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Finally!
Back in the
library!

Sonrisas and Coastside Hope **Stalwarts of the Coastal Community** **At the Half Moon Bay Library** **Monday, April 18, 2022 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Our small Coastside community abounds with nonprofits that support all walks of life. Join AAUW this month to learn about some of the unsung heroes of our world.

We have chosen to highlight two of them at our April 18 meeting. These two organizations serve families, seniors, and any individuals who may need a little extra help.

Sonrisas was created in 2001 by community members to serve low-income neighbors. It focuses on dental care, which we now realize is critically important for our overall health. They do screenings for local schools, offer dental care on a sliding scale, and have recently obtained a grant to help seniors. **Maura LeBaron-Hsieh** will share

information about Sonrisas.

Since joining the team in 2019 as Sonrisas' Director of Development, Maura has worked with grant funders, private donors, and the community at large to build awareness about Sonrisas' work and to grow its impact.

Our second featured nonprofit is Coastside Hope, established in 1976 as a human services agency to benefit the residents of the mid-coast in San Mateo County. Their mission is to provide necessities to enhance quality of life for all of our neighbors on the Coastside. They address issues such as food needs, income tax help, citizenship, and have been especially active in providing Covid testing and vaccines over the past two years. **Judith Guerrero** will speak on

behalf of Coastside Hope.

Judith was born in Jalisco and immigrated to this country as a child to settle in Half Moon Bay. Her education includes a bachelor's in administration of justice and sociology (criminology) from San Jose State University and a master's in public administration, as well as a certificate in human resources management from Notre Dame de Namur University.

Please join us in the library for the first time in two years! We will meet at 6:30 p.m. to come together in friendship to listen to two wonderful ladies leading and sharing about nonprofits on the Coastside.



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President’s Message: Thoughts on April

The month of April gets its
name from the Latin word *aperire*,
to open — like a blooming flower
or the opening of a new season.
Whatever the ancient Romans and
Greeks meant, we are still using it
today.

What do you think about April?
April showers, April in Paris, April
Fools, **George Orwell’s** opening
line of *1984*: “It was a bright cold
day in April, and the clocks were
striking thirteen.” And of course,
Tax Day, April 15.

April 2020 we had our first
branch Zoom meeting and April
2022 we will be back in person at
the good old Half Moon Bay
Library.

Our last meeting held in the
library was on a Saturday
afternoon two years ago,
comprising Speech Trek, a
presentation by **Brigid O’Farrell**,

and a woman from the Census
Bureau looking for part-time
workers. The room was packed to
the gills! We even gave a shout-out
to **Jim Ward** and the upcoming
high school production of *Newsies*.

I think we should embrace April
and run full speed ahead to our
April 18 meeting at the library. I
hope we again have a room packed
to the gills.

*O sweet wild April
Came over the hills,
He skipped with the winds
And he tripped with the rills;
His raiment was all
Of the daffodils.
Sing hi,
Sing hey,
Sing ho!*

By **William Force Stead**
(1884-1967)

Peggy Rozhon, President

Election of 2022-23 Board Members

Each year, as written in our
bylaws, AAUW-Half Moon Bay
elects officers, new or continuing.
Voting takes place at our
designated annual meeting.
Tradition has been to have this
meeting in April. So on Monday,

April 18, we will gather in person at
the library to vote for our 2022-23
board members. Voting will be
done by a show of hands.

The slate of officers for
2022-2023 is:

Peggy Rozhon,
President

Barbara Cohen and Kathleen Freitas,
Program Co-Vice Presidents

Mary Wynne and Vivian Costello,
Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Mary Sheridan,
AAUW Fund Vice President

Linda Meyer,
Recording Secretary

Gladys Picht,
Treasurer

A Celebration of Life
Madeline McReynolds

September 15, 1937 — January 19, 2022

Please join in celebrating the life of our member **Madeline McReynolds**. Her family held a memorial service on Saturday, April 2, at the Community United Methodist Church in Half Moon Bay.

Madeline was especially gracious as the host of our evening book club for nearly 20 years. There will be many lovely stories to share. Godspeed, Madeline.

A Very Special Thanks

The matching fund for this year's Coastside Gives campaign was made possible by the generosity of 14 members.

Very special thanks go to **June Baxter, Georgette Boell, Vivian Costello, Nancy Evans, Julie Gerth, Jan Grierson, Angeline Hnatt, Carol Joyce, Lisa Lopez, Ruth Rafello, Mary Sheridan,**

Sheila Spieller, Barbara Von Glahn, and Allene Zanger. Their generous donations have provided our branch with \$4,400 to be matched.

This is a tremendous boost toward our goal of \$10,000.

Thank you, one and all!
Jan Grierson, Coastside Gives Lead

2022 Annual AAUW-CA Zoom Convention

Calling all AAUW adventurers! Grab your compass and join the expedition to AAUWland at the AAUW-CA Annual Event/Convention on Saturday, April 30,

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. via Zoom.

We will all be explorers searching for new routes to connect to AAUW and its mission.

Register [here](#).

Big Lift Collaborative

The Big Lift Collaborative shared happy news of programs in our community that support low-income preschoolers through third graders to become proficient readers and successful students. Because of California's decision to provide universal transitional kindergarten, public and private preschools are now able to support more children in their readiness programs. The Big Lift goal is to provide all programs with readiness curricula, so that all children will have equal access to education. AAUW-HMB is a partner in the collaborative to grant requests without providing financial support.

Instructors are needed for the Inspiring Summer School program. If you know someone interested in a summer position who has preschool through third grade experience, the application is available online at the [Cabrillo Unified School District website](#). Credentials are not required for some positions, but college enrollment or a degree is required. Spanish skills may be an asset.


I'm happy to be able to represent our organization in support of all the children in our community who are becoming readers and students.

Sue Hatfield, Big Lift Collaborative Representative



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A New Collaboration: *Beacon* — *Tidings* Connection!

Sandra Winter, Executive Director of Senior Coastsiders, contacted our branch about creating a wonderful collaborative effort. This new monthly feature will be a link connecting to the Senior Coastsiders' monthly calendar of events. Click [here](#) to read the April issue of their

newsletter *The Beacon*. They will reciprocate by posting our monthly member program article in their newsletter.

Senior Coastsiders offers many speakers and activities that would be of interest to our members. And those who participate at Senior Coastsiders

will be informed each month about our programs and events.

Please encourage those who you know regularly attend activities at Senior Coastsiders to join in our activities, too! It's simply a magnificent win-win for all.

Peggy Rozhon, President

A California First Acting Governor Signs Bill into State Law

On the final day of Women's History Month, Acting Governor **Eleni Kounalakis** signed legislation that extends eviction protections for Californians participating in rental assistance programs, making her the first woman in California's 171-year history to sign a piece of legislation into law.

"I am deeply humbled to take this action and to be part of history today as the first woman in state history to sign legislation into law," the acting governor said. "I remain more determined than ever to ensure that, while I may be the first to do so, I will certainly not be the last."

Kounalakis also signed SB 504, sponsored by Half Moon Bay's Senator **Josh Becker**, which will allow military and overseas voters and voters with disabilities to complete a same-day voter registration and cast a



Acting Governor Kounalakis signs AB 2179. Standing left to right: Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, Speaker Anthony Rendon, Pro Tem Toni G. Atkins, Assemblymember Tim Grayson, and Senator Josh Becker. Photo: State of California.

ballot. Additionally, it provides the Secretary of State more accurate voter rolls and streamlines the process for

the state's universal vote-by-mail system through removing a number of unnecessary provisions.

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Save the Date to Touch the Future!



Coastside Gives Giving Day is Thursday, May 5 This is our *biggest and easiest* fundraiser of the year!

Donate to AAUW-HMB at coastsidegives.org on or before May 5 and make a difference in the lives of women and girls on the coast and nationally. The best part? You can Touch the Future from the comfort of your home!

Mavericks Community Foundation is sponsoring Giving Day, **all 24 hours** of Thursday, May 5. There are several benefits to working with Mavericks Community Foundation and Coastside Gives:

- **Prizes** from Mavericks Community Foundation can add dollars to our fundraising efforts on Giving Day. Last year, prizes added more than \$1,200 to our efforts.

More about prizes coming soon.

- Promotional materials available to participating nonprofit organizations help us two ways: We can spread the word about AAUW to our community **and** solicit donations well beyond the Coastside!

Our goal this year is \$10,000. Here are four ways to contribute:

- Donate online to coastsidegives.org AAUW-HMB to make a contribution. A minimum donation of \$10 (or more) will be **doubled** by our generous matching fund of \$4,400. Early giving is open now! A donation of \$50 helps a college student purchase study guides; \$100 helps fund project materials for girls attending our local STEM Camp.

Encourage family and friends to join you and touch the future together!

It's easy to donate:

- **Mail a check** for any amount made payable to AAUW-HMB with Coastside Gives in the memo line to: PO Box 1414 El Granada CA 94018.
- **Make a drive-by donation** by dropping your check for AAUW HMB Coastside Gives to Jan Grierson, 900 Alsace Lorraine, Half Moon Bay. Contact Jan at hmbgrieco@aol.com, 650-726-5873, or 650-703-9442.
- **Contribute in person** to AAUW-HMB on Giving Day, Thursday, May 5, at the Coastside Gives table outside New Leaf Market from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Credit cards accepted.

All of this helps us Touch the Future! Abraham Lincoln said, "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Let's get creative **together!**

Jan Grierson, Coastside Gives Lead

AAUW Masked Theater Bash a Success!

More than 60 guests attended the March 24 Masked Theater Bash and a good time was had by all. We raised approximately \$4,500 for AAUW projects and programs. Another positive outcome: we may see several new AAUW members join.

The business community and individual donors stepped up for the event, donating more than 40 auction items valued at up to \$750. Every one of them sold, with multiple bidders pushing up the bids until the last moment. All proceeds go to AAUW. Many thanks also go to AAUW

members who donated artwork, classic books, coffee and apparatus, a potted plant, wine, and other valuable items.

Congratulations and many thanks to the Bash Committee team and other AAUW members who helped to plan, solicit auction items, prepare food, set and clean up, write thank you notes, and so much more. The team included **Nina Nelson** and **Wendy Lama** as co-chairs, **Vivian Costello**, **Chris Ortega**, **Claudia Marshall**, **Linda Craven**, **Suzanne Mau**, **Evie Tutorow**, **Irene Baume**,

Peggy Rozhon, **Karen Hume**, **Donna Wolf**, **Gladys Picht**, and others. We also thank **Peter Master** for his brilliant piano accompaniment and **Dan Blick** for bartending.

And last but not least, we thank the Coastal Rep Theater for again hosting the Bash and most generously including entry to the final dress rehearsal of *The Cemetery Club* in the AAUW Bash ticket price.

Wendy Lama, Theater Bash Co-Chair



Anne Grauzlis enjoyed the tasty food before the show.



Suzanne Mau helped pour a few drinks.



AAUW Masked Theater Bash a Success!



Evie Tutorow waited for the main event.



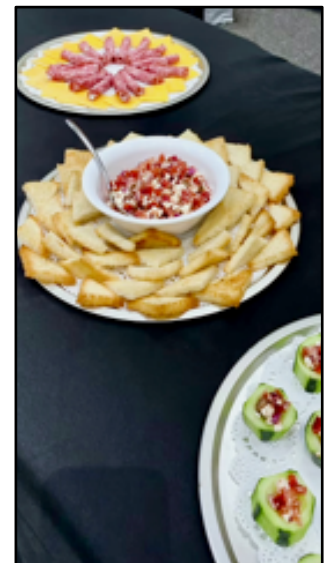
Cynthia Sherrill and Theater Bash Co-Chair Wendy Lama got into the spirit of the evening's theme.



Theater Bash Co-Chair Nina Nelson enjoyed a moment with Dan Blick, bartender extraordinaire.



Nina Nelson and Charles Nelson chatted before the play.



The scrumptious edibles were coordinated by Vivian Costello.

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m.		Days for Girls 12:30 p.m.			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. Branch Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Great Decisions 5:30 p.m.	Days for Girls 12:30 p.m.			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Evening Book Club 7 p.m.				

Interest Groups Leaping into Spring

Days for Girls: Beginning Wednesday, April 6, Days for Girls will meet first and third Wednesdays of the month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maker Room at the Half Moon Bay Library. Contact **Vivian**



Costello or **Karen Hume** for more information.



Evening Book Club: All meetings are the last Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Our Zoom meetings begin at 7 p.m. Members will be included in all discussions and decisions to change to in-person gatherings.

Upcoming meetings include:

April 26: *Spirits of San Francisco: Voyages through the Unknown City* by Barry Kamiya.

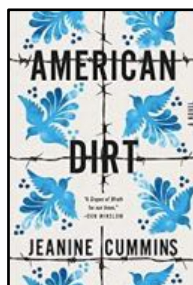


Facilitator: **Antoinette Wrubel**.

May 31: *The Soul of an Octopus*

by Sy Montgomery. Facilitator: **Judy Buckland**.

June 28: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Facilitator: **Sue Perls**.



July 26: Book nominations for 2022-23.

Aug. 30: *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Facilitator: **Janie Keeler**.

For more information, please contact **Nancy Evans** at egnancy@comcast.net.



Great Decisions: Last month we had a very informative discussion on “Putin’s Russia.” We all understood the Ukraine situation better after reading and talking about the history. Hopefully, the situation will be resolved in favor of Ukraine’s sovereignty soon.

In April we will discuss Chapter Two: The Renewed Climate Change Agenda. How can we reduce human-made greenhouse gas emissions worldwide to prevent damaging the planet? During Covid, we actually had cleaner air. We are now returning

to a new normal. This discussion never goes away but it’s important to keep up with the changes.

As an introduction to those not familiar with our group, we purchase booklets called *Great Decisions* annually from the **Foreign Policy Association**. This is not an AAUW organization, but many branches participate in this. Their goal is to develop awareness, understanding, and informed opinions on U.S. policy and global issues.

We will meet Tuesday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Barbara Von Glahn, Chair



Janus members hope to meet in person again soon. If you would like to be kept in the loop, please email **Mary Alice Pearce** at maalice_hmb@comcast.net.



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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100-year-old Park Ranger Betty Reid Soskin Retires

Betty Reid Soskin, the National Park Service's oldest active ranger, retired March 31 after a decade and a half of sharing her personal experiences and the efforts of women from diverse backgrounds who worked on the World War II Home Front.

Soskin, who celebrated her 100th birthday in September, spent her last day providing an interpretive program to the public and visiting with coworkers at Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. The park is just across the Bay in Richmond.

“To be a part of helping to mark the place where that dramatic trajectory of my own life, combined with others of my generation, will influence the future by the footprints we’ve left behind has been incredible,” said Soskin.

“Being a primary source in the sharing of that history—my history—and



Betty Reid Soskin receives congressional recognition from Rep. Mark DeSauliner. U.S. Congress photo.

giving shape to a new national park has been exciting and fulfilling,” said Soskin. “It has proven to bring meaning to my final years.”

Soskin’s interpretive programs at the park have illuminated the histories of African Americans and

other people of color, and her efforts demonstrate how her work has impacted the way the NPS conveys such history to audiences across the United States. Learn more about [Betty’s story](#) and watch one of [her recorded programs](#).



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