

- HAVE FUN— take a field trip
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- MEET— new members



What is STEM and How do we Introduce Young Women to this Program

When: Monday, October 19, 2015

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, October 19. 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.

Make your Holiday Tea Reservation:



Come to a delightful and delicious afternoon tea in the Historic Ocean Shore Railroad Train Station. Enjoy sandwiches, scones and sweets while sipping tea and listening to music.

Reservations are required for our Holiday Tea. Members can make reservations as of Wed. Oct. 1. Cost is \$40 per person. Call Sarah Dekker at 650-245-7320. Credit cards are required. Tea dates are Saturday and Sunday Nov. 7 & 8/Nov. 14 & 15. There is one seating at 1 :00 pm each day. We hope you will bring your family, friends and neighbors to our lovely tea. Profits support AAUW Funds, Local Scholarships and Tech Trek.

We need volunteers for a variety of short term jobs that take 6 hours or less: Contact Harriett Beck and sign up for positions at our meeting on Sat. September 12.

AAUW Public Policy

AAUW supports Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood has been in the news lately with attacks on fetal tissue donations. These donations occur only with a woman's consent, is not a profit-making venture and does not involve federal funds. AAUW is a long time supporter of reproductive rights. AAUW has joined 92 organizations in signing a letter to Congress informing them that we stand with Planned Parenthood and the women they serve everyday. We have also joined 96 organizations on a coalition letter opposing congressional efforts to de fund Planned Parenthood and sent out own letter to the "Hill" urging a "NO" vote.

On the state level. AAUW CA considered over 80 bills and decided to focus on bills that impact women economically. These include:

1. ADC50: Recognizing April 14 as EQUAL PAY DAY in California.

2. AB 1017 : Would break the cycle of low, discriminatory wages by prohibiting employers from using salary history to determine a job applicant's new salary

3. AB357: Would require a food and general retail establishment to provide employees with at least two weeks notice of their work schedule.

4. SB3 : Would raise the minimum wage in California.

5. SB23: Would repeal the Maximum Family Grant limitations for CalWorks recipients.

6. SB38: Would allow a state earned income tax credit, if the credit exceeds the tax liability, to be refunded.

7. SB358: Would prohibit an employer from paying any of its employees at a wage rate less than those paid to employees of the opposite sex for the same work, with the same training and experience.

To read more information on these topics, go to aauw-ca.org and click on PUBLIC POLICY.

Mary and Carlos Vargas: Public Policy Co-Chairs

AAUW-HMB Local Scholarship:

The brisk morning air suggests that fall is in the air. Orange pumpkins glow in the patches. Traffic is clogged by families heading to Lemos. It must October. Our branch once again prepares for Pumpkin Bread sales at the Pumpkin Festival. Remember, these sales provide funds for our Local Scholarships. Many thanks go to fabulous team of organizers, Amy, Jennifer, and Michelle, as well all the "faithfuls" that "woman" the booth. The Johnson House Holiday Tea team lead by Harriett, this year, is the second fund raiser with 30% of the funds raised dedicated to Scholarships. Be sure to participate in these important activities in support of education for women.

Our other support comes from member's generous donations. I thank last month's donor and all who donated during the membership drive. One of our scholarships is funded by the Edna Cox Fund and two others are funded by donations and fund raising. This year, I hope that we can meet a goal of once again providing a fourth scholarship especially dedicated to a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) student. Every donation counts toward that goal.

As we approach the yearend, be aware that donations can be made directly to our branch because the donation is now 501(c)3 tax deductible. On the memo line indicate "Local Scholarship". Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sue Hatfield, Chair Local Scholarship

Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee:

Mary and Carlos Vargas were my guests at the September 1, HMB C of C Education Committee meeting. Mary briefly explained the Summer STEM program provided to female middle school students by the Edna Cox funds.

The meeting was opened with a report Zaid Ghori, Director of Study Abroad for SMC Community Colleges. Zaid explained that his department is developing programs to allow community college students to gain credit for semester length and shorter study abroad programs. Adult learners may participate in study abroad programs as well. Florence is the first program offered from January 30-April 29, 2016. Grants are available for high school teachers who wish to develop internationally based curriculum for their students.

The HMB library continues to offer a wealth of programs for adults and children. Free parenting programs are offered. Check out their schedule.

Rotary has scheduled the Rotary & Chamber@ the HS classes at all 3 high schools. These classes provide lessons in resume writing, personal finances, use of social media, HT, and interview techniques.

The committee welcomed CUSD new Superintendent Dr. Jane Yuster; CAO for curriculum, Dr. Sandra Jewett; and John Nazar, principal at HMBHS. They reported that the school year is off to a smooth start.

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

Membership Matters

We enjoyed a wonderful "Getting Together" Membership Luncheon on September 12. Everyone had ample time to socialize with old and new friends and learn more about the branch's Interest Groups and volunteer opportunities. The highlight of the event, as always, was hearing from our Tech Trekkers and what they enjoyed most about their week at Stanford. My how they have grown and matured since we first met them in May.

Winners of the prize baskets were Liz Colvard for basket #1; Nina Nelson took home basket #2 and Betty Lee-Kendall was the winner of basket #3. Thanks to everyone who made a donation for the baskets; we raised \$355 to support the general fund. A special thank you to the following branch members who donated their time and services for the gift baskets - Anne Grauzlis, Cecilia Mello, Carol Mickelsen, and Nancy Struck. We also had a lot of laughs and got to know each other better by completing our Get Acquainted bingo game and congratulations to Peg Nordensten who was the prize winner from all the completed entries. Who knew it would be easier to find someone who had flown a plane (I think there were four people there who had done this) than someone who dislikes mushrooms!

The following new members joined during late summer so our membership is now 145; please join us in welcoming them to the branch. Their contact information was included in the insert page of the directory. We will list information on those individuals who joined at the luncheon in the November Tidings.

Sally Coverdell lives in Half Moon Bay. She earned her BS in Plant Science from UC Davis and even though she recently retired from owning the Blue Sky Café, she keeps busy helping at Blue Sky Designs. Sally was recruited by Wendy Lama.

Donna Wolf also lives in Half Moon Bay and works at Foothill College. She earned her baccalaureate degree in Education and Special Education from SUNY at Buffalo and her masters in Education from San Jose State University. Dorothy Maurer and Mary Alice Pearce encouraged Donna to join the branch.

Peggy Rozhon and Mary Sheridan

DIRECTORIES

The new 2015-16 HMB Branch Directories are ready. If you were unable to attend the September luncheon, your directory is now available from your neighborhood coordinator. Please arrange a time to go and get it from her as it is not her job to deliver them. Your neighborhood is determined by your residence address, as described below.

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Peg Nordensten coastalpeg@gmail.com

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Montara: Cecilia Mello cecilia.mello@gmail.com

Please add the following members to your new directory:

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UC Davis; BS Plant Science

sally@blueskydesignsinc.com North HMB

WOLF, DONNA 726-0462

1901 Tunitas Creek Road, PO Box 498, Half Moon Bay

SUNY, Buffalo; BA Education

CSU San Jose; MA Education

wolfdonna@foothill.edu South HMB

Also, please note the following additional information for your directory:

DATES TO REMEMBER

Northern CA AAUW Funds Fall Luncheon

October 25, 2015; Danville

Holiday Tea HMB Branch Fundraiser

November 7&8, 14&15

AAUW-CA State Convention

April 15-17, 2016; San Mateo

REMINDERS

AAUW-HMB is now a 501(c)3 organization.

Branch website: halfmoonbay-ca.aauw.net

Password: HMB Tidings

Delores Crabb, Directory Editor



TECH TREK NEWS
by Julie Gerth

First, belated congratulations to Jackie Lopez who was selected as a junior counselor for Tech Trek at Stanford, Camp Hopper, July 5 -11, 2015. Jackie was chosen from a large number of past Tech Trekkers, now high-schoolers, from around the Bay Area who aspired to return to campus in this leadership role. It is a highly competitive program and a great honor to be selected. Jackie was assigned to help with the Computer Coding core class. And it was a pleasure to have her as an honored guest at our Membership Brunch.

Prior to serving AAUW in this capacity as a Tech Trek counselor, Jackie was one of the servers at our branch Holiday Tea fundraiser. We are so proud of her and look forward to hearing about her college plans.

Secondly, I would like to announce that Tech Trek, which was once exclusively an AAUW-California project, is now a truly national program. Tech Trek math and science camps are being facilitated by AAUW branches in Alabama, Oklahoma, Iowa, Florida, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington in partnership with universities in those regions including University of Alabama–Huntsville, University of Tulsa, and Bowling Green State University, to name a few.

This growth has also brought changes to our financing. So, from now on, our donation checks will be sent to the national office of AAUW, and NOT to AAUW-CA Special Project Fund.

IMPORTANT: Donation checks for Tech Trek should now be made to: AAUW

That's it, pure and simple. Just note Tech Trek (Camp Hopper) in the Memo to make it easier for our Stanford camp treasurer.

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.

CONVENTION NEWS:

Save the date: April 15-17, 2015

Our CA State AAUW Convention will be held on April 15-17, 2015 right here in our own backyard at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo. This is the closest we have had it in a long time and we urge as many of you who can, to attend, especially if you are a new member or officer. It always provides new insights into our organization on both the state and local levels and is a great way to “network” with AAUW members from other branches. More information will follow as it becomes available. You can get a reduced registration rate by volunteering to help out. For more information on this go to aauw-ca.org and click on “VOLUNTEER SPOT”

Tidings Deadline October 15, 2015

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

Volunteers for Schools 2015-2016

By Sharron Thompson

School started again for Cabrillo Unified School District on August 20. Volunteers from AAUW will be available to help individual teachers in the elementary schools. Many volunteers help the same teacher each week or less frequently. Tasks often involve reading to students, leading small groups, and working on hands-on projects.

Would you be interested in helping this academic year? With what age group(s) do you feel most comfortable? You can help just once or twice or many times, as your schedule allows. At present, we have volunteers scheduled to help out at Hatch and El Granada schools. WE also have an unmet need for a volunteer to help with writing at the alternative high school. Perhaps this would be a good opportunity for you?

Please contact Sharron Thompson by phone, text message, or email to volunteer at any Cabrillo School. I will attempt to match you with a teacher or you may already have one in mind.

Phone: 650-580-1204; email: annie94037@yahoo.com

Thank you.

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, October 28th**, however, we need someone to step up to host. Please email me ASAP so I can let the group know where we will meet. If no one can host, the luncheon will be canceled for October.

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



Incredible Edibles:

INCREDIBLE EDIBLES is as varied in sites, themes, foods, music and countries as are our members.

November will see us trekking too the high country of Skyline Blvd. where a sumptuous Norwegian [Scandinavian] brunch will take place among the 26 acres of redwoods at the HENRIK IBSEN SONS OF NORWAY LODGE. Save the date **NOVEMBER 7 AT 11:00AM.**

This is a private site [two which several of our members belong] so we are asking for \$3.00 per person to mitigate the costs.

Sign up please by **OCTOBER 26** at rafello@coastside.net.

Reminder - other Incredible Edibles: Cocktail Party in January, Irish in -what else? March and as we started out with theatre and music in August will end with On the Town at the SF Symphony in May.



Walk with us!

The Walk and Talk Group meets every Monday morning at 10:00 am at various locations along the Coast. I send out a message every weekend telling you where to get together with the other members of the group. We usually walk for 2 hours, many times on the Coastal Trail. If you'd like to have your name added to the email list, please contact me, Marilyn Garrison, at marilyngarr@hotmail.com We see beautiful views (the last walk included many whales) and have time to visit with each other.

Home Theatre:

We will meet at the home of Debbie Kratter for our movie of the month on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**. Note that this is a temporary change from our usual last Saturday of the month. **WE MOVED UP A WEEK** so as not to interfere with Halloween! The title of the movie we will watch will be announced. If there are changes, the group will be notified, as we get closer to the date. If you are not part of the group but would like to be included please contact Debbie Kratter (dgatzek@kratter.com). The group recently decided that each attendee will bring an appetizer to share; 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 Kratter, Chair.



GREAT BOOKS

Great Books Club meets on the second Thursday of each month @ 2:00 p.m.. The October meeting is on **Thursday, Oct 8**, at the home of Carolyn Valoria. The book selected is *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. Please respond to Carolyn @ 726-5445, cvaloria@coastside.net.

Bridge Group:



The bridge group meets the third Friday, September through May (except in December), from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **October's meeting will be on the 16th**, at Kit Bunnell's house in Half Moon Bay. Please contact Kit Bunnell at 726-9547 or by email at csbunnell@earthlink.net for more information or to reserve a spot.

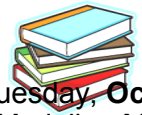
Writing Group

The Writing Group meet at 9:30 am on the first and third Thursday of each month at Moonside Bakery and Café. We rotate each meeting, reading from our work and writing spontaneously to prompts by Jean Sangler. Our October meetings will be on **Thursday, October 1 and Thursday, October 15**.

All writers are welcome as are all genres of writing.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Orumchian at jhorumchian@yahoo.com or phone her at 650-560-0362.

Evening Book Group:



The Evening Book Group will meet Tuesday, **October 27**, at 7PM. We always meet at Madeline Mc Reynold's home in Miramar. Antoinette Wrubel will lead a discussion of Firoozeh Dumas' book, ***FUNNY IN FARSI***. Discussion begins at 7:30 after a half hour of refreshments. For more information about the Evening Book Group, contact Marianne Harrison at mimih108@sbcglobal.net or call (650) 726-4553 and leave a message.

Out and About:

The Out and About Interest Group will travel over the hill to Filoli on **Friday, October 2**, for a visit to their Fall gardens. We will leave from the New Leaf parking lot (by the bus stop) at 10:00. After touring the gardens, we will eat lunch there in their restaurant. Entrance for seniors is \$15. Please let me know if you would like to join us and if you will need a ride or can drive.

Mary Vargas—712-8699 cvu59@aol.com

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 **October we will meet on the 14th** at the home of Nancy Struck, 431 Valencia Avenue, El Granada. Please RSVP to Nancy so she can arrange for enough chairs and table space.

njstruck@coastside.net (712-8211)
Her studio is a wonderful place to be inspired as you work on your project!

Delores Crabb, Chair

Out To Breakfast



The Out to Breakfast group will meet at 8:30 am on **Friday October 9** at the Moonside Bakery, 604 Main Street, HMB. Join us for good conversation and good food, It's a great way to begin the day.

Peg Nordensten, Chair

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Writing Group 9:30 am	2 Out and About 10 am	3
4	5 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>Board Meeting</u> 7 pm	6	7	8 Great Books 2 pm	9 Out to Breakfast 8:30 am	10
11	12 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	13	14 Hands On 4 pm	15 <u>Tidings Deadline</u> Writing Group 9:30 am	16 Daytime Bridge 10:30 am	17
18	19 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>General Meeting</u>	20	21	22	23	24 Home Theatre 6:00 pm
25	26 Walk & Talk 10:00	27 Evening Books 7 pm	28 Janus 12:00	29	30	31

Your TAX CALENDAR by Deb Marion, CPA, EA

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