

- HAVE FUN— take a field trip
- VOLUNTEER—to be a tutor or mentor
- MEET— new members



Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

When: Monday, March 17, 2014
Where: Community United Methodist Church, 777 Miramontes, HMB
Time: Doors open at 6:45 p.m., meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Every day we read about young girls and women who have been victims of years of abuse. Unfortunately, such cruelty exists in all strata of society.

Through AAUW Funds, our national fundraising entity, a one-year Community Action Grant for 2013-14 was awarded to an outstanding organization based in San Jose, **Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence**. Next Door seeks “to end domestic violence in the moment and for all time.” Next Door promotes safety for battered women and their children through emergency shelter, crisis intervention, and education for victims and the community.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this important meeting and to meet our speaker, Donna Knowlton, Development Officer, who will tell us the story of Next Door Solutions.

Ellen Donnelly and Allene Zanger, Program Vice Presidents

AAUW Welcome Sign

The city of Half Moon Bay has erected a new welcome sign on Highway 92. Look for the AAUW-HMB logo on the sign.



The sign was funded by the Edna Cox Fund and was produced by GraphicWorks of Montara.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

We will be having two very important votes at our March General meeting.

Please come so that all can take part in the meeting and vote.

The items to be voted on are:

1. Slate of Officers for 2014-2015
Check page 2 for information.
2. Bylaws change
Check page 8 for information.

LET'S TALK ABOUT AAUW FUNDS

Community Action Grants and how they have helped provide education and equality for girls and women



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.

Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based non-profit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls.

Our March 17 Speaker

One such program is Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, whose development director, **Donna Knowlton**, will speak to our branch on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m.

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence began over 40 years ago in a garage in San Jose when activists joined together to start a hotline and refuge for victims of domestic violence and their children. It has grown into Santa Clara County's most comprehensive domestic violence service agency, providing shelter, food, clothing, long-term affordable housing, support groups, children and teen programs, and more.

Edna Cox and Ruth Rafello R & P Grants

Our Edna Cox and Ruth Rafello Research & Project Grants fund Community Action or Career Development grants. For 2013-14, The Edna Cox R&P Grant #1819 goes to **Shakira Hemphill**, George Washington University, Washington, DC. She created W.O.W!, or Women of Worth, LLC, to improve the lives of promising young women. The Ruth Rafello R&P Grant #4254 goes to **Jessica Estremera**, State University of New York, Saratoga Springs, NY, who plans to provide financial education to young men and women.

We can all be proud of the work AAUW Funds does to advance education and equality for women and girls.

In Memory of Joan Ross

A donation in memory of longtime member Joan Ross was sent from our branch to AAUW Funds #9110.

Next month: Learn about the Leadership Programs Fund #4339 and how we can help women become leaders in their schools, communities, and country

June Baxter, AAUW Funds VP

Slate of Officers for 2014-2015

The nominating committee for HMB Branch of AAUW would like to present you with the slate of officers for the coming year. Voting will take place at the March General Meeting so please come early and participate in the voting. Betty Lee-Kendall - Chair

President - **Harriett Beck**

First Vice Presidents (Program) - **Ellen Donnelly and Allene Zanger**

Second Vice President (Membership) - **Mary Sheridan**

Third Vice President (AAUW Funds) - **June Baxter**

Treasurer - **Barbara Von Glahn**

Secretary - **Kathleen Stewart**

Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.



DID J' KNOW?

AAUW is older than the Eiffel Tower, the Lincoln Memorial, the Golden Gate Bridge, radios, automobiles, the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Coca Cola and the last 12 states to be admitted into the Union. In 1881, 17 women college graduates met in Boston for the purpose of finding greater opportunities to use their education and to open the doors for other women to attend college. The original organization was called The Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA), AAUW's predecessor organization. Women in other parts of the nation became interested. The first five branches were Washington DC, New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Boston. In 1897 ACA founded a program to give fellowships to post graduate women, a program that today gives \$4 million annually to fellowships, awards, and project and grants. Go on line to research more about our proud history and accomplishments.

The legacy continues. .

Ruth Rafello .



Save it for the White Elephant Sale

How's the pile coming? Remember to keep saving and sorting for the White Elephant Sale, May 24th, at the Train Depot. Sorting, you might ask? If you would please, group your items into categories, such as, books, linens, jewelry, shoes, children's clothing. This type of presorting will greatly help when we have to set up the sale.

Grab stuff while you can. Have you ever driven by a pile of usable castoffs, beckoning with a sign that states, "FREE"? Do you troll the Craigslist and Freecycle postings, where all things fabulous are free? Please be proactive and aggressive about collecting items for this sale. We aim to fill the Train Depot with lots of cool stuff, no matter what their provenance.

Current need: One or two volunteers are needed for a one-time project. We need a member(s) to create an explanatory poster for the White Elephant Sale. The poster would showcase the objectives of AAUW and explain how we use the sale proceeds. This poster could then be used at all local AAUW fundraisers. Thanks in advance for your time and creative talent. Please contact either co-chair Peggy Rozhon, 712-9143, or Mary Sheridan, 726-3595 if you are able to take on this project.

Tidings Deadline for April Issue: Saturday, March 15, 2014

When emailing articles, please put Interest Group name, etc. in the subject line of the email. It makes it easier for me to keep track of submissions. Thank you.

Please send articles as attachments, preferably in WORD.

HMB Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

The guest speaker for the February meeting was Diane Siegel, the newly appointed Site Director and Intervention Teacher at Kings Mountain Elementary School. Ms. Siegel reviewed the many educational programs made possible at Kings Mountain due to amazing parent and community support for this smallest CUSD public school. Shahrzad Pantera explained the Sheriff's Activity League Programs. Allison Silvestri, HMBHS Principal, announced the high school will be partnering with College of San Mateo to provide a psychology/sociology class on the high school campus. Judith Guerrero, Boys and Girls Club Director, reported that the club is currently planning mini-summer camps. The Morrissey-Compton Educational Center representative announced a free parent workshop, No More Meltdowns! Helping Your Child with Emotion Regulation (K-5) on March 12, 6:30-8:00 pm. On February 27, the Chamber sponsored Network@night featuring the Education Committee. Sue Hatfield, Representative



HALF MOON BAY AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Applications have been mailed. The Committee awaits the incoming applications. Members may wonder about our applicants. The women are very talented, strongly committed to their education, and involved in extracurricular interests. In the past, an engineering major also administered and sang in a university choir. Another applicant majored in education and minored in sign language, volunteered at her sister's elementary school, and worked part time. These are just two examples. These women maintain high grade point averages. They participate in community programs. They compete in sports. They are Renaissance women of many talents. The committee members are amazed at the breadth of applicants' experiences. The selection of the recipients is a very complex process.

Sue Hatfield, AAUW-HMB Chair



Donations for 2014 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-CA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND with Local Scholarship noted on the memo line. MAIL TO: SUE HATFIELD, 450 Cypress Ave., Half Moon Bay 94019.



Membership Matters

Great news on the membership front - we have recruited enough new members to earn another free national dues membership (value of \$49). So we will add another winner to our membership recruitment contest. The first winner will be the member who recruits the most new members. So far, Christa Bigue, a new member herself, is leading this contest with two members. The second winner will be drawn from all the members who have recruited one new member. As of February 17, the following members will be in this drawing - Marilyn Ledoux, Elizabeth Thompson, Allene Zanger, Diane Bobko, Amy Broome, Sheila Cresson and Annette Amour Newton. I do have to add a disclaimer though - If anyone ties Christa with two members recruited, they would win the second free dues.

There is still time for you to enter this contest by recruiting a new member. All you have to do is provide me with the name and contact information of the possible new member and I will contact them and provide all the necessary membership information. If they join, you will be entered in the contest and the winners will be selected right before dues renewal notices are mailed. **March is a perfect time for new members to join since their dues will be good for a 15-month period (April 2014 to June 2015).**

Please think of all your friends, neighbors, co-workers, family members who might be interested in joining AAUW - the premier organization supporting equality for women and girls. Discuss with them what you have gained from your membership and explain why you think they would enjoy the branch. Members must have earned the equivalent of an associate's degree in order to join.

Mary Sheridan
VP Membership

CABRILLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUTORING



Two of our brand-new members are also volunteers at their own children's schools! Katja Rimmi volunteers at El Granada Elementary School and Jennifer Lockhart, at Hatch Elementary School. Welcome, Katja and Jennifer! We are thrilled to have you as members as well as school volunteers.

How about you? You don't have to have children attending local schools in order to be a part of our team. It's only March; let a wonderful experience begin for you now!

June Baxter, Chair

2014 Tech Trek Camper Selection Begins

by Julie Gerth



Member Pauline Shue, our branch school liaison for Tech Trek, has contacted the Cunha Intermediate 7th-grade math and science staff, and she has received 50 nominations. These girls will receive an application to apply to receive a full \$900 scholarship to Tech Trek at Stanford, July 13-19, 2014. The applications must be returned by March 8. Five girls will be selected to represent the Coastsides this summer — thanks to our Half Moon Bay branch fundraising efforts and the generosity of individual donors. We look forward to the response!

2007 Tech Trek alumna and first-generation college student Carmen A. sent this warm note from Wesleyan University in wintry Connecticut, where she is currently a sophomore:

"... Connecticut has been very cold and I miss the California weather, but you can't have it all! I'm still very interested in the sciences and I decided on my major! I am going to be a Neuroscience and Behavior major. I am taking developmental neuroscience (really challenging but super interesting), social psychology, chemistry, and a human skeleton class. And even though I have always enjoyed the sciences, I have to admit that AAUW really inspired and encouraged me to pursue them. It really did make a large impact on me and I'm grateful for that ..."
(Jan. 29, 2014)

Tech Trek Donation Form—2014

Yes, I want to continue to support Coastsides girls at Tech Trek, the annual AAUW summer math and science camp, now in its 17th year!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

My gift is in memory of: _____

Make checks payable to: AAUW-CA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND and mail to: Julie Gerth, AAUW-Half Moon Bay Branch Tech Trek Chair, 2094 Touraine Lane, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019.

Upcoming Events to consider attending:

LILLY LEDBETTER FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE SOUTH BAY WOMAN’S CONFERENCE

Co-Sponsored by AAUW San Jose

“Deciphering the Code:” Decoding the barriers to girls’ and womans’ pursuit of careers in science, technology, engineering and math

Saturday, March 8, 2014 at San Jose State University Student Union (9 am to 6 pm)

Register at www.southbaywc.org—\$30 Full Conference; \$10 Keynote Speech only (1-2;15 pm)

ESPECIALLY FOR AAUW MEMBERS: PRE-CONFERENCE DINNER WITH LILLY

Friday, March 7, 5:30-9 pm—Il Fornaio, St. Claire Room, Sainte Claire Hotel, San Jose

\$65 per person - reserve at www.southbaywc.org

Meet the inspiration behind the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and hear a true AAUW Heroine

COFFEE WITH JACKIE SPEIER

Meet with Jackie on Saturday, April 4, 2014 at 10:30 am

Checuti Room

Millbrae Public Library

450 Poplar Avenue

Millbrae, CA

President’s Corner:

- 1. Congratulations to everyone, we now have 138 members in our HMB Branch and we will exceed 140 by the end of the year.
- 2. May Scholarship Meeting will be held at Colony Club on May 17.
- 3. Equal Pay Day on April 8th. Any suggestions on how to celebrate? Talk to Maura Jones if you would like to help. (See article on Page 8)
- 4. 247 Letters send to notify of our Local Scholarship that is available.
- 5. Don’t forget our White Elephant Sale on May 24th.
- 6. AAUW sign will be placed on the Welcome to HMB Sign on Highway 92

Harriett Beck, HMB AAUW Branch President

HMB Branch AAUW Bylaw change:

It has been voted on and approved by the Board of Directors that we present the following bylaws change to the HMB Branch AAUW Membership at our March General Meeting for a vote. According to the bylaws, our bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting provided written or electronic notice shall have been sent to the members at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Article VI.d. of the bylaws will be amended to read:

“No elected officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and the President and Program Vice President shall be eligible to serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same elected office. Other officers may serve three consecutive terms in the same elected office.”

This change will take effect in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

All members are urged to attend and vote.

Currently the Bylaws read:

“No elected officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same elected office.”

Public Policy:

One of AAUW's highest priorities is narrowing the pay gap for women. Equal pay is a family issue. Women make up nearly half of the U.S. labor force and are a growing number of breadwinners in their families. When women are not paid fully, not only do they suffer, but so do their families. This is especially true among minority women. Over the course of her career, a typical woman working full time will lose approximately \$431,000 because of this gender pay gap. It is estimated that at the rate we are going it will take until the year 2058 to close this gender pay gap.

Through the advocacy of our members and supporters nationally, AAUW is working to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, sponsoring the training of more women for STEM careers, and asking businesses to offer parents the workplace practices they need to succeed at their jobs and care for their families. AAUW is the largest lobby for women in Washington D.C.

Since many AAUW members have worked in education where there is no gender pay gap, some of us have not been aware of this problem until recently. Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 8. This date symbolizes the time in 2014 when the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year. This is why we are asked to wear **red** that day to symbolize that women were “in the red” until April 8.

Please support Maura's project to bake and distribute red velvet cupcakes and information about the gender pay gap to businesses on Main Street in Half Moon Bay on Equal Pay Day on Tuesday April 8.

Carlos and Mary Vargas, Public Policy Co-Chairs

Interest Group Information:

Many of the Interest Groups are not active over the summer months, however some go full force all year round. In September all groups are up and ready to go again. If any Interest Group Chairman will not lead their group next year, please try to find a replacement, and let me know who they are. If any member has a suggestion for a new group, please let me know either by e-mail or phone. Thanks,
Carol Forster, Interest Group coordinator
carolforster@sbcglobal.net

Hands on

We will be meeting at the home of Nancy Evans, 978 Salvador St., El Granada on **Wednesday, March 12 from 4 to 6 pm.**

We will be helping Nancy get kits ready to sell for our White Elephant Sale in May. Or bring your own project to work on. Please RSVP To Ruth Raffello, rraello@coastside.net or Nancy at egnancy@comcast.net. Nancy needs felt scraps, trims like ric rac, buttons, embroidery floss and stuffing.. If you have any, please let Nancy know or come and join us to make the kits..

Evening Book Group



The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **March 25 at 7 pm.** The meeting is at Madeline McReynold's home in Miramar. Lee Ellis will facilitate a discussion of **MY BELOVED COUNTRY** by Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor.

Out to Breakfast



Out to Breakfast will meet **Friday, March 14** at 8:30 am at **Half Moon Bay Coffee Co.**, Main Street, HMB. Come and join us for good food and good conversation. Everybody is welcome!
For information contact: Joan Kidd

Sunshine Committee



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 **Harriett Beck at 728-9218.** We appreciate all volunteers!

Out and About

Our March 7th trip is to take BART from Daly City to the Embarcadero to board the ferry to Sausalito at 11:35 for a 1/2 hour trip across the bay. We will have lunch in Sausalito, restaurant to be decided, and return on the 3:20 ferry. Some time will be available to do some shopping in this delightful town. Fares on BART and on the ferry depend on use of cash or Clipper Card. Seniors over 65 get senior rates. Under 65 pay the regular adult rate. So seniors with Clipper Cards get half price fares, about \$2.50 each way on BART and \$10.00 round trip by ferry. Adults are about twice the price. We also chip in for BART parking, \$3.00 per car. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Penny at cgpenny@gmail.com. If you are willing to drive to Daly City BART Station, please indicate that also. We will leave New Leaf parking area at 9:30 am.

April 4th Trip to Angel Island. We will drive to Tiburon and then ferry to Angel Island for our tour. Mary Alice Pearce is coordinating this outing and will have more details in the April Tidings.

Current Events Interest Group

Our next meeting will meet on **Tuesday, March 11** at 2 pm in our home at **14 Lighthouse Rd,** (in Canada Cove). Since we will just be back from Bolivia, we will have a lot to discuss, especially about working women in this "3rd World" country. Please let us know if you can come at cvu59@aol.com or 712-8699.

Carlos Vargas, Current Events Group Chair

Bridge Group



The bridge group meets the **third Friday** of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact Kit Bunnell at 726-0547 or by email at csbunnell@earthlink.net for more information or to reserve a spot.

Janus



Janus meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month to enjoy good food and stimulating conversation. We meet promptly at 12:00 pm and eat at 12:30 pm. The February Janus Luncheon will be on **March 26** at the home of Barbara Kelly. Check your directory for her address. For any new members, the luncheons are pot luck. It can be an hors d'oeuvre, salad, main dish, or dessert. Bring your choice and two dollars for the hostess as she buys wine and etc. Hope to see you there. For info contact Dorothy Maurer at: 728-3415

WALK AND TALK



Join the Walk and Talk group **every Monday** morning at 10 am for 2 hours of walking and visiting somewhere on the coast. If you are interested, send your email to me and I will include you in the message I send out every week indicating where we will start our walk the following Monday.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Marilyn Garrison, Chair
marilyngarr@hotmail.com

Home Theatre



Home Theatre group will meet at the home of Helen Paul on **Saturday, March 29**. As we go to press, the name of the movie is not yet known. An email will be sent prior to our meeting. As usual, we will meet for snacks at 6 pm with the movie starting at 6:30 pm. If you are not a member of this group and would like to join us, please contact Betty Lee-Kendall at 712-1850.

Betty Lee-Kendall, Chair

Great Books



We will gather at 2 pm, **Thursday, March 13** at the home of Beverly Landess. We will have read **The Prime of Miss Jean Brody** by Muriel Spark. Please let Beverly know if you plan to attend.
Mariam Champion, Chair

Playreading Group

Playreading Group will meet at Jean Slinger's home on **Sunday, March 16** at 1 pm to read *THE CHALK GARDEN* by Enid Bagnold. This is a play that was revived and acclaimed on the West End in 2008. It is a psychological chamber piece that explores the secret world of childhood through the prism of a dyed-in-the-wool British dowager and her precocious granddaughter. When the dowager hires an enigmatic Miss Madrigal as household companion and manager, she and her granddaughter meet their match!

"Tantalizing, fascinating and stimulating piece of theatre." - N.Y. Daily News

"A very fresh and personal kind of play with wit, literacy, and an almost unearthly integrity." - N.Y. Herald Tribune

Please call Luanne King at 650-726-3101 if you are coming.

New! New! New!

The Pleasure of Making Music

Fresh off inspiring New Year-2014 "AAUW New Member Meeting", excitement was kindled to showcase wide-reaching interests of our members: and so, for one new possible interest activity/group, it was suggested, let's "produce" a musical skit with "our gals"!

Our Program Co-Veep Ellen Donnelly, and new member, Nina Nelson, announce the call for our singers, all musicians, to celebrate creativity, collaboration, and anticipate presenting a musical number at an AAUW event. Such could happen at one of our "Special Luncheons" general meetings.

Sounds tantalizing, we hope!!!

Please call Nina soon - 560-9025; she's very hopeful about the interest, and wishes to suggest a "run-thru" on **Saturday, March 22** at 10 am (60-90 minutes, max.) at:

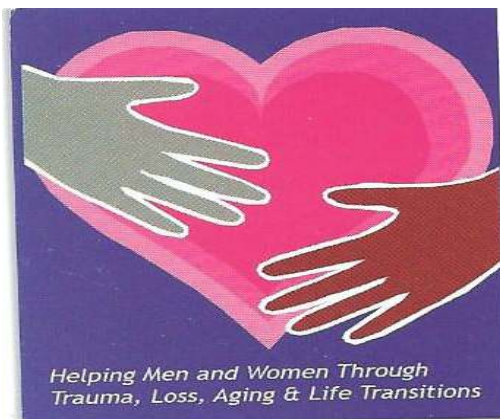
Nelson platz, 115 Vallejo, El Granada

(Nina's recent productions have included excerpts/parody on *Peanuts*, "Lucy van Pelt & Charlie Brown's Girlfriends,"/a modernization on *Snow White*, "Snowed Fiona and Vertically Challenged Techies,"/ a new possibility could be ??? "Gretel's Mutti & Friends, (a contemporary beauty vis-à-vis *Hansel and Gretel*)

March 2014

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

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What's new with our web site?

Check the updated web site halfmoonbay-ca.aauw.net for news about our branch activities and AAUW.

We will be having a MEMBERS only section which will be protected. How do you get into the MEMBERS only section? Type in our branch password for this section: **HMB Tidings**

This MEMBERS only section should have our bylaws, meeting minutes from the board, board agenda, board member contact information,

Special Interest Groups contacts, there will be a section in our public section to internet users to learn about the various Special Interest Groups of AAUW HMB branch, and our Tidings.

Let me know your feedback on the web site and any modifications, suggestions. Thanks!

Maura Jones, Web Master

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