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Advocacy for Foster Youth



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

Monday, May 20, 2019 • 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Community Room, Half Moon Bay Library

Please come and hear about CASA, a very important and relevant program to help foster youth. Our featured speaker is Nilda Aldridge, CASA recruitment and outreach coordinator.

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) is a nationwide organization that pairs trained, court-appointed volunteers with children in

need of support. The volunteer's role is to build a relationship with a dependent child and advocate for that child's best interests.

CASA volunteers do not act as social workers or attorneys. They are volunteers who have been trained and are supervised under specific guidelines set out under California law. AAUW member **Sheila Speiler**

is a CASA advocate. Our speaker will talk about the program and how it has helped children in our community.

Meeting reminders: Hospitality provided by Central Half Moon Bay. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., presentation begins at 7 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Meetings are open to the public.



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President's Message

Changes Improve Opportunities for Women

Mother's Day will be here soon
and I am reminded that
opportunities for women have
improved. Pay equity, political
equality and Title IX support these
changes. As a reminder, Title IX is
a lot more than athletics. It requires
recipients of federal education
funding to adhere to current
policies regarding sex
discrimination, sexual harassment
and violence, and to maintain
grievance procedures for
violations.

Another example was our
November 2018 meeting regarding
WIRE – Women who Identify,
Recruit and Elect – a nonpartisan
organization that helps women win
elected offices in Santa Clara and
San Mateo counties. A woman
running for national office usually
starts at a local level.

Mother's Day is a day to reflect
on, appreciate and support the vital
role of motherhood. Enjoy!

Barbara Von Glahn, President

Time's Up and the Alianza Nacional de Campesinas

In November 2017, a group of
Hollywood women helped
organize a "Take Back the
Workplace" march in Los Angeles.

The event caught the attention of
Mily Treviño -Saucedo and
Monica Ramirez, co-founders of
**Alianza Nacional de
Campesinas**, the first national
organization representing the
country's 700,000 women
farmworkers. Their major focus
has been exposing the rampant
sexual harassment and exploitation
on farms.

When Ms. Ramirez heard about
the march, she wrote a letter to the
organizers giving support to the
#MeToo movement. Suddenly the
public face was not just Hollywood
women, but all women. The
unexpected support from the
women farmworkers galvanized
women in Hollywood who
understood that their celebrity

could help spur change.

Actress **America Ferrera** and
Ms. Ramirez together announced
on the "Today Show" one of the
most powerful women's initiatives
in decades: **Time's Up**, an
organization launched by some of
the biggest names in entertainment
to support anyone in any profession
who speaks up about sexual
harassment in the workplace. The
core of Time's Up is a legal defense
fund that received more than 3,500
requests in its first nine months.
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
helped pave the way, but they are
just getting started; there is still a lot
of work that needs to be done.

(Taken from an article published
in the December 2018 issue of
Smithsonian magazine by Hector
Tobar.)

*Mary Vargas, Public Policy
Chair*

Revving up for STEM Camp 2019

Plans are coming along for our STEM Camp to be held July 9 to 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Informational flyers have been given to the math and science teachers at Cunha Intermediate School.

In turn, these teachers send the flyers home with the students who they recommended for Tech Trek, but were not chosen. Interested students will then work through the application process with **Mary Vargas**.

If you have math or science skills please consider volunteering to work with the students on hands-on projects in these fields. We also

need a few women to take part in a STEM panel discussion Friday morning, July 12, from 10 a.m. to noon.

We will need two people to walk to town with the students on Wednesday, July 10, at 1 p.m. and drivers on Thursday morning, July 11, to return the students from the beach to the high school.

If you know a woman working in the STEM fields who could be invited as a presenter, please contact Mary at 650-712-8699 or cvu59@aol.com.

Mary Vargas, STEM Camp Coordinator

STEM Interest Group Forming

AAUW-HMB provides STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) opportunities to eighth-grade girls through Tech Trek and STEM Camp. There is growing enthusiasm around starting an interest group about STEM subjects – cybersecurity, coding, robotics, etc. – for our branch members.

The projected focus would be to create a network of STEM expertise for branch programs, Tech Trek and local STEM activities, as well as to explore STEM topics of interest to group members.

Email Barbara Von Glahn at barbara_hmb@yahoo.com by May 20 to get in on the ground floor of what promises to be an exciting and dynamic group. We'll set a date for the first meeting and get some subject material together!

Welcome New Members

Our AAUW-HMB branch is continuing to grow.

Please welcome our newest members:

Anne Adams, Half Moon Bay, University of Michigan

Linda Daly, Half Moon Bay, University of Central Florida

Jan Forslund, Moss Beach, Central Missouri State University

Kristin Sutro, Half Moon Bay, University of North Dakota

Miriam Champion, Half Moon Bay, Michigan State University

Save the Date!

AAUW Membership Picnic
at the Ted Adcock
Community Center
September 21, 2019
11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.



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AAUW Bench Relocated to Half Moon Bay High School

Delores Crabb, Edna Cox Fund Chair, wrote in 2014 the following tribute [partial]:

“The American Association of University Women Half Moon Bay Branch is proud to pay tribute to charter member **Edna Cox** by providing the funding for the new public bench in front of the Half Moon Bay library. As an advocate for equal opportunities for women, especially in education, Edna loved AAUW. She helped guide AAUW-HMB branch leadership, often from the sidelines, encouraging every member to become involved. She served as branch parliamentarian and bylaws chair for many years.

“In 1993/94 the branch honored her by raising \$25,000 to endow an AAUW Research and Projects Grant in her name. These grants, managed by national AAUW, 'help women and girls achieve educational equity in local communities and advance or



change careers through advanced study.' Edna was very touched by this recognition and counted it among her favorite honors. She had a distinguished public service record and was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame in 1992.”

The bench ultimately was moved to

the front of the library at HMB High School and the AAUW-HMB Board decided to leave the bench there. Additional information about Edna Cox and her contributions to the community and the HMB branch of AAUW will be provided to the high school.

Katie Murdock

History Tidbit

1972: Our branch was six years old and had 60 members. A committee was spearheaded to bring food to farm workers out of work because of one of the wettest, coldest winters in Coastside history.

Several members taught English to farm workers at El Granada School while others regularly visited a ranch to teach English, sewing, and to conduct a nursery school program.

And *Tidings* was copied on mimeograph paper!

Barbara Von Glahn, President

Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

Joy Dardanelle, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction for Cabrillo Unified School District, was the main speaker at our April meeting. She spoke about how the school district interacts with families.

One of the main efforts is through Family Literacy Nights, which are held three times per year at Farallone View Elementary School and Moonridge. Child care, food and supplies are provided.

Activities include hands-on projects tailored to the theme of the event. Goals of the program are to honor families, improve

communication and encourage parent feedback.

Dardanelle believes the role of the parent is to support their child, to monitor, advocate, collaborate and make decisions. It is not their job to educate.

CUSD Superintendent **Jane Yuster** made an impassioned plea for support of education finance bill AB 39, which increases the school district and charter school Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) base grant targets, and creates a new grant add-on.

Mary Alice Pearce, Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

The AAUW HMB Scholarship Selection Process

The Scholarship Committee is busy reading the 21 scholarship applications that came in this year. Winners will be selected at the end of this month. As a local organization, we are proud of giving scholarships since 1973 to local young women who are actively pursuing a four-year degree.

We thought AAUW-HMB members would like to know how winners are selected.

November: The committee requests addresses for female graduates of HMB High School and Pescadero High School who would be entering their junior or senior year of college. To qualify, applicants must:

- be a junior or senior college student.
- must be a full-time student at a four-year accredited college or university in fall 2019.

December: The committee mails applications to eligible participants.

January/February: The committee announces the application process on social media (Facebook, Nextdoor) and posts flyers around town.

March: The committee accepts applications that are postmarked by March 30.

April: To eliminate any bias, the committee anonymizes the applications so that the reader cannot identify the applicants when they read them. Each reader receives a packet of the scholarship applications.

The readers review the applications and score them using a rubric – a guide used to evaluate the quality of each student's responses. Points are assigned for:

- essay content and style (1,000 to 2,500 words).
- college GPA
- college honors/awards.
- extracurricular involvement and volunteer experience.
- paid work experience.
- financial need.

The essay prompts include:

Tell us about your life and education journey. You can decide what is important for the committee to know about you. Most importantly, speak from your heart and help the committee get to know you.

While you are NOT limited to

these prompts, suggestions include:

What were the major influencers that brought you to where you are today? What are your passions? What is your education goal? Career goal? What have you done so far to prepare yourself for your career?

End of April: The committee of six meets to discuss rankings and determine the winners. The number of winners depends on available funds. This year we expect to award two or three scholarships. Only committee members may vote for winners. This year's committee: **Lee Ellis, Barbara Cohen, Terry Kujawa, Katie Murdock, Carolyn Seaton** and **Sheila Spieller**. Co-chairs **Sue Hatfield** and **Suzanne DuFore** moderate the process, but do not vote or influence the decision.

The committee will announce this year's winners in *Tidings* and celebrate the winners at the June luncheon.

If you have any questions, please email Suzanne DuFore at suzannedufore@gmail.com.

Suzanne DuFore, Scholarship Committee Co-chair



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It's AAUW Membership Renewal Time!

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their dues, but I still need to hear from most of the membership. Total dues are \$110 (\$59 national, \$20 state and \$31 branch). Should you need dues assistance, please contact **Barbara Von Glahn**, President, or **Sheila Spieller**, Membership VP.

As an incentive for you to renew your dues by the June 1 deadline, there will be a prize drawing for a lovely gift basket, donated by Steve and Sheila Spieller. There are lots of goodies in the basket: a gift certificate to B Street and Vine, movie tickets, wine, plus more for an approximate value of \$100.

At our general meetings, you can pay your dues via credit or debit card. Please note that there will be a \$3 processing fee for this service.

Please follow these simple instructions for paying:

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 it to a general meeting. Include a separate note if you are changing any pertinent information for the directory, such as a new email or mailing address.

Please consider donating to five other AAUW programs: Tech Trek,

Local Scholarship, AAUW Fund, STEM Camp and Speech Trek. Please note your donation in the memo line of your check.

Thank you for continuing to support the branch by renewing your membership.

You will also make my life so much easier if you renew by the June 1 deadline. You know you don't want to get an email or call from me over the summer! So right now, stop reading *Tidings*, go get your checkbook, write a check for \$110, and stick it in the mail!

Now that you are back to finishing *Tidings*, don't you feel better? Plus now you have a chance to win the gift basket. Just think, if you win the gift basket valued at \$100, your dues will only cost you \$10 this year!

Mary Sheridan, Membership Treasurer

Join a National AAUW Committee or Task Force

AAUW depends on the dedication and commitment of its members and supporters to ensure the vitality of the organization and its programs. Volunteer leaders join national committees to advise the AAUW Board of Directors on issues like public policy, inclusion and equity, organizational governance and more.

Some committees are established by the AAUW bylaws and assist the national board in fulfilling its governance and oversight responsibilities. Other committees were created by the board to provide advice and make recommendations on key functions of the organization. All committees serve to connect a

community of AAUW members and support to the AAUW Board of Directors, working to strengthen AAUW's impact in the lives of women and girls.

AAUW's 11 committees and task forces are described in more detail in each committee's charter, which can be found by clicking on the following names.

We hope you'll consider applying for a national committee to put your expertise to work on behalf of women and girls. Applications are accepted each spring.

AAUW Committees and Task Forces as of July 1, 2019:

[Executive Committee](#)

[Audit Committee](#)
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• [Inclusion & Equity Committee](#)
[Legal Advocacy Fund Committee](#)
[Public Policy Committee](#)
[Strategic Planning Task Force](#)
[AAUW National](#)

Sort, Save, Price, Drop off and Sell

Our seventh annual White Elephant Rummage Sale is June 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Train Depot, 110 Higgins Canyon, Half Moon Bay.

Time to load up our vehicles and drop off our fabulous and well-priced items.

Drop-off times are Thursday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday, May 31, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Questions about donation guidelines? Visit the [AAUW-HMB website](#). The guidelines are conveniently listed there!

To make this sale run smoothly, there are a few items we could use:

- long tables
- sturdy clothing racks
- collapsible bookcases
- trucks.

We especially need trucks to bring everything to the Train Depot.

The advertising looks fantastic, thanks to **Nancy Evans** and her crew. Now it's up to all of us to spread the word and get a lot of buyers for the sale.

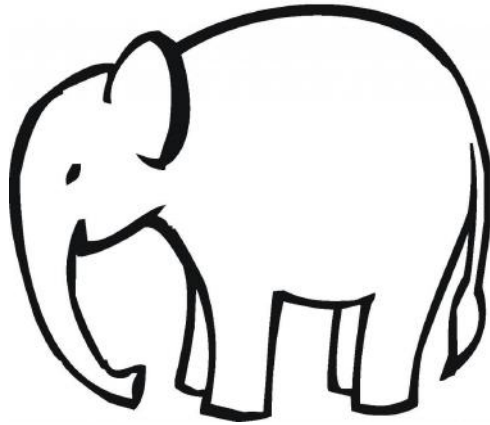
If you have not already signed up to volunteer, please contact **Mary Sheridan** to fill a slot.

If you have a really cool item, please take a picture and send it to **Peggy Rozhon** so she can post it on Craigslist.

This yearly fundraiser has netted our branch nearly \$15,000 to be used for

scholarships, Tech Trek, AAUW Fund and STEM Camp. Let's keep up the good work and the fun times.

Any questions? Contact Mary at mary.b.sheridan@gmail.com or 650-722-3554 or Peggy at prozhon@gmail.com or 650-712-9143.



News from Our Congressional District

Rep. **Jackie Speier** publishes a weekly newsletter about what she has been working on. To subscribe, visit speier.house.gov. Recently she has been working on the following:

1. HR 2143: Promoting Integrity in Medicare Act of 2019, would prevent doctors from referring patients for unnecessary and ancillary medical services.

2. HR 2298: ROBOCOP (Repeated Objectionable Bothering of Consumers on Phones) Act, would

require phone companies to provide customers with free tools to stop robocalls.

3. HR 1644: Save the Internet Act of 2019, would prevent Internet companies from blocking, throttling or prioritizing content.

In other news, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the Paycheck Fairness Act by a vote of 242-187. It now goes to the Senate, where the going will be more difficult.

Mary Vargas, Public Policy Chair

Save the Date

May 2

Coastside Gives

May 14

2019 AAUW National election voting closes

May 15

Deadline for submitting articles for June Tidings

May 15

Last day to submit an **application** to join the AAUW Leadership team

May 30-31

White Elephant Rummage Sale Drop-off

June 1

White Elephant Rummage Sale

June 15

Recognition Luncheon

September 21

AAUW Membership Picnic

Please check the calendars on the [AAUW-HMB](#), [AAUW-CA](#) and [AAUW](#) websites for updates, additional events and announcements.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
				Coastside Gives all day Writers 10 a.m.	Out & About 9:30 a.m.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.			Great Books 2 p.m.	Out to Breakfast 8:30 a.m.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Great Decisions 7 p.m.		Writers 10 a.m.	Bridge 10:30 a.m.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. General Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Janus noon			
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Memorial Day Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Evening Books 7 p.m.		White Elephant Rummage Sale Drop-off 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	White Elephant Rummage Sale Drop-off 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	White Elephant Rummage Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join an Interest Group, Make New Friends

Bridge: Friday, May 17 (which happens to be Norway's Independence Day) is our next bridge day. We will be playing at the home of Sheila Cresson at 10:30 a.m. If you'd like to join us, please call or email **Ruth Raffello** at 650-728-3013 or r Raffello@coastside.net. An email will be sent to all regular players.

Evening Books: On May 28, we'll discuss *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. As always, we'll meet at **Madeline McReynolds'** home at 261 Medio Ave. in Miramar. We meet and nibble at 7 p.m. Book discussion starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring a nosh to share, if you wish.

Great Books: The May selection is *The Dollmaker* by Harriette Arnow. We will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, at the home of **Barb Steinberg**. Please let Barb know if you are coming.

Great Decisions: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, at **Barbara Von Glahn's** house, from 7 to 9 p.m. Discussion will be from Chapter 3 on nuclear negotiations from the Great Decisions book.

Janus: **Iris Rogers** will host our May luncheon at the El Granada

Mobile Home Park community building. We will meet at noon on Wednesday, May 22. Please remember to RSVP (yes or no) to **Iris** at 650-728-7223 or irisrogers@att.net. Please bring a potluck dish to serve eight to 10 people and \$3 for the hostess. If you have questions, or would like to be on the group list, please e-mail **Mary Alice Pearce** at maalice_hmb@comcast.net.

Out & About: On Friday, May 3, we'll visit the Ruth Bancroft Garden & Nursery in Walnut Creek. Admission: adults, \$10; seniors, \$8. Learn more at www.ruthbancroftgarden.org. Meet at the New Leaf parking lot near the bus stop at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to **Sara Hayden** by Wednesday, May 1, at hayden.sara@gmail.com, and indicate if you can drive that day. If time permits, we may make a side trip to The Gardens at Heather Farm. See <https://gardenshf.org/> for more information.

Out to Breakfast: We meet every second Friday at 8:30 a.m. at Caff  Mezza Luna in Princeton (the cafe, not the restaurant). There is no need to RSVP - all are welcome! Our May

breakfast is on Friday, May 10, at 8:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

STEM: This new group will meet for the first time in May or June. If you're interested in joining this group, email **Barbara Von Glahn** at barbara_hmb@yahoo.com by May 20 and let her know what days and times work best for you. See [page 3](#) for more information about the group.

Walk & Talk: If you'd like to join a friendly group to walk on the beautiful Coastside every Monday morning at 10, send your email address to **Marilyn Garrison** at marilyngarr@hotmail.com and she'll send you an email over the weekend to tell you where we're meeting.

Writers: Did you miss the April meetings? Sorry - you would have heard interesting stories. You have another chance on May 2 and May 16 to join the group. Bring a snapshot - old style or on your phone - and tell the group about the picture: who, where, what, why and when. We meet from 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Room at Leslie Gardens, 701 Arnold Way, Half Moon Bay.



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Voting at the State Level is Important

Our bylaws limit the AAUW California Board of Directors to 12 members, including President, President-Elect, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Directors (at large). In 2019 we are voting to elect four positions:

- President-Elect (one-year term 2019–2020)
- Chief Financial Officer (two-year term 2019-2021)
- Two Directors (two-year term 2019-2021)

You also can vote on public policy priorities.

The three-week voting period began April 22 and ends May 13.

How do I vote?

We provide every member the opportunity to vote electronically, with phone voting for those who

cannot vote online.

Each member with a valid email address on file with National AAUW will receive an email



message containing a personal invitation to vote. There will be a link that will take you to the ballot.

Members without a valid email address on file will be mailed a postcard with information about how to vote online or by phone.

What do I do if I don't get an

email or a postcard?

Call the AAUW California office at 916-448-7795 to vote by phone. You will need your AAUW member ID in order to vote.

Where do I find candidate information?

Candidate information was included in the winter edition of the *California Perspective* and is also available online. Click [here](#).

Where do I find Public Policy Priority information?

Public Policy Priority information was included in the winter edition of the *California Perspective* and is also available online. Click [here](#).

Susan Negrete, AAUW-CA Chair, Nominations & Election Committee



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