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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. Communication is crucial.

Caryl Rojas, Newsletter Editor
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BOOK GROUPS



Morning Books

Coordinator: Kathy Poulson
Location: Canterbury Woods

Mon, Sept. 19, 10 AM
My Name is Lucy Barton
by Elizabeth Strout
Leader: Lois Carroll
Refreshments: Donna Pribble

Mon, Oct. 17, 10 AM
The Color of Light
by Emile Richards
Leader: Valda Fletcher
Refreshments: Kathy Poulson

Afternoon Books

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith

Tues, Sept. 13, 2 PM
The Last Goodnight
by Howard Blum
Hostess: Judy Ritchie
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Tues, Oct. 11, 2 PM
The Little Paris Bookshop
by Nina George
Hostess: Kathleen Stacey
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Evening Books

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall

Tues, Sept. 20, 7 PM
The Children Act
by Ian McEwan
Hostess: Fatima Dias
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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.

*September 16, 10:00 AM - Romancing the Coast. Bocce Ball by the Bay, by Custom House Plaza, Monterey, followed by lunch. RSVP to Nancy SoulÃ©.

*September 24, 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Branch meeting.
League of Women Voters Ballot Issue Review at Monterey Center for Spiritual Living, corner of Pacific and Franklin Streets, Monterey.

*October 11, 2:00 PM - Organizational meeting for new afternoon book group. Home of Nancy SoulÃ©, 504 Larkin Street, Monterey.

*October 15 - Deadline for Nov./Dec. newsletter articles to Caryl Rojas.

*October 16, 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Branch meeting. Home of Lucy Campen, 10 White Tail Lane, Monterey. Tech Trek Fundraiser/Afternoon Social.

*October 21, 9:30 AM - Romancing the Coast. Elkhorn Slough Safari, Moss Landing, followed by lunch. RSVP and \$35 to Carol Young by Sept. 20.

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

*November 18, 19 or 20 - 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 Theatre, 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.

SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING Ballot Issues

Date: Saturday, September 24

Leader: Mary Conway

Tues, Oct. 18, 7 PM
Waiting for Snow in Havana,
Confessions of a Cuban Boy
by Carlos Eire
Hostess: Mary Conway
RSVP:
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Leader: Kathleen Wall

BOOKMANIA



We currently have three very active book groups. Two are so full at the moment that it is hard to add anyone new to them.

Kathleen Wall (920-7626, wallplus@aol.com), who runs our evening book group (3rd Tues. every month from 7-9 PM) says there is currently room in that group.

Nancy Soule (236-3763, nancyksoule@yahoo.com) is forming a second afternoon Book Club. The organizational meeting will be Oct. 11 at 2:00 PM at Nancy's home, 504 Larkin Street, Monterey. Contact her with questions or to let her know that you are interested in being part of that group.

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Place: Monterey Center for Spiritual Living
400 W. Franklin Street, Monterey

Fee: \$5.00

Topic: League of Women Voters - Ballot Issues

The September branch meeting will be held in conjunction with The Monterey County League of Women Voters and is open to the public. It will be a panel discussion of the pros and cons of selected initiatives on the November ballot. Light refreshments will be served.

The initiatives to be included are:

Proposition 57 - Criminal Sentences. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing - allows parole consideration for persons convicted of non-violent felonies upon completion of full prison term for primary offence.

Proposition 62 - Repeal of the Death Penalty.

Proposition 63 - Firearms. Ammunition Sales - prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines and terms of their disposal.

Proposition 64 - Marijuana Legalization - legalization of marijuana and hemp under state law.

Proposition 66 - Change of procedures governing state court appeals and petitions challenging death penalty convictions and sentences.

For a map to the meeting, click [here](#).

OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING Tech Trek Fundraiser

Date: Sunday, October 16

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Place: Home of Lucy Campen
10 White Tail Lane, Monterey

Bring: A bottle of your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share, plus suggested donation of \$10.

Our Monterey Peninsula Branch supports three scholarships to Tech Trek at Stanford University, each worth \$900, so we raise \$2,700 each year

BOARD MEETINGS

September 1
October 6

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>)

Note that Judy Riley's address is now 13910 Castlerock Road. The rest of her information is unchanged.

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to send these 7th-grade girls to Camp Grace Hopper.



This year we sent Jayne Eldredge (Buena Vista Middle School, Las Palmas), Machara Herring (Walter Colton Middle School, Monterey), and Lulu Moitoso (Los Arboles Middle School, Marina). They took classes in App Inventing/Coding and Forensic Science as their core studies. They also had numerous workshops and projects in engineering, astronomy, chemistry, biology, nanotechnology, mathematics and robotics. Additionally, they met with Stanford's former head of financial aid to speak about college financing, and attended a panel of professional women who spoke about the potential job market and making career choices.

I had the opportunity to be their Dorm Mom, experiencing first hand their classes, lectures and workshops. These three girls were chosen from 36 nominated by their middle school science and math teachers, and are to be congratulated for the work of applying (essays, interviews) and for bringing to us a presentation of their week at Tech Trek Camp Grace Hopper at Stanford. We encourage all members to bring their family and friends to hear their stories of this life-changing week.

I thank the Tech Trek Committee of Dr. Pamela Craig, Charlene Setlow, Karen Snow, and Carol Young for choosing these young ladies and making this program possible both by their hard work and financial contributions.

Marilyn Erickson, Tech Trek Coordinator

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are glad to have you all back for another year of Monterey Peninsula Branch AAUW activities. Many of you have already enjoyed the annual August picnic where we could catch up with friends and meet new ones. Also, the AAUW organization appreciates the support you provide for their many National and State programs through your membership.

Our committees have been active over the summer, planning programs for the upcoming year. You can read about the September and October programs in this newsletter. Continue with your current favorite activities and plan to try something new! Be sure to RSVP promptly where requested.

The leaders of all of our groups are happy for additional committee members and program ideas. You can find the list of groups and contacts in our **2016-2017 AAUW MPB Membership Directory**. It was mailed to those who did not pick up their copy at the August Picnic. Contact Pat Fletcher (831-324-4118 or pletcher_ca@yahoo.com) if you do not receive your directory by September 10th.

We begin this year with over 100 members, which is a great start. We look forward to having our newer members get involved in our organization and we ask that our current members help new members get to know our group and our activities. We look forward to meeting all of the new members and hope all of you who have joined recently will find an interest group or committee that appeals to you, so that you can get to know the many talented and dedicated women in this organization.

Looking forward to a great year!

Pat Fletcher and Nancy SoulÃ©
co-presidents

CHANGING OF THE BOARD

Thank you to our outgoing board!

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New Member Bios

Judy Karas

Judy is a Monterey native with roots back to the 1870s. Attending a small Quaker high school near Grass Valley led to a life of social activism. In Georgia with SCLC, she registered Afro-Americans to vote. She attended SF State for two years, then returned to Monterey, working a series of service-related jobs. She completed the Early Childhood Ed program at Cabrillo College, working in preschools. She attended MPC and San Jose State for a B.A. in Liberal Studies and a teaching credential. She did substitute teaching on the Peninsula. She volunteers at the Monterey Peace and Justice Center in Seaside and at the U.U. Church for the Gathering for Women program to aid homeless women.

Catherine Masi

Catherine grew up in Santa Monica, CA and has lived in Santa Barbara, CA and Madison, WI. She received a B.A. in Psychology in 1971 and an M.A. in Library and



Pictured left to right are Donna Foote, co-secretary (co-secretary Kathleen Fisher not pictured); Nancy Soulé, treasurer; Pat Fletcher, local scholarship director; Lucy Campen, public policy director; Sharyn Siebert, co-president; Miriam Lilley, co-president; Fatima Dias, program planning director; and Pat Gotch, membership co-director (membership co-director Nancy Edwards not pictured). Also missing are Jane Cross, LAF director; Kristen Searle, AAUW funds director; and Caryl Rojas, newsletter editor. A big thank you also to our support team, Marilyn Erickson, Tech trek coordinator and Tama Olver, elections coordinator, as well as all the group leaders.

Welcome to our new board!



Pictured left to right are Kathy Poulson, treasurer; Kathleen Wall, co-secretary; Nancy

Information Science in 1997, both from UCLA. She worked for many years as a computer programmer and software developer in both the private and public sector and retired a few years ago from UC Santa Barbara where she was the manager of the Library's programming team. While retired, she has been an Americorps Volunteer and a community college instructor, and still teaches online classes. She enjoys visiting her children and 9 grandchildren who live in Bergen, Norway, Madison WI, and Santa Clara, CA.

Wendy Smith

Wendy began as an attorney in Illinois, specializing in civil rights, employment and health law. Next she did large-scale corporate law in D.C. For five years, she was a guest lecturer at Duke U. on issues of health law and intellectual property. She moved to the west coast in 2010 for a career change into higher education admin., and became a Campus Compliance Officer for CSU. At UC Merced she developed their Title IX and EEO compliance programs. She was invited to speak to a Special Select Committee for the 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 as Title IX Coordinator & Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Prevention Officer.

SoulÃ©, co-president; Pat Fletcher, co-president; Lucy Campen, public policy director; Miriam Lilley, co-secretary; Joanne Webster, local scholarship director; Fatima Dias, program planning director; and Pat Gotch, membership co-director (Nancy Edwards, membership co-director, not pictured). Also not pictured are Kristen Searle, AAUW funds director; Ann Donaldson, LAF director; and Caryl Rojas, newsletter editor.

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING We Want You - and Your Story!



We are looking for AAUW-MPB women to share their own personal stories. This will be the program for "Weaving Women's Stories", November 13, 2 - 4 PM, at the Monterey Public Library. We invite individual members to share with their audience a personal story from their past, e.g. how a goal was achieved or how a woman inspired them and played a significant role in their life.

Member Harriet Lynn will host the program and invites those interested in participating to contact her at hlynn@umbc.edu or 443-630-5312 by October 1st. There will be an initial gathering on Saturday, November 5, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (at her home) to meet and organize the program. There are up to seven slots for women to share their story. Each participant will have five to seven minutes to present. Contact Harriet if you can contribute.

PUBLIC POLICY

MAKE SURE ALL WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND DO VOTE!

Michael Sovereign

Mike grew up outside Chicago. He has a BS in chemical engineering from University of Illinois, a MS in industrial management and a PhD in economics from Purdue. He was Assistant Prof. of Business Admin. at U of I, then at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, then in the Operations Research dept., NPS, and interim director of the Navy Center for Acquisition Research. After becoming Professor and chairing the OR dept., he became assistant to the Comptroller of DoD, Pentagon. Back to NPS, he created and later chaired a new curriculum. He and Barb spent two years with NATO in the Hague and a year with the Commander, US Forces Pacific in Honolulu. In 1999, he retired. Now gardening, tennis, Friends of the Library, and work on the bicentennial of the Battle of Monterey fill his time.

AAUW ACTION FUND 2016 has a limited Voter Guide. Visit www.aauwaction.org.

August 6 was the 51st anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit struck down a N. Carolina voter I.D. law on grounds that it disproportionately prevented black people from voting. Similar decisions were reached in Texas, Wisconsin, and N. Dakota. Clearly the intent of many new voter laws is to discriminate.

The U.S. sent the highest number of women athletes in Olympic history to participate in 2016 summer games. In London (2012), U. S. women won more than half of the total medals awarded and 60% of the gold medals.

A study of congress since 2009 shows women legislators passed twice as many bills as their male counterparts. They were also better at getting funds for their districts and more likely to introduce legislation focused on women.

Two foundations have donated \$2 million to Planned Parenthood to fund long acting reversible contraception for women in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Texas area.

August 25, California Senate acted on ACR 155, Campos, The Equal Pay Day Resolution. AAUW CA was a sponsor of the bill, as it was when the bill passed the Assembly in April.

Lucy Campen, Public Policy Director

The AAUW-MPB Website

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

Local Scholarships

We selected six 2016 scholarship recipients in April and May. Click [here](#) in the Community Section of our web page to see their information. Their goals:

- Adriana, future high school Spanish teacher
- Karina, future computer scientist
- Sandra, future elementary school teacher
- Vanessa, future math teacher with a PhD
- Joy, future geneticist
- Zulema, future psychologist with a PhD

Thanks to interview committee members, with me: Pat Fletcher, Kay Morris, Jane Cross, Lucy Campen, Christy Yarr, Margaret Smith, Mary

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Student AAUW Chapter

We are proud to announce that AAUW @ CSUMB has been awarded the ICC Outstanding Club of the Year by the Student Org Awards! In addition to having the club name etched in a plaque in the Student Center, they have been awarded \$300 to help fund future events.

CONGRATULATIONS TO US

We have received a certificate of achievement from AAUW-CA that states Monterey Peninsula Branch is a Branch Program Recognition Award

Conway.

Special thanks to Pat Fletcher, past Director of the Local Scholarship Committee; Judy Ritchie, for four years as the Local Scholarship Treasurer; Betty Crowder, the new Local Scholarship treasurer; and Jane Cross for continuing on our committee.

I am looking for additional members to serve on the Local Scholarship Committee. We are active primarily in April - May when we review scholarship applications and determine which students we will interview to make our final selection for awards. If you can volunteer 3 to 4 hours reviewing applications and/or 5 to 6 hours interviewing students, please contact me at 831-595-5600 or jwebster107@outlook.com. The work is rewarding.

On another note, the number of donations received in memory of Sally Hekkers was heartwarming. Thank you to those who honored her with a donation to the Local Scholarship fund. By your generosity, we are on our way to meeting financial goals for the fiscal year.

Joanne Webster, Local Scholarship Director

ROMANCING THE COAST

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

September - Bocce Ball by the Bay

Date: Friday, September 16

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: by Custom House Plaza, Monterey

Please come for a fun bocce ball lesson at the courts by Monterey's Custom House Plaza. You will learn this easy game of rolling a croquet-sized ball to get closest to the smaller pallino ball, at a group lesson where we will divide into teams, or you can watch and cheer if you prefer. After the game, we will have lunch near the plaza (sandwich and side salad \$8, and other entrees). Equipment is provided.

RSVP to Nancy Soule©, 236-3763 or nancyksoule@yahoo.com.

Winner. Our April 15 mission-based program on Title IX has been chosen for the AAUW CA Wall of Fame!

Celebrating 50-Year Members

At our branch meeting on May 21, five members were recognized as 50-year members of AAUW. Pictured below are Christy Yarr, Valda Fletcher and Caryl Rojas. Not present were Nancy Foster and Janet Mooers.



October - Elkhorn Slough Safari

Date: Friday, October 21
Time: 9:30 AM to carpool
Location: Moss Landing
Cost: \$35

Meet to carpool at McDonald's parking lot by Home Depot on Canyon Del Rey. We'll tour Elkhorn Slough on a pontoon boat with a knowledgeable naturalist as a guide. Expect to see otters, sea lions, seals, and a wealth of birds. Tour is 11-1. We'll choose a lunch place later. I suggest Whole Enchilada or Sea Harvest. Dress in layers; bring sun glasses, hat, camera and binoculars. Cost is \$35.00 payable to Carol Young, P.O. Box 51627, Pacific Grove 93950 by September 20. An \$8.00 rebate is possible if we get 25 people, so invite partner, family and friends. First 25 go. Call Carol at 372-0120 with questions.

RSVP and check to Carol Young by Sept. 20.

December - Pacific Repertory Theater

If you would like to attend "Sister Act, the Musical" at 2:00 on Dec. 4 in Carmel, tell me by October 30 so I have an idea of how many tickets are needed and whether we qualify for a discount. Then I can tell people the amount to send me in November for tickets. Caryl Rojas, rojas@ultimanet.com or 899-9141.

Nov. - Dec. Messenger

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

AUGUST PICNIC

Once again, Fatima Dias and her Programs team have organized a lovely event, the annual August picnic at Whispering Pines Park. About 39 members, spouses and guests attended. If you missed it, you missed good food (see below) and good socializing (also see below). Plan to attend next year.

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/>



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). Participants meet for eight consecutive weeks and take turns presenting the topics. Weekly meetings will take place on Mondays, 2-4 PM. The location(s) will be decided by members of the group closer to the starting date. Cost for the booklet is approximately \$20. Email Ann Wilson (awilsonpb@gmail.com) or Pat Fletcher (pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com) by October 20 if you would like to join this interesting activity.