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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 and the "click here" for more info. Also try using the email links for responding to articles.

November Branch Meeting



Wharf Walk

with historian and Monterey fisheries expert

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BOOK GROUPS

Morning Books

Mon, Nov 18, 10 AM

Please Look After Mom

by Kyng-Sook Shin

Leader: Susan Murphy

Mon, Dec 16, 11:30 AM

Luncheon at Fandango

Mon, Jan 20, 2014 at 10 AM

Oleander Girl

by Chitra Banerjee Diva
Karuni

Leader: Susan Kingsley

Afternoon Books

Tues, Nov 12, 2 PM

Saturday

by Ian McEwan

Leader: Carolyn Smith

Host: Sally Hekkers

Tim Thomas

Saturday Morning, September 28, 2013

10 AM - Noon

(lunch optional)

Join us to hear stories and facts about our waterfront with an expert. Space is limited to 20 participants. Spouses and friends welcome.

Cost: \$10 (bring cash) Rain cancels.

Meet at: the head of the Monterey wharf near the pink "Harbor House" store

Lunch at Abalonetti's afterward is optional.

RSVP: Susan Murphy 622-9289
or murphfam@redshift.com

Members and guests are cordially invited to our annual holiday party. We are holding it again this year at the Park Lane.



Holiday Gala



When: Sunday, December 8, 4-7 PM

Where: The Park Lane, 200 Glenwood Circle,
Monterey

RSVP: swhekkers@sbcglobal.net

Tues, Dec 10, 2 PM

The Group

by Mary McCarthy

Leader: Sally Hekkers

Host: Carolyn Bazzani

RSVP: bgoodcarolyn@gmail.com

Tues, Jan 14, 2 PM

The Family Fang

by Kevin Wilson

Leader: Carolyn Bazzani

Host: Carolyn Smith

RSVP: stacaro@aol.com

Evening Books

Tues, Nov 19, 7 PM

The Reluctant Fundamentalist

by Mohsin Hamid

Hostess: Fatima Dias

Leader: Mary Conway

Tues, Dec 17, 6 PM

Holiday Dinner,

Restaurant, TBA

(call Kathleen for info)

Combined Destinies

by Ann Todd Jealous and
Caroline T. Haskell

Informal Discussion

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Members whose last initial is A through H are requested to bring a dessert.

Members whose last initial is I through Z are requested to bring an hors d'oeuvre.

Members are also requested to bring a beverage to share. Coffee will be provided.

To add to the spirit of giving during the holiday season, members may also bring an unwrapped children's book. The Salvation Army was grateful to receive our donation last year.

Direct questions to Carolyn Smith 625-5256
(stacaro@aol.com) or Ann Wilson 372-0659
(awilsonpb@gmail.com)

Send your check made payable to AAUW-MPB to Carolyn Smith, PO Box 958, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

Deadline: December 5, 2013



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You may have noticed a lovely surprise after you getting to

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2013-2014 Membership Directory and Handbook will be mailed to our members by November 1, 2013. If you haven't received your Directory by that date, 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.

know Sarah Bitters and Jordie Modisette and their families. Our two Tech Trek campers from Pacific Grove Middle School were poised and articulate and gave a beautifully presented power point presentation on their experiences. We plan to send two more 7th grade girls to Stanford next summer and your tax deductible donations made out to AAUW CA Special Projects - Tech Trek are still welcome. Please send your gift to Marilyn Erickson, 25351 Boots Road #6, Monterey, CA 93940. Thank you Marilyn and your committee for working so hard choosing the girls, taking care of administrative details and staging our Fund Raiser. We made over \$500, but each campership costs our branch \$900.

You may have missed an opportunity to be part of the election process and raise money for our Local Scholarship Fund. If you didn't sign up to be a poll worker for the Nov. 5th election, all it takes is a couple of hours training and three hours of your time on Election Day. Tama Oliver is our very able poll inspector and staffs our Pacific Grove Precinct from our members. She would love to hear from you before next year's elections.

You may also have missed a wonderful luncheon and a chance to hear Margaret Spring from the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She is an environmental lawyer who spoke on research at the Aquarium and ocean policy. We try very hard to get excellent speakers who will educate and inspire you. Please try to attend at least one monthly meeting to meet new and old friends and expand your horizons.

Finally, sadly our Branch lost member, Mary Jackson, who died of cancer this Fall. Mary was an active participant in Romancing the Coast and Great Decisions and was a guide at the Aquarium. Her friendly and inquisitive demeanor will be greatly missed.

Susan Murphy

PUBLIC POLICY

BOARD MEETINGS

November 7
(no December meeting)

4:00 PM

Monterey City Library

Cost of government shutdown was \$24 billion dollars according to Standard and Poor's. The money is all wasted because of political games. Unless lawmakers agree to funding levels the government will close again Jan. 15th.

The Supreme Court will hear approximately 80 cases this year. There are to be cases touching on reproductive rights, racial discrimination, campaign finance, and state-sanctioned prayer. It may hear challenges to contraceptive insurance coverage.

Arizona is challenging people who used a federal registration form and say they will not be able to vote unless they show proof of citizenship.

Lucy Campen
Public Policy Chair

OFFICERS

President: Susan Murphy

Finance VP: Nancy Soule

Membership VPs:
Miriam Lilley
Sharyn Siebert

Secretary:
Fatima Dias

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Information:
324-0636 or
622-0425

ROMANCING THE COAST

We will meet Friday morning Nov. 22 at 10 am at "the First Murphy" House on Lincoln at Sixth in Carmel. It is adjacent to the little park. You will hear about the history of the house and M.J. Murphy who built a lot of Carmel's cottages as well as city hall and the library. The house has photos of old Carmel and serves as the headquarters of The Carmel Heritage Society. We will then walk up about a block and a half to the Carmel Art Association Gallery, also built by Murphy. Lunch will be at The Jack London Pub in the court across from the First Murphy House.

[Click here](#) for more First Murphy house info and a map.

RSVP to Susan Murphy (no relation to M.J.) 622-9289 or murphfam@redshift.com. If you plan on joining us for lunch, let me know a couple of days before the event.

(no December Romancing the Coast)

"The Hat in 3 Stages of Landing" has been re-installed and there will be a free family day Nov 23, 1-3 PM. The 3 huge metal hat sculptures are located next to the rodeo grounds on North Main Street in Salinas. The surviving artist, Claes Oldenberg, will take part in the festivities.

Claes Oldenberg was recently featured in an exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Exhibit at the Monterey Conference Center

October 25, 2013
to January 6, 2014

The current Alvarado Gallery exhibit in the Monterey Conference

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 93953. Or you may bring them to the January potluck January 18 (deadline). Dorothy's large table only stretches to seat 12 so reservations are necessary.

Local Scholarship program benefitting from donations and volunteers

Town - A collection of plein air paintings from the Art in the Adobes Festival 2013.

For those of us who did the Romancing the Coast at Art in the Adobes, it might be interesting to see the finished products of the paintings that were being done as we walked around.

We are excited to announce that the Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop in Carmel awarded our Local Scholarship program a \$2000 grant for scholarships for the upcoming year. We truly appreciate their generous support and I am sure they appreciate OUR support at their store as well. Be sure to mention you belong to AAUW and how much we appreciate their grant when you are shopping there.

Thanks to the nine members who contributed a total of \$812 to date towards our matching grant goal of \$1500 by year end. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We also received a donation as a memorial tribute to Jack Van Meter from Betty's daughter Karen.

If you still wish to donate, send checks made out to 'AAUW-MPB Local Scholarships' directly to Judy Ritchey, the LS treasurer, at 4098 Pine Meadows Way, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

Nancy Iverson has also generously offered to help raise funds by donating any funds she receives by helping YOU get ready for your upcoming holiday season. She is a great silver polisher, and will be happy to come to your house, and for \$15/hour, she will make your silver look shiny again! Call her at 455-8229 to discuss it further and setup a time. Thanks Nancy!

Some summary information about our Local Scholarship Program:

- Since 1953, more than 125 scholarships have been given, totally at least \$82,635*
- Yearly tuition and fees at CSUMB rose 212% since 2001:
2001: \$1908 2005: \$3000 2009: \$4800 2013: \$5962
- In the last 13 years, our awards covered between 20%-45% of CSU fees
- In 2001, our \$850 scholarship covered 45% of costs
- Our 2012 scholarship amount of \$1200 was covering 20%.
- In 2013, with our increase to \$1500, we covered 25% of yearly costs.
- If we raise enough funds to provide \$2000 scholarships this year, we will cover 33% of costs.

* There are 15 years where records were lost (but some scholarships were likely given); there were 4 years where no scholarships were given.

Pat Fletcher, Local Scholarships Director 324-4118 or pletcher_ca@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new member, **Margaret Spring**. An accomplished and enthusiastic woman with a background in law and an interest in ocean issues, Margaret left her career in Washington DC to become the Vice-President of Conservation and Science at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

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

Thank you and good-bye to **Marcia McCleary**, our able co-secretary and past co-director of the Legal Advocacy Fund. Marcia has moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be closer to her family. We will miss her friendly and efficient presence on the board and in the Branch. Her new information is:

Marcia McCleary
10501 Lagrima de Oro Rd NE
Apt. 274
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Phone: (505) 291-3274
Email: marciaj816@aol.com

S.O.S. **Nancy Iverson** has taken our pictures and kept our scrapbooks up to date for many years. At least 12 of these scrapbooks are in the archives of the Monterey Library History Room. She has attended hundreds of board meetings and kept us up to date on Women's history, art and cultural happenings, and the environment. She would like to retire from this post. We are looking for a replacement. Call Nancy, 455-8229 so she can describe her job and convince you it's an easy one.

Congratulations to **Rose Mary Ullman** for having her works shown at the Sally Griffen Center and quilter **Yo Matsuda** for winning more ribbons for her beautiful quilts.

Gourmet Dinners Update

All hosts:

I have not been able to reach our member, Deborah Bellingham, after a number of different tries. So if she is assigned to your group, you might also try. But then, feel free to pick from our large sub list for your fill-in. It is nice to get other members, who might not be able to commit to full participation, to enjoy this interest group by subbing.

Thanks,

Sharyn

ps Let me know any other problems you might be having, as feedback is helpful.

January - February Messenger

Send articles for the Jan-Feb newsletter to

Ann Donaldson at ann@wjdonaldson.com by Dec 15.