

# Monterey Peninsula MESSENGER

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

For more information on any event, click the appropriate link found in "In This Issue", in the column at the left.

\*Nov. 7, 2-4 pm - Branch meeting/Book Signing, Monterey City Library

\*Nov. 20, 10:30 am - Romancing the Coast tours Doc Ricketts' Lab, 800 Cannery Row

\*Dec. 4, 11:00 am - Romancing the Coast tours Herrmann Hall, former Hotel Del Monte, Naval Postgraduate School

## BOOK GROUPS

### Morning Books

Coordinator: Kathy Poulson  
Location: Canterbury Woods

Mon, November 16, 10 AM  
*A Manual for Cleaning Women*  
by Lucia Berlin  
Leader: LaVerne Whitmill  
Refreshments: Margaret Smith

December - date TBA  
Holiday Party

### Afternoon Books

Coordinator: Carolyn Smith

Tues, November 10, 2 PM  
*Casa Rossa*  
by Francesca Marciano  
Hostess: Judy Ritchie  
RSVP: [judy.ritchie@icloud.com](mailto:judy.ritchie@icloud.com)

Tues, December 8, 2 PM  
*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*  
by Rachel Joyce  
Hostess: Kathleen Stacey  
RSVP: [yecats123@comcast.net](mailto:yecats123@comcast.net)

### Evening Books

Coordinator: Kathleen Wall

Tues, November 17, 7 PM  
*Defending Jacob*  
by William Landay  
Hostess: Marge Simmons  
Leader: Lucy Campen

Tues, December 15, 7 PM  
*The Secret History of Wonder Woman*  
by Jill Lapore  
Holiday dinner, restaurant TBA  
Leader: informal discussion

\*Dec. 13, 3-5 pm - Holiday party, home of Nancy Soulé, 504 Larkin Street, Monterey

\*Dec. 15 - Deadline for Jan./Feb. newsletter articles to [Caryl Rojas](#)



\*Jan. 14, 2016, 2-3:30 pm - planning meeting for Great Decisions Group, 8545 Carmel Valley Road (see Save These Dates)

\*Jan. 23, 2016 - Branch meeting, Pebble Beach Community Room, topic - Human Trafficking (see Save These Dates)

\*Feb. 27, 2016 - Interbranch Council Meeting in Aptos (see Save These Dates)

\*April 16, 2016 - Branch meeting, CSUMB, topic - Title IX (see Save These Dates)

\*May 21, 2016 - Branch meeting, House of Four Winds, Monterey, topic - Privateer Bouchard. Also the annual meeting to elect the new board (see Save These Dates).



## NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING and BOOK SIGNING

**Date:** Saturday, November 7

**Time:** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Place:** Monterey City Library, 625 Pacific Street,

## BOARD MEETING

November 5

4:00 PM

Monterey City Library

## Member Directory

### Printed Directories

Directories have been mailed. If you have a correction, please call Miriam at 324-0636 so that we can put the update in the newsletter.

#### Corrections:

\*Sandy Grimmer should have a 2 and 3 after her name since she is both a life member and a past president.

\*Cynthia Walters should have a 2 after her name since she is a life member.

### Online Directories

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

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

### NEW MEMBERS:

## Monterey

\$10.00 suggested donation to benefit AAUW Programs and Scholarships.



We're excited to have award-winning local journalist Claudia Meléndez Salinas join us to talk about her new novel, *A Fighting Chance*. The book, which takes place in Monterey County, was released Oct. 31 and this will be its Monterey Peninsula "premiere". The Monterey Herald had an article about Claudia and her book on October 23; to see it, click [here](#).

The spark for the book came in 2004, when officials in Salinas tackled a budget shortfall by closing the city's libraries, a decision that made international news. Much less publicized was the fact that the city would close its community centers, a big blow to the agricultural city's mostly young population. Watching the adults scramble for solutions, Meléndez Salinas thought: what about the children? *A Fighting Chance* brings the youths' perspective into the picture.

A reception with the author will follow the program.

To help us plan, please RSVP by clicking the button below if you are coming. Thank you.



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## New Member Bio

### Joanne Webster

Joanne retired from CHOMP in Dec. 2013 after 12 years as director of Human Resources. She has over 30 years in HR management. She is the immediate past president of the Board of Girls Inc. of the Central Coast and currently serves as



## DECEMBER BRANCH HOLIDAY PARTY

**Date:** Sunday, December 13  
**Time:** 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
**Place:** home of Nancy Soulé  
504 Larkin Street, Monterey

Put on your holiday attire and join us for our Holiday Party at the newly restored historic home of Nancy Soulé. (Note that parking is unrestricted on Larkin Street, between Madison and Jefferson, and on streets above Larkin. Guests wanting to avoid stairs may park on Jefferson Street and enter through the back gate at 504 Ord Street.)

Attendees are asked to bring appetizers or dessert as well as wine or other beverage to share. As our party will be in a private home, we will not have table seating so please plan your special treat accordingly. Spouses/significant others and prospective members are all welcome.

In addition, we invite you to bring a new or gently used book that our branch will donate to local children for the holidays. Books can be for any age and bilingual books are appreciated. Also, a \$5 donation for Local Scholarships would be appreciated.

Last names A-R - Bite-size appetizers

Last names S-Z - Bite-size dessert

Thank you Nancy and Gary for graciously offering your lovely home for our celebration.

the chair of the Fund Development Committee. She also serves on the Youth Council for the Monterey County Workforce Development Board. She and her husband love to travel and attend performing arts events. She is a believer in lifelong learning and takes classes at Ollie and through MPC's Gentrain program.

**RSVP:** to Nancy Soulé at 236-3763 or [nancyksoule@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyksoule@yahoo.com).

For a map, click [here](#).

## The AAUW-MPB Website

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

## The AAUW-CA Website

<http://aauw-ca.org>

AAUW California has vast amounts of information on its website. To go there, click the link above. If you click on a link at the site that is for members only, you will need to log in with the following:

User Name: member

Password: aauwca

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We had a wonderful start this fall reconnecting with friends and welcoming newcomers at the New Member Reception in September. What a pleasure to have some of our new CSUMB partners join us! Thank you to the board for providing the treats and program chair Fatima Dias, Mary Conway and Nancy Edwards for putting on this event. October brought our annual Tech Trek Fundraiser with Lucy Campen opening up her home and Marilyn Erickson presenting our Tech Trek participants.

Recently, the Wall Street Journal featured an article on the persistent inequities women face in the work place. Despite some gains, there are still far fewer women in management or CEO positions than men. We are proud of AAUW's 130 year old history of advancing equity for women and girls. Tech Trek is one way we support AAUW's mission in a very concrete way; the other is our scholarship program which is currently in need of more funds. Thanks to all of you who generously donate to these programs that make a real difference in young women's lives.

We look forward to the book signing with Claudia Melendez in November and our Holiday Gala at Nancy Soulé's home in December. Book clubs are up and running; Romancing the Coast has a great slate of programs; Gourmet dinner dates are set;

there is the fun as well as the mission!

Wishing you all a beautiful holiday season!

Miriam and Sharyn

## Jan.-Feb. Messenger

Please send articles for the January - February newsletter to Caryl Rojas at [rojas@ultimanet.com](mailto:rojas@ultimanet.com) by December 15.

## PUBLIC POLICY

### Become a 2 Minute Activist

AAUW's 2 Minute Activist program provides a quick and painless way to advocate for women's issues with your elected officials. Content is pre-written for you to electronically sign and send on to your elected officials (based on zip code). Join this program and you will receive emails about time critical issues that need your support and a link to the web content for your 2 minute response. You can sign up for this program on the Take Action page of the Public Policy section of the [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) site or by clicking [here](#). This web page also contains information about many additional issues you may want to address with your elected officials in the same fashion.

Congress, at the last minute, voted to fund the government on Oct. 1st, so no shutdown, but they need to pass a balanced budget. AAUW asks you to tell your member of Congress to pass a real budget and stop the sequester. You can find information on this as well at the site above.

Lucy Campen, Public Policy Chair

## CSUMB CONNECTION

The CSUMB student newspaper printed a great article about our new partnership. Check out the following link:

<http://otterrealm.com/new-partnership-with-csumb-encourages-a-voice-for-equality/>

## Local Scholarships



I believe that our university time was formative in our lives, opening our eyes to a larger world and opening doors to fulfilling careers. Getting a college degree today is more critical than ever. Our AAUW MPB Local Scholarship program provides funds to help deserving and needy local college students work towards their dreams. Many are the first in their families to attend college. They have successfully navigated at least two years of college work. They have compelling stories.

Last year, we awarded \$12,000 in scholarships. This year, our funding is struggling. Two major grant funders are no longer available. Plus, we typically raise almost \$2,000 by staffing a local polling place; this year, there will be no elections in our fundraising window.

Donations to Local Scholarships are 100% tax deductible; our program is a 501(c)(3) organization. All of our work is volunteer, so no overhead. Donation letters go to all donors.

You can read the compelling stories of the most recent CSUMB and MPC scholarship winners from the Community/Action section of our AAUW MPB web site at <http://mpb-ca.aauw.net/community/action/>. You may also view success stories from many recently graduated scholarship winners.

Please consider a donation to our Local Scholarship program. Send your donation check TODAY, made out to 'AAUW-MPB Local

Scholarships', to treasurer Judy Ritchie, 4098 Pine Meadows Way, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. THANKS FOR HELPING OUR BRANCH MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL STUDENTS' LIVES!!

Pat Fletcher, Local Scholarship Director

## Tech Trek Report

The Tech Trek Fundraiser at Lucy Campen's home on Sunday, October 18, raised \$1,210.00. Attended by 32 people, this gathering featured a presentation by our two Tech Trek scholarship winners, Isabel Reed and Allison Gray. They described their week at Camp Marie Curie at Stanford, July 12-18. Each girl had her own Core Classes in the morning...Allie had 3D Math and Isabel had Forensics. They took field trips and had workshops and group activities in the afternoon and evening. A favorite workshop was robotics. The last night was build-it night. Each dorm group had to build something out of rolled newspaper and tape, so Allie's group made a sailboat, which won the award for the tallest structure.

Allie also made a photo book of her week at Tech Trek and presented it to us to keep in our archives. It is a great story of the whole week. We were impressed with the enthusiasm and maturity of our scholarship winners.

We will soon begin the process of asking teachers to nominate 7th grade girls for camp in the summer of 2016. We should feel proud that we can support two \$900 Scholarships for Tech Trek. Donations are still being accepted; checks should be made out to AAUW, with Monterey Peninsula



Branch Tech Trek on the memo line. Send to Marilyn Erickson, 25351 Boots Rd. #6, Monterey, CA 93940.

Thank you to everyone who came to the presentation and to all who contributed to this program.

Marilyn Erickson, Tech Trek Coordinator

## **ROMANCING THE COAST**

### **November - Ed Ricketts' Pacific Biological Laboratory Tour**

**Date:** Friday, November 20

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Location:** 800 Cannery Row

Join us for a tour of Ed Ricketts' Pacific Biological Laboratory. The City of Monterey owns the lab and limits the tours to fifteen people. The tour lasts about an hour and the cost is \$3 per person. We will meet for lunch at Massaro and Santos on the Coast Guard pier at about noon. RSVP to Susan Murphy at 622-9289 or email at [murphfamilycarmel@yahoo.com](mailto:murphfamilycarmel@yahoo.com).

### **December - Herrmann Hall Tour, Naval Postgraduate School**

**Date:** Friday, December 4

**Time:** Lunch (optional) - 11:00 am  
Tour - 12:00 pm

**Location:** Naval Postgraduate School

Lunch is in Herrmann Hall, either in the El Prado dining room or the Trident Room. Then we will meet Melinda from the Public

Affairs Office for a tour of the former Hotel Del Monte. Car pooling is recommended. A guest list will be provided to the gate. Bring ID with you. The tour limit is 20 people. Weather permitting, Caryl can take those who are interested on a walk through the school's 124-year-old Arizona Garden, featuring cacti and succulents from the Southwest and Mexico. RSVP to Caryl Rojas at 899-9141 or email at [rojas@ultimanet.com](mailto:rojas@ultimanet.com).

## SAVE THESE DATES

### January Branch Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, January 23, 2016

**Topic:** Ending Human Trafficking in Monterey

**Location:** Pebble Beach Community Room

Human trafficking happens here in our community and we can end it here. Please join us to hear from **Deborah Pembroke**, Chair of the Coalition to End Human Trafficking in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. Ms. Pembroke will bring her expertise as a survivor advocate and anti-trafficking leader. This promises to be an educational and informative opportunity for all of us to learn about this issue and raise our awareness on what we can do to help. More details in the next newsletter.

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### February - Interbranch Council Meeting (IBC)

**Date:** Saturday, February 27, 2016

**Location:** Seascape in Aptos

This event is hosted by the Santa Cruz

Branch and open to all our members.

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There is no March meeting.

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### **April Branch Meeting**

**Date:** Saturday, April 16, 2016

**Topic:** Title IX

**Location:** CSUMB

We will have lunch with our CSUMB student affiliates and discuss Title IX.

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### **May Branch Meeting**

**Date:** Saturday, May 21, 2016

**Topic:** Women's Role when the Privateer Bouchard Invaded Monterey

**Location:** House of Four Winds, Monterey

Speaker will be Michael Sovereign. This will also be our annual meeting, electing the new board.

## **GREAT DECISIONS 2016**

### **DISCUSSION STUDY GROUP**

There will be eight topics to share relating to US Foreign Policy and Global Affairs published by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). Our first meeting will be to meet and share ideas.

Thursday January 14, 2016

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel  
(Carmel Valley Manor - CAR POOL)

We will meet for nine Thursdays through March 10, 2016. All those who participate may present their topics however they choose, teaming with another person. Come and enjoy, learn and share information in a relaxing, easy atmosphere.

Please let me know if you plan to attend our exciting Discussion Group as soon as possible.

Email me at [awilsonpb@gmail.com](mailto:awilsonpb@gmail.com) or call 626-4764. I will order our study books a week before Thanksgiving and will need your check for \$18.00, the price of the study book. Please send your check to me at 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923-9556, made out to Ann Wilson with a notation of Great Decisions.

Ann Wilson, Coordinator