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November /December General Meetings

STEM

When: Monday, November 21, 2016

Where: Community United Methodist Church in Half Moon Bay

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Be sure and join us for our next general meeting on Monday, November 21. There will be a presentation on the branch's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Camp. Some of the Cunha attendees will be there to discuss the program and what they learned. The meeting will be held at the Community United Methodist Church in Half Moon Bay (corner of Johnston and Miramontes Streets). The program begins at 7:00 pm.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

When: Saturday, December 3, 2016

Where: Ocean Colony Club House

Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm



Please join us for our annual holiday luncheon at Ocean Colony. This event will feature great food provided by Spanish Town, and a chance to visit with your friends and share holiday cheer!

The cost for the catered luncheon is \$20.00 per person.

Send check payable to **AAUW HMB** to:

Mary Vargas

14 Lighthouse Road

Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

*Remember to include names of attendees

RSVP deadline: Friday, November 25.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund



AAUW Fund is divided into one general and five specialized funds.

Each separate fund is assigned its individual purpose. One of the specialized funds is the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). The LAF mission is to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the work place. Resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major legal cases that will affect the lives of women in general.

Sex discrimination can include unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972. LAF challenges these barriers by informing people of their rights and use of the legal system to seek justice and change.

We offer funding for:

- court filing fees
- preparation of briefs, filing and other case-based costs
- plaintiff court travel

We can also offer nonfinancial support for:

- signatory of an amicus brief
- an official statement of support
- AAUW members presence at court or rally

AAUW welcomes case recommendations and requests for case support from many sources, including collaborating organizations, lawyers and AAUW members. Case recommendations and support requests should be sent to laf@aauw.org. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If a case meets the initial criteria, applicants will be requested to submit a more thorough application. The LAF committee will decide on the applicant's suitability for support.

HMB AAUW DIRECTORY:

Please check your listing in the 2016-17 directory and let me know if there are any corrections to your entry. If you were unable to attend the September luncheon, your copy is available from your neighborhood coordinator and it is your responsibility to contact her to arrange a time to pick it up. See your October TIDINGS for neighborhood coordinator information.

Delores Crabb (coastcrabb@comcast.net)
Directory Editor

Tidings Deadline for January 2017 Issue **Thursday, December 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

AAUW Local Scholarship

I recently requested the names of all female graduates for the years of 2014 and 2013 from Half Moon Bay and Pescadero High Schools. This is the first step in the complicated process of selecting 2 Ivania Portocarerro Scholarship, 1 Edna Cox Scholarship, and 1 James and Gloria Dudfield Scholarship recipients.

The Half Moon Bay AAUW Branch has provided scholarships since 1973 when Susan Alves was awarded our first scholarship. In 1976, the branch dedicated the local scholarships in Ivania Portocarerro's memory. Three \$500 scholarships were granted to women in our community who were returning to school under the Branch Program "Project Renew". 3 additional grants of \$75 were awarded to women who were just finishing their degrees. One grant was to our own Katie Murdock. Since 1973, AAUW-HMB has provided educational support to 76 people.

The Edna Cox Fund provides a \$2k scholarship yearly. The Dudfield Estate will provide 7 more scholarships. The Ivania Portocarerro Scholarships are made possible through member fund raising and personal donations. As we near the end of 2016, the committee requests that members consider making donations in support of our Local Scholarships. It is a legacy of which we can all be proud.

Sue Hatfield, co-chair Local Scholarship

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Donations for 2017 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP for Coastside Women



If you would like to contribute to our AAUW-HMB Local Scholarship Fund, you may use the form below. Our branch Local Scholarship Fund makes awards to outstanding graduates of Half Moon Bay and/or Pescadero High Schools who are entering their junior or senior year of college.

YES, I want to support Coastside women in the final stretch of their college education.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

My gift is in memory of: _____

Make checks payable to: **AAUW-HMB Branch** with Local Scholarship noted on the memo line. MAIL TO: SUE HATFIELD, 450 Cypress Ave., Half Moon Bay 94019.

PUMPKIN BREAD, HOLIDAY HOUSE ESSENTIAL TO TECH TREK



by Julie Gerth

It's time to give thanks. As you know, Tech Trek Math and Science Camp scholarships are made possible through branch fundraisers and member donations. On behalf of the girls who attended Stanford Tech Trek last summer -- and over the almost 20 years since its founding -- we want to say thank you for the hard work and generosity of our members.

Our branch Tech Trek scholarship fund currently receives 30 percent of the proceeds of our branch-wide fundraisers. Your participation at the White Elephant Sale, Pumpkin Festival and the upcoming Holiday House sale are critical to raising the dollars needed to send Coastsides girls to math and science camp in the summer.

We also appreciate that many of our former campers return to help us at our fundraisers. This year we are grateful to Tech Trekkers Mia Orr and Elizabeth Mendez-Cortes who volunteered to help us in the Pumpkin Booth on Saturday during the midday madness.

If you have not yet signed up for a short shift at the Holiday House, Nov. 4, 5, or 6, please contact Barbara Von Glahn and let her know you can help. It's a fun way to make a big difference in a girl's life.

End-of-year donations to Tech Trek are especially welcome. Our 2017 reservations to Tech Trek are DUE NOW and we must project how many students we can fund.

Please use the cut-out coupon below and send contributions directly to me.

Tech Trek is now a national AAUW project, so checks are made out simply to "AAUW." (You can note Stanford/Camp Hopper on the Memo line to make sure we are properly credited at the national office.)

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

Our members are our lifeline, the heart of our organization. Thanks to all who continue to encourage and invite new members to our branch. As in the past, we will be holding our yearly Member Recruitment Contest. Those who recruit the most new members will win free National Dues of \$49.00. The contest began with our new calendar year, 7/1, and runs until 3/31/2017. Encourage your friends to join at a general meeting where they receive a 50% discount on their National Dues.

New contest this year – be the First Member to renew for 2017/2018! Interested? More on this at a later date!

And welcome to our Newest Member, Karen Kalumuck. If you attended the September luncheon, you might have remembered Karen introducing herself and telling of her long tenure as Biologist Educator at the Exploratorium! Please welcome her and add her info to your membership directory.

Karen Kalumuck (Robert) 728-8316
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 Bowling Green State Univ., OH, BS
 Rice University, Houston, TX, MA and PhD, Biology
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Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee:

On Thursday, as your Chamber of Commerce representative, I was happy to represent our AAUW Branch at inaugural announcement of the “**Coastside Futures...A Promise Initiative**”. Cabrillo Education Foundation, Cabrillo Unified and Pescadero Unified School Districts are collaborating with Big Lift, San Mateo County Schools, the SMC Community College District, and Silicon Valley Community Foundation to pursue this VISION for our local students. The VISION states: We believe in the potential of all our kids to learn and succeed. We commit to:

- Supporting them to meet developmental milestones, so they graduate from high school prepared for further education and ultimately a career in the modern workforce;
- Providing the resources to access and complete postsecondary education or training;
- Respect and valuing the work they ultimately choose.

The commitment begins with pre-schoolers and continues through post-secondary education. An Early College Program, emotional and social support, guidance, funding for programs, financial aid for students continuing their education, and even **Last \$ Scholarships** are included in this exciting plan for the future of our children in public schools here on the Coastside. The Coast is finally recognized as being a vibrant part of the Silicon Valley environment! Our kids and their families will be the benefactors. As supporters of education for women, AAUW can feel confident that the initiative is inclusive.

Sue Hatfield, AAUW-HMB representative

It Started with a Dream...

Imagine the Coastside in 1967...just what was it like around here? Highway One was a two lane road with no traffic lights, as was Highway 92 which had no center divide or passing lane. Devil's Slide had few berms or guard rails! Strawflower Shopping Center did not exist, nor did Shoreline Station. There were small markets along the coast for grocery shopping, many of which had butcher shops within. There were few buildings south of Cetrella's, which at that time was a produce loading dock. Ocean Colony and the golf course were farm land. Add to that the fact that answering machines, cell phones and computers were still in the future, making the Coastside an isolated island of a community.

When 26 women gathered in Montara, a town of basically dirt streets, one day in January of 1967, they happily interacted with one another. While they did not necessarily know each other, they were all college graduates with a common interest. Their dream was to start a new branch of the American Association of University Women. It was an opportunity to create a meaningful, but also, social group on the Coastside, where the educated women could meet without having to travel "over the hill".

AAUW-HMB has progressed with the Coastside, making an impact on the culture and development of the area. Our members are active and involved in the community. And while members have come and gone over the last fifty years, AAUW-HMB is still a vibrant and active organization on the Coastside with 153 members.

Now we are planning a special tribute for our 50th Anniversary as a branch!
It is an event that you do not want to miss, so plan ahead to join us for our May celebration.
Stay tuned for further details.

Want to join the committee? Contact Pat McNutt, Committee Chair.



(Note to committee: please get any updated information to Katie Murdock for inclusion in future TIDINGS articles.)

Public Policy: VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8

On Thursday, Sept. 29th from 10:30-12:30 we went to Sebastian Hart's government classes up at HMBHS. We talked to 2 classes (36 in each class) about AAUW HMB and the various programs we have for students and about the importance of voting. The students were very excited about the prospect of voting and we were able to register 20 students with another 20 still out, to be turned in to Mr. Hart.. This time for the first time 16 and 17 year olds can pre register to vote. The Election Board files these away, and when they are 18 they are good to go. We then went to the HMB Library from 12:30-8:00, and with the help of members Sue Hatfield, Frederick Dyketia, Carol Joyce, Julie Gerth, Peggie Rozhon, Carly Battles, Nancy Evans, Rosemary Malvey, Mary Alice Pearce and Gael Erikson , we were able to register 15 voters , 5 of whom were new citizens and first time voters. As usual, Head Liberian Annie was most helpful.

AAUW Action Fund has compiled a non partisan voter guide of the presidential candidates. We had this guide for you at the General meeting on Oct. 24th, hope you got it. AAUW CA has analyzed the propositions that affect women and girls and have made the following recommendations: YES on 51, 52, 55 and 58 and NO on 53. The League of Women Voters presented un-biased information to us on the 17 Propositions that are on the November ballot at the October General Meeting.

Election Day is Tuesday Nov. 8th encourage everyone to come out and vote..

Mary & Carlos Vargas Public Policy Co-Chairs

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Interest Group Coordinator Message:

Most Interest Groups are meeting both November and December.

Check out the calendar to see if yours is one of them.

Have a Happy Holiday. More to come in January.

Carol Forster, Interest Group Coordinator

JANUS



Moving on from our busy month of October, we are ready to start the holiday season! NOTE this change of date for our November luncheon due to Thanksgiving: **Wednesday, November 16th at noon.** We are thankful to be enjoying our luncheon at the home of Betty Lee-Kendall. Katie Murdock will assist her as co-hostess. Betty lives at 1 LeHavre Place in Frenchman's Creek, Half Moon Bay. Please RSVP to her at 712-1850 or bleek917@sbcglobal.net. Remember to bring your potluck dish to share and \$3.00 for the hostess.

In December we will enjoy the hospitality and fabulous Christmas decor of Nina Nelson. That date is **December 28th** and we will meet at noon at her El Granada home: 115 Vallejo Street. RSVP to her at 560-9025 or nencgn@yahoo.com. Again, please remember to bring your potluck dish to share and \$3.00 for the hostess. Be ready to join in the Christmas carols, too!

I will be sending email reminders for these events. Please read them as they will contain any last minute changes or information. If you would like to be removed from the email list, please let me know. I look forward to seeing each of you at one of our wonderful lunches!

Delores Crabb, JANUS Chair

Great Books:



The book selected for **Thursday, November 10**, is 1421: The Year China Discovered America by Gavin Menzies. The meeting will be held at the home Sylvia des Tombe, 315 Magnolia St., HMB, from 2-4:00 p.m.. Phone no. 415-622-8129.

The book selected for December Great Books is The Japanese Lover by Isabelle Allende. The meeting will be held at the home of Janet Orumchian, 221 Miramontes Ave., HMB, on Thursday, **December 8**, from 2-4:p.m. Phone no. 560-0362

Carolyn Valoria

Out and About

On **November 4**, the Out and About group will visit the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles near downtown San Jose. Regular admission is \$8 for adults and \$6.50 for seniors; however, first Fridays at the museum are "Pay What You Can." In addition to the permanent collection of more than 1,000 textiles, three special exhibits will be up: The California Art Quilt Revolution: From the Summer of Love to the New Millennium; Hmong Story Cloths: Stitching a History; and Lines, Angles, and Shapes. To learn more about the museum, visit <http://www.sjqmilmuseum.org/>.

We'll depart from the New Leaf parking lot at 10 am. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 2, to Mary Vargas at cvu59@aol.com. We hope you can join us!

December 2: Join us as we venture to the Legion of Honor museum in San Francisco to see "The Brothers Le Nain: Painters of 17th-Century France." The brothers are best known for their startlingly realistic depictions of the poor. One of their most important devotional works, "Nativity of the Virgin," an altarpiece from Notre-Dame Cathedral, will be on display for the first time in the U.S. Also on display will be a portrait of le comte de Tréville, one of Dumas's inspirations for The Three Musketeers.

We'll depart New Leaf parking lot at 9:30 am. We have many museum members in the group and are typically able to get everyone in for free. (Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$17 for seniors.) Please RSVP to Mary Vargas at cvu59@aol.com and indicate if you have a current museum membership to share a free admission and whether or

Evening Book Group:



The Book Group will not meet in

November. Suggested reading is *Calico Palace* by Gwen Barstow. We will meet on **December 6** for a Holiday Potluck. Antoinette Wrubel will lead a discussion of *The Kitchen Daughter* by Jael Mc Henry.

Out To Breakfast

This group meets the second Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

On **November 11** we'll meet at Sam's Coffee Shop (near Twice as Nice).

Hope to see you -- no reservation is necessary.

There won't be a breakfast in December.

Peg Nordensten, Chair



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

Writers' Group:

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

We rotate at each meeting writing in response to a prompt or reading from our work.

On **November 3rd** we will do spontaneous writing in response to prompts provided by Jean Slanger. On **November 17th** we will be reading from our work. All writers and all genres are welcome.

Home Theatre



The holidays are upon us! Because of all the conflicts of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and all that goes on during the next couple of months, we have moved our next movie night to a November/December combo: **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**, 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!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Debbie Kratter, Chair - 650-759-5068

WANNABE GOURMET



WANNABE GOURMET SPECTACULAR!!

The BIG C's -that is Cabernet and Chardonnay are the libations for the **November 19 WINE TASTING**. Carol Forster is hosting this fun event at her home 11200 Skyline Blvd. starting at 5:00PM. Be prepared to comment.

TO GET THERE: Call Carol for directions.

WHAT TO BRING: EACH person to bring either Cabernet or Chardonnay. Single or a couple bring a savory or sweet FINGER FOOD APPETIZER for 10-20 servings. No forks - little plates & lots of napkins provided. Coffee, tea & water provided.

TO RESERVE: Call Carol 726-4984 by **November 14th** to reserve and ask questions.

This promises to be one of the great events of the year. DO NOT MISS.

January is just around the corner - if you want to see and hear the **San Francisco Symphony** playing **Bernstein's** original score while on screen "**ON THE WATERFRONT**". Part of their popular movie series that sells out early. Save the date , **January 8, 2017**.

There will be an Afterglow party in the green room at Symphony Hall. Call Nina or e-mail her nencgn@yahoo.com. Deadline for tickets [\$30-\$90] is **December 12**

Bridge :



We have just met in the home of Kit Bunnell of Half Moon Bay, and look forward to playing bridge at the Ruth (and Vince) Rafello home, 1380 Audubon, Montara, on **November 18th**. We need a substitute, so if you would like to play, call me. We play 10:30 to 2:30 on the third Friday each month, We do not meet in December. January, 2017, we play at the home of Betty Lee-Kendall, El Granada.

I continue to search for a beginning bridge class for our six interested members. I have a lead on a teacher, if I can increase the size of the class to 10 or 12 people. If you know someone who would like to learn the game, please have them contact me.! There would be a small fee as the class is several sessions. Where it would be held is undetermined at this time If you have ideas or suggestions, please share with me (and the potential teacher). I'm thinking of a church or club where couples might want to learn together, with the ladies also playing with AAUW. There are many couples who play bridge on the Coastsides.

If you are not signed up to play and would like to do so, let me know.

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

November 2016



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

December 2016



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				1 Writer's Group 9:30 am	2 Out & About 10 am	3 <u>Holiday Luncheon</u> 11:30 am
4	5 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>Board Meeting</u> 7 pm	6 Evening Book Group 7:00 pm	7	8 Great Books 2 pm	9	10
11	12 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	13	14	15 Writer's Group 9:30 am	16	17 Home Theatre 6:00 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28 Janus—noon	29	30	31

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 you cooperation.

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



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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