

# the TIDINGS

News of AAUW-Half Moon Bay

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## An Afternoon Delite – Sweet and Savory

**Saturday,  
Sept. 18, 2021  
Colony Club,  
Half Moon Bay  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**



Mark your calendars for our annual membership affair! We are planning a COVID-safe event and will be following the most up-to-date guidance from San Mateo County. As we are following the guidelines, this event will be catered instead of a potluck. Masks are required. We will host the event outdoors on the patio of the Colony Club. This will be our first in-person gathering since March 2020 so we hope to have a good turnout where everyone can mingle safely, enjoy our AAUW friendships, and hear about our focus and goals for 2021-22.

Carpooling is encouraged. And if you bring a guest, we will cover the cost for them! So think about those

wonderful women you know who would be interested in joining. We will provide them with information and answer any questions they may have about AAUW.

We invite our interest group leaders to set up their materials between 1 and 1:30 p.m. We will provide the tables.

We will send a future email blast that will provide more details and information so be on the lookout for it soon.

Questions? You can reach out to either of our Membership VPs: **Kathleen Freitas** at [kaf4327@gmail.com](mailto:kaf4327@gmail.com) or **Lee Ellis**, [leeellis5@yahoo.com](mailto:leeellis5@yahoo.com).

Looking forward to seeing you on Sept. 18!

### Join Us

Membership VPs **Kathleen Freitas** and **Lee Ellis** invite you to an Afternoon Delite.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to them by Sept. 10 at [kaf4327@gmail.com](mailto:kaf4327@gmail.com) or [leeellis5@yahoo.com](mailto:leeellis5@yahoo.com). You can also call or text them.

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Payment:** Make your check payable to AAUW-HMB. Send to AAUW-HMB, P.O. Box 1414, El Granada, CA 94018. You may also drop off your check to Kathleen or Lee.



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## *President's Message*

### **Grab Your Directory and Make a Connection**

Greetings as we look forward to  
a September Afternoon Delite.

Might I make a suggestion? Get  
out your directory. Read through all  
the names of our members.

Then, when you are attending the  
membership gathering on Sept. 18,  
you will be able to easily connect the  
names to the enchanting faces.  
Think of it as a visual dot-to-dot  
exercise.

As you scour the directory, you  
might notice some unintended (or  
perhaps intentional?) humor.

Our most reserved and kind-  
hearted **Betty Lee Kendall's** email  
address is BLEEK. Have you ever  
seen Betty being bleak?

Not to fear, although her email  
address is MAALICE, **Mary Alice  
Pearce** is no such thing – more like  
“Mary is a little lamb.”

Nor is **Delores Crabb** a

COASTCRABB. She is lively,  
engaging, but never a crab.

With a possible nod to Batman,  
**Valerie Powell** is VALERIEPOW!  
And wham and bam!

**Karen Hume** spells her email  
moniker backwards, and I say  
“OVARB,” or Bravo!

As I take on this decidedly  
formidable role of president for  
2021-22, I move optimistically  
ahead with hope and humor. Will  
we finally pass the ERA? Can all  
parties agree to pass S1 – For the  
People Act? Will our AAUW-HMB  
branch make a difference this  
coming year, with engaging  
programs, fundraising events, and  
good PR?

Here's to a future that we can  
shape and mold. May our dreams  
come alive and thrive in 2021-22.

*Peggy Rozhon, President*

## **Big Lift Collaborative Update**

As the AAUW-HMB  
representative to the Big Lift  
Collaborative, I am happy to report  
that the Big Lift Summer Program  
took place in person and in full time  
this summer at Hatch Elementary.  
Eight classes served 112 scholars,  
who ranged from rising  
kindergarteners to rising third  
graders.

Our Half Moon Bay Library  
provided a summer learning  
challenge, which began June 1. The

program was called Library  
Explorers. Students met Monday  
through Wednesday. Children who  
were library card holders were  
eligible to participate for no cost.

Finally, Cabrillo Unified School  
District opened for all-day, full-  
program, in-person classes at all  
levels on Aug. 12.

*Sue Hatfield, AAUW-HMB  
representative to the Big Lift  
Collaborative*

# 2022 Speech Trek Competition

“Has the United States lived up to its pledge of liberty and justice for all? Would requiring a class in diversity, equity, and inclusion in a high school setting help ensure liberty and justice for all?”

The 2022 Speech Trek topic is not only drawn from AAUW California public policy priorities, but was born out of the national conversation.

Key things to know for 2022 effective August 2021:

- AAUW members may serve as judges at the branch contests (formerly not allowed).

- Speech Trek still strongly encourages branches to reach out and include community leaders/members to also serve as judges.

- If any potential judge has a conflict of interest (e.g., knows or is acquainted with a contestant) then that potential judge must recuse themselves from judging.

The branch toolkit and the student toolkit will be posted soon on the AAUW California website.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for branches wishing to participate in Speech Trek deadline:

Nov. 1, 2021

- The final candidate's videos will be presented at the virtual annual meeting on April 23, 2022.

Local contests may be held live or virtually, depending on local COVID regulations.

Would requiring a class on diversity, equity, and inclusion help ensure liberty and justice for all?

Join the 2022 Speech Trek and find out!

*Marlene Cain*, Speech Trek,  
speechtrek@aauw-ca.org

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## Local Scholarship Awards

Our wonderful scholarship team chose four deserving young women out of 17 applicants for the 2021 local AAUW-HMB scholarships. The members of the team were **Barbara Cohen, Lee Ellis, Karen Hume, Terry Kujawa, and Katie Murdock**, under the guidance and support of co-chairs **Sue Hatfield** and **Sheila Spieller**. The readers read and scored the applications prior to a 90-minute Zoom meeting. On June 8, the whole team delivered awards to each recipient or their representative.

This year's recipients are:

**Daniela Corona** is a junior at Claremont McKenna College, majoring in government and data science. Because she is completing an internship in Washington, D.C., her parents happily received her award.

**Michaela McGee** is a junior at University of Wyoming majoring in elementary education with an emphasis in special education.

Michaela and her mother met the team outside of HMB Joe's to excitedly receive her award.

**Julie Raffetto** is a junior at Northeastern University, majoring in business administration and marketing, with a minor in sustainable business practices. She was still in the east with her parents so her grandmother gladly accepted her award.

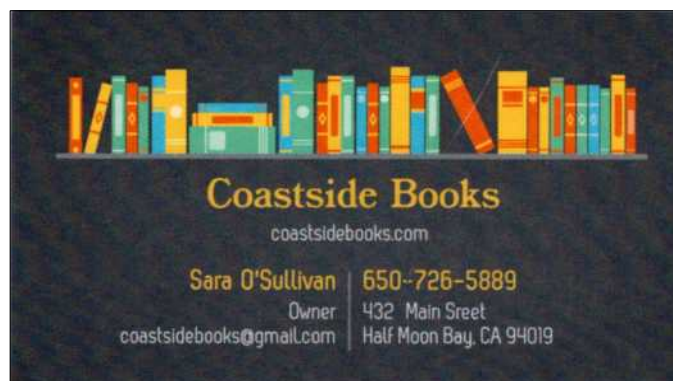
**Paola Villegas** is a junior in San Francisco State University's nursing program. She spent her first two years at college commuting to the university while carrying a heavy load of science classes required for nursing students. She shyly accepted her award with her siblings looking on.

Our committee had a further celebration with a Pilarcitos High School graduate

fulfilling the requirements for Pursuing Your Goals Scholarship! **Karla Castro Corona** will enter the San Francisco State eLearning Program for Dental Assisting. We are very proud to be able to offer this scholastic award this year. Karla accepted the gladly award.

We look forward to the 2022 awards. Even if the COVID pandemic is not yet over, the whole team is excited to continue our “drive-by” awards!

*Sue Hatfield and Sheila Spieller,*  
*Scholarship Co-Chairs*



# AAUW Fund News / *Named Gift Honorees*



**Sara Hayden receives the Named Gift Honoree certificate from Carol Joyce.**



**Mary Alice Pearce presents the Named Gift Honoree certificate to Carol Joyce.**

It was my pleasure to announce the two Named Gift Honorees for last year at our June Scholarship Luncheon: **Sara Hayden** and **Carol Joyce**. So for those of you who missed the luncheon here is a brief description of each.

Sara was selected for her work as the editor of *Tidings* for the past three years. She used her time and talents to update *Tidings*, resulting in a beautiful, easy-to-read newsletter. She also served on the committee of our local STEM day camp and played a key role helping

to negotiate the donation of lunches from vendors. Lastly, Sara served as co-chair for Out and About and organized well-planned trips to old favorites and new venues for the group to explore.

Carol was nominated for her service as VP AAUW Fund for the past three years and as chair of Coastsides Gives since its inception in 2016. As VP AAUW Fund, Carol kept the board and branch well-informed of state and national fund activities, coordinated the selection of the Named Gift Honorees each

year, and was instrumental in the branch obtaining an AAUW Fellow as a speaker for a general meeting two different times. With our normal fund raising activities cancelled because of the pandemic, Carol's work on Coastsides Gives these past two years was critical for our local programs. Each year we exceeded the goal Carol set for our branch and these funds were instrumental in keeping the branch alive and active under times of duress!

*Mary Sheridan, VP AAUW Fund*

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## *Meet Awardees this Fall*

It is that time of year to which we all look forward — meeting our AAUW Fellows. Hearing from our awardees is such an inspiration and the personification of our mission. This year there is an opportunity to meet all our awardees virtually. There are 37 scholars studying in California this year. To give each of these women an adequate amount of time to speak, there will be three virtual events this year: Saturday, Oct. 23; Saturday, Oct. 30; and Sunday, Nov. 7.

Check the October *Tidings* for exact times and details on how to register. Come from the comfort of your home to be inspired by these outstanding women.

*Mary Sheridan, VP AAUW Fund*



# The Birth of AAUW's Half Moon Bay Branch

In March 1967, **Ruth Rafello** of Montara called together a group of 17 like-minded friends to her home. They would discuss organizing a new Coastside branch of a national organization. The national group they were looking at was the American Association of University Women – AAUW. Its efforts were and still are dedicated to improving opportunities for women in education as well as employment. They achieve their lofty goals through research, education, and advocacy.

On that quiet Tuesday evening 54 years ago, Ruth and 30 friends began the process of chartering a branch of AAUW on the Coastside. They named it the Half Moon Bay Branch, although it served what local residents know as the San Mateo Coastside – an area embracing the communities from Montara to Pescadero. Today, years and hundreds of projects later, the only original members still with the branch are Ruth and **Angie Hnatt**.

In the first years of the branch, most of the members were in their 30s. Many of them were working in

and around the world of education. All women and all graduates of colleges and universities – requirements, at the time, of the national organization. Their age perhaps was reflected in the mix of projects that highlighted the early years of the HMB branch. They worked on nursery school programs, bike trails, puppet shows, and the like.

Even as the branch would soon attract women of more years of experience, the early programs also reflected a measure of wisdom. Among those initial programs were farmworker support, senior citizen advocacy, and recycling centers. Individual hobbies and pastimes, such as stitchery, quilting, reading, and creative writing found their way into the branch's interest groups.

The national organization is the foundation of the branch. National was also started by a small group of women whose beginnings in Boston have evolved for more than a century. Beginning in 1881, the national AAUW movement addressed enormously important national issues: child labor,

libraries, and especially equal educational opportunities for women. AAUW expanded quickly to the geographic center of national power, Washington, D.C.

The importance of the national agenda requires nationwide advocacy. That imperative is part of the reason that the Half Moon Bay branch – and more than 100 other local branches – are important. Their presence demonstrates the strength of the national effort.

Many changes have come to the national organization as well as the branch during more than 50 years since they began. Change has been in details and, in some ways, strategic.

Future articles in *Tidings* will touch on some of the serious and, yes, frolicsome shifts and events of later years.

Sheila Cresson is this year's branch historian. Please contact her with questions, suggestions, or sweet memories at [sheilacresson@gmail.com](mailto:sheilacresson@gmail.com).

*Sheila Cresson, Branch Historian*

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## Branch Donates Suffragist Books to HMB Library



L to R: Pat Black, Allene Zanger, Cynthia Chin-Lee, Julie Gerth, Annie Malley, Robert Cooney, Carol Joyce, Mary Alice Pearce, Lisa Lopez, Peggy Rozhon, Suzanne Mau

Last March, authors **Cynthia Chin-Lee** and **Robert Cooney** made brilliant presentations on the American Suffrage Movement to our branch via Zoom. On Friday, Aug. 13, we honored them and the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment by donating both of their books to the Half Moon Bay Library. The books are each

inscribed with a dedication, noting this donation from our branch.

The *Half Moon Bay Review* covered this event and published a fascinating piece on Aug. 18. It speaks of the inception of AAUW and our ongoing mission of gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

With a brief presentation by

President **Peggy Rozhon** and short uplifting speeches by both Cyndi and Bob, **Annie Malley**, library manager, graciously accepted these books on our behalf. You can find them at the library in their local authors section. Be sure to read the dedication, noting our connection in this wonderful donation.

*Peggy Rozhon, President*

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# Fourth of July Fun: Celebrating Small Town Pride



*Our branch was out in full force to revel in Half Moon Bay's Ol' Fashioned 4th of July Parade. It was a whole-hearted celebration of community this year, with no judging and no prizes. Just a day of joy to reconnect.*



# In the Good Ol' Summertime



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Over the summer, Janus members took advantage of the beautiful weather to meet for good food and great conversation at the Sons of Norway's Henrik Ibsen Park.

1. Peggy Pearlson, Dorothy Maurer, and Ruth Rafello arrive at the park.

2. Adorned potato salad awaits the hungry crew.

3. Suzanne Mau, Alma Fletcher, Terry Kujawa, Dorothy Maurer, Mary Alice Pearce, Astri **Fletcher**, and Irene Baume relax by the pool.

4. Ruth Rafello, Anna Marie Spilker, Alma Fletcher, Irene Baume, Amy Broome, Suzanne Mau, and Mary Alice Pearce dine poolside.

5. Nina Nelson, Anna Marie Spilker, Alma Fletcher, Irene Baume, and Amy Broome enjoy the day.



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## New Budget Improves Child Care, Education

The California state budget was signed by **Gov. Gavin Newsom**. A one-time influx of federal funds plus unanticipated California tax revenue increases have enabled the state to address some issues that will significantly improve child care and education. The budget:

- Adds 200,000 more subsidized child care spaces, which will almost double the state's total supply.
- Increases the amount the state pays to child care providers for each subsidized child (although the details have yet to be ironed out).
- Creates transitional kindergarten for all 4-year-olds.
- Extends the school year and school day for all low-income elementary students.
- Provides \$115 million to develop pathways for an associate degree in which students don't have to spend money on textbooks.
- Provides state-funded breakfast and lunches for all students, starting this fall.

- Invests \$2.8 billion to turn about a third of the state's 10,000 schools into community schools that provide health care, family services, and after-school programs through local partnerships.

- Provides \$4 billion for a mental health and behavior system that will provide screenings, counseling, and therapy from birth through age 25.

### Legislative Update

AB92, a bill related to preschool and childcare services and fees that we are co-sponsoring, is now in Senate Appropriations.

Of our initial list of 39 bills on which AAUW California took positions or is watching, one has been signed by the governor (re-hiring employees displaced by the pandemic) and 18 are still active.

*Kathleen Harper and Sue Miller, Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs, [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)*



Small Town Sweets has moved to 617 Main Street, next door to the beautiful new Corner Garden. A small piece of Americana, offering chocolates, licorice, sweet and sour gummies, salt water taffy and homemade fudge on Fridays.

We are happy to offer curbside pickup! Call us at 650/713-0782.

## Dates to Save & Remember

**Tuesday, September 18**  
Annual Membership Affair

**September 25, 1981**  
Sandra Day O'Connor  
sworn in as first woman  
U.S. Supreme Court Justice

**Saturday, October 23**  
AAUW Fellows  
Presentation

**Saturday, October 30**  
AAUW Fellows  
Presentation

**Saturday, November 7**  
AAUW Fellows  
Presentation

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

# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 California Recall Election	15	16	17	18 Annual Membership Affair 1:30 p.m.
19	20	21 Great Decisions 5:30 p.m.	22 Janus Noon	23	24	25
26	27	28 Evening Book Group 7 p.m.	29	30	1	2

# California AAUW News and Notes

## Seeking Committee Members

If you've ever wondered what goes on at the state level, or if your talents match with our needs, or if you just plain want to learn something new, check out the open positions on our communications team! We are still looking for individuals with social media experience in LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter, and/or Facebook to help AAUW California expand our reach and communicate our mission. There are other openings as well. Please take a look [here](#) to learn more about the positions and this committee's responsibilities.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact [communications@aauw-ca.org](mailto:communications@aauw-ca.org).

We are beginning an exciting new year and hope to see you with us!

As always, if you have any issues finding information on the website, please contact the webteam at [webteam@aauw-ca.org](mailto:webteam@aauw-ca.org).

*Tracey Clark, Director, Communications Committee Chair*

## What Are You Talking About?

Are you sure that you know what you are talking about when it comes to the definitions of diversity, equity, and inclusion? A great deal of time and effort has been put into creating a toolkit that has definitions of terms with additional resources to accompany them.

Click [here](#) to find the following categories, which include the definition and additional resources: diversity, inclusion, equity, intersectionality, neurodiversity, unconscious bias, microaggressions, and allyship.

Consider using some of these resources for branch programs, interest groups, or community events. You can modify any of the slides.

*Elaine Johnson, Director and Janice Lee, DEI Committee Co-Chairs* [diversity@aauw-ca.org](mailto:diversity@aauw-ca.org)

## Virtual Tech Trek Successful

Many thanks to the more than 250 branch members and prior campers who volunteered to be technical or social coaches, "adults in the room," and logistics coordinators – the virtual camp season couldn't have happened without you!

Qualcomm partner brought media attention to the AAUW Virtual Camps. Technology education publication [THEJournal.com](http://THEJournal.com) was impressed

with the Qualcomm-AAUW partnership for the robotics core class and the virtual camp program design.

Representatives visited the camp No. 3 showcase to view camper presentations and may interview participants.

Here are some virtual camper and counselor quotes:

"I was so disappointed that I couldn't go to camp in 2020—I'm so happy I came to this camp!"

"I haven't had this much fun in forever!"

"Thanks for pulling me out of my pandemic bubble!"

"I wasn't into STEM before this camp, and I've learned so much that now I'll keep at it!"

"Like the title, the Inspiration Hour women were really inspiring!"

"It's been an honor to be here and so fun – thank you!"

The virtual camp leadership team sends its thanks to the many branch members who stepped up to ensure California's Tech Trek program did *not* go dark in 2021!

*Susan Negrete, and Alice Hill, Tech Trek State Co-Coordinator, [techtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-ca.org)*



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# Most Interest Groups Yet to Resume Meeting

**Evening Book Group:** Please join us for scintillating conversation and perhaps a glass of wine at the Evening Book Group. We meet the last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Our first meeting of this AAUW year is Tuesday, Sept. 28. We will read *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. **Pat McNutt** will facilitate. Whether we meet via Zoom or in person will depend on county rules at the time. We will let you know the location.

If you would like to join the evening book group please contact **Nancy Evans** at [egnancy@comcast.net](mailto:egnancy@comcast.net) or 650-726-9611. If you are already on our mailing list you do not need to rejoin.

**Great Decisions:** We're Zooming the third Tuesday of the

month, Sept. 21, at 5:30 p.m. We'll discuss "The Role of WHO." This information is in chapter 7 of the 2021 *Great Decisions* book or on YouTube Great Decisions 2021.

This interest group purchases books from the **Foreign Policy Association**, which are published annually. The mission of FPA today, as it has been throughout its 113-year history, is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process. Each book contains eight topics that we read and discuss monthly on the third Tuesday of the month, except

for November and December.

The format may change from Zoom to in-person depending on county mandates in place at the time of the meeting. Contact **Barbara Von Glahn** if you have any questions.

**Janus:** This lunch group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Attendees bring a potluck dish to serve eight and \$3 for the hostess to defray costs. All members and occasional guests are welcome. Because of the Delta variant, we are still not meeting in members homes. Locations and hostesses to be determined. If you wish to be on the contact list, or have any questions or suggestions, please contact Mary Alice Pearce at [maalice\\_hmb@comcast.net](mailto:maalice_hmb@comcast.net) or 650-863-1094.



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