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Dana Landress

AAUW American Fellow

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AAUW has a heritage of financially helping women pursue higher education: 35% of our branch fundraising profits go to support this very important endeavor through the AAUW Fund. AAUW-HMB is excited to present **Dana Landress**, an American Fellowship Award recipient as this month's speaker.

The first fellowship was in 1888 to a pioneer in the field of American Indian history and "it was the beginning of AAUW's history of funding women in education," says **Gloria Blackwell**, AAUW's CEO. By 1890 an award was given for the first European fellowship and by 1917 there was a Latin American fellowship, evolving into an international fellowship program. In 1963, the African Educator's Program was started.

About this, **Coretta Scott King** wrote, "I am deeply grateful to the

American Association of University Women for establishing this scholarship fund. There is entirely too little research, writing, understanding of non-violence, peace, and Afro-American history."

To date, AAUW has awarded more than \$115 million in fellowships and grants.

Dana Landress is one of these recent fund recipients. Dana was awarded an American Fellowship for 2021-22. As a Ph.D. candidate in history of medicine and public health at UC Berkeley, her project was *Ill Fares the Land: Pellagra and Women's Public-Health Work in the Jim Crow South*.

Dana is a historian of 20th century medicine and public health. Her research explores the diverse voices of female home-demonstration agents from across the American South who, without formal medical

training, established community health networks to eradicate pellagra, one of the South's most devastating nutritional diseases in the 1920s. She is interested in the intersections between rural women's health, agrarian economies, and medicine as it is learned and practiced outside of the clinic.

Please join us Monday, May 23, in the Half Moon Bay Library to learn from one of the newest American Fellowship Award recipients and the new assistant professor in the Department of Medical History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Medicine and Public Health.

Our meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with greetings and business. The speaker will begin at 7 p.m. Please come and enjoy fellowship while learning.



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President's Message Mentors + May + Moms

For those whose education included the study of the Greek classic *The Odyssey*, you understand the idea of mentoring. Mentor was a character in the epic poem and the verb comes from the character's encouraging and empowering Telemachus, son of Odysseus.

The term "to mentor" now means "someone who imparts wisdom to and shares knowledge with a less-experienced colleague" (thanks, Wikipedia!).

Our branch has been asked to play an active role in mentoring at the Boys & Girls Club of the Coastsides. Three members are already eager to offer their time and expertise. Would you like to impart wisdom and knowledge to those hoping to use your life path as an example for theirs? Consider this a new branch interest group – The Mentoring Corps. You would be a great Corps addition.

It's May and we think about our

moms, our grandmothers, people who were like a mom to us. Perhaps we are moms, or grandmoms, or like a mom to someone special in our life. Enjoy May 8 and cut yourself some slack! And if it is a balmy coastal kind of day, explore and take in the sights and smells.

On May 5, we celebrate Coastsides Gives. Check out the article on page 3 explaining the ways we can snag extra prizes by calling during our Power Hour. We'll also have a table set up on Main Street from 2 to 7 p.m. And yes, we need volunteers to staff the booth! Please email me at prozhon@gmail.com if you can come to the table to meet-and-greet and take donations.

On Monday evening, April 18, AAUW-HMB met in-person at the Half Moon Bay Library. [Listen to this rousing and uplifting clip](#) that Barbara Cohen used to launch this great gathering. Enjoy!

Peggy Rozhon, President

Welcome, New Members!

A warm welcome to our newest branch members! Please introduce yourself to them at the next branch meeting.

Lynne Carlton, Half Moon Bay, BA in business from San Jose State University.

Judy DeBella, Half Moon Bay, BA in science from San Francisco State University.

Lucinda Hirahoka, Half Moon

Bay, master's in public health from Stanford University.

Abbey Koester, Half Moon Bay, MA in educational administration from Chapman University.

Jan McFarland, Montara, BS in education from University of Colorado Boulder.

Kathleen Ellis and Lee Ellis, Membership Vice Presidents

Giving Day is May 5!

NOW It's Time to Touch the Future!

COASTSIDE GIVES

A COASTSIDE DAY OF GIVING

MAY 5th 2022

From 12:01 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, we have *amazing opportunities* to raise funds for our branch. For 24 hours, with the support of Mavericks Community Foundation we can reach our **fundraising goal of \$10,000!**

HAVE A POWER LUNCH 5/5 WITH OUR POWER HOUR!

Noon to 1 p.m. is our time to shine! How to donate? It's easy! Go to **Coastside Gives**. Tell a friend, tell your relatives, tell your childhood pen pal! A \$10 contribution in that hour can help us benefit *most* from unique donors. **There is a \$1,000 prize grant available to the nonprofit that has the most unique donors!** A unique donor is distinguished from another when one of the following is different: billing first name, billing last name, email address, ZIP code of billing address. For example, split your household's contribution between two or more people.

NEW THIS YEAR, PEER-TO-PEER (P2P) Fundraising is Here!

Make a donation in support of our new Dollars for Scholars campaign on our Coastside Gives page. We could win a \$500 prize if our peer-to-peer fundraiser engages the highest number of unique donors.

Here's the link: www.coastsidegives.org/fundraise/5314/DollarsforScholars2022

Together we can Touch the Future!
Jan Grierson and Mary Sheridan,
Coastside Gives Co-coordinators

We have \$4,650 in our matching fund!

As of April 29, we have \$3,916 matching dollars remaining. Donate *now* and double your dollars!

Our president Peggy Rozhon has offered to be our Early Bird AND Night Owl! And yes, there are prizes to be had! Join her to donate super early or super late! Every minute of May 5 matters. Make your money count!

Our very own Pat McNutt will be the voice of AAUW on KHMB Radio on Giving Day! Tune in to 100.9 KHMB at 10:45 AM to listen. Pat's commitment to the mission of AAUW and our branch makes her an ideal spokeswoman for us. Thank you, Pat!

Donate to Coastside Gives in person at New Leaf Market on May 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Credit cards or checks accepted. OR mail a check to AAUW-HMB, P.O. Box 1414, El Granada, CA 94018.



Board of Officers Elected for 2022-23

Our April 18 monthly branch meeting was also our annual business meeting. We voted to elect the proposed slate of board officers for 2022-23. With a raising of hands, the following members were unanimously voted into the following positions:

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**

Please take the opportunity to thank these ladies for their dedication to the branch.

Peggy Rozhon, President

Local Scholarship Update

Did you know that since 1973 our branch has donated more than \$112,000 to young college women on the Coastside? In 2009, we were able to increase the amount awarded to each recipient to \$2,000.

This is why our team of **Barbara Cohen**, **Lee Ellis**, **Sue Hatfield**, **Karen Hume**, **Terry Kujuwa**, and **Patti Landry** are busy reading this year's 16 applications! We will meet May 10 to decide which young women will

receive our scholarships this year.

So remember, when you donate through Coastside Gives to AAUW-HMB, a portion of your donation goes to supporting these young women in their college pursuits. It would be lovely to be able to raise the amount awarded once again. Thank you for supporting this endeavor of our branch!

Sheila Spieller and Susan Hatfield, Local Scholarship Co-Chairs

Big Lift Collaborative

The Big Lift Collaborative is full of good news. Summer programs are coming back to life. The Inspiring Summer Program for rising K through third-grade students is scheduled for June 9 to July 8. Two classes of 15 students for each grade level are planned and staffed. The program will be housed at Hatch Elementary School, but there will be no busing.

The Boys and Girls Club and the Half Moon Bay Library are co-sponsoring 10 summer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) classes for rising fourth through eighth graders. Classes will be held at Hatch and Cunha Middle School.

HMB Library is planning many more programs for all ages, including the traditional reading log program. The library also is sponsoring a six-session STEAM program for underserved middle-school female students. Coastside Children's Programs preschool and daycare is planning summer activities. Scholarships are still available. The federally funded IZZI Early Education programs at Moonridge and the Lutheran Church will continue into June.

Our own AAUW-HMB branch team of volunteers is planning a STEM summer program for Cunha Middle School seventh-grade girls going into eighth grade as was offered pre-COVID.

This dedicated group, Big Lift Collaborative, is delighted to be able to provide in-person programs this coming summer. Our local children will benefit from the rich learning environments.

Sue Hatfield, Representative

Ol' Fashioned 4th of July Parade

AAUW Half Moon Bay will once again march in the annual Ol' Fashioned 4th of July Parade. Save the date and join in the fun! More details to come.


**SMALL TOWN
SWEETS**

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AB 92, 1666, and 1968 Advocacy at the State Level

AAUW National and State each have a solid lobbying presence promoting our mission in the legislature. Groups of AAUW members met with Assembly members and state senators throughout California for Lobby Week April 11-15. The goal was to facilitate passing these three bills – AB 92, 1666, and 1968. There were more than 120 California AAUW members who participated in these meetings. Prior to 2020, AAUW-CA members traveled to Sacramento, making their pitch to legislators in person. Zoom has allowed us to keep up this participation and has kept our AAUW-CA identity well-known in the California assembly and senate.

I was on Team 18, which comprised five members, all within Sen. **Josh Becker**'s district. We came from three branches: Los Altos/Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and

representing Half Moon Bay were **Judy Taylor** and I. With enormous help and incredible input from the state public policy team and **Kathy Van Osten** of MVM Strategy Group, we were provided training and relevant talking points to promote our topics. On Monday, April 11, we even had a "pep rally" with State Controller **Betty Yee**. On that same day, we Zoomed with Sen. Becker's staff and made a professional and engaging pitch for our bills.

Out of more than 30 bills before the Assembly, these three were chosen for best impact.

- AB 92, passed last year, was amended to extend through 2024, eliminating child care fees for those making less than 75% of the state median income.

- AB 1666, which has attracted national attention, would prohibit a lawsuit in California state courts of

any out-of-state law that imposes civil liability on a person who receives, performs, or aids someone in California in obtaining an abortion.

- AB 1968 recommends uniform informational guidance for sexual assault survivors throughout the California public post-secondary education system.

If you'd like more information on these bills or others before the California legislature, visit leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

This is a brief explanation of our state advocacy endeavor and these bills. It was stimulating and exciting to participate in a vital advocacy action. Be on the lookout for next year's Lobby Week. The more members who participate, the more we move toward the realization of our goal: gender equity and public policy priorities.

Peggy Rozhon, President


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Save the Date!

Our annual June recognition event is approaching fast. This is always a fun event, where we award local scholarships and install our new board. And it's a great way for members to reconnect or make new friends. Here's what to know:

Date
Saturday, June 18, 2022

Theme
Garden Dessert Party

Time
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

More details to follow in June *Tidings*.

Dates to Save & Remember

Monday, May 2
Board meeting

Thursday, May 5
Coastside Gives
until 11:59 p.m.

Monday, May 16
AAUW National
voting ends at
2 p.m. PDT



Monday, May 23
Branch meeting

Monday, June 6
Board meeting

Saturday, June 18
Annual Recognition
Event

Monday, July 4
Ol' Fashioned
4th of July Parade

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

Local STEM Camp is A Go!

Full steam ahead! Jump on the imagination train for our local STEM Camp!

Prior to COVID-19, every summer since 2013 **Mary Vargas** and **Carlos Vargas**, **Gael Erickson**, **Julie Gerth**, and other branch members and Tech Trek alumnae have put on a science camp for local middle school girls. We are putting this imagination train back in motion for another year of fun and exploration.

Do you have a skill set you can teach? Something you can "train" others to do? To name a few, we have done bridges, catapults, water, and rocks. What do you have up your scientific sleeve to share? It's all in the imagination!

Dates are tentative, but the ETD (estimated time of departure) is early July. It will be a four-day week, with a full and fun set of events each day.

There are myriad ways you can help, including a hands-on lesson, driving for a field trip, or chaperoning a walk to the beach or places here in town.

All aboard! Thanks in advance from the local girls who will benefit from the knowledge that you share.

Please make a reservation on our imagination train. You can contact the "ticket office" by emailing **Julie Gerth** (joolee@stanfordalumni.org), **Mary Vargas** (cvu59@aol.com), or **Juliet Bolding** (juliet@boldingfamily.com).

Update

AAUW Membership Dues Renewal 2022-23

The annual dues renewal process has been delayed. The rollout of the new AAUW national website and major changes to the member database are still being implemented. Your local branch is diligently working to understand this new format in order to make renewal easy for all of us. For this reason, we ask you to refrain from renewing online.

By May 16 or sooner, we will send a specific email to explain how we, as a branch, will proceed with dues renewal.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Total dues for 2022-23 are \$115, \$92 of which are tax-deductible. The increase of \$5 is because of a mandated national increase. State and branch dues remain the same.

Individual rates are national, \$67; state, \$20; and branch, \$28.

*Mary Wynne, Membership
Treasurer*

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AAUW CA Sponsors California Legislation

Guided by our member-approved public policy priorities for 2021-23, the AAUW California Public Policy Committee has selected bills to support as we move through the 2022 session of the California State Legislature. These are the six highest-priority bills:

- AB 92 creates an equitable sliding scale for family fees to alleviate the burden on working families struggling to pay for childcare and early childhood education services.

Co-sponsor

- AB 1666 enables people to come from outside California for abortions and not be impacted by laws of other states. *Co-sponsor*

- AB 1968 mandates the creation of websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors.

- AB 2881 gives student parents priority enrollment, registration, and access to basic needs centers to allow them to remain in California colleges.

- SB 523 expands contraceptive coverage by requiring health plans to provide point-of-sale coverage without cost-sharing.

- SB 1375 updates statutes relating to abortion care to allow nurse practitioners to practice standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care.

Within our public policy priorities, six bills are related to economic

security for all women, seven are related to equal access to public education, and 18 are related to social and racial justice for all members of society.

AAUW California is experiencing greater visibility among elected legislators by sponsoring/co-sponsoring bills.

The Public Policy Committee members spent many hours researching and discussing bills to support. AAUW members are working to improve the lives of women and children in California.

Kathleen Harper, Director, and Sue Miller, State Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs

Marketing

Facilitate Start Smart or Work Smart

Are you committed to pay equity? Become a certified AAUW salary negotiation volunteer facilitator!

AAUW depends on people like you to empower thousands of women annually to negotiate their salaries and benefits. Join the AAUW team of skilled volunteer facilitators to further your leadership development, gain public speaking experience, and sharpen your own negotiation skills and expertise.

AAUW National provides the tools, resources, and materials to help you become a successful facilitator. Email salary@aauw.org to see if you are eligible for this training. If so, you will receive an access code to register online. If you are a licensed AAUW campus or Work Smart partner, please provide the name(s) and email address (es) of prospective volunteer facilitator(s) to the AAUW National

office at connect@aauw.org. Once you register for the training, allow up to seven business days for enrollment.

The interactive training gives a deeper understanding of the workshop curricula and bolsters facilitation skills. Participants have 60 days from enrollment date to complete the training. When the training is complete, AAUW and the licensed partners will reach out to you as volunteer opportunities arise in your area and then will provide access to the workshop materials upon confirmation of your volunteer schedule.

For questions on renewing your facilitator certification, contact AAUW National via email at salary@aauw.org.

Michelle Miller-Galaz, Director, and Donna Lilly, University and Organization Collaboration Co-Chairs

Senior Coastsiders Collaboration



Our branch collaboration with Senior Coastsiders continues. Click [here](#) to read the May issue of their newsletter *The Beacon*, which includes their events calendar.

Senior Coastsiders offers many speakers and activities that may interest you.

Please encourage those who you know regularly attend activities at Senior Coastsiders to join in our activities, too!

Peggy Rozhon, President

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m.		Days for Girls 12:30 p.m.	Coastside Gives 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Great Decisions 5:30 p.m.	Days for Girls 12:30 p.m.			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Walk & Talk 10 a.m. • General Meeting 6:30 p.m.					
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Memorial Day Walk & Talk 10 a.m.	Evening Book Club 7 p.m.				

Interest Groups Springing Forward

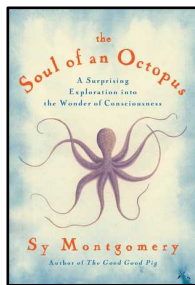
Days for Girls will meet Wednesday, May 4, and Wednesday, May 18, from 12:30 to



2:30 p.m. in the Maker Room at the Half Moon Bay Library. Contact **Vivian Costello** or **Karen Hume** for more information.



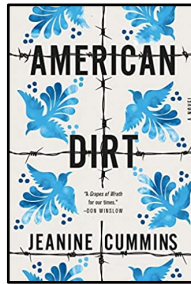
Evening Book Club: All meetings are the last Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Our meetings will now be at the Half Moon Library and begin at 6:30 p.m. Members will be included in all discussions and decisions to change to in-person gatherings.



Upcoming meetings include:

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 discussed the renewed climate change agenda, a topic that never goes away. In May we will discuss “Myanmar’s never-ending crisis.” We will review its history and current upheaval.

For 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. FPA’s goal is to develop awareness, understanding, and informed opinions on US policy and global issues. We will meet Tuesday, May 17, 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 Coastsides. 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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Tidings Editor: MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Job title: *Tidings* Editor.

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Duration: As long as it brings you joy

Sara Hayden has done a brilliant job as editor of our monthly *Tidings*. After four years and especially through this ongoing pandemic, she has created an eye-catching and informational newsletter for the delight of our members.

She is bowing out at the end of June. Who would like to take up the baton?

Tidings has changed in appearance over its 55 years. Would you like to “MAKE IT YOUR OWN”?

Past editors who have enthusiastically shaped this news source have been **Harriett Beck**,

Ellen Donnelley, co-editors **Carolyn Juarez** and **Cynthia Ramsayer**, **Elaine Booker**, **Carolyn Waring**, **Sara Dekker**, and without complete confirmation (a shady journalistic step), **Nancy Evans**, **Pat McNutt**, and **Delores Crabb**.

Please step up, use your own font, create your own style, and be a critical part of our news dissemination. And no need for a mimeograph machine. Volunteer with a friend and double your fun!

Waiting anxiously for someone to answer this clarion call. (Definition: A clarion call is *a strong and emotional appeal to people to do something.*)

All the best, **Peggy Rozhon**,
President, prozhon@gmail.com

AAUW Voting Ends Soon

You should have received a “Vote now to shape AAUW’s future” email from



Shannon Wolfe, AAUW’s managing director and chief of staff, with a direct link to vote to elect members to the national AAUW board of directors and to weigh in on two changes to the bylaws that would streamline the nominations process and ballot administration. You’ll find all the information you need on the [national election page](#), which includes key deadlines, board candidates’ bios, and answers to members’ most frequently asked questions.

Voting closes at 2 p.m. PDT on Monday, May 16. The results of the election will be announced online on Wednesday, May 18.



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