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WIRED for Change



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Monday, Nov. 19, 2018 • 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Community Room, Half Moon Bay Library

Our November meeting addresses the fact that nationwide many more women are running for public office than in years past. In San Mateo and Santa Clara counties alone, more than 200 women are seeking election in November for city councils, school boards and the boards of special governmental districts.

In keeping with AAUW's mission of women supporting women, come hear what a new nonpartisan political organization is doing to increase the number of women in

elected and appointed nonpartisan offices in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Women who Identify, Recruit and Elect (WIRE) has mobilized a cadre of volunteers to provide free campaign consulting services to help women get elected and is introducing women candidates to cutting-edge campaign strategies and tools through campaign workshops.

WIRE's Founder and President Emeritus, **Carol Mayer Marshall**, and AAUW HMB member and

WIRE's current president, **Allene Zanger**, will describe WIRE's unique grassroots model to accelerate the recruitment and election or appointment of qualified women for public office. This is certain to be a very informative meeting on a very timely topic. Come join us!

Meeting reminders: Hospitality provided by: North Half Moon Bay. Presentation begins at 7 p.m. Branch business will follow the presentation.

This meeting is open to the public.



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Neighborhood Groups

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President's Message: A Personal Story

Pumpkin Festival is over, the election will be behind us, and the glory of fall surrounds us. Many are looking forward to holiday family gatherings. This makes me reflect on my family and AAUW.

The AAUW history was built on a small group of college women alumnae who banded together in 1881 to support, promote and assist each other and other women interested in achieving higher education. In those days, a college education was perceived by some to harm a woman's health and make her infertile. One of the initial things AAUW women did was research the misinformation and published their results to dispel those notions.

Reflecting on my family, I realized both my parents' mothers completed a college education less than a generation after the formation of AAUW. What a special achievement; as a child, I took that for granted. My grandmothers chose college-educated men to marry and encouraged their children to seek

higher education too. That philosophy carried forward in my family. I dropped out of college for marriage; however, there was a restlessness within me that became a motivation to complete my degree and develop a career. No doubt the influence of women in my life.

Another generation of women has arrived and we are doing our part to encourage their higher education. I think this is full circle – AAUW women and men continue to break norms by their actions, motivating many female generations behind them.

By supporting the mission of AAUW, we can in our own way be an inspiration to other women and girls!

Thank you, Pat McNutt, for your months of working on and editing the 2018-19 directory. It looks great!

In addition to member contacts, the directory is filled with useful information. Note the new neighborhood groups in the back.

Barbara Von Glahn, President

In Memoriam

It is with sadness to note that two of our members have passed away. **Jeanette Chapman, Betty Zographos'** daughter, left us in September. She was a great supporter of Tech Trek.

More than 30-year active member **Carmen Giedt**, who

retained her membership here after moving to Virginia, died in a car accident back east in October. Condolences can be made to her family using the directory address in Virginia.

Barbara Von Glahn, President

What is the AAUW Action Fund?

Like me, you might have wondered how AAUW, a nonprofit nonpartisan organization can fund lobbying, take positions on judicial nominations and legislation, or host a candidate forum.

With help from **Dianne Owens**, AAUW CA Director and AAUW CA Fund Chair, I found out that these activities are not funded from our gifts to the AAUW Fund. Instead these activities are funded by the AAUW Action Fund. Unlike the AAUW Fund, donations are not tax deductible. Our branch can choose to make our gifts to either Fund or both. The AAUW Action Fund has a separate website: <https://www.aauwaction.org/>.

Both Funds support AAUW's mission. As I wrote in the September *Tidings*, our gifts to the AAUW Fund support mission-driven programs,

such as Tech Trek, the Legal Advocacy Fund and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Both branch gifts and individual member gifts are tax deductible.

The AAUW Action Fund supports the mission through member activism and voter mobilization. One example is the Two-Minute Activist. A Two-Minute Activist receives urgent email notices when advocacy is needed most. AAUW provides all the tools needed to call or send messages to members of Congress, write letters to the editor of your local newspapers, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more. Find out more about this program and sign up to be a Two-Minute Activist by clicking on this [link](#).

Another example is the Voter Issue Guide. The guide provides information about key policy issues in the upcoming election, including the gender pay gap, family leave and paid sick days, college affordability, campus sexual violence and reproductive rights. The guide can be used when an AAUW member attends a town hall or a branch hosts a candidate forum. The guide even includes questions to ask candidates. You can download a copy of the 2018 guide by clicking on this [link](#).

I hope you have a better understanding of how donations to AAUW work. If you want to support lobbying and voter mobilization without a tax deduction, make your donation to the AAUW Action Fund.

Carol Joyce, AAUW Funds Vice President

Chamber of Commerce Education Committee Notes

Cabrillo Unified School District will present a series of meetings on bullying with help from the Big Five, a common emergency plan adopted by all San Mateo County School Districts and law enforcement agencies.

Pilarcitos High School is offering help with college applications and internships.

Coastside Hope needs a coordinator for its first- to third-grade tutoring program.

College Time Now (a private business) is looking for tutors.


Our new library has a number of programs scheduled, including story time, homework groups and family science night. Pick up their calendar on your next visit.

Mary Alice Pearce, Chamber of Commerce Education Committee



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Public Policy

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. It is important not only to vote, but to be an informed voter.

Our local vote is critically important at the state and local level. Rather than listen to and read the constant propaganda on TV and in mailers, we need to study the issues to make wise choices.

Attending events such as the forum that AAUW HMB held Oct. 11, presentations by the League of Women Voters and studying the Voter Information Guide can help us understand the issues.

Sometimes when studying the Guide, it is helpful to see which organizations and individuals, whose opinions we respect, have to say about the issue. AAUW CA makes a careful study of each proposition as to how it affects women and girls. This time they have no negative positions and have endorsed just one with a yes vote for Proposition 2: the Homeless Housing Bond.

Remember the AAUW motto: It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard. Get out there and be heard!

*Mary and Carlos Vargas,
Public Policy*

Wish You Were There

On Saturday, Oct. 6, I attended the AAUW Funds luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. If you've never attended this fantastic event, look for it next October and go. Forty percent of all our fundraising goes to AAUW Funds.

There are currently 36 women receiving fellowships to complete doctorates or master's degrees or working on community projects courtesy of AAUW Research and Project Grants. We had the privilege of listening to five young women sharing their backgrounds and fields of interest. They represented the best in the diversity we aspire to in our branches.

The first was **Diana Juarez-Madera**, who is studying aeronautical and astronomical engineering at Stanford University. Diana sat at our table; she comes from a small town in northern Mexico and always aspired to be a part of the space program.

Janka Deli is from Hungary and is a practicing attorney in Budapest. She is studying empirical law at Stanford, a new field only found in the United States, which looks at the relationship between a nation's

laws and its economy.

Jessica Adepujo is studying at Stanford in business administration and management. Her emphasis is on computer games and how they can be used in education.

Heidi Rogers is studying mathematics with an emphasis in statistics at UC Santa Cruz. She is learning how to use statistics to further her field of biology.

Kate Cowan works for the Girl Scouts of Northern California and received a research and projects grant to implement a program called "Got Choices." This program works with 900 at-risk girls mentoring, finding alternatives, and educating them. All five of these young women had challenges to overcome; their paths were not easy.

I had the privilege of sitting between the co-president of the San Mateo Branch and the co-president of the Pacifica Branch. It was a great time to share ideas and accomplishments of each other's branches. Attending this luncheon would have given you a new outlook about AAUW and its outreach and many accomplishments.

Ruth Rafello

New Directories Have Been Mailed

Your personal AAUW-HMB directory was sent to you via regular mail the week of Oct. 8. If you did not receive one, please let me know; I will make sure you get your copy.

One change this year is that we now have five



neighborhoods instead of seven. In the back, you will find the neighborhood listings; check to see you are listed there.

Monthly branch meetings are listed, including dates, times

and topics, along with other important dates. Officers and support staff are also listed. These listings can help you know who to go to if you have questions about activities or events.

Pat McNutt, Directory Editor

Celebrating 2018 Scholarship Winners: Julie Sorfleet

"I hope to combine my interest in foreign affairs, foreign language, geography and data analysis with a career at the National Geospatial Agency in order to serve among the best professionals on the front lines of the U.S. defense." – *Julie Sorfleet*

Julie received the Ivania Portocarrero Scholarship.

A senior at UCLA, Julie is majoring in geography. Her career goal is to go to law school and then to work as an analyst for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

Many students change majors while in college, but for Julie changing majors was a necessity, not a choice. During her sophomore year, she was in an automobile accident and sustained a traumatic brain injury. The injury left her unable to do high-level math that

was necessary for her statistics major. Thus, she had to change her major and, with the help of school



counselors, became a geography major with a minor in Spanish. While it wasn't her first choice, Julie approached this situation with poise and maturity. She immersed

herself in the major and was inspired by her professor in a remote sensing course who spoke of how GIS correctly predicted the location of Osama Bin Laden. Julie found a new love for the intersection of geography, science and technology. She truly made lemonade out of lemons.

During the past school year, Julie worked at the UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies.

She has been active in the hiking club at UCLA, having served as an officer and spending 300 hours participating in their events. She has also been a volunteer for the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County.

Julie is currently studying abroad in Spain for the fall semester.

Suzanne DuFore, Scholarship Chair



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Colony Club

2000 Fairway Drive, Half Moon Bay Library

Once again, our December program will give us time to celebrate the season together, sharing holiday memories and mementos. Join us for “Brunch and Be Merry” at the Colony Club on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m. A fun and festive program is in the making and we need you. Please bring a favorite holiday memory or tradition to share. Do you have a favorite decoration or a special reading that evokes celebration this time of year? Please come tell us all.

Longtime Coastside resident **Lori Hofmann** will cater our delicious brunch fare. The cost for our full brunch, with beverage and gratuity, is \$30 per person. Our delectable buffet will include: scrambled eggs with fresh herbs, sliced ham, chicken apple sausages, smoked fish, cheeses, fruit trays and honey yogurt with berries; and a toast bar with assorted breads, muffins and pastries. Beverages are coffee, tea and water.

Reservations are open to the first 60 PAID participants. The last, absolute last, no exceptions, date to pay and reserve your place is one week prior to the party: Saturday, Nov. 24.

To reserve your spot, please send your check, payable to AAUW HMB Branch and marked “brunch,” to **Jan Grierson**, 900 Alsace Lorraine, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Payment must be received no later than Saturday, Nov. 24. If \$30 is a financial burden, we have an angel fund to support guests with a \$10 discount; the cost for brunch would be \$20. Please contact Jan Grierson at 650-726-5873 if you need to take advantage of this discount.

This is a catered affair, but we do need event support. Members from Central Half Moon Bay are requested to help with setup or cleanup.

Reminder: Parking at the Colony Club can be very problematic. Carpooling is strongly recommended. We are working on a parking plan for this event; we will make sure that all reserved guests receive information about the plan once it is in place. If you are not using email for information, please let Jan know when you place your reservation.

RSVP now: Come Brunch and Be Merry! Looking forward to celebrating the season!

Speech Trek Recruitment Begins

Speech Trek recruitment will begin at Half Moon Bay High School this month. After making presentations to the English classes, we will meet with those students who have indicated an interest in participating. Coaching will be offered to them once a week; **Paulette Eisen** has offered to coach the students this year. We have placed fourth and fifth in the state competition the past two years. Maybe this will be the year our branch winner claims one of the top three spots. This year’s topic is: “How can we –

students, parents, faculty, our communities, and organizations such as AAUW – eliminate violence aimed at our schools? What actions can we take to prevent another tragedy from taking place?”

It should be quite an interesting theme to research and write about. Our local competition will be Monday, Feb. 11, in the community room of the Half Moon Bay Library.

Mary Vargas and Allene Zanger, Speech Trek Co-Chairs

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November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Writers Group 10 a.m.	Out & About 10 a.m.	
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	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.			Great Books 2 p.m.	Out to Breakfast 8:30 a.m.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Veterans Day 100th Anniversary of Armistice	Veterans Day (observed) Walk & Talk 10 a.m.		Janus Noon	Writers Group 10 a.m.	Bridge 10:30 a.m.	Gourmet Noon
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. AAUW Chapter Meeting 6:30 p.m.			Thanksgiving Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.					

Join an Interest Group, Expand Your Mind

Bridge Group

We meet the third Friday of every month; our next game is Nov. 16. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the home of **Sheila Cresson**, 3500 Higgins Canyon Road, HMB. Please RSVP to **Ruth Rafello** at 650-728-3013 or rrafello@coastside.net. We welcome new members who play bridge.

Evening Book Group

We generally meet the last Tuesday of the month at **Madeline McReynolds'** home in Miramar at 7 p.m. There is *no* meeting in November because of Thanksgiving. **Marilyn Garrison** will lead a discussion of *Paris in the Present Tense* by Mark Helprin on Dec. 11 at the Holiday Potluck, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Gourmet

"Mingling with Friends at a Tapas Luncheon" will be Nov. 17 at noon at **Carol Mickelsen's** home. Attendance is limited to the first 24 reservations. RSVP to Carol at affordabletravel@coastside.net. Reservations close Friday, Nov. 3. Assigned recipes will be mailed by postal mail on Monday, Nov. 5.

Great Books

On Thursday, Nov. 8, we will discuss *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. We will meet at the home of **Barb Steinberg** from 2 to 4 p.m. Please let Barb know if you will be coming.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will start again in February. No meetings are planned until then. If you want to see the eight 2019 topics, go to www.fpa.org.

Janus

Our Nov. 14 lunch will be at the Senior Center, 925 Main St., Half Moon Bay, at noon. Note: We're meeting the second Wednesday of the month because of Thanksgiving. Our hostess will be **Anne Grauzlis**. Please remember your \$3 for the hostess. If you would like to attend, please contact Mary Alice Pearce at maalice_hmb@comcast.net.

Out & About

Friday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m., we'll visit the de Young Museum to see Contemporary Muslim Fashions. Please RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 1, to maalice_hmb@comcast.net and

indicate if you can drive that day. For more about the exhibit, visit <https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/contemporary-muslim-fashions>.

Out to Breakfast

Out to Breakfast meets the second Friday of every month at Mezza Luna Cafe. There is no need to RSVP; all are welcome. Our next breakfast is Friday, Nov. 9, at 8:30 a.m. Join us!

Walk & Talk

Like to walk? Talk? Spend time in the fresh coastal air? Exercise? Join us on Monday mornings for a two-hour walk in a variety of locations on the coast. Send your email address to **Marilyn Garrison** at marilyngarr@hotmail.com and she will contact you each weekend to tell you where the morning walk will be.

Writers

First and third Thursdays, Writers gather in the conference room at Lesley Gardens. We meet 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Nov. 1, writers will read from their work. On Nov. 15, we – and we hope you – will write from prompts. Then we'll have 20 minutes to write something.



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The Out & About interest group takes a lunch break at Alice's Restaurant after a morning spent touring the Folger Historic Stable Site in October. From left to right: Peg Nordensten, Mary Alice Pearce, Linda Donahoe, Sara Hayden, Terry Kujawa, Jean Burch, Anne Grauzlis, Gael Erickson and Janet Rae-Dupree. What fun things is your interest group doing? Please send a picture to aauw.hmb.newsletter@gmail.com and share your group's activities with the branch. Photo taken by a friendly tourist.

Welcome Our New Members

Please keep an eye out for our new members at our monthly meetings and extend a warm welcome to them.

Dianh Garcia, El Granada, UC Berkeley, UCSF, UC Davis

Meg DeLano, Half Moon Bay, Hamline University

Evelyn Arce Erikson, Half Moon Bay, Cornell University

Lisa Jewett, Half Moon Bay, SFSU, UCLA



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