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Welcome to the new electronic version of our Messenger newsletter. 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 left column and other "click here" to follow links for more info.

March Branch Meeting Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Branches

The Face of Islam

Saturday, March 23, 2013

12 Noon

Carmel Valley Manor

Lunch: Chicken Taco Salad, cookies and beverage -- \$20
(Special diets accomodated)

Speaker: Jean Brenner

In the past five years Jean has traveled extensively in Muslim Countries, including eight in the Middle East, four in Central Asia and China, and four in Africa. As a woman she has been able to get photographs of women that often a man cannot. She continues to be amazed how women from diverse cultures can connect by sharing experiences of home and family. This is especially true in Muslim countries where family is so important. Jean will talk about different manifestations of Islam portraying the range and diversity of these proud people. This is an up close and personal presentation, absolutely fascinating, and not to be missed.

Reservation Deadline: March 18, 2013. Mail check to AAUW/MPB for \$20 per person and send to Carolyn Smith, P. O. Box 958, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.



JOIN AN
INTEREST GROUP



BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Mon, March 18, 10 AM

Flight Behavior

by Barbara Kingsolver

Leader: Elizabeth Murdock

Mon, April 15, 10 AM

Catherine the Great

by Robert Massey

Leader: Valda Fletcher

Mon, May 20, 10 AM

Skinny Dip

by Carl Hiaasen

Leader: Margaret Smith

Afternoon Books

Directions to Meeting

FROM SALINAS

Hwy. 68 West to Los Laureles Rd

Turn left, continuing on to Carmel Valley Rd

Turn right at Carmel Valley Rd

Continue for approx. 4.8 miles

Turn right at Carmel entrance sign into Carmel Valley Manor

(Manor just before fire station)

Go straight up hill to meeting house

Park in 2 hr. visitor area or along the hillside

From MONTEREY

Hwy 1 to Carmel Valley Rd

(First stop light after Ocean Ave, Carmel)

Turn left continuing on Carmel Valley Rd for 4.8 miles

The Manor is immediately after the Fire Station

Turn left at Carmel Valley Manor Sign

Continue straight up hill to large meeting house

Park in 2 hr. visitor area or along hillside.

ROMANCING THE COAST

There will be no outing for March. Please come to the March Branch Meeting, our joint meeting with the Salinas Branch. It will be an excellent presentation titled "The Face of Islam." Jean Brenner's pictures are wonderful. See article above.

April -- Pt. Lobos walk and picnic. We need a volunteer to organize this. It will be an easy one, so please contact Jan Smyth at janzeek@hotmail.com and you can pick the date!

Tues, March 12, 2 PM

Gone Girl

by Gillian Flynn

Host: Cathy Rossing

RSVP: little54cat@aol.com

Tues, April 9, 2 PM

Montana 1948

by Larry Watson

Host: Carolyn Smith

RSVP: stacaro@aol.com

Evening Books

Thurs, March 21, 7 PM

Dressmaker of Khairkhana

by Gayle Tzemach

Hostess: Christa Rutsche

Leader: Mary Conway

Thurs, April 18, 7 PM

River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey

by Candice Miller

Hostess: Jacqi Davis

Leader: Christy Yarr



April Branch Meeting

Author Carol McKibben will Discuss Women in the Military

Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:30 PM
Pacific Grove Natural History Museum
165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove

AAUW-MPB will hold the 2013 Annual Meeting and presentation of our "Women of Distinction" at 6:30 PM. The April Branch Meeting will begin at 7 PM. We are privileged to hear local author and historian Carol McKibben talk about "Women in the Military," which takes a close look at the challenges of women in today's military service.

This event is open to the public. We are requesting a \$5 per person donation at the door to help defray the cost of the room rental. Light refreshments will be served.

Carol began teaching courses in public history at Stanford University in 2006. She taught history and policy studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies from 1992-2201, and was Public Historian for the City of Seaside and the Director of the Seaside History Project. She received her Ph.D. in American History from the University of California, Berkeley in 1999.

Her book, *Beyond Cannery Row: Sicilian Women, Immigration, and Community in Monterey, California, 1915-1999* (University of Illinois Press, February 2006), examines the migration and settlement of Sicilian fishing people to the Monterey Peninsula, with an emphasis on women's roles in the process. She is also the author of *Seaside, CA* (Arcadia Press, April 2009). Carol has completed work on the narrative history of Seaside, "The Making of a Multi-Cultural Military Town, Seaside, California, 1890-2006," which focuses on race relations and the influence of the military (Fort Ord) on the city.

Questions may be directed to Ann Wilson at 372-0659, or Carolyn Smith at 625-5256.

[Click here for directions.](#)

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

Please make this correction
to your Membership
Directory.

Phyllis Mosher's address is
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Fairfield, CA 94533-9707

Send any changes to
Membership Vice
Presidents:

Sharyn Siebert
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Miriam Lilley
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BOARD MEETINGS

March 7
April 4
4 PM

A letter from Sally . . .

Dear AAUW-MPB Members:

I have come to a personal and painful decision. I resigned my leadership position as Co-President of AAUW-MPB as of January 28. The sole reason is my health. My COPD diagnosis is no more dire than it's been, but my latest bout with a respiratory illness was a wake-up call. Simply put, I must refocus my goals to take better care of my health.

I have truly enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors for the past four-plus years. The Board is solid and strong. The membership continues to strive and grow. I am dedicated to AAUW's mission and will stay involved with the Branch, gladly accepting occasional assignments given to me by President Susan Murphy.

Thank you all for your understanding.

Sally Hekkers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I want to thank Sally for all her hard work as Co-Membership Vice President and as Co-President. She has given so much of herself. We all appreciate her attention to detail, her enthusiasm, her diligence, and the countless hours she has spent on behalf of our Branch. I value her friendship and her advice. I know her first priority is to stay healthy and I support her decision to cut back on her activities.

Second, I want to congratulate our Branch on our 85th birthday. We got a lovely letter and certificate from Linda Hallman, the AAUW Executive Director. I would reprint the letter, but with our new online format (which I hope you

Monterey City Library



Tips for GoogleMaps

When you click on the blue "click here for directions" and it brings up the map of the area, that is just the BEGINNING! If you then click on the "get directions" box on the left, put your address in the "A" box, and then click on the bright blue "Get Directions" box just below, you will now have step by step directions from your house to the meeting. Click "print" and you are set to go, directions and map in hand!

You can also print it

are enjoying) I must be brief. The letter applauds "our excellent service and commitment to education and equity for women and girls." She appreciates all your hard work and activism.

Also, I am pleased to thank Marilyn Erickson who has taken over Tech Trek. We are sending two girls to camp at Stanford this year and the selection process has begun.

I am proud of everything we have accomplished. Thanks for all your support and work.

Susan Murphy
President

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PUBLIC POLICY

CALIFORNIA UPDATE

Governor Brown proposes an increase in funding for K-12 schools and community colleges by \$2.7 billion over last year. This is due to the addition of funds from the approval of Propositions 30 and 39 in 2012 which results in a 5.3% increase over last year.

AAUW CA will be monitoring his plans to change the formula for how funding is directed to school districts.

NATIONALLY

This month the Congress will be considering the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), fair pay legislation, and potential spending cuts to many programs such as education and civil rights enforcement.

Let your legislators know your views.

Lucy Campen
Public Policy Chair

for a closer look at the map by moving the vertical slide on the left side of the map.



May Meeting

Save the date, May 19 at 12:30 PM, for a combination new member and annual picnic event at Whispering Pines Park in Monterey. This is a potluck and spouses and potential new members are welcome to join us. This should be a relaxing and festive event. More details will follow in the next newsletter.



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Want to meet some impressive young scholars?

Join our team to review the 2013 Local Scholarship candidate applications and interview a subset of the candidates in person. Monterey Peninsula College applications will be processed from approximately March 22 through April 15. 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. If possible, it is best to attend both the review meeting and the interview meeting for a school. Contact Pat Fletcher at pletcher_ca@yahoo.com or 324-4118 to volunteer and see if there are still spots available.

AAUW-MPB Women of Distinction Awards for 2013

Nominations Are Due March 30

All members of AAUW-MPB are asked to nominate up to three members of our Branch to receive the "2013 AAUW-MPB Women of Distinction Awards." The awards will be given at the Annual Meeting scheduled Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove. The submission deadline is March 30.

The awards honor up to three members of our Branch each year. 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."

You may add brief statements about your nominees if you choose. Your nominations will be treated with complete discretion and respect. Submit your nominations to Sally Hekkers by email, swhekkers@sbcglobal.net, or by regular

This is the new logo!

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

mail, 17609 River Run Road, Salinas, CA 93908.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Welcome to new member, Francesca Dugan. Francesca is very involved with the community-Monterey Yacht Club, Carmel Women's Club, Oriental Arts Society, and World Affairs Council-but she feels AAUW best aligns with her interests. Originally from Philadelphia, she received her BA and MA from the University of Pittsburgh and got involved in project management and research. Later, she worked at the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, where she worked with long-range planning and research and also took classes. After moving to California in 1999, she got involved in the semi-conductor industry at Digital. She switched to selling yachts so that she would have time to do the traveling she loves-India, Africa, and Paris to visit her daughter. She is married and has two children. We are happy to have her in AAUW.

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If you are interested in joining AAUW or know of someone who is, please contact either Sharyn or Miriam.

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TIDBITS

DID YOU KNOW?

1. AAUW was founded in 1881 and now has 1,000 branches.
2. AAUW has a new logo.
3. Member Betty Sproule and her husband, Michael, have written and published a new book, *The Stuff Cure: How we lost 8,000 pounds of Stuff for Fun, Profit, Virtue and a Better World*. It is a guide to living an uncluttered existence in your home environment. It's available at Book Works in Pacific Grove and I'm sure a "must read" for all of us.
4. At any given moment, many of our members are off on a world adventure or traveling to see family. As a way to better get to know our members or who to go to for travel tips I am sharing some of these. A few of the more exotic adventurers are Pat Fletcher and her husband who recently explored the Galapagos Islands, Kathleen and John Stacey who sailed to the South Seas and back, and Marilyn Erickson and husband who spent a month in Costa Rica, Panama and Belize. If you have been somewhere interesting or plan to be a world traveler in the near future please let me know.
5. Paula and Craig Higgins have moved to Fairfield and will be neighbors of Phyllis and Hal Mosher. We will miss their friendship and their involvement in Tech Trek, Gourmet Dinners and Romancing the Coast as well as their willingness to pitch in and lend a hand where ever it was needed.

Susan Murphy

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