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Enacting a Law: The Process, Passion and Persistence



Monday, Jan. 13, 2019 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Community Room B, Half Moon Bay Library

Local, state and federal laws are sponsored, debated, altered and enacted.

But who starts the process? People who care deeply enough to shoulder through the arduous process.

Both of our evening's speakers worked with government agencies to get laws enacted. Each has a personal story to share. HMB branch member **Terry Kujawa** – LICSW, ACSW, Diplomate in Clinical Social Work – harnessed her formidable social work expertise to pass legislation regarding care for postpartum depression. **Regina Deihl** – JD,

Director and Co-Founder of Legal Advocates for Permanent Parenting – worked for the passage of the Orderly and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act 2006, sponsored by Rep. Tom Delay of Texas.

The laws of the land can start with one person and a good idea. Join us for this evening of personal conviction transformed into law.

Note: For information on the overall legislative process, go to the Library of Congress's **How Our Laws are Made** and **Enactment of a Law**.

Peggy Rozhon, Program Vice President

Meeting Reminders

Hospitality provided by Montara and Moss Beach members.

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

Speech Trek Time! Join us to hear our youth speakers at our February meeting, Saturday, Feb. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m., in HMB Library Community Room B.

*Our additional guest speaker will be **Brigid O'Farrell**, who will share her insights about women and politics.*



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President's Message Ode to a New Year

A special freshness adheres to a new year. Saying goodbye to 2019 prompts me to offer kudos to our organization for the efforts made to promote equity for women and girls – while having fun along the way.

I need to highlight accomplishments achieved last year at national, state and branch levels. The Work Smart program established at the national level was a great success; AAUW partnered with the Coca-Cola Foundation to train 100,000 women online or in workshops to seek the salary they deserve. Ultimately, 102,656 women now are wiser and more empowered, enabling them to work toward balancing pay equity as well as securing their retirement. AAUW California developed an advocacy and research support program for relevant legislation toward the mission. As a result, 14 bills will become law. Any member can obtain action alerts at www.aauw-ca.org/sign-action-alerts.

Our branch had our first fundraiser of the year during Pumpkin Festival. The profits will be split between AAUW Funds, Tech Trek, Local Scholarship, Speech Trek and our local STEM

Camp. We sent \$6,000 from branch AAUW funds to National in December.

Looking into the new year, our branch will have more fundraisers – Theatre Bash in February/March and Coastsides Gives in May. Profits from these also will be divided.

Our branch programs are Speech Trek in February, Local Scholarship in March and Tech Trek and local STEM Camp in July. As just one example of the benefits of AAUW's programs, the April general meeting will feature a speaker who received a career development grant from our **Ruth Rafello** endowment. Coca-Cola has funded another AAUW grant for this year, so expect more from the Work Smart program. AAUW California is working vigilantly toward more legislation this year.

Achievement in 2019 was possible because of *you!* The first step is paying dues that support all three levels. Next is branch involvement by attending meetings and volunteering to participate as you can. Please continue to support the efforts of AAUW at all levels in 2020.

Barbara Von Glahn, President

History Tidbit

1982: From the December *Tidings*: “Several years ago, a small group of AAUW members brought the Christmas Bureau to the San Mateo Coastsides.”

What began as an interest group is now a huge volunteer project run by Coastsides Opportunity Center. In its inimitable style, AAUW started a service that has become a community tradition and members are still very involved.

Barbara Von Glahn, President

Help Your Non-Degreed Friends Join AAUW

Do you know someone who would be an asset to AAUW, but doesn't have a degree and hasn't been able to become a member? You can submit a letter to the AAUW National Board with justification for why you believe the individual is deserving of membership, including a list from the prospective member of her work and volunteer experience.

The requests for membership will be reviewed and voted on by the AAUW National Board. A notification will then be sent to the

branch.

Let's flood them with requests before our Feb. 1 membership deadline. What a great way to get new members (ones who really want to join).

This is a strong and positive way to end our year – let those women and men know that they are wanted by showing your support for their inclusion in our organization.

Kathleen Freitas and Sheila Spieller, Membership Vice Presidents

Membership News

Happy New Year! We will hold another new member happy hour in late January or early February. We will notify any new members from last year and this year who have not yet attended one of these events. Also, if you have any friends who may be interested in AAUW, we can invite them as well. You can send an email to **Sheila Spieller** at sheilamspieller@gmail.com or **Kathleen Freitas** at kaf4327@gmail.com.

Kathleen Freitas and Sheila Spieller, Membership VPs

White Elephant Gift Exchange Inspires Lots of Giggles and Friendly Chaos



Our December meeting was a fun-filled cookie and gift exchange. Hilarity ensued. See page 8 for more photos.





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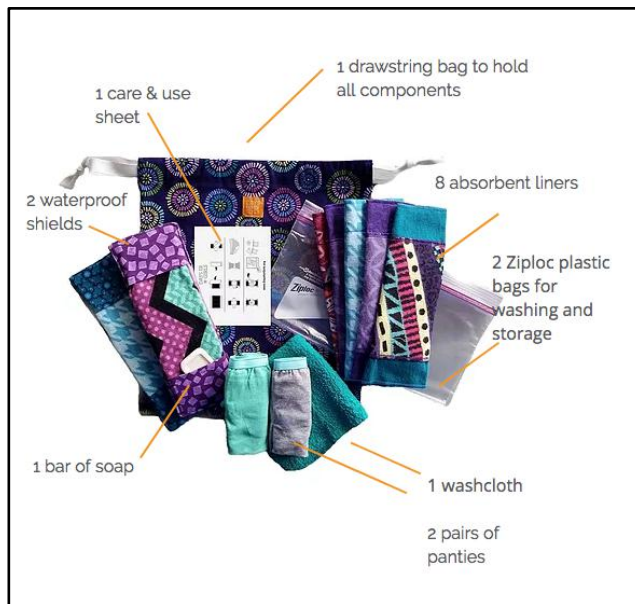
AAUW California Convention

Volunteering and Days for Girls Hygiene Kits

The *California Perspective* newsletter will arrive soon with detailed information about the state convention, which will be held locally April 17-19. Not only will there be an opportunity to attend and be inspired, but to volunteer. By volunteering for five hours during the three days of convention, you will be credited with \$120 off registration costs. Tasks include things such as collecting evaluations from workshops, collecting dinner tickets, registration assistance, being a greeter or directing attendees.

On Saturday, April 18, during the plenary session, there will be a hands-on project compiling items for a Days for Girls Hygiene Kit. This was designed by **Celeste Mergens**

when she learned that, in several countries, girls were not able to go to



confined to their rooms or to a shed away from the public eye. They fall behind in their school work and eventually drop out. The kits created at convention will be distributed through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to Rwanda Refugee Camps.

There is a need to pre-sew and serge some of the items in the kit; very specific instructions are available. If you would like to volunteer and/or sew items for the hygiene kit in advance of the convention, please contact Barbara Von Glahn at barbara_hmb@yahoo.com.

Barbara Von Glahn,

President

school or engage in meaningful work during their menses. Instead, they are

Our Support of AAUW National through AAUW Funds

As a branch, we made a \$6,000 donation to AAUW Funds in 2019. The funds for our gift were raised through our 2019 fundraisers: Theater Bash, Coastside Gives, White Elephant Sale and Pumpkin Festival. Many thanks to the volunteers who made these fundraisers possible and the branch members and community members who supported them.

I also want to thank our members who donated directly to the AAUW Fund. Through the third quarter of 2019, individual members donated a total of \$1,395.

Our donation to the AAUW Fund was split between several of the new

fund categories implemented in 2019. We donated \$4,500 to the Greatest Needs Fund, which allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize gifts where they're needed most. The remaining \$1,500 was divided equally between the following funds:

- Education and Training – Addressing the barriers and implicit bias that hinder the advancement of women
- Economic Security – Ensuring livelihoods for women
- Leadership – Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities

The AAUW Funds Committee composed of **Carol Joyce**, VP AAUW Funds; **Diana Kalos**, past VP AAUW Funds; **Mary Alice Pearce** and **Mary Sheridan** decided how the donation would be divided among the new fund categories.

Once again, I want to acknowledge all the effort and support that enables our branch to support AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Well done!

*Carol Joyce, Vice President,
AAUW Funds*

Interest Group Spotlight: Great Decisions

When this interest group began in 2004, **June Baxter**, president at the time, asked **Cornelia Gould**, who was active in Great Decisions in another branch, to lead the group. Two members who initially started in the group are still participating today. It's a popular interest group in several AAUW branches throughout the nation.

The Foreign Policy Association annually compiles and publishes a book called *Great Decisions* with eight subjects of international relevance. This organization was founded with a distinguished group of academics and journalists who were sensing the need to rally public support for President Woodrow Wilson's vision for a new world order. In the early 1920s, FPA decided that it should not seek to influence foreign policy decisions directly, but to focus instead on public education. Currently, its mission is

inseparable from America's role in the world.

The topics covered in 2019 were global migration, Middle East, nuclear negotiations, nationalism in Europe, trade with China, cyber conflict, U.S. and Mexico and the state of diplomacy. These articles were written by experts chosen by FPA to inform the reader on topical facts.

Our branch's group starts again in February after the books are published and will continue for eight months, ending in September. Participants pay \$30 for the book, which covers eight topics. Leadership of the monthly meeting rotates to a new volunteer each month. The meetings are the second Tuesday of every month in the evening at different members' homes. Goodies are, of course, available.

Barbara Von Glahn, Chair Great Decisions



Save the Date

January 13, 2020
General Meeting

February 22, 2020
General Meeting

March 16, 2020
General Meeting

April 17-19, 2020
AAUW CA Convention
San Francisco

April 20, 2020
General Meeting

May 18, 2020
General Meeting

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			New Year's Day			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.			Great Books 2 p.m.	Out to Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Out & About 9:30 a.m.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. General Meeting 6:30 p.m.				Bridge 10:30 a.m.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Walk & Talk 10 a.m.		Janus noon			Gourmet 6 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Evening Books 7 p.m.				

Join an Interest Group, Make New Friends

Bridge: We'll play on Friday, Jan. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Zaballa House, 324 Main St., HMB. **Evie Tutorow** will hostess. Bring a sandwich and \$2 for beverages. Email **Sheila Cresson** at sheilacresson@gmail.com for more information.



Evening Book Group: We start 2020 with *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, which will be presented by **Antoinette Wrubel**. We'll meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Madeline McReynolds' home, 261 Medio Ave., HMB. Books selected for the first half of the year are (all dates are Tuesdays): Feb. 25, *The Feather Thief*; March 31, *Killers of the Flower Moon*; April 28, *Unsheltered*; May 26, *Clock Dance*; June 30, *The Most Fun We Ever Had*.



Gourmet: Gung Hay Fat Choy! Happy New Year! The first Gourmet dinner for 2020 is on the first night of the Lunar New Year, Saturday, Jan. 25. We will celebrate the Year of the Rat with an Asian-inspired menu. Our hosts are **Alan** and **Jan Grierson**. We will gather in their home at 900 Alsace Lorraine, HMB, at 6 p.m. Maximum 20 people. Reserve your place by calling 650-726-5873 no later

than Jan. 10. Recipes will be distributed by Jan. 15.



Great Books: We will discuss *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, at the home of **Carolyn Valoria**. Please let Carolyn know if you would like to attend.



Great Decisions: This group uses study books published by the Foreign Policy Association. The group will meet next at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11, at **Barbara Von Glahn's** home. Our first topic is climate change and the global order.



Janus: **Anne Grauzlis** will host Janus at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Senior Center, 925 Main St., HMB. She would like helpers before and after to eliminate some of the 14-plus trips to and from her apartment. Bring a potluck dish to serve eight to 10 people and \$3 for the hostess. Please RSVP yes or no to Anne by phone at 619-417-0465 or to **Mary Alice Pearce** at the email below. All are welcome. If you would like to be on the group list, email **Mary Alice** at maalice_hmb@comcast.net.



Out & About: On Friday, Jan. 10,

we'll visit the American Bookbinders Museum in San Francisco. Admission is \$15; \$12 for those 62+. Meet in the New Leaf parking lot near the bus stop at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to **Sara Hayden** at hayden.sara@gmail.com by Wednesday, Jan. 8.



Out to Breakfast: On Friday, Jan. 10, 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: Toward the end of January, we will visit the Tech Museum in San Jose, primarily for the exhibit "Body Worlds Decoded." If you'd like to go, email **Barbara Von Glahn** at barbara_hmb@yahoo.com. In February, we will meet again on a Monday evening. Topic and activity to be determined.




Walk & Talk: Join us on Mondays at 10 a.m. and walk on the beautiful Coastside for about two hours. If you'd like to join us, email **Marilyn Garrison** at marilyngarr@hotmail.com.



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Holiday Party

Creative gifts and tasty cookies. What more could you ask for from an evening with AAUW? A big thank you to **Peggy Rozhon**, Program Vice President, for throwing a great party just for us!



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