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2016/2017 SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AAUW HMB 50TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF

Welcome New Members, Engage with Tech Trekkers,
Explore our Interest Groups

When: **Saturday, September 10, 2016**

Where: **Ted Adcock Center Grand Oak Room, 535 Kelly Ave., HMB**

Time: **11:00a.m. to 1:30p.m.**

Let the Celebration Begin! The 50th Anniversary of AAUW-HMB. What an Epic Achievement. Our September Luncheon will kick off the yearly festivities. Come to the luncheon and meet our new members, engage with our Tech Trekkers, and inquire and explore all our interest groups. This is the perfect time and the perfect venue for inviting friends to join our branch!

We have been gifted with enormous ginormous prizes for our luncheon fundraising raffle, entitled, "All Dressed Up and Someplace to Go". That title alone should give you a hint as to the types and quality of our prizes. Each basket totals more than \$500 in prizes. A separate email will give all the walloping details. And keep in mind, to make the most of this fundraising, please ask your friends and neighbors to purchase donation tickets, too!

Guidelines for a Monumental and Memorable September Luncheon

- Attend and bring a friend – an R.S.V.P. would be most welcome
- Plate it, Ladies! Please help us to make serving the food as easy as possible. That would mean bringing serving utensils for your dish, cutting it, plating your food, removing it from any plastic container, and transferring it onto a lovely plate.
- Remember the Pyramid – the Food Pyramid. Bring an hors d'oeuvre, salad, or dessert for 8-10 people. More savory, please.
- Board members will provide main dishes
- Carpool by all means – parking at and near the Adcock Center is shared with many other organizations, i.e., the Farmer's Market, the Library, and our local Sheriffs!

Hope you will make this Mega Event even better with your Presence!

President's Message

Welcome to another exciting year in AAUW-HMB. I would like to thank all who made my first year as president so wonderful. I had the chance to make stronger connections and friendships with fellow board members, and get to know so many more of you.

AAUW has helped me grow so much over the years that I have been a member. There was a time, back when I first joined, that I would not have even thought of standing in front of a large group, or running a meeting. I'm happy to have found a way to give back in a small way. Now I have the pleasure and privilege to lead us through our 50th Anniversary year. What an honor!

Now here is something for you to think about. The presidency has a two year term limit. We will need someone to step up and take over next year. If I can do it, YOU can do it. Think about it; talk to me. Come to a Board meeting and see what we are all about.



AAUW FUNDS UPDATE

In May, the following members received Century Awards for donating \$100 or more: June Baxter, Marguerite Kaufman, Judy O'Leary, and Judy Taylor. Century Awards donations can be made in one or several installments. The state office in Sacramento reported all HMB donations for the first two quarters of 2016 at \$4,377. \$3,950 was designated for Tech Trek.

In 2015, California AAUW members donated \$707,524 to AAUW Funds. For the first quarter of 2016, \$899,329 has already been donated by California branches. This large amount reflects Tech Trek donations now that AAUW National is administering the Tech Trek program for California, rather than the Special Projects Fund. All donations to Tech Trek processed by National are credited to branch donations, unlike previously when National didn't receive the money.

For the academic 2016-17 year, more than 230 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive \$3.7 million from AAUW Funds. 43% of these fellowships and grants support women in STEM fields. All our modest checks when combined can make huge impacts in our society. Applications for the grants and fellowships for 2017-18 opened on Aug. 1, 2016.

Diana Kalos

AAUW Fund VP

Tidings Deadline for October 2016

Thursday, September 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 wish to thank all of the donors who supported our Local Scholarship Fund by adding a donation with their dues payments. Your donations and our local fund raising make it possible for AAUW-HMB to provide \$4000 in honor of Ivania Portocarrero Scholarships, two at \$2000 each year to local female graduates who are currently enrolled at university and entering the junior or senior year. Our recipients for 2016 are:

Ivania Portocarrero—Jasmine Gunkel and Natalie Myren
James and Gloria Dudfield—Annika Merrilees
Edna Cox—Natalie Strohm

As you plan your financial year, remember that every contribution makes a difference. They are very important. Contributions, no matter the size, help our branch continue to support our goal of education for women. Your work with fund raising, also, helps AAUW-HMB meet our scholarship goal.

As you recall, the Edna Cox Fund and the bequest from Gloria and James Dudley provided two more scholarships of \$2K each. The branch is forever grateful to our founder Edna Cox and our long-term member Gloria Dudley for continuing to support our goals by including AAUW-HMB in their estates.

Suzanne DuFore is joining me as co-chair for the year of 2016-17. I look forward to working with her.
Sue Hatfield, co-chair Local Scholarship Committee

Half Moon Bay Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

The Committee did not meet during the summer. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m., CUSD office. I act as representative for our organization, but invite other educational chairs to give brief reports. So I look forward to reports from Mary Vargas about the summer STEM class, and Julie Gerth regarding STEM Camp. I also will request the new chair of the elementary tutors program to give a brief overview. Our participation as part of this committee makes AAUW-HMB known among the HMB business and non-profit communities.

Sue Hatfield, Representative

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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.

STEM CAMP REPORT

A four day STEM Camp was held for 7th grade girls on July 12-15 at HMB High School. Twelve girls attended along with four helpers from the high school.

We visited the Water Treatment Plant and learned where our water comes from and how it is purified. We built spaghetti bridges, programmed robots, and built our "dream house". Annie came from the library with the 3D printer and we made 3D "selfies". We walked to Oddyssea. We made and tested catapults. We walked to Frances State Beach where we learned the geology and ecology of the area and bird watched with member Ranger Nel Lyons. We learned how to measure electrical energy and took apart several electrical components with engineer Lauren Williams.

Each day the girls took photos with iPads provided by member Maura Jones. With these photos, they made a short slide presentation which you will see at our November 21st meeting.

On the last day of camp, a panel of women in STEM professions came and talked about their backgrounds and professions. Thanks to all the members who came and helped walk with the girls, drive and pick up our lunches and especially the team who worked with me since April, Gael Erikson, Julie Gerth and Carlos Vargas. Thanks to the Edna Cox Fund for making this STEM Camp possible. Come to the Nov. 21st meeting to meet some of the girls, try out several of the activities and view the slide presentations the participants made.

Mary Vargas STEM CAMP Coordinator

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.

2016 Coastside Tech Trekkers Report Back from Stanford

by Julie Gerth



Six Cunha Intermediate School girls were selected out of 24 applicants to attend the 19th annual Tech Trek Math and Science Camp at Stanford, July 3- 9. All received full, \$900 scholarships that were made possible through our branch fundraisers and member donations.

Here are excerpts from their enthusiastic thank-you notes describing what they say was an "amazing" experience:

"Thank you so very much for sending me to this amazing camp ... to me this was a dream come true. This was such an unforgettable experience and it wouldn't have happened without you. During this camp I learned about so many awesome things I never knew a woman could do. My core class was Engineering ... we got to build roller coasters out of foam tubes and masking tape, then we made hovercrafts out of CDs, water bottle caps and balloons. ... For our Core Class, we went on a field trip to the Stanford solar car ... "

ISABELLA G.

"Thank you HMB AAUW branch for sending me to this amazing camp. ... I am so grateful for the chance to meet so many people and try so many new things! I will never forget this amazing experience. ... One of my favorite activities so far was when the Pixar lady came to Tech Trek to talk about movie animation. ... It made me realize how many different directions you can take a computer science degree. ..."

HAYLEY S.

"I would like to thank you so much for sending me to this camp. This week has taught me so much and given me so many new experiences and memories. ... Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity, a chance to open the door to brighten my future ... I have made plenty of new friends and feel right at home with so many other girls with similar interests. ... My core class is Marine Biology ... My favorite activity that we have is dissecting a squid. It was a lot of fun. ..."

BRIANNA J.

"... I learned new things, like how to pay for college, jobs I didn't know existed, and so much more. It's a memory I will never forget. I loved my core class, which was 3D Math Design. ... My favorite part of 3D Math was making our cube puzzle; it was hard to solve, but fun. ... I also like going to see all the kinds of stars and planets at the star-gazing event, it was cool. I enjoyed our field trip to the virtual reality studio. ... I hope you keep sending girls like me to this camp. ..."

ELIZABETH C.

"Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek! This has been an amazing week so far. ... I really enjoyed the Pixar presentation. I also learned a lot from college financing. I love my core class, Engineering. ... I also loved being able to see Stanford and see what it's like being a college student. I cannot thank you enough for sending me to Tech Trek..."

YASMINE T.

"...This week has been one of the best experiences of my life, and I will never forget a single moment of it. ... My core class was CyberSecurity. In that class we learned how to protect ourselves on the Internet, and we also learned different coding methods to prevent being hacked. ... On Thursday we went to Symantec, a cyber security company.... My favorite activities were making ice cream, going to the pool, making binary code bracelets in my core class (and) looking at stars and planets through telescopes. ... I just want to thank you again for making it possible for me to have this AMAZING experience. I am leaving camp as a better person with more knowledge about the STEM fields ... it is all because of your kindness and generosity..."

MIA O.

Public Policy

In this important election year, we must be ever mindful of the propaganda we are bombarded with by both politicians, the media and mailers. We need to look at the voting records of our representatives and each party's platform and judge if it helps promote issues that affect women and girls.

AAUW CA has carefully analyzed the state propositions and recommends the following:

PROP 51: School bonds for K-12 schools and Community Colleges

PROP 52: Medical funding

PROP 55: Extend taxes for schools voted in in PROP. 30

PROP 58: California Multilingual Education Act for structured Bilingual Education for English Learners

Oppose:

PROP 53 Voter approval on specific bonds

The Fall edition of Perspective, coming out in September will have a complete analysis of these issues.

On Monday Oct 24th at our General meeting we will have a speaker from the League of Women Voters speaking to all these propositions and more. We meet at 7PM at the Methodist Church Hall in Half Moon Bay.

The Equal Pay Day Resolution (ACR 155 Campos) will be up for a vote in the CA Senate (it passed in the Assembly) This resolution is sponsored by AAUW CA. Many AAUW members attended this monumental vote for women and girls. The next issue of the Tidings will carry the results of this vote and who voted for and against it.

We will begin registering voters for the November election as part of the "Get Out The Vote" CA AAUW project. A group of us will be going to Canada College on Aug. 30 to help the San Carlos AAUW branch register young voters.. We plan to do some voter registration here on the coast also. Please contact us if you can help out.

Mary and Carlos Vargas Public Policy Co Chairs
712-8699 or cvu59@aol.com

Elementary School Volunteering

Do you recall the thrill and anticipation of the first day of school? Do you remember the excitement of buying your school supplies, deciding on the perfect outfit for the first day and learning which teacher you had? Even though I am not going back to school as a student, I can tell you that I experience a little of this excitement returning for my fourth year as a classroom volunteer. So this is why I am pleased to assume the coordinator job for the branch's elementary school volunteer program.

Our Coastside teachers are dedicated professionals who accomplish amazing feats in the classroom on a daily basis but they could accomplish even more with additional volunteers. The needs are many and varied and there is some type of position for anyone who has the time and desire to volunteer. Teachers could use help on a weekly basis in their classroom or just on a limited basis for special projects. After-school programs can use volunteers to assist students who need extra help to reach the district goal of having all students reading at their grade level. The school librarians need help with shelving books and other organizational tasks. This is an ideal volunteer job since there is no advance preparation, no meetings to attend, and you can skip weeks as your schedule demands. Our time in the classroom is supplemental so the teachers carry on as usual if we have to miss a week.

School will have started here on the Coastside by the time you read your Tidings but volunteers can start anytime during the school year. I will be at the **September Membership Luncheon on September 10** with a sign-up sheet and to answer any questions you have. **If you would like to begin earlier, please give me a call or drop me an email** and we can discuss what you are interested in doing.

I hope you can find some time in your busy schedule for this worthwhile effort. You will be rewarded by knowing you have helped some child uncover the joys of reading, figure out how to carry numbers in addition or polish those fanciful thoughts into a coherent paragraph. These children are our future educators, doctors, police officers, mechanics, entrepreneurs and leaders. Let's get them ready for these worthwhile careers!

Mary Sheridan

Mary.b.sheridan@gmail.com/722-3554



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Interest Group Coordinator Message:

Welcome back from our summer vacation. We have 12 Interest Groups to choose from. You should be able to find one that tweaks your Interest. Most of them meet monthly, but a couple meet weekly. If you have questions about one of the groups, make sure to contact the Interest Group chairman.

Carol Forster, coordinator for Interest Groups.



Walk with us!

We meet every Monday morning at 10 am at different hiking spots along the coast and walk for about 2 hours. We get fresh air, beautiful views, and great company! If you'd like to join us, tell me and I will e-mail you, along with the rest of the group, on the weekend about where we will be meeting so you can join us. Marilyn Garrison

JANUS



Welcome back to AAUW HMB after your summer adventures! We are set to meet for potluck lunch on **Wednesday, September 28th** at the home of Carol Forster, with co-host Katie Murdock. We will meet at noon and finish at 2:30 PM. Please RSVP (either yes or no) to Carol: carolforster@sbcglobal.net or 726-4984. Carol lives at 11200 Skyline Boulevard, Woodside. Those who would like to carpool should meet at the bus stop area in New Leaf parking lot at 11:30 AM. Please bring three dollars for the hostess and your potluck dish.

There will be a group sign-up sheet at the September general meeting. We need a hostess for October and for some of the other months of the year as well. Please stop by to say hello and get on our list!

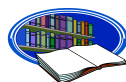
Out and About

Our Out and About group has been busy this summer visiting the Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto and the Exploratorium in SF. Our new season starts with an interesting trip to visit the new Pacifica Museum and the near by Sanchez Adobe where we will enjoy the once a year festival of California Rancho Days. Admission is free to both venues. Food and crafts will be available to purchase at Sanchez Adobe. We will car pool from the New Leaf parking lot at 11 am. For this special once a year event, we have changed our usual date to **Saturday, Sept. 17**. Please call me if you can come and if you can drive or will need a ride.

Our next two trips will be on **Friday Oct. 7** and **Friday Nov. 4**. Check next month's Tidings for updates

Mary Vargas, Out and About Co Chair 712-8699 or cvu59@aol.com

Great Books:



The book selected for Great Books in September is Macbeth by William Shakespeare. The meeting will be held on Thursday, **September 8**, at the home of Sylvia des Tombe, 315 Magnolia St., HMB, from 2-4 p.m.. Ph # 415-622-8129.

Carolyn Valoria

Hands On:

New person to send RSVP to:

Katie Murdock, 650-729-3000, ktgm4@aol.com

For the **Monday, September 12**, meeting we will meet at 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

Hosting will be Katie Murdock at 701 Arnold Way, 13D, HMB.

Be warned - there are stairs and the tiny apartment will take no more than eight and that is cozy.

Hope is that new people will be joining us - there are always new things to do as well as your knitting, crocheting or a personal project.

Evening Book Group:



The Evening Book Group meets the last Tuesday of the month (except November and December) at 7pm. We always meet at Madeline Mc Reynold's gracious home in Miramar. **Tuesday, September 27** we will discuss a book to be selected. Contact Marianne Harrison, mimih108@sbcglobal.net for more information about the Book Group and the name of our September book.

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.

Join us **September 9** at Café Mezza Luna, 240 Capistrano Road, Princeton-by-the-Sea.

Having breakfast with friends is a great way to begin the day. Come join us - no need to "make a reservation".

Peg Nordensten, Chair

Writers' Group:

The Writing Group will meet on the first and third Thursday mornings at 9:30 am at Moonside Bakery and Cafe.

The September meetings will be on **Thursday, Sept. 1** and **Thursday, September 15th**.

We alternate meetings reading from our work and writing spontaneously in response to prompts. On September first we will write in response to prompts.

All genres of writing are encouraged. All writers are welcome.

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

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will have their last of 8 meetings **Sept. 13th**. The group will restart in February after the publishing of the Foreign Policy Association book in January. If interested, information will be available at the September brunch or check out the website fpa.org.



Home Theatre:

After our summer hiatus, we will start our Saturday night movies again on **Saturday, September 24**, at the home of Debbie Kratter (24 Fairway Place in Half Moon Bay. The title of the movie will be announced after the group decides on the movie that the majority of attendees want to watch. 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.

Debbie Kratter, Chair 650-759-5068

WANNABE GOURMET



November 29, Saturday, 5:00pm AT TREAT

The ever popular double C - in this case Chardonnay and Cabernet WINE.

Held at Carol Forester's welcoming home where there needs to be car-pooling.

Call Carol for instructions on her **HOME PHONE ONLY** or e-mail carolforester@sbcglobal.net.

She will graciously give you instruction. There will be more information in the October Tidings.

January 8, 2017, Sunday 2:00pm. San Francisco Symphony Film Series. Special treat.

Bernstein score for On the Waterfront **ON-STAGE. ON SCREEN** the classic movie.

Nina has 46 tickets on hold \$30-\$75. Needs to know **RIGHT NOW** -this series sells out fast.

Further enticement: Brunch in the Green Room, Symphony Hall at 11:30. Be part of this special event.

Nina nencgn@yahoo.com or 650560-9025

Looking later in 2017 - in March there will be fowl play to celebrate the Year of the Rooster - featuring - you guessed Chinese food.

Watch for more announcements in October. The gourmet year to come promises to be fun and exciting.

Bridge :



First, we profusely thank Kit Bunnell for four years of scheduling our monthly bridge parties and for keeping track of locations, players and arranging for FOOD, a highlight of all get-togethers! We usually bring something from home, which helps with special diets and possible allergies. Kit, you made it all possible!

The bridge group meets the third Friday, September through May (except in December), from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. September's meeting location is currently being decided. We welcome new bridge players as well as our usual players. Please contact Sharon Miller at 726-3380 or by email at Millersa@coastside.net for more information or to reserve a spot in September. If you have questions or reservations, LETS TALK! I will contact all previous players before Sept.1.

September 2016

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



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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