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Life under Saddam Hussein: The Legacies of War, Sanctions, and Authoritarian Rule for the People of Baghdad

A Presentation by American Fellowship Grant Recipient, Alissa Walter

Join us on Monday, March 19, 2018

at Community United Methodist Church Half Moon Bay

Alissa Walter, an AAUW American Fellowship grant recipient, will address our Branch with her fascinating research in the modern Middle East: How ordinary people develop survival strategies when lives are in turmoil with foreign wars, domestic uprisings and huge economic downturns – not to mention coping with the violence of a dictatorship. This is an excellent opportunity for us to see how our fundraising, spent at the national level, supports women, research and education. As a professor, Ms. Walter uses her research to empower students, policymakers and community members with knowledge about current issues in the Middle East and their historical context.

Our guest speaker comes to us via Georgetown University, Washington, DC, where she is currently a PhD candidate in modern Middle Eastern history, with plans to defend her dissertation in Spring this year. Alissa is building her career as a scholar/teacher committed to advancing knowledge about the modern Middle East. She has recently been offered and accepted a position as Assistant Professor of History at Seattle Pacific University, to begin in the Fall of 2018.

Alissa's fields of expertise include State Building in 20th-century Iraq and Egypt, Women and Subalterns in the non-Western World, History of Development. She is the winner of the Georgetown Sharabi Graduate Student Essay Competition in 2012 and earned highest distinction in comprehensive exams in 2014. Her research is funded by AAUW, the United States Institute of Peace, the Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund, the American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII) and Georgetown University.

Alissa is also a new mother. Her daughter Luna, was born in August 2017. Since AAUW supports women of all ages, we have encouraged her to bring Luna to the meeting, if bedtime permits.

Come join us! Witness just how wide the ripple effect of AAUW and women supporting women can reach!

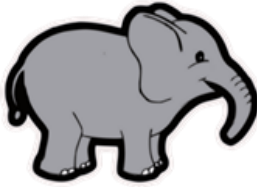
Social time begins at 6:30 PM. Alissa Walter's presentation will begin at 7 PM. Branch Business will follow our guest speaker's presentation.

Hospitality is provided by Moss Beach.

A Request for Assistance from Your Program VPs:

We would like to create an Audio Visual team—a support group to assist us with our equipment at the monthly general meetings. Our thinking is that if we have 6 or 8 helpers, no one person would be called upon to assist more than once or twice each year. Our equipment consists of a microphone system, a screen and a projector. At times we need to connect projector to a laptop. It is most helpful if we have at least one person helping one of us with the set up. Neither one of us can actually lift the equipment.

We have learned how to use the equipment with the help of an excellent tutorial by Delores Crabb. If we can do it, so can you! If you would like to learn to use this equipment – perhaps you already know how? – and you would be willing to help us at a future AAUW general meeting, please let us know.



White Elephant , White Elephant

Time to clean, Time to collect, Time to purge and Time to select.

Our 6th White Elephant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 19th at the Community United Methodist Church. Please begin gathering goods for this great yearly fundraiser.

Our tried and true guidelines:

Anything new, nearly new and really clean sells quickly – such as housewares, collectibles, books, linens, jewelry, purses, clothing, garden décor, artwork.

Please put clothing on a hanger.

Please tie up linens with a simple ribbon and attach a note with the size.

Please ask your family and friends for donations. Please vie for free items on Craigslist, Next Door, and driveway castoffs.

Each year, we hope for items that can easily sell for \$1.00 or more. A nice chair, lamp, or small table brings a good price. Just remember that larger items should be able to fit into a small car.

Our tried and true rejection guidelines:

We say “no, thank you” to anything that is broken, dirty, tarnished, stinky, grungy, missing pieces, obsolete, like textbooks, computer software, older electronic equipment,

We will only have one day for set-up and we know you ladies will do your best to bring us your best. This has been a great fun event and we are hoping for another great year of sales and great volunteers.

Peggy Rozhon and Mary Sheridan, White Elephant Co-Chairs prozhon@gmail.com -- 712-9143 / mary.b.sheridan@gmail.com -- 722-3554



DO YOU WANT TO PUBLICIZE AN AAUW PROGRAM OR EVENT?

If you are the chair of an AAUW-Half Moon Bay program or event which you want to publicize to our members and/or the community, please follow these guidelines:

Email a list of brief specific details (Who, What, When, Where and Why—not an article) to june-bhmb@yahoo.com a minimum of two weeks before the date of the program or event. Indicate if the public is welcome and whether it is free of charge and includes refreshments. Always include the name of the contact person and a phone number. Be sure to include your own phone number on everything you submit to me.

Thank you! Looking forward to getting the word out for our Half Moon Bay Branch's amazing activities!

June Baxter



Applications for Tech Trek 2018 Sent Out

by Julie Gerth

The Cunha seventh-grade math and science teachers submitted 58 nominations of girls who show a strong interest in math, science and technology and would be great candidates for Tech Trek. Interested students had a postmark deadline of Feb. 22 to return the applications with parent certification and an essay. The applications will soon be read by a committee of five branch members, and then interviews of 10-12 semifinalists will be conducted by at least two committee members at the Cunha school office on March 14 and 15. All AAUW branches statewide use the same application, and the interview is a mandatory part of the AAUW Tech Trek selection process.

This will be the 21st summer of Tech Trek math and science camp at Stanford University. Statewide, almost 10,000 girls have had the opportunity to attend a camp over the past two decades. There will be a Tech Trek Reunion at the upcoming AAUW-CA state convention on Sunday, April 29, at the Irvine Marriott. (There will also be a Tech Trek Reunion in conjunction with the next AAUW California convention to be held in Northern California.) The Reunion itself is free to all attendees, but the Tech Trek 20th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon, which is part of the AAUW California convention schedule, costs \$50 and will feature a panel of former Trekkers working in STEM fields. It's hard to believe that our first Tech Trekkers are now in their 30s.

Our week of camp at Stanford University is called Camp Hopper, named for computer scientist Grace Hopper and will take place July 15-21. Members who are interested in serving as dorm moms, registrars/greeters, or as camp nurse should call me immediately so that I can put you in contact with Camp Directors Melinda Moir (Santa Rosa branch) and Maureen Buchner (San Mateo branch).

Tech Trek Donation Form—2018

Yes, I want to continue to support Coastside girls at Tech Trek, the annual AAUW summer math and science camp, now in its 21th year!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

My gift is in honor of/memory of: _____

Make checks payable to: AAUW—HMB.

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.

March President's Message

Our AAUW HMB branch has much to celebrate. Our mission is to advance equity and education for women and girls. This month we are continuing to do exactly that.

We gave economic support (\$100) to one of our many wonderful local teachers at the Chamber of Commerce celebration. Thanks to Sue Hatfield for setting that up. Mary Vargas, chair of Speech Trek along with Antoinette Wrubel, speech coach, presented three high school seniors to compete for the award. Financial rewards were given out and one student (Sara Bower) will advance to the state level competition.

We continue to raise monies for our local, state, and national programs. This is accomplished through the success of your involvement in our fundraising projects. The recent profits from the theatre fundraiser (Nina Nelson, chair) along with Pumpkin Festival earnings (Amy Broome, chair) are just the beginning. Ahead we will give through the local phone fund raising project ("Coastside Gives" for AAUW is chaired by Carol Joyce) on May 1. The White Elephant Sale (Peggy Rozhon & Mary Sheridan, co-chairs) is on May 19. Save the dates.

This AAUW year is going smoothly – let's all keep up that good work!

Sheila

SAVE THE DATE

May 1, 2018

We are excited to use the lessons learned in last year's online fundraiser to raise even more money to fund local Tech Trek scholarships, scholarships for local women college students and to support AAUW programs and research nationwide.

-Watch for more details in the Tidings, emails and at our meetings.
Contact Carol Joyce for more information: 650-726-4469

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HMB Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

On Thursday, February 15, the Education Committee sponsored the annual Education@night gathering at the Maverick's Event Center. All local public and private school teachers were invited to attend. Our local Hassett owned ACE Hardware provided thousands of dollars worth of school supplies to the attendees. Local businesses and non-profit organizations, including AAUW-HMB, provided each individual attending teacher with a \$100 dollar bill to be used to buy needed supplies for classrooms. Our president, Sheila Cresson, presented on our behalf. Teachers and presenters all had big smiles for the Kodak moment.

In addition to supporting teachers the Chamber, in partnership with Rotary, provides the Life Skills@the High School program to all seniors at HMBHS, Pescadero HS, and Pilarcitos Alternative School. The students learn to write a résumé, dress for interviews, participate in interviews, and even how to keep a balanced checkbook. This invaluable program provides the much needed skills that are not covered otherwise.

By the way, did you know that every year the HMB Rotary provides every 3rd grade student on the Coastside with a personal dictionary? Talk about smiles of gratitude...those 3rd graders love to look up words.

It is truly an honor to be able to participate on this amazing committee on your behalf.

Sue Hatfield, representative

Do you know about the Sunshine Committee?

Please contact Sheila Cresson if you know of an AAUW HMB member who would like to know that her or his fellow members send support during challenging times. Phone 650-726-9215 or email sjc@csc-research.com .



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.



SUCCESSFUL AAUW SPEECH TREK CONTEST :

Three students from Half Moon Bay High School participated in a speech contest sponsored by the Half Moon Bay Branch of AAUW on February 12, 2018 in Half Moon Bay. The topic of the speech contest was "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism." The three contestants explained what individuals and organizations such as AAUW can do to break down stereotypes and biases in school, at work, in the military, and in our communities. After delivering their excellent speeches to a room full of AAUW members and guests, the three students explained why they decided to participate in the contest and answered questions from the audience.

The panel of three judges selected Sara Bower as the first prize winner; Nicole Cordova as the second prize winner, and Audrey Booher as the third prize winner. With Maura Jones' generous donation to AAUW HMB, the Half Moon Bay Branch awarded the following prizes to the contestants: \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

The three top speakers from local contests held throughout California will be invited to compete for a \$1,500 prize at the AAUW California State Convention in April 2018.

This is the second annual speech contest sponsored by the Half Moon Bay Branch of AAUW. Two years ago, the local winner in Half Moon Bay was selected as a finalist for the state-wide speech contest.

Retired teacher and AAUW member Antoinette Wrubel generously volunteered her expertise to help the Half Moon Bay High School students successfully prepare for the local contest.

Speech Trek student's film :

Sara Bower, one of the students competing at our Speech Trek competition on February 12, discussed some of her interests during the question and answer session. She mentioned that she had made a short film about the Women's March and posted it on You Tube. I viewed the film and it is incredible so I recommend you view it yourself.

Go to You Tube.com. In the search bar, enter Women's March 2018 by Sara Bower. The film is titled *Women's March 2018: San Francisco Short by Sara Bower*. I'm sure she would appreciate getting more views of her film on You Tube.

Mary Sheridan

Sara Bower's Speech Trek Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0UyVD28rTo>

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Interest Group Coordinator Updates:

Wanna Be Gourmet will be strictly a food oriented event as it was in the past.

A new Interest Group is being formed that will include attending theatre and music events. It will be called MUSARLOLI (music, art, love of life)

Any new interests in other groups, please contact me.

carol forster, 726-4984 or e-mail

Janus

Here is your reminder for our March JANUS luncheon, to be held on **Wednesday, the 28th**, at noon at the home of Jan Grierson, 900 Alsace Lorraine Av. HMB. Please be sure to RSVP to her, yes or no, at: 726-5873 or <hmbgriego@aol.com> Remember to bring your potluck dish to serve 8-10 and \$3 for the hostess.

Mary Alice, Chair



Out To Breakfast

Our group meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m. We'll be at the **Café Mezza Luna, 240 Capistrano Road, Princeton-by-the-Sea on March 9**. Join us for good food and conversation - no need to make a "reservation".

Peg Nordensten, Chair



Evening Book Group:

The Refugees, a collection of stories by Viet Thanh Nguyen, is the Evening Book Club selection for **March 27**. We meet at Madeline Mc Reynold's home in Miramar at 7 PM for conversation and refreshments, The discussion led by June Baxter, will start at 7:30. For more information, contact Marianne Harrison at mimih108@sbcglobal.net.



Walk with us!

Walking on the California Coast is a great way to get exercise, enjoy the out-o-doors, and socialize! Join us **Monday mornings at 10 AM!** If you send me your e-mail, I'll add you to our list of walkers and you'll get a message every weekend telling you where we will meet on the coming Monday.

Marilyn Garrison marilyngarr@hotmail.com

Writer's Group



The Writing Group meets at 9:30 am in the Conference Center at Leslie Gardens on the first and third Thursday of each month.

The group will meet on **March 1st** and on **March 15th**. We alternate writing to prompts provided by Jean Slanger and reading from our work. ON March 3rd we will be writing to prompts. On March 15th we will be reading from our work.

All writers and all genres are welcome.

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

WANNA BE GOURMETS



Our planned April event to see and hear Amadeus and the SF Symphony has been cancelled due to lack of interest and difficulty in obtaining tickets. It will be replaced with Taxes and Treats (salad and desserts) on **April 15** to celebrate getting taxes done. Details to be announced. In late May we will have the already scheduled Sangria and Tapas. Last week of August an evening picnic is planned in Carter Park for the annual Shakespeare presentation, this year, Twelfth Night. This will be shown in the evening by moonlight. Everyone is welcome to any or all events.

For more information contact Nina Nelson, 570 9025 or nencgn@yahoo.com

Out and About:

March 2 (Friday): Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History. <https://santacruzmah.org/> Admission: \$10. We'll meet in the New Leaf parking lot near the bus stop at 10 am and head south. There will be a group staying late for an artist talk at 7 pm, but others will return in the afternoon. Please RSVP to me at hayden.sara@gmail.com by Wednesday, February 28. Please let me know if you are able to drive and if you are interested in staying for the artist's talk in the evening.

April 6 (Friday): Filoli Historic House & Garden. <https://filoli.org/> Admission: \$22 adult; \$18 senior. We'll meet in the New Leaf parking lot near the bus stop at 10 am. Please RSVP to me at hayden.sara@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 4. Please let me know if you are able to drive.

AAUW Bridge, March 16th

Thank you to Carol Forster, who hosted our group "on the fly" February 16th. We had a beautiful day up on Skyline Blvd, where you can "see forever"! We carpool!

March 16th Bridge will be held in the home of Kristine Birge, 440 Greenbrier Rd, Half Moon Bay; phone: 560-9092. We have a minimum of 2 tables and we play contract bridge. This is a social, fun group which plays once a month, 10:30 to 2:30 or so. We bring our own lunch, due to dietary restrictions, with snacks, coffee, tea, etc. provided throughout the day. We meet the 3rd Friday of each month, September through May.

I send out a reminder e-mail, and everyone notifies me if they plan to come. This allows me to plan for the requisite number of players each month. We have not heard of a bridge class for quite awhile. We have several women who would like to learn the game.

We are in serious need of some new bridge players and we urge you to join us if you already play. We have lost several players recently due to new grand-"babies", illness, etc. Please call me if you would like to try it out a month or two. We would love to have you!

Sharon Miller, 726-33800
millersa@coastside.net

Looks like everyone had great fun at the Theater

Bash; Additional photos can be seen in the AAUW HMB Facebook page.



Great Books

The book selected for Great Books is The Book Thief by Markus Zukas. The meeting will be on **Thursday, March 8**, at the home of Evie Tutorow from 2-4:00 p.m.. Please let Evie know if you will be attending.

Thank you,
Carolyn Valoria

Musaroli

Welcome, from a new interest group! **Musaroli's** will be catching up with SOME of the cultural scene's Must-Du's!

SFSymphony, MET Simulcasts, Theater Arts, SFOpera, SFBallet, etc.

„, there're the clues! This Interest Group will be about **MUSIC, ART, LOVE of LIFE**,

lost NOT in translation, ok! Music, Art, in the Love of Life!

Musaroli's inaugural event, it's a "Not-2-B-Missed" experience!

>> San Francisco Symphony LIVE at the Movie "Amadeus" <<

Saturday, April 7 Davies Hall SF <> Being a "Must-Du",

the show is near soldout; the box-office has a group discount ticket for us:

on hold, we have ~\$40 to \$90, balcony & orchestra seating.

Of course! Preceding the show, it's food__simply this:

>>> potluckbuffet@tailgate.2blocks/SFS <<<

!!!Limited Tickets!!! Interested? Contact, nina nelson 560-9025, email__for 2 important reasons:

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Writer's Group 9:30 am	2 Out & About TBD	3
4	5 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>Board Meeting</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	6	7	8 Great Books 2:00 pm	9 Out to Breakfast 8:30 am	10
11	12 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	13 Great Decisions 7:00 pm	14	15 Writer's Group 9:30 am	16 Bridge Group 10:30 am	17
18	19 Walk & Talk 10:00 am <u>General Meet-</u> <u>ing 6:30 pm</u>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Walk & Talk 10:00 am	27 Evening Book Club 7:00 pm	28 Janus 12:00 pm	29	30	31

Tidings Deadline for April, 2018 Issue
Thursday March 15, 2018

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

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