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### BOOK GROUPS

#### Morning Books

Mon, Jan 21, 10 AM

*Faith*

by Jennifer Haigh

Leader: Nancy Soule

Mon, Feb 18, 10 AM

*The Round House*

by Louise Erdich

Leader: LaVerne Whitmill

Mon, Mar 18, 10 AM

*Flight Behavior*

by Barbara Kingsolver

Leader: Elizabeth Murdock

#### Afternoon Books

Tues, Jan 8, 2 PM

Welcome to the new electronic version of our Messenger newsletter. Whether you print it out or read it on line, we trust you will learn to love it! Be sure to try the "In This Issue" links in the left column and other "click here" to follow links for more info.

## January Branch Meeting

### ALICIA HETMAN

AAUW California President and

AAUW National Leadership Corps Member

Be sure to save January 26th and mark your calendar because you will want to hear Alicia Hetman speak about Legal Advocacy Fund cases, with an emphasis on the Mansourian vs UCD case.

In May 2011 Alicia attended the entire Mansourian vs UCD case, read all of the depositions and the judge's massive decision document. Currently, she is part of the Leader on Loan program and gives in-depth presentations going inside the Mansourian case. She has been a long time speaker on both the work of the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund, as well as Title IX and the issues of discrimination.

Plan to attend. Alicia has a wealth of knowledge to share with us about the implementation of our group's mission to advance equity for women and girls.

Location: Pebble Beach Community Center

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2013

Time: 11:30 AM Potluck salad and dessert luncheon. Last names A-P bring salad, Q-Z dessert.

RSVP: Nancy Edwards

831-375-0093 or neilhedwards@hotmail.com

Deadline: January 19th Seating is limited.

## February Branch Meeting

### INTERBRANCH COUNCIL LUNCHEON AND SPEAKER

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013 11:30 AM**

Spend an excellent afternoon at the Seascapes Resort in Aptos for lunch with a distinguished speaker on Saturday, February 23,

by Robert Harros  
Place: Jan Smythe  
RSVP:  
[janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com)  
Tues, Feb 12, 2 PM  
*The Promise of Happiness*  
by Justin Cartwright  
Place: Judy Cunniongham  
RSVP: [jrc2900@msn.com](mailto:jrc2900@msn.com)  
**Evening Books**  
Thurs, Jan 17, 7 PM  
*State of Wonder*  
by Ann Patchett  
Hostess: Marge Simmons  
Leader: Fatima Dias  
Thurs, Feb 21, 7 PM  
*Packing for Mars*  
by Mary Roach  
Hostess: Christy Yarr  
Leader: Pat Fletcher

### DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Please make these changes  
to your Membership  
Directory & Handbook.

The IBC Lunch is Sat, Feb  
23.

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2013 at 11.30 AM. The Annual Monterey Bay Interbranch Council Meeting will present **State Advocate Shannon Smith-Crowley**. She will be discussing her role as a lobbyist for AAUW.

Cost of luncheon: \$20.00 per person

Menu: Chicken in puff pastry, salad, dessert and beverage. Puff pastry vegetarian option also available. Please note entree choice on memo area on check.

All reservations need to be sent to: Jane Girolamo--665 Park St., Salinas, CA 93901-1352 by Feb. 15, 2013. Checks are to be made out out to Monterey Bay IBC. Reservations must be prepaid and are non-refundable. Please indicate if you want the vegetarian option.

The Interbranch Council consists of the following branches: Monterey Peninsula, Salinas, Watsonville and Santa Cruz. Carpools: Contact Sally Hekkers if you are interested in carpooling.

(455-2852 or [swhekkers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swhekkers@sbcglobal.net))

#### Directions from Monterey/Carmel:

Take Hwy 1 North to Santa Cruz and exit Larkin Valley/San Andreas Rd. Turn right at San Andresd Rd. At stop sign, turn right at Seascapes Blvd and continue until the road ends. Turn left to go to Seascapes esort Lobby.

#### Parking:

Garage parking is under the main building. Use the lobby elevator. Check with the front desk in the lobby for more information.

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to 2013 and another exciting year in the AAUW-MPB Branch!

Our AAUW forum focuses on advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. We will make Branch history on January 26 when we welcome Alicia Hetman, the AAUW CA President, as the guest speaker at the Legal Advocacy Fund lunch. An expert in LAF activities, Alicia's presentation is sure to provide a blueprint of exciting ways we can go forward. Thank you Nancy Edwards, our LAF Director, for putting this key event together.

We also contribute to AAUW's agenda by offering scholarships to worthy college students and to sending middle school students to Tech Trek camp, which offers hands-on activities in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) career fields. A bit of boasting now and then does the heart good, so consider this. In 2011, we gave four scholarships to students; in 2012, we increased the number to six scholarships. In 2012, we sent one young girl to Tech Trek Camp; in 2013, we will send two. Indeed, our Branch members are diligent fundraisers. Thank you Pat Fletcher, our Local Scholarship Director, and Vickie Davidson, our Tech Trek Coordinator, who has unfortunately resigned. The 2012-2013 program schedule is exceptionally strong, thanks to Program Directors Carolyn Smith and Ann Wilson. Please keep your eyes wide open as you read program event announcements in the Messenger newsletter. Public Policy Director Lucy Campen

monitors national and state legislation and Public Policy issues. AAUW Funds Director Pat Gotch keeps her eye on advancing education and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Treasurer Nancy Soulé keeps us on financial track. Co-Secretaries Fatima Dias and Marcia McCleary record what we do. Ann Donaldson, our newsletter editor extraordinaire, is our vital communications link. Also invaluable is the Support Team: Newsletter mailer Christy Yarr; Historian Nancy Iversen; and Elections Coordinator Tama Olver. Thank you-each and every one-for keeping our Branch up and running.

We'd like to add a special note about Membership, so capably handled by Miriam Lilley and Sharyn Siebert. We now have 95 members. Only four didn't renew for the 2012-2013 year. However, we've added these new members to our roster: Jane Cross, Marilyn Erickson, Yo Matsuda, Kay Morris, Elizabeth Murdock, Louise Nelson, Caryl Rojas, Betsey Skinner, Joan Smith, Karen Weill, Elaine Williams and Carol Young. (Note to new members: please jump right in and get involved!) Alicia Hetman, AAUW-CA President, recently wrote that as she goes about her work, she is surprised to hear women say, "Why haven't I heard of AAUW?" Let's all vow to get the word out about AAUW.

On a more somber note: AAUW-MPB is a community of caring women and we are saddened when our members suffer the loss of a precious spouse or dear family member. Some of our members face daily challenges as they provide care for their family and friends.

Watch for developing changes as our Branch joins the digital world over the next few months. As Co-Presidents we are grateful for your involvement and your generosity, and we look forward to an exciting and promising year with you.

Susan Murphy and Sally Hekkers

Co-Presidents

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## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Reminder of AAUW ACTION NETWORK**

In December we are all asked to notify our members of Congress to work across party lines to support budget policies to promote fairness and fiscal responsibility. It really does take only two minutes to send the message and it is so important!!!

A record number of women elected to the House and Senate, but as of Nov. 28th no women had been named as committee chairs. There was a 2 minute activist announcement on this subject sent out on Nov. 28th and if you still have it on your computer, you can respond to the 2 minute activist on this subject which will be sent to Speaker Boehner to request committee slots that are left to be filled by women.

A list of what AAUW was thankful for was sent out at a busy time in November so here are a few that stood out:

- A record number of women elected to Congress (20 in the Senate and 78 representatives and 3 delegates to the House)
- Implementation in all new health insurance plans that they must include 8 additional women's preventative care services at no additional cost.
- Susan Komen Foundation restored grants to Planned Parenthood for cancer screenings following a national uproar that included AAUW's decision to sever ties with the Foundation's Race for the Cure.
- Two women in the House of Representatives walked out at a Committee hearing on birth control that had only male witnesses.
- Teen pregnancy rates dropped to the lowest rate since 1972 and teen birthrate is the lowest since the 1940's.
- 40th anniversary of Title 9 (insuring equal opportunity for women in education ) and Pell Grants.
- Courts blocked attempts to defund Planned Parenthood in several states
- Jacqueline H. Nguyen appointed to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is the first Asian American to sit on a Federal appellate Court.
- International Day of the Girl Child on Oct. 11th

If you want to see more, check on your email Nov. 20th.  
AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION is June 9-12 at the Sheraton New Orleans.

Lucy Campen  
Public Policy Chair

## **ROMANCING THE COAST**

**January 25, 12:00 Noon**

**Dorothy McNett cooking demonstration and...**

Always a popular event, we'll meet again in Dorothy's home for a special lunch, cooking demonstration, and a bit of wine tasting. All new menu, printed recipes, and lots of fun.

Limited to 10 people, only 2 spaces left. Cost: \$40.00 each. Confirm your spot by sending your check made out to Cathy Rossing, 1060 The Old Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953-2509

**February 22 UCSC Arboretum**

We'll travel to the UCSC campus to see the Australian and New Zealand section of the arboretum, which will have large summer blooms. This section will include a 5 to 10 minute walk from the ornamental horticulture and offices building center. Dress accordingly. Cameras, notepads/ i-pads are welcome. Cost is \$5 each. We'll meet to carpool at the side of Home Depot by the garden section, at

**9:50 AM.**

Lunch will follow at Avanti, a favorite of our group.

Call Nancy Iversen at 455-8229, or e-mail [janzeek@hotmail.com](mailto:janzeek@hotmail.com) to make a reservation.

## **GOURMET DINNERS**

Reminder: It is time, if you haven't already scheduled the 2nd dinner, to do so for January (since the time frame is Nov/Jan).