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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROJECT and MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

When: Monday, March 21, 2016

Where: Community United Methodist Church, HMB

Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Our March meeting will provide a wonderful opportunity to meet a Bay Area recipient of an AAUW Funds grant. Last year AAUW awarded over \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to 241 scholars, researchers, women in transition and to community-based programs that further our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. It is always a treat to hear personally from a woman receiving a grant supported by the collective fundraising efforts of our branch and our sister branches nationwide.

Jennifer Martinez is a recent recipient of a two-year AAUW Community Action Grant. She is the executive director of a network called PICO: People in Community through Organizing and the grant will support the Women's Empowerment Project. In her own words, "It is aimed at engaging low-income Bay Area women of color in civic engagement -- particularly in sharing their stories in the public arena and participating in the voting process."

PICO has a 40-year history of working to create economic opportunities for low-income communities of color in the Bay Area region. The group has successfully led efforts to improve public schools, reform the criminal justice system, expand health coverage for children and low-income families, and create affordable housing opportunities.

Bring your questions and join us at 7 p.m. Monday, March 21.

The Funds talk will be preceded by our General Business Meeting to vote to accept our slate of officers for next year as well as a local dues increase.

DUES INCREASE!

As I mentioned last month, the Board voted to raise our local dues by \$10.00 for the 2016-17 fiscal year. This issue will need to be voted upon by the membership in less than 3 weeks. It requires a 3/4 majority vote of attending members at our March general meeting to pass. There was more information in last month's Tidings. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me any time. Remember, our 501c3 status makes the \$10. tax deductible. I believe we also have a "Rainy Day" fund for members who may need some help with this. Please come and make your voice heard. Besides, you won't want to miss our speaker.
Mary Alice Pearce, President

AAUW-HMB Nominating Committee Recommendations for FY 2016-2017 (begins June 2016)

Slate of Elected officers:

President:	Mary Alice Pearce
Program Vice President:	Gael Erickson
Membership Co-Vice President	Peggy Rozhon
AAUW Funds VP (Formerly EF)	Diana Kalos
Recording Secretary	Denali St.Amand

We are still seeking volunteers for the following elected positions:

Program Co-Vice President
Membership Co-Vice President
Treasurer

The following people have volunteered to serve again in non-elected positions:

Appointed Officer, Membership Treasurer	Barbara Von Glahn
Support Staff, Hospitality	Nina Nelson

The slate of officers will be voted on during the March General Meeting

Please contact any nominating Committee Member if you are interested in any of the vacant elected positions. Committee members can supply complete job descriptions. Previous office holders are willing to tell you about their jobs. In the case of the Treasurer, Helen Paul will provide detailed training

Contact Information for Nominating Committee Members:

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Jean Burch 712-1225; seagarden5219@yahoo.com
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Allene Zanger 560-9830; alzanger@earthlink.net
Also President, Mary Alice Pearce 726-3441; maalice_hmb@comcast.net

Public Policy:

According from "Firsts" For Women (taken from AAUW ACTION NETWORK)

The Oakland Athletics hired Justine Siegal, the first female coach in Major League Baseball. The first African American woman to serve as U.S. Attorney General is Loretta Lynch. The ECONOMIST named Zanny Minton Beddoes as Editor-in-Chief. She is the first woman to hold this position in the magazine's 172 year history. Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Prize Winner, met with Emma Watson, who delivered her "He for She" gender equality speech to the United Nations. They talked about the importance of identifying themselves as feminists. Captain Katie Higgins became the first woman to fly with the Blue Angels. It seems that women are beginning to make some progress in men dominated positions.

Do you have unconscious bias about women's abilities? AAUW's latest research report, scheduled for release this spring, will explore why women's representation in paid leadership positions is so low. Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership, will take a look at the complex reasons why there are so few women in politics, business and some realms of academia.

Are you bias? Take this test and find out by visiting www.aauw.org/research/barriers-and-bias
Mary and Carlos Vargas Public Policy Co-Chairs

AAUW– HMB Local Scholarship

Local Scholarship: Pursuing Your Goals

Life is a journey with many different paths from which to choose. The paths are not always easy, but a helping hand along the way may help a young woman pursue her dreams.

Thanks to the generosity of a member and her supportive company, the Half Moon Bay AAUW Branch has been able to award a \$500 scholarship to a recent graduate of Pillarcitos Alternative High School. The female student has overcome challenges, through her persistence has completed the requirements for graduation with a high school diploma, and is currently enrolling in a vocational program to further her educational training for her field of interest.

The scholarship is named “Pursuing Your Goals”. The recipient has been notified and has received her certificate. When she is able to verify her acceptance to the program and enrollment in classes, the check will be issued. It is very exciting to help her pursue her dreams. The committee and I thank the donor and her employer for their visionary support of this young woman.

Sue Hatfield, Chair

Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

The members of the committee learned of important new educational opportunities on the Coastsides. Cabrillo Unified announced the new La Costa Adult School has been re-budgeted and opened on Jan. 11. New ESL classes and HS equivalency test prep classes are to be offered. Big Lift will provide pre-school opportunities this summer. The Book Bag program is part of the ongoing literacy effort. Rotary announced its annual gift of dictionaries to every 3rd grade student in the community. AAUW supported a teacher at the Chamber’s annual Network@night on February 25. Literacy is a common goal here in our beloved San Mateo Coastsides. Julie Gerth will represent AAUW at the March meeting bringing the committee up to date on Tech Trek.

Sue Hatfield, Chamber of Commerce Education Committee Representative

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Donations for 2016 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-HMB LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND with Local Scholarship noted on the memo line. MAIL TO: SUE HATFIELD, 450 Cypress Ave., Half Moon Bay 94019.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA THAT NEEDS FUNDING?

About AAUW Funds Community Action Grants: Since the inauguration of the Research and Projects Fund in 1972, AAUW has provided support to hundreds of communities around the United States to advance education and equality for women and girls. Early projects focused on public interest issues, including women’s struggles to balance home and work life, the establishment of women’s resource centers on college campuses, and the emergence of women’s political involvement in the antinuclear movement. As the program evolved and grew, AAUW explored ways to strengthen support through community involvement. Projects have become increasingly collaborative and girl-focused, bringing together AAUW branches and local community groups.

Application due date: March 15, 2016

www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-and-awards/community-action-grants/

Check out the national website for more information on this and other Funds opportunities.



Tech Trek Donation Form—2016

Yes, I want to continue to support Coastside girls at Tech Trek, the annual AAUW summer math and science camp, now in its 19th 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.

2016 Tech Trek Selection Underway

by Julie Gerth



The application process for Tech Trek 2016 has begun! Committee member Pauline Shue, who is our teacher liaison, has received about 60 nominations from the 7th-grade math and science teachers at Cunha Middle School. That is the first step in the process. All the nominees will receive the new, national Tech Trek application. The cost per camper will remain at \$900 and our branch is committed to funding six girls. Five scholarships were achieved through all our branch fundraising efforts as well as individual donations; one scholarship is given through the Edna Cox Bequest. Thank you to all our donors!

The date for Stanford (Camp Hopper) will be July 3-9. It is now up to the students to confer with their parents and return the applications to us by the postmark deadline. In mid-March the committee will convene to choose semifinalists for interviews. From that group, six campers will be selected to receive full scholarships to Tech Trek 2016. (We ask only a materials/commitment fee of \$50, if it is not a hardship).

All AAUW branches follow the same selection procedure, which begins with those all-important teacher nominations. Campers will be notified by April 10.

NEWS FROM TECH TREK ALUMNA

Angelica H., a 2010 camper and later a Junior Counselor at Stanford, sends greetings from CSU Chico:

"I hope all has been well with you and wanted to keep you updated with my school life at CSU Chico. I am still undeclared, but I've been getting some of my GE classes out of the way and they've all really interested me. I am looking into a Child Development major, but I do need to look into that a little further and get some information on it. I got a 3.44 GPA last semester, which really makes me feel proud of myself, even though I've been stressing a tad about declaring a major. I am currently in a program called REACH (Raising Educational Achievement in Collaborative Hubs), where I get mentor help and have study jams twice a week with a group of 10 other students which has really helped me get accustomed to education, campus and social life. My mentor has really helped me look into things that interest me and could be possible majors. I am actually taking a course this semester to be a mentor for the same program during the school year 2016-2017. (It is a paid job, offered by work study.) ... I am looking into joining a volunteer organization this semester. The programs that interest me the most involve helping children from kindergarten to fifth grade. One of them is counseling at-risk youth and the other is tutoring children who are learning English as a second language ..."

AAUW-HMB's GOT HOSPITALITY! ENJOY DON'T MISS OUT!

Do plan to come to General Meeting(s)!!! Most certainly, the programs (guest speakers) for our monthly gatherings have been exciting and rewarding. AND, there have been delightful surprises "Attendance-Favors"! Golly, the "crowds" enjoyed herb bouquets in September, trick n treats in October, curly willow sprig-bouquets in November, unusual cookbooks in January, and, we just enjoyed nostalgia, creating valentines. As well, it's always lovely anticipating an impressive and beautiful buffet of snacks, desserts, and refreshments. INDEED, AAUW-HMB is hospitable **plus** mucho TLC__ hope to see you at our March meeting!!!

(Easter Bunny promises to be hoppin' with a basket of surprises)

SAVE IT FOR THE SALE – S. I. F. T. S

So what's in your pile? It might be March but the wheels are in motion for this year's White Elephant Sale – May 21 – Train Depot!

While you are gathering wonderful stuff for the sale remember:

Make sure it's clean, make sure it works, make sure it has all the pieces

If possible, put clothing on a hanger

If possible, tie up linens with a simple ribbon and attach a note with the size

This year, no plants, but we will sell empty pots and planters

This year, a Holiday/Christmas section

This year, we will have the Train Depot for set up on Thursday and Friday

This year, the bag sale will be \$3.00

Clothing, books, housewares, and jewelry

We love what you donate and we thank you truly

Ask your friends and neighbors, too

What they can spare and donate to you

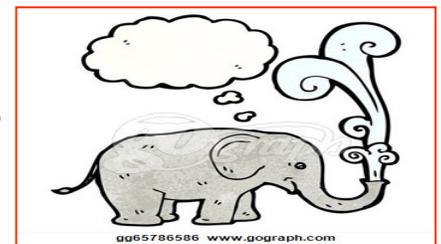
Keep you eyes open for all kinds of freebies. Check on Craigslist, Nextdoor, and my favorite, the pile left at the end of a driveway, displaying the sign "FREE".

At the March monthly meeting, we will pass around volunteer sign-up sheets for all the time slots needed. Thanks in advance for all your help with this high-energy and fun event. Questions? We look forward to your calls!

Peggy Rozhon and Mary Sheridan

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White Elephant Co-Chairs



Tidings Deadline for April 2016 **Tuesday, 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

Membership Matters

We are holding at 158 members but we have several people who will be joining us this month. Why are they waiting you might ask. It's to take advantage of the national dues saving programs offered in March. Anyone who joins after March 15 will enjoy 15 months of dues (membership good through June 30, 2017). Plus if they join at a public meeting, national dues are reduced by 50%. If you have any potential new members, please send us their contact information so we can explain the benefits of joining the branch plus the savings options in March.

So far June Baxter and Chris Green continue to lead the recruitment contest. Members have until March 31 to recruit new members in order to win free national dues for next year.

Peggy Rozhon/Mary Sheridan, Membership Co-VPS

An Ode to Laura Dana Morgan -

(In 1913 authored paper on Pay Inequity)

Ms. Morgan, a true statistician
 Assembled the facts and the data
 And found that the news, not surprising
 Proved that payment for men was much greater
 We have the credentials, and all the essentials, and still we can't get equal pay

Though women held varied positions
 Advancement was open to them
 The dollars and cents did not add up
 The male got more than the femme
 We have the credentials, and all the essentials, and still we can't get equal pay

Back then when a man got a dollar
 80 cents was what ladies received
 A glacier moves faster than progress
 And ladies, we still are quite peeved
 We have the credentials, and all the essentials, and still we can't get equal pay

So thanks and best wishes, Ms. Morgan
 Belated by one hundred years
 The pay gap is shrinking, though slowly,
 Because of you great pioneers.
 We have the credentials, and all the essentials, and One Day We'll get equal pay

EDNA COX FUND

Hope all our members are aware of what this fund is, does and where it came from. Edna Cox, a much loved and respected charter member bequeathed us over \$133,000 with no strings attached to its use. Since 2004 a committee has been overseeing yearly distributions from this fund for branch and community projects ranging from the lovely bench to Edna in front of the HMB Library to teacher grants and more. Here are this year's funded awards:

- \$2000 for Local Scholarship
- \$900 for one tech trekker
- \$1000 for four day summer STEM workshop
- \$500 to former tech trekker Jackie Lopez to defray her costs for college applications and campus visits
- \$1105.38 to the general fund covering the cost of loss in pumpkin bread sales

In addition, I attended a Cuhna Middle School faculty meeting to tell them about our many scholarship programs and to make awards to two teachers:

- To Lisa Lydaker for \$600 to purchase much needed equipment for her Home Ec program
- To Sven Gasser for \$600 to replace worn out tools for the woodshop

This totaled \$6705.38 spent this year. Committee members included President Mary Alice Pearce, Treasurer Helen Paul, members Delores Crabb, Erika Pardo and my self as chair.

Ruth Rafello

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 mailbox 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.

Betty Lee-Kendall, email distributor (bleek917@sbcglobal.net)

JANUS:



The JANUS luncheon group meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday at noon. The meal is potluck and we always have a great variety of good food. Our next lunch is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 23rd**, at the home of Mary Sheridan, 247 Avenue Granada, El Granada. We request that everyone RSVP, either yes or no, to Mary at: 726-3595 or mary.b.sheridan@gmail.com. Parking at Mary's is limited due to the street gutters. Carpooling is strongly advised.

Please remember to bring \$2 for the hostess along with your potluck dish. Looking ahead: April luncheon will be at Angeline Hnatt's home. If you would like to be added to the email list, please let me know. If you would like to be removed from the list, let me know that, too. Everyone is welcome.

Delores Crabb, Chair
coastcrabb@comcast.net

Home Theatre:



We will meet at the home of Debbie Kratter (24 Fairway Place in Half Moon Bay) for our movie of the month on **SATURDAY, MARCH 26**. The title of the movie we will watch will be announced after the group decides on the movie by nomination and ballot. For March, we (probably) will be going for a golden oldie comedy like the Sting or similar. 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Debbie.

Evening Book Group:

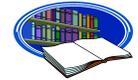
The Evening Book Group will meet **Tuesday, March 29**, at Madeline Mc Reynold's home in Miramar. We begin at 7PM with refreshments and social time. At 7:30, Jean Slanger will lead a discussion of Nobel laureate Patrick Modiano's book, **Missing Person**. For more information, contact mimih108@sbcglobal.net or call 725-4553 and leave a message.

Walk with us!



We had a lovely walk this morning on the Coastal Trail between Cowell and Purisima. The mustard and sour grass was in full bloom, the sky was clear, and the ocean was sparkling! We walk somewhere on the coast every Monday morning between 10 and 12. E-mail me if you'd like to join us and I'll send you a message each weekend to tell you where we'll meet. Marilyn Garrison

Great Books



The book selected for AAUW Great Books in March is : The Moon and Sixpence by Somerset Maugham.

The meeting will be held **Thursday, March 10**, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at the home of Janet Orumchian,

Hands On:

Hands On! is our sewing/knitting/crafting group where each person brings her own project to work on in a lively, friendly environment. We meet once a month in members' homes. Our meeting day is the second Wednesday of the month from 4-6 PM. In **March we will meet on the 9th** at the home of Ruth Rafello in Montara. Please RSVP to her at 728-3013 or rrafello@coastside.net. Looking ahead: April hostess is Betty Lee-Kendall. Hostesses are needed for May and June. Delores Crabb, Chair

Out To Breakfast



The Out to Breakfast 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.

Café Mezza Luna, 240 Capistrano Rd., Princeton-by-the-Sea is the choice for

Friday, March 11.

No need to "reserve" or reply - just join us - it's a great way to start the day. We've been there several times and all like it. Hope to see you there.

Peg Nordensten, Chair

Writers' Group:

The Writers' Group meets at 9:30 am on the first and third Thursday of each month at Moonside Cafe and Bakery.

We will be writing in response to Jean's prompts on **March 3rd**. At the **March 17th** meeting we will be reading from our work.

All writers and all genres are welcome.

If you have any questions please email Janet Orumchian at jhorumchian@yahoo.com or phone her at 510-206 5493.

Bridge :

The bridge group meets the third Friday, September through May (except in December), from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **March's meeting will be on the 18th** at Becky Cawley's. Please contact Kit Bunnell at 726-9547 or by email at csbunnell@earthlink.net for more information or to reserve a spot.

Out and About:

The Out and About Group has several interesting trips planned in the next few [months](#). If you have any ideas for trips, please let us know.

On **Sunday, March 6**, the group will be going to Chinatown for lunch and a show. Information was sent out early about this event, as tickets are hard to get. If you think you would like to go, you will need to make your own arrangements for tickets. Contact Penny O'Neal at 560-9801 for information on where to try.

On **Friday, April 8** (note change from 1st Friday to 2nd Friday) we will be going to [SF](#) to visit The Legion of Honor and possibly the De Young also. (one entrance fee gets you into both). Each are having an interesting display of fashion . Contact Mary Alice Pearce 726-3441 for more information.

On **Friday, May 6** we will visit the Hillier Aviation Museum in San Carlos. Contact Mary Vargas 712-8699 for more information

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