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March Branch Meeting

Monterey Bay Peninsula and Salinas Branches of AAUW

Celebrate Women's History Month

With a Legacy Players of the Western Stage Presentation of

"Alma Spreckels: An Extraordinary Woman, Act Two"

When: Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 11:30 AM

Where: Studio Theatre, Hartnell College, 411 Central Ave., Salinas

Cost: \$15. Includes box lunch served on the Main Theatre Stage.

Reservations: Required by March 14. Space is limited.

RSVPs, Event Details and Driving Directions: See Page 9.

AAUW / MPB Annual Members' Meeting

"The Spirit of Volunteers"

Join us for Teatime at the Jabberwock Inn, 598 Laine St, Monterey, CA

Wednesday, April 25, 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM

At the meeting, we will have election of officers, and a brief state of the Branch report. Most importantly, we will be honoring our "Women of Distinction" for 2012.

Ruth Buell, Senior Director of Volunteer Engagement of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, will be our guest speaker.

This will be a potluck event so please bring a plate of your favorite teatime finger food (ex: tea sandwiches, canapés, deviled eggs, cheeses, veggies, etc.). Teatime sweets will be provided, as well as tea and coffee.

Please RSVP to Pat Gotch, 375-9865 or patgotch@yahoo.com no later than **Friday, April 20**.
The Inn needs an accurate count of the guests attending.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

"In hospitality, the chief thing is the good will." This Greek proverb describes the kindness and generosity of the innkeepers of the beautiful Jabberwock Inn in Monterey, who will open their quaint abode to AAUW-MPB for our Annual Meeting and Tea on April 25. Owners **Dawn Perez** and **John Hickey** must be angels in disguise. They are providing the charming setting for our Branch to gather for our annual business meeting and election of officers and, most importantly, to honor our very first recipients of "AAUW-MPB Women of Distinction."

The event will feature guest speaker **Ruth Buell**, the Volunteer Services Director at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She will talk about "The Spirit of Volunteers," a topic she knows well as she has inspired literally thousands of volunteers over more than two decades to bring the wonders of the aquarium to residents and visitors of Monterey County and beyond.

How did we get so lucky? **Joan Kilianny**, our Legal Advocacy Fund Director who, alas, is leaving us to move to Southern California, introduced us to the Jabberwock Inn and made that happen. **Ruth Buell** agreed to be our speaker in part because of her wonderful memories of her Mother's involvement with AAUW. All we need to do (aside from nominating members to receive the "AAUW-MPB Women of Distinction" awards, see page 5) is show up with our favorite tea treats. There is no cost, but reservations are required (**Pat Gotch**, 375-9865). Please join us!

We'd like to say a few words about **Joan Kilianny**. We will miss her. She has served on our Board for four years as LAF Director and Co-Secretary. We'll miss her sparkling enthusiasm and her attention to detail with the projects she undertook (such as the Macy's Community Day). Generous of spirit, she'd often say, "Oh, I'll bring the flowers" or "I'd be glad to work the election" or any of a myriad of tasks that needed doing. She promises to come back for the Annual Meeting and to continue her affiliation with us with a dual membership. Thank you, Joan, you have truly been a grace note.

In addition to the Annual Meeting, we are busy. We anticipate the March joint meeting of the MPB and Salinas

AAUW Branches, which is a March 24 theatrical event and picnic on the stage at Hartnell College. Looking ahead to May, **Karen Snow** (she and **Judy Cunningham** serve as Co-Vice Presidents of Membership) will hold a Member/Prospective Member Reception in her home on May 17. Without doubt, Karen is a gracious hostess extraordinaire.

Thank you **Sharyn Siebert** for organizing the January Branch Meeting, which featured Education Funds Fellow Chelsea Stein Engberg, a graduate student in aeronautical engineering at Embry-Riddle. And thanks again, Sharyn, for serving as president of the Inter Branch Council, the sponsor of our February meeting, which highlighted guest speaker CSUMB Provost Dr. Kathy Cruz-Urbe.

Pat Fletcher, our Local Scholarship Director, and her committee are in the process of interviewing candidates from MPC and CSUMB for our coveted scholarships. This is a daunting and time-consuming task and we are grateful to Pat and those who assist her. **Miriam Lilley**, our Public Policy Director, keeps us informed about national and state Public Policy issues that affect the future of women and girls in education and in the workplace. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to **Ann Donaldson**, our capable and affable *Messenger* newsletter editor, and to **Christy Yarr** for mailing the newsletter to our membership.

As Co-Presidents, we thank our Board of Directors and Board committees for your countless hours of service to further AAUW's mission. We are grateful to each member of AAUW-MPB for your invaluable and continued support.

Sally Hekkers and Susan Murphy
Co-Presidents

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Susan, 622-9289, murphfam@redshift.com

BOARD MEETINGS

March 1 and April 5

3 p.m.

Monterey City Library

INTEREST GROUPS

MORNING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Susan Kingsly
(susankingsley1@me.com)

Location: Blue Room, Canterbury Woods,
651 Sinex Ave., Pacific Grove

Monday, March 19, at 10 AM
Book: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Leader: Dolores Heyl

Monday, April 16, at 10 AM
Book: *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles
Leader: Sally Hekkers

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall
(wallplus@aol.com)

Call Kathleen if you want to join us. 333-9635.

March 15, at 7:00 PM
Book: *The Lacuna*, by Barbara Kingsolver
Hostess: Christa Reutsche
Leader: Christy Yarr

April 20, at 7:00 PM
Book: *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
Hostess: Pat Fletcher
Leader: Christa Reutsche

GOURMET DINNER GROUP

The gourmet dinner group will be meeting the first Friday in June here at our house to plan for the coming year. As always, we will need to have suggestions for themes upon which to vote. We ask that participants bring a hearty appetizer and a bottle of something to share, and come at 6 pm. Please RSVP so we can do some planning.
sharynsiebert@comcast.net or 622-9640

thanks, sharyn

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith
(stacaro@aol.com)

Tuesday, March 13, at 2 PM
Book: *The Sense of an Ending*, by Julian Barnes
At the home of Cathy Rossing
RSVP: little54cat@aol.com

Tuesday, April 10, at 2 PM
Book: *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte
At the home of Jan Smyth
RSVP: janzeek@hotmail.com

ROMANCING THE COAST

Coordinator: Jan Smyth
(janzeek@hotmail.com)

Spring Wild Flowers, lunch and tour

Date: Friday, March 30, 11a.m. lunch, tour following

We'll meet at the Toro Place Café at 11. Following lunch we'll enjoy a walk and guided tour among the wildflowers that (hopefully) will be in bloom. Phone Nancy Iverson, 455-8229 or e-mail janzeek@hotmail.com for more information or to make a **reservation by March 27th**.

Carpool information will follow for those with reservations.

Rancho Cielo tour and lunch

Date: Friday, April 20, 11 a.m. tour, 12 p.m. lunch

You won't want to miss this very interesting tour of Rancho Cielo, followed by a lunch.

Carpools will be available. Reservations must be made by April 16. For more information or to make a reservation, phone or e-mail Phyllis Mosher, pebbleparadise@gmail.com or phone 372-7073.

PUBLIC POLICY

Equal Pay Day

April 17 is Equal Pay Day. Since 1913, AAUW has led the fight for equal pay for equal work for women. In 1963, President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act, and in 2009, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, but the Senate failed to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act in November of 2011. With female college graduates on average still earning 5% less than their male counterparts a year after graduation, and that gap increasing over time to about 23% less pay for woman than for men, Equal Pay Day represents a concern for inequity and a goal to strive for.

Two Minute Action Alerts

Currently, Governor Brown has reduced funding to the California Commission on the Status on Women by 50% along with cutting programs that benefit women and children. AAUW members can use their collective strength to restore funding by taking time to visit the AAUW website and becoming two minute activists.

February 1 was National Women and Girls in Sports Day. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in federally assisted educational programs, but, especially at the high school levels, inequities still exist. The High School Athletics Accountability Act of 2011 addresses this issue and is a cause supported by the AAUW two minute activist.

Sexual assaults in the military number 3,191 reported cases with up to 19,000 unreported ones. The Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention (STOP) Act seeks stronger rules and enforcement of them to protect our troops. We can help by becoming two minute activists.

Action Works

When Susan G. Komen Foundation opted to end the funding for Planned Parenthood that helped provide mammograms and other health for women who rely on these services, it faced an onslaught of negative reaction including AAUW's decision not to offer the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure as a pre-conference

community service opportunity for attendees to its NCCWSL leadership event. Several days later, the foundation reversed its decision and will continue to provide grant money to Planned Parenthood.

Miriam Lilley
Public Policy Chair

AAUW-MPB Annual Meeting And Election of Officers

The AAUW-MPB's 2012 Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25, 11:45 AM-2 PM, at the Jabberwock Inn in Monterey. The business agenda includes a Branch Report and Election of Officers. There are no proposed changes to the Branch Bylaws.

Nominating Committee members were: Judy Ritchie, Sharyn Siebert and Sally Hekkers. The 2012-2014 slate of officers includes:

Co-Presidents: Sally Hekkers, Susan Murphy

Membership Vice-Presidents: Miriam Lilley
Sharyn Siebert

Treasurer: Nancy Soulé

Co-Secretaries: Fatima Dias, Marcia McCleary

Members may nominate candidates from the floor with the nominee's consent at the Annual Meeting.

Morgan Hill Branch invites us...

The Morgan Hill Branch AAUW presents its 29th annual Wildflower Run fundraiser on Sunday, April 1 to benefit Tech Trek. Follow the link for more information.

[Wildflower Run](#)

Please submit your nominations for
AAUW-MPB Women of Distinction Awards

All members of AAUW-MPB are asked to nominate up to three members of our Branch to receive the “AAUW-MPB Women of Distinction Awards.” The awards will be given at the Annual Meeting in April. The nominations must be submitted in written form. The deadline is March 30.

The AAUW-MPB Board of Directors recently initiated the service awards program to honor up to three members of our Branch each year. The nominations must be made from within our membership.

Criteria for nominations are: “The recipient(s) has/have provided exemplary service to AAUW-MPB and has/have contributed substantially to AAUW’s mission to promote equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.”

This is how to submit your written nominations:

- List no more than three AAUW-MPB members you want to nominate on a piece of paper. You may add brief statements about your nominees, if you choose.
- Sign your nomination and mail it to Sally Hekkers, 17609 River Run Road, Salinas, CA 93908.
- The deadline is March 30.
- The Co-Presidents will compile the list of the top three nominees and present it to the Board of Directors at the April Board meeting.
- Please know that the Co-Presidents will treat your nominations with complete discretion and respect.

Please join us in honoring members of our Branch for their service.

Encourage Shining Futures scholarship fundraiser update

Thanks to those who have already searched through your jewelry box and donated your orphaned/broken/unused gold or silver to the Encourage Shining Futures fundraiser for AAUW/MPB scholarship programs. Even just a few small items can provide some extra funds for our AAUW scholarship programs as we sell these items to a reputable local dealer at the current sky high prices for gold and silver.

The board has already approved one additional scholarship to be awarded this year based on this year's fundraising efforts and we still have two months to determine if we have raised enough funds for yet another scholarship this year.

HOW TO DONATE

Put your items in a zip lock bag. Also include a piece of paper in the bag with your name, address, email and phone number.

Keep an itemized list of what you donated.

Bring items either to the April 25 AAUW general meeting, give them to a board member at your interest group meetings or contact Vickie Davidson 210-2469 (garvickie@gmail.com) or Pat Fletcher 324-4118 (pletcher_ca@yahoo.com) to arrange to donate.

A receipt will be sent for donations larger than \$50.

Volunteers to review scholarship applications and interview candidates

Help is needed to review the 2012 Local Scholarship candidate applications and interview a subset of the candidates in person. The candidate review and inter-

views for Monterey Peninsula College scholarships will occur in late March and early April. Contact Pat Fletcher at pletcher_ca@yahoo.com or 324-4118 to volunteer. The 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. You can volunteer for one or both of these meetings.

A thank you note from our scholarship recipient, who was our January meeting speaker. Her talk was excellent.

Hi Judith,

January 16, 2012

Thank you so very much for your kind email and for having me as a guest at your meeting this last weekend. I had a fantastic time meeting everyone and sharing my passion with the group. Without AAUW and people like all of you I would not have the ability to do what I'm doing and will be forever grateful for the support and assistance.

I will absolutely stay in touch and hopefully will be able to come back and share with you all what we discover with my research project.

Have a wonderful week and stay dry this weekend - it looks like we will finally be getting some rain!

All the best,

Chelsea

Chelsea Stein Engberg

chelsea@goinverted.com

TECH TREK TALES



The Tech Trek camper selection process has begun. Teachers from the six middle schools are responding to the request for student recommendations. Those seventh grade girls are asked to return the application along with a one to two page essay telling what they would like to be doing upon graduating from college. Many of the girls throughout the state who are fortunate enough to be a recipient of Tech Trek Scholarship Award would never have such an opportunity if it weren't for the generosity of AAUW members. We do have about \$400 toward the \$850 to send a camper this year. We are hoping for a sizable donation from a local organization, but we still need donations to meet the fee. If you have not yet contributed to this please consider doing so. Every \$10 (or more) helps immensely! Checks are to be made payable to (this is important!) AAUW-CA SPF. The memo box should read MPB Camp Curie 2012. Mail your donation to Phyllis Mosher, P. O. Box 1259 Pebble Beach, CA by March 1st. The camper doesn't know it yet, but she does thank you! If you know someone who might also be interested in donating, please call Phyllis (372-7073) for a brochure to pass along. I'm waiting to hear from you, don't ya know !! Smiles n' hugs from Phyllis

Call for June Election Poll Workers

We are looking for 12 volunteers for Team Up for Democracy to staff the polling place in Pacific Grove for the June 5th election. Contact Tama Olver, our election inspector and (NEW) election volunteer coordinator (thanks Tama!). Her email is tamaolver@gmail.com and her phone number is 869-2748. Tama will organize our volunteers into 3-4 hour shifts during the day to cover the election. A 2.5 hour training session prior to the election is also a requirement and volunteers can choose from several training session dates and times. Funds raised by this volunteer time will be donated to the Local Scholarship Fund. The November election raised almost \$1000 for our scholarship fund! Be a part of this INTERESTING election year and help fund a scholarship for a deserving local university student at the same time.

Pat Fletcher
AAUW/MPB LS Chairperson
Pfletcher_ca@yahoo.com or 831-324-4118

Monterey Bay Peninsula Tidbits:

* **Alana Myles**, a member of AAUW-MPB, had a collection of her paintings on exhibit in Avery Hall at Seaside City Hall during Black History Month. Her work focuses on capturing the expressions and emotions of children. "I'm not a trained artist, but when I see a photo that captures me, I enjoy using it as an inspiration for my painting. I make the image my own with changes in color and background." She's also painted landscapes. Alana is active in our community and is retired from teaching elementary school in the Santa Rita School District.

* If you attend the March 24 joint meeting of AAUW's MPB and Salinas branches at Hartnell College in Salinas, our Branch Historian **Nancy Iversen** suggests you take a look around the campus at the results of the 2002 Bond Issue. "Hartnell is a very pretty campus. You can almost follow the yellow brick road along the winding path and you will see the CALL Building, which opened in 2011 and houses Student Services and the Nursing Program, and the remodeled Student Center." Hartnell was founded in 1920 as Salinas Junior College and is located at 411 Central Avenue in Salinas.

* Artist and Metalsmith **Susan Kingsley**—also a member of AAUW-MPB—was the Arts in Progress speaker in January at the Arts Habitat Studio in Seaside. Her presentation focused on her work as co-founder of Ethical Metalsmiths and its efforts to craft a future that includes healthy people and communities and responsibly mined, sustainably produced jewelry. Susan is an artist with an interest in making objects investigating how social and cultural values are communicated by "things." Her work has been exhibited and published widely. She has written articles on craft, culture and environmental issues including a technical book about die forming for jewelers and metalsmiths. She has taught metalsmithing at Monterey Peninsula College and conducted workshops and lectured throughout the United States, Canada and England.

* We are in dire need of a computer expert who is interested in volunteering her/his skills for AAUW-MPB. We need someone who can occasionally send e-blasts out to our membership to announce reminders about our Branch meetings. We may have additional computer needs in the future. Please contact Co-President **Susan Murphy** at 622-9289, or murphfam@redshift.com.

Please see Tidbits page 8

Membership

We're happy to report that Yo Matsuda is rejoining our branch after a brief hiatus. We now have 87 active members. Please add the following information about Yo to your directory.

Yo Matsuda
200 17 Mile Drive, #3
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
(831)372-5785 (H)
email: yomatsu13@aol.com

Joan Kiliany's new address is :

15647 Vista Vincente Drive
Ramona, CA 92065

In addition, please change phone numbers for Kathleen Fischer. Her new numbers are: (831)324-4785 (H) and (831)241-2246.

Please keep us advised about changes in your personal information so we can keep the directory current and stay in touch.

Thank you,

Judy Cunningham and Karen Snow

Welcome Back, Yo



Thanks to her friends, Yo Matsuda has rejoined our branch...nothing like a little peer pressure. Yo attended California State University at Fresno, receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Education and a Masters in Guidance and Counseling. Yo retired from Pacific Grove Unified School District after a career teaching in Special Education with emphasis on learning handicaps. After receiving her master's degree she worked in elementary counseling. She has also taught gifted English at the middle school level.

Yo has two sons in Fresno, a daughter in North Carolina, and several grandchildren. Her hobbies and past-times include quilting and sewing, scrapbooking, cooking and entertaining, reading, volunteering in schools, and Sudoku. She also enjoys golfing, fly fishing, and aerobics classes.

When asked if she had words to live by Yo said that she really tries to be the best that she can be and usually works on something to help achieve that goal.

New & Prospective Member Reception

Please contact any friends, co-workers, neighbors, and associates to see if they would entertain joining AAUW. If so, please invite them to attend an informal greeting of new and prospective members at the home of Karen Snow, 1141 Mestres Dr., Pebble Beach, on Thursday, May 17 at 6 PM. **All members** are invited and are asked to supply finger food and beverages. Our last year's reception was a huge success and we hope for a repeat in May.

Karen Snow
Judy Cunningham
Membership co-chairs

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* Piper Magallanes, a past recipient of an AAUW scholarship, has formed the Vanderbilt Certified Public Accountants, Carmel. Piper was an escort for Betty VanMeter at the Asilomar AAUW Women's History Month celebration in 2009. Piper and her colleagues are specialists in tax, accounting and consulting services. She can be reached at 831-620-0811 or www.vanderbiltcpa.com

* Mark your calendar for the 32nd Annual Steinbeck Festival May 3-6 at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas. This year's theme is "A Voice," and will focus on the way literature, film and music tell our stories. Highlighted are the voices of John Steinbeck and Woody Guthrie as well as other writers, artists, filmmakers and musicians. The festival will celebrate the power of one voice through story, song and image. For information, call 775-4721.

(Submit brief items for the Tidbits column to Susan Murphy, 622-9289, murphfam@redshift.com.)

Women's History Month Event on March 24

AAUW-Salinas will host the traditional celebration of Women's History Month of the Monterey Bay Peninsula and Salinas branches on Saturday, March 24, 2012, 11:30 AM, in the Studio Theatre at Hartnell College in Salinas. Featured are an on-stage picnic followed by a performance by the Legacy Players of the Western Stage debuting "Alma Spreckels: An Extraordinary Woman, Act Two." Reservations (see form below) are required no later than Wednesday, March 14. Space is limited.

Alma Spreckels (1881-1968), who married Adolph Spreckels of Spreckels Sugar Company, was a beautiful and dynamic woman who scandalized San Francisco society with her stand-back-here-I-come approach to promoting the arts and societal causes. The Legacy Players—a group of veteran actors who have graced the stages of many theatres in Monterey County—create material with roles expressly written for older actors. The group performed "Alma Spreckels: An Extraordinary Woman, Act One" in 2010.

Easy directions to Hartnell College in Salinas from the Monterey Bay Peninsula: Go north on Highway 68 (which becomes South Main Street) to the Steinbeck Center, turn left onto Central Avenue in front of the Steinbeck Center, and drive to 411 Central Avenue. The campus is on the left.

The Studio Theatre is located in the Performing Arts Building, near the center of the campus. Balloons and signs will be placed to guide you to the building. Parking is free on Central Avenue. Paid parking is available in the lot between the swimming pool and tennis courts on West Alisal or in the Parking Structure. Parking fees are \$1 for all day or \$0.25 per hour (quarters work best).

MARCH RESERVATION FORM

Women's History Month Celebration on Saturday, March 24 at 11:30 AM

Name _____ Phone _____

Entrée Choice: _____ Quiche Lorraine _____ Vegetarian Quiche

Enclosed find check for \$_____ for _____ person(s) at \$15 each

Send check to Mary Hall, 25341 Jasmine Ct., Salinas, CA 93908. For information, call Mary at 455-0554 or email at BudHall@aol.com. Also note entrée choice on Memo Line on check.

Reservation Deadline: March 14, 2012

Make checks payable to AAUW-Salinas

Note: All paid reservations are NON-REFUNDABLE.

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