter. She needs some serious competition, ladies. Contact me- Peggy and I will send you a current membership form. [prozhon@gmail.com](mailto:prozhon@gmail.com)

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, you can win the whole enchilada- a year's free membership. Send in your payment, USPS postmarked 4/1/2017, or bring your check to the AAUW HMB 4/1 workshop Katie has coordinated at the Colony Club, and your name will be put in a drawing to win an entire year's membership free, \$100.

And a wonderful welcome to our newest member, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker.

Zoe Kersteen-Tucker (650)728-2823  
776 Buena Vista Street, Moss Beach  
San Jose State; BA, MA Psychology  
UC Berkeley; PhD, Experimental Neuropsychology  
[kersteentucker@gmail.com](mailto:kersteentucker@gmail.com)

## **FUNDRAISING REWARDS - AAUW Funds**

I recently went to the AAUW national website to research the most recent recipients of our R&P grants. I'd like to share what I found with you.

For 2016-17, funds earned by the Edna Cox Grant were awarded to Summer Zeimetz. Summer is pursuing her master's degree in speech pathology at Portland State University in Oregon. Previously, she lived abroad and taught English as a foreign language in South Korea, where she organized debate and conversation groups for girls to lift up young women's voices in English speaking cultures. As a speech pathologist, Summer intends to work with girls and women from culturally diverse populations to develop strong communication skills.

The Ruth Rafello Grant for 2016-17 was awarded to the Young Women Leaders Program at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The program is an after-school mentoring curriculum pairing one seventh grade girl, "little sister" with one college student, or "big sister." This project integrates a subprogram, STEM( Science, Leadership and Mentoring) which promotes interest in careers in science through activities, workshops, and weekend events at the University of Central Florida.

Diana Kalos VP Funds

## **White Elephant – From the Depot to the CUMC Steeple**

We are moving! The AAUW White Elephant Sale, Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, is changing location from the Train Depot to the Community United Methodist Church.

Let's move into collecting gear. (double meaning) What to donate? What will sell?

Anything new, nearly new and clean – housewares, collectibles, books, linens, jewelry, purses, clothing, empty garden containers, small furniture, mirrors, etc.

Please put clothing on a hanger.

Please tie up linens with a simple ribbon and attach a note with the size.

Please ask your family and friends for donations and tell them "Thanks" from us.

Please be creative in your collecting. We want to price items for at least \$1.00. If you bundle them, there will be less to sort! For example, put all the yarn in a large clear plastic bag, gather assorted cards and put them in a clear zip lock baggie, put gold coins in bag and mark it, "Mary and Peggy" (just kidding)

If something cannot be easily moved – if it's over 40 pounds, we cannot accept it.

If something is broken, dirty, tarnished, stinky, missing pieces, obsolete, like textbooks, computer software, older electronic equipment, we cannot accept it.

We will only have one day for set-up and we know you ladies will do your best to bring us your best. This has been a great fun event and we are hoping for another great year of sales and great volunteers.

Peggy Rozhon and Mary Sheridan, White Elephant Co-Chairs  
[prozhon@gmail.com](mailto:prozhon@gmail.com) -- 712-9143 /[mary.b.sheridan@gmail.com](mailto:mary.b.sheridan@gmail.com) -- 726-3595



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## Interest Group Coordinator Message:

Anyone who is a member of AAUW is welcome to attend any of the Interest Group activities. If you like, ask the Interest Group Chairman to put you on her notification list.

A few need advanced notice of your coming, others like Out to Breakfast, Walk and Talk, and Hands On do not.

If you have any questions, contact the chairman of the Interest Group you are interested in.

Want to get a new Interest Group started? Contact me and we can see what we can do.

Carol Forster, Interest Group Coordinator.

## Janus



In March, we will enjoy the hospitality of Sheila Cresson on the **fourth Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>** at noon. Carpooling is advised for this luncheon. Sheila lives at 3500 Higgins Canyon Road in Half Moon Bay, a beautiful location that is not to be missed. Bring your potluck dish to share and don't forget your three dollars for the hostess. RSVP to her (yes or no) at: [sjc@csc-research.com](mailto:sjc@csc-research.com) or 726-9215.

## Great Books



The book selection for Great Books on **Thursday, March 9**, is The Song of the Lark by Willa Cather. The meeting will be held at the home of Janet Orumchian at 2:00 p.m.

## Evening Book Group:



**Tuesday, March 28**, is the date for Evening Book Group. Linda Lowens will lead a discussion of Salman Rushdie's book, Two Years, 8 Months, 28 Days. We meet at Madeline Mc Reynolds' home in Miramar at 7 for refreshments and social time. The discussion begins at 7:30. For more information, contact Marianne Harrison at

## Out To Breakfast

This group meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m. It's decided at the breakfast where to meet the following month.

**The Press**, 107 Seville Avenue, El Granada is the choice for **Friday, March 10**.

No reservation necessary - please join us for good food and conversation.

Peg Nordensten, Chair



## Out and About

**March 17:** Bouquets to Art at the De Young Museum, San Francisco. Join us for this annual homage to art through flower arranging. Typically, enough people with museum memberships attend so that we have an equal amount of guest tickets available for nonmembers to make admission free. In your RSVP to [hayden.sara@gmail.com](mailto:hayden.sara@gmail.com), please indicate if you have a museum membership and whether or not you can drive that day. We'll depart New Leaf parking lot (near the bus stop) at 9 am.

**April 7:** Monet: The Early Years at the Legion of Honor, San Francisco. This timed-admission event **WILL SELL OUT EARLY. PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN MARCH 29** so that we can reserve enough tickets by matching museum members with nonmembers. \*\* Museum members: Please reserve two tickets for 12:00 pm. In your RSVP to [hayden.sara@gmail.com](mailto:hayden.sara@gmail.com), please indicate if you have a museum membership and whether or not you can drive that day. We'll depart New Leaf parking lot (near

## Home Theatre:

Spring has sprung! Our next Home Theatre Night will be **March 25**, at the home of Debbie Kratter (24 Fairway Place in Half Moon Bay.

The title of the movie will be announced after our Oscars Night. The core – or chance to choose - is passed around, be 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 ([dगतzek@kratter.com](mailto:dगतzek@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!

## Walk with us!



If you'd like to get out on Monday morning and start the week with some exercise, fresh air, and good company, send me an e-mail and I'll add you to the walking group's list. Every weekend you'll receive a message telling you where to meet on Monday morning. Last Monday we went from the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in Moss Beach north toward Princeton. We had views not only of sea and land, but also saw lots of harbor seals.

Marilyn Garrison : [marilyngarr@hotmail.com](mailto:marilyngarr@hotmail.com)



## Writer's Group

The writers' group will be meeting at 9:30 am on March 2nd and on March 16th at the Leslie Gardens conference room.

We are working on a collection of our writings in commemoration of the 50th year celebration of the Half Moon Bay AAUW.

If you have any questions, please call Janet

## WannaBe Gourmet

### **Happy Lunar New Year25 <> Saturday 6:00PM, MARCH 25**

Irene Brume hosting <> 304 Metzgar Street, Half Moon Bay

Grab a chopstick and join in! Yes Chinese but so much more! ALL easy. ALL fun.

Imagine: homemade Dim Sum, and, "those" unique tastes of chicken/scallops/pork. Luckily we have an Irene cousin's recipe book for "instruction"!!!

### **Come to Irene's for a New Year celebration <> A Rooster Fun Fest!**

Please RSVP by March 11: Nina Nelson.  
nencgn@yahoo.com or 560-9025

## Bridge :

The AAUW Bridge group is growing. We have had 3 tables pretty consistently this year and are having a great time. We still plan on a beginning bridge class & it appears that the Senior Coastsiders are starting a class.

We are playing at the home of Kit Bunnell on **March 17**. Her address is: 1516 Spinaker Lane, HMB (SeaHaven), phone: 726-9547. We will bring snacks, and our own lunch sandwich, as we play from 10:30 to 2:30, on the 3rd Friday of each month through May. please call me if you have issues or questions. Otherwise, let's play cards!

Sharon Miller, [millersa@coastside.net](mailto:millersa@coastside.net), 726-3380

## April General Meeting FOOLIN' AROUND

### April 1, Saturday Mini-Workshops. 10:30 -2:30

Yes we will be fooling around but with fun, interesting mini-workshops.

Each workshop will be presented twice so you can sample more than one thing,

Among the workshops: garden-in-a tea-cup, bead-work, cake in a mug, make a little book, and

hand painted squares that will end up as a quilt to honor our 50 years as a branch.

There will be small fees for some of the workshops.  
BYO Lunch

For more information call or e-mail Katie

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# March 2017

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26	27 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	28 Evening Book Club 7:00 pm	29	30	31	April 1 <b><u>General Meeting</u></b> <b><u>10:30 am</u></b>

## 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!

### Tidings Deadline for April 2017 Issue Wednesday, March 15, 2016

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

Thank you.

Please send articles as attachments, preferably in WORD.

Again, Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Harriett Beck, Editor hmbeck1@comcast.net

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