

Theatre Party

Come one, come all to an AAUW Theater Party!

Where: Pacific Repertory Theatre, Carmel CA

When: Sunday matinee, September 9th at 2:00 PM

What: Mary Stuart -- in a new translation by Peter Oswald

Mary Stuart is one of the truly gigantic achievements of the European stage. Set in Elizabethan England, passions of the flesh, the spirit, and the state culminate in an unforgettable showdown between two cousin-queens. Queen Elizabeth I, the Virgin Queen, is threatened by the survival of her Catholic cousin (and her prisoner for 19 years), Mary Queen of Scots. Wrestling with her own conscience, and Mary's popularity, the Queen agonizes over Mary's fate and her own survival.

Dan Gotch, literary director of Pac Rep, will be on hand after the play to speak with us about the play, and answer any questions.

Don't miss this special opportunity for a great afternoon of theater at the special group price of **\$20**. Send your reservation in without delay!! Friends and family are most welcome .

Reservations: Check for \$20 per person, made out to Pacific Repertory Theatre, send to Pat Gotch, 1114 Kenet Place, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. **Deadline:** August 31.

October Branch Meeting

Dr. Mary Lou Shockley

Dean of Business and Accounting Department
California State University, Monterey Bay

Thursday, Oct. 25, @ 7:00 PM

Canterbury Woods Auditorium

651 Sinex Avenue, Pacific Grove

What awaits young women today who complete Cal State Monterey Bay's M.B.A. program? Dr. Marylou Shockley gives us a look at the future for M.B.A.'s and tells us about her own career path. Having studied at Stanford University, Oxford University and the University of Southern California, she is currently the chair at CSUMB's School of Business. She is a widely respected expert in the field of globalization, especially for emerging nations.



The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

AAUW has a new Mission statement and Vision Statement. They are "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research." "AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls." The national program focus is "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security." Our branch has been focusing on this theme for several years and is again working with CSUMB to provide workshops for staff and students. Watch for Inter Branch Council programs as well as branch programs on Financial Literacy.

"Celebrating our Past and Creating our Future," the theme of last spring's State Convention is the focal point for our AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch Year. Your program committee has come up with some thoughtful and inspiring programs so mark your calendars now and plan to attend. General meetings, interest groups, and social events are a great way to make and renew friendships, network, get a fresh perspective on your community and come away with new ideas.

Congratulations to our membership team, Sharyn Siebert and Karen Snow. We received a gold key at convention for all their hard work in increasing our membership. Make their job easier. Bring a friend, co-worker or neighbor to a meeting and introduce them to AAUW. Much of our communication these days is by e-mail. Many of us miss the human touch, the phone call, the offer of a ride, the chance for personal communication. We are restarting a phone tree this year. Please contact Sharyn Siebert (622-0425) if you are willing to call about 10 other people when we need to activate that tree. The sentiment behind the old ad "Reach out and touch somebody" may be corny, but we all enjoy and benefit from that contact.

Susan



HALL OF FAME



Congratulations to member, **Kathleen Stacey**, who will be inducted into the University of Denver's Athletic Hall of Fame in October for her work as a gymnastics coach from 1974-1981 and more especially, her work to make Title 9 a reality at DU. Kathleen started the gymnastic team from the ground up in 1974. She began the program with no scholarship athletes and in just 4 years, helped DU to a 4th place finish at the first ever AIAW Small College Championships.

PROGRAM FALL 2007

(Save these dates)

August 25 - Picnic, Whispering Pines Park
Pacific Street, Monterey, 1:00.
Bring a dish to share.

Sept. 9 - Theatre Party "Mary Stewart"
Pacific Reparatory Theatre, Carmel
2:00.

Sept. 18 - New member welcome at Karen Snow's, 6:00.

Oct. 6 - Garage Sale Fund Raiser
1001 Wranglers Trail, Pebble Beach

Oct. () - Dr. Mary Lou Shockley, Dean of Business & Accounting Dept, CSUMB
Date & location TBA

Nov. 15 - Susan Shillinglaw, author on Steinbeck Country
Canterbury Woods
6:30 book signing followed by talk

Dec. 1 - Christmas Gala Dinner
Rancho Canada

Board Meetings

September 6, October 4

2:00 PM (new time)

Monterey Public Library
Solarium

INTEREST GROUPS

Afternoon Book Group

Coordinator: Carolyn Bazzani
(bgoodcarolyn@msn.com)

Tuesday, Sept 11, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
Ines of My Soul, Isabel Allende
at the home of Sally Hekkers
RSVP: swhekkers@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, Oct 9, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini
at the home of Carolyn Bazzani
RSVP: bgoodcarolyn@msn.com

Tuesday, Nov 13, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
The Whistling Season, Ivan Doig
at the home of Carolyn Smith
RSVP: stacaro@aol.com

Tuesday, Dec 11, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
Carry Me Across the Water, Ethan Canin
at the home of Kathleen Stacey
RSVP: yecats123@aol.com

New Book Group

Another daytime book discussion group is now being organized by new member Jeanne Krener. The first book title is *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky. The first proposed meeting time is Thursday, September 13, from 1:30 to 3 at Jeanne's home at 1326 Miles Avenue, Pacific Grove.

The proposed discussion format is to begin with a summary of the book's newspaper and magazine reviews and the author's personal history. Participants would take turns preparing these 10-15 minute summaries.

Our goal will be a lively discussion that follows with a group of 5-10 avid readers. Future paperback reading selections will be based on group consensus for a variety of genres, i.e., a balance of non-fiction and fiction, contemporary and classic, travel literature, and new voices. Titles should be chosen three to six months in advance.

Please contact Jeanne at 648-1414 or jeanne.krener@yahoo.com to RSVP your desire to participate.

Romancing the Coast

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
(janzeek@hotmail.com)

The luncheon planning meeting of Romancers will be held on Friday, September 21, at the new Tuscana Restaurant in the Hyatt Regency, 1 Golf Course Road in Monterey. We'll meet at 11:45 to discuss and plan for the year. Thanks to the many suggestions of members, we had some wonderful meetings last year. We'll hope to visit some old favorites as well as new spots in the year ahead. All members are welcome.

RSVP: janzeek@hotmail.com, or 373-0882

Evening Book Group

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
(walkus@aol.com)

Sept 13, 2007, 7:00 PM
Snow Falling on Cedars, by David Guterson
Leader: Kathleen Wall
Hostess: Mary Ann Grant, 622-0737

Oct 18, 2007, 7:00 PM
Luncheon of the Boating Party, by Susan Vree-land
Leader: Jacqui Davis
Hostess: Rose Mary Ullman, 626-3710

Nov 15, 2007, 7:00 PM
A Thousand Splendid Suns, by Khaled Hosseini
Leader: Christy Yarr
Hostess: Mez Benton, 372-3469

Dec 20, 2007
Holiday Dinner. Restaurant to be announced.
Book, extra, for fun only if you want to read something in December for an informal discussion: *Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!* by Richard Feynman.

Couples Gourmet

Coordinator: Karen Snow
(karensnowpb@aol.com)

The schedules for '07-'08 have been mailed. If you are hosting the first dinner in Sept./Oct., this is the perfect time to establish a date, always the hardest part to accomplish in this group.

November General Meeting

Speaker: Susan Shillinglaw, Ph. D.

Date: Thursday, November 15th, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. book signing
7:00 p.m. start of meeting

Place: Canterbury Woods, Pacific Grove

Topic: A Journey into Steinbeck's California

This November Dr. Shillinglaw will present an overview of her latest book with anecdotes and slides. Dr. Shillinglaw is a Professor of English at San Jose State University and co-editor of *America and Americans and Selected Nonfiction, Steinbeck and the Environment, Beyond Boundaries: Rereading John Steinbeck*, and *John Steinbeck: The Contemporary Reviews*. Her most recent book *Journey into Steinbeck's California* describes in depth Steinbeck's sense of "place" in his writings. On a personal note, Judy Cunningham had the privilege of hearing Dr. Shillinglaw last Fall and thought at the time how wonderful it would be to host her at AAUW. Lucky for us she has agreed to be our November speaker.

Suggested reading list for Dr. Shillinglaw's presentation: *Cannery Row, East of Eden, Grapes of Wrath*, and *Winter of Our Discontent*.

Phone Tree

We are looking for "a few good women" who could make reminder calls and someone to head it up. It takes just a few minutes each month.

Sharyn Siebert
sharynsiebert@comcast.net 622-0425

Community Events

SEPTEMBER

9/10/07 — Festa Italia – Santa Rosalia Festival, Custom House Plaza, Monterey, 238-6740

09/21–23 – Monterey Jazz Festival, Fairgrounds, oldest continuous jazz festival, 925-275-9255

09/21-23 – Monterey Bay Birding Festival, field trips and boat trips, 763-5600

09/21–23 – 14th Annual Old Monterey Seafood and Music Festival, Custom House Plaza, Monterey, 655-8070

OCTOBER

10/05-07 – Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation Fall Festival, 624-1813

10/05-07 – Big Sur Jade Festival at Pacific Valley School, 65 miles south of Monterey on Highway 1, 659-3857

10/19-21 – Monterey Sports Car Championships, Le Mans series, 1-800-327-SECA

10/27 – Carmel's 91st Birthday Party, 620-2020

10/27-28 – Fall Fest Holiday Gift Faire, Custom House Plaza, artists on site, food and drink, too

10/31 – "Pumpkin Pandemonium," a community "Trick or Treat," 3 pm at Del Monte Shopping Center.



NEW MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Please save the date, Tuesday **September 18, 6 PM**, to join in a welcoming get-together held at the home of Karen Snow, 1141 Mestres Dr., Pebble Beach, phone 375-5220. Current members are encouraged to join us and bring along friends, associates, and neighbors who might be interested in joining AAUW. Anyone having a prospective member should get in touch with me to have an invitation sent to that individual. Board members and interest group chairs are especially encouraged to attend and speak about your activities. Members are requested to please bring a finger food and beverage to share.

Karen Snow

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Some of you have been very successful in recruiting new members, and for that we are grateful! Some of our previous members have dropped their memberships. From a high of 91, we currently stand at 80 paid members. **LET'S GET OUT THERE AND LET PEOPLE KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER, AND GET OUR NUMBERS BACK UP!** At state convention our branch had been awarded a gold key for a 15% increase in membership, but that has all disappeared now.

REMINDER: to those who wish to participate in interest groups, you must have paid your dues according to our branch's bylaws.

New Steinbeck CEO

Steven A. Hoffman has been selected as the second CEO of the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas. Steve is the son of member Sharon Hoffman. Congratulations to all!

Thank you, James Smyth!

James is the son of member Jan Smyth. We *really* appreciate his putting our newsletter onto our website for us.

Annual Credit Report

You have the right to get a free copy of your credit file disclosure, commonly called a credit report, once every 12 months, from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies — Equifax, Experian and Trans Union.

For instant access to your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com

Do not use a similar website that has "free credit report" in the title. This latter one will result in a charge to you.

Fraud Help

Do you know anyone who seems susceptible to misplacing their trust when it comes to telephone or internet offers? If you win something, you win it. There is no fee. And Chinese (and other nation's) companies are not looking for representatives in this country (and asking for a fee.)

Victims can be particularly susceptible to fraud in the 3 years after a traumatic experience — financial problems, the loss of a spouse or a change in health or housing. Be aware that you and others need to be especially vigilant to any questionable offers during this time. Let that little alarm bell ring.

To learn more, contact the National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060 or at fraud.org/tips/ telemarketing. There is an offer of a free copy of Weapons of Fraud if you email www.weaponsoffraud@aarp.org.

ANNUAL FUND RAISER GARAGE SALE

Our annual AAUW fund raiser garage sale will be held **Saturday, Oct. 6th**, from 9-3 pm, at the home of Brenda Anderson. Clean out your closets and cupboards and start saving gently used items for us. Please, NO electronics or computer stuff!

We will have 3 drop off points:

Carmel — Susan Murphy's house at 3278 Camino del Monte (622-9289)

PG/Monterey/Seaside — Ann Donaldson's house at 115 Seafoam Ave., Monterey (372-4251)

Pebble Beach — Brenda Anderson's house at 1001 Wranglers Trail (corner of Stevenson) (333-1980).

Please do NOT drop off any items until the week before the sale! If it is impossible to drop off your items, please contact Brenda and she will arrange for a pick up. We will be needing some volunteers to help price items on Thurs. the 4th and Fri. the 5th. Also needed are some helpers for the actual day of sale. If you have a few hours to donate, it would be much appreciated.

Please watch for a sign up sheet at the August picnic and September meeting, or contact Brenda at 333-1980 or DBAntiques@comcast.net. Thanks for helping us make this a successful fund raiser for our branch!

MACY'S SHOPPING DAY

Our branch is planning to participate in Macy's Community Shopping Day on Fri., Sept. 28th, to raise money for our scholarship fund. Tickets can be purchased from board members for a nominal \$10, all of which goes directly to our branch. Your ticket gives you a special discount on most items purchased at Macy's on Sept. 28th, as well as the ability to participate in this fun event, including door prizes and raffles. It's an easy way to support your AAUW branch and do some shopping at the same time! (It's not too early to think holidays gifts). Help us meet our goal of selling 100 tickets — contact friends and neighbors who might be interested in purchasing a ticket. For more information or extra tickets, call Brenda Anderson at 333-1980 or DBAntiques@comcast.net. Thanks for you support!

MY TECH TREK EXPERIENCE

By Sonam Sherpa

I had the opportunity to attend Tech Trek this summer in Fresno, California. It was a wonderful experience!

I learned many new things in such a short time. I also made many new friends with whom I keep in contact. Everything about Tech Trek was very exciting to me. We did a lot of science and math projects. We also did fun stuff like canoeing, swimming, and go to the college book store. The food was great including the desserts. The teachers taught us many tricks about math and science.

The first day of Tech Trek was a total blast. Many of the girls share the same interest in math and science as I do. The core classes I had were very interesting. I learned to make a car out of a soda bottle! We worked in groups to make a hot air balloon out of light weight colored papers. It measured nine feet tall. We launched the balloon at six a.m. on the last day of Tech Trek. Another fun thing was pretending to launch a rocket to Mars. I was the probe.

When it was time to leave Tech Trek, it was really hard letting go of all the new friends I had made. Even though it was only a week it seemed like we had known each other for a long time.

Overall I am just really glad that I was a student there at Tech Trek. I will never be able to forget the experience I had in a week. I really like Tech Trek and am hoping to go there someday as a counselor.

Note: Sonam is the step-granddaughter of Phyllis Mosher, an AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch member. Our branch was proud to sponsor Sonam for this event.



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2007-2008

AAUW Monterey Peninsula Branch has awarded four scholarships for the continuing university studies of local women. A panel of members reviewed nearly 40 applications and interviewed 14 applicants at CSUMB and MPC this spring. The following women were selected from this very competitive field of applicants:

Patricia L. Mehia earned a degree in English from MPC and will be attending UCLA this fall. Her goal is to become a writer, but she is also pursuing a teaching credential in English and Literature.

Kate Summers earned a Biology degree at MPC and was on the MPC Track and Field team. She will be studying Kinesiology at Cal Poly Tech Institute and plans graduate studies to earn her doctorate in physical therapy.

Melissa Pasa will enter her junior year at CSUMB. Her major is General Studies and she is dedicated to pursuing a teaching credential in early childhood education at San Jose State. In addition to having a very impressive grade point average, Melissa works 20 hours a week at a child development center.

Our first girls, inc/AAUW scholarship was awarded to **Celia Salinas Garcia**, a junior at University of California at Berkeley. Celia is involved with several mentoring and tutoring programs in Salinas and Berkeley. She is planning to earn a teaching credential in early childhood education.

Each of these young women is first generation college student in their families.

The thank you from Melissa summarizes the wonderful comments from each of these outstanding women. She writes, "Wow! Thank you so much for your support in this! This means so much to me. I am so grateful that I was able to find you and the women of the AAUW. This is truly an amazing organization, and I hope CSUMB realizes what an amazing group of women you all are."



MENTORING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Did you have a particular advocate or counselor who was there at just the right time to advise and encourage you to finish your education? Most of us did! Sometimes this was our mother or a beloved aunt. For others, teachers and counselors provided the support we needed to continue our studies. Now is the time to return those generous favors by donating a few hours a year.

The Monterey Branch of AAUW receives Local Scholarship funding from our members, various projects including garage sales and working at the polls, and a grant from the Community Foundation. As part of our reporting process for the latter, as well as our own interests in the success of young women, I have started a life-time mentor program for each scholarship recipient. Each AAUW mentor will meet with her scholarship recipient and then keep in contact during the school year with the hope that our sponsored students will use our expertise and interest as a support network. I am trying to match our scholarship women with AAUW members that have similar interests and useful experiences. For example, two of our current scholarship recipients are planning careers in education so I have asked two of our experienced teachers to mentor these women. If you can help with this new outreach, please contact me: Ruthann Donahue, 373-4197, or ruthann@sbcbglobal.net

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