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## An Evening with ALAS, Local Latino Cultural Arts Monday, April 16, 2018 Community United Methodist Church, Half Moon Bay

We are very fortunate to have **Belinda Hernandez-Arriaga** join us for our April meeting.

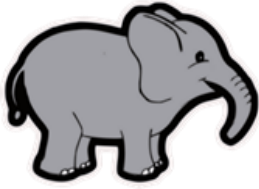
Ms. Hernandez-Arriaga is the founder and Executive Director of ALAS, the Coastsides own Latino Cultural Arts Program. Alas in Spanish means wings. ALAS is an acronym for Ayudando Latinos A Soñar, which translates to Believing in Latinos to Dream. As a counselor in our community, Belinda saw many young people struggling with self-esteem issues and identity as first generation Latinos in Half Moon Bay. Using the arts and education as a base, ALAS was established. The Foundation became a bridge for youth and families to celebrate their identity and shine a spotlight on their cultural wealth. Two of the ways ALAS promotes and supports Latino cultural arts on the Coastsides are with a dance troupe, Ballet Folklorico Tonantzin and a Mariachi band program, Mariachi Media Luna. ALAS also supports after school tutoring opportunities for students by partnering with student teachers from the Education program of Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont in the Mexitli Education Program. Additionally, ALAS is dedicated to providing social justice advocacy, counseling support, social work and wraparound case management to families. La Misma Luna focuses on community building through special events that promote building bridges as we all do live under the same moon.

Our meeting will feature a presentation by Ms. Hernandez-Arriaga and several students involved in ALAS.

- **Angel Sencion** will sing for us. Angel's parents are from Cocula, Mexico. Angel has been part of ALAS for seven years. He has participated in Ballet Folklorico program and has become a very important part of the Mariachi program.
- **Raul Rodriguez** will also perform for us. Raul is in seventh grade at Cunha Middle School and has been part of Mariachi Media Luna for five years. Both boys have performed at significant community events and special Bay Area performances.
- Members of **Ballet Folklorico** will perform a traditional dance for us.

Ms. Hernandez-Arriaga exemplifies the mission of AAUW. This past year, Belinda became Assistant Faculty in the Department of Counseling and Psychology at the University of San Francisco, after completing her Doctorate in Education. Here is what she has to say about the Foundation: "In ALAS I am using my platform of education to connect University engagement to inspire the youth of our community. I also had the youth come and speak/teach our USF graduate students. My work at USF is also committed to inspiring the next generation of counseling therapists to support youth and families in our communities." Come, be entertained and support local cultural arts!

**Meeting Reminders: 6:30 p.m. Social Time — Hospitality provided by Montara 7:00 p.m. Presentation Begins — Branch Business Meeting to follow.**



## White Elephant , White Elephant

### **White Elephant, What did you find in your closet?**

Oh, the piles of wonderful items to behold! **This year's White Elephant, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Community United Methodist Church,** is expected to bring smiles and dollars. So what precious porcelain, tremendous trinket, and classic clothing are you going to donate?

**And a 1 and a 2 and a 3!** If you could provide us with a list of the 3 most enticing things you are going to donate, Mary and I, in turn can use this as advertising pearls for our posters and flyers.

### **Our Tried and True Guidelines: The YES List**

Anything new, nearly new, really clean – last year we did really well with artwork!

Clothing on a coat hanger – make sure the zipper works, buttons intact

Linens tied with ribbon/yarn with attached index card and note, giving size

Free items from Craigslist, NextDoor, Family and Friends, etc.

### **Our Tried and True Guidelines: The NO, Thank you, List**

Anything worn out, broken, stinky, smelly, slimy – oh the odor

Anything technically obsolete, old computer ware and old textbooks

Anything weighing more than 40 pounds – remember someone has to carry this out to a car and then, it has to fit into a compact car – and that someone might be you!

Last year, we used **long boxes** to display the shoes. We need them again. Would anyone have something like that on hand? Maybe you got a new tent or outdoor umbrella that came in a **long box**?

Maybe you can't help on these days in May, but here is a great contribution, if you can "Accept this Mission". We have at least 5 pieces of small furniture that, if refinished, would bring in a nice amount of money. Anyone willing to help in advance, to take one piece and refinish it? **It's not a Mission Impossible.**

One day for set-up, one day for sales, but hours of unrivaled thrills, surprises and fun.

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



# Tech Trek Committee reads 30 applications, conducts interviews

by Julie Gerth

The Half Moon Bay Tech Trek Committee, just as in our sister branches around the state, is currently in the process of reading applications and interviewing local candidates to receive full scholarships to Tech Trek math and science camp for 2018. All Tech Trekkers, in California and nationwide, are fully funded by an AAUW branch. The branches in our region that sponsor girls to the same week of Tech Trek at Stanford, dubbed Camp Hopper after pioneering computer scientist Grace Hopper, include Monterey, Santa Cruz, Los Gatos-Saratoga, Palo Alto, San Mateo, North Peninsula, Pacifica, Sunnyvale-Cupertino, Los Altos-Mountain View, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette, San Francisco, and Santa Rosa. Branch coordinators from all these branches wrangle for a share of the 75 camper spots based on individual branch fundraising goals and space available. Your individual donations, as well as a portion of the dollars from branch fundraisers, make it possible to send five girls — and we are on a wait list for a sixth spot.

Thank you to Pauline Shue, Mardee Schweikert, Suzanne Mau and Tech Trek alum (2000) Erika Shue for mulling over the girls' applications, and to new member Jane Bonvallet for participating in two days of after-school interviews of 12 semifinalists. Before joining our branch, Jane served on the career panel at Stanford Tech Trek and shared her experiences working in a lab at Lockheed Martin as a metallurgist/materials science engineer. Suzanne Mau attended Tech Trek last summer, along with member Nina Nelson, to assist with a brand-new budgeting activity called Mad City Money, so Suzanne has seen the camp environment and watched the girls in action.

Ultimately, five girls will be selected to represent the Coastside at Stanford Tech Trek 2018, July 15-21. It is extremely difficult to choose from a very talented pool of applicants, all of whom were nominated to apply to Tech Trek by Cunha seventh-grade teachers based on both interest and aptitude in science, math and technology exhibited by these girls in the classroom.

Stay tuned for the announcement of our 2018 Tech Trek campers. You will get to meet them at our Scholarship Luncheon.

**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.

## Help AAUW earn a \$2500 matching gift!

Be ready to donate on May 1<sup>st</sup> during the 24-hour online giving day

Please help us turn this generous match from sister AAUW members into \$5000 to support AAUW national research and scholarships including Tech Trek and local scholarships.

Ask your family and friends to use the opportunity to donate online and double the impact of their donation to help us support our mission.

Help us earn the \$2500 dollar for dollar gift by using this link on May 1<sup>st</sup>

[www.coastsidegives.org/aauwhmb](http://www.coastsidegives.org/aauwhmb)

or

bringing a check made out to AAUW HMB with Coastside Gives in the memo to the Coastside Gives table at New Leaf on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Watch for emails on more ways to help with the online fundraiser.

If you have questions, contact Carol Joyce at  
[carollanphearjoyce@gmail.com](mailto:carollanphearjoyce@gmail.com)

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## HMB Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

Once again the Chamber of Commerce Supplies Party network @night was a huge success with local businesses, non-profits, and private citizens making sure that local teachers who attended each received a crisp \$100 to be used for supplying their classrooms. Over 80 teachers were present and also received bags of essential paper, pencils, pens, etc. from our local Hassett ACE Hardware. Our organization was represented by our President, Sheila Cresson, who was delighted to make her presentation to a Farallone View teacher of long standing. This event says loudly and clearly that the Coastside supports our schools. I'm proud that AAUW-HMB participates.

36 other organizations participate in the Education Committee. Many are currently preparing to select scholarship recipients as is HMB AAUW. Rotary just presented brand new dictionaries to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader on the coast. Chamber and Rotary sponsor Life Skills@the high schools.

La Costa Adult School, Cabrillo Unified, is providing courses for adults to learn job search skills, as well as English as a second language classes. There may even be job opportunities for you if you are interested in teaching with this growing program.

Cabrillo and Pescadero Unified reported on programs that are being implemented to continue the process of closing the gap between the achievement of native English speakers and English learners. Big Lift and the Coastside Education Fund are working with the local public districts to close the gap.

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](mailto: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.



## It's AAUW Membership Renewal Time!

It's that time of year when we all need to break out our checkbooks and renew our AAUW membership for the upcoming year July 2018-June 2019. Total dues are \$110 (\$59 national, \$20 state and \$31 branch). [\\$87 is tax deductible due to our IRS 501\(c\)\(3\) tax exempt status \(\\$56 national and \\$31 branch\). Our EIN is 94-0192508.](#) Should you need dues assistance, please contact Sheila Cresson, Barb Steinberg or Suzanne Mau.

You might have noticed a \$10 increase. After 10 years, AAUW national increased their portion from \$49 to \$59.

We are continuing the efficient and paperless process of using our email distribution list to contact everyone regarding renewal. Those not on the email list, however, will receive a hard copy in the mail. If you have already renewed, thank you!

*Please follow these simple instructions:*

1. *Make your check of \$110 payable to AAUW-HMB.*
2. *Note on the memo line MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.*
3. *Mail to AAUW-HMB, P.O. Box 1414, El Granada, CA 94018-1414 or bring to a general meeting. Include a separate note if you are changing any pertinent information for the directory, such as new email address, mailing address, etc.*

We hope you will also consider donating to five other AAUW programs: **Tech Trek, Local Scholarship, AAUW Funds, STEM camp and Speech Trek.** Because our branch is now a non-profit, donations can be made directly to our branch in any amount. We will forward appropriately. Please note your donation in the memo line of your check.



### 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](mailto: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

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## Janus



Our April luncheon will be at the home of Angeline Hnatt. We will meet at noon on **Wednesday, April 25**. Remember to RSVP (yes or no) to her at 728-3020. Please bring a potluck dish to serve 8-10, and \$3.00 for the hostess.

If you would like to be on the group list, please e-mail me at <[maalice\\_hmb@comcast.net](mailto:maalice_hmb@comcast.net)>

Mary Alice Pearce, Chair

## Writer's Group



The Writers' Group meets at 9:30 am on the first and third Thursday of each month in the conference room at Lesley Gardens.

The writers alternate between reading from their work and writing in response to prompts provided by Jean Slanger.

On **April fifth** we will be writing in response to Jean's prompts. On **April 19th** we will be reading from our work.

All writers and all genres are welcome. If you have any questions, please email Janet Orumchian @ [jhorumchian@yahoo.com](mailto:jhorumchian@yahoo.com) or call her at 510 206 5493.

## 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

**April 13**. Join us for good food and conversation - no need to make a "reservation".

Peg Nordensten, Chair

## WANNA BE GOURMETS



Our next event is SANGRIA AND TAPAS to be hosted by Bruce and Betty Lee Kendall on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

If you would like to help plan the menu or volunteer to help in any way, please contact Nina Nelson, 560 9025 or

[nencgn@yahoo.com](mailto:nencgn@yahoo.com). Make your reservations now for this fun event. All are welcome. We guarantee good food and

great conversations! Reservations to Nina at the above numbers.

## Evening Book Group:



**Tuesday evening, April 24**, is the date for the Evening Book Group meeting. We meet at Madeline Mc Reynold's home in Miramar at 7 PM for a half hour of social time and refreshments. At 7:30, Janie Keeler will lead a discussion of Amor Towles best selling book, ***A Gentleman in Moscow***. For more information, contact

Marianne Harrison at [mimih108@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:marilyngarr@hotmail.com)

## Out and About:

**Friday, April 6:** Filoli Historic House & Garden, Woodside. Admission: Adults \$22, Seniors \$18; house tour and/or garden tour: add \$5 each. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 4, to [hayden.sara@gmail.com](mailto:hayden.sara@gmail.com) and indicate if you can drive. We'll meet at New Leaf parking lot (near the bus stop) at 10 am.

**Saturday, May 12** (note change to Saturday): Pescadero Opera & Potluck: La Bohème (you can download a synopsis at <http://www.pescaderoopera.com/synopses/>). Admission: Suggested donation of \$10 to \$20. Potluck starts at noon; opera starts at 2. We are welcome to wander the farm and visit with the animals. Please bring appetizers, desserts or veggies to serve 6 to 10 people; main course will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 9, to [hayden.sara@gmail.com](mailto:hayden.sara@gmail.com) and indicate if you can drive. We'll meet at New Leaf parking lot (near the bus stop) at 11:30 am.



## AAUW Bridge, March 16th

After a wonderful Bridge playing session at the home of Kristine Birge in March, we are setting out for Kit Bunnell's home on **April 20**, (the 3rd Friday). We play once a month, 10:30 to 2:30 or so. (Sometimes, we just keep playing until we feel like stopping!) We play September through May, and this is a social, fun group. We bring a sandwich so we can all stay within our dietary desires, and we focus on playing cards. Of course, there are snacks, etc. all day. This is primarily contract or "party bridge". We play in homes and share rides as needed. We average 2 or 3 tables each month.

We are in need of new people to join us, as several members are experiencing some "inter-ference" in their availability to play. If you played in college or whenever, got put of it, and would like to pick it up again, call me & let's talk! It is a stimulating to your brain, and all your cares take a backseat to "the game". It is good to challenge yourself & rekindle your skills. Bill Gates and Warren Buffett play bridge! If you are a good player, call me ASAP!

I'm the gatekeeper, so that we have a hostess and the requisite number of players. Call me if you would consider playing with us. We have a lot of fun!

Sharon Miller, 650/726-3380  
millersa@coastside.net

## Great Books

The book selected for Great Books is The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen. The meeting will be on **Thursday, April 12**, from 2 - 4:00 p.m., at the home of June Baxter. Please let June know if you will be attending.

Thank you,  
Carolyn Valoria

# April 2018

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

**Tidings Deadline for May, 2018 Issue**  
**Sunday April 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](mailto:hmbeck1@comcast.net)

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