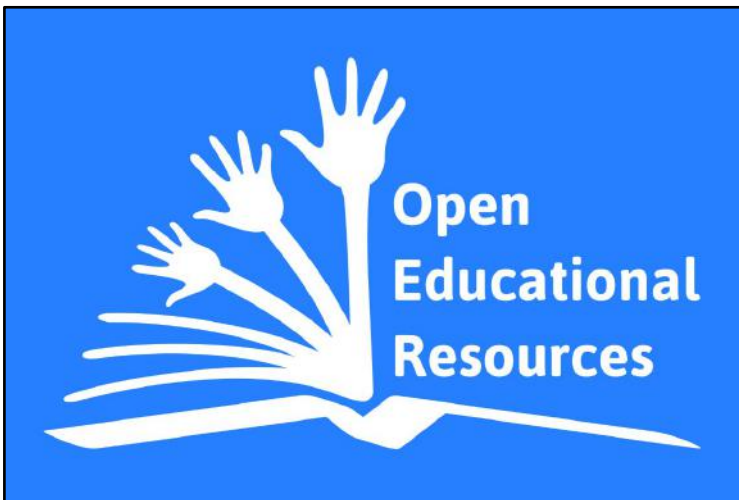


## AAUW-HMB Programs: The Year We Were Thwarted by a Virus



Monday, April 20, 2020 • 6:30 p.m.  
Online via Zoom

Programs for 2020 were to be interesting and intriguing. But because of the aggressive measures to mitigate COVID-19, world and local communities have canceled all events, festivities, conventions, religious services, elective surgeries.

It's time to embrace Plan B.

The presentation and meeting for March 16 was canceled. But now it has a new look: The first-ever AAUW-HMB online meeting via Zoom.

Our March presenter, **Lisa Petrides**, Ph.D., has offered to conduct the online meeting, which

will be Monday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. Prior to this meeting we will do a test run, enabling us to share instructions and information with the membership.

Please watch for an email blast explaining the steps to download the Zoom app and join in our new online adventure.

And when this is all behind us, think about something special to do this August to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Be well and go well.

*Peggy Rozhon, VP Programs*

### Notice for Interest Groups

We realize some of you may still want to meet in person. We know you will exercise your best judgment, but we ask specifically that all interest groups and branch-sanctioned meetings and activities comply with county, state and federal guidance in place for COVID-19.

*Barbara Von Glahn, President*



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## President's Message

### On Occasion, the World Changes Quickly

Last month's President's message mentioned how busy we were as a branch. Now quiet prevails in these unprecedented times.

You received the email blast (or letter) canceling our March Theater Bash fundraiser and general meetings through June. Interest group chairs should be aware of and respect county guidance at the time of meetings.

We remain an intelligent and creative group. The Theater Bash has been postponed until August. Our March speaker, rescheduled for April, has agreed to take her presentation online and our program chair has provided guidance for conducting our first virtual meeting. Please support this effort and give it a try.

Elections for next year's officers typically would have been conducted during our March general meeting. Because of the cancellation of that meeting that did not occur and there was no clear alternative in the bylaws. I have received guidance from the AAUW

California Governance committee about how to conduct voting in these unprecedented times. This month members will be sent an email ballot to which they may respond. Those not on email will be called. Results will be published in the May *Tidings*.

Fortunately, our May Coastside Gives fundraiser was always intended to be online. Fundraising is vital to the success our branch's programs. Please refer to information on page 5 in this newsletter.

Please keep up with credible information on the pandemic and stay safe. I am particularly concerned about social isolation and individual needs. Be mindful of other members and reach out to them.

**Mary Sheridan** has expressed a willingness to coordinate requests for assistance. She prefers contact through email or her cell phone. You can find those in our directory.

Stay well and don't forget to smile and laugh!

*Barbara Von Glahn, President*

## Voting for Branch Officers April 13 to 21

On April 13 you will receive an invitation via email to vote for the slate of officers for the period July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. I'll call this the "COVID-19 Election Ballot."

You can stay at home and vote!

First-ever for our branch.

If you receive *Tidings* by mail, you will receive a phone call to vote. Please respond to the email or phone call between April 13 and 21.

*Barbara Von Glahn, President*

# AAUW California Annual Meeting Going Virtual

In this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 virus, we must look for creative ways to stay connected with family, friends and fellow AAUW members.

We will be able to celebrate our successes with you, but we'll do it virtually. We are creating an online event to share some of the important activities that would have occurred at the annual meeting. You can still be there without leaving home!

It's easy to participate. You can join by phone (audio only) or by computer. Meeting materials will be posted [here](#) prior to the meeting so that you can follow along.

We'll meet Saturday, April 18, from 1 to 3 p.m.

To join by computer click [here](#). If prompted, click Open Zoom Meeting. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 414 976 6806. To join by phone dial 301-715-8592. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 414 976 6806.

For more information about joining a Zoom meeting click [here](#).

We are excited about finding this new way for our members, branch leaders and the state board to stay in touch. We look forward to your participation!

*Board of Directors, AAUW California*

## AAUW California Virtual Annual Meeting – April 18 Agenda (*subject to change*)

### Welcome



### Hats off to our leaders

- Introductions of past presidents and state board directors
- Thank you and acknowledgment of the Convention Committee



### Branch Buzz

- Branch anniversaries and Five Star branches
- Branch recognition awards



### Business as usual

#### Annual Business Meeting

- Minutes of Annual Meeting 2019
  - Committee reports
  - Project grants
- State Named Gift Honoree and branch fund awards
- Speech Trek award announcement



### Looking to the future

- Introduction of new board members



### Q&A



### Closing Comments

## Author Janet Dawson Visits HMB

Thank you to everyone who supported our branch and attended the author talk with **Janet Dawson** on March 7. And thank you for buying so many of her books!

It was very nice to see so many members – some from a distance, such as **Greta McElroy-White** and **Nancy Struck**, who has taken two train trips with the author.

*Katie Murdock*



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## Interest Group Spotlight

# Janus Cooks up a Good Time

Janus is our lunch group and one of the longest continuously running interest groups in our branch. It had been going for some time before I joined in 1990.

The group was started by a few members who didn't want to drive to meetings at night.

In the beginning, they met at one another's homes and occasionally went out to a restaurant. We still meet in member homes on the fourth Wednesday of the month, with a few exceptions, usually around the holidays.



Attendees bring a potluck dish to serve at least eight and \$3 for the

hostess to defray costs. The hostess supplies the wine, non-alcoholic drinks and the table settings. People bring

whatever dish they wish – appetizers, main course or dessert. It usually works.

We have never had an all-dessert lunch, but some of us keep hoping! For the past few years, our July lunch has been a picnic in

Henrik Ibsen Park on Skyline. All members and occasional guests are welcome.

Good food, conversation and much laughter abound.

Following the shelter-in-place order by San Mateo County, I am canceling Janus

luncheons for at least the next three months. Our next possible meeting will be the picnic in July.



If you would like more information or wish to be on our



mailing list, please contact me at [maalice\\_hmb@comast.net](mailto:maalice_hmb@comast.net) or call me at 650-726-3441.

*Mary Alice Pearce, Chair*

# Coastside Gives: Your Help Crucial to Supporting AAUW Fund

We will not have the White Elephant Sale or Theater Bash to raise money to support local scholarships, Tech Trek, local STEM camp, Speech Trek and the national AAUW Fund this spring.

As a result, we face the possibility of losing up to \$7,000 compared to our 2019 other opportunities.

A successful Coastside Gives fundraiser is necessary to close the gap created from the loss of these fundraisers.

We are incredibly fortunate to be able to raise funds online through Coastside Gives during this challenging time. Please help the branch make the most of this opportunity to meet and hopefully exceed our goal of \$10,000 and close the pending \$7,000 gap.

Here are ways you can help make the difference:

*Can't wait until May 7 to make*

*your donation?*

- You can make your donation online by visiting [coastsidegives.org/aauwhmb](http://coastsidegives.org/aauwhmb).

- Make a donation by writing a check or through your donor-

- Make your online donation and ask family and friends to give as well.

- You can make your donation online on May 7 by visiting [coastsidegives.org/aauwhmb](http://coastsidegives.org/aauwhmb).

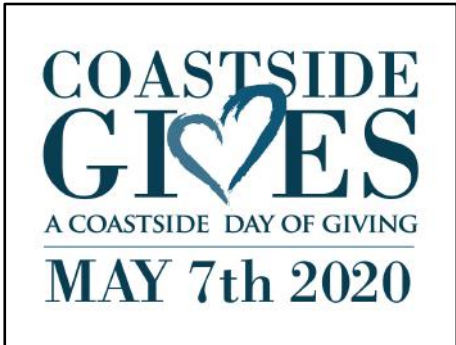
***Help Us Close the Gap!***  
***We need to raise \$10,000 for local programs and the AAUW Fund.***  
***A \$4,000 matching gift will double your donation, dollar for dollar.***

**Volunteer to help make Coastside Gives a Success**

- Volunteer to make follow-up phone calls to members.

- Volunteer to make calls on May 7 to remind people to help earn prizes.

*Carol L. Joyce, AAUW Funds Vice President*



advised fund or IRA. Send your check to AAUW-HMB, P.O. Box 1414, El Granada, CA 94018, with the memo: Coastside Gives 2020.

**Help Us Earn Prizes**

- In addition to making your donation, you can help us earn prizes. Watch for an email in mid-April for more details.

**Donate on May 7 from Midnight to 11:59 pm**



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## Nomination News

The Nominating Committee is very happy to announce that we have a full slate of officers for 2020-2021.

We are pleased to present the following slate to the Membership:

President:

• **Suzanne Mau**

Program Vice President:

• **Peggy Rozhon**

Membership Vice President:

• **Kathleen Freitas**

AAUW Funds Vice President:

• **Carol Joyce**

Recording Secretary:

• **Lisa Lopez**

Treasurer:

• **Christine Green**

On April 13 you will receive an email invitation to vote for this slate of officers.

*Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee: Lee Ellis, Jan Grierson, Carol Joyce and Katie Murdock*

## History Tidbit

**1976** – The Branch stitchery group made two-sided dolls for the AAUW-CA state convention fundraiser. **Micky Hinthorn**, then president of the San Mateo branch before moving to Half Moon Bay, was the happy recipient of one of them.

## AAUW and the Impact of the Coronavirus

On Tuesday, March 24, AAUW CEO **Kimberly Churches** invited us to join a Zoom webinar. The national office staff are deeply concerned about our AAUW members and the broader community during this crisis and wanted to connect with as many of you as possible. Kim shared the national office's plans to continue our critical work during this challenging period and shared best practices for branches and state organizations as we navigate these difficult times together as a community. There was a survey for branches to let them know what we are doing.

The staff is working remotely, but keeping in touch with each other through web meetings and emails. The toll-free customer service number and email are still operational to answer questions or direct you where to go. You can call 800-326-2289 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. PST, or email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).

The newly revised website, which they promise is more understandable, will launch on April 6. There will be another webinar with instructions.

The national elections in April will be by email.

*Barbara Von Glahn, President*

## Glimmer of Hope for Tech Trek in July

In early March, 12 seventh-grade girls received letters of congratulations on being chosen as semifinalists in our Tech Trek selection process. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has delayed the process. AAUW-CA has moved the deadlines for naming winners, and we will adjust to the current situation with possible virtual interviews in the near future, once we know that all the candidates have computer access. Our new

deadline for naming five campers is May 1, and we hope that camp at Stanford in July is still possible.

Many thanks to committee members **Pauline Shue, Jane Bonvallet, Gladys Picht** and **Mary Wynne** for reading all the applications. It takes many hours to pore over all the girls' essays, and it's greatly appreciated.

*Julie Gerth, Tech Trek*

## Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

The Chamber of Commerce Teacher Appreciation Night was Feb. 27. Many organizations and businesses donated to teachers, who were given bags of donated supplies for their classroom. Every teacher there also received a \$100 bill. This year, I was honored to hand one from AAUW to **Jim Ward**.

**Barbara Von Glahn** attended the

March 3 meeting, where there was a presentation by the Half Moon Bay High School career education teacher from the agriculture and natural resources program. This program is 75 years old and has been updated for jobs in the current market. The program collaborates closely with relevant businesses on the coastside.

*Mary Alice Pearce, Representative*

# News from Membership

We have postponed our March happy hour until further notice. But we are very excited to host a record number of new and prospective members!

Please welcome the following new members:

**Juliet Bolding** lives in Half Moon Bay and attended San Jose State University.

**Linda Frisch** lives in Half Moon Bay and attended Humboldt State University.

**Lisa Lopez** lives in Half Moon Bay

and attended San Francisco State University.

**Margot Lowry** is rejoining. She lives in Montara and attended SFSU and Indiana University.

**Margaret (Peggy) Pearlson** lives in Montara and attended Rutgers University and Hunter College.

We look forward to rescheduling this event soon!

*Kathleen Freitas and Sheila Spieller, Co-Vice Presidents for Membership*

## Theater Bash canceled

We had to cancel our Theater Bash for March 26 because of the coronavirus. As it turned out, Coastal Repertory Theater canceled its production of "Into the Woods" a few days later. Things keep changing on an hourly basis, so who knows what the story will be by the time this edition of the *Tidings* reaches you?

We are still hoping that we can salvage this critical fundraiser this year and, to that end, we are considering two possibilities. CRT may try to present "Into the Woods" later this year. Otherwise, we will consider their production of "Spamalot" in August as

another option.

In the meantime, a number of you have purchased tickets. **Vivian Costello** has stepped up to handle all ticket sales issues. Please contact her at [aauwhmbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwhmbtreasurer@gmail.com) or call or text her at 650-622-2472 to arrange a refund.

Finally, because we are uncertain whether we will be able to move ahead this year with a theater bash event at all, we urge you to give generously on May 7 to AAUW's Coastsides Gives event as this could turn out to be our only significant fundraiser this year.

*Paulette Eisen*

## Save the Date

**April 13–21**

Voting for  
Branch Officers

**April 18**

AAUW California  
Virtual Annual Meeting

**April 20**

Branch meeting  
via Zoom

**May 7**

Coastsides Gives

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# First Outdoor Suffrage Monument Bill Passes House



Studio of Jane DeDecker

*A studio version of "Every Word We Utter" near the final sculpture, still in production.*

*Every Word We Utter*, a commemorative sculpture created by **Jane DeDecker**, honors the suffragists who secured for women the rights and privileges afforded citizens of the United States.

Earlier this year, the House voted to pass H.R. 473, a bill that authorizes the installation of the first outdoor monument in Washington, D.C., to honor the 19th Amendment and the women's suffrage movement.

Rep. **Jackie Speier** said, "I was proud to vote in favor of this bill, which passed the House by a voice vote. It is outrageous that we do not have an outdoor monument dedicated to the hard work of the suffragists. ... They deserve recognition and for future generations to learn about this important history." The bill is awaiting passage by the Senate.



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