

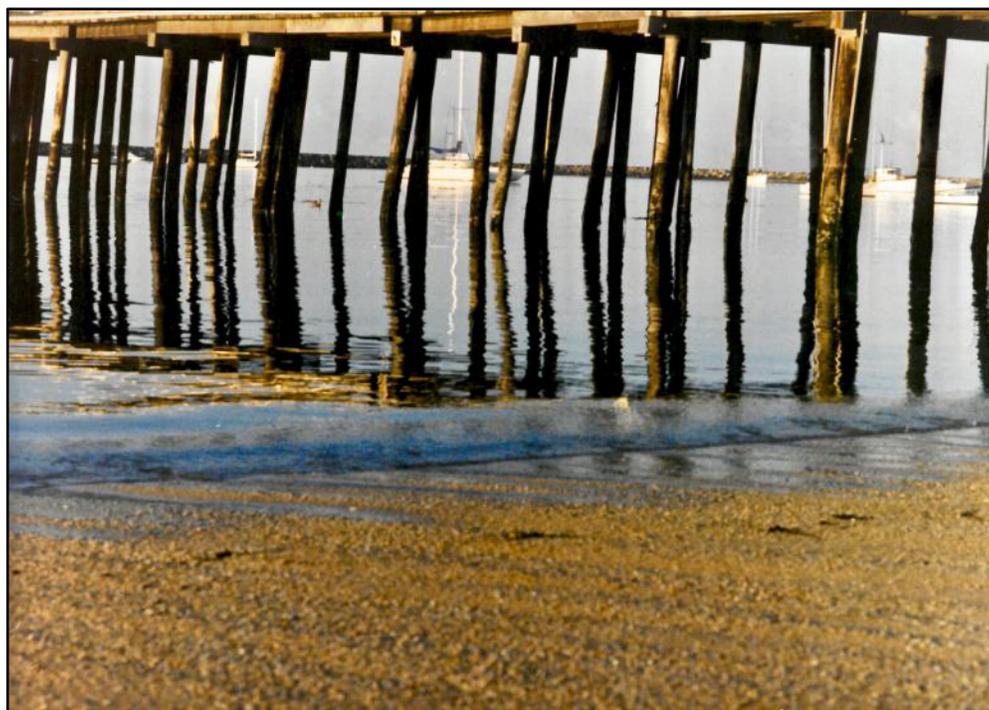
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Artists in Our Midst



Princeton Pier by Katie Murdock

Monday, March 18, 2019 • 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Community Room, Half Moon Bay Library

Our March meeting provides an opportunity for us to tap into our collective creativity. Two of our members – **Mary Knippel** and **Katie Murdock** – will be our speakers.

Mary is the founder of yourwritingmentor.com. Using her skills as a journalist with more than 30 years of experience, Mary encourages others to tell their own remarkable stories. Her book, *The Secret Artist*, chronicles the pivotal role creativity has played in her life.

Our program will feature Mary's presentation, *Your Life is Your Work of Art – The Power is in Your Hand*, which is designed to "inspire, inform, delight and empower the

audience to recognize they are artists crafting their lives with every choice they make."

Katie has been an educator for more than 35 years, teaching mainly about the ancient world, archaeology, art and science. She has worked extensively as a volunteer. Her written credits are numerous, writing and editing for many publications. Our program will feature her work as a filmmaker, with a viewing of *Coastside Ruins*.

"After photographing Coastside architecture for a calendar, as President of the now defunct Spanishtown Historical Society, I wanted to preserve bits of the

Coastside that were disappearing. Over the course of three months I did the writing and shooting – editing took another month. I would love to do another if I can find someone with an adequate camera. I have lots more sites in mind. Many of the sites in this video have now completely vanished."

Join us as we celebrate these two remarkable women, and their accomplishments, as artists in our midst.

Meeting reminders: Hospitality to be provided by El Granada and Miramar. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m.; speakers begin at 7 p.m. Business meeting to follow.



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President's Message: Women's Salaries

What is significant about these two dates: April 2, 2019, and Oct. 10, 1911?

April 2, 2019, is Equal Pay Day. It was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. The second date is probably not as familiar; the date recognizes California as the sixth state to ratify the 19th Amendment, eventually giving women the right to vote on Aug. 18, 1920.

Did you notice women in Congress dressed in white for the State of the Union address? Rep. **Lois Frankel** (D-Fla.), who initiated the suggestion, says: "We'll honor all those who came before us and send a message of solidarity that we're not going back on our hard-earned rights."

I am reminded the early 1900s recognized women's right to vote. Equal Pay Day and the 19th Amendment are the reminders we have come a long way, but not quite far enough!

As part of AAUW's Strategic

Plan, programs were put in place to train 10 million women in salary negotiations by 2022 to achieve pay equity by 2030 through Work Start and Work Smart. They have made us aware that the Paycheck Fairness Act has been introduced to Congress. **Kim Churches**, AAUW CEO, notes: "The Paycheck Fairness Act is essential to eradicating practices that have perpetuated the pay gap for far too long. In 2019, the idea that we still don't have equal pay for equal work is nothing short of outrageous. AAUW urges the 116th Congress to take this important step toward pay equity with the swift passage of the bill. In addition, the "Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap" represents an AAUW research project that is available from the website.

AAUW tracks state progress regarding pay equity. I'm pleased to report California ranked first with the largest gender pay ratio: 89% as of 2017! Nationally the ratio is 80%.

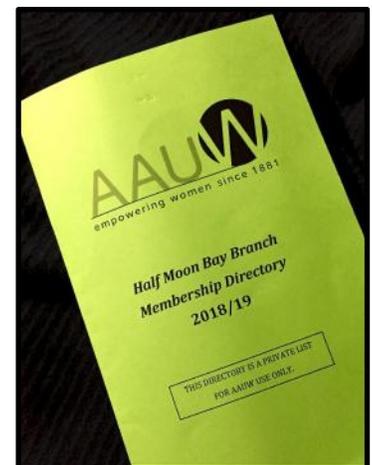
We're making progress but we can't let up!

Barbara Von Glahn, President

Gearing up for Directory Production

Our Branch Directory is a great tool for your connection to AAUW Half Moon Bay. We like the Directory to be as accurate as possible. Please check your listing to make sure it is correct. Send any corrections or changes to Pat McNutt at patm@coastside.net. This will help ensure that next year's listing will be right!

Pat McNutt, Directory Editor



Membership Renewal Time Approaching

I wanted to remind everyone that I will start the membership renewal process in April. Dues for the 2019-20 year will be \$110 and I will include all the information on how to renew your membership in the April *Tidings*.

I have instituted two changes that will make it easier to renew:

1. You could win a prize if you renew by June 1 so you have some incentive to get your payment in

by then. I know we all love the opportunity to win something so take advantage of this offer!

2. At the April 15 and May 20 General Meetings you can pay your membership dues via credit card. So no more excuses about not remembering to mail the check!

Watch for more details in April.

Mary Sheridan, Membership Treasurer

WE Rummage Sale: Seven Years and Seven Words

This is the seventh year that AAUW HMB will hold its White Elephant Rummage Sale (four words).

And the mantra is "sort, save, price" (the other three words).

The sale is Saturday, June 1, at the Train Depot and it is the first time we are using the word "rummage."

This can also be defined as an action word for our branch, as in "time to rummage in your home and surrounding environs for unique, quirky, usable, lovely items to sell."

A newly created WE Rummage Sale Guidelines document is now available on the branch website. Check it out for tips on pricing and collecting items that will sell well. **Mary Sheridan** and **Peggy Rozhon** will also help with pricing items at our next monthly meeting on Monday, March 18. Thanks very much for all you do (also seven words!).

Peggy Rozhon, WE Rummage Sale Co-chair

Save the Date: Coastside Gives

May 2, 2019 • Midnight to 11:59 p.m.

This will be the third year that AAUW HMB participates in Coastside Gives, the 24-hour online fundraiser open to Coastside nonprofits. In the first two years, we raised nearly \$12,000 from donations and prizes. Your generous donations have funded Tech Trek scholarships, local scholarships to Coastside women graduates and research and advocacy at the national level.

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Carol Joyce, Coastside Gives Lead



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Another Successful AAUW Speech Trek Contest

Two seniors from Half Moon Bay High School participated in a speech contest sponsored by AAUW-HMB on Feb. 11 at the library in Half Moon Bay. The speech contest topic was "How Can We Eliminate Violence Aimed at Our Schools?" The two contestants explained what students, parents, school staff and faculty, and our communities can do to eliminate school violence.

A three-judge panel selected **Randi Marshall** as the first prize winner and **Meilani Bolding** as the second prize winner. Our branch awarded the contestants prizes of \$100 for first place and \$75 for second place.

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

This is the third annual speech contest sponsored by the Half Moon Bay Branch. Two years ago, the local winner was selected as a finalist for the statewide speech contest.

AAUW member **Paulette Eisen** generously volunteered her expertise



Photo: Sara R. Hayden

Speech Trek contestants Meilani Bolding and Randi Marshall talk about the experience of preparing their speeches as coach Paulette Eisen looks on.

to help the two young women successfully prepare for the local contest. **Allene Zanger** and **Mary Vargas** served as co-chairs of this year's contest.

You can view the speeches on YouTube:

- Meilani Bolding's speech is at <https://youtu.be/goF1VShRTXM>.

- Randi Marshall's speech is at <https://youtu.be/IMe6iOu1XtE>.

All AAUW members are encouraged to attend the **Annual Meeting** on Saturday, April 6, at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego to see who wins the statewide Speech Trek contest.

Allene Zanger, Co-Chair 2019 Speech Trek

Mark Your Calendar

March 18: General Meeting

March 21: Theater Bash

April 15: General Meeting

May 2: Coastsides Gives

May 20: General Meeting

June 1: WE Rummage Sale

June 15: Recognition Celebration

Membership Update: We're Still Growing

Hello from the Membership VP! It is exciting that we continue to grow. We have more than 150 members, with a few new members joining in March!

We have changed how we use our name tags at meetings: Please take your name tag out of the box at the beginning of the meeting. At the end

of the meeting, simply place your name tag in the square box. I will file all of the name tags after the meeting.

This new system will save you time and will allow our group to keep a count of members in attendance. See you at the March meeting!

Sheila Spieller, Membership Vice President

Kathleen Cha on

"Worldwide General Equality – Women's Global Leadership"

Feb. 3, 2019: On a Saturday the weather was purported to be rainy and windy. However, I braved the elements to attend the Interbranch Council meeting featuring **Kathleen Cha**, past National and State AAUW President. The inclement weather declined and I witnessed a rainbow – nice ending to an inspirational afternoon.

Cha epitomizes my image of AAUW. A leader passionate about women's issues and not afraid to assume a leadership role. Two current roles are a leadership position in the League of Women Voters and Non-Government Organization delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

I was surprised to learn that AAUW helped to establish the United Nations. Eleanor Roosevelt became familiar with AAUW's reputation and surveyed its members for leadership appointments within the UN. AAUW members were instrumental in framing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

When Cha listed the women's issues of the early 1940s, they



paralleled AAUW's current Strategic Plan. We have made some headway but they are still relevant today.

Sadly, she mentioned women in top world leadership positions must navigate barriers regarding laws and practices, conflicting social norms and demeaning attitudes. Park Geun-hye, first woman president of South Korea, was an example she cited. Innocent of all charges that were leveled against her during a contrived two-year campaign lead by current President Moon Jae-in.

Cha is part of a group trying to free

Geun-hye from the 33-year prison sentence. Another example is Dilma Rousseff, impeached Brazilian woman president. Cha made an impressionable point that if this behavior goes unchallenged, it will continue!

Cha brought global thoughts to our state and communities. The issues that affect women in a global arena become pertinent on a local level; think affordable housing and health care among others. Cha challenged us to reach out to others on these important issues.

Barbara Von Glahn, President



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Scholarship 2019 Season is Underway

Applicants are busy filling out applications and writing essays to apply for the 2019 local AAUW scholarships for college students. Two hundred ninety-one letters went out to eligible students at the end of 2018, flyers are posted around town, and applications are due March 30. If you know anyone who is eligible and needs an application please give them Suzanne DuFore's email and she will get one to them right away (suzannedufore@gmail.com).

Eligibility requirements for college women:

- Will be entering their junior or senior year at a four-year college in fall 2019.

- Full-time student.

- Graduated from Half Moon Bay High School or Pescadero High School.

All eligible applicants are encouraged to apply. Scholarships will be awarded based on essay, volunteer/work experience, GPA and financial need.

The committee of seven readers who are volunteering their time to



Photo: Suzanne DuFore

Scholarship winners from 2018, left to right: **Brenda de Jesus, Julie Sorfleet, Gabriela Huerta, Michelle Schabinger and Emily DuFore Payne**. Not pictured: **Kaira Wallace**.

diligently review the applicants in April are geared up for an exciting – and sometimes agonizing – process. Thank you **Katie Murdock, Lee Ellis, Carolyn Seaton, Sheila Spieller, Terry Kujawa, Mary Breen** and **Barbara Cohen**! Also always a thank you to **Sue Hatfield** for her mentoring in ensuring the scholarship process goes smoothly!

Supporting the education of

young women poised to become our next generation of leaders is one of the most meaningful contributions AAUW HMB makes to our community. We are proud of the accomplishments of the young women we have helped in the past, and excited to meet our 2019 winners in the coming months.

Suzanne DuFore, Local Scholarships

March: Women's History Month

Did you know that Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa? The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women planned a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. In 1987, Congress passed a law designating March as "Women's History Month." The National Women's History Alliance selects the annual theme. The 2019 theme is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence."

Chamber of Commerce Education Committee Report

Several committee members reported the following:

- The Teacher's Supply Party was held Feb. 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Maverick's Event Center (AAUW participated in this).

- Cabrillo Unified School District will honor science fair winners. Because of a lawsuit, there is redistricting that will affect school board representation. Volunteers were solicited for Principal-for-A-Day.

- The new nonprofit Coastside Literary Arts Movement had its first

meeting on Feb. 10.

- The San Mateo Credit Union is rolling out two scholarship programs.

- Rep. **Jackie Speier** (D-Calif.) held a book signing at the Half Moon Bay Library on Feb. 9.

- Big Lift is continuing funding efforts.

- **Crystal Lench**, CUSD chief business official, showed slides regarding future school building improvements.

Barbara Von Glahn, substitute committee representative for Mary Alice Pearce

Third Annual Theater Bash: Thursday, March 21

For the third year in a row, we have an amazing fundraising opportunity! Members, family and friends are invited to attend the final dress rehearsal of our own Coastal Repertory Theater's production of *Run for Your Wife*. This play is a classic example of a fun British farce by Ray Cooney.

Tickets are \$30 and include a pre-theater reception with a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, wine and music.

Doors open at 6 p.m.; the play begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available for sale at our General Meeting on Monday, March 18. Buy one and come. Buy two and bring a friend. Or buy 10 and bring a bunch of friends!

The silent auction will feature many fabulous items in a variety of price ranges. Here's a sneak peek of just three items from our own Branch members:

Sheila Cresson, owner of Zaballa House, is offering a

one-night stay, with breakfast, in the best room or suite available on a day of your choosing.

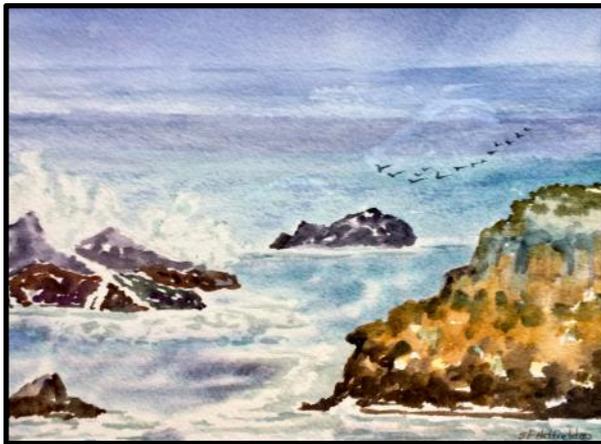
Sue Hatfield, watercolor artist, has offered a stunning original plein air watercolor painting of our coast, "Splash Back at Pescadero Beach."

Vivian Costello and **Jan Grierson** are self-described high-tea enthusiasts. Their item, "High Tea at Home," provides all kinds of delectable edibles for you to host a scrumptious high tea for up to 12 people in your own home.

Remember: The Theater Bash is a fabulous opportunity for us to *fundraise* in a *fun* way! Be sure to get your tickets and join in the *fun*! See you at the theater!

If you have any questions, please contact **Paulette Eisen** at 650-560-8002 or email pez4444@comcast.net.

If you need tickets, please contact **Barbara Von Glahn** at 650-726-7696 or barbara_hmb@yahoo.com.



Silent auction item: "Splash Back at Pescadero Beach" by **Sue Hatfield**.

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Questions: Contact **Paulette Eisen** at 650-560-8002 or email pez4444@comcast.net.

Silent Auction Item

Host Your Own HIGH TEA at HOME

Treat yourself and your friends to High Tea at Home!

High Tea enthusiasts Vivian Costello and Jan Grierson are offering all kinds of delectable edibles for you to host a scrumptious savory and sweet High Tea. Finger sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones, shortbread, a tea assortment, and Prosecco are just a few of the delicacies provided!

All will be delivered to you for a party of up to 12 people

A minimum of three weeks advance notice is required for your reservation. Holidays are excluded.

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
					Out & About 10 a.m.	
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	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.			Writers Group 10 a.m.	Out to Breakfast 8:30 a.m.	
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	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Great Decisions 7 p.m.		Great Books 2 p.m.	Bridge 10 a.m.	Gourmet 1 p.m.
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	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. Branch Meeting 6:30 p.m.			Writers Group 10 a.m.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Evening Book Group 6:30 p.m.	Janus noon			
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Join an Interest Group, Make New Friends

Bridge: On Friday, March 15, we will play at the home of **Sheila Cresson**. Because parking is limited, we will carpool; meet at the New Leaf parking lot at 10 a.m. As always, we will bring our own sandwich for lunch. If you are interested in playing with us, please contact **Ruth Rafello** at 650-728-3013 or rrafello@coastside.net.

We're always looking for new members. We are a social bridge group and have a lot of fun. We start at 10:30 a.m. and play until about 2:30 p.m.

Evening Book Group: All meetings are held at **Madeline McReynold's** home at 261 Medio, Half Moon Bay. We meet and nibble at 6:30 p.m. Book discussion starts at 7 p.m. Bring a nosh to share, if you wish.

Books for the coming months are: March 26: *How to Change Your Mind* by Michael Pollan; April 30: *Metamorphica* by Zachary Mason; May 28: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders.

Gourmet: Saturday, March 16, will feature a Cioppino Feast in two members' homes: **Chris Green** at 400 Balboa, Half Moon Bay, and **Nina Nelson** at 115 Vallejo, El Granada. The feast will be a sit-down late lunch from 1 to 4 p.m. Seating is limited to 24 for both homes. The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 4. Sign up via e-mail to barbnielsen6@gmail.com. Complete information and recipes will be mailed the week of March 11.

Great Books: The book selected for the March meeting of Great Books

is *Eleanor and Hick* by Susan Quinn. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Zaballa House, 324 Main St., Half Moon Bay. **Sheila Cresson** is the hostess and presenter. Please let Sheila know if you are coming.

Great Decisions: The group's next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at **Barbara Von Glahn's** house. We are jumping ahead just this once and discussing Chapter 4 in the *Great Decisions* book.

On Thursday, March 7, 6 to 8 p.m., Half Moon Bay Brewing Co. will host a free Brews & Views discussion relevant to our February and March topics: "Law & Story: Reframing the Conversation about Immigration." We will have an outing with whomever from the group is interested.

Janus: Our March luncheon will be at the home of **Jan Grierson**. We will meet at noon on Wednesday, March 27. RSVP (yes or no) to Jan at hmbgrieco@aol.com. Please bring a potluck dish to serve eight to 10 people and \$3 for the hostess. If you have any questions or would like to be on the group list, email **Mary Alice Pearce** at maalice_hmb@comcast.net.

Out & About: On Friday, April 5, we'll visit the California Historical Society Museum in San Francisco. The CHS Collection represents the environmental, economic, social, political and cultural heritage of the entire state. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors; free passes are available through *Discover & Go* at

the library. Meet at the New Leaf parking lot near the bus stop at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to **Sara Hayden** by Wednesday, April 3, at hayden.sara@gmail.com and indicate if you can drive that day. For more on CHS, visit californiahistoricalsociety.org.

Out to Breakfast: Out to Breakfast group meets every second Friday at 8:30 a.m. at Caffè Mezza Luna in Princeton. There is no need to RSVP – all are welcome! Our March breakfast is on Friday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m. at Caffè Mezza Luna (the cafe, not the restaurant). We hope to see you there!

Walk and Talk: Come join us on Monday mornings at 10 for a walk on our beautiful coastside. To find out from where we are leaving each Monday, send an email to **Marilyn Garrison** at marilyngarr@hotmail.com and she will add you to our list. You will receive a message about the Monday walk over the weekend.

Writers Group: We meet from 10 a.m. to noon in the community room at Lesley Gardens, 701 Arnold Way, Half Moon Bay, on the first and third Thursdays of the month. On the first Thursday we write from prompts and on the third Thursday we read from our work. All you need is a pen/pencil and paper or a laptop and your fertile imagination or memories.

Upcoming meeting dates are: March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, and June 6 and 20. Dates can change, so please email **Katie Murdock** at ktgm4@aol.com to add your name to the group list.

Share Your AAUW Fun with the Branch



Photo by Mary Alice Pearce

*A few members of the Janus interest group enjoying their February luncheon. From left to right: **Jan Grierson, Katie Murdock, Irene Baume, June Baxter, Dorothy Maurer and Alma Fletcher.***



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