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If you are new to AAUW or to our electronic version of our Messenger newsletter, WELCOME! Whether you print it out or read it online, we trust you will learn to love it! Be sure to try clicking on the "In This Issue" links in the column to the left. Also try using the email links for responding to articles.

January Branch Meeting

The Impacts of Climate Change on Weather Events

Saturday, January 18
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Mon, Jan 20, 10 AM

Oleander Girl

by Chitra Banerjee Diva
Karuni

Leader: Susan Murphy

Mon, Feb 17, 10 AM

Presentations of books and
selecting books for 2014

Mon, Mar 17 at 10 AM

And the Mountains Echoed

by Khaled Hosseini

Leader: Valda Fletcher

Afternoon Books

Tues, Jan 14, 2 PM

Pebble Beach Community Room (Firehouse)
Potluck lunch

Join our own member, **Tama Oliver**, for a "reality check" on the impacts of climate change on weather events, the most recent thinking on the challenges we face locally, and the many reasons to be hopeful that communities will mitigate the problem and adapt to coming changes.

Tama retired from a career in Silicon Valley in 2007. One of her commitments in retirement is to inspire people to lead sustainable lives. In support of this commitment, she volunteered to become a presenter for the Climate Reality Project. She joined others from 47 states and 58 countries to be trained as a grass roots presenter. Tama has become an informed local advocate for action and hope.

In keeping with our support of sustainability, please bring your own utensils and plates, and most importantly a **dish to share**. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

Please **RSVP** to Pat Gotch as soon as you read this!
patriciagotch@gmail.com or 375-9865

February Branch Meeting

Join members from the Santa Cruz, Watsonville,
and Salinas Branches for our annual

Interbranch Council Luncheon

The program will feature speakers from the Penetta
Institute at CSUMB.

Date: February 22, 2014

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: the historic Appleton Grill in Watsonville

Cost: \$20 (includes "the extras", tax and tip)

The Family Fang

by Kevin Wilson

Host: Carolyn Smith

RSVP: stacaro@aol.com

Tues, Feb 11, 2 PM

Please Look After Mom

by Kyung-sook Shin

Host: Sally Hekkers

RSVP: swhekkers@sbcglobal.net

Evening Books

Tues, Jan 21, 7 PM

Cleopatra: A Life

by Stacy Schiff

Hostess: Miriam Lilley

Leader: Karen Weill

Tues, Feb 18, 7 PM

Catherine the Great

by Robert K. Massie

Hostess: Christa Reutsche

Leader: Fatima Dias

**NEW MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTORY**

There are 3 entrée choices:

--Veg Mediterranean Salad

--Chef Salad

--Club Sandwich

Checks should be made payable to AAUW/IBC and sent to Jane DeGirolamo, 665 Park St, Salinas, CA 93901. Please put your choice of entrée in the memo section of your check.

Deadline: Feb 18

Directions: Take Riverside Drive into Watsonville, left onto Main Street, left onto W. Beach one block where there is a parking garage on the left. The restaurant is across the street from the garage in an historic hotel. Enter the restaurant from the front side which is Rodriguez St. It is easy. There are other parking places, but the garage is actually the parking place for the restaurant. The entrance to the restaurant is across from the bus terminal. I recommend car pooling.

Questions: Call Susan Murphy at 622-9289. This should be a good event -- let's have a good turnout from our branch!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we end another Holiday Season we shift our focus from family to community. Our general meetings for the rest of the AAUW year reflect that community focus as does our Local Scholarship and Tech Trek outreach to neighboring schools. Whether you are interested in Climate Change, the women's history, or higher education

The 2013-2014 Membership Directory and Handbook was mailed to our members on November 1, 2013. If you haven't received your Directory please contact: Sally Hekkers at swhekkers@sbcglobal.net or 455-2852.

The AAUW-MPB Website

Have you checked out our new website yet? The website address is <http://mpb-ca.aauw.net/>

(click the address to try it). We suggest you include the new website in your Bookmarks listings for quick and easy access. Take a tour of the new website and enjoy! Please note that the old website address will not take you to the new site.

BOARD MEETINGS

(Note: change of dates)

program for you to attend. Enjoy the company of your fellow AAUW members, share a meal, and stretch your horizons. I hope to see you at one of our meetings.

Our branch will need new officers, board members and interviewers for Local Scholarships and Tech Trek in the coming months. Without leaders our AAUW branch could not function. Please make a New Year's Resolution to volunteer some of your time to helping our branch to advance equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

My wish is that all of you and your families have a healthy and fulfilling 2014.

Susan Murphy

PUBLIC POLICY

Nominations to D.C. Court of Appeals are finally coming to the Senate. Perhaps not so important for us to contact our Calif. Senators as I believe they will be for the nominee, but any of you who have friends or family or live in another State may want to contact those Senators.

Nominee Nina Pillard has an outstanding record of arguing 9 cases before the Supreme Court. She convinced the Court to be nearly unanimous on decision to open Virginia Military Institute to women. She worked with Bush administration attorneys to successfully defend the Family and Medical Leave Act in the Courts. She has supported AAUW policies. Let's get her on the Court of Appeals!

The effort in the Senate to remove rape cases from the line of command has been stalled. The military estimates that there are 26,000 males and females who have faced sexual assaults. It is an increase from 19,000 in 2010. It is double

January 9
February 13

4:00 PM

Monterey City Library

the rate in the civilian population and worse in conflict zones. The bill is part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2014 (S.1197.) Let your Senators know your opinion.

Lucy Campen
Public Policy Chair

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324-0636 or
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LOCAL MUSIC

Only 4 spaces left!

January Romancing the Coast

Join the Monterey Peninsula Romancing the Coast Group as we celebrate our annual foodie event with Dorothy McNett on Friday, January 31, 2014 in Pacific Grove.

We will meet at 12 noon at Dorothy's glassed-in front porch overlooking Ocean View Blvd. and enjoy her stupendous view of Monterey Bay. Lots of street parking and address will be provided.

We have been visiting Dorothy annually to learn those little tricks that professional chefs have. Dorothy combines her culinary skills with providing something for us to eat. Lately, she has added wine pairings to complete our gastronomic adventure.

Contact Cathy Rossing with your vote of some food-wise question for consideration as a culinary adventure for us all. All entries will be considered whether entrees, soups, appetizers or challenges like not wasting food while cooking for 1 or 2.

Make \$40 check to Dorothy McNett and send to Cathy @ 1060 The Old Drive, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. Dorothy's large table only stretches to seat 12 so reservations are necessary. (**Note:** Cathy says there are only 4 spaces left for this event.)

Warm your winter with an evening of acoustic music at a Colton Hall Candlelight Concert.

- Wild Coast Brass - January 14
- Kim Angelis- February 11
- Tarquinia Trio - March 1

Seating is limited, reservations strongly suggested. 7:30-8:30pm. Colton Hall, 351 Pacific St., Monterey. \$5/donation suggested. 646-5640.

February Romancing the Coast

Our February event is going to be in Big Sur, at the Henry Miller Library. A docent will tell us about Henry Miller's life and works while showing us the library. Then we'll have lunch at Nepenthe and browse their gift shop.

Date: Friday, February 21, 2013
Place: Henry Miller Library, Big Sur
Time: 11:00 a.m.

To car pool meet at Hwy 1 and Rio Road at 9:45 a.m. Park in the lot north of Starbucks.

Please RSVP to Nancy Edwards by February 14th.
(831) 375-0093

March Romancing the Coast

March 28 Talk and Tour of our Salinas Ag business. We have two speakers: the President of the GrowerShipper Association and the County Ag Commissioner. Time and location will be determined in January. Lunch will be at Gino's on Hiway 68 just west of Blanco unless I hear of some better spot.

Sandy Grimmer
smcdgrim@aol.com

Local Scholarships: Able to offer \$2,000 scholarships for the first time

Thanks to the generosity of many, we have met our fundraising goals for our local scholarship program so we will be offering EIGHT \$2,000 scholarships this year.

- We were awarded \$6,000 by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation Youth Fund. We appreciate their continued support of our program! Any support YOU can provide to the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am or the Nature Valley First Tee Open is appreciated.

- Our grant request for Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services was awarded our full \$2,000 request, for which we are SO grateful. Let's be sure to support them for their outstanding support for us! This group runs the Thrift Shop at 655 Broadway Ave in Seaside. Donations can be brought to the back door of the shop between 9-3 Mon-Fri.

- Thanks to those who worked the November election: Melva Simmons, Kathleen Stacey, Jeanne Krener, Joann Branson, Jack Branson, Margaret Smith, Pat Gotch, Christy Yarr, Kathleen Fischer, Betty Sproule, and Susan Murphy. Of course, a special thanks goes out to our amazing inspector, Tama Olver, who handles scheduling our volunteers and works the LOONNGG election day. Each election provides \$850 to our Local Scholarship treasury, in addition to providing a critical public service.

- Thanks to Nancy Iverson for volunteering her services to polish silver and then donating the funds to Local Scholarships. We had several takers, and Nancy helped them really make their homes shine for the holidays!

Would you like to help us select our next scholarship recipients? Join our team to review the 2014 candidate applications and interview a subset of the candidates in person. We will process CSUMB applications in February. Monterey Peninsula College applications will be processed starting in mid-March. The applicant review process is typically a three-hour meeting and the interview day is approximately four hours. Dates and times will be arranged

to work with the volunteer schedules. If possible, it is best to attend both the review meeting and the interview meeting for a school. Contact Pat Fletcher at pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com or 324-4118 to volunteer and see if there are still spots available.

MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to our two new members: **Alicia Sotelo** and **Judy Dudley**.

Alicia works for the Monterey County Tax Assessor's office. And because her daughter was a one of our past scholarship awardees, when she found time to join an organization, she thought of AAUW. Congratulations to both mother and daughter for being part of AAUW.

Our 2nd new member, Judy Dudley, is an accomplished pianist and Bridge Life Master. Interested in women's rights and public policy, Judy is a perfect match for our mission helping attain equality for girls and women.

We look forward to seeing both Alicia and Judy at future meetings and events. They are delightful additions to our branch.

If you are interested in joining AAUW, please contact either Sharyn or Miriam.

Sharyn Siebert 831-622-0425
sharynsiebert@comcast.net

Miriam Lilley 831-324-0636
miriam@smlilley.net

TIDBITS

Are you a local history buff? Are you looking for new interesting volunteer opportunities? Here are three organizations looking for docents and willing to train you, no tests just good stories and information to share.

1. Tor House, Robinson Jeffers iconic home needs docents to help tell the story to small groups. You do need to be able to climb the tower. Member Kathleen Fischer helps out there. Interested? Call Kathleen Sohntag, docent coordinator at (831) 624-1813.

2. Carmel Heritage, First Murphy House. This is an easy one. You just need to donate three hours 12-3 one afternoon a month and sit in the parlor of this historic house and share the story of Michael Murphy and his place in Carmel history with visitors. Dual AAUW member, Donna Pribble is the docent coordinator and can be reached at 650 348-7220 or call Linda at the Murphy House at 624-4447. The house is closed to the public in December and January.

3. The Presidio Museum is run by the city of Monterey and is a little-known gem. To visit, just take Pacific to its south end as far as you can go and turn left onto Artillery and follow the signs to the museum. It's staffed by volunteers trained by Dennis Copeland. Commitment is 6 hours a month. It's open Thurs. through Sat. 10-4, Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. Shifts are 3 hours and you meet really interesting people from all over the world. You choose your shifts each month. This is an interesting opportunity for you or your significant other. At present we have 3 women volunteers and none of us have a military background. Call Claire Rygg (831) 646-5648, volunteer coordinator for the museum, to find out more.

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From our Thank You letters from recipients last year:

"Your financial support has allowed me to stand one step closer to my destination and to help others expand their horizons."

Denise Rubio

"Thanks to your kind support, I am the first in my family to attend a four year university." Morgan Kashata, NEW AAUW/MPB member!

"Thank you for making this scholarship possible because it enables me to concentrate more fully on my courses this semester as well as helps make my long-term goals more attainable." Jordan Cosby

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Send articles for the March-April newsletter to
Ann Donaldson at ann@wjdonaldson.com by Feb 15.