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JANUARY BRANCH MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, January 24, 2015
11:30 - 12:00 Social
12:00 Salad Luncheon

WHERE: Pebble Beach Community Room
3101 Forest Lake Road

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Pebble Beach, CA

(Google: pbcsd.org/ and click on Map/Directions)

SPEAKER: Gabriela Montes, American Fellowship Recipient, currently doing Postdoctoral work in Astrophysics at UCSC.

(Note: The Astronomy/Astrophysics Dept. at UCSC is one of the very best in the nation!)

WHAT TO BRING:

Last names beginning with:

A -- R: Please bring salads.

S -- Z: Please bring dessert.

Drinks provided.

QUESTIONS? Contact Kristin Searle
kristins2@comcast.net 831-372-5184

BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Mon, Jan 19, 10 AM

Mon, Feb 16, 10 AM

(Join us! See note below.)

Afternoon Books

Tues, Jan 13, 2 PM

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry

by Gabrielle Zevin

Host: Carolyn Smith

February Interbranch Council Meeting

We are fortunate to have as speakers for our February Interbranch Council meeting, Drs. Jennifer Rhatigan and Claudia Luhrs - both women in the STEM fields, and faculty members at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Their topic will be: Women in STEM - the Journey.

Dr. Rhatigan has recently retired after a distinguished career at NASA, most recently holding the NASA chair at NPS. She and her husband, a retired astronaut, live in Carmel Valley. Dr. Luhrs, a member of the Monterey Peninsula Branch of AAUW, has national and international credentials in the field of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Her field of research and teaching involves nanostructured functional

RSVP: stacaro@aol.com

Tues, Feb 10, 2 PM

Life After Life

by Kate Atkinson

Host: Elie Skinner

RSVP: patnelie@sbcglobal.net

Evening Books

Tues, Jan 20, 7 PM

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

by Rachel Joyce

Hostess: Pat Fletcher

Leader: Miriam Lilley

Tues, Feb 17, 7 PM

The Rosie Project

by Grame Simson

Hostess: Fatima Dias

Leader: Karen Weill

Join the Morning Book Group

This group will meet in January to select the books for the coming year. Come meet the group and bring your ideas for books.

They meet at Canterbury Woods, so no need to even

materials. (I am sure she will explain what that means to all of us.) We are honored that such exemplary women have agreed to share their journey with us.

What: Monterey Bay IBC annual luncheon

When: Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 at 11:30 am

Where: Blackhorse & Bayonet Golf Course clubhouse,
1 McClure Way, Seaside, CA

Cost: \$25 (including tax and tip)

Checks made out to: AAUW-MPB (include both your phone number and desired meal choice)

Reservation deadline: Feb. 20, 2015

All reservations must be pre-paid and are non-refundable.

Mail to: Jane Di Girolamo, 665 Park St., Salinas, CA
93901-1352

Menu includes an organic greens salad, with candied walnuts, goat cheese and balsamic vinaigrette; stuffed chicken breast; chocolate cake with raspberry sauce; iced tea/lemonade.

Vegetarian entrée upon request.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Happy New Year! If you make resolutions, we hope they all come to fruition. One to possibly put on your list is Give-a-Grad a gift. At no cost to you or the college graduate, you can give a gift of a free, one-year membership to AAUW. Simply go to aauw.org, click on resources, and type a search for Give-a-Grad a gift for more information. What a good way to continue the AAUW legacy of commitment to equality for women! Speaking of commitment-another round of thanks go to the program committee, Fatima, Mary, and Kathleen, for the elegant and relaxing Tea at La Mirada and the beautiful Christmas Party at Park Lane. So much planning and time go into arranging these events, and we appreciate as well as enjoy them.

host. They would love a few more members to join the group.

Call Margaret Smith

373-3070

or email magspbs@aol.com

BOARD MEETINGS

January 8

February 5

4:00 PM

Monterey City Library

Directory

Remember: The password to our password-protected online directory on our website is on the second page of your blue directory. This is where all of our members' contact information is readily accessible.

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

NEW MEMBERS:

Aimee Alling
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Pacific Grove, CA 93950
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We look forward to our annual January potluck at the Pebble Beach community room with an AAUW fellow as our speaker and to our February inter branch meeting featuring Dr. Claudia Luhrs and Dr. Jennifer Rhatigan speaking on their journeys in the STEM field.

Finally, we warmly welcome our new members, some of whom we had the pleasure to talk with at the tea. We encourage you to join an interest group and get involved so that we can get to know you better. Here's to a wonderful, happy, and healthy 2015!

Miriam and Sharyn

January Romancing the Coast

STAR

Totally new; we've never done this before. We're going to have a 3-part personalized tour of Star Market in Salinas.

1. Specialty cheese area (tastes too) with Michael Burke
2. Meet real butchers! Watch real butchering! Tour the meat section with Art Kong.
3. Changed and newly installed wine section. Leader is renowned for knowledge of Monterey County wine and wineries, Victor Kong.

Market tour followed by lunch - only steps away. Cash only. Followed by shopping, so bring your shopping list and shopping bags.

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- Friday, January 9. Leave at 10 AM.
- Meet at (garden section) Home Depot, 9:50 AM to carpool.
- Take Canyon Del Rey to #68, then to first signal in Salinas.
- Star Market is on the far right corner. Enter right door.

Call 455-8229 (Nancy Iversen) to sign up.

February Romancing the Coast

We are returning to Dorothy McNett's for a fun and delicious "cooking demonstration". Dorothy will be preparing small plates and serving them with 3 different wine pairings. We gather in the glassed-in sun room of her Ocean View Blvd house in Pacific Grove at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2015.

Space is limited to the first 10 members. I'll need your check for \$40.00 (we get a \$5.00 discount) by February 5 made out to Dorothy McNett to secure your place. Members only please.

R.S.V.P. to Carol Young at 372- 0120 or e-mail me
carolznewz@aol.com

March Romancing the Coast

AAUW Members and Friends

Save March 7, 10:00 AM

Take the **Monterey Movie Tour.**

The AAUW-MPB Website

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

New Member Bio

Jennifer Anne Fultz

Jennifer grew up in a sunny suburb of San Diego. She fell in love with San Francisco and moved north to complete her BA in English Literature at San Francisco State University. A teaching opportunity drew her back to Southern California. While in LA, she earned her MA in Education and her English Teaching Credential. She then taught English and Creative Writing classes in various high schools in LA, San Diego, San Francisco and the bay area for 12 years. Jennifer is currently an English Instructor at Hartnell College in Salinas. She continues to write and has enjoyed having a few pieces published. These days, you can find her exploring all that her new home, Monterey County, has to offer.

New Member Bio

We have hired the bus for a tour of local movie locations with clips of the movies shown on the bus.

\$50 per person paid to Sandy Grimmer before Feb. 6, non-refundable.

They also offer lunch at PB Tap Room for \$28 tax and tip included. Let me know your wishes about lunch as we will have to all do it or skip lunch.

To a fun New Year,
Sandy
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PUBLIC POLICY

In our AAUW Magazine, THE STORY of 2014, an article on TECH TREK discussed how it was expanded to 10 camps in Calif. and was taken nation wide in a variety of States after starting at Stanford .

ELECT HER, an AAUW program is the only national program that trains college women to run for student government and future political office. In 2013 to 2014, 50 campuses across the country hosted ELECT HER trainings. 78% of participants who reported running for office in 2014 won.

The fight for a woman's right to make personal choices about her reproductive health, which we thought we had won years ago, is having to continue. We are having to again work for these rights. Make sure your opinions are heard.

Lucy Campen
Public Policy Chair

Mary Simon

Mary was born in England and traveled extensively as a child. She got her degree in Elementary Education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. After 12 years of teaching and time off for her two children, she designed an opening exhibit at the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose. In 1994, following her passion for hands-on learning, Mary founded Resource Area For Teaching, RAFT, a nonprofit organization headquartered in San Jose, that provides professional support for teachers focusing on hands-on education in the STEM areas. Over the past 20 years, RAFT has grown into a \$5M organization serving over 12,000 teachers. Mary retired earlier this year, and she and her husband moved to Monterey.

New Member Bio

Kate Conway

Kate went to UCSB from 2002 to 2006, graduating with a B.S.M.E (mechanical engineering). She moved to Monterey shortly after, where she accepted her first job offer. She has been living in Monterey ever since and has loved every minute. In her spare time, you will find her sailing on

Local Scholarship Update

I am happy to report we have received grants from two organizations for our upcoming scholarship program.

Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services has granted us funds for the 4th year in a row, with a \$2,000 grant this year! They are an all women volunteer organization that runs a Benefit Shop at 655 Broadway in Seaside. Please support them by shopping or making donations at their store. You can find more information at www.mpvsthiftshop.org

Monterey Peninsula Foundation Youth Fund (funded by AT&T Pro-Am) also granted us funds for their 4th consecutive year, with a \$4,000 grant this year. They are a major contributor to our program, and we are truly appreciative of their support.

Other funding is now coming in from our volunteers who were such an awesome team for our Team Up for Democracy polling place staffing for the November election. Thanks to Mary Conway, Nancy Edwards, Betty Sproule, Joann Branson, Jack Branson, Pat Gotch, Laverne Whitmill, Pat Dege, Kathleen Wall, Kathleen Fischer, Miriam Lilley and Morgan Kashata for working the shifts! It was fun and we will receive about \$900 for our efforts! Thanks to Tama Olver for her magnificent organization work as well.

We now have raised funds to award a total of \$10,000 in scholarships this year. We still have one grant request for \$1,500 that will be considered in February, and if we receive that grant and at least \$500 more in donations, we will be able to award yet another \$2,000 scholarship at CSUMB. Donations to our 501(c)(3) entity are still welcome. Checks should be made out to AAUW/MPB Local Scholarships and sent to our treasurer, Judy Ritchie at 4098 Pine Meadows Way Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

Pat Fletcher, Local Scholarship Director

the Pacific Ocean or playing outdoors with the wonderful community of friends she has made. Her favorite three activities outside of sailing are probably volleyball, softball, and running. She became a member of AAUW thanks to her mom, Mary Conway, who has been such a great influence in her life. Kate figured it's about time she start paying attention to this group of women of whom her mother speaks so highly.

Movie Night

Mark your calendar:

Thursday, Jan 8 at 1:30 pm

Film: "Night Time In Lisbon"
(with theater snacks)

Carmel Valley Manor
8545 Carmel Valley Rd.
Carmel Valley

RSVP for directions
LaVerne Whitmill
626-4866

In Memoriam

Long-time member Cathy Rossing passed away Dec. 22, 2014, of peritoneum cancer. Cathy chaired our

Save the Date

March 2015 Monthly Meeting

"Young Professional Women Working in STEM Field" (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Saturday, March 21st 9:00-11:00 AM at CSUMB

Four- 30 year old women with current careers in the STEM field to share their career trajectory paths and insights about the STEM working environment for women with Monterey Peninsula Branch members, local junior high, senior high school and CSUMB women. Come join the discussion...it is not too early to start thinking about a car pool and lunch plan with your friends afterwards.

March-April Messenger

Send articles for the Mar-Apr newsletter to
Ann Donaldson at ann@wjdonaldson.com by
February 15.

Gardening interest group
for many years and
especially enjoyed
Romancing the Coast. There
will be a memorial service
in mid-January.