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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

For more information on any event, click the appropriate link found in "In This Issue", in the column at the left.

November 13, 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Branch meeting.
Monterey Public Library Community Room.
Topic: Weaving Women's Words.

November 18, 1:00 PM - Romancing the Coast.
Monterey Cemetery Tour with Dennis Copeland.
Contact: Susan Murphy.

December 4, 2:00 PM - Romancing the Coast.
Pacific Repertory Theatre party, Golden Bough
Playhouse, Monte Verde Street, Carmel. "Sister
Act, the Musical". Contact: Caryl Rojas.

December 11, 3:00 - 5:00 PM - Holiday Party.
Potluck appetizers/desserts at home of Pat
Fletcher, 6 Overlook Place, Monterey.

Season's Greetings

BOOK GROUPS



Morning Books

Coordinator: Kathy Poulson
Location: Canterbury Woods

Mon, Nov. 21, 10 AM
My Name is Lucy Barton
by Elizabeth Strout
Leader: Margaret Smith
Refreshment: Loma
Livernois

Mon, Dec. 12, 11:30 AM
Holiday Lunch - Fandango

Afternoon Books

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith

Tues, Nov. 8, 2 PM
Mary Coin
by Marissa Silver
Hostess: Carolyn Smith
RSVP: stacaro@aol.com

Tues, Dec. 13, 2 PM
All the Little Live Things
by Wallace Stegner
Hostess: Ann Wilson
RSVP: awilsonpb@gmail.com

Joy of Reading Book Club
Coordinator: Maureen Vieth

An organizational meeting was held on Nov. 1. This group will meet the second Tuesday of every month, starting in January. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

Evening Books

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall

Tues, Nov. 15, 7 PM
Annabel
by Kathleen Winter
Hostess: Marge Simmons
RSVP:

Marges18@comcast.net
Leader: Donna Foote

Tues, Dec. 20, 7 PM
The Dinner

January 21, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Branch meeting. Pebble Beach Community Room. Speaker from AAUW-CA. Potluck salad/dessert luncheon.

January 27, 10:00 AM - Romancing the Coast. Marina Wetlands Tour. Contact: Nancy Iverson

February 17, 10:30 AM - Romancing the Coast. Dali Museum; admission \$20, Seniors \$16. Lunch afterward. Contact: Nancy Edwards

February 25 - InterBranch Council meeting and luncheon. Bayonet & Blackhorse Golf Club, 1 McClure Way, Seaside. Speaker(s) TBA. All-inclusive price \$25.

March 18, 1:30 - 3:30 PM - Branch meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church. Panel discussion on immigration.

March - Romancing the Coast. Carmelite Monastery and gardens. Date and details TBA. Contact Sandy Grimmer.

April - Branch meeting. Joint meeting with Salinas branch. Date and details TBA.

April 7, 10:00 AM - Romancing the Coast. First Murphy House and Carmel walking tour. Details TBA. Contact Susan Murphy.

May - Branch meeting. Annual meeting and program. Date and details TBA.

May - Romancing the Coast. Annie Glass and Martinelli tour, Watsonville. Date and details TBA. Contact Nancy Edwards.

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING



**Weaving Women's Words:
Personal Stories ã; Iã; Moth Radio
Hour**

by Herman Koch
Holiday dinner
Restaurant TBA
Leader: Informal discussion

BOARD MEETINGS

November 3
December 1

4:00 PM

Monterey City Library

Member Directory

Online Directories:

Remember: The password to our password-protected online directory on our website is on the third page of your green directory. This is where all of our members' contact information is readily accessible.
(<http://mpb-ca.aauw.net>)

Additions & Corrections:
Wendy Smith's street name is spelled Holovits.

Add Jennifer Duncan
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NEW MEMBERS:

Date: Sunday, November 13

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Place: Monterey Public Library Community Room, 625 Pacific Street (click for [map](#))

Bring a friend and join fellow AAUW-MPB members to hear a diverse group of distinguished women share inspiring tales of gratitude, overcoming obstacles and their life experiences. Featured speakers include:

- Captain Deidre McLay, Retired U.S. Navy
- Alana Hagood Myles, educator and [author](#)
- Gina Pucinelli, [yoga](#) instructor/massage therapist/health educator
- Alice Halbourian, 91 years young
- Bella Lofaso, owner, [Bella's Studio](#)
- Diana Y. Paul, [author](#), former professor
- Nancy W. Noel, [cancer](#) survivor

Member Harriet Lynn, [Heritage Theatre Artists' Consortium](#), will produce and host. It should be a moving afternoon celebrating women. The event is free and open to the public. The format is that of The Moth Radio Hour, www.TheMoth.org. Audience members can choose to share their own stories if they wish. Contact Harriet Lynn at 443-630-5312 for more information.



Date: Sunday, December 11

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Place: home of Pat Fletcher, 6 Overlook Place, Monterey (click for [map](#))

Put on your holiday attire and join us for our Holiday Party at the home of Pat Fletcher. (Note that parking is tight and you should plan on carpooling, if possible.)

Attendees are asked to bring appetizers or

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New Member Bios

Catherine Coleman

Catherine is returning to AAUW/MPB, dividing her time between Monterey and Alameda. She earned a B.A. and M.P.A. at Cal State East Bay, retired early ('92) from running a hospital-based Cancer Registry, then completed several real estate fixer uppers. Her passion is volunteering; she has spent nearly a dozen summers teaching English in rural China. She is active in an Oakland Rotary Club, and various church and non-church service efforts.

Denise Kaku

Denise grew up in Lindsay, California, oldest of five children. She and Richard moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1983. She had a 30 year career with IRS. She got a

dessert as well as wine or other beverage to share. As our party will be in a private home, we will not have table seating so please plan your special treat accordingly. Spouses/significant others and prospective members are all welcome.

We invite you to bring a new or gently used book that will be donated to local children for the holidays. Books for any age are appropriate and bilingual books are especially appreciated.

Last names A-I - Bite-size dessert
Last names J-Z - Bite-size appetizer

Thank you Pat and Peter for generously hosting our celebration.
RSVP to Pat Fletcher at 831-324-4118 or
pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our branch has begun the fall with many interesting programs and events. A big thank you is due the program committee for the very timely discussion of some of the propositions on the ballot at our September meeting. The Tech Trek committee under Marilyn Erickson arranged a wonderful program from our Tech Trek campers. Old and new members came out to explore the game of Bocce on a warm September morning, followed by lunch. A new Tuesday afternoon book group (already full) has joined the existing morning, afternoon and evening groups to help meet the need for our avid readers. Gourmet groups are beginning their new year. Members will soon be participating at the polls as a fundraiser. We are a happening group!

We are excited to have such a great group of women in our branch. Many of you go above and beyond to champion women's issues. We want to congratulate Wendy Smith, one of our new members, for being recognized nationally as an AAUW Title IX Champion. Wendy is the Title IX coordinator at CSUMB, and was the speaker at our April meeting there.

It is an honor to be a part of such a wonderful

BS from CSUFresno in Business Administration with Accounting option. At 40, she returned to school and received her Masters degree from USF College of Professional Studies in Organization Development. She is finishing her 10th year as a volunteer Girls Inc Mentor at Seaside High and continues to work as a business consultant and leadership coach in her own consulting firm. She is a former CPA and does presentations on communication, and change and time management.

Gabriela Sanchez

Gabriela received her AS in Mathematics from MPC in 2014 and her BA in Economics from UC Riverside in 2015. She previously worked for a real estate agency as a receptionist and is currently working in the billing department of an insurance company in Monterey. She moved back home from Riverside this year, currently residing in Soledad. Interests include volunteering, DIY projects, reading fantasy books (big Harry Potter fan), and going on walking trails.

organization!

Nancy SoulÃ© and Pat Fletcher
Co-Presidents

Help Recruit New Members for Your Branch!

Are you aware of the Shape the Future membership campaign? This is a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members can take 50% off the national dues rates when they join on the spot during an AAUW public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually.

PUBLIC POLICY

The September branch meeting was held in conjunction with The Monterey County League of Women Voters at the Monterey Center for Spiritual Living. Dennis Mar of the League presented pros and cons of pre-selected propositions on the November ballot. [Here](#) is a link to his Power Point presentation.

The propositions included were:
Proposition 57 - Criminal Sentences. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing
Proposition 62 - Repeal of the Death Penalty
Proposition 66 - Change of procedures governing state court appeals and petitions challenging death penalty convictions and sentences
Proposition 63 - Firearms. Ammunition Sales
Proposition 64 - Marijuana Legalization.

CONGRATULATIONS

TECH TREK FUNDRAISER

Wendy Smith



Wendy is the Title IX Coordinator & Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Prevention Officer, CSU Monterey Bay. She spoke at our April branch meeting on the background of Title IX and AAUW's role in creating this legislation. Recently she received the AAUW Title IX Champion Award. Click [here](#) to see the online list of Title IX awardees, including Wendy's information and picture.

Wendy began her career as an attorney in Illinois, running her own boutique practice that specialized in civil rights, employment and health law for six years. She then went to the east coast to do large-scale corporate law in Washington D.C. for an additional three years. From 2005-2009, Wendy was a guest lecturer at Duke University on issues of health law and intellectual property concepts. She moved to the west coast in 2010, committed to a career change into higher education administration, and became a Campus Compliance Officer for CSU. She went to UCMerced in 2012 and developed their Title IX and EEO compliance programs. During her time with the UC, she was invited to speak to a Special Select Committee for the



Lulu Moitoso, Jayne Eldredge, Machara Herring

At our October branch meeting, our three Tech Trek scholarship winners reported on their wonderful week of STEM classes at Camp Grace Hopper, Stanford University. We were proud of all of them and how much they learned.

Thank you for supporting the Tech Trek Fundraiser by donating \$950. We are well on our way to our goal of \$2700 for the 2017 Camp at Stanford.

We are pleased to announce that our organization has recently been awarded a generous \$1200 grant from Yellow Brick Road, a nonprofit benefit store located at 26399 Carmel Rancho Lane in Carmel, next to the Barnyard. This gift is a big tribute to our fine programs! Over its 25 years, the Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shops have donated more than \$5 million to Monterey County nonprofits. To help continue this philanthropy, they need more volunteers. Please call 626-8480 or visit www.yellowbrickroadbenefitshop.org to volunteer or for more information.



Marilyn Erickson, Tech Trek Coordinator

Local Scholarships

We have named a scholarship for a CSUMB student in memory of Sally Hekkers; the AAUW-MPB Sally Hekkers Memorial Scholarship. Due to the generosity of AAUW-MPB members, friends and family of Sally, we have sufficient funds to grant a scholarship in her memory in each of the next five years.

The six scholarship recipients from May 2016

California Legislature on diversity issues, and to present a panel discussion with the United States Congress on Title IX issues. In 2015 she came to CSUMB to implement their newly formed position dedicating a full-time person to discrimination response and prevention.

The AAUW-MPB Website

<http://mpb-ca.aauw.net>

The AAUW-CA Website

<http://aauw-ca.org>

This is the AAUW California website. The members-only section requires the following:

User Name: member
Password: aauwca

January - February
Messenger

report that they are doing well and looking forward to the year ahead. The two MPC students are continuing their education at 4-year colleges. They write:

Zulema Cortez Cuevas is pursuing a degree in psychology. "So far it's been great. I transferred to Sacramento State and I really enjoy the city and the university. I joined a dance club and a club called Best Buddies where you meet children with disabilities and help them with their homework."

Joy Johnson transferred to UC San Diego and completed a summer internship with the NIH. She is interested in being a future geneticist. "The internship at NIH has been a major highlight of my life and academic journey. I hope to continue my journey in science and grow from more opportunities such as this one. I just started my quarter yesterday and am loving the campus and people."

Your contribution to the Local Scholarship Fund does make a difference. We welcome donations at any time. Checks may be made payable to "AAUW-MPB Local Scholarships".

Joanne Webster, Local Scholarship Director

ROMANCING THE COAST

These activities are open to all members and often guests as well.

November - Monterey Cemetery Tour

On Friday, Nov. 18, Dennis Copeland, a historian and the Museum, Cultural Arts and Archives Manager for the City of Monterey, will lead a tour of the historic El Estero Cemetery. Meet at 1:00 PM at the entrance on Pearl Street in Monterey across from the Dennis the Menace playground and wear comfortable shoes. Spouses and friends are welcome, but we are limited to 20 so RSVP to Susan Murphy, murphfamilycarmel@yahoo.com or 622-9289. Rain or heavy drizzle cancels. Click [here](#) for a map.

December - Pacific Repertory

Please send articles for the January - February newsletter to Caryl Rojas at rojas@ultimanet.com by December 15.

Deeply Discounted Bus and Parking Passes

During work on the roundabout, MST and the City of Monterey are offering bus and parking discounts to those living or working in areas affected by the construction. For more information, go to <http://mst.org/>

Newsletter Schedule

Newsletters are published around the 1st of the months of September, November, January, March and May. There will be occasional short "eblasts", containing reminders or special announcements that cannot wait for the next newsletter. If you do not receive a newsletter, please contact me so we can fix the problem.

Caryl Rojas
Newsletter Editor
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rojas@ultimanet.com

Theatre

On Sunday, Dec. 4, we will attend "Sister Act, the Musical" at 2:00 PM at Pacific Repertory Theatre's Golden Bough Playhouse, Monte Verde between 8th and 9th in Carmel. Dinner afterwards is an option. RSVP by November 13, so that tickets may be obtained, to Caryl Rojas, 899-9141 or rojas@ultimanet.com. Click [here](#) for a map.

Here are the intrepid bocce players at our September Bocce by the Bay activity.



That was followed up by the Elkhorn Slough Safari at Moss Landing in October. After a scenic cruise with lots of wildlife, the group had lunch at the Haute Enchillada.



GREAT DECISIONS 2017 GROUP

Starting in January, the Great Decisions group meets to discuss current, controversial topics

based on a booklet written by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). Topics this year are The Future of Europe, Trade and Politics, Conflict in the South China Sea, Saudi Arabia in Transition, U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum, Latin America's Political Pendulum, Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Nuclear Security.

Participants meet for eight consecutive weeks and take turns presenting the topics. Weekly meetings will take place on Mondays, 2-4 PM. Location(s) will be decided by group members closer to the starting date. The booklet costs \$25 if you have not already joined. Call Pat Fletcher (324-4118) to be added to the group.

GOURMET GROUP

The Gourmet Group has been enjoying great Hawaiian dinners during Sept./Oct., and will be having Northern Italian dinners during November/January, Moroccan dinners during February/March and Vietnamese dinners during April/May. We have one opening if someone would like to join or be a substitute for one of the dinners and try out the Gourmet group. If you would like to join, contact Kathy Poulson at abeachlov@gmail.com or 324-0760.

DON'T FORGET AAUW DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS!

Please note that if you paid the full \$85 AAUW yearly dues, \$46 of that amount is tax deductible. In addition, any donations to our charitable funds will be tax deductible for a tax year if paid by December 31st of that year. Donations can be sent as follows, using the form in the link at the bottom:

Local Scholarship Make check payable to "AAUW-MPB Local Scholarships"	Tech Trek Make check payable to "AAUW" with "Tech Trek" in the
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<p>Send to Joanne Webster P O Box 1583 Monterey, CA 93942</p>	<p>memo line Send to Marilyn Erickson 25351 Boots Rd #6 Monterey, CA 93940</p>
<p>Legal Advocacy Fund Make check payable to "AAUW" with "LAF" in memo line Send to Ann Donaldson 115 Seafoam Avenue Monterey, CA 93940</p>	<p>AAUW Funds Make check payable to "AAUW" with "AAUW Fund" in the memo line Send to Kristin Searle 1360 Josselyn Canyon Rd #6 Monterey, CA 93940</p>

If making a donation directly from an IRA as a qualified charitable donation (QCD), please consult your tax advisor or www.irs.gov for further information.

Click [here](#) for the donation form.