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'Tis the Season for a Holiday Party



Holiday Party • Cookie Exchange • Gift Exchange

Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Community Room, Half Moon Bay Library

Let's take these two hours and cram them full of cookies and intriguing gifts.

Program and Membership VPs will provide steaming creamy mushroom soup to warm the cockles of your heart.

It's a cookie exchange, so please bring two dozen homemade cookies. Unless your grandma was Sara Lee, we strongly encourage you to bake, not buy. Maybe some of you could gather to bake cookies for the party. Remember when you and mom, dad, grandma or grandpa savored the time making cookies? Call upon those recipes of yore and

delight us with two dozen of their cookies. We'll have boxes for you to take home your cookies.

For the white elephant gift exchange, surprise us. Please bring a wrapped gift valued between \$10 and \$20. It can be new, nearly new or vintage. We'll go around the circle three times, laughing and swapping away the evening.

Whether your thoughts turn to a holy baby, oil that lasted eight days, or to midwinter when one of the poles tilts away from the sun, come and celebrate. **For this gathering, please RSVP to prozhon@gmail.com.**

Meeting Reminders

*Hospitality for the holiday party will be handled by **Nina Nelson** and all who are able to help her.*

Please bring a reusable cup to this and all future events.

*Our January meeting will be Monday, Jan. 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the HMB Library Community Room. The topic will be "Enacting a Law: The Process, Passion and Persistence." Our speakers will be **Terry Kujawa, MSW**, and **Regina Deihl, J.D.**, a 40-year+ foster care advocate.*



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Neighborhood Groups

South Half Moon Bay, Central Half Moon Bay, North Half Moon Bay, El Granada/Miramar and Moss Beach/Montara. Look for the distribution in your directory.

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President's Message

100 Years Ago and Still Relevant

1848 was the beginning of the woman's suffrage movement at the national level. The two-sentence 19th Amendment was ratified on Aug. 20, 1920. Needless to say, there was a lot happening during those intervening years. It is our hard-earned right to vote now, and vote we must.

When my ballot arrived in the mail recently, I had one thing to vote on! That will change next year at this time.

As we enter this busy political year, an Oct. 24 email from our National President **Kimberly Churches** gave guidance regarding what AAUW focuses on with candidates' stances. After the

reminder that we have always been a nonpartisan organization, she listed five important issues for AAUW:

1. Equal pay for equal work
2. Investing in education
3. Reducing student debt
4. Strengthening Social Security
5. Implementing paid leave

I will use these as I assess my decisions. Expansion on all these topics can be found on the [AAUW website](http://aauw.org).

Thankfully, we are part of an organization still watching out for women's issues. The fight continues.

Barbara Von Glahn, President

Chamber Education Committee Roundup

October meeting:

The October meeting focused on school funding. Cabrillo Unified School District must cut more than \$1 million by the end of this year. Support for Measure I was stressed; although passage will help, it will not solve the financial problems. Mention was also made of an upcoming push to close a loophole in Prop. 13 by putting a measure on the 2020 ballot, which would help school funding.

November meeting:

The main presentation was on the upcoming census. **Anne Im** from Silicon Valley Community Foundation gave an overview of the census and efforts by the

foundation to make sure that there is an accurate count. She stressed the importance of assuring residents, especially immigrants, that the data is important and they will not be asked about their citizenship status.

Note: The initiative to "fix" Prop. 13 is called "Schools and Communities First." More than 1.2 million signatures are needed by mid-March to get it on the ballot for 2020. It will not affect residential properties. You can email **Mary Alice Pearce** at maalice_hmb@comcast.net for more detailed information or to arrange to sign the petition.

Mary Alice Pearce, Education Committee Representative

The Big Lift Collaborative

When I attended the Big Lift Collaborative meeting on Nov. 5, I learned how important it is that all residents, including infants and children, of San Mateo County be counted in the 2020 Census.

The guest speaker at The Big Lift Collaborative, **Amy Ng**, who is the San Mateo County Immigration Program Officer for Census 2020, spoke of the challenges being faced by census takers. The Coastside area is considered one of the "Hard to Count/Least Likely to Respond" areas in San Mateo County. An undercount of children, immigrants or the homeless in 2020 could cost California more than \$3 billion in federally funded programs such as Head Start, special education, Medicaid (Medi-Cal) and the food program SNAP.

The census count also

determines how many representatives California is apportioned. California almost lost a representative position in 2010 because of a misleadingly low census count. It is vital to spread the word that there will be no citizenship question on the census. Private information gathered by the census remains confidential and will not be shared with other federal

agencies such as ICE, so non-citizens need not fear being counted.

If you are able to share this information with friends and acquaintances, please do. Volunteers will be needed to help assist people respond to the census. If you are interested in becoming a San Mateo County "Census Ambassador" contact SMC_census@smcgov.org.

Sue Hatfield, AAUW Representative



Membership Matters

We had a lovely evening at this year's first New Member Happy Hour/Tea. Thanks to **Kathleen Freitas'** wonderful hospitality, three of our new members - **Linda Daly, Linda Filling and Dianne Glenwright** - got to learn about AAUW. Many thanks to **Peggy Rozhon** and **Lee Ellis** who helped educate our new members!

We will hold another New Member Happy Hour/Tea after the first of the year. We will send invitations to all new members from the past two years who have not attended a Happy Hour yet.

Happy holidays to all from your Membership Co-Vice Presidents **Kathleen Freitas** and **Sheila Spieller!**

History Tidbit

1981: Trenkins McClain, Joyce Anzenc and Ruth Rafello attended AAUW National's 100th anniversary centennial convention in Boston.

Barbara Von Glahn, President



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Local 2020 Scholarship Application Period is Open



It's scholarship season once again. To be eligible for a \$2,000 AAUW scholarship, applicants must be:

- Women graduates from Half Moon Bay High School, Pescadero High School or Pilarcitos Alternative High School.
- Enrolled full-time in a four-year university in fall 2020 entering their

junior or senior year of college.

Scholarships are awarded to students based on their accomplishments in their coursework, their involvement in their college and community, their aspirations, and their financial need. AAUW has awarded scholarships to a wide range of local women and all are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must submit an essay, transcripts and a completed application postmarked by March 20, 2020. For more information, please contact **Suzanne DuFore**, Local Scholarship Co-Chair, at suzannedufore@gmail.com.

Please share the news!

Convention 2020

Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future

Save the date for the AAUW California Convention – April 17-19, 2020. We'll meet at the Westin San Francisco Airport in Millbrae. Watch *Tidings* for more details in the months ahead.

Next year is also the 100th anniversary of women gaining suffrage – an important milestone for achieving that equality for which we continue to strive.

Join us in April for *Remembering the Past, Rockin' the Future*!



Contribute to Tech Trek Camp Hopper 2020

The November issue of *Tidings* highlighted a few ways to help with all of Tech Trek, including sponsoring field trip buses (\$700), covering the cost of room and board for the high school counselors (\$750), or sponsoring a class activity such as flashlight circuitry (\$750).

Donations of more than \$250 will be acknowledged by AAUW-CA Special Projects Fund. If your gift is being matched by an employer, please tell **Julie Gerth** and she will send you the appropriate form.

If you'd like to contribute to AAUW-Half Moon Bay's Tech Trek 2020 scholarships specifically for Coastside girls, end-of-year donations should be made payable

to the branch and sent to Julie Gerth. Camp Treasurer **Gail Chesler** (Walnut Creek branch) reminds us that end-of-year donations for the whole camp are also welcome.

If you'd like to help bridge the gap between what AAUW-CA pays for girls' scholarships and the overall cost of camp, end-of-year donations should be made by Dec. 12 payable to AAUW-CA-SPF and sent to Julie Gerth.

Either type of contribution to Tech Trek is tax-deductible as both our branch and AAUW-CA's Special Projects Fund are 501(c)(3) nonprofits. In either case, be sure to put Camp Hopper/Stanford on the memo line.

Julie Gerth, Tech Trek

Save the Date

December 16
Holiday Party

January 13, 2020
AAUW General Meeting

February 22, 2020
AAUW General Meeting

March 16, 2020
AAUW General Meeting

April 17-19, 2020
AAUW CA Convention
San Francisco

April 20, 2020
AAUW General Meeting

May 18, 2020
AAUW General Meeting

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

AAUW California Needs You

Nominations are open for secretary or one of seven director positions open in 2020.

While the deadline to announce your candidacy and have it published in the winter edition of *California Perspective* is Dec. 1, the actual deadline for running is April 4, 2020. The voting period is April 17 to May 8, 2020.

If you win a director position, the

AAUW-CA President will assign you a committee to direct.


Email **Janice Lee**, head of the Nominations and Elections Committee, at nominating@aauw-ca.org if you'd like to run.

Carolann Ford, Committee Member, Nominations and Elections, AAUW-CA and AAUW SEIBC Liaison



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Evening Books 6:30 p.m.		Out & About 3 p.m.		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. STEM 6:30 p.m.				Out to Breakfast 8:30 a.m.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. General Meeting & Holiday Party 6:30 p.m.		Janus noon		Bridge 10:30 a.m.	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Hanukkah begins at sunset	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.		Christmas Day	Kwanzaa begins		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. Hanukkah ends at sunset		New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends			

Join an Interest Group, Make New Friends

Bridge: Our next game will be Friday, Dec. 20, at 10:30 a.m. in the Zaballa House parlor, 324 Main St., Half Moon Bay. Bring an interest in bridge, a spirit of fun, a sandwich and \$2 for beverages. Snacks will be provided. If you want to attend or have any questions, please contact **Sheila Cresson** at 415-732-9924 or sheilacresson@gmail.com.



Evening Books: Books, potluck and brilliant discussion. That's the way to start the holiday season. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at **Madeline McReynolds'** home, 261 Medio Ave., Half Moon Bay. Please bring a dinner item to share. **Helen Paul** will facilitate the discussion on *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane.



Gourmet: We will not meet in December. Our next event will be Saturday, Jan. 25, at the home of **Jan Grierson**.



Great Books: No books are on the agenda in December.



Great Decisions: The evening Great Decisions group will not meet until Feb. 11, 2020. See next year's topics [here](#). The Foreign Policy books may be purchased [here](#).



Janus: **Nina Nelson** will host Janus at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Bring a potluck dish to serve eight to 10 people and \$3 for the hostess. Be sure to RSVP yes or no to Nina at nencgn@yahoo.com. All are welcome. If you would like to be on the group list, email **Mary Alice Pearce** at maalice_hmb@comcast.net.



Out & About: On Thursday evening, Dec. 5, we'll visit Filoli's Garden Lights holiday exhibit. Admission is \$35 and includes wine and chocolate tasting, live music and crafts. We'll go **rain or shine**. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended; buy your ticket [here](#). We'll meet at the New Leaf parking lot near the bus stop at 3 p.m. Email **Sara Hayden** at hayden.sara@gmail.com by Tuesday, Dec. 3, if you'd like to join

us. Please indicate if you can drive that day.



Out to Breakfast: On Friday, Dec. 13, at 8:30 a.m., we'll meet for breakfast at Caffé Mezzaluna (the café, not the restaurant) in Princeton. Please join us! There is no need to RSVP - just come along for breakfast and fellowship. All are welcome!



STEM: We'll meet Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m., at 201 Medio Ave., West Miramar. We will continue the discussion about how VISA protects and secures our information. Please bring any item on cybersecurity to share. Also, bring a silver item to clean by a simple chemical process - chemists at work! Simple munchies also provided.



Walk & Talk: Join us Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon for a walk on our beautiful Coastside. Send your name and email to **Marilyn Garrison** at marilyngarr@hotmail.com and she'll add you to the weekly email list.



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Gourmet Goes out on the Town



The Gourmet group went out to Mezzaluna on Nov. 16 for an evening of great Italian food, wine and conversation.



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